PRESIDENT’S ARTICLE

The Montgomery County Bar Association is pleased to announce its 2024 Annual Charity Event: the Roast of Judge Jimmy B. Pool, who will be retiring after many years of dedicated service to our community.

The Annual Charity Event will take place on September 26, 2024, at the RSA Activity Center. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:00 P.M., followed by the roast and dinner starting at 7:00 P.M. MCBA is excited to celebrate Judge Pool’s career and accomplishments, and we hope you will join us for this special occasion.

Tickets for the Annual Charity Event are available for $70.00 each, and we kindly ask that you consider purchasing tickets to support this important cause by clicking here.

In addition to ticket sales, MCBA is also seeking sponsors for the event. Your sponsorship will help raise funds for Mercy House and the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, two organizations that provide vital services to our community.

Your support will make a difference in the lives of those in need, and we are grateful for any contribution you can make. Please consider purchasing tickets and sponsoring the 2024 MCBA Annual Charity Event.

Thank you all for your continued support of MCBA and its charitable efforts. We look forward to seeing you at the event and celebrating Judge Pool’s retirement together!
Additionally, I am thrilled to announce that MCBA recently partnered with Faulkner University to provide substantial tuition discounts for your full-time employees and their children.

Tuition discounts of 50% are available for more than 20 adult undergraduate and more than 15 graduate programs taken through Faulkner—including the Legal Studies, Bachelor of Criminal Justice, Master of Justice Administration, and Human Resource Management programs. A tuition discount of 5% is available for Jones School of Law’s popular Executive J.D. Schedule. Below is a summary of the benefits, criteria for admission, and exclusions.

MCBA appreciates our local academic institutions and hope you and your employees can take advantage of the opportunities, especially those seeking advancement within your organization.

Sincerely,

Amanda Senn
President of the
Montgomery County Bar Association
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

ROAST OF
JUDGE JIMMY POOL

STARING
GINGER AVERY
JOHNNIE SMITH
JUDGE JAMES ANDERSON
JOE ESPY

HOSTED BY

JUDGES JR & MONET GAINES

RSA ACTIVIY CENTER, DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM

Tickets $70
PURCHASE TICKETS: HTTPS://MONTGOMERYVLP.ORG/2024-MCBA-CHARITY-ROAST/

Proceeds to benefit: Mercy House & Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers
Benefits

1. Full-time employees shall receive a 50% tuition discount in 20+ eligible adult undergraduate and 15+ graduate programs taken through Faulkner.
2. Full-time employees may also designate up to two (2) other individuals to receive a 50% tuition discount in eligible adult undergraduate and graduate programs taken through Faulkner.
3. A full-time employee's children (including step-children) shall receive:
   a. a 50% tuition discount for eligible, adult undergraduate and graduate programs taken through Faulkner, or
   b. a scholarship/grant award totaling a minimum of $10,000 per academic year (fall and spring) through Faulkner's on-ground traditional program at the Montgomery campus. The minimum scholarship/grant value over four years is $40,000.

Guidelines

• Must satisfy all admission requirements and maintain satisfactory academic progress
• Must remain continuously enrolled, including summers, until completion of the degree
• This offer is valid for new students only. For purposes of this agreement, a new student will be considered anyone who has not been enrolled at Faulkner in the last two years prior to the semester in which they intend to enroll.
• Cannot be combined with any other institutional discount, award, grant, or scholarship
• Enrollment limits may apply in certain programs
• Standard fees apply
• Must provide proof of membership with the Montgomery County Bar Association for a minimum of one year immediately preceding enrollment
• Offer valid until further notice

