MCBA Charity Tailgate Event a Big Success!

Wow! The MCBA’s Annual Charity Event was held on Thursday, November 10. The theme Tailgate was carried out in the spacious Warehouse at Alley Station in downtown Montgomery, with Auburn and Alabama tailgate tents set up and auctioned. Vintage Year, one of the Presenting Sponsors, provided the tasty tailgate themed food and beverages. We had over three hundred guests clad in their favorite team colors enjoy the music of the nationally acclaimed Americana band Willie Sugarcapps. In the end, we netted approximately $40,000 for the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer Program, a truly deserving charity.

I hope everyone enjoyed the event and I sincerely thank all our sponsors and supporters (who are listed on pages 2 and 3). I would also like to thank Barbara Davis for offering her unique services and painting a wonderful painting of the event – it is soon to be hanging in my house. I would personally like to thank Tim Gallagher, Chase Brown, Rhon Jones, Suzanne Duffey, Rachael Gallagher, Barbara Ann Symington, Mike Martin, and Dot Robinson for all their hard work in making the Tailgate a true success. I truly appreciate everyone’s hard work.

Most importantly, it was my honor to award Kelly McTear, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law at Jones Law School, with the MCBA Volunteer Lawyer of the Year award in recognition of her many hours of pro bono service. Several years ago, the MCBA began providing a monthly clinic and each and every month, Kelly has shown up for the clinic and carried the lion’s share of work with our clients. It has been a pleasure to have spent over a decade, beginning in law school, with Kelly and seeing how she has become a great lawyer, a great professor, and, as she was from the beginning, a great person.

Wishing you happy holidays and a happy 2017!

Royal Dumas, President MCBA
Thank you, Sponsors!

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Scenes from the Tailgate 2016
Tailgate 2016
Intent to Run for MCBA Officer or Board of Directors

Any member of the Montgomery County Bar Association who plans to run for one of three positions on the Board of Directors or Secretary/Treasurer* must submit a letter of intent to run on or prior to December 16, 2016. The letter should be addressed to:

Felicia Long
Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, and Black, P.C.
P.O. Box 116
Montgomery, AL 36101-0116

A copy of the letter, plus a short biography/resume, and digital photograph must be sent to Suzanne Duffey at suzanneduffey@mc-ala.org by December 19, 2016. Biography and photo will be published in the January 2017 Docket.

For additional information, contact Suzanne Duffey at 265-4793.

* “Any member who wishes to be a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer must have first served on the Board of Directors.” (MCBA By-laws)
The Montgomery County Bar Association

Award for Service and Achievement

The MCBA Award for Service and Achievement annually recognizes a Montgomery Lawyer who has distinguished himself or herself through service to the bar and the community. The Award honors a lawyer who demonstrates the highest standard of professionalism and is respected by his or her peers for their outstanding legal ability.

Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

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Award to be presented at the MCBA Annual Meeting in January 2017.

Mail Nominations to: Suzanne Duffey
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P.O Box 72
Montgomery, AL 36101
Loosening the Death Belt XXI:

Tightening the Defense One Life
at a Time™

About the Seminar

This seminar features some of the top criminal defense attorneys in the U.S. describing the life or death issues of capital casework. In this two-day event you will hear highly acclaimed death penalty lawyers (including our own member, Bill Blanchard) speak about their experience. See Bill’s article on the next page.

Friday, January 20, 2016
8:20—4:30

Saturday, January 21, 2016
8:20-4:15

Hotel Accommodations

Must be made by January 1, 2017

Embassy Suites—Hoover
2960 John Hawkins Parkway

Reservations: 1-800-EMBASSY. Ask for “Loosening the Death Belt” rate of $136.

Registration for conference

$325.00 Members (by Jan. 1, 2017)
$375.00 After Jan. 1, 2017
$375.00 Non-members
CAPITAL TRAINING UPDATE

By Bill Blanchard

A reminder to those who are serving on the list of attorneys eligible to receive court appointments in capital murder cases in Montgomery County: In order to remain in good standing, you must complete at least 12 hours of Capital case focused CLE each 24 months.

The Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association will present “Loosening the Death Belt XXI” in Birmingham on January 20-21, 2017. This seminar will provide the required 12 hours of credit, and is recognized nationally as one of the country’s highest quality capital case training sessions. If you do handle capital cases, I recommend making this a recurring annual event on your calendar. The rapidly evolving and changing jurisprudence of death penalty cases makes frequent training a virtual necessity in order to maintain competence in these high-stakes cases. A healthy number of Montgomery lawyers attended last January, and I was personally told by many that they had benefited greatly from the experience and were glad that they had gone.

Save the date!

MCBA Annual Holiday Gala
Thursday, December 15th
At Wynlakes Country Club
6:30—9:30 p.m.

RSVP BY DECEMBER 9TH—265-4793 OR email
dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or suzanneduffey@mc-ala.org

Please bring a new unwrapped toy or gift card for Toys for Tots
Members of the U.S. Marine Corps will be on hand to accept your gifts.
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**The Bench and Bar CLE**

December 15, 2016  1:00-4:00 p.m.
December 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

At the Federal Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room
One Church Street, Montgomery, AL

Lunch on Friday will be provided!

Members may register for any or all sessions. A total of 11 CLE credits may be obtained. *All Sessions have been approved for credit by the Mandatory Commission for Continuing Legal Education in Alabama.*

**No charge for MCBA and Federal Bar members!**

$50.00 for non-members (make checks to Federal Bar) Bring payment to the CLE event.

**MCBA Members** and attorneys who are not members of either Bar may register by calling the MCBA office 265-4793

Or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org and provide your name, contact information, and Alabama State Bar number so that you can get the CLE credits.

*Federal Bar members must register with that organization.*
A Message from the Commissioners

By George Parker

One of Alabama State Bar President Cole Portis’ priorities as State Bar President this year is to reach out to its members and provide easy access to Bar Leadership. He wants to know what our members have to say—both good and bad.

One new outreach program created this year is the Local Bar Task Force. Chaired by Montgomery Bar Commissioner Gibson Vance, the goal of the task force is to have one of the 15 task force members present to each local bar association in the state and to the minority bar groups in Montgomery, Mobile and Birmingham.

I was appointed to serve on the Local Bar Task Force. I recently traveled to Covington County and presented to its local bar association. The input provided by the Covington County Local Bar Association was both interesting and eye opening. The group certainly had a lot to say (both good and bad) and appreciated my visit. The Bar has already taken steps to implement some of the good ideas that were discussed at the meeting. In the next several months I will meet with four other local bar associations across the state.

Montgomery Bar Commissioner, Karen Laneaux, is also on the Local Bar Task Force and will be presenting to the Montgomery County Bar Association after the holidays. I encourage all of our local bar members to keep an eye out for information on this meeting and try to attend. Her presentation will be a great way to learn more about your bar and will present the opportunity to let the bar know of your questions or concerns.

As has been pointed out previously, the State Bar has 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 to improve our Bar.

Our next meeting of the Board of Bar Commissioners is January 20, 2017. If you would like to know more about the meeting or about items on the agenda, please give any of us a call.

In closing, I want wish everyone a happy holiday season, and I hope you get to spend time with your family and friends during this special time of year.

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What an event! The MCBA Tailgate was a night to remember. The Warehouse at Alley Station was the perfect venue, Vintage Year provided excellent nourishment, the variety of Alabama-made craft beers and other libations available were plentiful, and the music by Willie Sugarcapps all came together for a wonderful evening. To top it off, your Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program was the beneficiary of this year’s MCBA annual charity event. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the MCBA, the firms and individuals who were the event sponsors, and all those who really made this a special occasion. I don’t know what’s planned for next year, but if The Tailgate was any indication, make yourself a reminder to reserve that night on your calendar.

And there’s more exciting news to share. The Alabama State Bar has approved a new CLE regulation that will award one hour of MCLE credit for every six hours of pro bono work completed for a maximum of three MCLE credits in a 12-month period running from October 1 through September 30. Self-reporting will not be permitted, as all credit earned through this regulation must be satisfied through the provision of pro bono legal assistance exclusively through an approved pro bono provider, such as MVLP. We will track the hours of service and report it to the MCLE Commission. Just another benefit of being a volunteer lawyer!

As 2016 comes to a close, a look back indicates the MVLP continues to experience growth in the number of clients we are able to serve and in the number of Montgomery attorneys and firms willing to make a commitment and make a difference in the lives of low-income residents in need of civil legal aid. At this writing, with half of November and all of December still to go, we have received over 1,050 requests for assistance, opened 368 cases, closed 325 cases, and provided extended representation to over 100 clients.

Our advice and counsel clinics have drawn 285 area residents, seeking advice and/or further assistance. Held every first and third Tuesday of each month, these two-hour clinics are an excellent opportunity for clients to sit down with a volunteer lawyer and receive quality legal advice. We are always in need of volunteers to help with our clinics. Won’t you take a couple of hours and come join us? Give us a call at 265-0222 and let us know that you’re available to render service to those who otherwise can’t afford to hire an attorney. As it is said, “It’ll do your heart good.”

Coming soon: A statewide survey of attorneys! The Alabama State Bar Association is collaborating with the Alabama Access to Justice Commission and Alabama’s five Volunteer Lawyers Programs to conduct a statewide survey of all Alabama attorneys. The purpose of the survey is to quantify and recognize the pro bono work done by attorneys, as well as to understand the factors that encourage or discourage pro bono service. Please be on the lookout for the survey link, which will be sent electronically in January. Your participation is encouraged!

