You gave us helpful feedback when we circulated the membership surveys and we listened. Based on your responses, your MCBA Board of Directors has been busy planning for the year and we want to give you a preview of some upcoming events for you to look forward to.

First, we will be hosting a Lunch & Learn series this year. Remember how fun it is to have lunch with your lawyer friends at the annual meeting each year? Now you don’t have to wait a whole year to see them again or to meet new lawyer friends. These lunches will be a refreshing break in the middle of your day, foster camaraderie with your colleagues, and aid in your enjoyment of the profession over the long term. You will also receive a CLE credit as an added bonus for attending. Our first Lunch & Learn will be April 5 at 11:30am overlooking downtown Montgomery on the outside terrace at the law office of Bradley Arrant, located in the RSA Dexter Avenue Building. Lunch is complimentary to the first 50 members who register!

Second, staying with the theme of building relationships amongst our Bar, we have planned some exciting socials for you this year. Are you game for a complementary drink, appetizers, and some luck? If so, join all the lucky lawyers to start celebrating St. Patrick’s Day this Thursday, March 15th, at Irish Bred Pub from 5:30-7:30pm for our first social of the year!

Third, mark your calendar for Law Day on May 1. We are planning a Law Day program for students in the area and need volunteers to help us. We will send you details soon.

While you have your calendars handy and to make sure you do not miss socializing and becoming a better lawyer by attending our MCBA activities this year, please see the Save the Date announcement on the following page so you can go ahead and plan your depositions and other activities around these exciting events and avoid the FOMO!

Also, as a follow-up to the “Safety at the Courthouse” CLE we hosted during the last Bench and Bar conference, MCBA will be donating, thanks to your generous donations, over a hundred and fifty boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the Police Chief for him to distribute and build relations within our community. I have also been in several meetings recently to continue the conversation we started at that CLE regarding access to justice considerations at the courthouse and will update you in the near future once certain plans are finalized.

It is an honor to serve as your President this year. If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to see our Bar consider, please do not hesitate to contact me. I encourage you to become an active member of our Bar this year. It is through this Bar association that I have gained some of my most valued relationships and learned more about our judicial system than I would have otherwise! I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming MCBA events!

Felicia Long, President
Montgomery County Bar Association
2018 EVENTS- SAVE THE DATE

- Socials
  - March 15, 2018 “Luck O’ the Lawyers” St. Patrick’s Day Social in partnership with the MCBA Women’s Section at Irish Bred Pub
  - July 12, 2018- Escapology
  - October 25, 2018- Halloween Tailgate

- Law Day- May 1, 2018
  - ABA Theme: Separate of Powers
  - Presentations in schools using “Play by the Rules”, a publication by the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education.

- Lunch & Learn Series- April 5, August 2, and November 1

- Annual Charity Event- September/ October

- Bench and Bar- Nov. 29-30, 2018
  - Federal Courthouse on November 29th and Montgomery County Courthouse on November 30th

Lunch & Learns

April 5 | 11:30am-1pm | Open Records Open Meeting Law in Alabama, Presented by Dennis R. Bailey, Rushton Stakely - Law Offices of Bradley Arant, 445 Dexter Ave., Suite 9075. Lunch provided by Lexis Nexis

August 2 | 11:30 am-1pm | TBD

November 1 | 11:30am-1pm | TBD

To register for these Lunch & Learns, call 265-4793 or email suzanneduffey@mc-ala.org.
I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed time with family and friends. Our Community Service Committee kept us busy in December with the HandsOn River Region’s Christmas Clearinghouse Project. HandsOn’s Christmas Clearinghouse is the River Regions’ largest Christmas charitable giving program. The Women’s Section collected over $400 in donations for the Care Basket Drive and assembled 70 of the 120 baskets distributed to the community. The Women’s Section Board also generously adopted a family and purchased and delivered presents to three deserving children – including a drum set! Giving back to our community is a large part of what the Women’s Section does and we encourage you to be a part of our efforts.

We kicked off our 2018 year of events with our “Let’s Talk Health” event at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Our speakers included Dr. Porcia Love with River Region Dermatology & Laser, Nurse Practitioner Joyce Loyd-Davis, Chiropractor Terry Groce with Harmony Wellness and Rehab, Ryan Turner with Infusion Wellness Center, and Chris Alonzo with Whole Foods Market. Attendees received valuable information about how to improve and maintain their health, as well as coupons and resources. If you would like more information on this event, please visit our Facebook page (“MCBA Women’s Section”). We look forward to another event like this in the future!

The Women’s Section and the MCBA Bar Relations Committee are co-hosting “Luck o’ the Lawyers,” a St. Patrick’s Day Social on March 15th. Appetizers and drinks will be provided so join your fellow “lucky” lawyers for a cold one and networking! Thanks to Baker Realtime for sponsoring!