Exclusions

The 50% tuition discount does not apply to Faulkner Law/Jones School of Law (except as noted above), Master of Arts/Science in Speech Language Pathology, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, M.S. in Management with Business Analytics emphasis, M.S. in Management with Information Technology Emphasis, or the Master of Science in Psychology*. Faulkner University reserves the right to make additional exclusions without further notice. *The Master of Science in Psychology qualifies for a 25% discount.
Degrees Offered at Faulkner University
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UNDERGRADUATE OFFERINGS
ALABAMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
GENERAL
Liberal Arts **
Interdisciplinary Studies **
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
Social Science (Emphases in History, Political Science)
Counseling Psychology **
General/Clinical Psychology **
Forensic Psychology **
Health & Rehabilitation Psychology (Emphases in General,
Pre-Occupational Therapy) **
Industrial/Organizational Psychology **
Sports Psychology **
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
Computer Information Science **
Computer Science
Informatics
Computer Engineering
Digital Media
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE & LEGAL STUDIES
Criminal Justice **
Criminal Justice (Emphasis in Corrections) *
Fire Science Management *
Legal Studies
Executive Bachelor of Legal Studies *
Executive Associate Degree in Legal Studies *
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
English
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Humanities *
Liberal Arts **
DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND EXERCISE SCIENCE
Sport, Recreation, and Fitness Management
Physical Education

GRADUATE OFFERINGS
ALABAMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES (Emphases in History, Humanities, Literature, Philosophy) *
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION *
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY (General Track, Disability Services Track, Graduate Certificate in Disability Services) *
PH.D. IN HUMANITIES (Tracks in History, Humanities, Literature, Philosophy) *
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING *
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING *
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (Traditional A Track and Alternative A Track) *
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION (Alternative A Track in General Social Science or English) *
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION *
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
MASTER OF ARTS IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE *
PH.D. IN HEALTH SCIENCES *

HARRIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION *
M.S. IN MANAGEMENT (General * and Business Analytics Emphasis)
M.S. IN MANAGEMENT WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *
M.S. IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *
JONES SCHOOL OF LAW
MASTER OF LAWS
CERTIFICATE IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION
JURIS DOCTOR

V.P. BLACK COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES *
MASTER OF ARTS IN FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY *
CERTIFICATE IN FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY
MASTER OF THEOLOGY
MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY
PH.D. IN BIBLICAL STUDIES *

*Online **Online and on campus

On ground options not available at every location. For a full list of degree options and offerings by location, visit www.faulkner.edu
Greetings Young Lawyers!

I want to personally thank all river region attorneys who took the time away from their busy schedules to attend our annual MARINA MAY, which was held at RED BLUFF BAR AT THE SILOS. We ran the numbers and determined that we had roughly one-hundred individuals who were able to make an appearance for some great food, fellowship, and the smooth sounds provided by our local friends and fellow attorneys, SOFT LANDING.

Most of all, I want to personally thank our sponsors for making this event a tremendous success:

ALABAMA COURT REPORTING
THE VANCE LAW FIRM
GILPIN GIVHAN, P.C.
BALL, BALL, MATTHEWS & NOVAK, P.A.
BRADLEY ARANT BOULT CUMMINGS, LLP
HAWTHORNE, ATCHISON & RIDDLE, LLC
HILL, HILL, CARTER, FRANCO, COLE & BLACK, P.C.
BEASLEY ALLEN LAW FIRM
VICKERS & WHITE, PLLC
CAPELL & HOWARD, P.C.
RUSHTON, STAKELY, JOHNSTON & GARRETT, P.A.

Without their generosity and continued support, we simply would not be able to host the event that the Young Lawyer Section has come to love.

While on the topic of events that we cherish, please go ahead and mark your calendars for our Annual Charity Clay Shoot. This event is scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2024, and will once again be held at the LOWER WETUMPKA SHOTGUN CLUB. Please be on the lookout for future emails regarding the event.

Lastly, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide notice to any young lawyers who are interested in serving on the YLS Board for the 2025-2026 terms. We will likely have elections in either October or November; however, a specific date has yet to be determined. As a reminder, 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.

