



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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President's Comments

I recently finished a trial in federal court. On the eve of that trial, the mother-in-law of one of the lawyers on the opposing party's trial team was admitted to the hospital and placed on life support. The situation was terminal. That lawyer made the decision to remain in Birmingham, where he lived, to be with his wife and family during this very difficult time. He arranged for one of his law partners to take his place at trial. That this situation occurred on the heels of last month's President's Comments, is a timely reminder. Just a good example of a lawyer honoring his priorities. And, also a good example of a law partner stepping up to help his partner in a time of need.

Until next time,
Brian

**BRIAN MCCARTHY, PRESIDENT
MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION**



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PROGRAM

THERE WILL NOT BE AN
APRIL MONTHLY LUNCHEON

THE NEXT LUNCHEON WILL BE
THE LAW DAY LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 11:45 AM,

BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL

MOONLIGHT BALLROOM

GUEST SPEAKER:

HONORABLE J. L." LYNN" STUART

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

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ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

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Browsing the Bar With Barbara



I am finally back at my desk full time and it is a sight to see – *files, files, files!* If I have not or do not get back to you in a reasonable length of time, please prod me – Brhodes@MobileBarAssociation.com.

Please note that there is not a Monthly Luncheon in April but there is a seminar! Please mark your calendars. Also, the May luncheon is, as usual, the Law Day Luncheon and the June meeting will be Thursday Evening, June 18, 2015, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Moe's, not Friday noon as usual. This is a little out of the norm but should be fun so don't forget.

If you have looked at the MBA website lately you will note a **MEMBER BENEFIT:**

Six Flags discounts tickets in time for spring break and summer vacation. Call Tammy at the MBA for additional details. Also, we have more member benefits in the works so stay tuned!



ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMITTEE

DONATION BY ATTORNEY ROBERT DENNISTON

The **ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMITTEE** deeply appreciates the donation by **ATTORNEY ROBERT DENNISTON** of the following:

1. A huge book measuring about 2 feet long by 1 foot wide, all with handwritten names in alphabetical order dating back as early as 1867, entitled, "Commission Account",
2. Thick booklet entitled "The Law of Evidence of Alabama", by Harry T. Smith. Inside the book on about the third page the following appears: A Manual of Evidence, The Law of Evidence by Edward W. Faith of Mobile, Alabama. The pages are all typed, including a Table of Contents.
3. Bound Book entitled, Harry T. Smith and Caffey, Library Records, dated in January 1983. Inside the front cover is a typewritten list dated January 1, 1951 listing in alphabetical order the names and addresses of the attorneys at law – also listed the telephone numbers.

The history of the Mobile Bar Association and its members is a vital part of our Association and we thank Mr. Denniston for maintaining these books and gifting them to the MBA.





LAWYERS IN THE NEWS

BY SANDY G. ROBINSON

LEGAL MILESTONES:

NEW BABY! MBA MEMBER **JASON SMITH** IS THE PROUD DADDY OF **SADIE DOUGLAS SMITH**, BORN FEBRUARY 25, 2015. SADIE WAS 19 ³/₄ INCHES LONG AND WEIGHED 8 LBS. 14 OZ. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SMITH FAMILY!

DIED: ALLEN EUGENE "GENE" HONEYCUTT, FATHER OF MBA MEMBER **WALTER HONEYCUTT**, DIED ON MARCH 7, 2015. HE WAS A LIFELONG PARISHIONER AT LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND SERVED IN THE U. S. NAVY DURING WWII. HE WAS A HIGHLY DECORATED TURRET GUNNER AND ALSO RECEIVED A COMMISSION IN THE ARMY DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, 7 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

FIFTY YEAR LAWYERS



SAVLP

SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS



Join us at the **BLUEGILL** on July 25th for the 4th annual **BATTLE OF THE BAY**. Many thanks to **ANDY CITRIN INJURY ATTORNEYS**, Battle of the Bay's title sponsor for the second year in a row. **SAVLP** greatly appreciates the support! Races begin at 8:00 am. This year, we have distances to suit everyone. Sign up for a fun paddle, a team canoe relay, or a long paddle. **DJ DOCTOR FEELGOOD** and **SUNSHINE THE CLOWN** will provide early morning entertainment. Registration includes brunch at the **BLUEGILL**. If you don't want to race, buy brunch tickets and cheer on your friends while enjoying the music of **ELAINE PETTY**. Check the [Battle of the Bay Facebook Page](#) for sponsorship information, registration updates and event details. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

