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What’s in it for me?

If I had a $5 bill for every time I have heard someone in the legal profession say,” What’s in it for me?”, I think I’d be somewhere on a beach right now. I do not begrudge people saying it at all, on the contrary, I want to encourage the question to continue to be asked as it relates to volunteerism.

The best statistical information I can find indicates that in 2017, Americans contributed more than $167 billion in economic value through their volunteer efforts. Additionally, this information indicates that Alabama ranks 37 in the nation in volunteerism.

As the County Bar Association, we are in a unique position to offer volunteer services to our community in a virtually unlimited capacity. We have hundreds of multi-talented, intelligent, able-bodied women and men who can and do provide everything from picking up litter and mowing grass, to dispensing legal advice in a free legal clinic, and basically everything in-between. This will acknowledge their contributions and extend to them a hearty “thank you and well done!” for their efforts.

And while getting a public thank you and acknowledgment of your efforts maybe rewarding, if you talk to the volunteers personally, they’ll tell you the rewards from volunteering are too numerous to count. Volunteering connects us to our community, not only do we meet other volunteers with the similar interest, we often times meet those very beneficiaries of our volunteer time, who have the most compelling life stories you could ever ask to hear. Volunteering builds relationships. Volunteering builds a sense of worth, that what you are doing is worth doing because, among other reasons, you can see the tangible results of your efforts improving the lives of others who are unable to change their own situation. Volunteering builds trust in our profession, when our non-lawyer peers see the coordinated efforts of our bar members, it improves the consumer’s opinion of individual lawyers and the practice of law as a whole.

The truth is, each individual who volunteers will have his own personal story of why he or she finds volunteering to be rewarding. I don’t have room in this column to share all the stories I’ve heard, but they are all inspiring stories from which we could all learn. If you’re currently volunteering in giving of your time and talents, I applaud you. If you’re not, and maybe you’re thinking about it, and you’re considering the question, “what’s in it for me?”, I would challenge you to contact anyone of our bar board members to find out what kind of volunteer opportunities we have, commit your time, and after you’ve done your service, then you tell me what was in it for you.

In closing, I would like to remind you that we have our Community Table fundraiser event, benefitting Mercy House and the Montgomery Volunteer lawyer Program, set for September 26, and we are currently accepting sponsorships, ticket purchases, and, of course volunteers to help make this event the best event it can be. PLEASE GET INVOLVED.
**JULY 25**
MCBA Summer Social  
5-7 pm | The Patio @ Lakeview Center  
3660 Eastchase Lane

**JULY 30**
MCBA Pact To Act  
5:15-7:15 pm | Blount Elementary School  
1650 Ray Thorington Road

**AUGUST 13**
Expungement CLE  
11 am-1 pm | location TBD

**AUGUST 15**
Happy Hour Social  
5-7 pm | Pine Bar

**AUGUST 20**
Women’s Finance Luncheon  
11:30 am - 1 pm | Alabama Securities Commission  
RSVP to Aigner.Kolom@BeasleyAllen.com by Aug. 15

**SEPTEMBER 5**
Women’s Section Annual Meeting  
5 pm | Capital City Club

**SEPTEMBER 19**
Trivia Night  
5-7 pm | Mellow Mushroom Downtown

**SEPTEMBER 26**
MCBA’s 14th Annual Charity Event  
5:30-7:30 pm | Union Station Train Shed

**OCTOBER TBD**
MCBA Shrimp Boil | The JT Warehouse

**OCTOBER TBD**
MCBA Halloween TBD

**DECEMBER 5**
Holiday Gala

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The MCBA is sending out announcements and reminders via electronic newsletter from mcba.executivedirector@gmail.com. Please make sure to whitelist this e-mail address so it does not get caught in your spam filter and you can stay current on all MCBA news.
SAVE THE DATE:

Socials

07/25 MCBA Summer Social @ The Patio at Lakeview Center
08/15 MCBA Happy Hour @ Pine Bar Cloverdale
09/19 MCBA Trivia Night @ Mellow Mushroom Downtown

Keep watching for info coming this fall on another Jackson Thornton Shrimp Boil & Halloween social
SAVE THE DATE

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS ITS 14th ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
UNION STATION TRAIN SHED
210 Water Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
5:30 PM—7:30 PM

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CINCO DE MAYO SOCIAL 2019
The year is in full swing and the MCBA Young Lawyers Section (YLS) has been as active as ever. On May 31, 2019, we held our 6th Annual Charity Clay Shoot out at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Club. This year’s charity recipient was Easterseals of Central Alabama and I am pleased to report that we were able to raise over $5,000 for this great cause. A generous and sincere thank you is due to all of sponsors and participants, as none of this would have been possible without them.

As crazy as it is to think the summer is halfway over, the MCBA YLS is here to keep our members engaged and busy until the fall. Next on our agenda is the PACT to ACT service project on July 30, 2019. The MCBA has partnered with the Montgomery Clean City Commission to help with its School Clean-Up Program at Blount Elementary School. If you are interested in participating, please contact our Past President, Ali Hawthorne, at Alison.Hawthorne@beasleyallen.com.