Membership invoices were emailed in January. If you have not paid yours, please do so as soon as possible to remain our active mailing list. If you did not receive an invoice and would like to be a member, please email us at mcbawomen@gmail.com. Be kind.

Effie Hawthorne, President
I am very proud of our Young Lawyers Section for continuing to step up and serve our community. On December 20, 2017, the Officers and Board Members of the Young Lawyers Section came together to help support Child Protect and Child Abuse Services. It was our privilege to purchase toys to donate to the many children who are victims of child abuse in our community. The trauma of a child being sexually or physically abused is more than any child deserves. Child Protect exists to minimize that trauma and help rebuild young lives shattered by abuse. 

Through our small donation of toys this past Christmas season, the Young Lawyers Section hopes to bring a smile back to the faces of these sweet and deserving children.

If you would like to learn more about Child Protect and how you can help, please visit their website at http://www.childprotect.org/. Child Protect is a children’s advocacy center that provides assistance, counseling, and other services for children who are victims of abuse.

Child Protect Donation

Pictured (left to right): YLS Secretary/Treasurer Elliott Lipinsky and YLS President Ali Hawthorne presenting toys to Child Protect representatives.

For those of you not receiving our Young Lawyers Section emails or if you are wanting to become a member of the Young Lawyers Section, please contact our Secretary/Treasurer at elliottlipinsky@gmail.com.
Mercy House Service Project

On January 29, 2018, the Young Lawyers Section organized a panel of young lawyers to speak to a room full of individuals at Mercy House about topics affecting their lives. Our lawyers provided information and answered questions about labor and employment laws, the need to have a will, insurance issues, cost-saving tips and tricks, and we also introduced them to the Volunteer Lawyer Program. Our hope was to help empower our audience with knowledge that they could take with them to better their lives. Mercy House is a ministry of Common Ground that provides a safe home, nutritious food, and donated clothes to needy individuals. It was an amazing feeling to be able to sit down and talk with people at Mercy House in order to help them understand issues they may be facing.

Pine Bar Social

With all the hard work our young lawyers have been doing lately, we had to throw a little fun in the mix! On February 1, 2018, the Young Lawyers Section hosted a great social at Pine Bar. Pine Bar has always been equivalent to our Cheers, “where everyone knows your name,” so of course it was the perfect location for the Young Lawyers Section to hang out with our friends.

We are appreciative of our sponsor, Baker Realtime Court Reporting, who made this social possible. We also want to thank the hospitable people at Pine Bar who continue to host our rowdy group of youngster lawyers. Be on the lookout for our next social invitation. If you are in the Young Lawyers Section, but you are not receiving our social invitations, please contact our Secretary/Treasurer at elliottlipinsky@gmail.com.

What’s Next?

SIGN UP NOW! The Young Lawyers Section will be hosting its Fifth Annual Charity Clay Shoot on June 1, 2018. The event is $75 per shooter. You can register individually or as a team of 4. You can email Alison.hawthorne@beasleyallen.com to sign up as a shooter or a sponsor!

The Young Lawyers Section is excited to be able to donate our Charity Clay Shoot proceeds to Dream Court. Dream Court is a great organization that promotes an active lifestyle, teaches appropriate social behavior, and develops self-esteem for individuals with special needs through tennis programs.

See pages 10-13 for more information regarding registration forms and sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to seeing you all at the Charity Clay Shoot this year!

Sincerely,
Ali Hawthorne, President
We continue to see increasing growth each year at Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, and 2017 was no exception. In 2017 we were very happy to assist more indigent clients with civil legal needs in Montgomery County and saw a 7% increase from the previous year in the number of requests for assistance received, resulting in 405 opened cases, which was a 6% increase from the previous year. Our volunteers closed 318 cases during the year and provided extended representation in 92 of those closed cases. With the addition of our specialty clinics our clinic attendance was up as well, with 325 clients provided advice and counsel during these clinics, an 11% increase from 2016. We humbly thank all the local Bar members who selflessly gave of their time and expertise to help those less fortunate among us in need of civil legal aid. If you'd like to experience the satisfaction of helping others with your legal talents, please contact us at 265-0222.

We have some exciting new events planned for 2018 that I encourage our current volunteers as well as anyone interested in getting involved with the program to participate in. The MVLP is planning a CLE for April (date TBD), which will feature and cover the areas of law that the MVLP sees the most amount of cases, i.e., family law, consumer issues, probate law, landlord/tenant matters and foreclosures, as well as a caselaw and legislative update. This CLE will be FREE to all MCBA members as a thank you for your continued support of the MVLP. Also, in addition to our twice-monthly clinic we will be having a specialty or neighborhood clinic almost monthly, so we can serve specific needs of our clients and attempt to make it more convenient for those with transportation difficulties. Please be on the lookout for email signup for these clinics.

