BE A Lawyer.

We’ve cut you some slack these past few years. I know, the world has changed, and we are merely trying to keep up. Over the course of a decade, we have witnessed a transformation in the way we live and work. Our lives have evolved from a total physical existence to a hybrid life in a digital age, and co-existing between two worlds is challenging. But we are lawyers. And we thrive off “the challenge.”

This year, I challenge you to BE a lawyer. But what does it mean to be a lawyer? The Preamble to the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct sets forth certain responsibilities of a lawyer—conduct yourselves competently, be prompt, be diligent, be an advocate, zealously assert your client’s position, etc. No doubt our Bar understands and possesses these observable and often measurable qualities, but continue reading. Lawyers are also called upon to “strive to attain the highest level of skill, to improve the law and the legal profession, and to exemplify the legal profession's ideals of public service”—less quantifiable directives that are often set aside or overlooked, especially in the present time when it seems we are all dealing with a multitude of issues.

This year, however, I challenge and encourage you as MCBA members to embody the definition of a lawyer as set forth in our law and be the professionals that our society rightly demands. Now, I know many of you epitomize what it means to be an attorney, but there are some of us who can do better (I am putting myself in this category) and who are still recovering from the last several years of “shut down” and possible complacency.... So here is the plan for 2024, and I hope you will join me.
First, “strive to attain the highest level of skill.” MCBA offers numerous opportunities to continue to grow our legal careers. The MCBA CLE Committee, chaired by Claire Veal, has compiled dozens of CLE programs that offer a variety of topics to (hopefully) inspire you to broaden your legal education and better serve our community. MCBA will continue to offer these valuable programs and hopes you will take advantage of the opportunities to continue learning, regardless of where you are in your career.

Second, “strive to improve the law and the legal profession.” Be involved. MCBA is an organization that brings us together, in part, for the purpose of advancing professionalism and promoting practice development. There is no better opportunity for professional development than to watch and learn from your colleagues. I could share countless stories of your positive influence within our legal community and certainly in my own career. To pull from an economic aphorism, “a rising tide lifts all boats.” As we help each other, the legal profession as a whole is bolstered. As a young lawyer, I turned to more experienced colleagues for advice and watched as they treated one another with civility and respect. As an older lawyer, I often turn to younger colleagues not only for advice but also often for inspiration and motivation (and... sometimes social media assistance). Younger lawyers tend to be more ambitious and enthusiastic, qualities that can wane as we advance in our careers. I say all that to say that we all have much to learn from one another, and that will continue the rest of our lives. Please consider making time this year to join your colleagues in an MCBA program, event, or volunteer opportunity. There is no substitute for personal interaction to develop relationships, support one another, discuss issues, and solve problems. MCBA Sections and Committees—lead by Effie Hawthorne, Johnna Ingalls, Katie Archer, Matthew Ward, Erika McKay, Landon Eley, and Juliana Dean—are working to bring us together this year. I hope you can join us from time to time.

And finally, “strive to exemplify the legal profession’s ideals of public service.” Lawyers have an extraordinary gift. I tend to take for granted the things I have learned and how meaningful that knowledge could be to an individual in need. Many of you are at the point in your careers where you can provide guidance off the top of your head. The information you have obtained through your legal education and experience will dramatically impact the lives of folks in our community. MCBA offers numerous opportunities to serve our community by donating your time and talent. This year, MCBA intends to host charity events that will be centered around donating a little of your time and expertise. We have an extremely hard-working Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, and Peyton Faulk and her team stand ready to partner with MCBA to bring members of our community together for our days of service. The MCBA Charity Committee, chaired by Aigner Kolom, looks forward to providing ways for us to give back to the community we serve. I encourage you to continue to cultivate an appreciation of public service within your organizations, and I hope that you can find time to donate an hour or two. One of the greatest gifts you can give is service.
I know our careers are demanding, and finding time outside of the responsibilities associated with work, friends, and family is not easy. I am not asking you to show up for everything, but maybe we can catch you on a slower week or if your schedule unexpectedly opens up. Please keep MCBA in mind during these times, and strive this year to be the lawyer that continues to raise the bar.

As we kick off this year, I want to thank the 2023 Board of Directors for their help and guidance. I learned, and continue to learn, so much from them, and I sincerely appreciate their time and consideration as I worked my way through a hectic year. I especially want to thank Ali Hawthorne. I meant what I said at the Annual Meeting earlier this month: she is indeed a “superwoman” and truly exemplifies what it means to be a lawyer. Thank you, Ali, for your leadership, your guidance, and for your friendship. It was an honor to serve as your Vice-President.

Suzanne Duffey and Louise Blanchard, thank you for all you do to keep us going. Your service to MCBA is worth far more than reflected in your pay checks. We appreciate you always going the extra mile and for taking my calls…. Likewise, The Docket would not survive without Jeff Duffey and Matthew Ward. Thank you for working nights and weekends to keep us informed!

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you this year. I look forward to seeing you and am always available for thoughts, opinions, and suggestions on how to make MCBA stand out among the rest! I will leave you with a few things to watch for this year:

• The highly anticipated return of the “Most Distinguishable Lawyers” Awards (thanks to Royal Dumas, with the blessing of Bobby Segall, and his undercover team).
• The formation of the MCBA Criminal Justice Committee (with the hope that the membership will consider the creation of a section at the end of the year), which will be comprised of prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges, paralegals, and other MCBA members who pursue criminal justice.
• An MCBA Past Presidents’ Luncheon.
• Two After-Hours Socials: one with colleagues at Servis 1st Bank, who have graciously agreed to host us at their unique downtown court square branch, and one with colleagues at Warren Averett, who have graciously agreed to host us at their fancy new downtown location.
• Partnered events with the Federal Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar.
• Very cool and valuable CLEs.
• Charity events with MVLP that will include and benefit our local non-profits.