When I was a clerk and then a brand-new lawyer (many moons ago), the summer schedule for the MCBA YLS was always highlighted by a trip to an Atlanta Braves game. For one reason or another (poor leadership?), that trip disappeared from the summer calendar for many years. However, I am pleased to report that our membership will be deprived no more! The MCBA YLS and the Jackson Thornton Young Professionals are jointly hosting a trip to see the Atlanta Braves take on the Cincinnati Reds on August 2, 2019 at SunTrust Park. The bus will depart that day at 1:30PM from Montgomery and return home after the game. Bus seats and tickets are limited, so please contact Charlie Hawthorne at hawthch@gmail.com if you are interested.

Finally, because our Young Lawyers can never get enough college football, we will be hosting our annual College Football Kickoff Social on Thursday, August 29, 2019. Time and location are TBA, but be on the lookout for an email with the details.

Until next time, I am
Brannan W. Reaves, President
WOMEN’S SECTION UPDATE

I hope everyone is having an amazing summer so far! The Women’s section has been busy this year, and we are looking forward too many more great events to end the year. We are looking forward to our Women’s Finance Luncheon, Annual Meeting, Alacourt CLE, Halloween Social, and an abundance of community service to tie up our year.

The Women’s Section will be co-hosting a Women’s Finance Luncheon in conjunction with the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) on August 20, 2019 from 11:30-1:00. Sommer Morris, FA & CPA, from Morgan Stanley will be the guest speaker. Opening remarks will be given by Deputy Amanda Senn from ASC. Information on investing and financial issues specific to women will be shared. The event is free to the public and lunch will be provided. The event will be held at the Alabama Securities Commission Office. The address to the event is 445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 12000 (12th Floor of the RSA Dexter Building). If you wish to attend the event please RSVP to the event to aigner.kolom@beasleyallen.com. A special thanks goes to the Investor Protection Trust for their sponsorship of the event.

The Women’s section will host their annual meeting on September 5, 2019 at the Capital City Club in Dexter Room 2 at 5:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. This will be a great time to mingle and eat good food with a great view. We will be installing officers and board members at this meeting. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please let us know. The address to the Capital City Club is 201 Monroe St. #2100 (21st floor) Montgomery, AL 36104. Please RSVP for this event to aigner.kolom@beasleyallen.com. We are very thankful to our gracious sponsor, Baker Realtime Court Reporting.

The Women’s section enjoys helping in the community. This past month the Women’s Section Collected snacks and drinks to help benefit Mercy House this summer. The snacks and drinks that were collected were given to Mercy House to help the children attending Mercy House’s free community-based summer program. The Women’s section was able to donate numerous snacks and $600.00 in checks to Mercy House. A special thanks goes out to Jordan Jenkins for heading up the project.

We will have more community service opportunities this year. We will be assembling a team to help with the MCBA community service project at Blount Elementary on July 30, 2019 from 5:15-7:15. We will also have a team helping with registration at the Breast Cancer Walk/Run on October 19, 2019. If you are interested in joining either one of these teams please email us at mcbawomen@gmail.com and let us know!

Please keep an eye out for more information about our Halloween Social and Alacourt CLE coming later this year! We were pleased at the great turnout for our Cinco De Mayo Social and hope everyone will come out again! It is not too late to become a member of the Women’s section. If you would like to become a member, please email us at mcbawomen@gmail.com.

Best regards.
Aigner Kolom, President
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The MCBA Women’s Section & Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) present

Women’s Finance Luncheon

Free to the public  Valuable info  Lunch provided

AUGUST 20th 11:30-1:00

GUEST SPEAKER:
Sommer Morris, FA & CPA - Morgan Stanley
Opening Remarks by ASC Deputy Amanda Senn

A special thanks to the Investor Protection Trust for its sponsorship of this event!

Please RSVP to Aigner.Kolom@BeasleyAllen.com by August 15th.

Alabama Securities Commission
445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 12000 (12th floor of RSA Dexter Building)
MVLP UPDATE

HOORAY!!! LAWYER 4A DAY IS UNDERWAY!!!! We are so excited to report our newest program in District Court, Lawyer 4A Day has kicked off and been an incredible success. In April, we launched Lawyer 4A Day in District Court to provide civil legal aid to clients facing eviction, collections and garnishment in RealTime!! We are so blessed our District Court Judges have allowed us to come in their courtrooms once a month to represent qualified clients the day of the hearings, providing more equal access to justice. So far, we have been able to assist 12 clients in District Court through mediation, litigation and negotiation, providing the client a fair shake in their civil matters. We would like to thank Aigner Kolom, John Charles, Kristine Jones, Tenee Frazier and Aaron Bern for taking time out of their practices to give their time in District Court. We held a CLE in April to train and educate our volunteers in defending against these civil cases in District Court. If you are interested in volunteering for Lawyer 4A Day please contact me at lcrawford@montgomeryvlp.org, you won’t regret it!!!

