



# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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**WES PIPES, PRESIDENT  
MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION**

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## President's Comments

There are currently 1,180 active members of the **MOBILE BAR ASSOCIATION**. We strive to offer something that each of our members finds useful and beneficial to their practice at some point during the year. Having said that, we know that there are gaps between what we deliver and what the members actually want. Please let us know what you would like and we will try to figure out how to provide it.

We presently have a need for mentors to assist new lawyers. The only real requirements for being a mentor are some actual knowledge of the practice of law and a desire to communicate that knowledge to a young lawyer. It is also necessary that you be willing to initiate and maintain contact with the lawyer to whom you are assigned. If you are willing to consider participating in this gratifying activity, please call the Bar Headquarters and let us know. We will match you up with a young lawyer.

Our speaker for the month of April is our sheriff, **SAM COCHRAN**. There are always hot topics bubbling at the surface in law enforcement and Sam will share some interesting insights with us.

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#### **2012 OFFICERS**

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## **MBA APRIL 2012 MONTHLY LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012, 11:45 AM**

**ADMIRAL SEMMES HOTEL**

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**MOBILE COUNTY SHERIFF SAM COCHRAN**

### **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**FRED W. HELMSING, JR.**

### **HONOR**

**25 YEAR SECRETARIES**



# Browsing the Bar

## With Barbara



It is officially SPRING (Did we have winter?) and your MBA Staff is just about to catch up with the new year rush – off with the old and on with the new! **MBA COMMITTEE/SECTION CHAIRS** should have received a letter from **PRESIDENT PIPES** with a list of members attached. Please set up an organizational meeting as soon as possible and set goals for 2012. If we can be of assistance in any way please let us know. If you would like to set up a meeting at MBA Headquarters, the Conference Room will accommodate approximately 12 – 14 (tight squeeze) people and we will be glad to order sandwiches, etc. for lunch or set up a luncheon meeting at the **BIENVILLE CLUB**, **ADMIRAL SEMMES** or wherever.

We are still in need of mentors for some of our new members. Please call (251.433.9790) or email [brhodes@mobilebarassociation.com](mailto:brhodes@mobilebarassociation.com) if you are interested in participating in this most valuable program.

All of you **LAWYER REFERRAL PANEL** members may be interested in this poem written by **EMILY DAY**, a staff member at the ABA.

### LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE CLIENT LAMENT

I want an attorney, who can stand on his head,  
 Quote the IRS tax code, and has b\*\*\*\*s made of lead.  
 Or one who's a b\*\*\*\*h, swears like a sailor and smokes;  
 And will beat down an opponent with words that provoke.  
 How about one who speaks English, Punjabi, and Thai;  
 Will do whatever it takes to get my piece of the pie.  
 Someone willing to take all the financial risk,  
 And who sits at the top of the Supreme Court appointment list.  
 No one with a name that is hard to spell;  
 And whose office is close to where I dwell.  
 Who practices in California, but can import from Brazil.  
 Get my dog out of the kennel, and set-up my will.  
 Is willing to take a contingency on the 80/20 split;  
 Cause, I'm not paying any 60/40 s\*\*t.  
 My civil rights have been violated,  
 My wife filed for divorce,  
 My employer is mean,  
 My kid fell off a horse.  
 I didn't pay my insurance,  
 I screamed at a cop.  
 I wrote a bad check,  
 I tripped over my mop.  
 I have so many problems that aren't my fault, don't you see,  
 You must give me a lawyer who will represent me for FREE!





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# YOUNG LAWYERS

**E. GLENN SMITH, JR., PRESIDENT**

I would like to start by reminding everyone that the **YOUNG LAWYERS** will again be sponsoring **FUN FEST** at **SAINT MARY'S ORPHANAGE** on April 28th, and we are in need of volunteers and sponsors. **FUN FEST** is always a great fundraising success as well as a great time for the children and volunteers. We encourage everyone that would like to participate to let us know as soon as you can.

If **FUN FEST** interests you, please contact the committee chairmen **CHRIS CONTE** ([ctc@helmsinglaw.com](mailto:ctc@helmsinglaw.com)), or **SCOTT STEVENS** ([sstevens@starneslaw.com](mailto:sstevens@starneslaw.com)). All profits from **FUN FEST** will be donated to **ST. MARY'S**.