Sincerely,

Amanda Senn
President of the
Montgomery County Bar Association
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AMANDA SENN
President

Amanda Senn is the Director of the Alabama Securities Commission where she has been employed since 2008. She is responsible for advising the Commission on securities-related matters, investigating and prosecuting fraudulent actions surrounding the sales of securities throughout the state of Alabama, and has coordinated and litigated numerous multi-jurisdictional administrative, civil, and criminal matters. She also serves as a legislative liaison for the Commission. In that capacity, she advocates for investor protections and market integrity in Alabama.

Amanda is involved on both the State and local level in various organizations which address issues and promote awareness of Elder Abuse and Investment Fraud; including the Montgomery County Elder Justice Task Force and the Alabama Interagency Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. She is actively involved in the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), where she serves as Chairman of the Cybersecurity Committee, Co-Chair of the Broker Dealer Market and Regulatory Policy Committee and is a member of project groups in the Investment Adviser and Enforcement sections. She is a frequent speaker on Alabama’s securities laws and Elder Justice, an instructor in a securities litigation course offered through NASAA, and has testified before the United State House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services Subcommittee on National Security, International Development and Monetary Policy on fraud and elder exploitation. Amanda is a member of the American Inns of Court, serves on the board of the Montgomery County Bar Association, and president of the Alabama Association of Regulatory Boards (AARB).

A Montgomery, Alabama native, Amanda graduated from Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL and received her JD from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Birmingham, AL. She is a member of the Huntingdon Alumni Board, an officer in the Montgomery Bicycle Club, and is a long-standing volunteer and supporter of the Montgomery Miracle League.
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Effie Hawthorne
Vice-President

Effie Hawthorne is Associate General Counsel for the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Effie was previously in private practice before beginning her tenure as a government attorney in 2017. Effie Hawthorne is a proud native of Montgomery. She graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery summa cum laude and received her J.D. from Faulkner University’s Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in 2013.

Effie has been active in the MCBA since law school and has served on multiple committees. She previously served as the President for the MCBA Women’s Section and ex officio member of the MCBA Board of Directors from 2016-2018. She also previously served as a board member for the MCBA’s Young Lawyers Section and the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program. She is active in multiple Alabama State Bar sections and serves on the Alabama State Bar’s Quality of Life, Health, and Wellness Committee and Lawyer Voices for Survivors Task Force. Effie was selected as a member of Class 17 of the ASB’s Leadership Forum. She is a Barrister member of the Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court and serves on the American Bar Association’s Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee at Auburn University of Montgomery.

Effie enjoys serving her community. She served as the 2022-2023 President of the Junior Executive Board for Child Protect, Children’s Advocacy Center. She is also passionate about providing service to the River Region United Way and the Inspired Child Project. Effie is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery’s Torchbearers Class XIV.

Effie is married to Charlie Hawthorne, a Deputy District Attorney for Montgomery County. They are proud parents to three sons.
Aigner Kolom
Secretary-Treasurer

Aigner Kolom is a Principal attorney at Beasley Allen Law Firm where she practices in the firm’s Mass Torts Section. Prior to joining Beasley Allen, Aigner worked as a law clerk for Judge J.R. Gaines, Circuit Judge 15th Judicial Circuit in Montgomery, and for Judge Charles Price, Presiding Judge (now retired), 15th Judicial Circuit. She also worked as an extern for Judge Charles Watkins, Chief Judge for the United States District Court, Middle District of Alabama, and was a legal intern/law clerk for Legal Services of Alabama.

Aigner graduated from Auburn University in 2010, earning her B.S. in business administration, human resource management. Aigner attended Faulkner University’s Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, graduating summa cum laude in 2015. She was included on the Dean’s List every semester during her enrollment.

Aigner is a member of the Alabama State Bar and the State Bar of Georgia. Aigner is President-Elect of the Alabama Lawyer’s Association, Vice President of the Black Woman Lawyers Association of Alabama, and Parliamentarian of the Capital City Bar Association. Aigner is also a board member at large for the Montgomery County bar association where she serves as the Chair of the Mentorship program and past President of the Women’s Section. She is also a member of the American Association for Justice and the Federal Bar Association. Aigner Serves as a board member for Common Ground Montgomery and is a member of the Mayor’s Young Professional Council.

Aigner has been selected to the Midsouth Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” list since 2020. The distinction recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys – those who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been practicing 10 years or less. She has also been named to The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 list.
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Ali Hawthorne
Immediate-Past President

Ali Hawthorne is a Principal at Beasley Allen. She joined the firm in 2010 as an attorney in the Consumer Fraud & Commercial Litigation Section and has focused her practice primarily on complex litigation on a national level. Most recently, Ali has been handling several different Attorney General litigations in multiple states that seek to recover millions of taxpayer dollars on behalf of states that paid for pharmaceutical products and devices as a result of fraudulent and deceptive acts by major players in the healthcare arena.

Ali has been named on the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” lists. She was selected as the Beasley Allen Lawyer of the Year for the Fraud Section in 2014 and 2015 and has an AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Ali was also selected for the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum Class 13 (2017-2018) and currently serves on the Leadership Forum Advisory Board. In addition to serving on the board of the Montgomery County Bar Association, Ali also served as the President of the Young Lawyers Section from 2016-2018. Ali has also been very involved with the Women’s Section, serving on the Board of Directors.

Ali is admitted to practice law in all courts in the State of Alabama and Georgia. She has been a member of the Alabama Association for Justice, ALAJ Emerging Leaders, American Association for Justice, the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, and served on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Association for Justice. Ali also served on the Board of Directors ex officio for the Montgomery County Bar Foundation from 2016-2018. Ali is a member of the Alabama and Georgia State Bars, the Alabama State Bar Women’s Section, and is on the Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court.
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Keyarrow Moore
Seat No. 1

Keyarrow A. Moore is a resident of Montgomery County and a native of Selma, Alabama. After attending the Selma Early College High School, Keyarrow went on to receive a bachelor’s degree from Alabama State University, where she graduated *magna cum laude*, as well as both a Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degree in Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolutions from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, where she graduated *cum laude*. While attending Jones School of Law, Keyarrow was active in the domestic violence clinic, the elder law clinic, and the mediation clinic. Upon graduation from Jones School of Law, Keyarrow was named as a public interest fellow. Keyarrow also recently received a Master of Laws degree in Taxation from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Keyarrow has been practicing law in the State of Alabama since 2016 and practiced with the Montgomery County Public Defender’s office and the Alabama Department of Revenue before starting her current position with the Alabama Department of Labor.

