



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**BRIAN MCCARTHY, PRESIDENT  
MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION**



## President's Comments

Often times, in life and in the practice of law, we tend to take for granted certain intangible gifts, privileges, and blessings that have been given to us. Over the past few weeks, my work with the **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION** has allowed me the opportunity to observe and reflect upon some of these privileges and blessings that are, at times, overlooked and forgotten by many of us.

On May 1, 2015, I had the honor of speaking at the **NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**, which took place in the federal courthouse in Mobile. At the ceremony, 39 individuals were granted citizenship to the United States of America. As I stood at the podium and faced our country's newest citizens, I was truly inspired by what I saw. Excitement sparkled in their eyes and pride beamed from their faces as they took their final step toward becoming American citizens. For many of those individuals, it was a day they had been working toward for years. Many of us, myself included, often forget how incredibly lucky we are to be citizens of this country. Our citizenship is something that a majority of us were born into and, thus, a privilege that is not always at the forefront of our minds. It was such a refreshing and rewarding experience to see the enthusiasm and passion exhibited by our new fellow citizens, and it is not an experience that I will soon forget.

I also had the privilege of speaking at the recent investiture of **HENRY A. CALLAWAY** as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama. The Eleventh Circuit selected **JUDGE CALLAWAY** to replace **JUDGE MARGARET A. MAHONEY**, who retired after serving this community in her capacity as United States Bankruptcy Judge for many years. The Eleventh Circuit could not have selected a better candidate – **HENRY CALLAWAY** will make an exceptional judge. Attending this event caused me to stop and think about our state and federal court judges. We, as a community and as the local bar association, are extremely fortunate to have such an incredible group of judges. The depth, quality, and caliber of judges in our area is truly impressive and something for which we should be extremely grateful and proud.

At times, we can get caught up in the day-to-day aspects of life and work and forget about these blessings – blessings that affect us every day, even when they go unnoticed. I am thankful that my experiences with the Mobile Bar Association have caused me to reflect upon these gifts, and I hope that many of you have been or will be able to do the same.

Brian

## PROGRAM

The **JUNE** Monthly Meeting  
Will be an  
Evening at **MOE's Downtown**  
Thursday, June 18,  
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Food and Drink will be provided –  
Cash Bar

This is an opportunity to mingle  
with your Peers  
that you don't want to miss.

**NO MEETING IN JULY** due to  
**ASB ANNUAL MEETING**  
Marriott's Grand Hotel  
in Point Clear.  
July 16-18, 2015

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### 2015 OFFICERS

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## *Browsing the Bar - With Barbara*

There was a great deal “happnin” during the month of May: **LAW DAY ACTIVITIES**, Chaired by **JUDSON CRUMP**, began with the **NATURALIZATION CEREMONY** where 39 individuals were naturalized, then came the **LAW HELP LINE** where 35 attorneys fielded over 1000 questions from the community, and, of course, the annual **LAW DAY LUNCHEON** where the essay contest winners (**KENNEDY PARTEN 3RD, MIKALA LEDBETTER 2ND AND JOSHUA P. INMAN, 1ST**) and **LIBERTY BELL WINNER, REGGIE COPELAND, SR.** were announced. **JUSTICE LYN STUART** was the guest speaker. The **WOMEN LAWYERS** honored outgoing **BANKRUPTCY JUDGE MARGARET MAHONEY** and the investiture of our newest **BANKRUPTCY JUDGE HENRY A. CALLAWAY** as well as the investiture of the new municipal judges, **CARVINE ADAMS, KARLOS F. FINLEY AND ROBERT A. THOMAS**. As I said, there was a lot going on. A special thank you to everyone who participated in these many activities.



It is my pleasure to announce that **NOAH H. ANDERSON**, son of long-time MBA employee **TAMMY** and husband **KEVIN ANDERSON**, has been appointed to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy on full scholarship. Noah is a graduate of Saraland High School where he was an honor student and “football star” (so we thought). Congrats, Noah, we are very proud of you.

## **LAWYERS IN THE NEWS**

By **SANDY G. ROBINSON**

### **LEGAL MILESTONES:**

**DECEASED: ALEXINA “LEX” GENEVIEVE DOOLEY OLLINGER**, mother of retired MBA member, **THOMAS “CORKY” POTTER OLLINGER, JR.**, died May 9, 2015. Services were held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Daphne, AL on May 16, 2015.



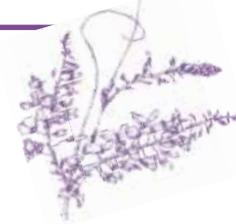


## **MBA WOMEN LAWYERS' 4TH ANNUAL TRAILBLAZER TEA HONORING THE HONORABLE MARGARET A. MAHONEY**

On May 12, 2015, the **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN LAWYERS** recognized **THE HONORABLE MARGARET A. MAHONEY** as the sixth recipient of their annual **TRAILBLAZER AWARD**. Each year, the members of the MBA Women Lawyers nominate and a selection committee chooses a woman who deserves special recognition for her professional achievements as well as for what she's done to forge a path specifically for women in the legal field.

