MCBA Charity Event Helps MVLP  by Royal Dumas

Almost one million people in Alabama live at or below the poverty line, and these low-income Alabamians experience a disproportionate number of difficult civil legal issues. The attorneys of the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program generously accept the responsibility to render volunteer service to the low-income individuals and families in our community in need of civil legal aid. By volunteering for the MVLP, many of you choose to make a difference in our community by giving your time and expertise to those less fortunate among us.

As many of you know, there are substantial expenses associated with opening and managing the many cases handled by the MVLP. In order to help meet this financial need, on November 10, 2016, the Montgomery County Bar Association is hosting its 11th annual charity event, the MCBA Tailgate, to raise money for the MVLP. The MCBA Tailgate will take place from 6pm to 10pm at The Warehouse at Alley Station. The event will include specialty tailgate food provided and served by Montgomery’s own Vintage Year Restaurant, as well as a variety of local Alabama craft beers. I am also excited to announce that live music will be provided by the critically acclaimed Willie Sugarcapps.

As president of the MCBA, I recognize the importance of lawyers giving back to our community, and I am proud that our local bar provides substantial and much needed support to the MVLP. The services provided by the MVLP are vitally important to our community and to ensuring that our legal system provides equal justice to all under law. While the MVLP has seen remarkable growth over the last several years, there is still a great unmet need in the Montgomery area and, with your help, the MVLP plans to reach even more of those in need in the coming years. To that end, I hope that you will join me in supporting the MVLP by sponsoring the MCBA Tailgate.
VLP Corner  by Mike Martin

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!! I would like to invite any MCBA members to help us honor our local police officers by joining our Wills for Heroes event scheduled for Friday, September 16, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Ripley Street police headquarters. During this event we will assist officers in the preparation of simple wills, powers of attorney, and advanced healthcare directives. We’re asking you to commit for a two-hour shift during this time period – and more if you’re so inclined. Please call Barbara Ann at 265-0222, ext. 2 and let her know what time you can help.

Utilizing computers pre-loaded with the necessary software, we will be able to provide these necessary documents as a means of saying ‘Thank You’ to the dedicated officers of the MPD who serve and protect our community. Faulkner-Jones School of Law students will be on hand to assist with witnessing and processing; we’ll have notaries on hand, and ALL WE’RE MISSING IS YOU! Please consider helping out and give us a call. Thank you.

As always, our clients are the winners when they attend one of our Advice and Counsel Clinics, held twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday. During these clinics, clients can consult with an attorney on a civil legal issue and, when necessary, be eligible for extended representation. A special thank you is in order for those attorneys who volunteered to help staff at our most recent clinics: Royce Wadsworth, Clay Teague, Trey Holtsford, Maceo Kirkland, Mike Winter, Tim Gallagher, Joana Ellis, Liz Eiland, and Joseph Van Zandt.

Already this year we have received over 750 requests for assistance, resulting in 245 cases opened. To date we’ve assisted 185 clients at our twice-monthly clinics. There is clearly a need for pro bono civil legal aid in Montgomery, and through the willingness of our attorney volunteers, we are working to meet that need. If you can give a few hours of your time between now and the end of the year, please call us at 265-0222 or send us an email at barbaraannsymington2013@gmail.com and let us know how you can help.
Volunteer Opportunity

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

Volunteers needed!

To volunteer a couple of hours,
contact Mike Martin or
Barbara Ann Symington
265-0222 today.

Please volunteer for one of these time slots:
8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Notary services are also needed
12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Call 265-0222 ext. 2 today!
Women’s Section
What’s Next? By Kelly McTear, President

Martin Sheen’s character in the iconic political drama *The West Wing* kept things moving by asking his staff, “What’s next?” As the MCBA Women’s Section enters its fifth year as an organization and a new board enters office on October 1, I imagine many of you are asking the same question. Here’s a look at what you can expect in the coming year:

**Service:** As lawyers, we are called on to serve, and the Montgomery area has so many ways for us to do just that. Look for even more fundraisers, legal service projects, and community assistance in the year to come.

**Support:** We all know that there’s no magical influx of knowledge or competence bestowed upon those listed on the bar-pass rolls. Lawyer-ing is a process, and a successful career is built on a continuous effort to improve oneself. Look for the Women’s Section to provide more opportunities to partner with you in building legal knowledge, skills, and business acumen this year.

**Socials:** Sometimes it’s good to just kick back and relax. We want to provide a mixture of activities for our members that appeal to all the various aspects of a lady lawyer’s life. Halloween Party with the spouse? Check. Shopping with your lady friends? Got it. Biscuits Game with the kids? You bet. We’ll be hosting all these events and more in the coming year to help you find your chill.

