The first four months of 2022 have flown by, and I am pleased to say that the MCBA year is off to a terrific start! MCBA and its Sections have already offered several fun social events, including the YLS March Madness Social and Women’s Section Easter Egg Hunt, as well as a number of informative CLE presentations free to our members. Even with this great start, MCBA is always looking for new and better ways to serve you. With that in mind, I want to announce two new platforms MCBA plans to launch in 2022.

First, we are working with Vocalmeet to develop MCBA’s **On-Demand CLE Library** consisting of CLEs presented or sponsored by MCBA and its Sections. As many of you know, MCBA offers numerous CLEs free of charge to our members each year. Many of those CLEs provide valuable information and content that may be useful to other lawyers and MCBA members in the future. The MCBA on-demand CLE library will offer up to 20 hours of CLE presentations that can be viewed on-demand for a small fee to our members. We hope this offering will make obtaining useful CLE credits even easier for our members.
Second, we are working with YourMembership to create MCBA’s Online Career Center that will allow law firms and other legal industry employers to post job openings targeted to Montgomery County and the surrounding areas. The MCBA Career Center will also allow local lawyers and legal professionals to search for local jobs and even connect with potential jobs on an initially anonymous basis. The MCBA Board believes this Career Center, which will be open to MCBA job searchers at no charge, will provide additional value to all MCBA members. We hope to launch these offerings within the next three to six months and we will keep you updated as these platforms are developed.

Finally, I would like to quickly mention two upcoming events offered by MCBA and our local legal community partners. First, the MCBA Marina May Social will be held at the Capitol Oyster Bar on May 24, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and will include food, drinks, and live entertainment. Our Bar Relations Committee has done a fantastic job planning this must-attend event. Second, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation’s 30th Anniversary Gala honoring Judge Charles Price will be held at the Renaissance Convention Center on May 26, 2022, starting at 6:00 P.M. I hope to see many of you at these events, and I wish everyone a safe and rejuvenating Spring season!

Sincerely yours,

-Tim Gallagher
Greetings Young Lawyers!

I wanted to start off by congratulating **Anna Akers Hornsby** on her victory in the **March Madness Bracket Challenge**. The witty Mrs. Hornsby, hailing from Bradley Arant, dismantled the other twenty-nine entries and picked the Kansas Jayhawks as the winner. Trey Holtsford and Davis Vaughn finished tied for second. An amazing in-person event was held at Pine Bar in Old Cloverdale with dozens of Young Lawyers in attendance. The ladies of **Alabama Court Reporting** put on one heck of an event for our membership. We are very thankful for their help!

Last year, we started out the social scene with the hit event, **Marina May**. The event was so good and so well attended that the Big Bar decided to steal it right out from under us. Just kidding! But in reality, the Big Bar and the Young Lawyers Sections felt that a lawyer-only event would serve us better, and I couldn’t agree more.

We are inviting everyone who is a lawyer in the River Region to attend this event! **The Capital Oyster Bar** is hosting once again and music shall be provided by **Soft Landing** (who features Phillip Sellers from Rushton Stakley). Because we are hosting the event on a Tuesday, we have the entire restaurant to ourselves this year. Please come early and stay late on **May 24, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** Food and drinks shall be provided thanks to our generous sponsors: **Alabama Court Reporting; HAR Legal Group; Beasley Allen; Ball Ball Matthews & Novak; Gilpin Givhan; and Rushton Stakley**.

Reminder to please [e-mail me](mailto:) 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
MCBA invites all its members to its

MARINA MAY

Tuesday, May 24, 2022
5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Capitol Oyster Bar
617 Shady Street

join us for food,
drinks, prizes,
& musical guests

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
WOMEN’S SECTION
UPDATE

Our section has been quite busy these last few months! For our Spring community service project, we collected supplies for the Montgomery Humane Society. Thank you to everyone who donated!

