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Beat the Heat
President’s column by Cowin Knowles

“It is as hot as _____. “ You fill in the blank. The heat index has been stuck above 100 degrees for how long now? I lost track of that, but one event you do not want to lose track of is the MCBA social at the Aviator Bar on July 30, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. Try to beat the heat with some of the Aviator Bar’s beverages at great prices. Come catch up with folks you have not seen all summer, and in the process try to cool down.

While you are putting that on your calendar, put Thursday, October 1, 2015, on your calendar. The MCBA will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary with its Centennial Gala to be held at the Capitol City Club. We will be honoring our past presidents of MCBA. Go online at www.mcbar.org or call the MCBA office at (334) 265-4793 for information about tickets, sponsorship, and other opportunities. You do not want to miss this event. All proceeds for the event will go the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program. (See flyer on page 13.)

The Young Lawyers Section is collecting backpacks for needy students at their next social on August 13 at Pine Bar. The Young Lawyers Section news on page 4 has more details about this opportunity to give to the community.

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and attend the events.

Congratulations to Lee Copeland (Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.) who was recently installed as President of the Alabama State Bar. Cole Portis (Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.) is the President-elect of the State Bar.

Cowin
The dog days of summer are upon us! The term originated with the early Greeks and Romans for the period from July 24 to August 24, and referred to the star Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, also known as ‘the Dog Star’. The Dog Days originally were the time of the year when Sirius rose just before or at the same time as the sun, which is no longer true, owing to the precession of the equinoxes. So now you know. I just know that it’s been hot. Real hot.

Speaking of bright stars, we have a number among us, volunteer lawyers who unselfishly give of their time to provide civil legal aid to those indigent Montgomery residents facing legal obstacles in their lives. Whether it be helping clients at our Advice and Counsel Clinics, taking case referrals from MVLP for extended representation, or speaking to interested civic groups, our Montgomery volunteers answer the call again and again. And we thank you.

Speaking of our monthly clinics, beginning in July we added a second monthly clinic, so that we now give area residents two opportunities, on the first and third Tuesdays, to meet face-to-face with an attorney to discuss their civil legal issues and receive counsel and, in some instances, representation after the clinic in order to reach a satisfactory resolution. If you have not been involved with one of our clinics, please consider giving us a couple of hours on those Tuesday afternoons. I promise you won’t regret it. Call us at 265-0222 to volunteer.

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Docket*, you’ll find pictorial evidence of the support we continue to receive from the legal community and the City of Montgomery. Our special thanks to the Young Lawyers Section for granting us the proceeds from their recent Clay Shoot. From all reports a good time was had by all – if you didn’t participate this year, practice up and consider joining in the fun next year. And, we appreciate the continuing support received from the City of Montgomery, as Mayor Todd Strange presented MVLP with a grant check to help support the program. Thanks to all! (See photo below of Mayor Strange and MBF Board)

Also in this issue you’ll find a listing of those volunteer attorneys who accepted case referrals and those who closed MVLP cases recently. I want to thank each of them for their commitment to the provision of civil legal aid and encourage you to thank them for their willingness to render service to their community.

We obviously couldn’t continue to grow our program without the ongoing commitment from you, the Montgomery legal community, to giving of your time and expertise to assist those in need. We thank attorneys like Mark Smith, who recently spoke on our behalf to a group of senior citizens gathered at Catholic Social Services, and Barr Younker and Royce Wadsworth, who provided counsel to area veterans at a recent resource fair.

Our monthly clinics continue to expand, thanks to help from attorney volunteers like John Craft, Ben Gibbons, Maceo Kirkland, Will Fargastrom, Meggan Huggins, Evan Allen, Joel Caldwell, John Charles, Matt Matthews, Royce Wadsworth, Jenna Fulk, Liz Eiland, Kesha Nowell and Ashley Penhale.

We are surrounded by the bright stars of the Montgomery legal community. The heat of the dog days doesn’t deter our stars from continuing the strong tradition of helping those in our community who deserve access to the judicial system and are unable to provide that for themselves. MVLP is only as strong as the commitment of its volunteers, and we are in awe of the support we receive from ours. Thank you.