It has been my honor to serve as the President of the Montgomery County Bar Association’s Women’s Section for the past year, and I look forward to continuing to serve on the board next year, as past president. I’ve enjoyed meeting so many lawyers in Montgomery and serving as the Women’s Section voice on the MCBA Board of Directors. To my Board and Officers, thank you for working with me and dedicating your time to making our group stronger every year.

To next year’s President, Board, and Officers, our section celebrates its 5th Anniversary this year. We’ve done a lot of good and had a lot of fun. My charge to you for the year is to aim high when you ask yourselves, “What’s next?”

-Kelly

If you’re already a member of the Women’s Section, be sure to read the e-newsletter for details about upcoming events. If you’re not a member, WHY NOT!? Annual dues are $30 for MCBA members. Contact mcbawomen@gmail.com for more information.
Join us for our 11th Annual Charity Event, the “MCBA Tailgate” Featuring Great Food, Local Craft Beers, and Live Music!

Entertainment by

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
The Warehouse at Alley Station
130 Commerce Street, Montgomery, Alabama
Casual Attire

Tickets and Sponsorship Information available at:
www.mcbar.org

All proceeds will benefit
Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program

Presenting Sponsor
Beasley Allen

Beasley Allen Crow Metheny Portis & Miles, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
Attorney since 1972
Workers’ Compensation Law CLE

September 22, 2016
10:30—1:00
Montgomery County Courthouse 3rd floor

2 hour CLE with lunch provided by IWP

CLE presented by
Morris, Cary, Andrews, Talmadge, and Driggers, LLC
Bill Abell & Brittney Bragg—A Workers’ Comp Case from start to finish
Cory Driggers—Increasing the Value of a Workers’ Comp Case
Tracy Cary—New Case Law Updates
Dan Talmadge—Third Party Cases

FREE FOR MCBA MEMBERS
$100 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Preregistration: dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or 265-4793

This CLE has been approved for 2.0 hours of CLE by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama.
A Lifeboat for Law Practices

October 27th
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Jury Assembly Room, Montgomery County Phelps-Price Courthouse

1:00 Mediation 101: a Refresher for Attorneys
Presenter: Jana Garner

2:00 Solo & Small Firm Life: A Survival Guide
Presenter: Craig Cargile

3:00 Going Paperless for the Law Office
Presenter: Sam Irby

You may register for one, two, or all three of these sessions.
Free to MCBA members- $50 per hour for non-members
Call 265-4793 or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org

Each of these courses has been approved by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama for one hour credit.
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.
12TH ANNUAL
Don Garner
Charity Golf Classic
Benefiting the Faulkner Law Student Disaster Relief Fund

Friday, October 21, 2016
at The Arrowhead Country Club
Registration: 7 AM
Tee-time: 8 AM

Lunch sponsored by the Alabama Association for Justice. Live radio remote by 107.5 FM–The Ticket’s Doug Amos and Charlie Trotman. Each player receives green fee and cart, range balls, lunch, t-shirt and the opportunity to win fantastic door prizes! Contests include closest-to-the-pin, long drive, hit-the-green, and putting.

Levels of Sponsorship:
- $475 Team and Hole Sponsorship
- $350 Team
- $100 Hole Sponsor

Individual Players
- $100 Attorney or Non-attorney
- $75 Law student

Awards:
- Net Division: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
- Hole-in-One Shoot Out

Team Name____________________ Contact____________________ Phone____________________
Player 1____________________ Address____________________ Handicap____________________
Player 2____________________ Address____________________ Handicap____________________
Player 3____________________ Address____________________ Handicap____________________
Player 4____________________ Address____________________ Handicap____________________

T-shirt sizes: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large
*Each team receives four t-shirts.

To register, email Autumn Bailey, Faulkner Law Career Development Office, at abaily@faulkner.edu, or call 334.386.7905. You may also register online at: www.faukner.edu/events/the-classic
A Message from the Commissioners

By Flynn Mozingo

As Montgomery County lawyers, we are all proud to have one of our own, Cole Portis, as the new President of the Alabama State Bar. As lawyers and members of the Montgomery County Bar, we’ve all benefitted from Cole’s leadership and outreach to us as legal professionals and, most important, as human beings striving to do our best in a very demanding and often unappreciated profession. We’ve been affected especially by Cole’s example of devout, caring, humble humanity exemplified by his role as helpful friend and extraordinary father to his beautiful family which is a snapshot of our world.