On March 28, 2022, the MCBA Women’s Section co-hosted a joint CLE with the Alabama State Bar Women’s Section called, TIPS FOR WOMEN LAWYERS ON THE PARTNER TRACK as part of WOMEN IN THE LAW month. This panel discussion featured four outstanding female law partners from around Alabama each of whom shared their experiences in working their way up to partner in their respective law firms and offered advice to other female attorneys looking to pursue the partner track. The MCBA Women’s Section would like to thank CHRISTINE N. BURNS with BURR & FORMAN LLP; CHRISTINA D. CROW with JINKS CROW & DICKSON, P.C.; ALI D. HAWTHORNE with THE BEASLEY ALLEN LAW FIRM; and FELICIA A. LONG with HILL HILL CARTER FRANCO COLE & BLACK P.C., for participating on the panel. The MCBA Women’s Section would also like to thank SHERRIE PHILLIPS, the Chair of the Bar’s Women’s Section, for helping us put on such an outstanding CLE!

On April 16, 2022, the MCBA Women’s Section hosted an EASTER EGG HUNT for MCBA members and their families. Families were able to enjoy food, NANCY’S ITALIAN ICE, ABRAKADOOLE glitter tattoos, a photobooth, bounce house, and egg hunt! The Easter bunny even made an appearance! Thank you to our amazing sponsors: ACORN LEGAL SOLUTIONS, ALABAMA COURT REPORTING, THE BEASLEY ALLEN LAW FIRM, HILL HILL CARTER FRANCO COLE & BLACK P.C., and HUSEBY GLOBAL LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES. MCBA Women’s Section would also like to thank Saint James School for accommodating us on short notice and keeping us out of the rain.

Finally, congratulations to the recipient of the ROIANNE HOULTON CONNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: CRISTINA RUSTAD-MEJIA. Cristina, a 3L law student at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, was awarded a $500 scholarship in honor of the MCBA Women’s Section’s founding member. Congratulations, Cristina!

Best Regards,

Jordan Speake Jenkins,
President of the MCBA
Women’s Section
MCBA WOMEN’S SECTION
EASTER EGG HUNT
Greetings fellow Government Lawyers!

The 2022 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature ended this month, having passed hundreds of new laws. We are very pleased that Othni Latham, LSA Director, has again graciously agreed to present to our members a CLE highlighting the session, with a focus on laws that are most impactful to government counsel. Please mark your calendars for June 8, 2022, for this highly anticipated presentation, co-sponsored by the Government Lawyers’ Section and the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Shifting from laws to regulations, we are also excited to offer for the first time to our members a CLE providing an overview of the process for adopting administrative rules for state agencies, boards, and commissions. You will hear directly from the LSA Legal Division’s Administrative Procedure Office on the technical aspects of promulgating rules and rule changes. Please be on the lookout for this informative CLE in the fall.

You will not want to miss these valuable presentations, just two examples of the high-quality CLEs that are free to MCBA members and our Government Lawyers’ Section. MCBA aims to provide at least one hour of free CLE credit per month, on wide-ranging and relevant topics such as practice management, civil procedure, real estate transactions, ethics, and other issues of particular importance to attorneys who practice in the public sector.

In addition to covering your CLE needs, MCBA also offers rewarding opportunities for networking, mentoring, community engagement, and social events—at a great rate. Right now, MCBA is conducting a membership drive—and we can use your assistance in spreading the word! This is a great time to join our local bar association, so please help us share the value of belonging to the Montgomery County Bar Association. Click here to JOIN NOW! Thank you and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Juliana Dean
President of the MCBA
Government Lawyers’ Section
MVLP UPDATE

I would like to start by giving a big thank you to our volunteers that consistently give of their time, talent, and knowledge to serve low-income families of Montgomery. The impact you have on our clients and their families is irreplaceable. 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 contacting Jenny Brown, 265-0222 ext. 2 (MVLP main line) or 549-1033 (cell) or here, 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!

