In the spirit of strengthening the relationship between Faulkner University Jones School of Law and the MCBA, Cowin Knowles, Suzanne Duffey, and I met with Faulkner Law School Dean Matt Vega, Vice Dean Robert McFarland, Allen Howell, and Rachel Miller. We discussed how we could work together to mutually benefit the MCBA and Jones School of Law. Following our meeting I spoke to Jones students about joining the MCBA. I am very grateful to the JSL administration for allowing me to speak with their students. The students are eager to network and understand the importance of meeting Montgomery County judges and attorneys. Many students joined our organization after I spoke to the group and even more students continue to join.

I am also excited to tell you that a representative from the Faulkner Law Student Bar Association will attend our monthly board meetings to update students with what’s happening with the MCBA. It is our responsibility to help mentor these students so that they will be both legally and ethically sound lawyers in the future.

Next month is Pro Bono month and with that in mind it is fitting that the Tom Methvin Volunteer Lawyer Award is now prominently displayed in the courthouse on the first floor. Three years ago our organization chose to begin recognizing a single member each year to honor as the volunteer lawyer of the year. The honor is bestowed upon the individual that makes the greatest impact on those clients who can’t afford a lawyer. In keeping with tradition, we will announce the winner at the annual fundraiser. Email your nominations for this year’s award to Suzanne Duffey. Next time you are in the courthouse, please take a moment to observe the plaque and those who have previously received the honor of Volunteer Lawyer of the Year.

Several years ago the MCBA created the Montgomery County Bar Foundation (MCBF). The MCBF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The MCBF’s primary focus is to conduct the day-to-day operations of the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP), and it raises funds to support the VLP. Through our annual fundraiser we are able to be one of the largest financial contributors to the VLP.

Our fundraiser this year is approaching fast and the need is as great as ever. We have already received a number of commitments to sponsor this event (see p.9) and would ask that you consider making your commitment to free legal counsel in Montgomery by becoming a sponsor of this great event. More information and the sponsor form are on pages 7-8 in this issue. Please contact Suzanne at 265-4793 if you have any questions concerning this year’s event.
A new season, a renewed commitment
by Mike Martin, MBF Executive Director

School’s back in, football season is underway and, hopefully, the delightfully cooler weather of fall is not far away. While every season has its benefits, there is something about the end of summer and the onset of fall that gives one a sense of change in the air, a new beginning if you will. Granted, if you no longer have children at home the start of a new school year means little more than an increase in the morning traffic flow, but there is still a feeling of newness that I, for one, find invigorating and welcome.

I am invigorated as well by the increased participation by the members of the Montgomery County Bar Association who volunteer their time to give back to their community by rendering pro bono legal service to low-income area residents in need of legal assistance. We have seen an uptick in the number of attorneys who are willing to give a couple of hours a month at our regular counsel and advice clinics, who take a case referral from MVLP to help clients facing legal obstacles or those who contact us to ask how they can get involved. They know the personal satisfaction that can come by giving of themselves for the benefit of someone less fortunate, with no expectation of remuneration. If you haven’t gotten involved in our program yet or – shame on us – you haven’t been asked to take a pro bono case, give us a call at 265-0222 and become an active part of YOUR volunteer lawyers program.

We have several new and exciting opportunities in the months ahead where you can get involved in support of MVLP. In addition to our monthly counsel and advice clinics (the first Tuesday afternoon of each month), we have several outreach clinics scheduled to include a wills and advanced health directive clinic at an area senior facility, a landlord/tenant and consumer issue clinic, and plans in the offing to establish a district court help desk to assist those appearing in court pro se.

A special thanks is due to those attorneys who served clients during the August clinic. They include Mike Winter (Winter Legal Strategies), Maceo Kirkland (Legal Services Alabama), Evan Allen (Beasley Allen), Clinton Richardson (Capell & Howard), and Ashley Penhale (Copeland Franco). Valuable service is provided each month as well by third-year students from Jones School of Law, who assist with client intake and learn while they work by observing lawyers in action. Want to see your name on the list next month? Give us a call – we’d love to have you join us.

The Center for Dispute Resolution at the Alabama State Bar is hosting a CLE on Sept. 16, featuring Consumer Financial Protection Bureau attorney Cathy Mansfield talking about the new mortgage servicing rules. This program is part of the effort by the Center to train mediators to assist low-income residents facing foreclosure. Registration is 8:30 and the program from 9-11:30 a.m. at Wynlakes Country Club. Advance registration is required and the cost is $15, including a light breakfast. The good news is, if you indicate that you are a registered volunteer with MVLP, the registration fee is waived. For more information, call the Center at 269-0409.

Finally, don’t forget the upcoming Distinguishable Judge Roast, featuring our esteemed Presiding Circuit Judge Charles Price. Your participation in what will surely be a highlight of the year will again benefit MVLP, as we have been designated by MCBA as one of the beneficiaries of the proceeds from the event. Come join us for what will surely be a wonderful night of merriment.

Experience the fulfillment that comes with volunteering. A new season is upon us – let it be one of renewed commitment on your part to help those less fortunate by giving of your time and talents.
Thank you, Volunteers!

