THANKS FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED
By Royal Dumas, MCBA President

With the utmost pride, I can say I knew Mark Chambliss - albeit not well enough. Mark lived his whole life in a way that I can only aspire to live. He brought joy and happiness each day to his family, friends, and, perhaps most difficult, to his work. Seeing him at the courthouse unexpectedly was always a pleasant surprise because the conversation included his trademark smile. On the few matters I was fortunate enough to work on with Mark, he was as accommodating as any lawyer I have ever known and a prime example of the lawyer this Bar prides. As Randy James said, “He was a no letter lawyer.” In other words, he could be trusted, and his word was his bond.

I know many of you feel the same way about Mark, and the memories that were shared by family and friends at the celebration of his life held at St. James UMC two weeks ago are a tribute to his impact on our legal community and more importantly a fitting tribute to the man he was. Mark, you will be missed.

Royal Dumas

The Tailgate
At Alley Warehouse

The MCBA is proud to announce The Tailgate at Alley Warehouse as its 11th annual charity event, to be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016. We are honored to partner with Vintage Year, which will donate and prepare Vintage Year-style tailgate dishes. The event will include a performance by Americana super group Willie Sugarcapps. To check them out visit www.williesugarcapps.com. Tickets will be $50 and include food and drink. All proceeds benefit the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer Program. For sponsorship information please contact either Royal Dumas at (334)409-2213 or Tim Gallagher at (334)532-3404. We look forward to seeing you all there. Stay tuned for future announcements.
The VLP Corner by Mike Martin

These are troubling times in America. Increased incidents of violence have put everyone on edge. Parents concerned about their children, spouses worried about their loved ones and residents concerned about the safety of their neighborhood. In the middle of this are law enforcement personnel who find themselves now as targets, a misguided response to confrontations between police and the public that have resulted in injury and death. We all know there are no easy answers.

It is the responsibility of our police officers ‘to protect and serve’. It is oftentimes a thankless job, filled with anxiety over the unknown that awaits them as they begin their daily shift. It’s a difficult way to earn a living, yet it is a calling that we are fortunate that many are willing to answer.

The Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program salutes our law enforcement first responders for their dedication. To provide them with a sense of security for their family and in recognition of their work on our behalf, we have scheduled a Wills for Heroes event for the Montgomery Police Department – Downtown Division on Friday, September 16, 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m. During this day-long event, we will provide police officers with the opportunity to prepare a simple will, power of attorney, and an advanced health care directive. We invite you to help in this worthwhile endeavor by volunteering to spend as much time as you can assisting with the preparation of these important documents. We will have computer stations set up, notaries and witnesses on hand, and personnel standing by to assist you. If you are willing to participate — and we need you — please contact us at 265-0222, ext 2, and we’ll be happy to work with you based on your schedule.

Speaking of guns and violence, it sounded like a war zone at the Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club recently when the MCBA Young Lawyers Section hosted a Clay Shoot Competition to benefit the MVLP. As a result of the generosity of the participating shooters and sponsors, we were the recipient of $5,261.89 in support for the program. Elsewhere in this issue of The Docket is a photo of the check presentation. Not only do our young lawyers support the program through their volunteer efforts, but with their hearts as well. We are most appreciative of our ongoing partnership with the Young Lawyers Section.

Young lawyers are among those to whom we owe a big thanks for volunteering to assist with our twice-monthly advice and counsel clinics. Those who have recently assisted include: Aigner Kolom, Maceo Kirkland, Joana Ellis, Shirley Brown, Evan Allen, Elliott Lipinsky, Leslie Pitman, John Charles, Laurel Crawford, Liz Eiland, Leslie Pescia, Brent Hargett, Joseph Van Zandt, Royce Wadsworth and Tim Gallagher.