At this time of year, we pause not only to look back at our accomplishments, but to also learn from our missteps. Your MVLP is growing and, as such, is serving an ever-expanding number of less fortunate clients with civil legal needs. Please consider joining with us and giving of your time and expertise. The demands are not very high, yet the rewards are great.

Best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season.

Mike Martin
Thank you to those who attended the Young Lawyers party at A&P Social on November 17, 2016. We had a fun time and we hope you did as well. We also want to thank our sponsors: Sterling Bank and Freedom Court Reporting. Thank you for your commitment to the community and the young lawyers of Montgomery. We will be hosting plenty more socials after the holidays where we can kick back, relax, and network with our fellow lawyers, so please join us next time. If you are not receiving the YLS social invitations, please contact elliottlipinsky@gmail.com.

Over the next two years, the Young Lawyers Section is committed to creating new and exciting ways to not only network with each other, but to also serve members of our community. In an effort to carry out these goals, the Young Lawyers Officers and Board of Directors have nominated several attorneys to serve on either a Fundraising Committee or a Social Committee. On behalf of the Young Lawyers Section, I would like to congratulate these lawyers for being individually selected to serve on the following committees:

**Fundraising Committee Nominees:**
- Mary Margaret Carroll
- Ashley Penhale
- Claire Burns
- Will Cunningham
- Jake Jeter
- Will Sutton
- Kesha Nowell
- Aigner Kolom
- Laurel Crawford
- Stuart Memory
- Jessi Meeks
- Shana Wallace

**Social Committee Nominees:**
- Kelly McTear
- Leslie Pescia
- Joel Caldwell
- Shanitra Jackson
- Miland Simpler
- John Naramore
- Trey Holtsford
- Joseph VanZandt
- Neah Mitchell
- Leslie Pitman
- Jason Paulk
- Nick Wallace
- Ben Gibbons

Congratulations to these lawyers for being selected to work with the MCBA Young Lawyers, Officers and Board of Directors, and the community that we serve. As I stated before, I challenge all young lawyers to join the MCBA YLS and get involved, help us serve our community, and be an ambassador for our legal profession.

Sincerely,
Ali Hawthorne
President
As the year’s end draws closer, I cannot help but to reflect on the successful endeavors of our small, but dedicated Women’s Section in 2016. We toasted the accomplishments of our board members and officers – LaShandra Warren-Barnes was appointed as the first female Montgomery County Courthouse Administrator, Ali Hawthorne was promoted to a Principal at Beasley Allen, and Kelly McTear was the MCBA Volunteer Lawyer of the Year. We encouraged and empowered our female lawyers to find their grit in the challenging world of law through a CLE jointly organized with the Alabama State Bar Women’s Section. We hosted St. Patrick’s Day and Halloween celebrations for our fellow attorneys. We enjoyed a much needed spa day as well as a Biscuits Baseball outing this summer. Finally, we gave back to our community. Thanks to the generous donations of MCBA members, we provided Thanksgiving meals to families in Montgomery’s inner city. We cannot accomplish our goals without the support and generosity of our members and the MCBA.

Our board is already constructing an eventful and rewarding 2017. As you may know, our Alabama State Bar President Cole Portis has been encouraging members to focus on health and wellness in their practice of law and in their lives. As President of the Women’s Section, I strongly advocate for maintaining healthy bodies and minds. I myself am an avid taker of Pure Barre. Our Vice-President Salem Afangideh is a yoga instructor and enthusiast. This January, we are encouraging our members to start fresh in 2017 and do something for themselves. We will have three opportunities for our members to participate in free classes, including Pure Barre and yoga. More information will be available in the January Docket and by email. If you are not on our email list, take this chance to join our section and be involved with all of the events we offer. Invoices for members will be going out in January so there is no better time to join. Please email us at mcbawomen@gmail.com for more information.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays & a Happy New Year from the Women’s Section!
Member News

Transitioning
Governor Robert Bentley announces that Christy O. Edwards was appointed an associate judge of the Alabama Tax Tribunal. Christy is an attorney in the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Congratulations for honors
Jere L. Beasley, Beasley Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C. Principal & Founder, has been selected as one of the 2016 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America. Being a member of the Lawdragon 500 is one of the most elite honors in the law profession. Recipients of this honor are determined by a combination of editorial research by Lawdragon staff, submissions from law firms and an online nomination form. Jere has practiced law as an advocate for victims of wrongdoing since 1962. His numerous courtroom victories include landmark cases that have made a positive impact upon our society. Most recently Jere was co-lead counsel in the trial of Jaqueline Fox v. Johnson & Johnson and Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc. where a jury found Johnson & Johnson liable for injuries resulting from the use of its talc-containing products. The jury awarded Ms. Fox’s estate $72 million after agreeing the products contributed to the development of her ovarian cancer.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 5 attorneys from their Montgomery Office have been named to the 2016 Mid-South Super Lawyers or Rising Stars lists. Those named to Mid-South Super Lawyers for 2016 are:

- Phil Butler (Business Litigation)
- William C. McGowin (General Litigation)
- George Parker (General Litigation)
- Charles Stewart (Business Litigation).

Rudy Hill was name a Mid-South Rising Star for 2016. Super Lawyers designation is based on peer recognition and professional achievement.

Balch & Bingham was named a “highly recommended” firm in Alabama in the 2017 edition of Benchmark Litigation, the definitive guide to America’s leading litigation firms and attorneys. This is the fifth year that Balch & Bingham has been recognized by this publication. In addition, two partners in the Montgomery office were recognized; Lane Knight and Kelly Pate were both named Top Litigator Under 40.

In Memoriam
and sympathy to Buster Russell and family
Hon. Robert Jackson Russell, Sr.

passed away November 13, 2016
Volunteer Lawyers Make Santa’s “Nice” List

The following attorneys recently accepted Pro Bono Cases Through the MVLP:

John Charles: The Anderson Law Firm, LLC
Kelly McTear: Faulkner University—Jones School of Law
John Craft: Faulkner University—Jones School of Law
Victoria Relf: The Relf Law Firm, LLC
Tamika Miller: Miller Smith, LLC
Royce Wadsworth: Wadsworth Law Office, LLC
Fernando Morgan: The Morgan Law Firm

Last chance for Ethics CLE credits in 2016!

Ethics—Best Practices for Your Firm

Presented by Tripp Vickers

Thursday, December 8th
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Montgomery County Courthouse 3rd floor

Registration by email to dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or
Call 265-4793

No charge to MCBA members   $50 for non-members

This program has been approved for 1 hour of ethics by the Mandatory Commission of Continuing Legal Education in Alabama.

(Note: This is a change in topic from the original ethics program. The other speaker had a conflict arise. We greatly appreciate Tripp Vickers stepping in on somewhat short notice.)
2016!! ‘Dewey Beats Truman” pales in comparison! Astounding! Astonishing!! Shocking!!! Mr. “You’re Fired” will be our president. It was dramatic. In Republican primaries the ultimate Trump (despite his Rubio-described small hands) trumped a reputedly strong field, while in the course of Democratic primaries, more leaks sprung from the Democratic National Committee than from our Bar’s entire population of 70 year old men. As a result, (historically unpopular) Hillary barely edged (self-described Socialist and Trump-described Communist) Bernie Sanders for elected delegates. The general election was worse. Hillary’s “basket of deplorables” insulted half of half the nation, while Trump’s behavior defied the English language for adequate description. Normal pejoratives (you know what they are) couldn’t capture its essence. And, yet, with an avalanche of help from his friends, Comey, Putin and Wikileaks (and more hacks than attend a medical convention), and with anti-establishment sentiments flooding the heart-land, Trump steamrolled to (Electoral College) victory.

I personally blame McPhillips. His (Troy University) televised debate on Hillary’s behalf (against Perry Jr.) went viral, and was so devastatingly convincing that Hillary supporters from Florida to Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania mercy voted for Trump. For Alabama, and Alabamians, the outcome likely will be seismic. We’re losing – and (big time) gaining. Assuming (confirmation) lightning doesn’t strike twice (and it rarely does), Jeff Sessions will become Alabama’s first United States Attorney General in forever, and the smart money is on (former Distinguishable Lawyer) Judge Bill Pryor to sing with the Supremes. Big Luther already has announced a run for Sessions’ seat and, through interim appointment, could leave for DC sooner than later.

Then, who becomes Alabama AG? Obviously, one of you! Sort of exciting!!

Incredibly, 2016 brought other indelible memories. We have this year endured the suspension of our (allegedly) homophobic Chief Justice and the criminal conviction of our House Speaker. And, we continue to be regaled by “family value”, Trump supporting, Republican Legislators endlessly complaining about a purported sexual relationship in the Governor’s office. There was also good news. First, Cubs Win! Cubs Win!! Second, James Anderson was elected Circuit Court Judge to replace Judge Shashy who, after serving with distinction, entered a well-deserved retirement. Third but the greatest of these, Montgomery County lawyers vowed to make our Bar Great Again (for the 40th consecutive year), and have otherwise continued throughout this drama-filled year to be entirely distinguishable. Two have been “Most Distinguishable”.