Mike
The City of Montgomery continues to support the efforts of the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program. Joining Mayor Todd Strange for a presentation of financial support are members of the MVLP Board of Directors, from left, Tom Methvin, Secretary Kelly McTear, Mayor Strange, President Tim Gallagher, Vice President Mike Winter, and Executive Director Mike Martin.

These Volunteers Brighten the Lives of Clients

The following attorneys accepted cases in June and July

Gail Donaldson  Bond, Botes, Shinn, & Donaldson, P.C.
Paul Roy Cooper  Cooper and Cooper
Ashley Penhale  Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
Kelly McTear  Faulkner University Jones School of Law
John Craft (3)  Faulkner University Jones School of Law
Meggan Huggins  The Huggins Law Firm, LLC
Royce G. Wadsworth(2)  Wadsworth Law Office, LLC
Mike Winter  Winter Legal Strategies, LLC
Andrew Sellers  Faulkner University Jones School of Law

The following attorneys closed cases in June and July

Evan G. Allen  Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
Matthew E. Munson  Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
Ashley Penhale  Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill, P.A.
Kelly McTear (2)  Faulkner University Jones School of Law
Kathryn Van Tol (student)  Faulkner University Jones School of Law
Shunta Williams  Faulkner University Jones School of Law
John Craft  Faulkner University Jones School of Law
Joana Ellis  Holtsford, Gilliland, Higgins, Hitson, & Howard, P.C.
Effie M Hawthorne  The Law Office of Jeffery C. Duffey
Marvin Campbell  The Law Office of Marvin Campbell
Mickey McDermott  The Law Office of Mickey McDermott
Victoria Relf  The Relf Law Firm, LLC
D. Brent Hargett  Sasser, Sefton, & Brown, P.C.
William C. Teague  The Teague Law Firm, LLC
Young Lawyers Support Local Schools
By Jesse Anderson, YLS President

On Thursday, August 13th, the Young Lawyers are having a “back to school” social at Pine Bar, and everyone is invited...even the old lawyers. Yes yes, the young lawyers are covering the cost, but there is a catch. We are asking everyone to show up with a new kid’s book bag. The book bags will be donated to the Montgomery County Board of Education, and then given to kids that are in need. This social will be just like any other, except you must bring a book bag to join the tab. If you don’t have time or the heart, to purchase a book bag, we will accept 10 bucks. However, it’s preferred that you bring one. I hope we can donate at least 50. You can find kid’s book bags easily online (Target or Wal-Mart) for $6 - $12. Please encourage each other, and even your firms, to consider donating to this great cause. Look, big firms, just collect some cash from everyone at the office and have a runner go pick up a bunch of bags. Simple. Can’t make the social? No problem. We will accept donations anytime in the days leading up to August 13th. I will collect them at my office, Hill Hill Carter. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

In other news, the Young Lawyers Annual Clay Shoot was again a success (see pictures below). We raised over $5,000 for the Montgomery County Volunteer Lawyers. Thanks to everyone that sponsored the event; you are the reason it succeeded. I look forward to continuing the tradition next year.

Jesse

The Montgomery Bar Foundation Board of Directors and Young Lawyers Section Board gathered to present Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program Director Mike Martin (front center) with a check for $5,034.00 from the proceeds of the YLS Skeet Shoot in June. Presenting the check is Alison Hawthorne.
Young Lawyers’ Charity Skeet Shoot 2015

YLS Board Members: Charlie Hawthorne, Elliott Lipinsky, Jesse Anderson, Ali Hawthorne, Beau Darley, Will Cunningham, and Brannan Reaves.

