C.G. Jung once said, “Everyone you will ever meet knows something that you don't know but need to know. Learn from them.” By engaging in verbal conversations and listening to what others say, we gain knowledge and insight into subjects and perspectives. As technology advances, we cannot overlook the value of human interaction. When we spend time in community with one another, we grow as individuals, have a better understanding of people and our environments, become better problem solvers and policymakers, break down barriers, and even laugh and enjoy other’s company in the process. I was reminded of this principal this past week when during casual conversation I learned from a fellow lawyer more about state employee reporting requirements, from an Uber driver about his vantage point as an immigrant from China, and from a man at a homeless shelter about self-preservation and humility. I challenge you to step away from your computer occasionally to engage in conversations with your colleagues, open your ears to what they have to say, and share your experiences with them as well.

On that note, thank you to all the attorneys who shared your knowledge of this year’s Law Day theme - Separation of Powers - with students in our Montgomery Public Schools. Because of you, Law Day was a success and the students at Goodwyn Middle School, Carr Middle School, and Bellingrath Middle School have a better working knowledge of the three branches of government. Thank you to Ashley Penhale for coordinate this event! Our work with the public schools is not done yet. The Women’s Section is coordinating a day of service on July 21 at Forest Avenue Magnet School. See the pages that follow for more details.

Our Bar has many more upcoming opportunities for you to be in community with your fellow lawyers. Mark your calendars now for our upcoming socials on May 31 and July 12, the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting to be held June 27-30, and our next Lunch & Learn on August 2. Our first Lunch & Learn was a hit based on the feedback we received by all those who attended so you want to make sure you don't miss this next one at the Alabama State Capitol! Thank you to Dennis Bailey, Bryan Morgan, Chris Waller, Larry Gholston, Lexis Nexis, and our friends at Bradley for all your help kicking-off our Lunch & Learn series.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming MCBA events!

Felicia Long, President
JUNE 1
MCBA YLS Charity Clay Shoot
2pm at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club
4758 Lower Wetumpka Road 36110
RSVP: alison.hawthorne@BeasleyAllen.com

JUNE 30
Deadline for MVLP Part-time Receptionist/Intake Assistant
Email resume and cover letter to Laurel Crawford at
mvlpexecutivedirector@gmail.com

JULY 11
MVLP Neighborhood Counsel Clinic
1-5pm at the Montgomery Public Library,
Airbase Blvd Branch
Email: mvlpexecutivedirector@gmail.com

JULY 21
Packed to ACT Summer Service Project
9am - Noon at Forest Avenue Magnet Elementary
RSVP: alison.hawthorne@BeasleyAllen.com

SEPTEMBER 27-29
MCBA Mockingbird Challenge
National Trial Competition
Contact: JLester@Faulkner.edu

SEPTEMBER/NOVEMBER
Annual Charity Event

NOVEMBER 29-30
Bench and Bar
Federal Courthouse on November 29
Montgomery County Courthouse on November 30

DECEMBER 6
Holiday Party
5:30 pm at Wynlakes Country Club

JANUARY 17, 2019
MCBA Annual Meeting
11:45am at RSA Activity Center

Calendar

Socials
MAY 31 | YLS Low Country Shrimp Boil
5:30-8pm at Jackson Thornton Warehouse
(behind 200 Commerce St)
RSVP: elaine.smith@jacksonthornton.com

July 12 | Pine Bar
October 25 | Halloween Tailgate

LUNCH & LEARN

Lunch & Learns
August 2 | 12 - 1:30pm
Alabama State Capitol

November 1 | 11:30am-1:00pm
Arrowhead Country Club
Women's Section Update
by Effie Hawthorne, Women's Section President

We asked, you responded! Earlier this month, we sent out a survey about our upcoming summer service project. We tallied your responses and our Community Service Committee went to work to put together a project based on YOUR preferences. We’re excited to announce that we will be participating in the Montgomery Clean City Commission’s Packed to ACT (All Cleaning Together) project* for Montgomery Public Schools.

