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President's Comments



**PETE MACKEY, PRESIDENT
MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION**



Remember in law school when you were trying to figure out where your law career was heading? You would be the lawyer with the oak paneled conference room and the well-heeled clients to match. Or you were the flamboyant trial lawyer seeking big verdicts from those same clients, the divorce lawyer striking fear in the heart of every cheating spouse with a lot to lose, or the criminal lawyer interviewed twice a month on the courthouse steps. Great profiles, but they do not describe what most lawyers do, or even those guys do, most of the time.

By and large, most lawyers ply their craft below the radar - without the fancy offices or the well-heeled clients - without the interviews by the local news - without the big verdicts. What is cool about that? Plenty. Lawyers make the system work. Real lawyers interface with the public much more than their television stereotypes. Their work, while not as glamorous as Arnie's on L.A. Law, does a lot of good for a lot of people - and for society as a whole. Sitting at motion docket last week brought this to mind.

A long time friend was standing before the Court at the end of criminal docket. His client was shuffled into the courtroom, shackled and wearing prison garb. Two or three mundane motions were heard, one being the State's motion to continue the upcoming trial. A young lawyer sitting next to me asked why they would bring a defendant over from the jail just to watch. I guessed that this was a capital murder case. I know that my friend has spent a good part of his practice the last 10 to 15 years defending capital murder cases, where no good deed goes unpunished (for the lawyer). The facts in his cases are always horrible, the victims' families resent his very presence and the public sees him as part of the problem. And for his trouble, the State pays him far less than he is worth. But

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PROGRAM

THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY LUNCHEON IN APRIL.

THE NEXT PROGRAM WILL BE THE

ANNUAL LAW DAY LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016, 11:45 AM, THE ADMIRAL HOTEL

THE SPEAKER WILL BE

JOHN L. CARROLL,

FORMER DEAN OF

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

AND FORMER CHIEF U.S.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

WE WILL HONOR

THE LIBERTY BELL AWARD WINNER

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Browsing the Bar *With Barbara*

May is **LAW DAY** month! Many things going on beginning with the **NATURALIZATION CEREMONY FRIDAY, APRIL 29**, 11am on the fantail of the **USS ALABAMA** - the reception immediately following in the award room - what a treat! Mark your calendar now so that you do not miss this very special ceremony. Do not worry about the Mobile ever-changing weather, should it become "damp" we will simply go into the hanger where it is nice and dry.



LAW DAY 2016 theme is "**Miranda: More Than Words**". This is the theme the middle schoolers will be asked to base their essays upon and there will be a first, second and third place winner chosen to be honored at the **ANNUAL LAW DAY LUNCHEON, MAY 20, 2016**. Also honored at the **LAW DAY LUNCHEON** will be the **LIBERTY BELL**

AWARD winner chosen from the nominees submitted by you, your friends and neighbors. The guest speaker for the luncheon is **JOHN L. CARROLL, FORMER DEAN OF CUMBERLAND AND FORMER U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**.



Last and certainly not least, we must not forget **THE LAW HELP LINE** – the **MBA** has been providing this service to the public for over 30 years. We need a number of volunteers (8 every 2 hours from 6 am to 5 pm) to answer the telephones at station TV15 – you will be challenged and entertained by the questions you are asked – once you have participated in this program you will want to be a part of it over and over again. Be ready to say yes when asked to participate.

Remember, the man or woman who never makes a mistake works for the man or woman who does!



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he soldiers on, and society is better off for his work.

And he was the prosecutor on the other side of that case. Equally beat up by the State's accountants, he comes in every day and deals with a seemingly endless docket of sad stories. And for his trouble, he gets the blame – along with the sentencing judge – every time a felon who did not serve every day of his sentence commits another crime. Perhaps, he thinks, he should have gone into construction and built prisons, but that does not seem to be much of a sell in Alabama these days ... So he soldiers on, and society is better off for it.

And she is the bankruptcy lawyer who has a debtor's practice. Even though the last round of amendments to the bankruptcy code have made it near impossible for her to get a fair fee, she still takes the time to explain everything to her clients and go the extra mile because she knows the stress that they are under. And she soldiers on, and society is better off for it.