It was with no surprise that Cole’s first speech as State Bar President was an exhortation to the Commissioners and all members of the Bar to “Love Your Neighbor - In the Bar and in the World,” which was re-published last month in The Docket. True to his love of neighbor, Cole has asked us, the Commissioners for the 15th Judicial Circuit, to reach out to you, our neighbors, friends, and constituencys in the Montgomery Bar, to better know your needs, concerns, and thoughts regarding our State Bar. And, as a good neighbor should do, we want to share with you the work of the Commissioners and the State Bar in building a better “neighborhood” for us all. Therefore, it is our goal for each Commissioner over the next year, and hopefully long beyond, to use The Docket to reach out to you, invite your input, and keep you informed of the work of your Commissioners and your State Bar.

Your Commissioners are David Martin, Les Pittman, George Parker, Gibson Vance, Jeffrey Duffey, and Flynn Mozingo. There are two Commissioners at Large, selected by the Board of Bar Commissioners, who are also from Montgomery County. They are Monet Gaines and Karen Laneaux. All of us want to serve you better and have your input on the matters we are asked to decide.

The next meeting of the Board of Bar Commissioners is September 16, 2016. If you would like to know more about the meeting and the items on the agenda please give any of us a call. We will provide notice on future action items as they arise, and look forward to receiving your input. To borrow Cole’s words to the Commissioners:

We as a state bar would be foolish not to listen. So, I want to hear from you. I want to hear the good and the bad. I want to hear praise, criticism and ideas on how we can improve our members’ lives and our profession. Constant and consistent improvement is our goal.

The State Bar has also developed a contact page called “BetterBar,” which can be accessed at https://www.alabar.org/membership/betterbar/. The webpage is also accessible at the State Bar website: www.alabar.org. Please contact us and work with us to constantly and consistently improve our Bar. For your benefit, each of your Commissioners’ contact information is provided below:

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**MEMBER NEWS**

**Changes, Moves, and Appointments**

**Shelley Corley** has relocated to Mobile where she is working with the Mobile County District Attorney’s Office.

**Peyton Faulk** has switched teams (from the Public Defenders) to the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office.

**Seth Gowan** has moved from the District Attorney’s Office to the Alabama Homebuilders Licensure Board.

**Lloria James** is the newly appointed and sworn-in **Deputy District Attorney** for Montgomery County, having most recently served on the D.A. staff at the Juvenile Correction Facility.

**Justin Paulk** has been appointed to be the Deputy Legal Advisor for Governor Robert Bentley.

**Azzie Taylor**, former Deputy District Attorney, has moved to work in for the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services.

**Honors, Awards, Recognitions**

Four attorneys from **Gilpin Givhan, LLC** were recently selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*:

**Robert Gilpin**—Tax Law and Litigation & Controversy-Tax; also named “Lawyer of the Year” in Tax Law and Litigation

**Robert Ritchey**—Closely Held Companies & Family Business Law

**Davis Smith**—Tax Law

**John Weiss**—Health Care Law

**Gregg Everett** was selected as an Alabama “Super Lawyer” in the practice area of Health Care Law.

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**

**Michael Kidd**—Michael Kidd, Attorney at Law

**Adero Marshall**—Office of the Montgomery County Public Defender
YOUNG LAWYERS’ SECTION ELECTIONS COMING UP

Elections for the Montgomery County Young Lawyers Section Executive Board will be held on October 6th at 5:30PM at The Pine Bar. The elections will be part of a social. So, even if you do not intend to run for a position, please join us. There will be 8 positions up for grabs: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and 5 Board Member positions. Each position has a 2 year term.

If you intend to run for one of the positions, you must send in a Notice of Intent at least 48 hours prior to the elections. More specifically, your Notice of Intent is due on or before October 4th at 5:30PM. You can send the Notice of Intent to Brannan Reaves at BReaves@websterhenry.com. Please include your full name, firm name, and the position for which you intend to run.

Please feel free to contact me at janderson@hillhillcarter.com if you have any questions.

Jesse Anderson
YLS President

SAVE THE DATES!

Nov. 10 MCBA Tailgate Annual Charity Fundraiser
The Warehouse at Alley Station

Dec. 14-15 MCBA Bench and Bar CLE
The Federal Courthouse (details TBA)

Dec. 15 MCBA Holiday Gala
Wynlakes Country Club

F.Y.I.

September 6– Labor Day—Courthouse will be closed
October 10—Columbus Day/Native Americans Day—Courts will be closed.
November 8– Election Day—Go vote!
November 11– Veterans’ Day—Courthouse will be closed.
November 24-25—Thanksgiving—Courthouse will be closed.
December 26– In observance of Christmas—Courthouse will be closed.