Below: John Mattula and Justin Jones, State Attorney General Team

Below: Team Beasley Allen- Matthew Howell, Beau Darley, Evan Allen, Jacob Jeter

Below right: Team Hawthorne– Brandon Bates, Ray Hawthorne, Casey Biggs, Russ Sanders, and Brooks Boyd.
Women’s Section Summer Update
By Laura Eubanks, WLS President

With temperatures almost at their summer peak, the MCBA Women’s Section decided to take some time together and cool off! Roianne Conner was once again generous enough to open her home to us for our third annual MCBA Women’s Section Family BBQ and Pool Party. Members left their worries at work and brought their families together to have some fun. The food was fabulous and the company even better. The kids enjoyed the bouncy house, pool and giant waterslide. Thank you, Roianne, for welcoming us into your home and allowing us to take over your yard! We also want to thank The Law Offices of Roianne Houlton Conner and Baker Realtime Court Reporting for sponsoring this event!

We are having our next General Membership Meeting September 1, 2015, at the Capital City Club, at 5:30 p.m. It is almost time, once again, to elect new officers and board members. If you would like to run for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, or one of the Board of Directors positions, please send your letter of intent to run to Connie Murray at cmurray@conniemurraysq.com, by August 28, 2015. We will vote for our 2016 officers and Board of Directors at the General Membership Meeting, so make sure you are there! This will also be the perfect time to share your thoughts and ideas on how to improve our organization, or suggest any ideas for educational opportunities, social events, and community involvement opportunities that we can be a part of in 2016. Once again, Baker Realtime Court Reporting and The Law Offices or Roianne Houlton Conner will be sponsoring this event. We appreciate all that they do in helping us to build our organization!

Watch your emails for our last summer social event. We will be gathering one last time before Labor Day to pamper ourselves at Anthony Vince Nail Spa at EastChase. The event is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, August 15, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Members will receive a discount on a manicure and pedicure package purchase. This event will require an RSVP, so check your email for details. Come join us and enjoy some breakfast and fellowship time with your fellow lady lawyers! We look forward to seeing all of our members August 15th and again on September 1st!

Laura Eubank

Many thanks to one of our sponsors, Baker Realtime Court Reporting and Video!
Shown right, Greta Duckett and Cornelia Baker of Baker Realtime.
Women’s Section Barbecue

Members of the Women’s Section and their families had a most enjoyable afternoon at the home of Roianne Conner for their annual barbecue and pool party. Pictured below are Pauline Warren and hostess/sponsor Roianne Conner.

Thanks, Roianne!

Women’s Section Supports Court Referral System’s Job Fair

Below: Shirley Lee, Cubie Rae Hayes, and WLS member Lashandra Warren at the Multiplex, site of the Job Fair

Right: Attorney Roianne Conner and Lashandra Warren
MEMBER NEWS

In Memoriam

Henry Harper Johnson—4/8/15
Brenda L. Vann— 6/21/15
Calvin C. Pryor—7/5/15

Welcome, New Members!

Chalankis Brown—Ball, Ball, Matthews, & Novak
Brad A. Everhardt—Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black
William R. Sutton—Office of the Secretary of State
Bryan Taylor—Bachus, Brom, & Taylor, LLC
Freddie Gallot, Jr.—Freddie Gallot, Jr., Attorney at Law, LLC

Congratulations to Allen Sheehan and wife, Elizabeth, upon the birth of their son, Ford Stanley Sheehan, born June 2nd. Also, congratulations to go to grandparents, Winston Sheehan and wife.

R. Dumas
T. Gallagher
C. Waller

Congratulations to Royal Dumas (Gilpin Givhan, PC), Tim Gallagher (Sasser, Sefton & Brown, PC), and Chris Waller (Ball, Ball, Matthews, & Novak, PA.) for being selected for the Alabama State Bar 2015 Leadership Forum

Congratulations to Danielle Ward Mason (pictured right), principal with Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, PC for her selection as the 2015 Alabama Black Achievers Award Attorney of the Year. The Oliver Robinson Foundation recognizes African Americans who give unselfishly of their time and/or resources to make a difference in their communities.

Baptist Health welcomes Sim Penton as Vice-President and General Counsel.

Sam McLure has moved his practice, The Adoption Law Firm, to Birmingham.
Member News continued

Keith S. Miller is now Corporate Counsel with Alfa Insurance Companies.

Webster, Henry, Lyons, Bradwell, Cohan, & Black, P.C. announce that Michael S. Jackson has joined the firm as a Shareholder, and Brannan W. Reaves has joined the firm as Of Counsel.