Respectfully,

Landon Eley,
President of the MCBA
Young Lawyers Section
WOMEN’S SECTION
UPDATE

We hope everyone is having a great summer so far!

This summer, the Women’s Section is proud to continue our tradition of honoring a female law student with the Roianne Houlton Conner Memorial Scholarship. This $500 scholarship is awarded every year in honor of our founder, Roianne Houlton Conner.

We look forward to announcing this year’s scholarship recipient at our Annual Meeting in September. We would like to thank McDermott & Associates for sponsoring this year’s scholarship!

The Women’s Section is also proud to be co-sponsoring the Alabama’s Child Support Guidelines CLE with the MCBA’s CLE Committee. This CLE will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at noon via Zoom and will be given by Gretchen Hedke with the Adoption Law Firm.

Finally, we are in the process of planning a joint social with MCBA’s Government Lawyers section. Stay tuned for more information surrounding this event!

If you are interested in joining the Women’s Section, please visit our page on MCBA’s website for more information.

Best Regards,

Erika McKay,
President of the MCBA
Women’s Section
IN HONOR OF ITS FOUNDER, ROIANNE HOULTON CONNER, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN’S SECTION IS OFFERING A $500 SCHOLARSHIP TO A FEMALE LAW STUDENT AT AN ACCREDITED ALABAMA LAW SCHOOL.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY MCDERMOTT & ASSOCIATES, LLC.

Please submit the attached application by August 1, 2024 to: mcbawomen@gmail.com
It is often the case in District Court that litigants proceed pro se not by choice, but by necessity. As of June 2024, the MVLP has volunteer lawyers in every District Court docket in Montgomery County. This is a unique level of pro bono service, and we are grateful to the Courts, Judges, and volunteer attorneys who are helping ensure litigants in Montgomery County get the advice and representation they need.

**Clinics and Outreach Events**

We are continuing our community legal clinics and outreach events through the summer. The MVLP holds a clinic in the community almost every week! If you’d like to help, we can always use volunteers.

**Upcoming Clinics & Events**

- July 2: Community Clinic @ Flatline
- July 11: Clinic @ Strong Tower
- July 16: Community Clinic @ Flatline
- Aug 6: Community Clinic @ Flatline
- Aug 8: Clinic @ Strong Tower
- Aug 20: Community Clinic @ Flatline

District & Circuit Court Lawyer 4 A Day Dockets happening throughout the month. Check the MVLP website for the most current dates and courtrooms!

“Our partnership with ASU...it’s working. I see it helping the community.”

Peyton Faulk, MVLP ED
ADMINISTRATIVE

Commissioner John Stamps gave an invocation and led the Board in the pledge of allegiance. President Brannon Buck called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum being present followed by approval of the meeting agenda and the minutes of the March 8, 2024, meeting. The Board unanimously approved the agenda and the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Buck acknowledged the presence of Associate Justice Sarah Stewart, Associate Justice Will Sellers, Associate Justice Greg Cook, Supreme Court Clerk Megan Rhodebeck, Executive Director of the Center of Dispute Resolution Eileen Harris, ASB Past President Sam Rumore, and ASB Past President Boots Gale.

REPRIMANDS

Mobile, Alabama attorney Michael Bruce Smith, upon completion of a two (2) year probationary period, was issued a Public Reprimand with General Publication by the Disciplinary Commission of the Alabama State Bar on May 3, 2024, for violating Rules 1.4 [Communication], 1.15(a) [Safekeeping Property], 1.16(d) [Declining or Terminating Representation], and 8.4(g) [Misconduct], Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct. The order of Disciplinary Commission was based on a complaint filed with the Office of General Counsel wherein, after investigation, it was determined that Smith accepted unearned fees from a client prior to his transfer to Disability Inactive Status. As a result of the transfer, he was unable to perform the work for which he was paid. After his transfer, he failed to timely return the unearned fees. Smith also admitted to over drafting his trust account.

