The Montgomery County Bar Association is proud to announce that Gibson Vance, a principal at the Beasley Allen Law Firm, was installed as the 147th President of the Alabama State Bar during its Annual Meeting on June 25, 2022. President Vance is a former President of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Pictured with President Vance (2022-2023 ASB President; 2005 MCBA President) are fellow Beasley Allen attorneys Cole Portis (2016-2017 ASB President; 2002 MCBA President) and Tom Methvin (2009-2010 ASB President; 1996 MCBA President).

During his first speech as president, Vance explained his passion for serving the Bar and its members: “The work we do matters; the message we deliver matters; and the contribution we can make this year matters. Together, we can truly make a difference in the lives of our members.”

President Vance also announced a presidential initiative called the Drive for Five. Not only will President Vance visit and spend time listening to members in all forty-one judicial circuits in Alabama, he will also have the goal of informing members about a new program being launched later this month. The program will provide five free hours of counseling sessions from a licensed counselor in Alabama.
President Vance stated: “Whether a lawyer is facing mental health issues, substance abuse or alcohol addiction, or experiencing suicidal thoughts, the attorney can call our 1-800 number and receive confidential help. No one at the Bar will ever know an attorney has used this service. As I visit every circuit in the state, I hope to drive home the message that to be a good lawyer, one must be a healthy lawyer.”

The 1-800 number and program offering the counseling sessions will begin early next month.

Serving alongside President Vance as a member this year’s Executive Council is MCBA member Felicia Long of the Hill Hill Carter Law Firm. Other members of the Executive Council are President-Elect Brannon Buck (Birmingham), Vice President Elizabeth Smithart (Union Springs), Secretary Terri Lovell (Alabama State Bar Executive Director), Mark Debro (Huntsville), Carmen Howell (Enterprise), Immediate Past-President Taze Shepard (Huntsville), and Parliamentarian Mark Boardman (Chelsea) – Ex Officio.

It was also announced at the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting that two current MCBA members were recognized for awards: Tim Gallagher and John Craft.

MCBA President Tim Gallagher of Sasser, Sefton & Brown, P.C., was winner of the 2022 Albert Vreeland Pro Bono Award, which is presented annually by the Alabama State Bar to an individual who demonstrates outstanding pro bono efforts through the active donation of time to the civil representation of those who cannot otherwise afford legal counsel and by encouraging greater legal representation in, and acceptance of, pro bono cases.

The Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program awarded John C. Craft with the 2022 Public Interest Attorney Award. Craft, who is the Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, has spearheaded pro bono efforts in the area of elder law. State Bar President Taze Shepard said that Craft “exemplifies a dedication to serve the needs of elders in his community. We are lucky that John shares his knowledge with the Jones School of Law through his elder law clinic.”
Greetings Young Lawyers!

I want to thank everyone for coming out to the Marina May event at the Capitol Oyster Bar. Almost one-hundred people in attendance to network, talk shop, enjoy fellowship, and dive into the delicious food and drinks provided. The music provided by Soft Landing was incredible and even the weather cooperated. I want to personally thank all of our sponsors: Alabama Court Reporting, Beasley Allen, HAR, Gilpin Givhan, Ball Ball Matthews, Hill Hill Carter, and Rushton Staley. They made this event possible and we hope to keep it an annual event!

Due to some unforeseen scheduling conflicts, the Young Lawyers Section will have to move the baseball game to September and the Charity Skeet Shoot shall be moved to December 2, 2022, at the Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Club. Be on the look out for future emails!

Lastly, I wanted to take this opportunity to notice any young lawyers who are interested in serving on the board for the 2023-2024 terms. We will likely have elections in October or November, but it is never too early to reach out to see if it is for you. Feel free to reach out to me any time.

Reminder to please e-mail me or contact any of our Board Members if you know of any River Region young lawyers who would like to get involved with the Section.

Happy Lawyering,

Charlie Hawthorne
President of the MCBA
Young Lawyers Section
**WOMEN’S SECTION UPDATE**

We hope everyone is having a great summer! Be on the lookout for information regarding an upcoming social for MCBA Women’s Section members.