MVLP CLINIC SPOTLIGHT

The Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program Flatline Church Clinic helps low-income, self-represented litigants in a variety of civil legal matters. Every first and third Tuesday of the month, we are at Flatline Church at Chisholm, 2938 Lower Wetumpka Road, Montgomery, AL 36110, from 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

HOW IT WORKS

- **INTAKE**: MVLP staff screens interested clients for eligibility
- **MATCHING**: MVLP staff matches the client with a volunteer attorney
- **LIMITED ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATION**: The volunteer attorney may:
  - Give general advice concerning legal issues and procedure
  - Advise the client in making a strategic decision or to continue seeking relief in the trial court
  - Provide and assist with self-help materials, other resources, forms, and motions

Volunteer attorneys also assess whether a litigant’s case should be reviewed for further representation by considering whether the case is meritorious, falls within the MVLP priority issue areas, or has broad-based implications for low-income people. MVLP also provides not only mentorship, forms, files, and reference materials for volunteer attorneys but also primary malpractice insurance for all pro bono work.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- **LIMITED ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATION**: You start and finish with your client on the same day. There is no future commitment with court proceedings or legal services needed.
- **MENTORSHIP**: Our newer attorneys learn from more experienced attorneys and more seasoned attorneys have the opportunity to mentor.
- **NETWORKING**: Meet fellow attorneys in your area of practice and get connected with other legal professionals.

E. Peyton Faulk,
Executive Director
Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program
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CALENDAR

MVLP COUNSEL & ADVICE CLINIC
AT FLATLINE CHURCH
May 3, 2022

MVLP COUNSEL & ADVICE CLINIC
AT FLATLINE CHURCH
May 17, 2022

RECENT UPDATES TO ALABAMA’S
CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES
May 23, 2022

MARINA MAY SOCIAL
AT CAPITOL OYSTER BAR
May 24, 2022

ALABAMA CIVIL JUSTICE FOUNDATION’S
30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
May 26, 2022

MVLP COUNSEL & ADVICE CLINIC
AT FLATLINE CHURCH
June 7, 2022

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:
2022 REGULAR SESSION REVIEW
June 8, 2022

MVLP COUNSEL & ADVICE CLINIC
AT FLATLINE CHURCH
June 21, 2022
RECENT UPDATES TO ALABAMA’S CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

KATIE STEINWINDER, ESQ.
MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES AND ENFORCEMENT

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
NOON - 1:00 P.M.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLE!
You’re cordially invited to attend the

30th Anniversary Gala

&

Salute to

THE HONORABLE CHARLES PRICE

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Reception - 6 p.m.
Dinner & Program - 7 p.m.

Montgomery Renaissance Convention Center
201 Tallapoosa St. | Montgomery, AL 36104

For tickets or to RSVP by May 16, 2022
https://acjf30th.swell.gives/

Black Tie Optional
In lieu of tickets, reservations will be held at the door.
This invitation is open to anyone who wishes to be present to honor Judge Charles Price.
Alabama Legislative Update: 2022 Regular Session Review

Othni Lathram
Director

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by
The MCBA Government Lawyers Section and
The MCBA CLE Committee

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLE!
MARCH 12, 2022 - MONTGOMERY

ADMINISTRATIVE – Bar Commissioner Raymond Bell gave the invocation. Birmingham School of Law student Bridges Crawford led the pledge of allegiance. President Taze Shepard called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being conducted under §36-25A-5.1. Roll call was taken with a quorum being present followed by approval of the meeting agenda and the minutes of the January 12, 2022, board meeting. The Board approved the agenda and the minutes in an open roll call vote.

MEETING GUESTS – Guests included Retired Magistrate Judge Vanzetta Penn McPherson, Associate Justice Tommy Bryan, Eileen Harris, Ane Debro, J. Pratt Austin-Trucks, Birmingham School of Law Dean Scott Garrett and law students Bridges Crawford, Wesley Johnson and Valerie Sawyer.

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS

Samuel Ray Holmes, ASB 2012-1546 - Mr. Holmes received a public reprimand with general publication for violating Rules 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.15 (e) of the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct.

Davis Lawson Middlemas, ASB 2018-1332 - Mr. Middlemas received a public reprimand with general publication for violating Rules 1.3 and 1.15 of the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct.

