Don’t Miss THE EVENT of 2014

Ben Schoettker, President

I know that many of you have never attended our yearly MCBA fundraising event, but this year is going to be one for the record books. Not only will you be helping support three worthy organizations, but you will be attending the most significant event in the entire State of Alabama for 2014, so says the Judge. I have even heard mention that the Kardashians want a ticket to this.

The Theme of this year’s charity event is “The Distinguishable Judge Roast”; this year we will toast and roast Judge Charles Price. After 31 years of service as a circuit judge, Judge Price will be retiring from the bench at the first of the year. We want to send him out with a memorable gala to thank him for his years of service, as we share a couple of laughs at his expense. On the evening of the Roast we will gather with judges, colleagues and citizens from across the state to listen to the enjoyable tunes of multi-instrumentalist Ron Handy, bid on valuable items at the silent and live auctions, and be amused by Bobby Segall, Jere Beasley, Lewis Gillis, Jimmy Evans, Bill Baxley, and others as they roast and toast Judge Price live. If that isn’t enough to get you there, Judge Price is sure to be taking roll.

The recipients of this year’s event are our own local Volunteer Lawyers Program, Mary Ellen’s Hearth at Nellie Burge Community Center (www.nellieburge.org) and the Medical Outreach Ministry (www.momclinic.org). The Montgomery VLP was established in 2013 by the MCBA and has provided free legal services to hundreds of low-income residents of Montgomery County. Mary Ellen’s Hearth is a transitional home for mothers and their children who are homeless due to economic hardship, family crisis, eviction and other causes. They help foster independence and a fresh start for these mothers and children. Medical Outreach Ministry serves over 6,000 patients each year who would otherwise go unseen by professional medical personnel.

The roast will be on November 14, 2014 at Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center. Visit www.seacritterwebservices.com/donations.jsp where you can purchase your firm’s sponsorship (cont. p. 2)
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Via credit card online through the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation’s website or you can purchase a sponsorship, as well as individual tickets, by contacting Suzanne Duffey in the MCBA office. Individual tickets are also available on the MCBA website (www.mcbar.org). I want to thank those listed on page 3 of this publication who have already agreed to partner with the MCBA and make this event a success. We need your support as well. Sponsorships start at $250.00 and individual tickets are $75.00.

I hope you will partner with your fellow colleagues and other local businesses in our community to help make this year’s event one that affirms Judge Charles Price and sets a new record for money raised for those in need in our community.

Ben Schoettker

2-Day Tax Professional Seminar December 2-3

Auburn University Accounting and Tax Training Institute is offering a 2-day CLE for tax professionals, enrolled agents, certified public accountants, certified financial planners, and attorneys. Each 2-day seminar provides a total of 800 minutes of instruction, approved for 13.5 CLE for attorneys, including 1.8 hours of ethics. To enroll, go to www.auburn.edu/outreach/opce, click on Accounting and Tax, and then click on Tax Professionals Training in Alabama. Information pertaining to the cost is on the website. The training will be at Auburn Montgomery Campus, Taylor Hall.

Who Let the Dogs Out?

The Montgomery Humane Society needs volunteers to walk dogs on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to give the pups some exercise and potty breaks. Trained volunteers will be on hand to assist you in getting started.

Call Traci Herndon at 409-0622 to sign up.

The 2013 Alabama Rules of Court may be purchased in the Supreme Court Law Library, 300 Dexter Ave.–Lobby Level. Contact any Public Services staff member at 229-0563 with questions. Payment of $10.00 must be by check or cash.
Thanks to our “early bird” Charity Event sponsors!

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Tickets $75 each. Pay to MCBA.
Purchase tickets online at www.mcbar.org or mail payment to MCBA, P.O. Box 72, Montgomery, AL 36101

For Mail orders, complete this form and send with your check.

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Make checks payable to MCBA.
October is Pro Bono Month in Alabama. A time when we pause to celebrate the tremendous work done by volunteer attorneys in assisting low-income citizens with civil legal needs. While the national celebration focuses on Pro Bono Week, October 19-25, we like to do things a bit bigger in Alabama and take the whole month to reflect on the many opportunities we as lawyers have to render service to the less fortunate. I hope you will take the time to join us in one or more of the activities planned.

First off is a Pro Bono Kick-off Party, sponsored by MVLP and the MCBA Young Lawyers Section, set for Thursday, October 9 at Pine Bar, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Open to members of the Young Lawyers Section, MVLP volunteers and, importantly, to any MCBA member wishing to become a volunteer. Fun and frivolity, maybe even some prizes to be won. Come join us. You can be a winner, too.

In addition to our regularly scheduled Counsel and Advice Clinic on tap for Tuesday, October 7, we have a Pro Bono Week Counsel and Advice Clinic beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23 at the Community of Hope, 2403 E. South Blvd. Requests will be going out in the coming days for volunteers to help staff the clinic, but there’s no need to wait. Call MVLP at 265-0222 to volunteer and help us bring legal relief to indigent Montgomery-area residents.

MVLP is also offering you the chance to pick up some required CLE credits with a planned Pro Bono Week CLE that will focus on consumer and landlord/tenant law, including a presentation from representatives of the Alabama Appleseed Center on payday lending issues. The program will be from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Jones School of Law, on October 24 and offers 3½ hours of CLE credit with one hour of ethics credit dealing with solidifying the attorney-client relationship in pro bono work. The CLE program is free to MVLP volunteers and $25 to non-volunteers. For more information and to register, contact either Kelly McTear (kmctear@faukner.edu) or Laurel Crawford (laurel@lclawoffices.com).

As always, we offer a special thanks to those attorneys who gave of a couple hours of their time to help with our monthly clinic. For September, thanks to Jim Smith (Legal Services Alabama), Evan Allen (Beasley, Allen), Joel Caldwell (Copeland Franco), David Martin (Copeland Franco), Ashley Penhale (Copeland Franco), Matt Munson (Beasley Allen) and John Charles (Anderson Law Firm). Without these volunteers, our clinics would not be possible.

While we here at MVLP celebrate the accomplishments of our volunteers all year long, we invite you to join in the festivities during Pro Bono Month. Better yet, if you haven’t already signed up as a volunteer, please consider doing so at either the Kick-off Party or by calling us at 265-0222. By taking one or two case referrals and/or volunteering to help with a monthly clinic, you can be a part of the growing number of Montgomery lawyers who proudly honor their profession by giving a few hours to help improve the lives of their neighbors in need. You’ll be glad you did.
The Following Attorneys Accepted Cases in September of 2014:

Rosemari Claibon Hopson  
The Anderson Firm, LLC
Richard Franklin Matthews, Jr.  
The Anderson Firm, LLC
John Charles  
The Anderson Firm, LLC
Matthew E. Munson  
Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
Dayna R. Burnett  
Law Offices of Dayna Burnett, LLC
Ashley Penhale  
Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
David Martin  
Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
Greg L. Davis  
Davis & Taliaferro, LLC
John Craft (2)  
Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
Kelly McTear  
Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
Matthew Ward (3)  
Matthew J. Ward, Esq.

The Following Attorneys Have Closed Cases in September of 2014

Ashley Penhale (2)  
Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
James Robert Cooper, Jr. (2)  
Cooper & Cooper
John Craft  
Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
Priscilla Black Duncan  
The Law Office of Priscilla Lee Black Duncan
Autumn A. Caudell  
Law Office of David E. Belser
Preston L. Presley  
Law Offices of Roianne Houlton Conner, PC
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On September 18th, the Young Lawyers Section had their first fall social at Railyard Brewery. As you can see from the pictures, everyone enjoyed the Auburn/Kansas State game (with the exception of Kansas State fans and field goal kickers).

The Young Lawyers are planning to hold our biennial elections on Thursday, October 9th, at Pinebar on Cloverdale Road. We are still ironing out all of the details, so I may refuse to relinquish my almighty Presidential power for another week or two if the date falls through. Be watching for emails concerning the event. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board or as an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer), please email Will Cunningham (wcunningham@sasserlawfirm.com) or me (was@chalw.com) your Notice of Intent to run for office. All notices must be sent at least 48 hours prior to the election date. Hopefully, there will be a big turnout for the election.