And they are the lawyers at Legal Services who still have the idealism that they had when they got out of law school. Congress shoots holes in their budget every year and, more and more, restricts the cases that they can take, but they soldier on, and society is better off for it.

And they are general practitioners. They do everything and know everything. When their neighbor has a legal question, they know the answer no matter what is asked. They help people buy property, take care of their families and establish their businesses. They are not buying yachts with what they make, but they soldier on and society is better off for it.

Looking for heroes? Look no further.

Finally, I owe an apology to my good friend and fellow **MBA MEMBER WARREN BUTLER**. I mistakenly introduced him at the Bar luncheon last week as a former member. He was gracious about it afterwards, but that was just dumb on my part (memo to file – keep foot out of mouth as best I can).



YOUNG LAWYERS

RUSSELL JOHNSON, PRESIDENT



The **YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE** wish to thank all of the fine men and women over at **SOURCE ONE AND MOBILE BAY REPORTING** for the March meeting at the soon-to-be reopened **HABERDASHER**. I heard that it was a successful event, and the attendance was great. Eddie and the crew always do a fantastic job, and we are extremely grateful to them for offering to host last month.

We are pleased to announce that the April meeting will be hosted by **BURR, FORMAN**. I guess we will bill this upcoming meeting as the “*After*” in a “*Before & After*” series of meetings. Once again, the meeting will be held at the newly opened **HABERDASHER**. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 5:30 PM. This time the bar will show off the fully prepped bar, new furniture, décor, etc. So, please feel free to invite everyone to witness the fully stocked and operational **HABERDASHER**.

Don't forget to add our upcoming events to your calendars which include **FUNFEST on April 23rd** and the **YOUNG LAWYERS GOLF TOURNAMENT on June 10th**. We look forward to seeing everyone on **April 21st**. As always, if you are not on the Young Lawyers e-mail list and would like to be, or if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please e-mail me (rjohnson@asilpc.com), Vice-President Tim Heisterhagen (tah@ajlaw.com), or Treasurer Kate Browning (kmb@rebpc.net).





ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROCKWELL & KAUFMAN, LLC has relocated their practice to 7 Dauphin Street, Mobile 36602. There has been no change in telephone or email.

JOHNSTONE ADAMS, LLC is pleased to announce that **SPENCER LARCHE** has become a new partner in the firm.

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 431.6011 or crowe@evanscrowe.com

MIDTOWN OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: Midtown Office Suite suitable for one to two lawyers with up to three staff available for lease. Convenient and highly visible location at 2053 Dauphin St. with private parking lot and signage available. Building has CAT5 wiring, internet and phone system in place. Includes private meeting area attached to corner office, conference room, waiting area, kitchen and file storage area. Contact Jim Jeffries at 251.445.5522 or jim@jeffriesfamilylaw.com.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE for one attorney and one staff or one attorney without staff--- conference room as well as internet. Price based on space needed. 205 State Street. For additional information contact **FRAN HOLLINGER** at 251.432.8878.

THOMAS F. GARTH, a partner in **PHELPS DUNBAR'S** Mobile, AL office, was one of 25 attorneys elected a **FELLOW OF THE ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION** at the organization's event January 30. The Fellow program was established in 1995 to honor Alabama Bar members for outstanding service and commitment. Membership is limited to 1 percent of bar members for outstanding dedication to the legal profession and their community.





SAVLP

SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

BY ARIANA H. MOORE

ANDY CITRIN
ESQ.

presents:

BATTLE of the BAY 2016
CANOE & KAYAK RACE
To Benefit The South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 30
8am
Bluegill

savlp.org/fundraisers & facebook.com/battleofthebaycanoeandkayak

“**BANKRUPTCY BASICS**” presented by **CHRISTOPHER T. CONTE, Esq.** Free CLE April 7th from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the **BEN MAY BRANCH OF THE MOBILE PUBLIC LIBRARY**. Drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. Call 433-6693 or e-mail susan@savlp.org to register.

Thanks to **SUNTREASE WILLIAMS-MAYNARD, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY**, for her presentation on service animals and ADA compliance at the **PRODISEE PANTRY CONNECTING COMMUNITIES COFFEE**.