The MVLP has had a very busy summer, but we have an even busier fall! We are going to be launching an Expungement Program complete with CLE, specialty clinic and community partnership. Please SAVE THE DATE for our Expungement CLE in partnership with the MCBA on August 13 11am-1pm, location TBD. We will follow up our CLE with an Expungement clinic for clients as our designated specialty clinic during October’s Pro Bono Month!

We want to thank the MCBA for choosing the MVLP as one of the co-beneficiaries of the charity event’s proceeds. We are so excited to be partnered with MCBA and Mercy House who has been a recent welcomed addition to our community partners. Ken Austin and Mercy House welcomed us at the beginning of the year to serve lunch and host a clinic at Mercy House, which has ballooned into a wonderful mutual partnership to include quarterly clinic and mutual referrals. Our next clinic at Mercy House will be August 8th. We will begin serving lunch at 11:30 and clinic will be held from 1-3pm. If you would like to volunteer please email or call us, we would love to have you!

As always we are so thankful for the continued support of our volunteers at our bimonthly clinics on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 3-5pm at the Montgomery Community Action Agency, 1100 Adams Avenue. Our unfailing support of volunteers that continue to support and donate their time is the reason we are so successful at our clinics. Thank you to the following attorneys who have helped the past few months: Heath Loftin, Katie Steinwinder, Jamie Ratliff, Kelli Day, Lakesha Shahid, Aigner Kolom, Kristine Jones, Aaron Bern, John Charles, Gary Backus, Maceo Kirkland, David Weston, Brian Mann, Brannon Booth, Jordan Jenkins. Please consider joining us and volunteering your time helping low income citizens with their civil legal matters and enjoy the satisfaction helping our clients receive equal access to justice.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the hiring of our newest employee, Jenny Brown. She is our new Volunteer Coordinator and Marketing Director. Jenny comes to us with an marketing background and wide-ranging community involvement. If you get a chance come by the MVLP offices in the courthouse and meet Jenny! Jenny is working on the MVLP newsletter, so be on the lookout for that in the near future!

Laurel Crawford, President
COME JOIN MCBA’s SUMMER SOCIAL

JULY 25, 2019
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WHERE?
Blount Elementary School
1650 Ray Thorton Road

WHEN?
Tuesday, July 30, 2019
5:15 P.M. to 7:15 P.M.

WHO?
MCBA needs volunteers!
Bring your spouses and kids, too!

HOW?
You can help by volunteering on July 30 where we will trim shrubs, spread pine straw & mulch, plant flowers, mow lawns, and weed-eat AND/OR you can lend the MCBA trash bags, wasp killer, gloves, rakes, trimmers, pruning shears, weed eaters, lawn mowers, pressure washers, and blowers.

E-MAIL ALISON.HAWTHORNE@BEASLEYALLEN.COM TO VOLUNTEER OR LEND EQUIPMENT
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To:    All Members of the Alabama State Bar

From: Chris E. Roberts  
Division Director, Office of Indigent Defense Services

Date: June 17, 2019

Re: Contract Application

Attorneys seeking a contract in a judicial circuit utilizing contract counsel for the provision of indigent defense services must complete the application available on-line at http://oids.alabama.gov/forms/contractattorneyapplication.pdf. The application must be completed and either mailed, emailed or faxed to the Office of Indigent Defense Services no later than July 31, 2019. The contact information for the Office of Indigent Defense Services is as follows:

Mailing:    P.O. Box 302598, Montgomery, AL 36130-2598
Email: oids@oids.alabama.gov
Fax: (334) 353-4405

The applications will be forwarded to the Indigent Defense Advisory Board for each respective circuit. The Indigent Defense Advisory Board will review each application and select its recommendations for contract counsel for that circuit as provided in Alabama Code Section 15-12-1, et.al.
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DAVIS SMITH JOINS BRADLEY’S MONTGOMERY OFFICE

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Davis H. Smith has joined the firm’s Montgomery office as a partner in the Corporate and Securities and Tax practice groups.

“We are thrilled to have Davis join Bradley as a highly regarded practitioner in tax and business strategies,” said Bradley Montgomery Office Managing Partner Robert Emmett Poundstone IV. “He brings nearly two decades of experience, including a particular focus and a track record of success in the captive insurance industry.”

Mr. Smith advises captive insurance companies, risk retention groups and self-insured funds on transactional, regulatory and tax matters. He counsels clients on tax and business strategies in a variety of industries, including participants in regulated industries, including insurance companies and investment advisors, and the professional services industry. He has extensive experience advising businesses on structuring and growing their businesses in a tax-efficient manner.

A frequent speaker and writer on tax planning for businesses, including strategies for captive insurance companies, Mr. Smith was a co-author of the 2016 update to the Alabama Captive Insurers Act. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Alabama Captive Association and is a member of the Captive Insurance Companies Association.

Mr. Smith received his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law. He also holds a Master of Laws in taxation from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts from Hampden-Sydney College.

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