If you have not renewed your 2022 membership, dues are only $30! The MCBA Women’s Section seeks to further the advancement of women in the legal profession. The benefits of membership include:

- Free informational programs and CLEs
- Networking opportunities and social events
- Community service projects

If you would like to join, please fill out a membership application and invoice and email it to us. You can also pay your dues online or by check. If you choose to pay by check, please make your check out to ”MCBA Women’s Section” and mail it along with your membership application and invoice to:

MCBA Women’s Section  
Montgomery County Bar Association  
Post Office Box 72  
Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0072

Best Regards,

Jordan Speake Jenkins,  
President of the MCBA Women’s Section
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Please email your completed application and invoice to mcbawomen@gmail.com. You can pay your dues by either going online at https://mcbar.org/page/womenssection or by mailing your application, invoice, and a check to P.O. Box 72 Montgomery, AL 36101-0072. If you choose to pay by check, please make your check out to “MCBA Women’s Section.”

NOTE: Firms may submit one check for all members but must include a list of the members with such payment.
MVLP UPDATE

MVLP EXPUNGEMENT CLE SPOTLIGHT

As part of our ongoing missions, the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program and the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program assist Alabamians who qualify for expungement to clear their criminal records. Our Wiping the Slate Clean CLE is intended to train our volunteers on how to assist clients through the expungement process and to train criminal defense attorneys to identify clients or their family members who may benefit from our expungement services. Presenter, experienced Montgomery attorney Andrew Skier, brings years of legal experience to the table for this training. The link to register for the CLE is included in the attached flier.

For thousands of men and women in Alabama, a criminal record is a substantial burden that thwarts their best efforts to thrive. A criminal record presents challenges, including barriers to securing housing, professional licenses, student financial aid, education, citizenship, public benefits, admission into the military, and employment. Research shows that successful expungement can significantly improve the financial stability of families and reduce recidivism rates, equipping a person who qualifies with the ability to succeed, as well as their families.

We are excited to bring this opportunity and free CLE in partnership with the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program and the Montgomery County Bar Association.

If you are not already a volunteer or, if you are and have not taken a case referral in a while, I invite you to join us by calling our office at 265-0222 ext. 4 and let us know you would like to help those less fortunate in our community facing civil legal issues.

E. Peyton Faulk,
Executive Director
Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program

Mercy House
Legal Clinic
June 25, 2022
EXPUNGEMENT CLE

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022
12:00 - 1:00 PM CST
VIRTUAL LINK: WEBINAR REGISTRATION - ZOOM
PRESENTER: ANDREW SKIER, MONTGOMERY ATTORNEY
COFFEE & DONUTS
MONDAY, JULY 18TH
9-10 AM

As a thank you to all our volunteer attorneys, and those who may be interested in learning more about our program
The Montgomery County Volunteer Lawyers Program is a 501(c)3 non-profit that provides high-quality pro bono civil legal services, through volunteer attorneys, to qualifying low-income residents of Montgomery County.

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: CASE MANAGER**

The MVLP Case Manager will work alongside the Intake Director to assist in efficient and effective management of cases, placement of cases with volunteers, and timely reporting of case closure data. This is a full-time, salaried position.

**Primary Responsibilities**

- Manage placement of new cases with volunteer lawyers.
- Maintain a working and active list of volunteer lawyers.
- Monitor and track open cases and client demographics in LegalServer.
- Timely and appropriately close cases once legal work is completed.
- Assist the Executive Director with data reporting on cases for grant funders.

**Additional Responsibilities**

- The MVLP has a small full-time staff of 3 employees. In a team-oriented office environment, all employees are expected to assist with general office duties including organizing files, document management, answering phones, assisting the Executive Director with recruiting and recognizing program volunteers, and assisting with intake at all MVLP community legal events.

**Necessary Skills & Education**

- Completion of a 2- or 4-year program in legal studies, paralegal, or office management OR 5 years’ experience in client relations/customer service is required
- Strong communication (especially telephone) skills
- Familiarity with legal/grant databases
- Proficiency with Word, Excel, and Google Suite
- Preference for candidates with prior legal office experience

**Salary & Benefits**

- Salary range: $31k-$42k, depending on experience
- Employer-paid health insurance after 60 days
- State holidays
- Generous earned leave policy

Background check required prior to final hiring decision.