Our first honoree, Justice Tom Parker, is recognized for his starring role in the TV reality show “Survivor” – because after a tumultuous year, he remains on the Island (aka the Alabama Supreme Court). Let’s face it. Justice Parker is a latter day Minnesota Twin. Like the original twins – US S Ct Justices Burger and Blackmun – were for a short time, Justice Parker and (suspended) Chief Justice Roy Moore are joined at the hip – they are brothers from another . . . whatever. Neither ever made an (outrageous) statement the other did not fully endorse. Before becoming a Justice, (Justice) Parker was the CJ’s legal adviser and even represented him in the Chief’s first ouster ordeal – something to do with a 2 ton Rock for the Ages and pesky, meddling federal courts.

On the Island, Justice Parker railed against the US Supreme Court opinion banning capital punishment for juveniles and then publically stoned his own Court for adhering to Supreme Court precedent. Safe to say, Justice Parker was thrilled with our (great) State’s return of his twin to the judicial throne. And, until recently Justice Parker’s chief ally on the Court was the Chief. But, even they, this year, parted company. Yes, both blasted same-sex marriage and the same ole’ meddling federal courts that protected it. And, yes, both sued the Judicial Inquiry Commission in the course of its (SPLC and Richard Cohen inspired) investigations of their alleged same-sex related phobic activities. Both lost, and Justice Parker’s future seemed bleak – especially after John Carroll and the Court of the Judiciary freed up the Chief to run for Governor. But Justice Parker survived. Confounding Vegas odds, the JIC dismissed all charges!!

And, now, Justice Parker is singing in the rain – Demi Lovato’s “I Will Survive”. If the Chief loses his appeal, the question becomes whether Justice Parker will do the Southern gentlemanly thing – resign in solidarity with his twin and run on the Chief’s ticket for Lt. Governor. But that’s for next year. For now, as a judge who has unrepentantly run, and survived, the gauntlet, Justice Parker richly deserves recognition as our Bar’s Co-Most Distinguishable Lawyer.

Our second honoree is an outstanding lawyer. But Montgomery has tons of outstanding lawyers – nothing “most distinguishable” there. What our Bar has lacked - and longed for - over the years is a master in the art of dining. Dennis Bailey loves to eat, and loves even more telling you about it. And, he does it all with grace, charm and flair. He even has a blog and a nom de plume. As Chase N. Allpots, Dennis has visited innumerable restaurants, mostly locally owned and located inside Montgomery’s bypass. And, not surprisingly for a person of his sunny and kind disposition, fast food joints excepted, Dennis sees the good in all of them – even those whose menus will reduce your life expectancy to that of a fruit fly.

More importantly, Dennis’ love of good food, and his greater love of the atmosphere in which it is experienced, have crossed geographical, and even political, borders. Yes, following a Big Fat reunion in Greece with his bride’s family, Dennis returned to

Bobby Segall’s 2016 Distinguishable Lawyers
Montgomery not only with a strong (comic) interest in climate change, but also as an impassioned advocate for immigration. As he diplomatically implored Trump, “Build walls if you must, but with an open door for people from distant lands (including Mexico) who will love our country, including especially those who, with equal devotion, will open family owned and operated ethnic restaurants.”

Dennis’ narrative also occasionally morphs into pride in his hometown. In his view, the “Gump (i.e., Montgomery) is a slightly flawed and tarnished gem filled with basically nice, honest people”. Except for the flawed and tarnished part, Dennis has captured the essence of the Montgomery County Bar. And, for that, and for sharing his love of dining – and writing – Dennis also richly deserves recognition as 2016’s Co-Most Distinguishable Lawyer.

Now, sit back – with your favorite (mood altering) beverage – relax, contemplate your hands, and pay homage to those among us who for 2016 have become, or remained, our Bar’s Distinguishable Lawyers.

1. “Say it Ain’t So, Joe (or Gene)” Award - - Judge Gene Reese (Breaking News - Reliable rumor suggests that Judge Reese has decided to retire at the end of this year.)

2. “Donald Trump ‘You’re Fired’” Award - - (Acting) Chief Justice Lyn Stuart and Win Johnson (After asking the former Chief to clean out his office, Justice Stuart fired the head of the AOC and Win, its number one lawyer, and oh yeah, the Chief’s three law clerks.)

3. “Face the Nation” Award - - Luther Strange (With Senator Sessions becoming U.S. Attorney General, our own AG is looking wistfully toward our nation’s capital in hopes of becoming a U.S. Senator.)

4. “Déjà vu” Award - - Troy King (If Senator Sessions goes to the Cabinet and General Strange to the Senate, might Troy return to the Alabama AG’s office?)

5. “Donald Trump Lawyer Marketing” Award - - Boyd Campbell and Steve NeSmith (If President Trump honors his campaign promises with respect to immigration, business will be booming for immigration lawyers like Boyd and Steve.)

6. “Ted Cruz Best Personality” Award - - Ben Espy, Samarria Dunson, Frank Stakely, Brooke Reid, Mike Brock, Dee Miles, John Henig, Carrie Shaw, Lee Copeland, Pat Sefton, Joe Espy, Liz Carter, Tommy Gallion, Lloria James, Mark Bain, Joi Montiel, La Barron Boone, Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr., Mike Jackson, Corrie Long, Spud Seale, Pat Shegon, Bill Espy, Judge Virgil Ford, Jim Edwards, Karen Laneaux, Flynn Mozingo, J.C. Love, and Clay Teague (They have really great personalities, especially when compared to Senator Cruz.)

7. “Elizabeth Warren Bulldog” Award - - Stephanie Billingslea, Judge Delores Boyd, Liz Carter, Shannon Holliday, Lloria James, Felicia Long, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, Ashley Penhale, Charlanna Skaggs, Erika Tatum, Katie Langer, Ellen Brooks, Jamie Johnston, Vernetta Perkins, Alice Ann Byrne, Leura Canary, Alice Martin, Christine Freeman, Leigh O’Dell, Amanda Senn, Aimee Smith, Pam Slate, Palmer Smith, Jenny Garrett, Roianne Conner, Dana Taunton, Jamie Kidd, Judy Barganier, Jo Parr, Connie Walker, and Barbara Wells (They will tell you exactly what they think.)

8. “Marco Rubio Big Hands” Award - - John Marsh, Judge Gene Reese, Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr., David Martin, Judge JR Gaines, Mike Crow, John Henig, Doug McElvy, Beau Womack, Ben Schaefer, John Naramore, Mitch Henry, Jesse Anderson, Leo Math, and Buster Russell (Unlike what Rubio said about Trump, these tall Montgomery lawyers also have, among other attributes, Big Hands.)

9. “Donald Trump Peaceful Transition of Power” Award - - Kelly McTear, Effie Hawthorne, Lee Copeland and Cole Portis (At the end of her term as President of the Women’s Section of our Bar, Kelly peacefully turned over power to Effie – Lee raised a militia, but Cole still took over as President of the Ala. State Bar.)

10. “Rolaids” Award - - Judge Vanzetta McPherson (Writing about Donald Trump’s character traits, Van said “the cake is fully baked . . . by age 70; the only thing left to do is eat it. Prepare for a long, possibly irremediable season of indigestion.”)

11. “Ivanka Trump Most Likely to Succeed” Award - - Judge Gray Borden, Roman Shaul and Tiffany McCord (New judgeships should be in their futures.)

12. “Michelle Obama We Go High” Award - - Mike Andrews (He handles airplane crash cases.)

13. “Joe Biden Crossroads” Award - - Azzie Taylor, Seth Gowan and Wes Shaw (When the time came to pull the trigger on a new job, unlike (could’ve been President) Biden, they departed the DA’s office for new opportunities.)
14. “Barack Obama Most Popular” Award - Jesse Anderson, Lee Copeland, Felicia Long, Judge Joel Dubina, Judge Virgil Ford, Rachel Miller, Lewis Gillis, John Marsh, David Martin, Tabor Novak, Judge Gene Reese, Kelly Pate, Cole Portis, Ashley Penhale, Judge Charlie Price, Martha Roby, Allen Sheehan, Aizzie Taylor, Judge James Anderson, Emily Marks, Ham Wilson, Ben Shoettker, Roianne Conner, and Shawn Cole (Recent polls show that at least 90% of all lawyers, and 55% of all people, like them.)

15. “Michael Keaton’s The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance” Award - Peck Fox, Shannon Holliday, Ted Hosp, Susan Kennedy, Judge Jimmy Pool, Judge Charlie Price, Tamika Miller, Gibson Vance, Christy Crow, Mitch McGuire, Rosa Davis, Florence Cauthen, Mike Martin, Judge Delores Boyd, Randall Marshall, Christine Freeman, Larry Menefee, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, and Marvin Campbell (Because of their abiding faith that the Donald would not win, these Hillary supporters avoided many days of emotional anguish leading up to the election.)

16. “Donald Trump Locker Room” Award - Jere Beasley, Andy Birchfield, Tom Kotouc, Chief Justice Roy Moore, Doug McElvy, Ken Webb, Mark Montiel, Leigh O’Dell, Justice Tom Parker, Cole Portis, Doug Vogel, Sam Adams, Mitch Henry, Rosa Davis, and Judge Randy Thomas (You guess - which of these devout lawyers showed through their vote that they speak the same language as Mr. Trump?)

17. “Profile in Courage” Award - Congresswoman Martha Roby (Her principled stand against (now President-Elect) Trump resulted in tremendous criticism and a write-in opposition candidacy – still she stood firm.)