Keyarrow is a wife and mother to three children. She is a member of the Junior League of Montgomery, Alabama Lawyers Association, and Montgomery County Bar Association, as well as a Board Member for the Carver Elementary and Forest Avenue Elementary PTA.
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ARTHUR RAY
Seat №. 2

Arthur F. Ray II is currently Director of Governmental Affairs and Assistant General Counsel for the Alabama Department of Labor. He is a graduate of Huntsville High School, received a double-major B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Auburn University, and earned his Juris Doctor from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law.

Arthur has practiced law for 26 years, both in private practice and in public service for the State of Alabama. After finishing law school, he clerked for Presiding Circuit Judge William Gordon. Arthur was associate counsel with Holloway, Elliott & Moxley, LLC; a Staff Attorney for Judge Craig Pittman of the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals; and then a solo practitioner for his own practice as The Law Office of Arthur F. Ray II, LLC. He later took the opportunity to serve as District Court Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit by appointment of then-Governor Bob Riley. Upon leaving the bench, Arthur re-opened his own practice, where he concentrated on Administrative Law Judge work as well as appointments as Special Judge with the Montgomery County Probate Court. Shortly thereafter, the Alabama Department of Labor approached him, and he has been Assistant General Counsel there since 2010. The Department has recently appointed him as its Director of Governmental Affairs.

Professionally, Arthur serves on the Standing Committee on the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, both the Elections, Ethics, and Government Relations Section and the In-House Counsel and Government Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar, as well as MCBA’s Government Lawyers’ Section, Bench & Bar Committee, and Grievance Committee. Arthur currently participates in the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, focusing on the Legal Clinics at Flatline Church at Chisholm. In the community, Arthur has served on both the Associate Counsel of the Family Sunshine Center and the Board of Trustees for The Saint James School, and he currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Auburn Club.

Arthur has been married to Alisa Kelli Wise, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, since 1996, and they have one daughter, Hanah-Mathis Wise Ray, who is twenty-four and a product team specialist with Stryker Medical. Arthur and his wife have been members of Saint James Church since 1996.
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Gavin King
Seat №. 3

Gavin King is an associate at Beasley Allen Law where he currently represents a variety of plaintiffs, primarily in the area of toxic exposure. The Opelika native completed his undergraduate degree at Mississippi State University and earned his law degree at Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law.

Gavin is a member of the Alabama Association for Justice where he is a member of Emerging Leaders and was a member of ALAJ’s inaugural ELITE Leadership Academy. He also serves on the Executive Committee for the Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar and the Board of Directors for the Young Lawyers Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Gavin has been recognized as a “Rising Star” for the last two years and has been recognized as “Top 40 Under 40” by National Black Lawyers. He and his wife Erica recently adopted their first daughter. The Kings make their home in Montgomery. Outside of work, Gavin enjoys spending time with his family, serving in his local church, following Mississippi State athletics and hunting with his bird dog, Judge.
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Catie Malone
Seat №. 4

Catie Malone is a shareholder at Webster Henry, representing and advocating for the interests of her clients in first-party and third-party litigation.

Catie earned a B.A. in Communication Studies and Political Science, *cum laude*, from Huntingdon College in 2010, a M.A. in Communication Studies from The University of Alabama in 2013, and a J.D. from The University of Alabama School of Law in 2017.

Along with serving on the Board of Directors for MCBA, she currently serves on the Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession Committee of the Alabama State Bar Association, Alabama Defense Lawyers Association, Medical Outreach Ministries, Huntingdon College Alumni Race and Justice Initiative, and Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama State Committee.
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Samuel McClure
Seat No. 5

Samuel J. McLure is Founder and Senior Attorney of The Adoption Law Firm, which zealously advocates to place orphaned children in loving homes. McLure established The Adoption Law Firm upon graduation from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, after adopting his oldest son from Hungary during law school.

As a result of this experience with adoption, and subsequently becoming a foster parent in Montgomery County, McLure was awakened to the need of excellent legal help for vulnerable children, not just in the rest of the world, but in our very own backyards. He has devoted his legal career to the service of vulnerable children, particularly foster children in Alabama, since graduation. The Adoption Law Firm specializes in adoption, foster care, and child-welfare advocacy.

McLure moved to Montgomery in 2004 and graduated from Huntington College with a B.A. in Business Administration. He is a cum laude graduate of Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review and active with the Christian Legal Society.

Sam, his wife Mary Beth, and their four children live in Montgomery and are members of Eastwood Presbyterian Church.
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Matthew Ward
Seat №. 6

Matthew J. Ward is an Assistant General Counsel for Alabama Department of Corrections. Before his time at Corrections, he served as Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama, Assistant Attorney General for Alabama Medicaid Agency, and Staff Attorney with the Montgomery office of Legal Services Alabama.

Along with serving on the Boards of Directors of both MCBA and the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, he also serves as Treasurer of the MCBA Government Lawyers’ Section, Chair of the MCBA Public Relations Committee, and Co-Editor of MCBA’s The Docket. Additionally, Matthew currently serves as Board Member of ASB’s The Alabama Lawyer Board of Editors; Board Member of ASB’s Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee; member of ASB’s Leadership Forum Selection & Program Committee (Class 15 alumnus); and member of ASB’s Pro Bono Committee. On top of his bar involvement, Matthew is a Barrister of the Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court, President of the Junior Executive Board of Child Protect Children’s Advocacy Center, and Board Member of the inaugural Junior Executive Board of River Region United Way.

A native of Montgomery, Matthew is an honors graduate of both Auburn Montgomery and Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, where he was actively involved in both academic and student leadership. He was also recognized as a dedicated public servant by being awarded the Alabama State Bar’s Pro Bono Award in the Law Student category in 2014.
Claire Veal

Claire Veal graduated summa cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and later received her Juris Doctor with honors from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law.