To apply: Submit a resume, cover letter, and references to the Executive Director, Peyton Faulk at executivedirector@montgomeryvlp.org. For more information, contact the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, 458 S. Lawrence St., Montgomery, AL 36104, (334) 265-0222 ext. 3.
MCBA MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Montgomery County Bar Association is continuing our Mentoring Program this year. One of the greatest things about being a lawyer is getting to work with so many gifted, dynamic, and intelligent fellow practitioners. It is a great feeling to have individuals as advisors to help guide and give advice in practice. MCBA wants to help our members to enhance their legal careers by passing along information and assistance.

The mentoring program will consist of seasoned and veteran attorneys who can provide guidance, wisdom, and assistance to attorneys with less experience. In exchange, those with less experience can provide fresh ideas and new approaches to help better serve clients and the public. We are encouraging you and the members of your organization to sign up for the MCBA Mentoring Program as either a Mentor or a Mentee. The Mentoring Program will consist of three components that will allow MCBA members with varying degrees of legal experience and knowledge to come together and support one another.

This year, we will continue the “Bar Buddies” component which involves lawyers with ten or more years of experience partnering with lawyers who have less than ten years of experience to create an opportunity to foster professional growth and career development. The Circuit Court and District Court Judges of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit here in Montgomery County will also continue to volunteer their time to help us with the second component of the program called “The View From the Bench.” This component will involve a regularly scheduled one-hour CLE program involving the Judges of Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and the participants in the Mentoring Program. The goal here is to take the wealth of knowledge and experience of our judges and provide wisdom and insight that will hopefully help us become better lawyers and avoid certain pitfalls and mistakes.

Lastly, the “Essential Skills” CLE component will involve CLE hours brought to you by skilled and seasoned lawyers who will cover how to operate with competence in the practice of law and the “best practices” with respect to various legal areas or concentrations. Our first CLE this year will be presented by Judge J.R. Gaines, who will teach mentors and mentees how to properly use the new equipment in the Courthouse. I hope you will support in these efforts by (1) applying to be either a Mentor or Mentee; and (2) by encouraging both the veteran lawyers in your organization as well as the younger or less experienced attorneys to either be a Mentor or a Mentee. The Mentoring Application is below and is also available on the MCBA website. The deadline to apply is October 15, 2022. Thank you in advance for your support.

With Kindest Regards,
Aigner Kolom
Chair of the MCBA Mentoring Program
MCBA MENTORING PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

The MCBA Mentoring Program pairs mentors and mentees for a 24-month session beginning in the fall that is designed to provide young lawyers with guidance in all aspects of the practice of law. The application deadline is October 15, 2022. The Mentoring Program will begin shortly thereafter with an in-person meeting.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ____________________________________________________________
ASB No.: _________________________________________________________
Employer: _________________________________________________________
Telephone: _________________________________________________________
E-Mail: ____________________________________________________________
Position: □ Mentor □ Mentee

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Mentors
Please indicate that you meet ALL the following requirements:
☐ I am an attorney or judge licensed to practice law in Alabama;
☐ I have been practicing law for at least 10 years OR I am a current member of the judiciary in Alabama;
☐ I am a member in good standing with the Alabama State Bar and have no history of complaints and/or disciplinary actions within the last 10 years; &
☐ I am a member in good standing with MCBA.

Mentees
Please indicate that you meet ALL the following requirements:
☐ I am an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama OR I expect to become licensed during the Mentoring Program;
☐ I have been practicing law for less than 10 years;
☐ I am a member in good standing with the Alabama State Bar and have no history of complaints and/or disciplinary actions within the last 10 years; &
☐ I am a member in good standing with MCBA.
### Matching Criteria

#### Practice Areas
Please list your main three practice areas:

1. 
2. 
3. 