Gary Alan Smith - Mr. Smith received a public reprimand without general publication for violating Rules 1.8 (f)(l), 1.15 (a) (b) (c) and 8.4 (a) (c) and (g) of the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Taze Shepard announced that in the absence of our mid-year meeting, a President’s Mid-Year Review publication had been electronically transmitted to the Supreme Court, the Bar Commissioners, and to all lawyers. He informed the Board that the Bar is moving in a positive direction with many of the goals set for this year already being accomplished and continued progress being made on those remaining.
GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

The General Counsel’s Office introduced Ms. Angie Burkhalter, a new paralegal/investigator hired to work with Assistant General Counsel Mark Moody. The OGC also reminded the BBC about the 3 vacancies on the Disciplinary Board for Hearing Officers and the one vacancy on the Disciplinary Commission. The OGC would also like to point out that Autumn Caudell has been promoted to a full-time prosecutor and is now an Assistant General Counsel. She previously served a dual role as both PMAP Director and an Assistant Ethics Counsel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director highlighted bar activities to include ABA events, Leadership Forum, Judges Mid-Year Conference, Susan B. Livingston Award Receptions, Women Judges Brunch hosted by the Women’s Section, the Legislative Breakfast hosted by EEGR, and the Annual Meeting to be held June 22-25 at the Sandestin Hilton. The February Bar Exam was held February 22-24 with a total of 283 examinees. The Hall of Fame Ceremonies that were postponed during the pandemic are scheduled following upcoming Bar Commission meetings. The 2019 inductees will be honored at the ceremony following this meeting. A Bar Leadership Symposium will be conducted on March 31 with local bar leadership. The Executive Director thanked the chairs of the Governance and Internal Operations Task Force: Terri Tompkins, Raymond Bell, Pat Sefton and Leon Hampton. along with all the Bar Commissioners that served on the task force and for their work to complete the report to be submitted during the meeting.

Brannon Buck qualified for President-Elect without opposition and nominations for Bar Commission elections are approaching for at-large on April 1 and open seats on April 29. https://www.alabar.org/about/board-of-bar-commissioners/election-information/.  

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The 2022 Regular Session is moving into the second half of the session, continuing with the pattern of three-day weeks. There have been over 450 bills introduced in the House of Representatives and approximately 300 bills introduced in the Senate. The introduction of bills continues to slow but some new filings of interest include absentee ballots, the election of appellate judges, campaign finance filings, changes to DUI law and gambling legislation. Recent public hearings involved everything from guns, municipal fees, occupational taxes and the education budget. Other bills in committee included legislation creating a more consistent process in the commitment of people with mental illness and the expansion of jurisdiction involving probate judges who are attorneys. As always, the Alabama State Bar encourages all members to be aware of legislation that may impact courts costs and fees. Access to Justice is a priority.
Please be aware of advertisements that may be occurring for local bills and those that may already be filed to use the courts as a fundraiser for non-court entities. The Alabama State Bar provides legislative status reports concerning pending legislation that may be of interest to our members. The reports divide legislation into the following categories for your convenience: criminal, domestic relations, judicial, court costs, elections ethics and government relations (EEGR), civil/ general and tax. To view these reports, click here.

**LEGAL FOOD FRENZY**

J. Pratt Austin-Trucks addressed the Board about the kickoff of the annual Legal Food Frenzy. Ms. Austin reminded the Board that all donations made through the Legal Food Frenzy go to the local food banks in Alabama. The competition runs for two weeks from April 4 through April 15. Alabama attorneys are encouraged to register by law firm so that donations can be tracked. She reminded the Board that each dollar donated can provide five meals for hungry families in Alabama. Ms. Austin encouraged commissioners to take the time to register, participate and promote the Legal Food Frenzy.

**MEMBER BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

Ane Debro, co-chair of the Member Benefits Committee, informed the Board that the committee has approved the following member benefits:

1. **Procertas.** Procertas is a benchmark assessment and training application that administers proficiency tests for Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, as well as PDF products and Bluebook citations. Procertas gives the user immediate feedback and offers video tutorials showing the correct way to execute the given assignment.

2. **Monesq.** Monesq is payment processing platform that allows clients to easily pay online. Law firms can create and send invoices, offer payment plans, generate payment links, and provide secure client payment portals.