Claire currently serves as a Senior Staff Attorney for the Supreme Court of Alabama, which requires her to analyze a variety of complex civil and criminal appeals. Prior to her time with the Supreme Court of Alabama, Claire was in private practice and also worked as a Staff Attorney on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

Claire is an active member of both the Montgomery County Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar. Along with serving on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Bar Association, Claire also serves as the Chair of the MCBA CLE Committee and as Vice-President of the MCBA Women’s Section. Additionally, Claire currently serves as co-chair of the Alabama State Bar’s Bench and Bar Relations Committee and is a member of the Bar’s Lawyer Voices for Survivors Task Force and the Legal Food Frenzy Task Force. She is also a member of the Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court.

Claire is a recent graduate of Class 17 of the Alabama State Bar’s Leadership Forum. She is also a 2022 recipient of the Alabama State Bar’s President’s Award.

In addition to her involvement with the above-mentioned organizations, Claire loves finding ways to get involved in her community. This year, she has enjoyed assisting law students at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law with preparing for job interviews and clerkships and serving as a volunteer with the “Law & Government Exploring Program,” a career education program for young men and women who are in high school in the Tri-County area and are interested in careers in government and the law.
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Johnna Ingalls
Seat No. 8

Johnna Ingalls is a senior litigation attorney with Wettermark Keith here in Montgomery, Alabama. Johnna has specialized in personal injury litigation throughout her career. Her current practice focuses on wrongful death litigation, medical malpractice claims, trucking litigation, motorcycle crashes, and automobile crash litigation. Johnna prides herself on being a capable, unrelenting, and passionate advocate for her clients.

Johnna is a proud graduate of Auburn University where she earned a degree in Zoology with a cell biology concentration. She is a 2013 graduate of Jones School of Law at Faulkner University.

Johnna has been honored by Super Lawyers as a “Mid-South Rising Star,” is featured as The National Trial Lawyers’ Association “Top 40 Under 40 in Civil Plaintiff Litigation,” and is a member of both the Alabama Association for Justice and the American Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys. She serves on various boards and committees throughout her community, including ALAJ’s Emerging Leaders Institute. She was also selected as a member of Class 16 of the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum.
Carshala Youse is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, coupled with a minor in Legal Studies, from Milligan University in Johnson City, Tennessee. In 2013, Carshala moved to Montgomery, Alabama to attend Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. There, she was an active member of the Ernestine S. Sapp Chapter of the Black Law Students Association, the Albert Patterson Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, and the Women’s Legal Society. Carshala competed in several trial advocacy competitions, including the Closing Argument Competition, where she received runner-up, and the Oral Argument Competition. Carshala participated in the Mediation Clinic at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law and assisted many individuals through the Family Violence Clinic. She received her Juris Doctor in 2016 and became a practicing attorney in September of 2016.

Carshala’s current areas of practice include personal injury, products liability, family law, and contracts. Carshala is a member of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Capital Rotary Club and an active member of Torchbearers Class XIII of Leadership Montgomery, where it has been her pleasure to learn more about the City of Montgomery and better serve her community. Carshala is married to Samuel Youse and has three beautiful daughters—Sonia, Skyla, and Saige. Carshala’s goal is to serve her community through authentic advocacy.
Erika McKay
Women’s Section President

Erika McKay is General Counsel for the Alabama Department of Commerce. Before her time at the Alabama Department of Commerce, she served as Chief Deputy General Counsel for the Office of the Governor.

In addition to serving as President of the MCBA Women’s Section, Erika is a Board member of the MCBA Government Lawyers’ Section. Erika also serves on the Alabama State Bar’s Quality of Life, Health & Wellness Committee and Bench & Bar Relations Committee. Erika was also appointed by Governor Ivey to serve on the Advisory Board on Minority Affairs.

Erika is a native of Montgomery, and she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, International Relations and her Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama. Erika and her husband Chris live in Prattville and are active members of the Autauga County Bar Association.
Landon Eley is an Attorney with The Vance Law Firm, where his practice focuses primarily on personal injury. Prior to joining The Vance Law Firm, he practiced law at Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett, P.A., with an emphasis on commercial real estate and includes the representation of developers and lenders in a variety of commercial transactions.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama in 2010 and received his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law in 2013. He has served as a board member for the MCBA’s Young Lawyers Section since 2015.

In addition to practicing law, he enjoys playing golf, attending live concerts, and most importantly, spending time with his wife (Samantha), and two boys (Banks & James).
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Juliana Dean
Government Lawyers’ Section President

Juliana Teixeira Dean has served the State of Alabama as an Assistant Attorney General for almost two decades. She is currently Deputy General Counsel at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In that role, she represents ADCNR in a variety of matters, including federal audits, competitive procurement, and contracts.

Juliana is a 2022 Recipient of the Alabama State Bar’s President’s Award. She has been appointed by the Alabama State Bar to the Government Relations Committee for the second consecutive year, as well to State Bar’s Insurance Benefits Committee. Juliana is a 2021 graduate of Class XXXVII of Leadership Montgomery. She is also a member of the Hugh Maddox Inn of Court.

Juliana is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. Prior to her service as an Assistant Attorney General, she clerked for the Honorable William C. Thompson of the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.
MCBA hosted its Annual Meeting on February 1, 2024. For the second time ever—and the second year in a row—all MCBA Officers are women.

**Amanda Senn** *(Alabama Securities Commission)* was installed as President, **Effie Hawthorne** *(Alabama Board of Medical Examiners)* as Vice-President, and **Aigner Kolom** *(Beasley Allen Law Firm)* as Secretary-Treasurer.

**Keyarrow Moore** *(Alabama Department of Labor)* and **Arthur Ray** *(Alabama Department of Labor)* were both newly elected to serve on the MCBA Board of Directors.

**Lilllie Hobson** *(Bradley Arant Boult Cummings)* was named the recipient of the 2023 MCBA Volunteer Lawyer of the Year Award.
Shawn Cole (Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black, P.C.) was named the recipient of the 2023 MCBA Award for Service & Achievement.