If you’d like to take a more active role in assisting low-income residents of Montgomery County with their civil legal issues, by taking a case referral and/or assisting with our advice and counsel clinics, please give us a call at 265-0222. We welcome your participation.
Women’s Section News

Where’d I Put That Alarm Clock?

“Summer means happy times and good sunshine. It means going to the beach, going to Disneyland, having fun.” –Brian Wilson

It’s been a little bit slow for the Women’s Section this summer, by design. We hope you’ve had lots of time to spend with family and friends, making memories and finding ways to beat the heat. As summer draws to a close, we’re back full force, so I’d like to take this month’s space to show you a little of what we did this summer and let you know what’s coming as summer comes to a close.

In June, we hosted a family night at the Montgomery Biscuits, and despite the heat, we had a great turn out. There are a few photos of our members and families on page 13.

After taking a break in July, we are back with another great annual event in August. On August 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m., we’ll host our back-to-school spa day at Anthony Vince Salon at EastChase. Members who attend get a 20% discount on their manicures, pedicures, and other spa services. Mimosas, muffins, and other brunch treats will make for a great time to relax before the back-to-school rush. We are grateful to The Vance Law Firm for sponsoring this event.

Our annual meeting will be September 1, 2016 at the Capital City Club. Over drinks and heavy hors d’oeuvres, members can discuss priorities and events for next year and elect new officers. I hope that all members will plan to join us. Thank you to our event sponsor, The Beasley Allen Law Firm.

Speaking of elections, if you are interested in serving on the Women’s Section Board or as an officer, letters of intent must be submitted to our Secretary/Treasurer, Effie Hawthorne (mcbawomen@gmail.com), by August 19th.

Membership in the Women’s Section is always open, so send us an e-mail if you’re interested in joining. Don’t forget to update us with news on babies, marriages, promotions and awards, or any other cool thing happening. We want to celebrate with you!

-Kelly

Get Pampered!

WLS Spa Day
August 6th 9:30 a.m.
@ Anthony Vince Salon
The Shoppes at Eastchase

20% discount on services
Brunch provided by
The Vance Law Firm
On Thursday, September 1st, the Young Lawyers Section and the Montgomery County Bar Association (the grown-ups) are planning to have a joint social to celebrate life...and the start of college football. That night is the first night of college football, and we hope that you will come enjoy the first handful of quarters with everyone. The venue is soon to be determined, but you can bet on this: it will be in Montgomery, the usual refreshments will be provided, and it will be a good time. Details will be announced in emails, etc.

The Young Lawyers thank all of you that participated as shooters and sponsors in the annual Young Lawyers Charity Clay Shoot on June 3rd. The event was again a success, raising over $5,000.00 for the Volunteer Lawyers Program. For those of you that missed out this year, we hope to have you join us in 2017.

Jesse

(Pictures of the Clay Shoot on pages 6-7)
Faces from the June Social at Pine Bar

Left: Summer intern, Kelley Wittenberg networks with Beau Darley.

Below: Scott Green, Jarred Kaplan, Virgil Ford, and David Martin enjoy chatting.

Left: Some of the women of the MCBA relax at the social. L-R: Effie Hawthorne, Felicia Long, Ashley Penhale, Peyton Faulk

Right: Brad Bodiford and Charlie Hawthorne unwind at the Pine Bar social.
Young Lawyers Section 2016 Clay Shoot

Pictured top left: YLS Board and Officers- (L-R) Charlie Hawthorne, Will Cunningham, Elliott Lipinsky, Jesse Anderson, Ali Hawthorne, Brannan Reaves.