18. “Chris Christie Bridge” Award - Randy James, Judge Randy Thomas, Judge Charles Price, Lee Copeland, Judge Bill Gordon, Jimmy Garrett, Tyrone Means, Jim Rives, Judge Frank McFadden, Bill Brittain, Bill Coleman, Judge Will O’Rear, and Danny Fazeekas (As mediators, they build bridges between disputing parties – and hopefully keep the traffic moving.)

19. “Charles Barkley’s I Could be Wrong, But I Doubt It” Award - Richard Cohen, Bill Espy, Matt Hart, Tommy Keene, Mike Winter, John Bolton, Tommy Mancuso, Scott Green, Don Bethel, Richard Broughton, Ted Jackson, Joe McCorkle, Judy Barganier, Chuck Stewart, Chris Simmons, John G. Smith, Bill Blanchard, Jim Byram, Melissa Isaak, Patrick Mahaney, Richard Dean, and Richard Allen, the elder (Very confident lawyers)

20. “Judge Learned Hand” Award - Judge Charles Price (Given that he once ruled against Judge Moore on his courtroom display of the 10 Commandments, Judge Price made a wise and learned decision in declining to serve on Justice Moore’s appeal of his present suspension.)

21. “Best Director” Award - Bryan Stevenson, Richard Cohen, Richard Cooper, Christine Freeman, Aylia McKee, Jimmy Fry, Linda Lund, Mike Martin, and Kelly McTear (These folks successfully direct organizations or programs that provide free legal services to folks who can’t pay for them.)

22. “(Next to the) Best Director” Award - Joana Ellis (She directs an organization whose members provide legal services to folks who (hopefully) can pay for them – the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association.)

23. “Roger Ailes Sexual Harassment” Award - Wallace Mills, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Julian McPhillips, Kenny Shinbaum, Monica Arrington, Mickey McDermott, Meggan Huggins, and Amanda Cook (These plaintiff employment lawyers would have dearly loved to represent Gretchen Carlson against Roger Ailes for sexual harassment.)

24. “Grumpy Old Men” Award - George Beck, David Byrne, Jr., Rufus Craig, Fred Enslen, Jimmy Evans, Barry Leavell, Joe Levin, Tom McGregor, Judge Craig Miller, Jack Norton, Judge B.J. Russell and Jim Sizemore (They all began this year on the second 50 years of their lives as lawyers.)

25. “Donald Trump High Energy” Award - Morris Dees, Michael Strickland, Susan James, Jeff Duffey, Erika Tatum, Ben Espy, Floyd Minor, Charlie Anderson, Amanda Senn, Mike Beers, Richard Keith, Mark Franco, Dean Mooty, Brian Mosholder, Robert Sasser, Kyle Johnson, Joana Ellis, Joe Hubbard, Alex Holtsford, Larry Sasser, Ken Webb, Mitch Henry, Patrick Mahaney, and Richard Cohen (None of these lawyers are low energy like Trump says Jeb Bush is.)


27. “Donald Trump Rigged Election” Award - Ray Warren (As the leader of a group of Democrats who meet monthly for lunch and talk, Ray wishes Trump had been correct about a rigged election.)

28. “Steph Curry Long Shot” Award - Judge Virgil Ford (In only 3 years, Judge Ford advanced from law student and Judge McCooey’s right hand to Judge of the Municipal Court.)
29. “Shaq Slam Dunk” Award - - Judge David Vickers (Judge Vickers was appointed to the Municipal Court Bench this year after many years of practice in that Court and many others.)

30. “Denis Leary’s Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll” Award - - Will Cunningham, Tim Gallagher, Brent Hargett, Ali and Ray Hawthorne, Stephanie Monplaisir, Joe Seawell Moore, Joseph VanZandt, and Chris Worshek, (At least one of the awarded activities resulted in their having babies this year.)

31. “The Beatles Hello, Goodbye” Award - - Frank Wilson and Judge James Anderson (As Frank said Hello to Copeland Franco by joining as a partner, James said Goodbye to resume the life of a judge.)

32. “Charles Barkley Chairman of the Board” Award - - Emily Marks, Christine Freeman, Tim Gallagher, Brian Morgan and Fred Tyson (They were board chairs respectively of the Federal Defenders Program, the ACLU of Ala, the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, Inn of Court, and the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers.)

33. “Carpe Diem” Award - - Jimmy Williams (When Jimmy unexpectedly settled a lawsuit in the middle of trial, he immediately flew to this year’s historic World Series.)

34. “Capo Di Tutti Capi” Award -- Daniel Lindsey, Jr. (Daniel’s cover is as an outstanding Rushton Stakely tax lawyer, but he actually is the head of one of Montgomery’s Families of the Year for 2016.)

35. “Donald Trump Most Entertaining President” Award - - Lee Copeland (Lee did a great job as State Bar president – and was the most entertaining president in at least the last decade.)

36. “Donald Trump Best President” Award - - Cole Portis (Cole is the best presidential candidate Alabama – and our State Bar – elected this year.)

37. “Jim Croce’s Bad Bad Leroy Brown” Award - - Matt Hart (In winning the Mike Hubbard trial, Matt proved he’s still a bad, bad man.)

38. “Tom Hank’s Sully” Award - - Jason Isbell (Like Sully Sullenberger, Jason made a safe landing as he moved from the perils of legal counsel for Speaker Hubbard to the safety of the Alabama Bankers Association.)

39. “Joseph A. Banks” Award - - Mike Duffy (This Assistant Attorney General was so good in the Mike Hubbard trial that one reporter said he is a bargain price lawyer, and the State should have two of him.)

40. “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” Award - - Andrew Brasher (Our State’s Solicitor General, ever the optimist, entitled his presentation this year to the Harvard Law School Federalist Society “Supreme Court 2015 Wrap Up: A Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Term.”)

41. “Unfriended” Award -- Kenny Mendelsohn and Joe Espy (Their clients, the Governor and Spencer Collier, former Director of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, unfriended – and fired and sued – each other this year.)

42. “Best All Around” Award -- Mark Wilkerson, Andrew Brasher, Richard Gill, Alice Ann Byrne, Frank Wilson and Susan Copeland (They multi-task – trials, appeals and, for one or more, even transactions.)

43. “Rachel McAdams’ Spotlight” Award - - Judge Sharon Yates (Sharon was in the spotlight this year after becoming Mtgy’s first recipient of the State Bar’s Maud McClure Kelly Award for pioneering Alabama women lawyers – Faulkner Law also celebrated her achievements.)

44. “Megyn Kelly Wonder Woman” Award -- Rebecca Chambliss (Wonder how this outstanding woman lawyer came to be a big Trump supporter.)

45. “Peyton Manning” Award - - Judge Billy Shashy and Jimmy Fry (As judge and Executive Director of Legal Services Alabama, respectively, they also announced their retirements this year.)

46. “Henry VIII” Award - - Will Gunter and Bill Gunter (They are respectively William Adams Gunter IV and V — ball is in your court, Bill!) 

47. “All the Governor’s Men” Award - - David Byrne, Jr., Frank Johnson, Jason Paulk and (new comer) Bill Patty (They presently serve the Governor.)
48. “All the Governor’s (Used to Be) Men and Women” Award - - Joe Espy and Carrie McCollum (Because of one of those pesky conflicts, Joe had to withdraw as the Governor’s personal lawyer, and Carrie became General Counsel for the Alabama Credit Union Administration.)

49. “Merry-Go-Round” Award - - Judge James Anderson (After being on the Bench through appointment, and then off the Bench through non-appointment, Judge Anderson retook the Bench this year – hopefully for good - through election, Judge Shashy’s early retirement, and, finally, gubernatorial re-appointment.)

50. “Donald Trump Not in my House” Award - - Stephanie Azar and David Byrne, Jr. (Stephanie, as Comm’r of the the Ala. Medicaid Agency, was a plaintiff, and David was a lawyer, in the Governor’s lawsuit against the US contesting its placement of Syrian refugees in Alabama – suit dismissed and appealed.)

51. “Bend it Like Beckham” Award - - Baron Coleman and Matt Hart (Matt accused Baron of bending the facts in an affidavit claiming that Matt was trying to intimidate him in connection with the prosecution of Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard.)

52. “Barry Manilow’s Moments to Remember” Award - - Larry and Branch Kloess, and Judge B.J. and Buster Russell (At our Bar’s annual meeting, Branch presented his father with the Bar’s coveted “Service and Achievement” Award, and Buster wrote a moving letter honoring his Dad on his 50 years as a lawyer.)

53. “Taylor Swift’s Wildest Dreams” Award - - Royal Dumas, Rhon Jones, Felicia Long, Cowin Knowles, Effie Hawthorne, Ali Hawthorne, Peyton Faulk, Tim Gallagher, Larry Golston, Tim McCollum, Wallace Mills, Bryan Morgan, Ashley Penhale, Allen Sheehan and Frank Snowden (Under Royal’s leadership our officers and Board members have performed better this year than in our wildest dreams.)

54. “Nate Silver 538” Award - - Rhon Jones (Nate’s prediction is that Rhon will be elected president of our Bar in January 2017 – with Nate’s recent record, however, Rhon should hold up planning his inauguration.)


56. “Jim Croce’s Don’t Mess Around with Jim” Award - - Judge Greg Griffin (He told a criminal defendant “You need to do prison time . . . and anybody else thinking about messing with old people . . . they’re going to prison in Judge Griffin’s court.”)