We are also pleased to announce that our Pro Bono Leadership Corp Initiative was so successful in its inaugural year that we selected a new 2018 class. In 2017, we were able to place 38 complex and contested extended representation cases that we would not have been able to previously otherwise place with our volunteers due to the extended time demands. This year we have another promising class of young attorneys that are eager to participate with the MVLP and we would like to thank a recognized them for their willingness to participate in our program: Brannon Booth, Charles Calloway, LaSheryl Dotch, Tonya DuPree, Preston Presley.

We would to thank all those who have recently assisted with our clinics: John Charles, Royce Wadsworth, James Lampkin, Leslie Pescia, Kristine Jones, David Weston, Brannon Booth, Maceo Kirkland, Chris Baldwin and Karen Laneaux. We are most appreciative of the service provided by these individuals, and invite you – if you are not already volunteering – to join with us. Call us at 265-0222 and become a part of our growing program. Your small amount of time and service to our clients is life-changing and very appreciated!

Laurel Crawford
Executive Director for MVLP
Presiding Judges

Presiding Criminal Judge-Judge J.R. Gaines
Presiding Civil Judge-Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr.
Presiding District Court Judge-Judge Pamela R. Higgins
Presiding Judge of Mental Health- Judge James Anderson

These are one year terms. The effective date is February 8, 2018-February 8, 2019.

New MCBA Members

H. Lewis Gillis - Means Gillis Law, LLC
Kristen Gillis - Means Gillis Law, LLC
Laura Betts Leavell - Leavell & Associates
Patrick B. Moody - AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Ryan Corley - AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Catie Malone - Webster Henry Lyons Bradwell Cohan & Speagle, PC
Dwight Pridgeon - private practice
Wesley Walterscheid - Mazur Law Firm
Trip Vickers - Alabama State Bar
Beasley Allen - Ryan Duplechin
LaSheryl Dotch
Chris Baldwin
Tyner Helms
Warner Hornsby

Whitley Hall - private practice
Michael Waters - Chambless, Math, & Carr
Garrett Chambless - Chambless, Math, & Carr
Seth Capper - Gilpin Givhan, PC
District Attorney’s Office - Jasmyn Webb
Greg Griffin, Jr.
Haley Stillman
Public Defenders Office- Oslynn Brown
Ashley Heidger
Synetria Jones
Kasey Coan
Raquel Jones
Glenn Langner
Jeffery Brown - Alabama Securities Commission

Capell & Howard, P.C. Opens New Office in Baldwin County

Capell & Howard, P.C.’s newest office is open for business in Baldwin County. For more than 70 years, a commitment to two core values — professional leadership and civic responsibility — has defined Capell & Howard. Capell & Howard located the new office in downtown Fairhope as a result of continued business growth and opportunities in the area. The Fairhope office is located at 317 Magnolia Avenue Fairhope, AL 36532 and the phone number is 251-928-4555.

Law books: Southern Reporter, Southern 2nd and West Alabama Digest – FREE!
Contact Linda Teague Legal Assistant/Paralegal to Benjamin Pool: (334) 265-3528
The Annual Meeting of the Montgomery County Bar Association was held February 1, 2018 at the Alabama Activity Center. Lee Copeland received the MCBA Service and Achievement Award and Jacqueline Erle Austin, Robert Sommerville Hill, III, Don Edward Lawley, Thomas Glenn Mancuso, Joseph G.L. Marston, III, Mark Wayne Sabel, Robert Teague Thetford, George Hollin Wakefield, Jr., and Kenneth Dallon Wallis, II received recognition for practicing more than 50 years.
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL
ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

About the Board:
The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners is the state regulatory agency tasked with licensing, certifying, and regulating the practice of medicine and osteopathy in the state of Alabama. The Board's duties include: qualifying physicians for licensure, certifying physicians to prescribe and dispense controlled substances, and investigating and prosecuting violations of the Controlled Substances Act and the Medical Practice Act. The Board's office is located at 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, AL 36101.

Job Description:
The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners is currently seeking one or more attorneys for Associate Counsel positions in the legal department. Attorneys in the legal department will prosecute all manner of Controlled Substance Act and Medical Practice Act violations, including quality of care cases utilizing medical experts, health care fraud, and sexual boundary violations. Attorneys in the legal department also assist with the licensure of physicians, drafting, interpreting, and enforcing administrative rules, and advising the Board in its regulatory and physician fitness and professionalism functions.

