



MONTHLY BULLETIN

Mobile Bar Association 153 Government Street Mobile, Alabama 36602 (251) 433-9790

President's Comments



WES PIPES, PRESIDENT
MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION

It is a pleasure to report to you that the **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION** was the recipient of the **LOCAL BAR AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT** presented at the Alabama State Bar convention during the month of July. **HENRY CALLAWAY** accepted the award, which was completely appropriate as he had been the driving force behind many of the thirteen projects and the activities that were included in our award application. **ANNIE DIKE, MICHAEL UPCHURCH, WENDY BITZER, GLENN SMITH, ALEX MOSELEY** and **KATHY MILLER** all provided detailed reports on the various activities of the Mobile Bar Association. Finally, a special thanks goes to **GINGER BEDSOLE** who turned out to be an accomplished award application writer.

Please make a special effort to come to the August meeting of the Association. You will notice that we have to change the location of that meeting to the **BATTLE HOUSE** which we hope you find equally convenient to the **ADMIRAL SEMMES**. We will be checking after that meeting to see how the change in location suited everyone.



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PROGRAM

MBA AUGUST

2012 MONTHLY LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012, 11:45 AM

BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL

COST OF LUNCHEON - \$21.00

26TH ANNUAL

DANNY SHERIDAN HOUR

FEATURING

DANNY SHERIDAN

Noted Sports Prognosticator and Journalist

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2012 OFFICERS

- President - Wes Pipes
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Browsing the Bar With Barbara



For all practical purposes, summer vacation is over and it is time to get back down to business. The year 2012 is on the downhill side and there is a lot happening between now and the end of the year and I don't just mean Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas!

This month **DANNY SHERIDAN** will bring us up to date on all the happenings in the sports world and it would not surprise me if the presidential race did not take up a few minutes of his time. Mark your calendars now for Friday, August 17, 2012, 11:45 am at the **BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL**. **ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE** has been invited to speak at the September 21 Monthly Luncheon.

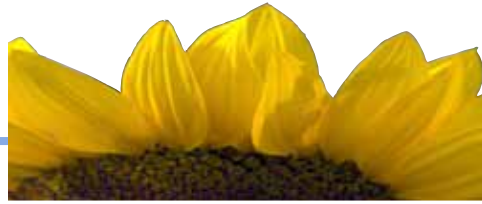
We are also beginning the serious business of **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

SEMINARS. The lineup for the remainder of 2012 and the early part of 2013 is listed elsewhere in this publication. Please review the list and check the ones that interest you the most.

Also between now and the end of the year we will have the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**, December 6, at the **COURTYARD MANOR** and the **ANNUAL BENCH & BAR CONFERENCE**, December 7-8, at the **GRAND HOTEL**. Both of these functions are first class and I hope you will not miss them. Plan ahead!

August is the month for the **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** to meet and make their selection of MBA officers for the year 2013. If you wish to serve in any capacity or wish to suggest someone, please make your thoughts known to **HENRY CALLAWAY, CHAIR**.





SPECIAL NOTICE **FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS**

INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES REGARDING PRIVATE JUDGES

Pursuant to the authority of the **ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS** (ADC) as provided in Ala. Code (1975), §12-5-10(3), the ADC hereby directs the implementation of the following administrative procedures, effective immediately:

According to Act Number 2012-266, all parties in an action founded exclusively on domestic relations, contract, tort, or a combination of contract or tort action, may agree to the resolution of the action before a private judge. All contracts for or with a private judge shall be in writing, and shall be signed by all parties to the action involving the private judge and each of their attorneys, if applicable.

For further information or to obtain a full copy of the directive, contact **ALYCE M. SPRUELL, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS.**

THE MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

“The **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE** of the **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION** is pleased to announce a **CLOTHING DRIVE** to benefit the **WATERFRONT RESCUE MISSION OF MOBILE**. The drive will be held on October 12, 2012 and any clothing items for men, women and children can be donated. **THE WATERFRONT RESCUE MISSION** runs Bargain Centers to serve the community through a small chain of thrift stores that provide affordable merchandise to the public. The Bargain Centers generate revenue by selling used but usable goods that have been donated. The items may be brought to a collection coordinator designated by each law firm to be delivered to the Mission office in Mobile on October 12th or lawyers and their staff may personally deliver their donated items to the Mission themselves on this date. We are very excited to serve our homeless community in this way in hopes of providing the Mission the means to support their various programs aimed at helping these men and women improve the quality of their lives.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICHARD ALEXANDER is pleased to announce that **RUTHIE F. ALEXANDER** has joined him in the practice of law under the firm name of **ALEXANDER & ASSOCIATES** with offices at 56 St. Joseph Street, Suite 1601, Regions Bank Building, Mobile, AL 36602; Phone 251.438.3666. Ms. Alexander was formerly **DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISOR** to **GOVERNOR ROBERT BENTLEY** and **JUDICIAL LAW CLERK** to the **HONORABLE SARAH H. STEWART** in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and has been a member of the Mobile Bar Association since 2011.