In March, **RETIRED US BANKRUPTCY JUDGE JACK CADDELL** gave an informative presentation at **VIA HEALTH, FITNESS AND ENRICHMENT CENTER** on filing for bankruptcy. Attorneys **BRENDA HETRICK** and **HENDRIK SNOW** staffed a limited legal advice clinic following the presentation. Also in March, attorney **BEN FORD** provided an overview of guardianship and conservatorship to parents at **AUGUSTA EVANS SCHOOL**. Thanks to **JUDGE CADDELL, BEN, BRENDA, and HENDRIK** for their service to the community.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN MOBILE COUNTY:

• April 9th

Limited Legal Advice Clinic at the Mobile County Courthouse from 1:00-3:00 pm

• May 14th

Limited Legal Advice Clinic at the Mobile County Courthouse from 1:00-3:00 pm

Special thanks to the following attorneys who accepted or closed a case in February: **JOHN G BAYLOR JR., PAUL T BECKMANN, RUSSELL E BERGSTROM, BRINA I BOLDEN, S. JOSHUA BRISKMAN, DOUGLAS L BROWN, MATTHEW S BROWN, DANIEL L BURKARD, PETER F BURNS, CARL N BUTLER JR., ELLA L BYRD, KENNETH PAUL CARBO JR., L. BRIAN CHUNN, JAMES PAUL CLINTON, LISA DARNLEY COOPER, RICHARD E CORRIGAN, ROBERT J CRANE, JUDSON E CRUMP, BRENT T DAY, EDWARD A DEAN, SCOTT E DENSON, CAROLYN M DOHN, SARAH B DORGER, J. MICHAEL DRUHAN JR., GILLIAN G EGAN, BEN FORD, BARRY A FRIEDMAN, JOSH D FRIEDMAN, JORDAN W GERHEIM, THOMAS J GLIDEWELL, JOSHUA M GRANTHAM, CHARLES W HAM, MARY A HAMPTON, CHRISTINE HARDING HART, KATIE H HASSELL, R. SCOTT HETRICK, J. BRADFORD B HICKS, LINDSAY S HURT, HERNDON INGE III, R. EDWIN LAMBERTH, BRADLEY J LATTA, JAMES A LIPSCOMB, FARAH MAJID, MATTHEW C McDONALD, DEBORAH D MCGOWIN, S. C. MIDDLEBROOKS, TERRIE OWENS, JAMIEL J PETERSON, JEAN M POWERS, KENNETH R RAINES, TROY T SCHWANT, CLIFFORD C SHARPE, HENDRIK SNOW, BRITTEN STEINER, SCOTT D STEVENS, RENEE E THIRY, RICHARD L THIRY, WHITMER A THOMAS, ANGELA L WALKER, WILLIAM W WATTS III, ZACHARY WEAVER, CHRISTOPHER S WILLIAMS, AND MICHAEL A WING.**





NOTICE FROM THE APPELLATE SECTION

THE APPELLATE SECTION OF THE MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION

is hosting an

APPELLATE SEMINAR

on Friday, April 17, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm,

at the Battle House Hotel

Come hear the new **CLERK OF THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT, JULIA WELLER**, talk about how the appellate process works in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Weller, a former chief administrative law judge in the attorney general's office, became the first female clerk in July 2013. Her predecessor, **ROBERT ESDALE**, had served for nearly 30 years. Mrs. Weller will give advice on the elements of a "successful appeal" and how to avoid certain pitfalls. Other speakers will address brief writing, appellate motion practice and Writs of Mandamus. For registration information, call 251.433.9790 or email tanderson@mobilebarassociation.com



