MCBA Charity Event Brings Fall Fun

Fall is finally in the air, and with that comes leaves changing, pumpkin-spice everything, and everyone’s favorite – football. And one of the best parts about football is tailgating. I know we all look forward to the fellowship and food that comes with a good tailgate party, so we at the MCBA have decided to add another tailgating party into the mix.

The MCBA’s 11th annual charity event will be The Tailgate at Alley Warehouse, Thursday, November 10, 2016. We’ll have the fellowship of those in the legal community and beyond (the event is not limited to MCBA members or lawyers). We’ll have tailgate food prepared by Vintage Year. And while we won’t be watching football, we’ll have the entertainment of Willie Sugarcapps, an Americana group that couldn’t be more suited for an autumn evening of tailgating.

To sponsor the charity event or to reserve tickets, please see pages 7 & 8.

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MCBA President, Royal Dumas
VLP CORNER

WOW! What a great Wills for Heroes event we had recently, when the MVLP provided wills, powers of attorney and advanced health care directives for first responders at the downtown Montgomery Police Department. And it was a super turnout by our volunteers. Kudos to the attorneys of Beasley Allen who led the way, but we want to give a special shout-out to all those who took the time to help.

Lending their expertise to this worthy cause were Shawn Jenkins Cole, Erika Perrone Tatum, Vania Hosea, Kelly McTear, Katie Cameron O’Mailia, Mark Edward Smith, Shirley Brown, Aigner Kolom, Jennifer Emmel, Liz Eiland and Sonny Wills.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Docket you’ll find details and opportunities associated with the MCBA fundraiser for 2016, The MCBA Tailgate, benefiting the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program. From the reports I’ve heard, it should be a fantastic night of merriment, with outstanding food and drink, plus live music by the renowned Willie Sugarcapps, all for a great cause. You can purchase tickets either from the MCBA website at www.mcbar.org or through a link on our website event calendar, www.montgomeryvlp.org. Tailgate sponsorships are still available, so talk amongst yourselves at your firm and sign up today.

Later this month, October 27 to be exact, MVLP will be partnering with the Faulkner Law Office of Public Interest to conduct a Veterans’ Civil Legal Assistance Clinic at the VA Clinic at 8105 Veterans Way, just off Chantilly Parkway. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., we will be serving the civil legal needs of those who have served us in the military. We still need volunteers to take a shift during this day-long event, so please contact us at 265-0222, ext. 2 and let us know of your availability. It’s a great way to say thanks for a job well done by our veterans. They were there when we needed them, so let’s return the favor.

We are approaching 800 requests for assistance this year, resulting in over 260 cases opened. Many of our clients come to us as a result of our Advice and Counsel Clinics, held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We are always in need of volunteer attorneys to assist with these clinics, where we see individuals with a variety of civil legal issues. If you haven’t done so already – or even if you have – please consider joining us for one of our remaining clinics this year. The clinics are from 3:00-5:00 p.m., and will allow you to make a tremendous difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community. Please consider this request and give us a call at 265-0222.

Assisting at our clinics in September were Evan Allen, Hannah Kennedy, Joel Caldwell, Joana Ellis, and Royce Wadsworth. We are grateful for the service rendered by these volunteers, without whom our clinics would not be possible.

Until next month, enjoy the (hopefully) cooler Fall weather, cheer on your favorite team(s), and resolve to become an active volunteer with MVLP. I promise you’ll be glad you did.
The Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program appreciates all who made the Wills for Heroes event a success.

Thank you!

MVLP Volunteer Opportunities in October

Tuesday, October 4th—Counsel and Advice Clinic 3:00-5:00 p.m.—1100 Adams Ave.
Tuesday, October 20th—Counsel and Advice Clinic 3:00-5:00 p.m.—1100 Adams Ave.
Thursday, October 27th—Veterans’ Civil Legal Assistance Clinic (offered in cooperation with Faulkner Law Office of Public Interest) at 8105 Veterans Way (off Chantilly Parkway) 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Please call Mike Martin at (334) 265-0222, ext. 1 to participate.

The following attorneys recently accepted Pro Bono Cases through the MVLP

John Charles  The Anderson Firm, LLC
John Craft  Faulkner University—Jones School of Law
Tim Gallagher  Sasser Sefton, & Brown, P.C.
Royce Wadsworth  Wadsworth Law Office, LLC
Mike Winter  Winter Legal Strategies, LLC

The following attorneys recently closed Pro Bono Cases through the MVLP

James G. Hawthorne, Jr.  Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
Joel Caldwell  Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
Tim Gallagher  Sasser, Sefton, & Brown, P.C.
LaKesha Shahid  Shahid & Hosea LLC
Ashley Smith  Miller Smith, LLC
Kelly McTear  Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
Laurel Crawford (2)  Law Office of Laurel M. Crawford
Mike Winter  Winter Legal Strategies, LLC

Thank you!
The Montgomery County Bar Association

Award for MCBA Volunteer Lawyer of the Year

The MCBA Volunteer Lawyer of the Year Award annually recognizes a Montgomery Lawyer who has distinguished himself or herself through pro bono publico service to the low income population of the community or by providing legal assistance to a local non-profit organization. The Award honors a lawyer who renders such service without expectation of remuneration and who, through his or her service, has provided hours of legal expertise for the betterment of our community.

Nominee: ________________________________________________________________

Nominating Attorney: _____________________________________________________

Description of the Nominee’s pro bono activities and qualifications for the award: (attach additional sheets if needed)

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Deadline for Nominations to be submitted: October 31, 2016

Mail nominations to: Suzanne Duffey
c/o Montgomery County Bar Association
P.O. Box 72
Montgomery, AL 36101-0072
As I begin my term as President of the Women’s Section, I cannot help but feel encouraged by the accomplished and intelligent women above who preceded me. While we are still growing and evolving as a section, our foundations are strong and well-laid. This upcoming year will be one of even more opportunities for the women of the MCBA to show their commitment to the practice of law as well as their dedication to making others’ lives a little better. The Women’s Section will be focusing on educating and empowering female members of the MCBA as well as actively engaging in service projects and activities that will impact women and children in our community. We encourage all female members of the MCBA to join us in our endeavors this year – only with your help can we accomplish our goals. With that said, please join us for our annual Halloween Social on October 27th at The Tavern below Railyard Brewing Company. More details can be found elsewhere in the Docket. All MCBA members are welcome to attend. Our board is also putting together a service project for our members to participate in this holiday season. As lawyers, we are called to serve and being active in our communities helping those in need is key. More details will be available later.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our 2016-2017 Officers and Board. I am proud to work with these women, each of whom brings something different to the table which will strengthen our section.

President - **Effie Hawthorne**, Law Office of Jeffery C. Duffey (seated middle)

Vice President – **Salem Afangideh**, The Relf Law Firm, LLC (seated right)

Secretary/Treasurer – **Kelly McTear**, Faulkner Law School (seated left)

**Effie Hawthorne, President**
Cyber News by Wallace Mills

Cloud-based Data Storage. Is it Safe?

Whether it’s document sharing through web-based portals like Dropbox or Google Docs, electronic document signing or online document storage through web-based practice management software, most of us are faced with using or storing electronic data somewhere outside of our offices. Cloud-based service providers tell us that our documents are secure, but what does that really mean? I am sure we would all like to think that wherever this data goes, it must be sitting in a building that looks remarkably like Fort Knox with a huge fence around it and concertina wire rimming the top. The reality is that it is probably sitting in various places in fairly non-descript warehouse facilities in the low rent part of town—whatever town that may be.

Most web-based document sharing and office-management programs use encryption and fragmentation to securely store and transport our data. Dropbox says that it “uses SSL/TLS for file transfer,” and that the data is “stored in discrete file blocks that are fragmented and encrypted using 256-bit AES.” The web-based provider, essentially, fragments our data so that not enough data is contained on one physical drive such that it can be put together into anything usable.

So, what do the letters SSL, TLS, and AES mean? Technically, they stand for Secure Socket Layer, Transport Layer Security, and Advanced Encryption Standard. Suffice it to say that these are standards for encrypting—or coding, if you like—data. These encryption methods use “keys” to encrypt and decrypt the data. Only the browser which is authorized to view the data has the “keys” necessary to decrypt it. Storing data in an encrypted format, therefore, limits who can view it.

Transferring data from the off-site storage facility to your computer is not dissimilar. Your browser connects with the server and, after a series of communications, a secure session is established. Usually, you know this has happened when that familiar green padlock shows up in the address bar of your browser and the “http” at the beginning of the address line turns to “https.” The server encrypts the data and sends it to you. The “key” contained in your browser, then, decrypts the data, and you get your document. The idea is that no other intercepting browser would be able to decrypt the data into a useable form, because it would not have the necessary “key.”

All of this is certainly raises the bar for any would-be hacker, but nothing is impregnable; the British cracked Germany’s Enigma code with a computer—if you want to call it that—that had far less computing power than a modern calculator. The truth is, our data is probably much more vulnerable right where it originates, on our own computers sitting on our own desks.