#### Field of Employment
Please choose the best description of your field of employment:

- [ ] Law Firm
- [ ] Government
- [ ] Judiciary/Clerk
- [ ] Corporate/In-House
- [ ] Legal Aid
- [ ] Public Interest
- [ ] Alternative/Non-Legal
- [ ] Other

#### Employer Size
Please choose the number of attorneys in Montgomery at your employment:

- [ ] Solo
- [ ] 2–9
- [ ] 10–39
- [ ] 40–100
- [ ] 100+
- [ ] 0 (Alternative)

Please choose the **TOTAL** number of attorneys at your employment:

- [ ] Solo
- [ ] 2–9
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#### Additional Information
Please provide any other information that you would like the Mentoring Program to consider when matching you with a mentor/mentee (e.g. practice area, employment history, personal life, alma mater, military service, sexual orientation, race, gender, etc.):
**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

By signing below, I affirm as follows:

1. I understand that this application does not guarantee me participation in the Mentoring Program (unpaired mentees, if any, will have their application fee returned).

2. I wish to participate in the Mentoring Program and will devote the time and energy necessary to participate fully and effectively in the Program.

3. I meet the appropriate criteria for participating and the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

4. I understand that participation in the Mentoring Program does not provide any confidentiality to the conversations that occur as a result of participation.

5. I understand that I am expected to meet in-person with my mentor/mentee a minimum of 6 times during the program.

6. I understand that all pairings are made at the discretion of the Mentoring Program Committee and that the Mentoring Program Committee will attempt to honor pairing preferences when they are made known.

**Signature:**

(electronic signatures are acceptable)

**Date:**

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**SUBMISSION**

Please submit applications to Suzanne Duffey (SuzanneDuffey@mc-ala.org).

Please submit any questions to the Mentoring Program Committee Chair Aigner Kolom (aigner.kolom@beasleyallen.com)
ADMINISTRATIVE – Past Bar President Rich Raleigh gave the invocation. President-Elect Brannon Buck led the pledge of allegiance. President Taze Shepard called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being conducted under §36-25A-5. Roll call was taken with a quorum being present followed by approval of the meeting agenda and the minutes of the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Board approved the agenda and the minutes in an open roll call vote.


NO PUBLIC REPRIMANDS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Taze Shepard welcomed the Bar Commissioners to Huntsville, and he announced that a Long-Range Planning Task Force would be appointed in the next week. He also announced that a Bylaws Task Force would be appointed to review our governing documents and make a proposal to the Board. President Shepard thanked the Bar Commissioners for traveling to Huntsville and for all of their hard work, support, and encouragement over the past year.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

2021-2022 President-Elect Gibson Vance commended Taze Shepard for his excellent work over the past year. He then announced that his agenda for the coming year would include visits to all 41 circuits. He asked for the Bar Commissioners’ support in the effort and indicated that his major initiative for the coming year was to address the mental health crisis facing our profession by offering five free counseling sessions for all attorneys.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul gave an update on the recent mandatory bar litigation
where certiorari was denied by the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Shaul also reminded the BBC about the three vacancies on the Disciplinary Board for Hearing Officers and the one vacancy on the Disciplinary Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Terri Lovell thanked Taze and Pam Shepard for hosting the commissioners in Huntsville and also thanked Cindy Seely and the Huntsville Bar Association for their support and hospitality for many events over the past year. She announced that immediately following the BBC meeting that the Alabama Lawyers’ Hall of Fame Ceremony would take place and all were invited to join with the families of the inductees of the Class of 2020. Mrs. Lovell also highlighted the Leadership Forum Class 17 Graduation, Lawyers in the Classroom and Law Week Activities. Wellness Month. Admittees from the February Bar Exam, Eleventh Circuit Conference, Legislative Report, and announced that ballots would go out the week of May 16 for two contested commissioner seats in the 26th and 32nd circuits. She informed the Commissioners that New Commissioner Orientation would be held on June 21 before the Annual Meeting and that the room block for the Annual Meeting would close on May 20. She closed by sharing that long-time former employee Roderick Palmer had passed away that week following a brief illness.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Finance Merinda Hall explained that ASB 2nd quarter revenues decreased approximately 4% over last year as anticipated with the dues reduction effective for this year; however, upticks in other revenues such as bar exam, pro hac vice, and disciplinary admin fees have offset some of the overall decreases. Expenses declined from the previous year by 3.5%, notably in personnel costs with no staff retirements and leave payouts so far this year, and in the professional services line due to large sums of legal fee payments made last year. In consideration of the low travel expenses this year, the finance and audit committee approved commissioners attending the annual meeting to receive full lodging reimbursement at the standard rate, as opposed to the usual lodging reimbursement of $100 per night. For investments, the market volatility has resulted in minimal gains for this year. The 2nd Quarter ASB Foundation report will be presented at the annual meeting in June.

APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICERS FOR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Approved the appointment of James Rebarchak, Rebekah McKinney and David Martin for two-year terms as hearing officers for the Disciplinary Board.
APPOINTMENT TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Commissioners appointed Leila Watson to serve on the four-member Disciplinary Commission for a three-year term.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CLIENT SECURITY FUND

Commissioners appointed James Steven Ward to serve as Chairperson and Gilda Branch Williams to serve as member of the Client Security Fund. Nominations for the one remaining vacancy may be submitted to the Executive Director with the appointment being an action item for the next meeting. Nominations may be submitted to the Executive Director at terri.lovell@alabar.org by June 10, 2022.

2022 BAR ELECTIONS

Attorneys in the 26th and 32nd judicial circuits will have the opportunity to elect a new bar commissioner. While there are not contested races in the 10th Circuit this year, there is an opening on the Jefferson County Judicial Commission due to the passing of Michael Ermert. The Alabama State Bar is administering the vote.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE BAR

ADMISSIONS: The ASB released results for the February 2022 Bar Exam on Thursday, April 28. one day earlier than scheduled. For the first time, two graders graded every essay. Also for the first time, graders accessed the essays and submitted their scores electronically via ILG Exam360 software, which is the software used to administer the exam. Grader reviews thus far indicate utilizing the grading software was easy and more efficient. A prior report incorrectly indicated that there were no first-time takers. In fact, of the 282 examinees, 83 took the exam for the first time, with 53 of them passing. There were 199 repeat takers, with 46 of them passing. A total of 99 examinees passed the exam, which is a 35.11% passage rate. This exam tested Secured Transactions, UCC, Trusts, Criminal Law, Corporations, Agency and Family Law. The Alabama Supreme Court has announced an October 20, 2022 admissions ceremony. The pass list and exam statistics are available on the Alabama State Bar website. The next bar exam is scheduled for July 26-27 at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery.

ALAP REPORT: ALAP has had an increase in call volume over the last few weeks, which is encouraging that more people are reaching out for help and focusing on growth. On April 19, Jeremy Rakes made a presentation on lawyer wellness for the Wellness Committee. He also presented to the Metro Bar Associations on April 21. On March 6, ALAP held its first CLE event. Roman Shaul and David Wooldridge gave presentations, and there was a Judicial panel comprised of Judges Maria Fortune, John Graham, Daniel Pruett and Phillip Seay.
Jeremy Rakes also presented at Jackson County Law Day on May 12, as well as the mandatory professionalism seminar at the University of Alabama School of Law on May 18. He has numerous other dates through the rest of the year to represent ALAP at conferences and events. ALAP now has new brochures to distribute to law firms, judges, law schools and sectional conferences. With the assistance of Hunter Harris and Melissa Warnke, they are currently developing a more comprehensive and updated webpage for the bar’s website. ALAP will also, for the first time, have an exhibitor’s table at the Annual Meeting in June. There are many other projects in the works over the next few months. These are incredibly exciting times for ALAP and we are very grateful for the support of our leadership.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAMS:**
Annual Meeting planning is in full swing! We currently have 231 attendees registered. The room block closes on Friday, May 20. We will have a virtual track again this year. Virtual attendees will be able to obtain all twelve hours including two ethics hours. The cost for the virtual track will be $199. We plan to roll out the virtual option Friday, May 20. We currently have $122,750 pledged in sponsorships and 28 exhibitors for our Legal Expo.