Top right: Judge Adrian Johnson, Jesse Anderson, Jeff Smith, and David Henderson

Bottom left: Andrew Odom, Ray Hawthorne, Justin Edwards, Jake Gunn
Young Lawyers Section 2016 Clay Shoot

Pictured below: Will Meachum, Morgan Bell, Cedric Beumer, John Beumer

Above: Evan Allen, Brittany Scott, Ryan Beattie, Joseph VanZandt

Below: The Awards and Recognitions at the end of the day
Love Your Neighbor – In the Bar and in the World

Even I must admit that this is an ambitious theme – Love Your Neighbor. Particularly in light of recent events dividing people in our communities and throughout the world. But now more than ever, we must be reminded of this worthy pursuit in order to bring us together. This year, as I lead the Bar as President, I am asking each of you to love your neighbor. As a profession, let us lead in this area. Let us be an example to our communities and to our State that we value.

Trust, integrity and service are the values that guide the Alabama State Bar. Everything that we do as a Bar association must pass through this prism. Further, as we display trust, integrity and service, we believe that lawyers in our Bar are advocates of the profession and for the public. In other words, we must love our fellow lawyers and folks in our communities, our State and the world.

For example, the State Bar will make a concerted effort to love the members of our Bar through establishing relationships with lawyers throughout the State. Not only do I want to speak to our members, but I want to hear from our members.

Additionally, your Bar will address health and wellness issues – improvement in mind, body and spirit. The practice of law is stressful. Our stress affects other areas of our lives, especially our families. Discouragement can lead to anxiety, depression, and unhealthy dependence. While there are programs provided by the Bar through the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program, composed of staff members and volunteer lawyers, to help struggling lawyers, the Bar will be proactive by advocating for the health and wellness for all of our members so that we are better equipped to handle the stress that comes our way.

Further, we will begin the process of establishing what I call Lawyer University. Within Lawyer University, there will be three tracks. First, there is a track related to technology. The second track is related to business operations. The third track is going to be emerging areas of law. Lawyers have asked me to help them in their law practice. I think this education curriculum is a good first step.

Also, we will meet the needs of our members by increasing member benefits. The Bar already has some amazing benefits, but we will bring greater value by offering unique items to help our members practice law.

Of equal importance to meeting the needs of Alabama lawyers, the Bar will love the public. Outreach efforts will include a continued emphasis on access to justice issues, particularly aimed at providing legal services to the poor and indigent who would not otherwise be able to afford a lawyer; a foster care awareness program; and a drive to encourage lawyers to participate in public service in the political realm through running for public office. All of these efforts display a genuine and selfless love for our neighbor.

Will you join me this year in displaying love toward your neighbors? Will you be civil toward lawyers who are on the opposing side? Will you volunteer to help the poor and the oppressed? Will you render aid to those in desperate need around you? Will you act in love toward those in your sphere of influence – co-workers, employees, friends, and family? We are uniquely qualified to help people in a way that no one else is trained to do.

Thank you for your commitment and service. Please let me know how the Bar can help you and let me know how the Bar can improve. Remember to contact me by visiting the “BetterBar” page at the Alabama State Bar website www.alabar.org or email me (Cole.Portis@beasleyallen.com) or call me (334-451-0856).
The Mockingbird Challenge is a new National Trial Competition sponsored by the Alabama State Bar Young Lawyers Section and Faulkner Law. The inaugural competition will be **September 29-October 1, 2016**. Twenty of the top advocacy law schools from all over the country will converge on Montgomery to compete. The highlight of the competition will be a dinner honoring Alabama’s role in the Civil Rights movement.

We need attorneys to judge the trials. These trials will be at the Federal Courthouse:
- **Round 1:** Thursday, September 29 at 8:30 a.m. -- 11:45 a.m.
- **Round 2:** Thursday, September 29 at 1:15 p.m. -- 4:45 p.m.
- **Round 3:** Friday, September 30 at 8:30 a.m. -- 11:45 a.m.
- **Round 4:** Friday, September 30 at 1:15 p.m. -- 4:45 p.m.