Congratulations to Peyton Faulk on her recent marriage.

Reynolds, Reynolds, & Little, LLC announces that J. Heath Loftin has become a partner in the Montgomery office.

Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill, P.A. and James H. Anderson are pleased to announce that James has joined the firm, of counsel, as of March 1, 2015. James is a Montgomery native who has practiced law here since 1979, first with Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black, and then as a founding partner in Jackson, Anderson, & Patty, P.C. in 1988. In 2014 he was appointed to a vacancy on the Montgomery County Circuit bench on an interim basis.

Ball, Ball, Matthews, & Novak, P.A. is pleased to announce that two of their attorneys have been selected for the 2015 Alabama Super Lawyers and Rising Stars list. Tabor Novak has again been selected for inclusion in Alabama Super Lawyers in the field of civil litigation defense. Chris Waller (pictured on previous page) was selected for inclusion in the Alabama Rising Stars 2015 in the field of administrative law. Only 5% of the lawyers in the state of Alabama are selected by Super Lawyers, and no more than 2.5 % of the lawyers in the state of Alabama are selected by Rising Stars, which honors attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Sixteen Beasley Allen attorneys were selected for inclusion on the 2015 Super Lawyers list. Included are the firm's founding shareholder, Jere L. Beasley, as well as shareholders J. Greg Allen, Michael J. Crow, J. Cole Portis, Daniel W. “Dee” Miles III, Andy D. Birchfield, Rhon E. Jones, Benjamin E. Baker, Julia A. Beasley, Kendall C. Dunson, R. Graham Esdale, Christopher D. Glover, Ted G. Meadows, Roman A. Shaul, W. Roger Smith III, and C. Gibson Vance. Three Beasley Allen attorneys were also included on the Rising Stars list—Christopher D. Boutwell, Danielle Ward Mason, and J. Parker Miller.

Save the date!
MCBA Holiday Party
December 10th @ Wynlakes
We appreciate our sponsors for the

MCBA Young Lawyers’ 2015
Charity Clay Shoot

$5,034 raised for the Montgomery VLP

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
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Northwestern Mutual
Webster, Henry, Lyons, Bradwell, Cohan, & Black, P.C.
Sterling Bank
W.K. Upchurch Construction Co.
Partners Realty
The Locker Room
Ball, Ball, Matthews, & Novak, P.A.
Sasser, Sefton, & Brown, P.C.
Lowder New Homes, Inc.
Blue Jean Selma Ministries
River Bank & Trust
Discover-e Partners
Midtown Pizza Kitchen
Pine Bar
## CLE Opportunities for Members

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CLEs are presented in the Jury Assembly Room of the Montgomery County Courthouse unless otherwise stated. The above CLEs have been approved for stated credit by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama.

**Watch The Docket for more information on MCBA's Super CLE to be held Dec. 10-11!**

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**August 13th**—MCBA Young Lawyers Social

**October 1st**—MCBA 100th Anniversary Gala and Charity Fundraiser at The Capitol City Club

**December 10th**—MCBA Holiday Party at Wynlakes (Bring new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.)

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THE Centennial Gala

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

You’re invited to join us

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015
COCKTAILS AT 6:00 P.M.
DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.

CAPITAL CITY CLUB
201 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

Tickets, sponsorships, and other opportunities can be purchased online at www.mcbar.org or by calling the MCBA Office at 334-265-4793.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program.
Planning to move your office or change firms? Have a new email address?

Please email or call the MCBA office and give your updated information. Our crystal ball has gone KA-PUT, so we need your help.

Send info to dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793.
MCBA Women’s Section Spa Day

Relax - Refresh - Rejuvenate

Anthony Vince Nail Spa
7236 Eastchase Parkway, Montgomery, AL
Saturday, August 15, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Members will receive a discount & breakfast will be served.
Please RSVP to Laura@troykinglaw.com by August 13, 2015.

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General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
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Please RSVP to Laura@troykinglaw.com by August 31, 2015.

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