Birmingham, Alabama attorney Louis James Willie, III was ordered to receive a Public Reprimand with General Publication by the Disciplinary Commission of the Alabama State Bar, on February 20, 2024, for violating Rules 1.3 [Diligence], 1.4 [Communication], 1.15 [Safekeeping Property], 1.16 [Declining and Terminating Representation], and 8.4(d) and (g) [Misconduct], Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct. Willie failed to keep the client informed about the status of his case and failed to competently and diligently handle a matter entrusted to him. Willie also failed to make a timely refund of unearned fees in the matter.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Brannon Buck started the meeting by recognizing the passing of Bob Prince, law partner to Executive Council and Bar Commission Member Josh Hayes. President Buck highlighted the recent Law Day activities along with the lawyers that filled over 250 classrooms as part of the Lawyers in the Classroom Program. He reminded the Board of the Annual Meeting registration and the importance of their attendance at the Board Meeting on June 26, 2024. He shared his participation in recent speaking engagements at Jones School of Law graduation, Cumberland School of Law, UA Law School, Houston County Bar, and the St. Clair Bar. Buck also invited the members to attend the upcoming River Region OutREACH on May 14th. Buck recognized the Class 18 Leadership Class on their recent graduation and success. He shared changes to The Alabama Lawyer and recognized outgoing editor Greg Ward for his six years of service as editor, and announced that Wilson Green would be the incoming editor. Buck thanked Bar Commissioner Conrad Anderson for his hard work as Assistant Editor to assist during the transition. He announced Karen Laneaux, President-Elect Tom Perry, and
President-Elect nominee Fred Helmsing, along with Bar Examiners and Justice Jay Mitchell were at the National Conference of Bar Examiners to learn more about the proposed changes to help guide our Board of Examiners, Bar Commission, and ultimately the Supreme Court in their decision related to the administration of the bar exam. President Buck shared information related to the Alabama State Bar Health Plan and then closed by sharing that annual reviews would be conducted by the Strategic Planning Committee, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, and of the Executive Director and General Counsel through annual performance appraisals. He invited the Board to attend the Alabama Lawyers Hall of Fame Ceremony immediately following the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Secretary/Executive Director Terri Lovell reported the recent bar exam statistics. Lovell announced that Shannon Knight had been named interim director of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program. She informed the members that all open seats in the upcoming elections have been filled with two contested elections, 10th Circuit, Place 2, and 15th Circuit, Place 6. Lovell also informed the Board of the processing and distribution of 19,482 bar cards to the bar members. She ended by highlighting the ABA Bar Leadership Institute Conference attended by President-Elect Tom Perry and the President-Elects of the Birmingham and Mobile Bars.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

General Counsel Roman Shaul informed the Board on the OGC database modernization. He also indicated that the Lawyer Advertising survey should be completed in time to provide a report to the Court in June.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

Second Quarter revenues marginally led over last year’s revenue totals. The main causes of the delayed revenue growth rate this year included a decline in license fee renewals, the late billings of PHV annual renewal certifications, and MCLE pre-approved sponsorships fees. However, bar exam, reciprocity, and bank interest revenues continued to show steady increases, helping to negate a portion of the revenue declines. Spending increased by 6% over the previous year due to the combined effects of rising personnel costs with the recent COLA, professional services with the timing of audit fee payments, and supplies with increasing credit card expenses. Travel costs declined with the Mid-Year Meeting not being held this year.

Postage costs also declined with less mailing of bar membership cards and The Alabama Lawyer magazine.

Given the current expectations of reporting a consecutive surplus at year-end, the Board was recommended to continue the $300 dues rate into the next fiscal year of 2025.