Two Montgomery-area charities—the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program and Flatline Church at Chisholm (represented by Pastor Dewayne Rembert)—were presented a combined total of $21,100.00 that was raised at the 2023 Annual Charity Event hosted at the Holiday Gala. MCBA thanked the 2023 Annual Charity Event sponsors and gave special recognition to the Presenting Sponsor: Beasley Allen Law Firm.

Montgomery District Court Judge Monet Gaines administered the oath of office to the 2024 MCBA Board of Directors.
BOBBY SEGALL (COPELAND FRANCO SCREWS & GILL, P.A.) and COL. BRYAN MORGAN (THOMAS GOODE JONES SCHOOL OF LAW) presented fourteen MCBA attorneys with individual awards for 50 years of service as an attorney:

- Charles Price
- Jimmy Bryan Pool
- Frank Decalve Marsh
- Gordon Griffin Sikes, Jr.
- John Clarke Bell
- John Harold Camp, Jr.
- John Richard Wible
- Randall C. Morgan
- Richard Craig Kneisel
- Richard David Shinbaum
- Thomas Howard Keene
- Von George Memory
- William Stanley Gregory

(not pictured: Guy Vernon Martin, Jr.)
JUDICIAL RECEPTION

On January 18, 2024, MCBA hosted the 2024 Judicial Reception of the Alabama Associations of Circuit Court Judges & District Court Judges at the Alabama Department of Archives & History (“ADAH”).

MCBA wishes to thank ADAH, its Executive Director Steve Murray, and his knowledgeable staff, for gathering articles for display that are significant to Alabama’s legal history. It was a special treat for all attendees to view some of the treasures that are saved within the walls of the ADAH.

Attendees also enjoyed entertainment by Kurt McKinney Music and a special performance by dancers from The Montgomery Ballet.

MCBA also wishes to extend a special thank you to each of the following sponsors for the Judicial Reception:

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!
Greetings Young Lawyers!

With the new year already in full swing, the Young Lawyers Section is excited to continue to serve our members and the community, as well as to assist young lawyers in the River Region in prospering with their newfound careers.

As is tradition, we will have our **Annual March Madness Bracket Tournament Challenge** this month. Please be on the lookout for a YLS e-mail with all details and prizes before the Tournament officially begins on March 19, 2023. Once again, we have exclusively partnered with **Alabama Court Reporting** to have an in-person event on **March 21, 2024, at Moe’s Original BBQ beginning at 5:30 P.M.** The First Round will be up on the big screens, so please join us for the festivities.

I am also pleased to announce the Officers and Board Members who will serve our section this year—

**President**

Landon Eley  
(The Vance Law Firm, P.C.)

**Vice-President**

Chris Richard  
(Gilpin | Givhan)

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Tyner Helms  
(Beasley Allen Law Firm)

**Immediate-Past President**

Charlie Hawthorne  
(Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office)

**Board Members**

Morgan Chappell  
(Littler Mendelson, P.C.)

Anna Hornsby  
(Bradley Arant Boult Cummings)

Gavin King  
(Beasley Allen Law Firm)

Alex Sallas  
(Vickers & White, P.L.L.C.)

Miland Simpler  
(Kemper Insurance Co.)

The Board’s mission is to continue reaching out and recruiting new members for The Young Lawyers Section. Please e-mail me or contact any of our YLS Board Members if you know of any Young Lawyers in the River Region who would like to get involved with our section. As a reminder, the requirements to be eligible for the Young Lawyers Section are as follows:

*The member shall (1) be either thirty-six (36) years of age or younger or licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama for less than three (3) years, and (2) is a member in good standing with the Montgomery County Bar Association.*

Respectfully,

Landon Eley  
President of the MCBA  
Young Lawyers Section
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Bring your Easter baskets for the Easter egg hunt!
In 2023, MVLP experienced a record-breaking year, marking the end of our 10-year anniversary with volunteers successfully completing over 600 cases. We extend our gratitude to all MCBA members who generously dedicated their time and expertise in 2023 to support those in our community in need of civil legal aid. The momentum continues into 2024, as since January, we have provided our services in several Civil Court Dockets as well as held some of our busiest Counsel & Advice Clinics yet.

Volunteering with MVLP not only offers the contentment resulting from providing your time and gaining valuable experience defending those in our community who are in need of your services, but it also plays a vital role in the growth of our program and amplifying the importance of our work. We invite you to join us by volunteering at a clinic, District Court Help Desk Docket, or by taking on a case referral. Signing up to volunteer is simple—just e-mail our staff attorney Anna Spidle to express your interest. If your schedule does not allow for volunteering at the moment, please consider making a tax-deductible financial contribution to support MVLP. You can also help us raise awareness about our work by connecting us with your civic, social, religious, educational, or community group for a presentation. Your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for considering joining us in this important mission.

In addition to our productivity in providing civil legal aid, we have also recently published some exciting news as well as participated in two events showcasing our commitment to community engagement. Our new partnership with Alabama State University Athletics demonstrates a creative approach to raising awareness and expanding outreach in our community to a broader audience. As a part of this partnership, I was invited to throw out the first pitch at the HBCU Softball Classic on February 23, 2024. Following this wonderful opportunity, we attended the Montgomery Roller Derby Season Opener on February 24, 2024, and were presented with the beneficiary check for the event. We would also like to invite you to join us at our St. Patrick’s Day Tardy McTavish’s Last Leprechaun Social on March 18, 2024, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., to celebrate our active volunteers while also welcoming any current attorneys or law students interested in networking and supporting our pro bono mission.

Make sure to connect with us on our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and our new LinkedIn page) to stay informed about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. Another way you can contribute to our program is by sharing our posts on all of these platforms.