Allen

Pictured top left: John & Virginia Reeves, Kristin Dillard, Dana Delk

Pictured bottom left: Allen Sheehan, John Marsh, Chris Reader

Pictured below: Miland Simpler, Chalankis Brown
Women’s Section: The Results Are In! by Laura Eubank, President

The MCBA Women’s Section held our annual meeting at the Capitol City Club on September 18, 2014. The event was sponsored by The Law Offices of Roianne Conner. We welcomed several new members while we enjoyed time to socialize and take in beautiful views of the city. We also introduced our new Officers and Board Members for 2015. We have been truly blessed to have the leadership and guidance of Roianne Conner as our President for the past two years. She was instrumental in paving the way for the formation of the MCBA Women’s Section and has been a role model for all of us lady lawyers. She has left some big shoes to fill, but I am honored to follow in her footsteps and take on the leadership role of this section.

I will have the honor of working with some very intelligent, compassionate, and motivated ladies. Kelly McTear will serve as our section’s Vice President. Connie Murray will continue in her role as our Secretary and Treasurer. Lashandra Warren and Brittney Bucak will also stay on as board members for 2015. We welcome Shirley Howell, Azzie Taylor, and Effie Moore who are our newest board members. As our immediate past president, Roianne Conner will also stay on as a board member for 2015. We are fortunate to have such dedicated officers and board members to help organize and grow our section!

The Women’s Section is currently busy working with the Young Lawyers Section to help put together the MCBA Annual Charity Event, which is coming up on November 14th. This event promises to be a night full of entertainment and laughter as we roast the Honorable Judge Charles Price. Please come out and join us as we celebrate the career of Judge Price and also participate in a silent auction to benefit some very important local charities including Mary Ellen’s Hearth, Medical Outreach Ministries, and the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Members, please watch your emails for our Winter/Holiday events. More details to come soon! If you missed our annual meeting, but would like to find out more about the Women’s Section and how to become a member, please feel free to email me at Laura@troykinglaw.com, or contact the MCBA office.

Pictured: Laura Eubank, the new WLS President, presents an award to Roianne Conner, the outgoing President of the WLS. Roianne was very instrumental in forming the Women’s Legal Section of MCBA and served as President for two terms.
Women’s Legal Section

Pictured left:
(front row) Lashandra Warren, Board member; Roianne Conner, Past President; Jennifer Frith, WLS member
(back row) Kelly McTear, Vice-President; Connie Murray, Secretary/Treasurer; Laura Eubank, President

Pictured right:
Laura Eubank, President; Brittney Bucak, Board Member; Kelly McTear, Vice-President; Azzie Taylor, Board Member

CLE opportunities for MCBA members

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All CLEs have been approved for the stated number of hours by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama.

Pre-register by email to dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793.
We would like to recognize our members and members of the judiciary who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces active duty, reserves, and National Guard in the November issue of The Docket. Please provide information.

Wanted:

The MCBA staff needs the names of our members and judiciary who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces active duty, National Guard, or Reserves by Oct. 19th. We need your name, rank, branch of service, and the years served. Also, let us know which conflicts you served in.

Please contact Dot Robinson at 265-4793 or dotrobinson@mc-ala.org
Member News

Congratulations to Thomas J. Methvin who was chosen as the March of Dimes River Region Citizen of the Year for 2014! He will be honored at the Eleventh Annual River Region Citizen of the Year Testimonial Dinner on Tuesday, October 14th at Wynlakes Golf and Country Club. The Citizen of the Year honor is awarded annually to an outstanding partner whose distinguished leadership and devoted service to the community have contributed greatly to the quality of life for Alabama and its people. Tom is the Managing Shareholder of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C. has been selected for inclusion in the National Law Journal’s inaugural Elite Trial Lawyers list. The list identifies law firms nationwide that have demonstrated the most creative and substantial work on the plaintiff’s side. To create the Elite Trial Lawyers list, more than 100 firms were vetted with the understanding that successful trial work is usually the result of a team effort. Fifty firms were selected for inclusion on the list.

The newly established Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office is still accepting resumes from dedicated professionals to serve in a variety of legal and administrative roles. Persons interested in applying for a position should visit the ‘News’ link on the website for the Montgomery County Courts at www.15jc.alacourt.gov.

Save the date!
The MCBA Holiday Gala will be December 4th 6:30-9:30 at
The Montgomery Country Club.

As has been our tradition for several years, we will collect new toys for the U.S. Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots drive.