Packed to ACT
Summer Service Project

When: July 21, 2018 from 9 AM – 12 PM
Where: Forest Avenue Magnet Elementary School
Details: We will be helping with indoor painting projects so wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirty. Family members age 16+ are welcome to join!
Please RSVP to Alison.Hawthorne2@BeasleyAllen.com or on our Facebook event page by July 1 so that we can get a headcount.

Check out our flyer in this edition of The Docket for more info! Keep an eye out for a possible summer social as well!

If you have not paid your 2018 membership dues, it’s not too late! 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

*For additional information on MCCC’s Packed to ACT program, visit their website at https://www.mgmc3.com/packedtoact/.
OPEN TO ALL MCBA MEMBERS!
The Young Lawyers Section is having a low country shrimp boil on Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 5:30pm-8pm hosted by Jackson Thornton. The shrimp boil is open to ALL MCBA members, young and old! Jackson Thornton will have plenty of food and beverage for everyone, so join us for a good time. If you plan to attend, please send your RSVP to Elain.Smith@jacksonthornton.com as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

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. We are accepting late applications, so there is still time to register! This Charity Clay Shoot is open to all MCBA members and the public at large. You can register individually or as a team of 4. You can email Alison.hawthorne@beasleyallen.com to sign up!

All proceeds from the Charity Clay Shoot will be donated 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 below for more information regarding registration forms and sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to seeing you all at the Charity Clay Shoot this year!
HERE WE GROW!!! First, let me start out saying how appreciative we are for the continued great response we receive from members of the Montgomery County Bar when we ask for volunteers at our Advice and Counsel Clinics and/or when we seek to place a referral of a pro bono client in need of extended representation. Because of the wonderful services rendered by our selfless volunteers, we are able to reach more families and continue to increase the number of clients served. We have grown so much that we are happy to announce we now adding an additional staff member to the MVLP!

We will be accepting application between now and June 30th for a part-time Intake Assistant/Receptionist. Following this article you will find the announcement of the search for the Intake Assistant/Receptionist position. Please check it out and, if you or someone you know is interested, submit your application packet to me at mvlpexecutivedirector@gmail.com

We are pleased to announce we will be hosting some specialty and neighborhood clinics over the summer in addition to our twice-monthly clinics. The first neighborhood clinic will be held at the Montgomery Public Library, Airbase Blvd. branch, on Wednesday, July 11th from 1-5 p.m., so please mark your calendars. If you are unable to attend our regularly scheduled clinics this is great opportunity to participate in our program as the clients we serve have a wide rage of legal issues that could use the advice of our knowledgeable volunteers. Please email myself or our Intake Director, Barbara Ann Symington, if you are able to attend.

A big thank you to our volunteers that continued to give of their time, talent and knowledge in order to serve those low-income families of Montgomery. The impact you have on our clients, their families and their lives are irreplaceable to them and the legal matters they face. We had a very successful 2018 Wills for Heroes where we were able to provide over 25 documents to first responders and thank all of our volunteers for Wills for Heroes and our regular bi-monthly clinics, and we want to salute the following, who gave of their time and expertise to assist our clients over the past few months: John Charles (The Anderson Firm), Brannon Booth, Royce Wadsworth (Wadsworth Law Office), LaSheryl Dotch (Beasley Allen), Tim Gallagher (Sasser, Sefton & Brown), Philip Sellers II (Rushton, Stakely), Leslie Pescia (Beasley Allen), Kristine Jones, Charles Calloway, Preston Presley (Law Office of Roianne Conner), David Westin, Sonny Wills (Beasley Allen), Clay Teague, Mickey McDermott, Jamie Ratliff, Tonya Dupree, Grant Cofer (Beasley Allen), Kelly Pate (Balch & Bingham), McDowell Crook, Russ Russell (Capell Howard), April Wise (Capell Howard), Mark Edward Smith, John Bradley (Faulkner Law), Alyssa Hawkins, (Jones, Hawkins & Assoc).