JIM JEFFRIES, JEFFRIES FAMILY LAW, LLC, is pleased to announce that he has opened a satellite office in Baldwin County at 22671 Highway 59 South, Robertsdale, AL 36567; Phone 251.694.6000; Fax 251.445.5523; jim@jeffriesfamilylaw.com and www.alabamafamilylawblog.com.

IMMEDIATE OPENING in an insurance defense firm in Mobile, AL for an attorney with related experience. Mississippi license would be a plus. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please send cover letter and resume to Hiring Partner, 169 Dauphin Street, Suite 204, Mobile, AL 36602 or fax to 251.694.6008

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT at 1111 Dauphin Street. Contact **BUZZ JORDAN** at 251.432.5400.

LAW OFFICES OF VARIOUS SIZES available for rent on North Main Street in Daphne. Rent includes conference room, kitchen and reception area. Please call 251.626.2688 for availability and pricing.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING FOR SALE: 1600 sq. ft. law office for sale in downtown Mobile located at 211 South Cedar Street. The office is idea for a firm of three or less lawyers. The two story historic building has three offices, conference room, waiting area, coffee bar, assistant work space, full bath upstairs and half bath downstairs. Plenty of on-site parking. Blocks away from the Courthouse. Asking price is \$219,000. For further details contact **RICK HOLSTON** or **GREG VAUGHAN** at 251.432.8883.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: 209 N. Joachim Street in historic DeTonti Square. Within walking distance of federal courts and post office. Included in rent: on-site parking, client lobby, conference room, kitchen, VOIP telephone, internet, email, fax machine and large copier/scanner. Contact **EVANS CROWE** at 251.431.6011

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE at 758 St. Michael Street, Mobile, AL. 1,100 sq. in Downtown Mobile \$1,000/month. Contact **HARRY BRISLIN** at 251.380.2929

THE ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS is pleased to announce that **DR. SIDNEY PHILLIPS** will be the speaker at the upcoming **MANAGING PARTNERS BREAKFAST**. The event will be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Battle House Hotel on September 19, 2012. A book signing will be held in the lobby of the Battle House Hotel after the breakfast. For more information, contact ccumbie@gardberglaw.com



MARRIED: **ELIZABETH GRAY STEWART**, daughter of MBA member **DONALD STEWART**, married **JOSEPH NAVA** at St. Joseph's Chapel on July 14, 2012. Following a honeymoon in San Francisco, the couple will reside in Dallas.

BORN: MBA member **JARROD WHITE** and wife **KIMBERLY** proudly announce the birth of their first daughter, **EMILY RUTH**, on July 10, 2012. She is welcomed home by big brothers **JAMES HAYES** and **BENNETT**.

DIED: MBA member **JEROME "JERRY" SHINAULT** died in Mobile on July 5, 2012 at the age of 85. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. He is survived by three daughters, five granddaughters, nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

DIED: **CATHERINE HAAS BLACKSHER**, mother of MBA member **WES BLACKSHER**, died on June 17, 2012. She was an active and faithful member of **Christ Fellowship Baptist Church**. She is survived by three sons, nine grandchildren, one great-grandson, other relatives, and many friends.

DIED: **DOROTHY GEARY SAYERS**, mother of MBA member **DAN SAYERS**, died June 24, 2012. She was a devout Catholic and a graduate of the **CONVENT OF MERCY** class of 1937. She was predeceased by her husband and two sons. She is survived by her son Dan, four grandsons and two great grand-children.

CLARIFICATION: Our note last month on the untimely death of **JOHN CHARLES SCRIBNER "CHAS" PIERCE, JR.** failed to note that his mother is the **HON. KATIE H. PIERCE**, former MBA member and an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review here in Mobile. Our apologies for the oversight, and again we extend condolences to all Chas's family and friends.