The following attorneys accepted cases in August 2014:

- Clinton Richardson (2) Capell & Howard, PC
- Rosemarie Hopson The Anderson Firm, LLC
- Kendall Dunson Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
- Judy H. Barganier Law Offices of Judy H. Barganier, P.C.
- William R. Blanchard Blanchard Law Offices
- Victoria Relf The Relf Law Firm. LLC
- Ashley Penhale Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill, P.A.
- John Craft Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
- Juliana Taylor The Law Office of Juliana Taylor
- Stewart E. Vance The Vance Law Firm, P.C.
- Gary Backus Backus Law Group
- Debra H. Poole (2) The Law Office of Debra H. Poole
- James B. Brannan The Brannan Law Firm, P.C.
- Ashley Smith Miller Smith, LLC
- Mike Winter (2) Winter Legal Strategies, LLC
- Debora E. Palmer Clenney and Palmer, LLC

The following attorneys closed cases in August 2014:

- Robert Beno Robert M. Beno, Attorney at Law
- William R. Blanchard Blanchard Law Office
- Ashley Penhale Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
- Juraldine Battle-Hodge Juraldine Battle-Hodge Law PC
- John Craft (6) Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
- Kelly McTear (3) Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
- Mike Winter Winter Legal Strategies, LLC
- William Z. Messer Varley & Messer LLP

The Monthly VLP Clinic is on the first Tuesday of each month.
Call Barbara Ann Symington 265-0222 to volunteer!
The Montgomery County Bar Association in partnership with The Dept. of Justice and Public Safety of Auburn Montgomery Presents a CLE

The Cutting Edge  
September 10, 2014  
8:45-4:45 at Auburn Montgomery  
Taylor Center Room 230  
6 hours CLE credit for $25.00

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You MUST pre-register! Limited Seating!

MCBA members register at dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793. Non-member attorneys who are employed by the State may register with johndavis@ago.state.us. Pre-register before September 4. Bring payments (cash or check) to the CLE.
The ladies of the Montgomery County Bar Association Women’s Section indulged themselves Saturday, August 23rd, by enjoying pedicures and manicures at Anthony Vince Nail Spa in East Chase. This event, which was sponsored by the Honorable Judge Charles Price, Freedom Court Reporting and the Law Offices of Roianne Houlton Conner, was one of our most well-attended events. The ladies enjoyed a light breakfast as well as lively conversation and networking with each other. We were also able to meet and talk with some of the young ladies from Faulkner Law Women’s Legal Society.

The General Membership Meeting for the Women’s Section will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at 5:30 at the Capital City Club in the Cellar Room. The election for new Officers and Board of Directors will be held at that time. If you are interested in running for one of the Officer positions or for a position on the Board of Directors, your Notice of Intent MUST be forwarded to Connie Murray by September 1, 2014 at cmurray@conniemurrayesq.com. We ask that you RSVP by contacting my office (215-1988) before September 15, 2014 so that we can give the Capital City Club a number count. Please make an effort to attend the meeting, vote for your Officers and Board members and let the Officers and Board know your ideas and thoughts to improve our organization and suggest your thoughts regarding educational opportunities, social events and community involvement opportunities.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to lead this organization for the last two years. This organization has grown in membership and in purpose. At this time we have sixty-eight members and have not only created an opportunity for women in our profession to network, but to also forge friendships and mentor one another. We have become a part of our community through our participation in community events and made our presence known with our fund-raising efforts and participation.

I know that the incoming Officers and Board of Directors will continue our tradition of service to our members as well as to our community.

Roianne

The Montgomery County Bar Association thanks Roianne H. Conner for her tireless efforts and generous support in forming and leading the MCBA Women’s Legal Section. She has given countless hours to this organization while maintaining her busy law practice and caring for her family.
Women’s Section Relaxes at Nail Spa

There are two BIG events that you need to put on your calendar. Now. Do it. Don't just calendar it—create an event in your Outlook. Invite your young lawyer friends. Arrange a dog/cat sitter. Set calendar reminders. You do not want to miss these events!

**Thursday, September 11th**- End of Summer Social. We are still working on the details, but right now it looks like it will be at The Exchange at the Renaissance from 5:30-7. Be on the lookout for emails with more details on this event.

**Thursday, October 9th**- YLS Elections. I have some bad news. I'm old. Because I'm now old, I was told I can't be the YLS President anymore. It sounds a little like age discrimination to me... Regardless, we need to elect a new President, Vice-President, Secretary Treasurer, and Board members for the YLS. If you think you can fill these big shoes—think about running for a position. More information will follow about notice requirements and details, but we will most likely hold the elections at Pine Bar.

Please calendar these events- they should be a lot of fun.

*Allen*  
(Too old to be a young lawyer)
2014 Sponsorship Packet

Montgomery County Bar Association presents its 9th Annual Charity Event

THE DISTINGUISHABLE JUDGE ROAST

honoring

Judge Charles Price
for 31 years of service as a circuit judge in Montgomery County

all proceeds will benefit
Mary Ellen’s Hearth at Nellie Burge Community Center, Medical Outreach Ministries, & Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program

Friday, November 14, 2014
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center
5:30p.m.– Reception & Silent Auction
7:00p.m.– Dinner & Roast
Sponsorship Application Form

☐ Yes, I want to partner with the MCBA and be a sponsor of the 9th Annual Charity Event, honoring Judge Charles Price.