**JUDGE MAHONEY** retired last week after more than 20 years as a judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Alabama. She was one of only 11 women in her graduating class of 250 from the University of Minnesota Law School. She was the first woman to be appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in Minnesota and, when she accepted a position in Mobile, was the first woman to be appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of Alabama.

The event was sponsored by the law firms of **BURR FORMAN, CONRAD, BARLAR & McCULLOCH, CUNNINGHAM BOUNDS, AND STONE, GRANADE & CROSBY**, as well as **IRVING AND FRANCES SILVER**.





## **WANTED: Experienced lawyers. Ideal candidates possess a desire to share their stories and influence the future.**

The **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION** offers lawyer to lawyer mentoring by connecting experienced attorneys with new members. Our program facilitates a one-on-one relationship that provides valuable insight to lawyers beginning their legal careers. Lawyer to lawyer mentoring honors the rich knowledge base and expertise that continues to accumulate through the years of practice. As a mentor, the experienced lawyer offers both the wisdom of practice and the practice of wisdom while preserving core values of our profession.

Please contact **BARBARA RHODES** today to volunteer (251.433.9790 or [Brhodes@mobilebarassociation.com](mailto:Brhodes@mobilebarassociation.com))!



## **Lawyer Assistance Committee**

**BY JOSH BRISKMAN**

While we love our work, it is not always easy and the past years have been especially difficult for some of us. Many of us know fellow lawyers who are struggling with depression or substance abuse or other issues. If you know someone that is having a hard time or if you yourself are, the Committee stands ready to help in offering resources in dealing with personal issues including those discussed above. Lawyers **JAY McDONALD, HANK CADDELL, MATTHEW McDONALD, JOSH BRISKMAN AND DAVID WIBLE** are “re-energizing” the committee. All of us are available to help, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us and or **ROBERT THORNHILL OF THE ALABAMA STATE BAR.**

If you think a fellow lawyer has a problem...**SPEAK UP**, help is available. You will shortly notice pamphlets in all the Judges’ courtrooms offering services for lawyers that are experiencing issues such as depression and/or substance abuse. You will also probably notice some upcoming CLE’s in that vein.

Jay McDonald – (251) 415-9236 • Hank Caddell – (251) 478-8880  
Matthew McDonald – (251) 439-7576 • Josh Briskman – (251) 433-7600  
David Wible – (251) 208-7416



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE:** Large corner office at 407 Conti St., \$500/month, Meeting rooms available on first floor. Call 251.432.4174 to view space.

**DOWNTOWN OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE:** 209 N. Joachim Street in historic DeTonti Square. Within walking distance of federal courts. Amenities: VOIP telephone, internet, WIFI, email, fax machine, large color copier/scanner, onsite parking, lobby, conference room and kitchen. Contact **EVANS CROWE** at 251.431.6011 or [crowe@evanscrowe.com](mailto:crowe@evanscrowe.com)

**OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE:** 1659 Government St., on-site parking, large conference room, cable, wi-fi, kitchen. Other amenities included/ \$600 month. Call 478.6031 or [dkdunning\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:dkdunning_99@yahoo.com) All inquiries strictly confidential.

NEED FLORIDA CLE HOURS? We have the new tapes that can be checked out. Call or email Tammy (251.433.9790 or [TAnderson@mobilebarassociation.com](mailto:TAnderson@mobilebarassociation.com)).



## ALA (THE ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS) ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS FOR 2015-16:

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DONNA GARLOTTE</b> SPEAR, SPEAR & HAMBY, P.C.
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<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>GEOFFREY WILLIAMS</b> CUNNINGHAM BOUNDS, LLC



# YOUNG LAWYERS

JONATHAN MAPLES, PRESIDENT

The **YOUNG LAWYERS** are pleased to thank **SOURCE ONE / MOBILE BAY REPORTING** for a great May meeting. A good time was had by all.

The June meeting will be hosted by **ARMBRECHT JACKSON** on **JUNE 25TH** beginning at 5:30 at **THE BULL** (609 Dauphin Street). You will not want to miss it. All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.

The **YOUNG LAWYERS'** annual **FUNFEST AT ST. MARY'S HOME** was a success again this year. It would not have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors: **HAND ARENDALL, HELMSING LEACH, ALEXANDER SHUNNARAH GULFCOAST and CARR ALLISON.**

We would also like to thank **JUMPS A LOT** (302 Schillinger Rd. N) for donating an inflatable bounce house for FunFest. The kids loved it, and our day would not have been as successful without the generosity of **JUMPS A LOT.**

**REMINDER** - the 2015 **YOUNG LAWYERS GOLF TOURNAMENT** will take place on **FRIDAY, JUNE 5th** at **TIMBER CREEK**, to benefit **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF MOBILE** ([rmhcmobile.org](http://rmhcmobile.org)). To enter a team and/or sponsor a hole, please contact me ([jmaples@carrallison.com](mailto:jmaples@carrallison.com)), Vice-President Russ Johnson ([RJohnson@asilpc.com](mailto:RJohnson@asilpc.com)), Treasurer Tim Heisterhagen ([tah@ajlaw.com](mailto:tah@ajlaw.com)), or our invaluable Golf Tournament Chair, Weathers Bolt ([wbolt@starneslaw.com](mailto:wbolt@starneslaw.com)). Checks can be made payable to "Mobile Young Lawyers" and delivered or mailed to Tim Heisterhagen at Armbrecht Jackson, 1300 Riverview Plaza, 63 S. Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602 (P.O. Box 290, Mobile, AL 36601).





