



April 2, 2020

Via E-mail

The Honorable Kay Ivey  
Governor of the State of Alabama  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Ivey:

The Mobile Bar Association, an association of nearly 1,100 attorneys in Mobile County, has been in close communication with the Alabama State Bar regarding the work that attorneys around the State of Alabama are continuing to perform in service to their clients during these unprecedented times. As mentioned in President Christy Crow's March 24, 2020 letter to you, attorneys are essential to the administration of justice, as well as to the public safety and welfare of the citizens of this state. Their work in the judicial system must continue in order to preserve the rights of all Alabamians.

In addition to their involvement in advancing court proceedings, attorneys are also essential in assisting corporate and individual clients in understanding their rights and obligations under the law. Attorneys across Alabama are needed to help their clients operate their businesses in compliance with well-established laws, and in accordance with the rapidly shifting legal landscape resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Attorneys are essential in assisting individuals in the preparation of documents such as wills, powers of attorney and other planning documents, as well as providing guidance on various areas of the law in connection with their families and their property, all areas of significant need at the present time.

To support the continued legal services that attorneys must provide to the citizens of our state, the Mobile Bar Association urges you to declare that such services are "essential," in the event of further restrictions on "non-essential" services.

Thank you for your service and leadership.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'George W. Finkbohner, III'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small 'III' at the end.

George W. Finkbohner, III  
President

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