3. **Cognito.** Cognito is a workflow application that allows for collaborative research, organization, and drafting of projects and documents. It allows you to assign different people to work on a project, in which they can gather their research, and then Cognito generates an outline using the collected research. The group can then collaboratively draft the document in real time.

4. **LEX Reception.** LEX Reception is a virtual receptionist service that specializes in legal answering. It provides answering 24/7, 365 days a year.

5. **Lawcus.** Lawcus is an all-in-one law practice management application. Lawcus helps attorneys keep up with clients, matters, billing, and automates processes. Lawcus also includes intake forms and e-signature capabilities.

6. **RMail/RSign.** RMail offers email encryption, certified e-delivery proof, email opens tracking, send for e-signature, the
ability to securely share large files, and more. RSign allows users to securely share and collaborate to create eSignature documents, send documents for signing to multiple clients at once, and track the status of documents.

7. Caseroads. Caseroads provides a law firm with scheduling, intake, and conflict management; case/matter management including assigning and tracking deadlines and tasks, document management, time, expenses, billing, and trust account management, integrated payments, and data and reporting. Find more information about Member Benefits here.

APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICERS FOR DISCIPLINARY PANEL

President Shepard informed the Board that three current officers’ terms expire at the annual meeting. These officers are not required to be bar commissioners. Nominations may be submitted to the Executive Director at terri.lovell@alabar.org by May 6, 2022.

APPOINTMENT TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

President Shepard informed the Board that John Smyth’s final term on the Disciplinary Commission has expired. Nominations may be submitted to the Executive Director at terri.lovell@alabar.org by May 6, 2022.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CLIENT SECURITY FUND

President Shepard informed the Board that there will be three opening in June to the Client Security Fund. The members rolling off are Mike Ballard-Chair, Kendall Dunson-Vice-Chair, and Craig Cargile. The following have asked to be considered: James Steven Ward (Birmingham) to serve as Chairperson; Gilda Branch Williams (Montgomery) to serve as member. Nominations may be submitted to the Executive Director and the appointments will become an action item for the next meeting. Nominations may be submitted to the Executive Director at terri.lovell@alabar.org by March 6, 2022.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE

President Shepard announced that the Governance and Internal Operations Task Force Report had been completed and provided to the Board along with an introductory video from ASB consultant John Phelps. President Shepard announced that the report had been received by the Executive Council. He then informed the Board that they could discuss the report, that a follow-up zoom session could be scheduled to address any concerns or questions, or the Board could move forward and receive the report. The Board voted unanimously to receive the report as submitted by the task force.
APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO ALABAMA BOARD OF COURT REPORTING

President Shepard reminded the Board that nominations were open to fill a vacancy on the Alabama Board of Court Reporting. Jennifer Egbe of the Huie, Fernambucq and Stewart law firm was nominated to serve on the Alabama Board of Court Reporting. The Board is allowed to vote on the nominations and transmit no more than three names to the Lt. Governor for an appointment to be made to the Alabama Board of Court Reporting. The Board voted unanimously to nominate Jennifer Egbe to the Alabama Board of Court Reporting.

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

The Hall of Fame Ceremony immediately followed the Bar Commission Meeting. The 2019 Inductees included Clifford Judkins Durr, Broox Gray Garrett, Henry Washington Hilliard, Richard Taylor Rives and Ellene G. Winn. Additional information about the work of the committee and the outstanding honorees can be found here.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE BAR: ADMISSIONS

The Alabama State Bar administered the February 2022 Bar Exam at the Embassy Suites on February 22nd-23rd. A total of 283 examinees sat for the exam. Most of the examinees had taken the exam at least twice with only 99 taking the test once previously. There were no first-time takers. We conducted the exam at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Montgomery. For the first time ever, each essay will be graded by two graders. Also new to this exam, is the introduction of a new grading software that allows the graders to view the uploaded answers on their laptops and also enter their grades directly into the software. The results are scheduled for release April 29th. The next exam is scheduled for July 26-27th at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa. There are no plans at this time to return the bar exam to Birmingham.