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I want to make a donation to the Mobile Bar Foundation.

In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Check enclosed

Bill my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Master Card/Amex #\_\_\_\_\_

Life Member (\$5000, paid in up to 5 annual installments)

Partner (\$500 or more)

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or if member of MBA practicing 5 years or less \$25 - \$99)

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

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



# SAVLP

## SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS



### Fun Paddle:

With canoe rental, 2 t-shirts, 2 brunches

\$100.00

Canoe without rental, 2 t-shirts, 2 brunches

\$75.00

With kayak rental, 1 t-shirt, 1 brunch \$75.00

Kayak without rental, 1 t-shirt, 1 brunch \$50.00

With SUP rental, 1 t-shirt, 1 brunch \$75.00

SUP without rental, 1 t-shirt, 1 brunch \$50.00

### Canoe Relay:

With canoe rental, 4 t-shirts, 4 brunches

\$190.00

Extra t-shirts \$15.00

Extra brunch tickets \$15.00 adults and \$5.00  
children



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FRIENDLY SATURDAY  
MORNING ON MOBILE BAY

4TH ANNUAL

JULY 25

BATTLE OF THE BAY  
2008 & 2009 RACE

Paddle in the 4-person Canoe Relay Race or the 1-mile Canoe, Kayak, or SUP fun paddle. Enjoy DJ Doctor Feelgood followed by live music by Elaine Petty and Smokin' Elvis, shrimp & grits brunch and race viewing on the deck of the BLUEGILL, coffee bar, adult beverages, kids activities including balloon animals by Sunshine the Clown, great prizes for division winners, a chance to win door prizes, silent auction, and more.  
Presented by title sponsor Andy Citrin Injury Attorneys

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**f** BATTLE OF THE BAY CANOE AND KAYAK  
BENEFITING THE SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM

Special thanks to the following attorneys for accepting or closing a case in April: Katherine A Barton, Russell E Bergstrom, Wesley H Blacksher, Nancy J Busey, Christopher A Callaghan, Henry A Callaway III, Craig Campbell, R. Paul Cater, Harwell E Coale Jr., F. Luke Coley Jr., Heather D Collier, Celia J Collins, Angelique M Cooper, Bess M Creswell, Samuel N Crosby, Judson E Crump, Ronald P Davis, Edward A Dean, Rebecca Ding Lee, Page S Ellis, Ben Ford, William J Gamble Jr., Wesley Harbuck, Christine Harding Hart, R. Scott Hetrick, Jennifer Holifield, Scott W Hunter, Herndon Inge III, Brian C Ispording, Gregory R Jones, Kathleen Cobb Kaufman, Christopher Kern, Joshua G Kesling, Joseph O Kulakowski, Gilbert B Laden, Bradley J Latta, Jacqueline R Macon Powell, E. Russell March III, Chad C Marchand, James H McDonald Jr., S. C. Middlebrooks, Henry T Morrisette, Mary E Murchison, Charles J Potts, Kirkland E Reid, Abby M Richardson, Mathew B Richardson, J. Burruss Riis, Thomas M Rockwell, Ian D Rosenthal, Troy T Schwant, William E Scully III, Vanessa Arnold Shoots, L. Robert Shreve, Hendrik Snow, Lewis J Stein III, T. Jeff Stein, Renee E Thiry, Richard W Vollmer III, Jarrod J White, Richard R Williams, Ronnie L Williams, Michael A Wing, and Ricardo Woods.

# JUNE 2015

JUNE 4 - THURSDAY  
**LAW LIBRARY MEETING,  
12:00 NOON  
MBA HEADQUARTERS**

JUNE 5 - FRIDAY  
**YOUNG LAWYERS  
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
TIMBER CREEK**

JUNE 11 - THURSDAY  
**MBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,  
12 O'CLOCK NOON,  
ALTHESTAN CLUB**

JUNE 18- THURSDAY  
**AN EVENING AT MOE'S DOWNTOWN,  
5:30 – 7:00 PM**



JUNE 25 - THURSDAY  
**MBA GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING,  
12 O'CLOCK NOON, MBA  
HEADQUARTERS**



## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

**JUNE 18 - THURSDAY  
SEMINAR: "FALSE CLAIMS ACT BASICS  
& EVOLUTION OF AN FCA CLAIM",  
3:00 – 5:00 PM  
2.0 HRS. MCLE CREDITS  
MOE'S DOWNTOWN**