I invite you to consider joining with us, if you are not already a volunteer or, if you are and have not taken a case referral in a while, by calling our office at 265-0222 and let us know you would like to help those less fortunate in our community facing civil legal issues. You’ll be glad you did.

Laurel Crawford
Executive Director for MVLP
Montgomery County Bar Foundation
Volunteer Lawyers Program

Part-time Receptionist/Intake Assistant Position

POSITION:

The MCBF-VLP Receptionist/Intake Assistant will work in coordination with and under the direction of the Intake Director to assist in efficient and effective intake and communication for the Program, which provides quality pro bono legal services in civil cases for qualifying low-income residents of Montgomery County. This is a part-time position, working 20 hours per week.

Primary Responsibilities
1. Manage intake phone line and online/website inquiries.
2. Assist the Intake Director in conducting initial client intake interviews, by telephone and in person.
3. Assist the Intake Director in monitoring and tracking cases and information related to cases in internal database system.
4. Assist the Intake Director in communicating with volunteer lawyers about status of VLP cases.

Additional Responsibilities
1. General office duties including organizing files, document management, phones
2. Attend all MVLP Legal Clinics, assisting with preparation and client intake.
3. Demonstrate passion and compassion in working with low-income residents.
4. Any such other tasks as assigned by the Executive Director or Intake Director.

Preferred Education/Skills
The successful applicant will possess strong communication skills, excellent organizational and logic skills, familiarity with legal databases, an ability to multi-task and perform on deadline, and proficiency with Microsoft Office products. A four-year degree or equivalent experience is preferred; a strong preference for prior legal office experience.

References requested.

Salary: $15.00/hour

Please submit a resume, cover letter and references to the Executive Director, Laurel Crawford at mvlpexecutivedirector@gmail.com no later than June 30, 2018.

For more information, contact Laurel Crawford, Executive Director, Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, P. O. Box 72, Montgomery, AL 36101, Telephone (334) 265-0222 ext. 1 Email: mvlpexecutivedirector@gmail.com
He was admitted to the Bar August 25, 1961.

Sons: Sterling Gardner Culpepper III
      1680 Noble Drive NE
      Atlanta, GA 30306

      William Kelly Culpepper
      3913 Briar Oak Drive
      Birmingham, AL 35243

Daughter: Emily Culpepper Pfeil
          1077 Lanier Blvd NE
          Atlanta, GA 30306

Elisha Calvin Poole, of Greenville, AL died March 29, 2018.
He was admitted to the Bar January 1, 1955.

Wife: Juanita Cumbie Poole
      310 N. College St
      Greenville, AL 36037

He has two living sons who are both Alabama attorneys: Calvin Poole, III and Cleveland Poole. As well, his father, Calvin Poole (deceased), was an Alabama attorney.

Winston Dansford Durant, of Montgomery, died April 11, 2018.
He was admitted to the Bar September 27, 1976.

Son and Daughter in law: Drs. Raegan and Nefertiti Durant
                        c/o Hon. Delores R. Boyd
                        3 North Anton Drive
                        Montgomery, AL 36105

She was admitted to the Bar April 28, 1978.
She is a former District Court Judge of Chilton County (1981 to 1992).

Sister: Cathy Fredericks
       c/o 1925 Central Parkway, #104B
       Montgomery, AL 36106
Montgomery Independent will have a price increase effective June 1, 2018, concerning: 1) Notice to Creditors, 2) Notice on a Last Will and Testament, and 3) Notice on a Settlement. What this means for anyone who filing a Will for Probate or a Petition for Letters of Administration, the base filing fee will go from $72.00 to $105.00. As a reminder, if you are filing a will, the fee only covers a will that is five (5) pages or less. If the will is over five (5) pages, there is a fee of $1.50 per page. The increase on the other two notices will be reflected on the final cost bill issued by the clerk handling the case.

As long as the Will or Administration is filed by May 31, 2018, the old fee will still apply, but anything filed on June 1, 2018, or after, will require the new amount.

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Mark your calendars for the second in MCBA’s Lunch and Learn series on Thursday August 2, tentatively, at the State Capitol. Topics will cover criminal law and issues related to a state government practice.