57. “Tammy Wynette Stand By Your Man” Award - - Judge Vanzetta McPherson (When Van, in her column, accused the Chief Justice of professional lunacy for encouraging public officials to disobey the law on same sex marriage, the CJ’s wife said Van had “abandoned all sense of decency in her crusade to vilify” the Chief.)

58. “Your Cheatin’ Heart” Award - - Richard Shinbaum (Richard’s wife, Nancy, is a close friend of Jett Williams, Hank’s daughter.)

59. “Barbara Streisand The Way We Were” Award - - Judge Harold Albritton (38 years ago, Judge Albritton, who was said to be one of the two best criminal defense lawyers in Covington County, won the acquittal of an accused murderer who this year admitted he was guilty and apologized to the victim’s son.)

60. “Amy Adams’ Julie and Julia” Award - - Julie (or Julia) Weller (Our Alabama Supreme Court Clerk answers to both.)

61. “Trump University” Award - - Mary Margaret Carroll, Brent Hargett, Wilson Hunter, Parker Miller, and Stephen Stetson (Unlike with Trump University, these folks successfully completed a professional leadership program – the State Bar’s Leadership Forum – of which they can be justifiably proud, and the Bar was not required to pay $25 million for their attendance.)

62. “Oligarchy” Award - - Parker Miller, Rachel Miller, Jesse Anderson, Joel Caldwell, Miland Simpler, Evan Allen, Scott Sasser, Beau Darley, Leslie Pescia, and Kimberly Waldrop (Our Montgomery family of lawyers dominates the Young Lawyers’ Section of the State Bar with Parker serving as President, Rachel as Secty, and Jesse, Joel, Miland, Evan, Scott, Beau, Leslie and Kimberly as Executive Committee members.)
“Spike Lee’s Do the Right Thing” Award - - Dave Boyd and Dennis Bailey (These two DBs received the President’s Award from the Alabama State Bar (and President Lee Copeland) because they always do the right thing – exceptionally well – for the Bar and our profession.)

“Kim Kardashian Cutest Married Couple (of Lawyers)” Award - - Jeff and Angie (Cooner) Bradwell (Angie made history by becoming our Bar’s first repeat winner with 2 separate lawyer-husbands.)

“Donald Trump White House Down” Award - - Dorman Walker and Fred and Stanley Gray (Alabama State University, represented by Dorman, has told its president that she is going down – only time and Fred and Stanley will determine whether she stays down.)

“Kiefer Sutherland’s Designated Survivor” Award - - Kenny Thomas and Ramadanah Jones (As general, and assistant general, counsel for Alabama State University, they have survived 3 presidents in 4 years, and may be soon working for a 4th.)

“Viral” Award - - Bryan Stevenson (Bryan’s name and reputation have gone viral as evidenced by Sen. Corey Booker’s giving him a shout-out in his speech at the Democratic National Convention.)

“Remember the Titans” Award - - William Martin and Inge Hill (William retired this year, and Inge decided to slow down – a little.)

“Donald Trump’s The Imitation Game” Award - - Geron Gadd and Maria Morris (Rather than mockingly imitating a disabled person, Maria (of the SPLC) and Geron (of the Ala Disability Advocacy Program) settled a class action against the prison system for a class of all prisoners having any kind of disability.)

“Alex Baldwin” Award - - Tommy Gallion (With the possible exception of SNL’s Alex Baldwin, Tommy does the best impression of Donald Trump – and without even trying.)

“Brad Pitt’s The Big Short” Award - - Judge Bob Bailey, Ben Baker, Mark Bains, Jim Garrett, Kent Garrett, Justice Jim Main, Saxon Main, Jared Morris, Landis Sexton, Chris Smith, Spud Seale, Jonathan Ross, Jimmy Williams, Frank Wilson, Wes Romine, Jim Ippolito, Cowin Knowles, Wes Shaw, Heath Loftin, Alan Rothfeder, and Kevin Davidson (They are short in height, but tall in ability.)

“Donald Trump Meet the Press” Award - - Charlanna Skaggs, Gibson Vance, Baron Coleman, Alva Lambert, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, and Mark Montiel (Hopefully, President-Elect Trump’s continuing attacks on the media will not cause problems for our own media personalities.)

“Alan Dershowitz’s Reversal of Fortune” Award - - George Beck (The recent unpleasantness, i.e., the presidential election, may result in a reversal of fortune for this outstanding U.S. Attorney.)

“Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing” Award - - Mike Kidd (Mike argued that the prosecutor overreacted when he charged the defendant with attempted murder for shooting his girlfriend in the hip and leaving her outside overnight.)

“Donald Trump Entrepreneur” Award - - Megan Kirkpatrick and Mike Duffey (They successfully prosecuted impeachment articles against the Sumter County Sheriff who permitted an inmate to run a drug trafficking enterprise from jail and took an entrepreneurial 25% cut.)

“State of the Union” Award - - Royal Dumas, Rhon Jones and Felicia Long (With Royal’s leadership this year and with Rhon and Felicia to follow as president for the next 2 years, the state of our union of Montgomery County lawyers is Samson-like strong.)

“Good Shepherd” Award - - Joe Espy, Ben Farrow, David Henderson, Mitch Henry, Rick Howard, Hank Hutchinson, Tommy Keene, Tom Methvin, Bobby Poundstone, Riley Roby, Pat Sefton, Davis Smith, Stewart Vance, Mark Wilkerson, and Ham Wilson (As Managing Attorneys, they have shepherded their firms to great success.)

“Saturday Night Live’s Never Mind” Award - - David Byrne, Jr. (Like Roseanne Roseannadanna, the Legislative Impeachment Committee told David – as lawyer for the Governor – “Never Mind”, and suspended its inquiry.)

“Dio’s Caught in the Middle Again” Award - - Juliana Dean (As General Counsel for the State Board of Education, Juliana was caught in the middle of Board member disagreements about who should become the new Superintendent and what should be done with an anonymous ethics complaint against one of the candidates.)

81. “Not All That Cute Lawyer” Award - - Bobby Segall (But he knows cute when he sees it.)

82. “Donald Trump Who’s David Duke” Award - - Morris Dees, Joe Levin, Richard Cohen, Rhonda Brownstein, Sam Brooke, Sara Zampierin, Ebony Howard, Latasha McCrary, and Shay Farley (Ask these Southern Poverty Law Center lawyers – they can also explain who the KKK is.)

83. “Pulitzer” Award - - Kelly McTear (For her inspiring column in the Docket about the passing of Nelle Harper Lee)

84. “Josh Moon” Award - - Jere Beasley (Writes the Best Daily Column)

85. “Gloria Swanson’s Sunset Blvd” Award - - Joana Ellis (She’s always well dressed and ready for her close up.)

86. “Kobe Bryant Trash Talk” Award - - Judge Keith Watkins (In denying a challenge to the state’s use of lethal injections, Judge Watkins called out the medical profession for refusing to assist in executions to prevent pain.)

87. “Game of Thrones” Award - - Jere Beasley (As a 2016 Lawdragon – a distinction given to the 500 Leading Lawyers in America - Jere’s become a dragon more lethal than those on Game of Thrones.)

88. “The Agony of Defeat” Award - - John Palombi and Spencer Hahn (In representing a death row inmate, they requested a stay of execution to challenge Alabama’s method of execution, but the stay was denied by the US Supreme Court, and their client was executed by lethal injection.)

89. “All Stars” Award - - Peyton Chapman, Gibson Vance and Frank Wilson (These inductees into the American Board of Trial Advocates are all stars in the legal profession.)

90. “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” Award - - Mitch Henry (Mitch’s daughter is a star – nominated this year for the Jimmy Hitchcock Award.)

91. “Michael Buffer Let’s Get Ready to Rumbleee!!” Award - - Will Sellers (When a French Reporter pushed the wife of former Justice Terry Butts at the Republican National Convention, Will jumped to his feet ready to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee.)

92. “Donald Trump True Conservative” Award - - Leon Capouano (In support of traditional conservative advocacy for freedom of religion, Leon represented the Muslim community in seeking permission from the Bd of Adjustment to build a Mosque near Deer Creek - the request was approved unanimously.)

93. “Julia Louis-Dreyfus’ Veep” Award - - Monet Gaines (Monet was appointed Vice President of the Ala State Bar by Cole Portis who called her an amazing and capable woman.)

94. “Gov. Bentley Alabama Education Sucks” Award - - Spud Seale, Liz Carter, Erika Tatum, Juliana Dean, Darnell Coley, Susan Crowther, Theron Stokes, Clint Daughtrey, Tamika Reed, Susan Kennedy, John Thomas, Jane Harrell Williams, James Ward, and Vernetta Perkins (These education lawyers disagree.)
95. “Legacy” Award - - Judge Susan Walker and Justice Hugh Maddox (They are the only Montgomery former law clerks of Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. – for whom our federal courthouse is named – to become judges in their own right.)

96. “Dominic West’s The Affair(s)” Award - - Alexia Borden (Alexia left her partnership at Balch & Bingham to become VP for Governmental Affairs at the Power Company.)

97. “Donald Trump Compromise” Award - - Mike Kidd and Ben McGough (Mike’s client, who Ben prosecuted for murdering his cousin, was convicted of manslaughter in what a disappointed Mike and Ben agreed was a compromise reached by the Jury.)