Additional information about the work of the committee and the outstanding honorees can be found under the About Tab: Hall of Fame on the bar’s website.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
We have signed an agreement with ADVSOL to implement their iMIS EMS system to manage our bar member information and replace our existing membership system. The system will allow the bar to serve our members more effectively and efficiently while enhancing our security and privacy of member data. The iMIS platform is used by numerous other mandatory state bar associations and we look forward to sharing more with you in the coming months. We will also be updating and replacing the free online CLE platform (ProLearn) with a new system that integrates with iMIS as part of the transition and provide a significantly improved user experience.

**LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT:** Chris Colee continues to assist members individually with law practice management assistance as well as speaking on a variety of law practice management topics to various organizations. He will be presenting this summer at the Young Lawyers Section Conference, the Alabama Association for Justice Annual Convention, and the ASB Summer Meeting.
He has also just completed an article to be published in an upcoming Alabama Lawyer about Online Dispute Resolution in Alabama. Chris is also working with the ASB’s Member Benefits and Insurance Benefits Committees on a set of operating procedures for the LPM division and auditing existing member benefits. Soon he will be launching a Law Practice Management Blog on the ASB website which will have weekly content with LPM tips and information.

**LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE:** There are currently 141 attorneys participating in the Lawyer Referral Service. During the first quarter, there were almost 3,000 referrals. The Lawyer Referral Service is a program of the Alabama State Bar that is designed to assist members of the public who can afford to pay a lawyer, but do not know how to find one. All panel members of the Lawyer Referral Service must be licensed in Alabama, must be members in good standing of the Alabama State Bar, and must maintain professional liability insurance coverage of not less than $100,000/$300,000 in order to participate. Please contact john.dunn@alabar.org for more information.

**LAWYERS IN THE CLASSROOM - Law Day 2022:** Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey proclaimed May 2, 2022, as Law Day in Alabama. She presented Executive Director Terri Lovell and Lawyers in the Classroom Committee Chairs Brett Holsombeck and Hope Marshall with an official proclamation.

To commemorate this year’s theme of “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change,” more than 100 Alabama attorneys spent part of their day on May 2, visiting middle school classrooms throughout the state, either virtually or in person. Some lawyers taught multiple classes throughout the day, speaking on importance of the rule of law and how it continues to shape our nation and our lives.

**LEGAL FOOD FRENZY:** Food banks around Alabama received a record-breaking boost from attorneys across Alabama. The 7th Annual Alabama Legal Food Frenzy, our statewide competition among law firms to benefit Alabama’s regional food banks, yielded a total of $68,715. which equates to nearly 350,000 meals for the food insecure in Alabama.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** The 2022 Legislative Session has ended with legislators headed home as all 140 seats are up for election. The legislature meets in 4-year cycles and this was the last year of the quadrennium. It is anticipated there will be a special session in late summer/early fall to address the remaining American Relief Act Funds.

**MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING REPORT:** Our mission is to make ‘all things regulatory’ as painless as possible for all of our attorneys. For the current licensing year, of the 536 individuals placed inactive due to nonpayment of dues in January, 325 have since reactivated their membership. We are
taking proactive steps in light of the supply chain issues involving paper by ordering our licenses/bar cards early this year. As of this update, our total membership is 18,895 members in good standing. The MCLE compliance year for 2021 was closed out as of April 1st. Of the 1400 that had failed to comply during 2021, we were able to bring into compliance all but 98 attorneys, who have been certified to the OGC for processing. We have also processed and approved 7600 programs for accreditation since January 1st, as well as importing all data from the free CLE ProLearn platform. In response to the Pro Hac Vice rule amendment that took effect Oct. 1, 2020, we sent out 630 annual certification invoices in February and have recently sent out 170 late notices to those who have not yet to respond. As of January 1st we have also processed 250 new PHV motions. We are in the process of streamlining the administration of the Specialization Rules and will be consolidating the fee schedule to June of every year. We also have a long-term goal of improving the profile of Specialization for the State Bar and its members.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM: Below are upcoming Legal Clinics:

- May 19 - Tuscaloosa Counsel and Advice Clinic
- May 24 - Jasper Wills for Heroes Clinic
- June 1 - Selma Counsel and Advice Clinic
- June 13 - Virtual Clinic
- June 15 - Survivors Clinic – Domestic Violence Wills Clinic