MOTION MADE BY MARK DEBRO, SECONDED BY JOHN SMYTH, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Bar Commissioner Lang Floyd provided an overview of recent activity from the Legislative Session on behalf of Legislative Counsel Suzi Huffaker. He informed the Board there are three working days left in the session. He gave an update on several bills including tort reform, gambling, ethics, local court costs, indigent defense, notaries, public records, and interim judges.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Executive Council member Felicia Long gave a report on activities of the Executive Council since the last board meeting. She informed the Board that the Executive Council had met twice since March 8, 2024, and had reviewed pending legislation, worked on the President's initiatives, considered awards nominations, and at-large commission recommendations. She concluded by providing a demonstration of the newly created Justice4AL website providing an access to justice gateway for the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DISCIPLINARY BOARD APPOINTMENT - 1 member

The term of LaBella McCallum expires July 2024 - not eligible for reappointment.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD HEARING OFFICER APPOINTMENTS - 3 members

The first terms of Rebekah McKinney, Jim Rebarchak, and David Martin expire June 2024. All are seeking reappointment.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD - LAY PERSON, DISCIPLINARY BOARD ALTERNATE APPOINTMENTS - 5 LAY PERSONS

Nominations open for all positions.
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - 3 members

The first term of Manish Patel expires July 2024 – seeking reappointment.
The first term of Clay Martin expires October 2024 – seeking reappointment.
The position held by Tom Perry will be vacated when he becomes ASB President.

Nomination received from the floor for Hunter Compton.

CLIENT SECURITY FUND APPOINTMENTS – 1 member

The term of Jim Ward is expiring – not eligible for reappointment.

BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS APPOINTMENT – 7 members

Recommendation from the Executive Council to the BBC.

CHARACTER & FITNESS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Recommendation will be made by the Executive Council to the BBC.

ALABAMA LAWYERS ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION APPOINTMENT – 1 member

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Nomination received from the floor for Pratt Austin-Trucks.

ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Nominations will be recommended by ALF and also received from the BBC.

ABA HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTMENTS – 3 members

The terms of Rich Raleigh, Robert Gaal, and Michael Vercher expire August 2024. Raleigh and Gaal are seeking reappointments.

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CALL FOR A VOTE. TERRI TOMPKINS WAS SELECTED AS THE ALTERNATE APPOINTEE TO THE COURT OF JUDICIARY.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOLLOWING FOR AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS MADE BY MARK DEBRO, SECONDED BY STEVEN SAVARESE, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Place 1: Angela Kennedy
Place 3: Holly Sawyer
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Place 7: Leila Watson

CLIENT SECURITY FUND FIVE-YEAR REPORT

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE FIVE-YEAR REPORT MADE BY CLAY MARTIN, SECONDED BY JEROME THOMPSON, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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APPROVAL OF ASB AWARDS

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION OF AWARDS MADE BY PAT SEFTON, SECONDED BY MARK DEBRO AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Bill Scruggs Service to the Bar Award: Sam Crosby
Tony McClain Professionalism Award: John D. Watson
Judicial Award of Merit: Circuit Judge John Graham
APPROVAL OF WOMEN’S SECTION AWARDS

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WOMEN’S SECTION OF THE AWARDS NOMINEES MADE BY EDGAR BLACK, SECONDED BY MARK DEBRO, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Maud McLure Kelly Award: Judge Inge Prytz Johnson
Susan B. Livingston Award: Kimberly B. Martin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Buck announced that the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS WILL BE JUNE 26, 2024, AT 2:30 P.M. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALABAMA STATE BAR, SANDESTIN GOLF AND BEACH RESORT, EMERALD SEA ROOM, MIRAMAR BEACH, FLORIDA.
Thank you to all of our judges, Bar commissioners, lawyers, and community leaders who participated in the River Region OutREACH Event!
EVENTS

FREE FOR MCBA MEMBERS - $25 FOR NONMEMBERS

International Adoptions

DEIRDRA L. DRINKARD
DEIRDRA L. DRINKARD, LLC

JULY 15, 2024 | 12:00 | ZOOM
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
THE MCBA WOMEN’S SECTION AND THE MCBA CLE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