REPORT FROM THE DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

The **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION** has re-assembled a **DIVERSITY TASK FORCE** for 2015 as part of its commitment to promoting the principles of diversity and inclusion in the legal community and beyond. The Task Force held its first meeting on Monday, March 9, with solid attendance and a slate of ideas for the coming year. We are still open to new members and new ideas. If you have an interest in serving on the Task Force, or if you would like to suggest ideas for the Task Force to tackle, please contact **CHAIR MIKE STRASAVICH** at 345-8206 or at mstrasavich@burr.com. If that's too hard to spell, feel free to contact Gillian Egan at gegan@burr.com, and she'll happily communicate with Mike and the Task Force as needed.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ADDRESS and firm name for **K. AMANDA BARTON** is **BARTON LAW**, 209 N. Joachim Street, Mobile 36603, phone 251.300.2503, fax 251.300.3053, email kab@bartonlawpractice.com. Ms. Barton was chosen from a dozen candidates to this year's outstanding class of young, up-and-coming **NITA** faculty members - **NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY'S 2015 NEXT GENERATION CLASS**. Congratulations.

ARMBRECHT JACKSON, LLP takes pleasure in announcing that **LACEY DAUGHDRILL SMITH** has become a partner.

NEW ADDRESS for **PHELPS DUNBAR, LLP** effective April 6, 2015: 101 Dauphin Street, Suite 1000, P. O. Box 2727, Mobile, Alabama 36652-2727

LAW OFFICE SPACES AVAILABLE, Government Street, high visibility, conference room, kitchen, WIFI, email, fax and other amenities included. Contact **DOUGLAS DUNNING** at 251.478.6031, dkdunning_99@yahoo.com. All inquiries strictly confidential.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE includes access to formal conference room, access to a commercial printer, wireless internet, and utilities. \$600/month. Please call 251.621.8100

OFFICE SPACE IN EZELL HOUSE, large corner office at 407 Conti St., \$500/month, Meeting rooms available on first floor. Call 251.432.4174 to view the space.





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DOWNTOWN OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE, 104 St. Francis Street, STE 601, shared office space with 2 attorneys within walking distance to all Courts. Amenities: conference room, waiting room area, kitchen, onsite parking (to be worked out with building manager), fax machine and copier available, utilities and internet included in rent. Call 251.648.7983.

GALLOWAY JOHNSON's Mobile Office seeks an **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY** to practice in its real estate litigation practice area. The position requires skillful drafting of quiet title, reformation and related pleadings, discovery, settlement negotiation, motion practice, potential trial and appellate exposure. The ideal candidate will have strong academic credentials and 3-6 years of real estate litigation experience (title resolution, foreclosure, etc.). Competitive salary and benefits are negotiable based on experience and skill sets.

STONE GRANADE and CROSBY, P.C. is seeking an **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY** with 2-5 years of significant experience in estate planning, probate and taxation. An LLM in taxation is preferred. Additional experience in business transactions, real property or litigation is desired. The candidate will be responsible for managing and developing client relationships, preparing estate planning documents and providing litigation support. Applicants must be licensed to practice law in Alabama. The firm offers a competitive compensation package with 401K benefits and health insurance. Interested candidates should send resume to **BRAD HICKS**, 8820 U.S. Hwy. 90, Daphne, Alabama 36526. All inquiries will be treated in strict confidence.





YOUNG LAWYERS

JONATHAN MAPLES, PRESIDENT

The **YOUNG LAWYERS** are pleased to thank **TAYLOR MARTINO P.C.** for a great March meeting. A good time was had by all. The April meeting will be hosted by **BURR FORMAN** on April 16th from 5:30 – 7:00 at **THE BAR** (St. Francis and N. Claiborne). Food will be catered by **THE BLIND MULE**. Please join us for great food and a great time. All are welcome. The **2015 YOUNG LAWYERS GOLF TOURNAMENT** will take place on **FRIDAY, JUNE 5th at TIMBER CREEK**. We are excited and pleased to announce that this year's tournament will benefit **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF MOBILE** (rmhcmobile.org). **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF MOBILE** provides a supportive home environment offering care, compassion, and hope to families with seriously ill and injured children being treated at area hospitals.