I also want to extend our thanks to **BURR & FORMAN** for a great March meeting at **TRUE MIDTOWN KITCHEN**. It was a great turnout despite the nasty weather. The April Meeting is being sponsored by **MOBILE BAY REPORTING** and **SOURCE ONE LEGAL COPY** on April 19, 2012 at **CAFÉ ROYAL** at the corner of Dauphin and Royal beginning at 5:30. If you would like to get involved with **FUN FEST**, are interested in sponsoring an upcoming meeting, or have any questions, please e-mail me ([gsmith@carrallison.com](mailto:gsmith@carrallison.com)), **JOSH FRIEDMAN** ([josh@bafmobile.com](mailto:josh@bafmobile.com)), or **KASEE HEISTERHAGEN** ([kasee.heisterhagen@burr.com](mailto:kasee.heisterhagen@burr.com)).





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOR RENT:** Law offices of various sizes available for rent on North Main Street in Daphne. Rent includes conference room, kitchen and reception area. Please call 251.626.2934 for availability and pricing.

**BUILDING FOR LEASE IN DETONTI SQUARE DOWNTOWN MOBILE,** Jackson and State Streets, 3280 sq feet of space in front building and 1500 sq ft in carriage house. Parking available, reception area, conference room and kitchen. [www.larsonmcgowin.com](http://www.larsonmcgowin.com)



## SPECIAL NOTICE

The **ALABAMA STATE BAR INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION** has been revived. Any attorneys who practice international law, or are interested in practicing international law, are welcomed to participate. Local bar member, **BEN BROADWATER** is on the board and will be happy to address any questions about the section. He can be reached at [bbroadwater@ziemanspeegle.com](mailto:bbroadwater@ziemanspeegle.com) or 694-1899.





# SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM

BY **ARIANA H. MOORE - ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

**TUESDAY, MAY 1ST:** CUNNINGHAM BOUNDS will sponsor a cocktail reception benefiting the SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM (formerly the MBA VLP) from 5:30- 7:00 pm at ROOM 1927 (6 South Joachim Street). Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please plan on staying afterward for a complimentary showing of **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** at the SAENGER THEATER next door. Reservations requested by April 25th. Call 433-6693.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH** at 9:00 am: Join us for the first ever **BATTLE OF THE BAY CANOE AND KAYAK RACE** at the BLUEGILL. Mobile and Baldwin county lawyers will compete for the title of “**BEST OF THE BAY.**” (There will be prizes for non-attorney participants, too!) An entry fee for a canoe is \$100 with canoe rental or \$75.00 without rental and includes two t-shirts and two tickets for brunch at the BLUEGILL. The entry fee for a kayak is \$75.00 with rental or \$50.00 without rental and includes one t-shirt and ticket for brunch. Families and friends are welcome to attend. Brunch tickets cost \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Check out our website ([www.savlp.org](http://www.savlp.org)) and Facebook site for more details.

**PLEASE HELP!** We have seen a huge increase in requests for assistance with estates, support modification and guardianship matters. If you are willing to take these types of cases, please call the office at 433-6693.

**ATTORNEY FOR THE DAY** clinics are held the second Monday of the month at the Mobile County Courthouse. If you would like to participate, please contact **ARIANA MOORE** at VLP. Clinics also are being scheduled in Baldwin County. To sign up for a Baldwin County clinic, please contact **ANDREA BREWINGTON**.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE ATTORNEYS WHO OPENED OR CLOSED A CASE IN FEBRUARY:** FERRELL S. ANDERS, JOHN G. BAYLOR, JR., PAUL T. BECKMANN, JOHN T. BENDER, RUSSELL E. BERGSTROM, JAIME W. BETBEZE, CHRISTINA M. BOLIN, MICHAEL BOX, HENRY H. BREWSTER, CARIN D. BROCK, PAUL D. BROWN, PETER F. BURNS, STEPHEN G. CRAWFORD, AURELIUS EVANS CROWE, BRENT T. DAY, MARGARET F. DEMERANVILLE, REBECCA DING, MARK A. DOWDY, BEN FORD, KEITH B. FRANKLIN, ANDREW FREEMAN, WILLIAM J. GAMBLE, JR., THOMAS E. HARRISON, MICHAEL A. HART, KASEE HEISTERHAGEN, CHRISTINE C. HERNANDEZ, R. SCOTT HETRICK, THOMAS HUMPHRIES, HERNDON INGE, III, MATTHEW R. JACKSON, JACK F. JANECKY, LINDA COLLINS JENSEN, H. JAMES KOCH, MERCERIA L. LUDGOOD, PETER S. MACKAY, GREGORY B. McATEE, JENNIFER E. McDONALD, AUGUSTINE MEAHER, III, S. C. MIDDLEBROOKS, JEFFREY G. MILLER, L. DANIEL MIMS, JENNIFER S. MORGAN, MEEGAN NELSON, LARKIN H. PETERS, THOMAS J. RADCLIFF, LATISHA RHODES DAVIS, MATHEW B. RICHARDSON, IAN ROSENTHAL, PATRICK H. SIMS, JACK SMALLEY, III, BRYAN D. SMITH, TIFFANY B. SMITH, JOSEPH D. STEADMAN, T. JEFF STEIN, NICHELLE WILLIAMS, RONNIE L. WILLIAMS, MICHAEL A. WING, AND THOMAS T. ZIEMAN, JR.