(Note from the Editor: We appreciate board member Wallace Mills’ willingness to share tips and strategies for maximizing wireless technology in law practice.)
TAILGATE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

JOIN US FOR OUR 11TH ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT, THE “MCBA TAILGATE”
FEATURING GREAT FOOD, LOCAL CRAFT BEERS, AND LIVE MUSIC!

ENTERTAINMENT BY:
WILLIE SUGARCAFFS

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
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☐ Yes, I want to partner with the MCBA and be a sponsor of the 11th Annual Charity Event.

Company/Firm/Donor Name__________________________

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Bronze Sponsor $1,000  
8 complimentary tickets

☐ Supporter $500  
4 complimentary tickets

Additional tickets may be ordered for $50 each ________(qty)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Credit Card payments may be made online at www.mcbar.org

Checks should be made payable to: Montgomery County Bar Foundation
Please mail check and this form to:  
Montgomery County Bar Foundation  
P.O. Box 644  
Montgomery, AL 36101

Signature _______________________________ Date____________________
The Montgomery County Bar Association is pleased to offer the following opportunities for professional development. All CLEs are approved by the Mandatory Commission for Continuing Legal Education for the stated number of hours.

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TWELVE HOURS OF CLE—DETAILS TBA

You are invited to a Retirement Reception honoring

Judge William Shashy

for his 20 years of service to the 15th Judicial Circuit

October 13, 2016
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Montgomery County Courthouse
Third Floor
It’s been an honor to serve as President of the Young Lawyers Section. My term will end when elections are held on October 6th. The Executive Board—which includes Will Cunningham, Beau Darley, Landon Eley, Ali Hawthorne, Charlie Hawthorne, Elliott Lipinsky, Brannan Reaves, and Allen Sheehan—is an awesome group that made the last two years a huge success. The Young Lawyers Section was created to act as a way for young/new lawyers to get involved in our Montgomery County Bar. I feel confident that this group has done an excellent job in strengthening the base, by number and interest, of the young/new lawyers that are involved in the bar. Again, thank you all for allowing me to serve.

Now, for new business...

**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](mailto:janderson@hillhillcarter.com) if you have any questions.

Jesse Anderson
YLS President
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

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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.faulkner.edu/events/the-classic
Welcome to our new members!

**Natalie Bryant**—Troy University (main campus)
**Andrew Gable**—Mark Andrew Gable, Esq.
**Susan Bet-Sayad**—Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office
**Madelyn Mauldin**—Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office
**Brock Boone**—Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office
**Serena Cronier**—Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office
**Taylor Davenport**—Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office

**Congratulations** to Jim Vickrey and wife, Lenore, upon the birth of their first grandchild, Jameson Ward Vickrey.

**Attorneys in Transition**

**Rick Morrison** has opened his private practice in Product Liability Torts. The Morrison Law Firm, LLC is located at 8219 Old Federal Road.

**Alvin (Peck) Fox** has opened his private practice, The Fox Law Firm, LLC, located at 250 Commerce Street, Suite 200.

**Ashley Rives** has recently joined Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black, P.C.

**Peyton Faulk and Terri Mayweather-Jones** have moved to the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office.

**Wesley Shaw** is now with the State Attorney General’s Office.

**Azzie Taylor** is now with the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services.

**Seth Gowan** is now with the Alabama Homebuilders Licensure Board.

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**MCBA MEMBER NEWS**

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**Save the date!**

**MCBA Holiday Gala**
December 15, 2016
Wynlakes Country Club
6:30-9:30 p.m.
THE WICKED WITCHES’ BASH
HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2016

Location: The Tavern below Railyard Brewing Company
12 West Jefferson Street

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

Join the Montgomery County Bar Association’s Women’s Section for their annual Halloween social! Mark your calendars for a night of spirits (the alcoholic kind) and creepy company. This event is open to all members of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Hors’deouvers, beer, and wine will be provided. Costumes welcome but not required. To RSVP or for more information, please email us at mcbawomen@gmail.com.
A Message from Your Bar Commissioners

By David Martin

By the time you see this it will be October (hopefully less 95 degrees), and Pro Bono Month will officially be underway. Increasing access to justice through the provision of pro bono legal services has been a major initiative of our State and County Bar Associations for many years. Since the establishment of the Montgomery County Bar Foundation Volunteer Lawyers Program, the number of local pro bono cases handled and volunteers has steadily increased. However, we still have a long way to go as the demand locally for pro bono representation is significant. If you have not already volunteered with the Montgomery VLP, doing so during Pro Bono Month would be particularly appropriate. A simple call to the Montgomery VLP office is all it takes, and you can even specify the type of cases you would be willing to accept. The phone number for the Montgomery VLP office is 265-0222.