Last but certainly not least, **FUNFEST AT ST. MARY'S HOME** will take place on **SATURDAY, MAY 9TH**. **ST. MARY'S** is the first and oldest residential treatment facility in Alabama for abused, abandoned and neglected children. The **YOUNG LAWYERS** host a field day every year for the residents, complete with a pizza party, new sporting equipment, and a donation to support the efforts of **ST. MARY'S**. To accomplish this, we are in need of volunteers (all ages welcome!) to come out and play on **MAY 9TH**, as well as financial support through sponsorships. If you would like to get involved with **FUNFEST** or the **GOLF TOURNAMENT**, or if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please e-mail me (jmaples@carrallison.com), Vice-President Russ Johnson (RJohnson@asilpc.com), or Treasurer Tim Heisterhagen (tah@ajlaw.com)





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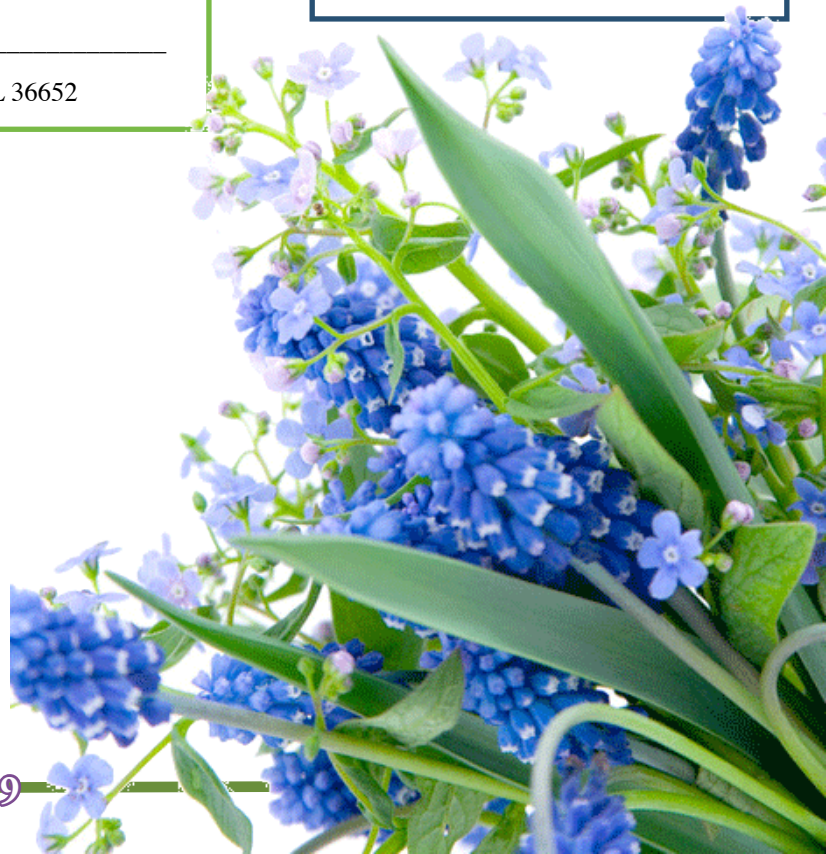
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April



APRIL 9 - THURSDAY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
12 O'CLOCK NOON, ATHELSTAN CLUB

APRIL 17 - FRIDAY
SEMINAR: APPELLATE PRACTICE,
1:30 -4:30 PM, BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL

APRIL 23 - THURSDAY
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING,
12 O'CLOCK NOON, MBA HEADQUARTERS

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION



FRIDAY - APRIL 17
APPELLATE SEMINAR
3.0 HRS.
1:30 - 4:30 PM
THE BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL

APRIL 22, 2015 - WEDNESDAY
WORKERS COMP SEMINAR,
1.0 HR. MCLE CREDIT
12 O'CLOCK NOON,
ATHELSTAN CLUB.

MAY 15
SEMINAR FOR VET'S COURT,
3.0 HRS.
1:30 - 4:30,
THE BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL