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## Fore a Good Cause

By Cowin Knowles, MCBA President

Get your sticks out of the closet. Clean the grips and scrub the club faces. Then register your team to play in the May 1, 2015, golf tournament put on by the Mental Health America Montgomery Association and MCBA at Arrowhead Country Club. This year, MCBA is joining MHA in staging the tournament with the proceeds going to benefit individuals with mental illness in the River Region. The Arrowhead course will be in great shape. Registration and lunch start at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Even though golfers other than MCBA members will be playing in the tournament, the MCBA trophy will be awarded to the team of MCBA members with the lowest gross score. Team Ball, Ball goes for a historic "three peat" for this award. So put your team together and see if you can stop the title run. Complete the attached registration form on page 8 and send in your registration fee. Go hit some range balls and get your game in order. I will see you at the course on May 1, 2015, at Arrowhead Country Club. Please consider being a tournament sponsor; there are several sponsorship levels. The sponsor form is on page 9. This tournament will replace the Bench and Bar Golf Tournament this year.

**Save the date!!**  
**Golf Tournament**  
**May 1st**  
**at Arrowhead**  
**Registration form p. 8**



## Volunteer Lawyers Update by Mike Martin

The Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program is a proud partner with the Foreclosure Prevention Partnership, a loose-knit collaboration organized by the Central Alabama United Way to offer support to low-income Alabamians facing the spectre of losing their home through foreclosure. Qualified clients receive referral to MVLP through the 2-1-1 network, and we then attempt to assist them with volunteer legal representation.

In many instances this assistance can be accomplished through the provision of advice and counsel, by the establishment of communication between the client and lender, or by the negotiation of a loan modification to avoid the eviction and loss of housing to the affected mortgagor.

As many of you know, the MVLP holds a monthly advice and counsel walk-up clinic every first Tuesday afternoon at the offices of the Montgomery Community Action Agency, 1100 Adams Avenue, in Montgomery. Through these clinics our volunteer attorneys are able to dispense valuable legal advice to clients facing civil legal action. Often, these issues can be resolved quite easily while others require extended representation to include preparation of documents, contact with opposing parties, or court appearances.

In recognition of April as Financial Literacy Month, MVLP is holding a second clinic on April 21, designed primarily to address issues involving foreclosure, in an effort to help clients save their homes whenever possible. This special-issue clinic will also be held at Montgomery Community Action, and we invite any Montgomery attorney who is knowledgeable in this area of law to volunteer and help us staff this clinic. If interested, please call us at 265-0222 and let us know. We appreciate your assistance and know that you will be helping a local resident facing what, for most, is a devastating legal obstacle.

I want to thank those attorneys who volunteered this month to help staff our monthly Advice and Counsel Clinic, as well as our monthly District Court Help Desk. Our volunteers in March were **Bill Messer** (Varley & Messer), **Laurel Crawford** (Crawford Law Offices), **Kristin Dillard** (Capell & Howard), **Ashley Penhale** (Copeland Franco), **Joel Caldwell** (Copeland Franco) and **Tim Gallagher** (Sasser, Sefton & Brown).

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Docket* we have listed the attorneys who have accepted case referrals through the program, as well as those who have closed cases. Obviously, we are indebted to those volunteers for their willingness to assist indigent clients in Montgomery County facing civil legal issues. If you would like to help, please 1) let us know by calling the MVLP office at 265-0222; or 2) accept a case referral when contacted by our office.



# Volunteer Lawyers Brighten Our Days

## The following attorneys closed cases in March of 2015

|                                |                                          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Richard Franklin Matthews, Jr. | The Anderson Firm, LLC                   |
| Autumn A. Caudell              | Law Office of David E. Belser            |
| J. Brooke Marshall (3L)        | Faulkner University, Jones School of Law |
| Kelly McTear                   | Faulkner University, Jones School of Law |
| Royce G. Wadsworth             | Wadsworth Law Office, LLC                |
| Timothy J. Gallagher           | Sasser, Sefton, & Brown, P.C.            |
| John C. Craft                  | Faulkner University, Jones School of Law |
| Robert M. Beno                 | Robert M. Beno, Attorney at Law          |
| Debra H. Poole                 | Debra H. Poole, Esq.                     |

## The following attorneys accepted cases in March of 2015

|                                    |                                                        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Richard Franklin Matthews, Jr. (2) | The Anderson Firm, LLC                                 |
| Stephanie Monplaisir               | Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C. |
| Kathryn Van Tol (3L)               | Faulkner University, Jones School of Law               |
| Kelly McTear                       | Faulkner University, Jones School of Law               |
| Royce G. Wadsworth (2)             | Wadsworth Law Office, LLC                              |
| Timothy J. Gallagher               | Sasser, Sefton, & Brown, P.C.                          |
| Mark E. Smith                      | Attorney & Counselor at Law                            |
| Robert M. Beno                     | Robert M. Beno, Attorney at Law                        |
| Joana Ellis                        | Holtsford, Gilliland, Higgins, Hitson & Howard, P.C.   |

**Thank you!**



## Women's Section Update by Laura Eubank, President

The Women's Section had a wonderful time celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Blackfinn Ameripub on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much to our sponsors, Baker Realtime Worldwide Court Reporting and Video, and the Law Offices of Roianne Conner. We had a wonderful turnout and saw a lot of new faces. To all of the new members that joined that night, welcome!

We are now gearing up for the Walk of Life on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Effie Moore is our Board Member in charge of this event. The link to join our group is on our Facebook page, so anyone can sign up. Team registration ends April 7<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all of our members to sign up to walk or run with our group. Even if you miss the team registration, please still sign up to participate as an individual and meet us there. We had a great time last year, and it is for a great cause. Please help us reach our fundraising goal to help fight breast cancer by encouraging others to join us or donate on our webpage. Even if you don't want to walk or run, you can always come support our group at the finish line. This is a family friendly event, with activities and booths set up at the finish line for the entertainment of all ages.

The Women's Section will also be presenting a panel discussion at Faulkner Law on April 22nd. If any of our members are interested in attending or being part of the discussion, please contact us at [mcbawomen@gmail.com](mailto:mcbawomen@gmail.com). We want to have a variety of perspectives on how to be a successful female attorney for the students and attendees. As usual, keep an eye on your email for details on upcoming events!

Laura Eubank



### Women's Section St. Patrick's Day Social



Felicia Long, Roianne Conner, Cornelia Baker

Back row-Connie Murray



Ashley Penhale and Lashandra Warren





(left) Several students from Jones School of Law attended the Women's Section St. Patrick's Day Social at Blackfinn Ameripub.

Pictured below are MCBA members enjoying the WLS Social on March 17 at Blackfinn Ameripub.

Thanks to Baker Realtime Reporting and Roianne Conner for being sponsors.



WLS President, Laura Eubank with Kristi Peoples at the St. Patrick's Day Social.

## Associate Attorney Needed in Daphne, AL

Stone, Granade and Crosby, P.C. is seeking an associate attorney with 2-5 years of significant experience in estate planning, probate and taxation. An LLM in taxation is preferred.

Additional experience in business transactions, real property or litigation is desired.

The candidate will be responsible for managing and developing client relationships, preparing estate planning documents and providing litigation support.

**Stone, Granade & Crosby, P.C.**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

## Welcome to our newest members:

**Kimberly Adams**— Kimberly Adams, P.C.

**Cheyenne Barnes**— student, Jones School of Law

**Elizabeth Bowles**—U.S. Courts, Middle District AL

**Robert Faulk**—McDowell, Faulk, & McDowell, LLC

**Tene'e Frazier**— AL League of Municipalities

**William Guice**— William G. Guice, Jr., Attorney at Law

**Wendy Halstead**— Thomas C. Tankersley, PC (Legal Assistant)

**Lloria M. James**— Montgomery County District Attorney's Office

**Ian P. Kennedy**—Hinton and Herndon

**Darren W. Kies**— Law Office of Darren W. Kies, GEICO

**Jon Ryan Kral**—Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis. & Miles, P.C.

**Fletcher Majors**—Great Southern Land, LLC

**Mitch McGuire**— McGuire and Associates

**Angela Parks**—Alabama State Bar

**Cheairs Porter**—Medical Association of Alabama

**Susan Redmond**—U.S. Attorney's Office

**Karen Sampson Rodgers**—Karen Sampson Rodgers, Attorney at Law

**Faye A. Schofield**—Schofield Legal Solutions, LLC



Welcome to all of the attorneys on staff with the newly organized Public Defender's Office:

**Aylia McKee, Chief Public Defender**

**Linda Braye**

**Debra Bush**

**Alexander Caudell**

**Bill Davis**

**Adolph Dean**

**Christopher East**

**Peyton Faulk**

**Nicholas Hines**

**Sherri Mazur**

**Jamie Peterson**

**Trey Richardson**

**Tessa Ross**

**Nicholas Wallace**

**Trina Williams**

## MCBA Member News

Alfa Insurance Company has promoted **Angela L. Cooner** to senior vice president, general counsel and secretary.

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, PC announced that **David Dearing, James Lampkin, Danielle Mason**, and **Matt Teague** are now principals with the firm.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that **Charles Stewart** has been listed in *The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers 2015*.

Capell and Howard PC announced that **Terrie S. Biggs** is a shareholder, and **Kristin Dillard** and **Faith Perdue** joined as associates.

Haskell Slaughter & Gallion LLC has announced that retired **Circuit Judge Charles Price** has joined the Montgomery office of counsel.

Holtsford Gilliland Higgins Hitson & Howard PC announces that **Megan McCarthy** is now a partner. **Christopher Reader** is an associate in the Montgomery office.

Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, & Garrett PA has announced that **J. Ladd Davis** and **Stephen Dees** are shareholders in the firm.

Congratulations to **Sean and Kelly McTear** upon the birth of a son, Michael Finn McTear, born March 17th.

Congratulations to **Effie Moore** and **Charlie Hawthorne**, married March 28th.

### Now Hiring

**Raycom Media is currently looking for an attorney to join their in-house team in Montgomery, Alabama as Corporate Counsel. Please visit Raycom's career website for more information and to apply.**

<https://careers-raycommedia.icims.com/jobs/3350/corporate-counsel/job>



Mental Health America in Montgomery in association with  
The Montgomery County Bar Association

Presents the

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1, 2015

At Arrowhead Country Club

11:00-1:00 registration and lunch    1:00 shotgun start    6:00 awards ceremony

\$150 per player

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ golf handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ golf handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ golf handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ golf handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to participate in shotgun start? \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to pay by VISA or MasterCard, provide your card information below:

VISA    MasterCard    # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail this form and payment to Mental Health America in Montgomery  
1116 S. Hull Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104*

*For more information, contact Brittany Wiggins at 262-5500.*



# Mental Health America and MCBA Golf Tournament

May 1, 2015

## SPONSORSHIP FORM

### SELECT YOUR SPONSORSHIP LEVEL.

MAIL PAYMENT AND FORM TO : Brittany Wiggins  
Mental Health America  
1116 S. Hull Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

- \_\_\_ Corporate Partner \$10,000 (6 four-person teams and signage at event)
- \_\_\_ Corporate Sponsor \$5,000 (3 four-person teams and signage at event)
- \_\_\_ Corporate Patron \$3,000 (2 four-person teams and signage at event)
- \_\_\_ Luncheon Sponsor \$2,000 (signage at luncheon)
- \_\_\_ Awards Ceremony Sponsor \$1,000 (signage at Awards Ceremony)
- \_\_\_ Golf Cart Sponsor \$1,500 (signage at driving range and on carts)
- \_\_\_ Beverage Cart Sponsor \$1,500 (signage on beverage carts)
- \_\_\_ Driving Range Sponsor \$500 (signage at Registration area)
- \_\_\_ Mulligan Sponsor \$500 (Logo on Mulligan Tickets and sign at Mulligan Sales table)
- \_\_\_ Check-in Sponsor \$500 (signage at Check-in area)
- \_\_\_ Gold Medal Sponsorship \$600 (4 players)
- \_\_\_ Silver Medal Sponsorship \$350 (2 players)
- \_\_\_ Bronze Medal Sponsorship \$200 (1 player)
- \_\_\_ Hole Sponsor \$150 (signage at the hole)
- \_\_\_ 1 player \$150 (includes lunch)

Name/firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed for amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Or VISA or MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_