Qualifications:
Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the Alabama State Bar and have at least 3 years post-J.D. experience. Preferred qualifications: Applicants for this position should possess at least five (5) years of litigation experience. Applicants must also possess a strong academic background, superior legal writing and research ability, and a commitment to professionalism, ethics, civility, and public service. Finally, applicants must possess the ability to manage large, complex investigations and prosecutions. United States citizenship is required.

Travel:
Occasional travel, both within and outside the state of Alabama, may be required.

Application Process:
All cover letters/resumes/writing samples should be mailed to:

Carla Kruger
Legal Department
P.O. Box 946
Montgomery, AL 36104
No telephone calls please.

Cover letters and resumes should include a list and short description of representative cases demonstrating the applicant's litigation experience. Submissions must be postmarked by the closing date of this announcement. Applicants must indicate whether they are willing to relocate to Montgomery, AL.
Board of Commissioners

There are three at-large positions of the Board of Bar Commissioners up for appointment: Place No. 1, Place No. 4 and Place No. 7. To the extent possible, candidates will be selected to reflect the racial, ethnic, gender as well as the age and geographic diversity of the membership of the Alabama State Bar. Those selected will assume the responsibilities of their office on July 1, 2018.

The application is available on the bar’s website along with a copy of the election rules – https://www.alabar.org/about-the-bar/board-of-bar-commissioners/election-information/ . As a commissioner, you are encouraged to send the application and rules to any individual(s) in your circuit who you feel will not only reflect the criteria listed, but who will conscientiously fulfill the obligations of this office and render a valuable service to the legal profession.

Applications for nominations must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2018 and returned to the Alabama State Bar Executive Committee, P. O. Box 671, Montgomery, AL, 36101.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

CHARITY CLAY SHOOT

Friday, June 1, 2018 at 2:00pm

LOWER WETUMPKA SHOTGUN SPORTS CLUB
4758 Lower Wetumpka Road
Montgomery, AL 36110

- COST IS $75 PER SHOOTER*
- REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A TEAM OF 4
- FOR FURTHER REGISTRATION OR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT ALISON HAWTHORNE AT ALISON.HAWTHORNE@BEASLEYALLEN.COM

*All proceeds from this charity clay shoot will benefit Dream Court, which promotes an active lifestyle, teaches appropriate social behavior, and develops self-esteem for individuals with special needs through tennis programs.
Montgomery County Bar Association Young Lawyers
Charity Clay Shoot

Team Sponsor
$500
Includes:
* Complimentary team of 4 shooters with 100 clays per shooter
* Corporate signage at a designated clay shoot station
* Sponsor recognition at awards ceremony

Station Sponsor
$250
Includes:
* Corporate signage at a designated clay shoot station
* Option to have corporate representative at designated station
* Sponsor recognition at awards ceremony

Ceremony Sponsor
Contribution
Includes:
* Corporate signage at the pavilion during the awards ceremony and social
* Sponsor recognition at awards ceremony

Name/Company: ____________________________________________
Level of Sponsorship: _______________________________________
If Ceremony Sponsor, please provide a description of the donation (i.e. beverages, food, coozies, goody-bags, etc.) ________________________________
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Email: ___________________________ Phone: __________________________
Payment: (select payment type)  ☐ Cash  ☐ Check

Please make checks payable to Montgomery County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.
Please remit payment to Elliott Lipinsky at PO Box 231496, Montgomery, AL 36123 on or before May 18, 2018.
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Montgomery County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Charity Clay Shoot

Lower Wetumpka Sports Club on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 2:00pm

You may register as an individual or as a team of four. The cost is $75 per shooter. If you register as an individual, you will be placed in a team of four the day of the shoot. If you would like to register as a team of four, each shooter must complete their own registration form.

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Do you already have a team of four shooters?

- [ ] Yes
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If No, you will be placed in a team of four the day of the shoot.

If Yes, please provide their names and email addresses below.

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Teams are encouraged to bring their own golf carts.

Are you bringing your own golf cart?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
PAYMENT

Total Amount Due: $75 per shooter

Payment Due: May 18, 2018

Payment Type: (select payment type)

☐ Cash
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Team Number: (to be completed by MCBA YLS)

Instructions For Shooters: (please feel free to tear this section off for your records)

Please have all four members of your team arrive at the Lower Wetumpka Sports Club no later than 2:00pm on June 1, 2018 for registration. The Lower Wetumpka Sports Club is located at 4758 Lower Wetumpka Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

Each shooter will need to bring his/her own eye and ear protection, 100 shotgun shells, and a gun. The Lower Wetumpka Sports Club has everything available for purchase on site if any of the shooters need anything, including 7 rental guns. As indicated above, shooters are also encouraged to bring their own golf carts.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Ali Hawthorne at Alison.hawthorne@beasleyallen.com or by phone at 334-495-1330. Thank you for your participation and support!