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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.) _______________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
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
- [x] No

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.

- ____________________________________________
- ____________________________________________
- ____________________________________________
- ____________________________________________

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)

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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!
Young Lawyer’s Section

Low Country SHRIMP BOIL

Hosted by: Jackson Thornton Business Valuation & Litigation Group

When: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Jackson Thornton Warehouse (Behind 200 Commerce St)

RSVP: Elaine Smith – elaine.smith@jacksonthornton.com
PACKED

to A.C.T.
at Forest Avenue Magnet School

Montgomery County Bar Association Women’s Section

July 21, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You and your family members (16+) are invited to participate in the Women's Section service project, Packed to A.C.T. (All Cleaning Together) school cleanup program. This service project will involve indoor painting projects at Forest Avenue Magnet School. Wear clothes you do not mind getting paint on!

RSVP to Alison.hawthorne@BeasleyAllen.com
3rd Annual Mockingbird Challenge
National Trial Competition
September 27-29, 2018

Sponsored by the Montgomery County Bar Association and Faulkner University’s Jones School of Law

If you are interested in judging or perhaps becoming a sponsor please contact Prof. Joe Lester at JLester@Faulkner.edu
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Bar Commissioners

FROM: Phillip W. McCallum, Executive Director

RE: Board Meeting Summary Notes – May 4, 2018

DATE: May 23, 2018

1. **Administrative** – Following the invocation by Commissioner John Stamps and roll call, the minutes of the March 2, 2018 board meeting were approved.

2. **Meeting Guests** - President Augusta S. Dowd recognized special guests including Justices Mike Bolin and Will Sellers, associate justices of the Supreme Court of Alabama, Alan Rogers, president of the Birmingham Bar Association, Jennifer Buettner, executive director of the Birmingham Bar Association, Eileen Harris, director of the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution, past president Sam Rumore, and the following members of the General Counsel Search Committee: past president Rich Raleigh, Alicia Bennett, Mike Haney, Cooper Shattuck, Lee Knowles.

3. **President’s Report** – President Dowd briefly recognized the retiring commissioners and encouraged them to attend the Annual Meeting to receive formal recognition of their service on the Board of Bar Commissioners.

President Dowd updated the commission on “State of the Bar” presentations that have been given to date and future presentations that have been scheduled already. She reported that bar leadership was represented at minority pre-law conferences that have been held across the state. President Dowd encouraged commissioners to attend the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, to be held at the Supreme Court Building immediately following the board meeting.

President Dowd informed the commission that she had attended ABA Day in Washington, D.C., which allowed her to interact with Alabama’s congressional delegation and seek funding for Legal Services Alabama. She also recognized Tommy Wells, past president of the ABA, in coordinating the ABA Day efforts for Alabama for the past 22 years.
President Dowd informed the commission that the Supreme Court of Alabama has approved amendments to Rules 26(c), 27(j), and 30(b) of the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure regarding Disability Inactive status, as proposed by the commission. She also informed the commission that the Supreme Court currently has before it the amendments to the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar that were approved by the commission.

President Dowd informed the commission that she has appointed Commissioner Monet Gaines, Commissioner David Martin, and Secretary/Executive Director McCallum to serve as the Election Certification Committee. President reviewed the prior approach used in appointing members to the Disciplinary Commission, Disciplinary Panels and Hearing Officers. She informed the commission that she would be seeking nominations from the board for these positions and that recommended appointees would be considered and voted on at the Annual Meeting. She also informed the commission that she would solicitor nominations for positions on the Alabama Law Foundation Board of Trustees and that those nominations would be considered at the Annual Meeting.

President Dowd concluded her remarks by reminding the commission of the Annual Meeting to be held June 27-30, 2018, at the Sandestin Hilton. She encouraged commissioners to attend and to promote attendance to their constituents.