I would also encourage each of you to participate in one or more of the many activities being held in connection with Pro Bono Month. One I would highlight is the Montgomery VLP Recognition Luncheon to be held on October 25th at 129 Coosa. Judge Harold Albritton will be the speaker, and the luncheon is free to all lawyers who took a case this year or volunteered at one of the many Montgomery VLP clinics.

As always, feel free to contact me or any of your other Bar Commissioners with any questions, concerns or ideas you have. We appreciate the opportunity to represent you and look forward to hearing from you.

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Note from the editor: MCBA will be providing the minutes of the Board of Bar Commissioners meetings in keeping with Alabama State Bar President Cole Portis’ goal to have more transparency regarding State Bar business.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Bar Commissioners

FROM: Keith B. Norman, Executive Director

RE: Board of Bar Commissioners Meeting Notes

Friday, September 16, 2016

DATE: September 20, 2016

1. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the June 22, 2016 and June 25, 2016 Board Meetings and the meetings of the June 25, 2016 Grande Convocation and Business Meeting were approved.

2. Reprimands – Kyla G. Kelim, Fairhope; Charles Isaac Brooks, Hueytown; and James Tony Glenn, Marion County received public reprimands with publication for violating the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct.

3. President’s Report – President Portis gave an update on the executive director’s search. He also talked about his discussion of professionalism with circuit and district court judges and encouraged the commissioners to do likewise in their circuits. He stressed that during his term communications both to and from members would be a primary focus during his term of office.

He next discussed relief for those victims of the flood in Louisiana and outlined how Alabama lawyers can help through donations of specific items at collection points around the state including Huntsville, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery and Mobile as well as contributions to the Alabama Law Foundation designated for Louisiana Flood Relief. Finally, the President informed the commission that more than 300 bar members were appointed to 19 committees and 10 task forces. He discussed, in particular, the work of the Long Range Planning Task Force and the Quality of Life Task Force.

4. Lawyer Assistance Program Report – Robert Thornhill, director of the Alabama State Bar Lawyer Assistance Program discussed the landmark study issued in 2016 concerning substance abuse and mental health concerns among American attorneys. He stated that 19 states participated in the survey involving more than 15,000 lawyers. Alabama was among the states that participated. He reported that the findings of the study were alarming because it revealed that 21-36 percent of those responding to the survey had a score consistent with alcohol use disorder (alcoholism) and 28 percent of the responses indicate a mild to high level of depression.

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Mr. Thornhill indicated the character traits that make lawyers successful also tend to impede lawyers seeking help and that many lawyers don’t want to disclose the fact that they have a problem. He stressed that the Lawyer Assistance Program is a confidential and voluntary program and that the bar is trying to ensure that this message gets out to all lawyers so that those who need help will voluntarily seek the services of the program.

5. External Relations Report – Ed Patterson discussed the Leadership Forum with the deadline being October 3rd for applications for the 2017 Class. He outlined the limited time enrollment for the Lloyds of London membership benefit disability program and discussed the annual meeting to be held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, July 12-15, 2017.

6. Service Programs Report – Laura Calloway discussed the task force work on improving and enhancing member benefits as well as the planned work of the Lawyer University Task Force.

7. Digital Communications Report – Eric Anderson informed the commission that department member Kelley Lee had recently had a son and that both mother and son were doing fine. He noted that the new Digital Communications Committee was working on improving bar communications. Mr. Anderson also updated the commission about consolidated fee invoices reporting that after two weeks more bar members were paying fees early and online than last year. He explained two changes to enhance the CFI: firm administrators can now save their work project and members can now print a voucher and mail the voucher with a check.

8. Volunteer Lawyers Report – Linda Lund introduced Chasity Foster as the newest member of the VLP staff replacing Carrie Black-Phillips as an intake paralegal. She updated the commission on pro bono month which will be the month of October and described some of the planned events and activities that will be held during pro bono-month.

9. Admissions Report – Justin Aday discussed proposed rule changes to the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar. (The marked-up version of the changes was included in the meeting materials.) He outlined the five substantive rule changes that involved increasing the fee from $50 to $100 for postponing the bar exam and allowing the bar exam fee to be carried forward for one examination only. The third change would increase the “shelf life” of the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) to 25 months. The fourth change would permit a forfeiture of a bar exam fee if a candidate is turned down by character and fitness and is unsuccessful or chooses not to appeal an adverse character and fitness determination. The last rule change would involve Rule III (reciprocity) by removing the requirement that a reciprocity candidate certify his or her intention to conduct at least 75 percent of their practice in Alabama and having an office in the state. This item will be an action item at the next meeting.

10. Proposed Changes to MCLE Regulations – Commissioner Terri Tompkins, chair of the MCLE Commission, explained the proposed changes which include an increase in the preapproved sponsor fee from $250 to $350 as well as charging a $25 fee for out of state attorneys who wish to claim the MCLE exemption for having completed the MCLE requirements in their home jurisdiction. The first item would become effective October 1 with the second item becoming effective in 2017. This matter was moved to an action item and approved.
11. At-Large Commissioner Proposed Rule Change – Commissioner Monet Gaines explained the strides that had been made with the at-large commissioner rule and stated that the current proposal was an attempt to refine the at-large process and assure that it continues to enhance diversity on the Board of Bar Commissioners. She explained that the proposed changes would allow the executive committee to recommend only those individuals that meet the specific categories as authorized under the statute and not submit the entire list of candidates to the commission who apply for consideration as at-large applicants. Limited discussion followed the report which will be an action item at the next meeting.

12. Local Bar Task Force Report – Commissioner Gibson Vance and Commissioner Bob Methvin both reported on the work of the task force. Commissioner Vance outlined two-prong plan of sending out ambassadors to all local specialty bars with PowerPoint presentations to talk about the state bar and bar programs. The second prong is a retreat planned for October 27-28 to provide CLE credit and training for local bar officers and specialty bars regarding the Alabama State Bar. Commissioners Allison Skinner and Cooper Shattuck were recognized to talk about their experience in making presentations to local bar associations. Commissioner Methvin provided further details about the retreat including five CLE credits, a reception and breakfast on the morning of October 28th prior to the October board meeting. Commissioner Vance concluded by encouraging commissioners to make sure that the bar presidents in their respective circuits attend.

13. Communication Satisfaction Survey Results – Commissioner Jana Garner discussed the June survey findings which attempted to isolate the method of preferred communication among bar members. The survey indicated that 80 percent of the respondents prefer email for general updates from the bar but it also revealed that most of those who responded did not have websites. She also highlighted the fact that 70 percent of those who responded have never spoken with or never heard from their respective commissioners. Commissioner Garner reported that a “satisfaction” survey was sent in August which isolated lawyers’ concerns about maintaining a balance between family and work as well as money concerns. She stated that only 500 lawyers responded to the second survey while 2000 responded to the first survey. A third survey regarding the website will be sent in November.

14. Bankruptcy Summit – Commissioner Shepard highlighted the activities planned for the Summit which is scheduled for October 11 in the board room at the Alabama State Bar. The volunteer lawyer programs will be present to discuss with bankruptcy judges, clerks and others how to better address pro bono needs in the bankruptcy courts. He noted that Judge Latta of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Memphis, Tennessee would be the guest speaker. Commissioner Shepard stated that this program could be used as a template for collaboration with the VLPs on relevant issues.

15. Addendum Changes – Commissioner Allison Skinner, who will be serving as editor of the Addendum newsletter, discussed the survey conducted by the Board of Editors of The Alabama Lawyer regarding the Addendum. She stated that based on the survey results, the plan is to add more content to the Addendum format which would include more information from local bars and circuits. She also stated that the name would be changed and encourage commissioners to submit ideas for a new name.

16. Financial Management Policy for Sections – Finance Director Merinda Hall outlined the purpose of the new policy for sections which includes electronic point of sales guidelines as well as additional guidelines for opt-out sections.
17. **Rule III Applications** – Four Rule III applicants were approved for admission pursuant to Rule III of the *Rules Governing Admission of the Alabama State Bar*.

18. **Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure** - Rules 4.2(b)(6), 28(c), and 33(a) and (d) - Specifically, the amendments to Rule 4.2(b)(6), 28(c) would eliminate the time requirement for the issuance of written orders involving disciplinary re-instatement proceedings and amendments to Rule 33(a) would allow for publication of public discipline on the bar website. Rule 33(d) would increase the administrative fee in disciplinary matters from $750 to $1000. These amendments were approved and transmitted to the Supreme Court of Alabama for its consideration.

19. **Approval of New Appointee to Alabama Lawyer Assistance Foundation** – John (Jack) T. Carney was approved to fill this vacancy.

20. **Approval of New Appointee to the Legal Services Alabama Board of Directors** – Mary Pons was approved to fill this vacancy.

21. **Staff Compensation FY2016-17** – Staff compensation $3,004,180. The amount that had been budgeted for salaries was $3,298,000.