SAVLP

SOUTHERN ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM



Join the **SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM** on August 1, 2012 at 7:05 pm as the **2011 MINOR LEAGUE TEAM OF THE YEAR** and **DEFENDING CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE**, Mobile's own **BAYBEARS** take on the **JACKSONVILLE SUNS**. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased by contacting us at 433-6693 or susan@savlp.org. All proceeds benefit the **SOUTH ALABAMA**

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM!

SAVLP has moved the date of the Mobile County limited legal advice clinics from the second Monday of the month **to the second Thursday**. Our next clinic will be held Thursday, August 9th from 1:00-3:00 pm on the fourth floor of the Mobile County courthouse. We have a particular need for attorneys who can provide limited legal advice on family, consumer and collections matters. These cases are opened and closed at the clinic. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact SAVLP at 433-6693.

VLP is looking for volunteers to assist with clinics in Baldwin, Clarke and Washington counties. **REGIONALIZATION COORDINATOR ANDREA BREWINGTON** schedules monthly clinics in Baldwin County. Sites include the **UNITED WAY** office in Foley, Project Rebound in Gulf Shores, and Baldwin County courthouses. A **WILLS FOR HEROES** clinic is being planned for Clarke and Washington counties. Please contact Andrea if you would like to volunteer.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of VLP and the regionalization process. Since expanding the program to work with Baldwin, Clarke and Washington counties, SAVLP has seen a 23% caseload increase. Almost 900 attorneys volunteer their time to assist SAVLP clients. Your dedication makes this program a success. Thanks again for all that you do to provide our clients equal access to justice.

VLP needs help with divorce, support modification and estate cases. Please call 433-6693 if you can help!

Thanks to the following attorneys who opened and closed cases in May and June:

KATHERINE B. ARNOLD, EATON G. BARNARD, DAVID L. BARNETT, JOHN G. BAYLOR, JR., JOHN T. BENDER, RUSSELL E. BERGSTROM, JAIME W. BETBEZE, W. DONALD BOLTON, JR., HENRY H. BREWSTER, MEGAN BROOKS, PAUL D. BROWN, JOHN P. BROWNING, RUSSELL C. BUFFKIN, JENNIFER C. BYRD, BRADLEY R. BYRNE, HENRY A. CALLAWAY, III, CRAIG CAMPBELL, JEANNA D. CHAPPELL, WALTER G. CHAVERS, C.S. CHIEPALICH, ELIZABETH A. CITRIN, F. LUKE COLEY, JR., ALLISON L. COLLINS, CELIA J. COLLINS, HERMAN F. COX, MICHAEL DASINGER, III, EDWARD A. DEAN, MARGARET F. DEMERANVILLE, DANIEL A. DENNIS, IV, ROSS M. DIAMOND, III, REBECCA DING, CAROLYN M. DOHN, BRYAN G. DUHE', BEN FORD, KEITH B. FRANKLIN, DONALD A. FRIEDLANDER, GREGORY M. FRIEDLANDER, JOSH D. FRIEDMAN, J. W. GOODLOE, JR., TIMOTHY M. GROGAN, ROBERT L. HAGLER, JR., TANYA HALLFORD, CHARLES W. HAM, BRANDY B. HAMBRIGHT, THOMAS E. HARRISON, CHRISTINE C. HERNANDEZ, JENNIFER HOLIFIELD, ROSS

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THE DELANO PALUGHI CHAPTER

OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

WILL SPONSOR THE ANNUAL RED MASS CELEBRATION

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

12 O'CLOCK NOON AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A BRIEF RECEPTION WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE MASS. YOUR SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT GREG MCATEE AT
251.661.9399

YOUNG LAWYERS

E. GLENN SMITH, JR., PRESIDENT

On Thursday, August 23rd, the **YOUNG LAWYERS** are hosting our annual **BAND PARTY** at **VEET's** on Royal Street beginning at 5:30. **CORNBRED** will provide the musical entertainment. The drinks will be on our sponsors, but we will be asking for a small donation at the door benefiting the **BAY AREA FOOD BANK**, which provides food to meet the challenge of feeding people who are hungry as a result of personal crisis or disaster. So far, **HAND ARENDALL**, **TOBIAS & COMER**, **FREEDOM COURT REPORTING**, **MOBILE BAY REPORTING**, and **SOURCE ONE** have agreed to sponsor the Band Party, and we could use a couple of more sponsors if you or your firm are interested in helping. We certainly could not do what we do without the generous support of our sponsors, and I cannot thank them enough.