Thanks to those who volunteered at the March **WILLS FOR HEROES** clinics: **MANDY BARTON, JOHN BENDER, ALAN COLVIN, RUDENE CROWE, BILLY CUNNINGHAM, MEG DEMERANVILLE, ERIN FLEMING, TOM GAILLARD, PETE MACKEY, ED MASSEY, ANDREW MONAGHAN, JOSH MYRICK, MICHELE POTTER (NOTARY), JANNEA ROGERS, ALISON SCHEMMER (NOTARY), LIAM SCULLY, PENNY SLAWKOWSKI, NEAL TOWNSEND, GEORGE WALKER, SAM WILKES, AND MARK WOLFE.**





MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION WOMEN LAWYERS

BY: ALEXANDER K. GARRETT



The **MBA WOMEN LAWYERS** held their monthly luncheon on March 8. **DANIELLE MASHBURN-MYRICK** of **PHELPS DUNBAR, LLP** delivered a CLE presentation entitled *“Making Dollars and Sense: Bankruptcy Essentials for the Non-Bankruptcy Lawyer.”* **MBAWL PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY SUNTREASE WILLIAMS-MAYNARD** announced **MARCH MEMBERSHIP MADNESS**, encouraging women lawyers from Mobile and Baldwin Counties who have not already done so to join the group. Members enjoy benefits including invitations to networking opportunities, monthly news emails highlighting the group’s activities and events of interest, reduced admission to monthly luncheons, CLEs, and special events, and the opportunity to be included in the MPAWL Directory. MPAWL will host its 5th annual **TRAILBLAZER TEA** on May 24 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Battle House Hotel. This event celebrates a woman lawyer or judge who has overcome challenges, achieved great things, and blazed a path for future generations of women lawyers. MPAWL submitted nominations for this year’s honoree in March, and her identity will be announced in early April.



LAWYERS IN THE NEWS

BY SANDY G. ROBINSON



LEGAL MILESTONES:

BORN: MBA MEMBER ZACK MOORE AND WIFE DANI WELCOMED CHARLES AND HARPER INTO THE WORLD SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 6, 2016. EVERYBODY IS DOING WELL!

BORN: MBA MEMBERS RUSSELL TAYLOR AND TAYLOR BARR JOHNSON WELCOMED REX WENDELL JOHNSON MONDAY MARCH 21, 2016 AT 6:21 P.M. HE WEIGHED IN AT 7 LBS., 10 OZ. AND WAS 21" LONG. REX AND MOM ARE DOING GREAT.

DIED: MARGARET SHERILL "SHERRY" OZMENT BEAL, SISTER OF MBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BARBARA RHODES, DIED MARCH 16, 2016.
CONDOLENCES TO BARBARA AND ALL THE FAMILY.

CONGRATULATIONS! MBA MEMBER E. B. PEEBLES STEPPED DOWN AS CHAIR OF GULFQUEST AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE AND GETTING THAT WONDERFUL FACILITY OPEN (FINALLY!).

MOBILE BAR FOUNDATION

MEMORIALS

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DESMOND B. TOLER

By
John P. and Elizabeth Kavanagh
And

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By
Pat and Danner Frazer
And
Jamie and Marion Quina





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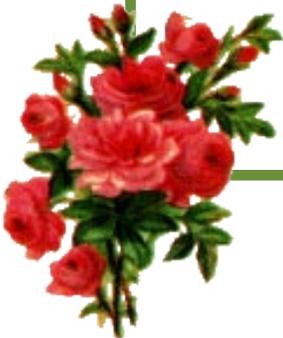
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APRIL 2016

**1 - FRIDAY
APRIL FOOL'S DAY**

**5 - TUESDAY
WORKERS COMP LUNCHEON
THE ADMIRAL,
12 O'CLOCK NOON**

**7 - THURSDAY
MBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
ATHELSTAN CLUB,
12 O'CLOCK NOON**

**23 - SATURDAY
YOUNG LAWYERS
FUNFEST,
ST. MARY'S HOME**

**28 - THURSDAY
MBA GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING,
ATHELSTAN CLUB,
12 O'CLOCK NOON**

**29 - FRIDAY
LAW DAY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY,
11 AM,
U.S.S. ALABAMA BATTLESHIP.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN AWARD ROOM**

**30 - SATURDAY
SAVLP ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BAY,
BLUE GILL RESTAURANT**