E. Peyton Faulk,
Executive Director
Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program
MVLP UPDATE
## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### C&A CLINICS

*All Clinics are held from 3:00-5:00 PM*

- Thursday, March 14th at Strong Tower
- Thursday, April 11th at Strong Tower
- Tuesday, March 5th at Flatline Church
- Tuesday, March 19th at Flatline Church
- Tuesday, April 2nd at Flatline Church
- Tuesday, April 16th at Flatline Church
- Tuesday, May 7th at Flatline Church
- Tuesday, May 21st at Flatline Church

### DISTRICT COURT

- Monday, 3/4 8:30 AM Judge M. Gaines - 2A
- Monday, 3/18 8:30 AM Judge M. Gaines - 2A
- Monday, 4/1 8:30 AM Judge M. Gaines - 2A
- Monday, 4/15 8:30 AM Judge M. Gaines - 2A
- Monday, 5/6 8:30 AM Judge M. Gaines - 2A
- Monday, 5/20 8:30 AM Judge M. Gaines - 2A

### CIRCUIT COURT

- Tuesday, 2/27 9:30 AM Judge J.R. Gaines - 4B
- Wednesday, 2/28 9:00 AM Judge Reid - 3A
- Thursday, 2/29 9:00 AM Judge Griffin - 3B
- Monday, 3/18 9:00 AM Judge Griffin - 3B
- Monday, 4/11 10:00 AM Judge Anderson - 3C
- Tuesday, 4/30 9:30 AM Judge J.R Gaines - 4B
- Monday, 5/6 10:00 AM Judge Anderson - 3C

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Tardy McTavish's LAST LEPRECHAUN SOCIAL

Monday, March 18th
Location: TBA
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
ADMINISTRATIVE

Commissioner Angela Kennedy gave an invocation and led the Board in the pledge of allegiance. President Brannon Buck called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum being present followed by approval of the meeting agenda and the minutes of the October 27, 2023 meeting. The Board unanimously approved the agenda and the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Buck acknowledged the presence of Associate Justice Will Sellers, Associate Justice Sarah Stewart, Associate Justice Brad Mendheim, Associate Justice Greg Cook, Supreme Court Clerk Megan Rhodebeck, Executive Director of Securities Commission Amanda Senn, and Attorney Greg Denny at the meeting.

REPRIMANDS

Hoover, Alabama attorney, Bradley James Latta was issued a public reprimand with general publication on January 19, 2024, as ordered by the Disciplinary Commission of the Alabama State Bar, for violating Rules 1.3 [Diligence] 1.4 [Communication], 1.5 [Fees], 1.15 [Safekeeping Property], 3.3 [Candor Toward the Tribunal] and 8.4(c), (d) and (g) [Misconduct], Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct. Latta failed to appear for hearings in a matter on two separate occasions. On the first occasion, Latta falsely represented that he had been in a car accident which caused him to miss the hearing. On the second occasion, Latta admitted to oversleeping and missing the hearing. Latta subsequently failed to pay court ordered sanctions in a timely manner. Latta also failed to properly deposit the client’s fee in trust.

Birmingham, Alabama attorney Daniel Houston Chambers received a public reprimand with general publication as ordered by the Disciplinary Commission of the Alabama State Bar, on January 19, 2024 for violating Rules 3.1(a) [Meritorious Claims and Contentions], 3.3(a)(1) [Candor Toward the Tribunal], 4.4(b) [Respect for Rights of Third Persons], and 8.4(c) and (g) [Misconduct], Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct. The Disciplinary Commission determined the attorney obtained privileged communications between another lawyer and her client during a divorce proceeding. While representing a client in a divorce matter, the client obtained confidential and privileged emails between his wife and her attorney. The attorney failed to notify opposing counsel he had possession of the confidential and privileged emails. Instead, the attorney used these emails to shape his client’s litigation strategy and to gain an unfair advantage in the proceedings.

Birmingham, Alabama attorney Louis James Willie, III received a public reprimand without general publication as ordered by the Disciplinary Commission of the Alabama State Bar, on January 19, 2024 for violating Rules 1.3 [Diligence], 1.4 [Communication], 1.15 [Safekeeping Property], 8.1(a) [Bar Admission and Disciplinary Matters] and 8.4(g) [Misconduct], Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct. Willie failed to keep
the client informed about the status of his case and failed to place fees his trust account.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Buck referenced the bar’s ongoing efforts to direct its programming to address the goals of the strategic plan. He praised the success of the OutREACH tours in Brewton, Jasper and Rainsville, Alabama where the bar engaged with over 225 members. President Buck also discussed the successful Judicial Article presentation in Birmingham and spoke of the success of the Bar Leadership Summit and the accompanying Women’s Section Gala celebrating their 25th anniversary. The commissioners were informed the Justice For All website would be operational in the coming weeks and that he was attempting to reboot inactive sections. President Buck also stated planning was underway for the Annual Meeting to be held June 26-29th in Destin, Florida.

**SECRETARY / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Secretary/Executive Director Terri Lovell informed the board the database modernization project is near completion of phase one transition. She discussed the phase two transition will allow API access for the trial and appellate courts to obtain to real-time member data to verify an attorney’s information and status. Phase two will also consist of transferring the remaining items from our legacy system, including sections, committees, Lawyer Referral Service, and event registration, to the new system. She also shared that the OGC case management system is over 60% complete. Lovell thanked the board for their leadership in 2023, and their renewed focus on the implementation of the strategic plan. She stated second quarter committee, task force, and department reports have recently been submitted, and she is encouraged by the work that has been accomplished this bar year.

**OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

General Counsel Roman Shaul shared highlights from the 2023 statistics from the Office of General Counsel report. Shaul informed the board that complaints increased by almost 400 in 2023, and the screening out process percentage had declined into the 60% range. He indicated his staff had presented to over 95 CLEs over the course of the previous year.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

The ASB total revenues declined nearly 3% from last year’s totals, primarily due to a lag in membership renewals caused by system delays. However, the revenue decrease will likely narrow by the end of the second quarter as the membership renewal fees are steadily being received. Spending increased nearly 10% in the first quarter, with the greatest increase in personnel costs caused by staff increases and the 3% COLA. Increases also occurred in the professional services category with costs associated with paying for audit services and court reporting costs due to increased disciplinary hearing. Credit card expenses also noticeably increased with the change in merchant providers for the new membership system. Investment balances increased by 7% over the quarter due to favorable market conditions.

**ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Admissions Director Karen Laneaux provided a summary of the November meeting held with the Supreme Court, Board of Bar Examiners, Law Schools and the National Conference of Bar Examiners. She indicated that the Board of Bar Examiners had met on January 9, 2024, and will have monthly meetings as they work through some of the concerns of transitioning to the NextGen Bar Exam. Laneaux also shared that she has attended additional meetings, met with surrounding states regarding their state specific components on their exams, has requested proposals to create such a program in Alabama, and is working on a cost analysis presentation to provide to the Alabama Supreme Court. Laneaux acknowledged that the Supreme Court would be the final authority as to content of the new bar exam.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

Director of Operations Chad Coker informed the board that the ASB staff has been working on a solution to the permanent bar card. He announced that we anticipate a resolution prior to the next BBC meeting. He also stated that over 20 bid proposals had been submitted for the Fred Gray Courtyard project.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT**

Executive Council Member Josh Hayes shared the Executive Council report. He reported there have been three meetings of the Executive Council since the October 27, 2023, BBC meeting. Hayes informed the board there has been no crisis or emergency requiring an immediate decision between meetings of the BBC.
DISCUSSION ITEMS

LEGAL SPECIALIZATION TASK FORCE

Attorney Greg Denny gave a report from the Legal Specialization Task Force. He provided an overview of the work that has been completed over the past two years and provided a recommended slate of Board of Specialization members for the BBC to consider at the March 8, 2024, BBC meeting.

ALABAMA PRIVATE INVESTIGATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Buck announced that the four-year term of Scott Hawk will expire on the Alabama Private Investigation Board. Mr. Hawk has requested to be considered for reappointment. Nominations will remain open and may be submitted to terri.lovell@alabar.org prior to the March 8, 2024 BBC meeting.

ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The term of Hope Marshall will be expiring on the Alabama Securities Commission. The Alabama State Bar is required by statute to submit three nominees to the Governor for consideration. Nominations may be submitted to terri.lovell@alabar.org on or before March 1, 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

LSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

The Board elected Allison Skinner as the ASB appointee to the Legal Services of Alabama Board of Directors.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO RULE II, ALABAMA RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE ALABAMA STATE BAR

The Board voted to approve a proposed rule change requiring admittees who have successfully passed the Alabama Bar Exam to complete the Alabama Online Course within 60 days of admission or be subjected to an assessment equivalent to the cost of an annual license.

ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Board is required by statute to send the nomination of three candidates to the Governor to select an appointee to the Alabama Securities Commission. The appointment will fill the term of Dag Rowe that has expired and is no longer eligible to serve on the Alabama Securities Commission. The Board approved Edward Alley of Athens, Alabama; Robert Matthews of Mobile, Alabama; and Christy Kuklinski of Birmingham, Alabama.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

An appointment to the Judicial Inquiry Commission has been created due to the death of Billy Bedsole. The Board approved Halron Turner of Chatom, Alabama for a four-year term.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Buck announced that the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS WILL BE MARCH 8, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE ALABAMA STATE BAR BUILDING, 415 DEXTER AVENUE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104.
EVENTS

FINANCIAL WELLNESS FOR ATTORNEYS

An online CLE presented by
ASB Women’s Section
MCBA Women’s Section
Alabama Securities Commission

Tuesday, March 14, 2024
12:00 to 1:00
1 hour of CLE credit
Free to attend, but
advance registration is required
EVENTS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2024 FRED GRAY CIVIL RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM: BEFORE THURGOOD: AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES

MARCH 15, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- LOCATION: FAULKNER UNIVERSITY ROTUNDA

- LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

- THIS EVENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ALABAMA STATE BAR FOR 5.3 HOURS OF CLE CREDIT, INCLUDING 2.5 HOURS OF ETHICS CREDIT

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The MCBA Award for Service and Achievement annually recognizes a Montgomery Lawyer who has distinguished him or herself through service to the bar and the community. The Award honors a lawyer who demonstrates the highest standard of professionalism and is respected by his or her peers for their outstanding legal ability. The recipient of the 2023 award is SHAWN JUNKINS COLE.

Shawn is a shareholder at Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black, P.C. She has practiced law for over 28 years, and focuses her practice on workers’ compensation matters and other related and ancillary issues including retaliatory discharge/wrongful termination. Shawn was most recently named the 2023 Comp Laude Defense Attorney of the Year. She is AV Rated Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and is consistently recognized by Best Lawyers for workers’ compensation law.

Shawn routinely provides free advice to employers, employees, and counsel on both sides of the isle. She provides pro bono mediation services when indigency or low income is an issue. She provides free training throughout the year on important legal matters including ethics for claims professionals, attorneys (plaintiff and defense), and others, to foster greater ethics in our profession. Additionally, a portion of her income from mediation is given back into the community to nonprofits who serve those who are traditionally underserved in some of our poorest areas of Alabama.

Shawn is heavily involved in inner city ministry in our community—not just serving on boards, but being a “boots on the ground” volunteer, serving, and genuinely loving some of the poorest in our community. Shawn’s community involvement is highlighted below:

- Advisory Committee of Flatline Community Initiative
- President of Kiwanis Club of Montgomery Foundation
- Board Member of Montgomery County Bar Foundation
- Board Member of Mentors of Montgomery
Cole Named Recipient of MCBA Award for Service & Achievement

- Past President of Alabama National Fair (fundraising arm for Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, which has generated over $9 million to River Region Charities)
- Former Board Member of Mercy House
- Former Board Member of Paseo (ecumenical spiritual renewal organization)
- Former Sponsor and Board Member of Overflow (Christian concert fundraiser for Valiant Cross Academy)
- Helped to renovate the home office for House to House Ministries (physical labor)
- Mission trips to Guatemala (youth mission trip) and Uganda (adult mission trip)
- Regular volunteer, sponsor, of supporter of: Alabama National Fair; That’s My Child; House to House Ministry; Alabama Food Frenzie (Heart of Alabama Food Bank); Common Ground; Imago Dei at the 45 (church plant in Lowndes County); YMCA; Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program; Kid’s Chance (provides resources to children of parents who have been injured or killed on the job); Montgomery Area Coalition for the Homeless; Friendship Mission; and Meals on Wheels (food delivery).