Company/Firm/Donor name ____________________________________________________________

Contact __________________________________________ Title ________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________

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Phone (___) _______ - ________ Ext. ______

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Sponsorship Amount
☐ Title Sponsor $12,000 ☐ Presenting Sponsor $7,000 ☐ Signature Sponsor $5,000
(20 complimentary tickets) (16 complimentary tickets) (14 complimentary tickets)

☐ Gold Sponsor $4,000 ☐ Silver Sponsor $2,000 ☐ Bronze Sponsor $1,000
(12 complimentary tickets) (10 complimentary tickets) (6 complimentary tickets)

☐ Supporter $500 ☐ Friend of Judge Price $250
(4 complimentary tickets) (2 complimentary tickets) ☐ Donation/Other Amount: ______

Individual Tickets $75 each, payable to MCBA. ________ tickets

Payment Options
☐ Credit Card payments can be made online at: www.seacritterwebservices.com/donations.jsp

☐ Checks should be made payable to: Alabama Civil Justice Foundation

Please mail check and this form to:
Montgomery County Bar Association
P.O. Box 72
Montgomery, AL 36101-0072

_________________________________________ _________________________
Signature date
Thanks to our “early bird” Charity Event sponsors!

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Who’s the judge now?
It’s payback time!

Roast Judge Price for a $25
donation to the
MCBA Charity Fundraiser
Get in some good-natured ribbing and a
few sincere accolades for Judge Price.

Video Roasts $25 each
Video roasts will be viewed at the MCBA Charity Fundraiser
November 14 at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa

Call 265-4793 to set an appointment!
Sept. 17th 12:00-5:00
Sept. 18th 9:00-4:00
At Baker and Baker Reporting & Video Services
250 Commerce Street

Fundraiser to benefit Mary Ellen’s Hearth, Medical Outreach
Ministries, and Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program
MCBA Member News

Several MCBA members have been included in the 2015 Best Lawyers in America. Congratulations to:


Bradley Arant attorneys - Philip Butler, Stan Gregory, William McGowin, George Parker, and Charles Stewart.

Additionally, Charles Stewart of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings was named 2015 Montgomery “Lawyer of the Year” for Litigation-Labor and Employment. Beasley Allen’s Tom Methvin was named 2015 Montgomery Health Care Law “Lawyer of the Year”, and Andy Birchfield was named 2015 Montgomery Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Plaintiffs “Lawyer of the Year”.

Jimmy Walter (pictured right) of Capell & Howard, P.C. was recognized as the recipient of the Alabama State Bar Pro Bono Award for Mediation at the 2014 annual meeting of the bar. The award was given in recognition of Jimmy’s pro bono mediation services to the Montgomery County district and circuit courts. Jimmy is the co-chair of Capell & Howard’s Litigation Department.

Navan Ward, Jr. was recognized by the American Association for Justice with the 2014 Wiedemann & Wysocki Award. The award is presented annually to lawyers who demonstrate a deep commitment to the highest standards and who are passionately committed to the principles of the civil justice system and the mission of AAJ—“to promote a fair and effective justice system and to support the work of attorneys in their efforts to ensure that any person who is injured by the misconduct or negligence of others can obtain justice in America’s courtrooms, even when taking on the most powerful interests.” Navan is the lead attorney for Beasley Allen’s metal-on-metal hip implant litigation.

Maynard Cooper & Gale PC has announced the firm will open a new office in San Francisco, CA. Existing clients and related opportunities have led to this decision to expand the firm’s presence on the West Coast. This new office will initially focus on three practice areas: insurance and financial services litigation, complex ERISA litigation (including class actions), and sports and entertainment law.

Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office Seeking Resumes

The newly-established Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office seeks dedicated professionals to serve in a variety of legal and administrative roles. Under the direction of Executive Director Aylia McKee, the office will implement a comprehensive, client-centered approach to criminal defense work that extends beyond the courtroom. This effort will require investigators, social workers, client advocates, and mitigation experts, in addition to trial lawyers, paralegals, and administrative assistants.

All positions are located in downtown Montgomery and offer the benefits package available through the State of Alabama. Persons interested in joining a team of professionals who are dedicated to providing high quality representation to indigent defendants should visit the “News” link on the website for the Montgomery County Courts at www.15jc.alacourt.gov.

In Memoriam

Calvin Whitesell passed away August 16, 2014.
### Montgomery County Bar Association

**2014 CLE Schedule (July-December)**

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Pre-register by email to dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793

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**Save the date!**

**Holiday Gala**

December 11

**Venue- TBA**

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The *2013 Alabama Rules of Court* can be purchased in the Supreme Court Law Library, 300 Dexter Avenue, Lobby Level.

The cost is $10.00. (Cash or check only)

Contact any Public Services staff member at 334-229-0563 with questions.