98. “Ben Affleck’s The Accountant” Award - - George Beck, Luther Strange and Daryl Bailey (These prosecutors undertake to hold people accountable for their (alleged) misconduct.)

99. “Knock Knock” Award - - Felicia Long, Shawn Cole, Ashley Penhale, Kelly McTear, Effie Hawthorne, Tim Gallagher, Tom Methvin, Laurel Crawford and Evan Allen (When our Bar needs anything, they are always there.)

100. “Dr. Seuss” Award - - Justice Hugh Maddox (He has written a beautiful book for children, “Billy Boll Weevil – A Pest Becomes a Hero”.)

101. “Viola Davis” Award - - Nichelle Williams Nix (Just as Ms. Davis is the first African-American to win the Emmy for Best Actress in a Drama Series, Nichelle is the first African-American, and the first American, to head Alabama’s new Office of Minority Affairs.)

102. “Life of Crime” Award - - Christine Freeman, Leslie Smith, Don Bethel, Anne Borelli, Santoino Coleman, Steve Ganter, Spencer Hahn, Keisha Stokes-Hough, Kacey Keeton, Patricia Kemp, John Palombi, Matt Schulz, and Cecilia Vaca (As Federal Defenders in the Middle District, they deal with crime most days of their lives.)

103. “Harrison Ford’s Presumed Innocent” Award - - Aylia McKee, Trina Williams, Bill Davis, Chris East, Linda Braye, Nick Wallace, Adero Marshall, Trey Richardson, Alex Caudell, Phyllicia Hill, Adrian Crittenton, Debra Bush, Holly Free, Serena Cronier, Brock Boone and Taylor Davenport (That’s the mantra of these Montgomery County Public Defenders.)

104. “Best Producer” Award - - Ben Pool (Ben produced a mass 70th birthday party for Lanier’s class of 1964.)

105. “Best Performance in a Leading Role” Award - - Jere Beasley, Greg Allen, Mike Crow, Tom Methvin, Cole Portis and Dee Miles (For creating a national law firm that gives great performances every year – including especially this year.)

106. “Best Performance in a Supporting Role” Award - - Royal Dumas, Bobo Gilpin, Davis Smith and other lawyers at Gilpin Givhan who were great supporters of our Bar’s charity event this year.

107. “General McArthur’s Old Judges Never Die” Award - - Judge Billy Shashy, Judge Gene Reese, Peck Fox, Randy James, Jamie Johnston and Joe Espy (Retiring judge Billy Shashy gave a nice “fade away” talk, and the speakers were funny and moving in telling the judge how much we appreciate him.)

108. “Judy Holliday’s Born Yesterday” Award - - Billy Carter (Billy, who was born not all that many yesterdays ago, has retired to the next chapter in his life.)

109. “Sean Connery’s Diamonds Are Forever” Award - - Bart Harmon (Bart, who once served as Auburn’s mascot “Aubie the Tiger”, says serving as Aubie is like diamonds and Federal Judges – it’s forever.)

110. “Bear Bryant” Award - - Ed Patterson (As the head of the State Bar’s Leadership Forum, Eddie coaches young lawyers, who already are leaders, to develop into even higher level leaders in the profession.)

111. “Rolling Stones” Award - - Ham Wilson and Mitch Alton (Like Mick Jagger, they’re still rocking and rolling – with the Gate Band – after becoming eligible for early SS.)

112. “Just Rolling” Award - - Steve Ganter, Don Bethel, Spencer Hahn and Keisha Stokes-Hough (As a Federal Defender Steve was solo, or co-counseled variously with Don, Spencer, and Keisha, on four criminal “not-guilty” verdicts this year.)

113. “RTR” Award - - Joe Espy (This former SGA president belongs in the Tide Hall of Fame for his role in bringing Nick Saban and Avery Johnson to Tuscaloosa.)
114. “Octavia Spencer’s The Help” Award - - Kelly McTear (As our Bar’s Volunteer Lawyer of the Year”, she was “The Help” for a lot of people.)

115. “Iowa” Award - - Brandon Essig, John Geer and Susan James (Although Brandon and John convicted Susan’s client on only 2 out of 5 charges, not unlike in presidential primaries, they were declared the winners.)

116. “The Original Kings of Comedy” Award - - Tommy Gallion, Frank Stakely, Lee Copeland, Allen Sheehan, Alva Lambert, Beau Womack, and Randy James (These lawyers can be very funny!)

117. “Hank’s I Saw the Light” Award - - Peyton Faulk, Marianalyn Dennis, Madelyn Mauldin, and Terri Mayweather-Jones (They’ve converted from Montgomery County Public Defenders to Montgomery County Prosecutors.)

118. “House of Cards” Award - - LaShandra Warren (After becoming Court Administrator this year, LeShandra, who either is or should be (by osmosis) a lawyer, assumed responsibility for a (Court) House full of amusing and, in some cases, eccentric Cards, i.e., lawyers.)

119. “Sonny and Cher’s Baby Don’t Go” Award - - Phil Butler, Katya and Nelson Gill, Jacob Fuller, Brandon Essig, Shelley Corley, and Buddy Dean (They have either left Montgomery to pursue their careers – and lives - or are about to do so.)

120. “Tyrone Power’s Witness for the Prosecution” Award - - Christine Freeman, Steve Ganter and Matt Schulz (These Federal Defenders testified on behalf of the plaintiff that, based on their observations, Alabama’s method of executing people by lethal injection is painful.)

121. “Goodnight John Boy” Award - - Frank Jr., Corky, Jimmy, Frank, III, Ali, Ray, Effie, and Charlie Hawthorne (There are more related Hawthorne lawyers in Montgomery than there were Waltons on “The Waltons” – also more even than there are related Hill lawyers in Montgomery.)

122. “Best Combination of Father-Son Names” Award - - Jesse and (Judge) James Anderson (Together they are Jesse James.)

123. “Suddenly Royal” Award - - Royal Dumas and Lee Copeland (At this year’s State Bar Convention, Lee presented Royal, as our president, the Local Bar Achievement Award for 2015-16.)

124. “Bradley Arant” Award - - Liz Carter, David Henderson, Shawn Cole, Bob Bradford, Laura Crum, Randall Morgan, Pam Slate, Spud Seale, and Erika Tatum (They, and other Hill, Hill lawyers, apparently have decided, that they will, like Bradley, open offices in every city that occurs to them – they’ve started with Birmingham and Louisville.)

125. “Condoleezza Rice International Affairs” Award - - Joe Borg (Under Joe’s direction, the Alabama Securities Commission assisted the Italian Organization of Financial Police in investigating an international high yield investment fraud scheme.)

126. “Donald Trump Wall” Award - - Ebony Howard (This SPLC lawyer was hitting her head against a very high, technology laden, wall when she told the Legislature’s Prison Reform Task Force that it needed separate facilities to keep young offenders away from adult offenders.)

127. “F. Scott Fitzgerald’s There Are No Second Acts” Award - - Judge Charles Price and Jerry Wood (Jerry and Judge Price disagree - their second act is to serve on the Alabama Ethics Commission.)

128. “Kissing Cousins” Award - - Scott Green, Chris Moore, Shanitra Jackson and Susan James (Scott, Chris and Shanitra convicted Susan’s client of murdering his cousin – self-defense didn’t work because he had shot his cousin in the back of his head.)

129. “Best Acting (by a client)” Award - - Kenny Gibbs, Michael Caddell, and Richard Keith (After defendant, who had pled self-defense to a murder charge, cried on the stand, Kenny and Michael argued that he had faked his “whining and blubbering” performance – but Richard and the jury disagreed.)

130. “Jolly Good Fellows” Award - - Judge Troy Massey, Judge Jimmy Pool, Ron Davenport and Mays Jemison (They were inducted this years as Fellows of the Alabama Law Foundation – unfortunately it was posthumously for Mays.)

131. “Mila Kunis’ Jupiter Ascending” Award - - Jere Beasley, Ted Meadows, Danielle Mason, David Dearing, and Brittany Scott (Their victories in the talcum powder lawsuits were other worldly.)
132. “Top Gun” Award - - Dorman Walker, John Ward Weiss, John Henig, Barbara Wells, David Martin, Warren Mathews, Shap Ashley and Lee Copeland (They were all recognized by “The Best Lawyers in America” publication as Montgomery’s 2016 Lawyer of the Year in their respective areas of practice.)

133. “Ozzy Osbourne’s Shot in the Dark” Award - - Tyrone Means, Lewis Gillis, Mark Englehart, Mickey McDermott, Randall Morgan, Tabor Novak and Daryl Bailey (Tyrone, Lewis and Mark are representing the family of an unarmed man shot and killed late at night by a police officer represented criminally by Mickey – Daryl charged the police officer with murder – and civilly by Tabor and Randall.)

134. “Breaking Bad” Award - - Shanitra Jackson, Seth Gowan, and Chris Moore (Despite the good effort by these Assistant District Attorneys, the jury acquitted a juvenile detention officer charged with abusing a juvenile resident of the Mtgy Co Youth Facility.)

135. “Turnabout is Fair Play” Award - - Judge Vanzetta McPherson (Van wrote a column arguing that if ISIL’s terror should be called Radical Islamic Terrorism, the KKK’s terror should be called Radical Protestant Terrorism.)

136. “Let My People Go” Award - - Judge Johnny Hardwick, Nick Jones and Clay Benson (After the jury returned a Not-Guilty verdict for their capital murder defendant, the defendant’s mother was handcuffed for screaming out her excitement, but Nick and Clay begged the judge to let their people go – and Judge Hardwick did so.)