5TH ANNUAL FAMILY LAW SEMINAR "STARS ACROSS THE BAY"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM,

ADMIRAL SEMMES HOTEL

BOX LUNCH INCLUDED

FREE COCKTAIL PARTY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SEMINAR,
BEER, WINE, FRUIT & CHEESE AND WINE RAFFLE

8 HOURS MCLE CREDITS INCLUDING 1.0 HOUR ETHICS

REGISTRATION: MBA MEMBER \$175

NON-MBA MEMBER \$200

LATE REGISTRATION ADDITIONAL \$25

TOPICS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

INS AND OUTS OF DRUG TESTING

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

ETHICS

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

JUDGE DON DAVIS

JUDGE GEORGE DAVIS

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In honor/memory of: _____

Acknowledgement to: Name _____

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I would like information on including the Foundation in my estate planning.

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Mail to: Mobile Bar Foundation, P.O. Drawer 2005, Mobile, AL 36652

MOBILE BAR FOUNDATION

**Donations made in memory of
JOSEPH M. MATRANGA, Esquire**

By

**Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyd Reeves
Charles J. Fleming and M. Kathleen Miller**



AUGUST 2012



AUGUST 1 - WEDNESDAY
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING,
12 O'CLOCK NOON,
MBA HEADQUARTERS

AUGUST 2-5 THURSDAY – SUNDAY
ABA ANNUAL MEETING,
CHICAGO, IL

AUGUST 9 - THURSDAY
MBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
12 O'CLOCK NOON,
BIENVILLE CLUB

AUGUST 16 - THURSDAY
WORKERS COMP SECTION MEETING,
12 O'CLOCK NOON,
ADMIRAL SEMMES

AUGUST 17 - FRIDAY

MBA MONTHLY LUNCHEON,
11:45 AM, BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL

AUGUST 17 - FRIDAY
SEMINAR: CRIMINAL LAW UPDATE,
1:30 – 4:45 PM,
BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL

AUGUST 20 - MONDAY
BANKRUPTCY SECTION MEETING,
12 O'CLOCK NOON, BIENVILLE CLUB

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

AUGUST 24 - FRIDAY
**ANNUAL FAMILY PRACTICE SEMINAR:
"5TH ANNUAL STARS ACROSS THE BAY",**
8:00AM – 4:30 PM



CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

AUGUST 17 - FRIDAY
CRIMINAL LAW UPDATE,
3.0 HRS

AUGUST 24 - FRIDAY
FAMILY LAW SEMINAR "STARS ACROSS THE BAY",
8.0 HRS. INCLUDING 1.0 ETHICS

SEPTEMBER 21 - FRIDAY
BANKRUPTCY SEMINAR,
3.0 HRS.

OCTOBER 19 - FRIDAY
ANNUAL VLP SEMINAR,
3.0 HRS INCLUDING 1.0 HR ETHICS

OCTOBER 26 - FRIDAY
ANNUAL WORKERS COMP SEMINAR,
6.0 HRS INCLUDING 1.0 HR ETHICS

OCTOBER - TBD
NEW LAWYER ORIENTATION,
5.0 HRS INCLUDING 1.0 HR ETHICS

NOVEMBER 9 - FRIDAY
ASB ROAD SHOW,
3.0 HRS. INCLUDING 1.0 HR. ETHICS

NOVEMBER 16 - FRIDAY
SOCIAL SECURITY, 3.0 HRS.

NOVEMBER 30 - FRIDAY
CLE BY THE HOUR,
8.0 HRS. INCLUDING 1.0 HR. ETHICS

DECEMBER 7 - FRIDAY
ANNUAL YOUNG LAWYER MIXER, 1.0 HR

DECEMBER 7-9 FRIDAY – SUNDAY
ANNUAL BENCH & BAR CONFERENCE ,
5.0 HRS. INCLUDING 1.0 HR ETHICS

DECEMBER 14 - FRIDAY
ANNUAL CIVIL LAW UPDATE,
3.0 HRS. INCLUDING 1.0 ETHICS

2013

JANUARY 18 - FRIDAY
PROBATE SEMINAR, 3.0 HRS.

MARCH 15 - FRIDAY
THE MODERN LAW OFFICE, 3.0 HRS.

APRIL 19 - FRIDAY
JUDGES PANEL DISCUSSION, 3.0 HRS.