ALAP REPORT

ALAP continues to speak to local bars, at CLEs, and visit law schools sharing with them how they can play a major role in the mental health of attorneys in their area. There has been a significant increase in inquiries and requests for help over the last month from all over parts of the state. Calls come in daily from individuals seeking help as well as others who are concerned for them. If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health or substance abuse issue, please contact us. ALAP is confidential and we are here to assist. An all-day ALAP Summit is being planned for March 6, 2022, at Ross Bridge in Birmingham, Alabama.
ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAMS

The Programs Department is planning the 145th Annual Meeting which will be held June 22-25, 2022 at the Hilton Sandestin in Miramar Beach, Florida. Registration opened to all members on Monday, March 21, 2022. We have some great speakers and activities lined up this year. We hope that you and your family are making plans to attend! We still have room for additional sponsors. For more information on sponsorship and advertising opportunities, please email robyn.bernier@alabar.org or reach her by phone at 334-517-2204.

The Leadership Forum will hold the graduation session April 10-12, 2022 in Mobile at the Battle House Hotel. Twenty-four class members will graduate from our program. There is no doubt that this group of young lawyers will be future leaders of our Bar. Prior sessions of this leadership class have been held in Birmingham, Opelika and Huntsville.

MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING REPORT

March membership statistics include 14,187 regular members, 4,483 special members, and 90 new admittees, reducing our membership as of January 1, 2022 from 19,029 to March 1, 2022 to 18,760.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM

The Volunteer Lawyers Program has been traveling the state. With the help of our volunteers, we have held Wills for Heroes clinics in Shelby, Henry and Houston Counties in the last thirty days. We have also held our monthly clinics in Selma and Tuscaloosa and our virtual clinic. If you or members of your circuit would like to volunteer please contact Hilaire Armstrong. Additionally, in the same time period, our statewide legal intake line has received over 310 calls. We also continue to encourage bar members to answers questions on the Free Legal Answers web site. The next meeting of the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners will be May 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cooper House in Huntsville, Alabama. The Hall of Fame Ceremony honoring the 2020 inductees will immediately follow.
D. Mitchell “Mitch” Henry Named President of Faulkner University

D. Mitchell “Mitch” Henry, long-time member of the Montgomery County Bar Association and co-founder of Webster Henry Bradwell Cohan Spiegel and DeShazo, P.C., was recently named as the ninth President of Faulkner University in its 80-year history. Mr. Henry will retire from the private practice of law on May 31, 2022, and assume his new position with Faulkner on June 1, 2022. His law firm will continue to honor Mr. Henry by continuing as “Webster Henry”.

Mr. Henry is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, and Master of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in communications. He is a graduate, *cum laude*, of the University of Alabama School of Law. Upon graduation from law school Mr. Henry began his legal career with and later became a partner in the firm of Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett, P.A.

A veteran of numerous trials, Mr. Henry has conducted continuing legal education seminars on litigation and trial advocacy skills for the Alabama Bar Institute, the National Business Institute, and for other groups. Mr. Henry has also taught at the university level at both Faulkner University and Auburn University, and at the law school level at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law.
Former Montgomery lawyers Clifford J. Durr and Richard Taylor Rives were recently recognized for their lifetime of service, courage, and achievement as lawyers by their induction into the Alabama Lawyers Hall of Fame.

Clifford Judkins Durr was born in Montgomery on March 2, 1899, and died there on May 12, 1975. He attended the University of Alabama and won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University where he obtained his law degree in 1922.

After being admitted to the Bar he joined a Montgomery law firm where he practiced law. He would later practice law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Birmingham. In 1933 he accepted a position with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington, D.C. He was later appointed to the Federal Communications Commission where he focused on protecting the public interest rather than advocating for banking and broadcast interest. There he fought for public broadcasting free of advertising and public channels for television. In 1948 he resigned from the FCC in protest over the Federal Loyalty Oath Order which he saw as an abuse of FCC employee rights. He then established a law practice in Washington that focused on civil liberties issues.