137. “A Couple that Puts People in Jail Together, Stays Together” Award - - Wes and Carrie Shaw (This married couple of Deputy District Attorneys prosecuted a case together this year – although Wes then left the DA’s office, the marriage appears strong.)

138. “Dancing with the Stars” Award - - Shay Farley (This star lawyer moved from Appleseed to the SPLC this year and is now working with some of the best Public Interest lawyers in the country.)

139. “Daniel Craig’s Dream House” Award - - Jeremy Walker (Jeremy became the CEO of a group that sells dream houses, the Alabama Association of Realtors.)

140. “No Fleas on Me” Award - - Russ Duraski and Susan Redmond (Susan prosecuted Russ’ client for operating a drug flea market – the jury found no drug-related fleas, but did convict of illegally possessing a firearm.)

141. “Dustin Hoffman’s The Graduate” Award - - Mathew Ward (Matthew, who now is a lawyer for the Alabama Medicaid Agency, is a graduate not only of Faulkner Law, but also of the Melton, Espy & Williams’ school of real-life law, having worked for the firm while in law school.)

142. “High Rollers” Award - - Anne Pearson, Frank Hawthorne and Raley Wiggins (They Gambled with “funny money” at Hospice’s Kentucky Derby fundraiser, and, as Anne dearly loves, they dressed for the Derby.)

143. “Mr. and Mrs. Djokovic” Award - - Cindi and Clay Torbert (Their son, Bo, won the number 1 state singles title for the 2nd year in a row.)

144. “Kool & the Gang’s Celebration” Award - - Lloria James, Judge Johnny Hardwick, Judge Gene Reese and Daryl Bailey, (In celebration of Lloria’s appointment to succeed Azzie as Chief Deputy DA, Lloria had a moving investiture at which Judge Reese presided and Judge Hardwick, Daryl and Lloria spoke beautifully.)

145. “Anna Kendrick’s Pitch Perfect” Award - - Monet Gaines, Jeff Duffey, Karen Laneaux, David Martin, Flynn Mozingo, Les Pittman, George Parker, and Gibson Vance (Our Bar Commissioners are fully in tune with one another and all other of Montgomery’s Distinguishable Lawyers.)

146. “Gov. George Wallace” Award - - Chief Justice Roy Moore (Because, while Chief Justice, he could no longer serve as president of the Foundation for Moral Law, his wife was elected to replace him.)

147. “Donald Trump Birth of a Nation(’s President)” Award - - Autumn and Alex Caudell (They should document carefully their soon to be born - baby’s place of birth so that when the baby runs for president, he/she can defend against the Birther claims of Donald Trump’s descendants.)

Natalie Bryant, Patrick Dean, Phyllicia Hill, Rachel Ferguson, Rachel Miller, Ray Hawthorne, Richard Hill, Robert Prescott, Salem Afangideh, Sarah Osborne, Sarah Wills, Sarita Atkins, Serena Cronier, Shanitra Jackson, Stephen McCormick, Susan Bet-Sayad, Taylor Davenport, Virginia Reeves, and Will Joslin (Young-in-the-Law lawyers who joined our Bar this year – Welcome!)

149. “Most Wanted” Award - - Justice Jean Brown, Justice Hugh Maddox, Jerry Thornton, Michael Kidd, Misha Whitman, Norris Green, Randy Bozeman (We’ve wanted these excellent lawyers to join our Bar for a long time, and they did this year.)

150. “All Politics Is Local” Award - - Gibson Vance and Ed Patterson (That explains why Gibson, our Bar’s most astute political guru, headed up the State Bar’s Task Force on Local Bars for which he – with Ed’s considerable assistance – organized a successful local bar retreat.)

151. “Aristotle” Award - - Jim Davis (In a lawsuit involving abortion, this Assistant Attorney General made emotional arguments which, although sometimes criticized by judges, are, according to Aristotle, critical to persuasion.)

152. “Downton Abbey” Award - - Julian McPhillips (A columnist said Julian is from Mobile aristocracy and could have been with a mobile silk stocking law firm drinking mint juleps at the country club – I don’t think so!)

153. “Michael Caine’s Dressed to Kill” Award - - Ashley Penhale, Danielle Mason, John Marsh and Evans Bailey (These fashion plates represented us well in the American Cancer Society’s Best Dressed competition – they all tied for second!)

154. “Rihanna’s Take a Bow” Award - - Kendall Dunson, Chris Glover, Mike Andrews, Ali Hawthorne, Roger Smith, and Chris Boutwell (These Beasley Allen lawyers were recognized this year as the Firm’s lawyers of the year in their areas of practice for 2015.)

155. “Katharine Hepburn Woman of the Year” Award – Barbara Wells (Although Barbara was not in the movie, she was recognized this year by “The Best Lawyers in America” publication as Montgomery’s Woman Lawyer of the Year.)

156. “Gary Oldman’s The Professional” Award - - Tony McLain (Our Mr. Professional has an award named for him, the J. Anthony “Tony” McLain Professionalism Award – won by Dean Charles Gamble this year.)

157. “Chubby Checker’s Limbo Rock” Award - - Andrew Skier (Prosecutors kept Andrew in limbo this year – wouldn’t tell him whether charges would be brought against a client involved in a shooting death last year or a client fired from the Fin Dept for “possibly” violating the criminal law.)

158. “Meryl Streep’s Hope Springs” Award - - Andy Birchfield (Andy and his wife started the “Children’s Hope Ministry” to help orphans – the mission is named for Andy’s daughter who was adopted from Moldova and who, of course, is named Hope.)

159. “Goody Two-Shoes” Award - - Evan Allen, Nicole Bean, John Charles, Liz Eiland,, Joana Ellis, Tim Gallagher, Aigner Kolom, Kelly McTear and Royce Wadsworth (They received the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer Program’s Medal of the Samaritan for extraordinary pro bono work.)

160. “Mirror, Mirror on the Wall” Award - - Judge Pam Higgins (She’s the fairest of them all.)

161. “The Ayes Have It” Award - - Curtis Ivy, Allison Ingram, Sam Ingram and Jim Ippolito (They are the only I-Lawyers in our Bar.)

162. “Staar Wars” Award - - Jim Zeigler, Doyle Fuller and Susan Copeland (They precipitated Staar Wars by suing for a Declaration that the extension of a contract for Alabama’s accounting system – called STAARS – violated the competitive bid law.)

163. “Judge Ed Carnes Legal Writing” Award - - Joi Montiel and Ashley Hamlett (In teaching legal writing at Faulkner Law, they strive to develop great legal writers like Judge Carnes.)

164. “Jessica Biel’s Summer Catch” Award - - John Ross (This Assistant US Atty caught a woman this summer and got engaged.)

165. “Father of the Groom” Award - - Richard Shinbaum and Doyle Fuller (Their sons got married this year.)

166. “Adam Sandler’s Mr. Deeds” Award - - Mark Sabel, David Martin and John Charles (They’re always doing good deeds for others.)
167. “The Pursuit of Happiness” Award - - Peck Fox, Ray Hawthorne, Edward Hixon, Elliott Lipinsky, Rick Morrison, and Justin Paulk (They all made career moves this year.)

168. “Homeland Security” Award - - Judge Anita Kelly (She implemented the common sense – and statutorily required - courthouse safety measure of putting victims of domestic violence in a different room from their alleged perpetrators while they waited to meet with the judge.)

169. “Matt Damon’s We Bought a Zoo” Award - - Michael Brymer (At least our City has a Zebra – this outstanding Assistant City Attorney is also a High School and College Football official.)

170. “Girl Meets World” Award - - Jeff (and Suzanne) Duffey (They had our Bar’s first grandchild of the year on January 5, 2016.)

171. “Most Likely to Commit Murder” Award - - Phil Butler, Al Butler, Barney Butler and Mary-Coleman Butler (Isn’t the Butler always the one who did it?)

172. “The Host with the Most (time served)” Award - - Keith Norman (As our State Bar’s long time executive director he’s been playing host to Alabama lawyers for 29 years.)

173. “Dancing with my Baby” Award - - Ben Espy, Keith Miller, Scott Mc Ardle, Rick McBride, Brett Garrett Chris Smith, Judge Jimmy Pool and others who took their little girls to the Landmarks’ Father-Daughter Diamond Princess Ball.

174. “Hugh Grant’s About a Boy” Award - - Keith Rodgers and Stacy Reed (Keith sued the City, represented by Stacy, and the contract medical provider alleging that a jail inmate gave birth in the jail and that the baby died.)

175. “Charlie Sheen’s Major League” Award - - Cowin Knowles, Tim Gallagher, Felicia Long, Ashley Penhale, Mike Martin, and Royal Dumas (In late 2015, after the last Docket went to press, our Bar hit a home run when it was awarded first place in the American Bar Assn’s Day of Service competition.)

176. “The Jeffersons’ Piece of the Pie” Award - - Jim Beck, Ali Hawthorne, Jared Kaplan, and Ashley Penhale (And others who made partner or the equivalent in their law firms this year.)

177. “Pickled” Award - - Judge Jimmy Pool, Austin Huffaker, David Allred, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, Judge Beth Kellum, Greg Allen, Judge Peggy Givhan, Jamie Kidd, Tommy Lawson, Hank Hutchinson, McDowell Crook and others who seek to preserve history and who attended the Landmarks Family Reunion this year.