ALABAMA’S CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

GRETCHEN HEDKE
The Adoption Law Firm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024
12:00 | ZOOM

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FREE FOR MCBA MEMBERS
$25 FOR NONMEMBERS
EVENTS

FREE FOR MCBA MEMBERS - $25 FOR NONMEMBERS

The Beasley Allen Law Firm and the Montgomery County Bar Association Present

A Beginner's Guide to Products Liability

Kendall Dunson
Principal
Personal Injury & Products Liability

Liz Achteimeier
Principal
Mass Torts

Thursday, August 15, 2024 | 12:00 | Zoom

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
FREE FOR MCBA MEMBERS - $25 FOR NONMEMBERS

The Basics of Worker’s Compensation

AUGUST 28, 2024  |  12:00  |  ZOOM

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

Shawn Junkins Cole
Hill Hill Carter Franco Cole & Black P.C.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election of ASB Board of Bar Commissioners for Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Patrick L. W. Sefton and Wallace D. Mills were recently elected to the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Sefton was elected to Place 2 and Mills to Place 6.

Sefton is a shareholder with Capell & Howard, P.C., and Mills is the owner of Wallace D. Mills, P.C.

MCBA Member Recipient of Leadership Legacy Award

LaShandra Warren-Barnes was recently selected by Leadership Montgomery as the recipient of its 2024 Leadership Legacy Award. This award is presented annually to celebrate “an alumni member whose exceptional leadership has made a significant impact on Montgomery.”

Warren-Barnes holds degrees from Alabama State University, Auburn University at Montgomery and Troy University Montgomery. She is the Montgomery County Court Administrator and an active member of the MCBA Women’s Section.
MCBA Members Recognized at Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting

Felicia Long and David Weston were recently recognized at the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting.

Long, a shareholder at Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black, P.C., was presented with the Commissioners’ Award, which was created by the Board of Bar Commissioners in 1998 to recognize individuals who have had a long-standing commitment to the improvement of the administration of justice in Alabama.

Weston was presented with the Albert Vreeland Pro Bono Award, which is presented to an individual who demonstrates outstanding pro bono efforts through the active donation of time to the civil representation of those who cannot otherwise afford legal counsel and by encouraging greater legal representation in, and acceptance of, pro bono cases.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jones School of Law Hiring Information for Graduates & Students

Graduates and students of Thomas Goode Jones School of Law are available for Alabama lawyers to interview for any open associate or clerkship positions. For more information, contact Bryan Morgan, Director of Career Development, at (334) 386-7905 or bmorgan@faulkner.edu, or visit the Symplicity website.

Alabama State Bar Classifieds

The Alabama State Bar now has a hub for attorney classified advertising needs. Advertisements are not limited to job positions but can be for staffing needs, space to lease/share, law book sales, legal vendor products or services, etc. The classifieds can be accessed on the ASB website under News & Events. Click on “Classifieds” and go to “browse” or to “Create an Ad.” There may be a fee depending on the advertisement. Go to “Get Started” to see Submission Guidelines.

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!

Hyperlinks to webpages will automatically open your internet browser to that webpage, and hyperlinks to e-mails will open a new e-mail to the appropriate person with an appropriate subject line.

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!
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.
Robert Sommerville “Bob” Hill III passed away on June 12, 2024, at age 81.

Hill was a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Vanderbilt University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Hill was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1968. He practiced law for many years at Hill, Robison, Belser and Phelps and later at Hill and Hill. He later left the private practice of law to become General Counsel for the Alabama ABC Board where he continued until retirement in 2021.

Hill served on active duty and in the reserves with the United States Army where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit, among other honors. He retired from the Army Reserves as a Colonel in 1995. He also led a lifetime of active service to his church and the Montgomery Community.
INTRODUCING THE
NEW MCBAR.ORG

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.

VISIT THE SITE

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