We also continue to encourage bar members to volunteer on the Free Legal Answers website: alabama.freelegalanswers.org/

The next meeting of the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners will be June 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Sandestin Hilton.
CALENDAR

MVLP Coffee & Donuts
July 18, 2022

Wiping the Slate Clean: Expungement CLE
July 22, 2022

Office of Indigent Defense Services Contract Application Deadline
July 31, 2022

Domestic Violence: Survivors’ Rights and Resources CLE
October 4, 2022

AlaFile: A Refresher on Alabama’s E-Filing System CLE
October 13, 2022

MCBA Mentoring Program Application Deadline
October 31, 2022

MCBA Holiday Gala
December 1, 2022

MCBA Young Lawyers Section Annual Charity Skeet Shoot
December 2, 2022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: SURVIVORS' RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 • 12:00 - 1:00
REGISTER HERE!

Jeronda Bouie
Family Sunshine Center

Marianalyn Dennis Coleman
Montgomery County
District Attorney's Office

Peyton Faulk
Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program

FREE for MCBA Members - $25 for Nonmembers

CO-SPONSORED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION’S CLE COMMITTEE AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

A REFRESHER ON USING ALABAMA’S E-FILING SYSTEM

Thursday, October 13, 2022 • 12:00 - 1:00
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
FREE for MCBA Members • $25 for Nonmembers
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCBA Member Presented
ACDLA Lifetime Achievement Award

The Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association recently presented MCBA member Richard Keith with the Roderick Beddow Lifetime Achievement Award for Criminal Defense. The Award is named for Roderick Beddow, Sr. Mr. Beddow was a former President of the Birmingham Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar Association. He is also a member of the Alabama Lawyers Hall of Fame. Mr. Beddow defended many high profile cases including the Scottsboro boys case. Roderick Beddow has often been described as the best criminal defense lawyer in Alabama history.

MCBA Members Announce
Formation of New Law Firm

Raymond J. Hawthorne, Jr., Thomas C. Atchison, and Robert E. Riddle are pleased to announce the formation of Hawthorne, Atchison & Riddle Law Group, LLC. They are excited to start this new venture and feel truly blessed for the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Alabama. The firm has offices in Montgomery, Prattville, and Selma, but handles cases across the entire state. The firm focus is primarily on plaintiff cases involving serious injury, wrongful death, and insurance claims, while also handling a variety of other general civil litigation matters. Alex J. Alred and Carshala T. Youse are Associates of the firm. The firm may be contacted at:

Montgomery - 400 South Union Street, Suite 395, (334) 676-3696
Prattville - 119 First Street, (334) 356-3239
Selma - 622 Alabama Avenue, (334) 876-0710
MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of the Alabama State Bar

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

Date: June 14, 2022

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 https://finance.alabama.gov/media/wvkfnxsv/contractattyappl7-17.pdf. The application must be completed and either mailed, emailed or faxed to the Office of Indigent Defense Services no later than July 31, 2022. 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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Robert McIntyre Beno

Robert “Bob” Beno died on May 11, 2022. Bob was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1950. He graduated from Del City High School in the Oklahoma City area in 1968 where he was a standout on the wrestling team. While in college, Bob was involved in a very serious car accident in 1971 which took away his dream of becoming an Air Force pilot. He then focused on becoming a lawyer. He obtained his Juris Doctor in 1978 from Ole Miss. He practiced civil and criminal law for over 30 years in Montgomery. Bob was one of the few lawyers to argue and win a criminal case before the Supreme Court of the United States in Taylor v. United States, 457 U.S. 687 (1982).

Fred White Tyson

Fred Tyson died on June 7, 2022, at age 65. Fred was a long-time attorney, civic, and church leader in Montgomery. He was a graduate of Trinity Presbyterian School, the University of Alabama, and Cumberland School of Law. Fred earned numerous awards and commendations during his forty-year career in defense of physicians and hospitals with the firm of Rushton Stakely. He was recognized by his fellow attorneys with acceptance into both the American Board of Trial Advocates and the American College of Trial Lawyers and had served as head of each organization’s state chapters.
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