178. “Sanaa Lathan’s The Perfect Guy” Award - - Bryan Stevenson (The American Bar Association thinks so – it presented its Thurgood Marshall award this year to Bryan.)

179. “James Taylor’s Sweet Baby James” Award - - Jim Vickrey (Don’t know if he’s named “James” for Jim, but he’s Jim’s first grandchild – born this year.)

180. “Sea Lion” Award - - Mitch McGuire (With a Trump Supreme Court, civil rights lawsuits – like the one Mitch filed for the NAACP seeking to have Alabama’s appellate court judges elected from districts – may become an endangered species.)

181. “Molly Ringwald’s Pretty (handsome) in Pink” Award - - Navan Ward (Navan wore pink to support the American Cancer Society’s fund raising efforts.)

182. “Vince Vaughn’s The Internship” Award - - Ali Hawthorne, Brannan Reaves, Elliott Lipinsky, Beau Darley, Landon Eley, Charlie Hawthorne, Stephen McCormick, and Chalankis Brown (With Ali as president, Brannan as VP, Elliott as Secty-Trea, and Beau, Landon, Charlie, Stephen and Chalankis as Board members, these officers of the Young Lawyers Section of our Bar are internig to one day soon seize power.)

183. “Oakland Raiders Al Davis” Award - - Les Pittman (Les must be about to get fired from coaching his YMCA football team - he said teaching life lessons is the most important thing; Just win BABY!!)

184. “Tom Jones’ Help Yourself” Award - - Kelly Pate (As the head of the Middle District of Alabama Pro Se Assistance Program, Kelly helps people help themselves.)

185. “George Tecumseh Sherman” Award - - Tom Methvin, Gibson Vance and Chris Glover (With Tom and Gibson’s leadership and Chris’ actual (permanent) presence on the ground, Beasley Allen is marching through Georgia – opening an Atlanta office.
186. “Madonna’s Body of Evidence” Award - - Joe Lester (As a professor teaching evidence at Faulkner Law, he introduced many now Distinguishable Lawyers to a whole body of evidence.)

187. “Zac Efron’s We Are Your Friends” Award - - Troy King and Michael Brymer (Although police officers are supposed to be your friends, Troy is suing, and Michael is defending, a complaint alleging that an on-duty police officer forced a young man to have oral sex – both civil and criminal cases are pending.)

188. “Wynonna Judd’s No One Else on Earth” Award - - Ed Parish (When through miscommunication, Judge Reed was a no-show for his CLE presentation on the Probate Court, Ed was the only person on Earth brave – and knowledgeable – enough to fill in.)

189. “Pick a Peck” Award - - Peck Fox (Peck, who left Maynard Cooper to open his own office this year, would be a good pick-up for another law firm.)

190. “Tyra Banks” Award - - Evan Allen, Mandy Baker, John Charles, Laurel Crawford, Joana Ellis, Tim Gallagher, James Lampkin, Richard Matthews, , Mickey McDermott, Kelly McTear, Stephanie Monplaisir, Ashley Penhale, Royce Wadsworth and Mike Winter (Because their pro bono service makes them Models for other lawyers, they have received State Bar recognition as 2016 Pro Bono Exemplars.)

191. “Freedom Fighters” Award - - Judge Myron Thompson, Chuck James, Judge Delores Boyd, Tom Methvin, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, Wayne Sabel, Tamika Reed, Judge Greg Griffin, Julian McPhillips, Joe Reed, Jr., and Ann Adams Hill (They attended and/or supported a celebration of Civil Rights era freedom fighters – the Freedom Riders.)

192. “Secretariat” Award - - Julie Beasley, Justice Sue Bell Cobb, Jim Edwards, Judge Frank McFadden, Gibson Vance, Buster Russell, Bill Coleman, Graham Esdale, Ted Hosp, Alex Holtsford, Paul James, Phil Butler and other lawyer supporters of MANE (Even the great Secretariat never did more good for people than the horses involved in MANE’s therapeutic horseback riding program.)

193. “Tom Cruise’s Minority Report” Award - - Bryan Stevenson (Although Bryan received a good decision from the US S. Ct on his claim of racial bias in jury selection, upon remand the Ala. S. Ct found no racial motivation in the prosecutor’s striking 10 of 11 blacks, and upheld the death sentence given to Bryan’s client.)

194. “Flapper” Award - - Julian McPhillips (Julian founded the Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald Museum, which has achieved such prominence that the County Commission awarded it a grant this year.)

195. “Sean Connery’s From Russia with Love” Award - - Wallace Mills, Judge Jimmy Pool, Andy Birchfield, and Katya and Nelson Gill (Jimmy, Wallace and Andy have children from Russia or the former Soviet Union, and Katya, Nelson’s wife, is from Russia.)

196. “Bruce Willis Moonlighting” Award - - Judge Will O’Rear, Ham Wilson, Mitch Alton, Ken Nixon and Michael Brymer (Will, Ham and Mitch moonlight as music men, and Ken and Michael as sports officials.)

197. “In with the Inn Crowd” Award - - Brian Morgan, Scott Morris Eileen Harris, and Chris Weller (They are the leadership of this year’s Inn of Court – Brian was, and Scott is, president.)

198. “The In Crowd” Award - - Brantley Lyons and Fred Bell (As Montgomery City Council members, they are on the inside determining the direction of our city.)

199. “Age Discrimination” Award - - Lane Knight and Kelly Pate (The Benchmark publication designated them as Top Litigators under 40 - I think they’re tops for any age.)

200. “Fred Gray Lawyers Render Service” Award - - Ed Livingston, Doug McElvy, and Mose Stuart (The Theme of Fred Gray’s State Bar presidency was “Lawyers Render Service”, and that is what Ed, Doug and Mose do in part as officers of the Montgomery Kiwanis Club.)

201. “William Hurt’s The Big Chill” Award - - Laura Crum, Sam Adams, Bobo Gilpin, Jimmy McLemore, Susan Copeland, Paul Copeland and others (These and other old law school pals reunited at a party to celebrate – rather than to mourn as in The Big Chill – old friend Lee Copeland’s State Bar presidency.)

202. “Under the Influence” Award - - Kendall Dunson and Evan Allen (Evan is learning well under the influence of lawyers like Kendall with whom he won a $500,000 verdict in a difficult case.)
203. “The Ghost of Balls Past” Award - - Jenny and John Hagood and Frank Woodson (Their daughters were presented at the Southern Debutante Cotillion, a ball founded by the wife of former mayor Emory Folmar.)

204. “Cary Grant’s An Affair to Remember” Award - - Tim Gallagher, Rhon Jones, and Royal Dumas (They were the moving forces behind our Bar’s incredibly successful 2016 Charity Affair – Tailgating, Vintage Year Food, and Willie Sugarcapps – who could ask for anything more.)

205. “Kurt Russell’s Stargate” Award - - Dean Charles Nelson, Shirley Howell, Charles Campbell, Sharon Yates, Jerome Dees, Don Garner, Bryan Morgan, Rob McFarland, Joi Montiel, Joe Lester, Elyce Morris and Ashley Hamlett (These and other members of the Faulkner Law administration and faculty hold the key to the gate for future lawyers to become stars in our profession.)

206. “Trekkies” Award - - Lisa Harden, Barbara Wells, Nelson Gill, Ted Hosp, Corrie Long, (former Mtgy lawyer) Peter Fruin and others (Just like Trekkies are to Star Trek, these former and present law clerks will always be super fans and supporters of Judge Harold Albritton – who celebrated his 25th anniversary as a judge this year with a reunion of his law clerks.)

207. “Chuck Norris’ Code of Silence” Award - - Tony McLain, Jeremy McIntire, Tripp Vickers, and Mark Moody (These lawyers in the State Bar’s Office of General Counsel enforce the obligation of lawyers to maintain silence when the attorney-client privilege requires it.)

208. “Teddy Roosevelt Memory” Award - - Von and Stuart Memory (Teddy may have had a photographic memory, but Von and Stuart are guaranteed to always maintain their Memory.)

209. “Sixth (Wo)Man” Award - - Allison Ingram and Mandy Carter (Like the first players off the bench in the NBA, these semi-full time lawyers, when called to action, do a great job.)

210. “Al Pacino’s And Justice for All” Award - - Danielle Mason (As President of the Montgomery County Association for Justice, Danielle wants to assure justice for all injured people.)

211. “Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep” Award - - Bobby Segall and many others (Despite doubts, here’s hoping – and praying – that Donald Trump will turn out to be a successful, wonderful president for our country and for everyone in our country.)

212. “In Good Times and Bad” Award - - Chris and Tim Lewis (They’ve endured the most difficult time any parents can imagine – and they’ve done it together.)

213. “Gee We’re Going to Miss You” Award - - Judge Johnny Davis; Gerald Hartley; Redding Pitt; Roger Morrow, Greg Graves, Mark Chambliss, Prof. John Garman; Dan Hamm, Michael Joiner, Judge B.J. Russell

1 The title of this award comes from a song memorializing Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper written shortly after their deaths in a plane crash in 1959. The song is about their transformation into three new stars in the sky. The principal lyric in the song is “Gee we’re going to miss you. Everybody sends their love.”
The MCBA Staff wishes you a holiday season of quiet reflection, joyful gatherings, and peace of heart.  

Happy New Year!

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