These rounds will be held at Faulkner Law:
- Semi-Finals: Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. -- 11:45 a.m.
- **Championship:** Saturday, October 1 at 1:15 p.m. -- 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in judging a round or two please contact Prof. Joe Lester at jlester@faulkner.edu, or call Elizabeth Clements at 334-386-7449.
MCBA CLE News

We have some excellent CLE opportunities coming up for our members. Some of the details are still in the works, so be watching for notices about CLEs. These are offered at no cost to you, our members, but non-members may attend for $50 per hour.

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The above programs will be presented in the Jury Assembly Room, third floor of the Montgomery County Courthouse.

You may register for individual sessions or for all that are presented on a given date. All CLEs are approved by the Mandatory Commission for Continuing Legal Education for the stated number of hours.

Dec. 14-15  time TBA  MCBA Bench and Bar CLE at the Federal Courthouse.  TBA

Save the date!

The Montgomery County Bar Association deeply appreciates

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And

![Fitzpatrick Counseling Logo]

for sponsoring the great lunch at our July 21 All in the Family CLE.
Welcome to our new members:

Jerry Thornton - Law Office of Jerry L. Thornton, Hayneville
Randy Bozeman– Bozeman & Bozeman, Hayneville
Keith Belt- Belt & Bruner, P.C., Birmingham
Josh Hembree- Sasser & O’Rear, LLC.

Congratulations to the Montgomery County Bar Association for being awarded the Local Bar Achievement Award for 2015-2016 at the Alabama State Bar Conference at Grand Sandestin Conference Center in June. (Pictured left, MCBA President Royal Dumas accepts the award from ASB outgoing Pres. Lee Copeland)

Congratulations to MCBA’s own Cole Portis, (pictured right) the newly installed President of the Alabama State Bar. Cole is a partner at Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C. We wish you success this coming year, Cole.

Congratulations to George Parker (Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP), Flynn Mozingo (Melton, Espy, and Williams, PC), and Gibson Vance (Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.) for having been elected to serve as 15th Judicial Circuit Bar Commissioners.

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C. has been selected as a finalist for the 2016 Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year award for their work on litigation related to Johnson & Johnson talcum powder and its link to an increased risk of ovarian cancer. Nominees are Jere L. Beasley, Ted G. Meadows, David P. Dearing, Danielle Ward Mason, and Brittany Scott, along with attorneys from Mississippi and Missouri.

Also, three Beasley Allen attorneys were honored at the recent American Association for Justice meeting for their outstanding performance in the profession of law. Jere L. Beasley was selected as a 2016 recipient of the AAJ Tonahill Award in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to and support of consumers. Gibson Vance was awarded the AAJ Wiedmann & Wysocki Award for his demonstration of deep commitment to the highest standards and principles of the civil justice system. Danielle Mason was awarded the AAJ F. Scott Baldwin Award which recognizes a notable degree of excellence and compassion in producing outstanding awards for victims.
The Following Attorneys Recently Accepted Pro Bono Cases through the MVLP:

- David Martin, Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
- Mike Winter (2), Winter Legal Strategies, LLC
- Tim Gallagher, Sasser Sefton & Brown, P.C.
- Evan Allen, Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
- Laurel Crawford (2), Law Offices of Laurel M. Crawford
- Joana Ellis, Holtsford, Gilliland, Higgins, Hitson, & Howard, P.C.
- Kelly McTear (3), Faulkner University—Jones School of Law
- John Craft, Faulkner University—Jones School of Law
- Nicole Bean, Bean Hawkins, LLC
- Ashley Smith, Miller Smith, LLC
- Royce Wadsworth, Wadsworth Law Office, LLC

The Following Attorneys Recently Closed MVLP Cases:

- John Charles, The Anderson Firm, LLC
- David Weston, The Anderson Firm, LLC
- John Craft (2), Faulkner University—Jones School of Law
- Laurel Crawford (2), Law Offices of Laurel M. Crawford
- Mike Winter, Winter Legal Strategies
- Clinton Richardson, Capell & Howard, P.C.

WILLS FOR HEROES EVENT

The MVLP will be providing essential legal documents at no charge to our Montgomery Police Department.