4. **Secretary/Executive Director Report** – Secretary/Executive Director McCallum informed the commission that the bar staff has worked hard with leadership in planning and preparation for the Annual Meeting, to be held June 27-30 at the Hilton Sandestin, and encouraged commissioners to make their reservations. Mr. McCallum also recognized the generosity of state bar staff in making contributions to Legal Food Frenzy totaling over 8,000 pounds of food.

Secretary/Executive Director McCallum informed the commission of the death of attorney Elisha Calvin Poole of Greenville. Mr. Poole is the father of former commissioner Cleve Poole.

Secretary/Executive Director McCallum concluded his remarks by reviewing the 2018 Alabama State Bar Election. He informed the commission that 24 seats are up for election in 2018 and that seven of those seats are contested. Mr. McCallum reminded the commission that the online election will open on May 21 and close on May 25. He asked commissioners to encourage participation in those contested circuits.

5. **President-elect Comments** – President Dowd recognized President-elect Sam Irby to give remarks to the commission. President-elect Irby thanked President Dowd for her leadership and said that she was leaving the bar better than she found it. He encouraged commissioners to attend the Annual Meeting and said that he was working hard in preparation for his year as bar president.
6. **Office of General Counsel Update** – Acting General Counsel Douglas McElvy gave a brief overview of the search process to recommend a permanent General Counsel. He commended President Dowd and Secretary/Executive Director McCallum for organizing the search committee and process. He informed the commission that the process was thorough and that he felt confident the best candidate was selected.

Commissioner Bill Broome was recognized for a point of personal privilege. Commissioner Broome thanked Mr. McElvy for his service as Acting General Counsel.

7. **Financial Report** - Director of Finance Merinda Hall reported to the commission that revenues are up above average due to sharp increases in bar exam fees and PHV fees. She reported that expenses are down by 2% over the prior year. Mrs. Hall reported that decreases to expenses are largely due to efficiencies that have caused decreases to personnel costs.

8. **Legislative Update** - Legislative Counsel Suzi Huffaker reported that the 2018 legislative session has concluded and that the 2019 legislative session will not begin until March 2019. Mrs. Huffaker reminded the commission that all legislative seats are up for election in 2018 and that it would be a great time for commissioners to make relationships and get involved with legislative elections and the legislative process.

9. **Commissioner Comments – Jeff Bowling** – Commissioner Jeff Bowling greeted the commission on behalf of the Franklin County Bar Association. He said that the lawyers in the Franklin County bar are appreciative of the state bar and the updates that are provided from the bar commission on the proceedings of meetings of the commission.

10. **Task Force on Consolidated Fundraising** – Commissioner George Parker updated the commission on the work of the Task Force on Consolidated Fundraising, which he co-chairs with president-elect designate Christy Crow. He reported that the task force is developing a proposal where fundraising solicitation from the state bar would be centralized instead of various groups making solicitations to law firms multiple times throughout the year.

11. **Legal Food Frenzy** – Commissioner Jeanne Rasco was recognized to provide information on the 2018 Legal Food Frenzy. She reported that today is the final day to participate in the campaign and that commissioners should do so if they have not already. Commissioner Rasco recognized Alabama State Bar staff members Katherine Church, Eric Anderson and Phillip McCallum for their work to promote and organize the Legal Food Frenzy. President Dowd and Commissioners Brannon Buck, Bob Methvin, Diandra Debrosse, Christy Williams Graham, Gibson Vance, and Cliff Mendheim were recognized for their efforts in the friendly competition among commissioners and their contributions to the Legal Food Frenzy.
12. **Legal Services Alabama Board Vacancy** – President Dowd reported that Legal Services Alabama has submitted the nominations of Ashley Penhale of Montgomery and Lucy Tufts of Mobile to fill a vacancy on the board of Legal Services Alabama created by the resignation of board member Mary Pons. At the request of Commissioner Bill Broome, this was moved to an action item. Commissioner Gibson Vance moved for nominations to be closed. A vote was taken and Ashley Penhale received the majority vote.

13. **Office of General Counsel Search Committee’s Recommendation of New General Counsel** – President Dowd made a presentation of the search process used to arrive at a recommendation of the new General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar. She informed the commission that the information that had been given to date was what she felt was appropriate as to not compromise the integrity of the process. She thanked Cooper Shattuck for coordinating the work of the search committee and the members of the committee for their hard work during the search process.