In the early 1950’s Mr. Durr returned to Montgomery where he maintained a law practice until his retirement in 1964. He used his skills to represent African-Americans (among whom was Rosa Parks) and other civil rights litigants, many of whom could not pay a fee. This led to his social ostracism and economic suppression in Montgomery.

Mr. Durr’s civil rights work brought him many accolades. Auburn University at Montgomery honors him annually with sponsorship of the Clifford Durr Lecture Series.
RICHARD TAYLOR RIVES was born in Montgomery on January 15, 1895. He was class valedictorian at Sydney Lanier High School in 1911 at age 16. He briefly attended Tulane University but left after suffering family financial difficulties. In 1912, he began an apprenticeship in the Montgomery law office of Wiley Hill where he read the law and passed the Alabama Bar Exam in 1914. He was admitted to practice law at age 19.

After serving in the Army overseas during World War I he returned to Montgomery and practiced law with the Hill law firm from 1919 to 1947. Mr. Rives served as president of the Montgomery County Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar Association. He established his own law firm in 1947 which is today the Copeland Franco law firm.

In 1951, President Harry Truman appointed Mr. Rives the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Rives took part in may landmark decisions, with possibly the most notable being Browder v. Gayle, which outlawed segregation in Montgomery’s bus system, ending the bus boycott sparked by the arrest of Rosa Parks in 1955. Judge Rives continued to serve as a federal judge with the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals after it was created from the Fifth Circuit until his death in 1982.

His decisions struck down segregation in schools, parks, housing, public facilities, jury selection, higher education, voting, and legislative reapportionment. As a Montgomery native Judge Rives showed great courage in rendering decisions which ran counter to segregationist traditions in the South despite experiencing personal reprisals such as social ostracisms, hate mail, threats, and even the desecration of his deceased son’s grave.
IN MEMORIAM

Col. Lawrence H. “Larry” Kloess, Jr.

Colonel Lawrence Herman “Larry” Kloess, Jr., passed away on March 4, 2022. He was born on January 30, 1927, in Mamaroneck (Westchester County), New York.

Prior to graduating high school, Mr. Kloess enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon reaching the age of 17, and served in the South Pacific during World War II. After the War he finished high school, obtained a B.A. degree in History from the University of Alabama and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama Law School.

Mr. Kloess also graduated from the U.S. Air Force ROTC program at the University of Alabama as a Second Lieutenant, served briefly on active duty, and remained in the active Air Force Reserve with a total of 34 years of service retiring as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General Department of the U.S. Air Force.

He practiced law in Birmingham and later joined the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as legal counsel. He retired as chief legal counsel of that federal agency with 30 years of service.

Mr. Kloess was elected President of both the Montgomery County Bar and the Montgomery County Federal Bar Associations. He served as Chairman of the Editorial Advisory Board of The Alabama Lawyer. He was instrumental in the creation of MCBA’s The Docket, served as its first editor, and continued serving as its editor for many years. The Docket was first published in January 1979. The Docket was the major contributing source for MCBA receiving the American Bar Association’s Award of Merit at its annual convention in Hawaii in 1980.
IN MEMORIAM

TYRONE C. MEANS

Tyrone Means passed away on March 16, 2022. Mr. Means was born on March 3, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a graduate of both Morehouse College with B.A. in Mathematics and The University of Kansas Law School in 1976.

Mr. Means had a long and successful legal career with Thomas, Means, Gillis and Seay and later with The Means Gillis Law Firm. He was active in service of the legal community in a number of state and national legal organizations. Mr. Means was a fixture at the Montgomery County Commission where he served as legal counsel for about 30 years.
LICENSING TO HELP AND HEAL

Alabama State Bar specialty license plate raises money to help lawyers in need.

Proceeds from the sale of this Alabama State Bar license plate will assist fellow members of the legal community who have experienced significant, potentially life-changing events in their lives, through a grant review process.

Once we reach the required number of pre-orders (1,000), the tag will go into production. You don’t need to wait until it’s time to renew your tag. We need your support now for the license plate to be manufactured.

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alabar.org/lawyers-render-service/
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