As President of the Alabama National Fair, Shawn spearheaded a Civil Rights Exhibit at the Fair (Freedom Rider’s Museum and Rose Parks Museum) and an exhibit from Archives and History; had a Christian night, and fundraised over the years to ensure approximately $5,000-$8,000 in free tickets are donated to children with limited resources.

Shawn provides resources, leadership, and transportation to youth doing “good will” in the community 4-6 times per year—making blessing bags for homeless and providing gift cards and food treats for first responders—to allow students to lead the efforts but with adult resources and oversight. There is no official name for this effort; she is just trying to teach youth to search their hearts for what they want to do and help them execute it. This group also provides school supplies and uniforms to various students during the course of the year as needs become known.

Shawn provides pro bono legal services to individuals in need, inner city churches, inner city ministers, and organizations through the law firm and the MVLP Wills for Heroes. She also provides free legal advice for inquiries regarding injury and death benefits available to first responders through the Federal Public Safety Officers Benefits Program and State of Alabama benefits program. Additionally, Shawn drafts policies and procedures for various non-profits in the community for no charge.
HAR LEGAL WELCOMES FULLER TO FIRM

Hawthorne | Atchison | Riddle is pleased to announce that Honorable Ben A. Fuller has joined the firm in an Of Counsel status.

Judge Fuller, who retired from the bench as a long-time circuit judge in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, will continue to hear cases throughout the State as assigned by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts.

RUSHTON OPENS BIRMINGHAM OFFICE & WELCOMES NEW ATTORNEYS

Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett, P.A., is pleased to announce the opening of its newest office in Birmingham, Alabama. The office is located at 1901 6th Avenue North, Suite 1000, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. This expansion reflects the firm’s commitment to meeting the evolving needs of its clients and solidifies its position as a leading law firm in Alabama.

In addition, Rushton Stakely is excited to welcome several new lawyers to its team: Phil Piggott, Jeannie Walston, Scott Dickens, Andy Laird, Chase Eley, and Katie Marie McEntyre. These lawyers bring a wealth of experience and expertise across a broad spectrum of practice areas, including litigation, healthcare, real estate, labor & employment, construction, energy & environmental, and business matters.
The latest meeting of the **MCBA Explorers Program** was held on **February 12, 2024**, at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law and focused on the field of criminal law.

**Brandon Bates**, Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, and **Jeff Duffey**, criminal defense attorney, both presented at the meeting. They talked about how each of them became interested in criminal law and their journey to the position that they are in now. Both Brandon and Jeff explained their perspective as prosecutor and defense attorney in the criminal justice system. The students and parents who were in attendance had many questions about how the criminal justice system operates at the local, state and federal level.

The **MCBA Explorers Program** students will meet again on **March 11, 2024**, and will have an opportunity to watch a scrimmage trial with the **Faulkner Law Trial Advocacy Team**.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCBA MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR ATTORNEY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Since 2002, MCBA attorney-members in good standing are eligible to purchase an Attorney Identification Card issued by the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department. The Attorney Identification Card permits MCBA attorneys to bypass security checkpoints located at the entrances of the Montgomery County Courthouse, the Montgomery County Courthouse Annexes, and the Montgomery County Youth Facility.

MCBA members wishing to apply must submit a completed MCBA Application for Attorney Identification Card with the $25 issuance fee to Suzanne Duffey for review and approval. Once approved, the MCBA member will take a copy of the approved application to the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office for a photograph and issuance of the Attorney Identification Card.

The Attorney Identification Cards are valid for three years and may be renewed by submitting another application and issuance fee. A sample of the Attorney Identification Card is seen below.

![Sample Attorney Identification Card]

Montgomery County Courthouse
Attorney

ATTORNEY NAME
ASB NO.

Issue Date: 01/01/2024
Exp Date: 01/01/2027

Issued by: SHERRIFF DERRICK CUNNINGHAM
ANNOUNCEMENTS

JONES SCHOOL OF LAW HIRING INFORMATION & CAREER FAIR

Graduates and students of Thomas Goode Jones School of Law are available for Alabama lawyers to interview for any open associate, clerkship, and internship positions.

For more information, contact Bryan Morgan, Director of Career Development, at (334) 386-7905 or bmorgan@faulkner.edu, or visit the Symplicity website.

Additionally, a Career Fair will be hosted at the law school on March 27, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Next time you see text that looks like this—MCBA’s webpage—try clicking on it. These are interactive hyperlinks within each issue of The Docket!

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Additionally, some images and tables are also interactive! Clicking on flyers with registration links (like the ones above) will take you directly to the appropriate event registration webpage, and the sections of each issue listed in the “In This Issue” table on page 2 will take you to the first page of that section. Try clicking on the two hyperlinks here to try it out yourself!
FAULKNER LAW

CAREER FAIR

March 27th 11:00am - 1:00pm

Would your firm or office like to attend? RSVP Below.

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: ELIZABETH.MCCUMBER@FAULKNER.EDU
IN MEMORIAM

SHIRLEY DARBY HOWELL

Shirley Darby Howell passed away on February 17, 2024, at age 75.

She was a 1967 graduate of Lee High School in Montgomery and received her undergraduate degree from the Huntingdon College in 1972. She obtained a Juris Doctor from Thomas Goode Jones School of Law.

Howell was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1981. She practiced family law for many years and was a law professor for 40 years at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. She was named teacher of the year multiple times and had recently retired as Professor Emerita at the law school.
We're excited to welcome our members to the new MCBA website built from the ground up with you in mind! We are ecstatic with the results, and we think you will be, too. If you haven't already, please visit the site and log into your profile to see all the new options available to our members.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Duffey at (334) 265-4793.
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