Wills, living wills, and powers of attorney documents

Friday, September 16
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Ripley Street

Call Mike Martin or Barbara Ann Symington to volunteer for a couple of hours.
265-0222, ext. 2
Women's Section Social at the Montgomery Biscuits Game

Pictured left: (L-R) Sherri Mazur and husband TJ, and Katie and Shawn O’Mailia

Above, front to back - a large group of WLS members and their family members – front row: Burns and Hannah Kennedy, Brittney Bucak, Ben McGough, Roianne and Jerry Conner, David and Lynn Granger; next row, Shanitra Jackson and friend

Left: Aigner Kolom with her children and niece and nephew
SAVE THESE DATES!

October 21
Golf Tournament with Jones School of Law (details forthcoming)

November 10
The Tailgate
MCBA Annual Charity Fundraiser @ The Warehouse at Alley Station
Tickets $50.00       For info call Royal at 409-2213 or Tim at 532-3404

December 14-15
MCBA Annual Bench and Bar Conference
Federal Courthouse, Montgomery (details TBA)

December 15
MCBA Holiday Gala
6:30 p.m. @ Wynlakes Country Club

In Memory of

Mark Norman Chambless
February 27, 1958—July 3, 2016
Our deepest sympathy to Mark’s family and colleagues

John Jennings Garman
March 8, 1966—July 24, 2016
Our deepest sympathy to John’s family and to the faculty and students at Jones School of Law
Judge Sharon Yates Receives Maud McLure Kelly Award from the Alabama State Bar

(from article written by Dr. Jim Vickrey)

Former Alabama Court of Civil Appeals Presiding Judge Sharon G. Yates, presently associate professor of law at Faulkner University’s Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, will be honored on Faulkner’s campus on August 18 at an 11 am reception in the Wendell Mitchell Conference Room by her associates, colleagues, fellow lawyers, and friends. The reception honors Judge Yates for her recent acceptance of the 2016 Alabama State Bar’s Maud McLure Kelly Award. MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AS SPECIAL GUESTS (Please RSVP at 334-386-7210 before August 17th.)

The Maud McLure Kelly Award, named for the first woman to practice law in Alabama, is presented annually to “a female attorney who has made a lasting impact on the legal profession and has been a pioneer and leader within the State.”

Jere Beasley and Greg Allen were among the many submitting nomination letters in support of Judge Yates for the prestigious award. Mr. Beasley noted that Judge Yates has “the unique recognition of being the first female elected to serve as Presiding Judge on the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.” After noting her many contributions to the legal profession, Mr. Beasley explained that “she truly deserves this honor, and I am very proud to say that she has been my long-time friend. She was a great judge, is a great teacher, and an even better person.” Mr. Allen, in his nomination letter, stated that he could think of no other person in the state bar more deserving of the award.

Faulkner Law Dean Charles Nelson noted that “Judge Yates more than met the criteria established by the Women’s Section of the Bar for receipt of this distinguished award. After all, she helped to establish the Women’s Section of the Bar many years ago and is one of the first women elected to the appellate courts of the State.” Dean Nelson also observed that Judge Yates is always an encouraging and professional colleague who continues to inspire her students as she speaks from many years of experience and achievement in the legal profession.

Judge Yates was elected in November 1992 as the first woman ever to sit on the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, of which she was the Presiding Judge for four years. During her dozen years on the Court she compiled a record of scholarly but sensible case-law so outstanding that it was routinely compared with that of Justices on the higher court. After being in private practice (2005-2007) and serving with great success as a District Court Judge in Montgomery County (2007-2013), dispensing even-handed justice directly and via extensive use of mediation, Judge Yates eventually returned to full-time teaching as Jurist in Residence and then Associate Professor at Faulkner Law specializing in evidence and ethics and professional responsibility, and adding to her course assignments criminal law and appellate advocacy inter alia.