President Dowd presented the names of each member of the search committee and informed the commission that they represented a diverse group of bar members in terms of age, race, and practice background. She informed the commission that the position was advertised widely to national, state and local bar organizations and specialty bars. She reviewed the characteristics of the applicant pool, which included 73 applicants. The process of narrowing down the applicant pool was presented. President Dowd informed the committee that at the conclusion of the process, the search committee was unanimous in its recommendation of Judge Roman Shaul of Montgomery as the next General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar.

Commissioner George Parker moved that the commission adopt the recommendation of the General Counsel Search Committee and move forward to hire Roman Shaul as the General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar. The motion was seconded by Flynn Mozingo and a brief supporting discussion was made by Commissioner Tom Perry. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no dissenting votes.

14. **Comments of Roman Shaul** - President Dowd introduced Roman Shaul to the board as the General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar. Mr. Shaul thanked the commissioners for the time that they give to improve the legal profession in Alabama. He said that he is humbled by the opportunity to serve the board and the legal profession. Mr. Shaul said that he would do his best to give good advice to the lawyers in Alabama and always be accessible to members of the bar. He said that he looked forward to spending the remainder of his career serving as General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar.

15. **Election of At-Large Commissioners** - President Dowd stated that a list of all of the applicants for at-large commissioner seats have been included in the meeting materials. She informed the commission that three at-large commissioners must be chosen for the three seats that are up for election this year and that a fourth at-large
commissioner will be chosen to serve the balance of the term of the vacant position created by the resignation of Cooper Shattuck. The president asked for further nominations from the floor and there were none. The commission voted and the following were elected as at-large commissioners: Diandra S. Debrosse, Chuck Price, Jeanne Rasco and Raymond Bell.

16. **Approval of Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates** - President Dowd informed the commission that the terms of Robert Poundstone, Rich Raleigh and Michael Vercher are expiring on the ABA House of Delegates. She reported to the commission that each had expressed an interest to continue serving. Commissioner Donald Rhea moved to close nominations. Commissioner Mansell moved to approve Robert Poundstone, Rich Raleigh and Michael Vercher to the ABA House of Delegates.

17. **Approval of Recipients of Award of Merit, Commissioners Award, Tony McLain Professionalism Award, Bill Scruggs Serve to the Bar Award and the Judicial Award of Merit** - President Dowd reported that the following nominations had been made for awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting: Dan Johnson (Award of Merit); LaBella Alvis (Commissioners Award); Billy Bedsole (Tony McLain Professionalism Award); Justice Mike Bolin (Bill Scruggs Service to the Bar Award); and Judge Harold Hughston (Judicial Award of Merit). Commissioner Diandra Debrosse moved to accept the nominations and the motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

18. **Reappointment of Tara Lockett and Holly Alves to the Board of Bar Examiners**

President Dowd reported that the terms of Tara Lockett and Holly Alves on the Board of Bar Examiners concluded with the February 2018 bar exam. She stated that both examiners indicated their willingness to serve another four year term on the Board of Bar Examiners, commencing with the July 2018 bar exam. Commissioner Fonteneau moved the reappointment of Tara Lockett and Holly Alves to a four year-term on the Board of Bar Examiners commencing with the July 2018 bar exam. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

19. **Appointments to the Code of Ethics Reform and Clarification Commission** - President Dowd informed the commission that legislature had ordered the Alabama Ethics Commission to make a comprehensive review of state ethics laws and procedures of the Ethics Commission. The Board of Bar Commissioners has two appointments to the commission tasked with the review. The Executive Council had recommended and sought ratification of Commissioner Mike Ermert and President-Elect Designate Christy Crow to serve on the Code of Ethics Reform and Clarification Commission. Commissioner Shepard moved to approve the appointment of Mike Ermert and Christy Crow to the Code of Ethics Reform and Clarification Commission. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.
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