## **NEW MEMBERS**

**SHANNON KEITHLEY OLDENBURG,**  
University of San Diego School of Law 2003;  
California State Bar 2003;  
Florida State Bar 2009;  
Alabama State Bar 2010;  
Maynard Cooper & Gale, PC

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University of Alabama School of Law 2011;  
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Mobile County District Attorney's Office

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Birmingham School of Law 2008;  
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sole practitioner

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sole practitioner

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Louisiana State Bar 2005;  
Alabama State Bar 2011;  
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# NEW MEMBERS

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Jackson Foster & Richardson, LLC

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Alabama State Bar 2010;  
McDowell Knight Roedder & Sledge

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University of Arkansas School of Law in 2007;  
Alabama State Bar 2007;  
Mississippi State Bar 2009;  
Spear, Spear & Hamby, PC

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Cumberland School of Law 2011;  
Alabama State Bar 2011;  
sole practitioner

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Alabama State Bar 2010;  
Georgia State Bar 2010;  
Jones Walker

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Mississippi College School of Law 2007;  
Alabama State Bar 2007;  
sole practitioner





**PLEASE GIVE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I want to become a member of the Mobile Bar Foundation.

Check enclosed

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

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

Partner (\$500 or more)

Associate (\$100 or more)

Regular Member (\$50 - \$99 annually,  
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





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# LAWYERS IN THE NEWS

BY SANDY G. ROBINSON



**DIED:** FORMER MBA MEMBER **JOHN W. MOBLEY** DIED ON FEBRUARY 19, 2012 AT THE AGE OF 86. HE WAS A **MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL** GRADUATE AND STUDIED AT **AUBURN** FOR ONE YEAR BEFORE ENLISTING IN THE **U. S. AIR FORCE**. HE SPENT TWO YEARS AS A PILOT IN **WORLD WAR II** IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER. HE GRADUATED FROM THE **ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW** IN 1952 AND PRACTICED FOR MANY YEARS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUT ALSO SERVED AS A **U. S. MAGISTRATE** FOR THE **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA** BEFORE WORKING IN-HOUSE FOR **INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY**. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS, THREE CHILDREN (AND SON-IN-LAW MBA MEMBER **EDDIE MCDONOUGH**), FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND 2 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

**DIED:** MBA MEMBER **JUDGE IRWIN W. COLEMAN, JR.** DIED ON MARCH 12, 2012 IN MOBILE. HE GRADUATED FROM THE **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW** AND JOINED A PRIVATE FIRM IN MOBILE IN 1961. HE WENT ON TO THE U. S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE AND WAS APPOINTED AN **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE** BY **PRESIDENT FORD** IN 1975. HE WAS A WRITER AT HEART, AND AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**. HE IS SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN.

**DIED:** **BETTY O. BEEBE**, MOTHER OF MBA MEMBER **DON BEEBE**, DIED IN TAMPA, FLORIDA ON MARCH 7, 2012. SHE WAS BORN IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AND LIVED MOST OF HER LIFE IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 63 YEARS, TWO CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD.



# APRIL 2012

**APRIL 12 THURSDAY**  
**MBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
12 O'CLOCK NOON  
BIENVILLE CLUB

**APRIL 19 THURSDAY**  
**MBA WORKERS COMP SECTION MEETING**  
12 O'CLOCK NOON  
COVE ROOM, ADMIRAL SEMMES

**APRIL 20 FRIDAY**  
**MBA MONTLY LUNCHEON**  
11:45 AM  
ADMIRAL SEMMES HOTEL

**APRIL 26 THURSDAY**  
**MBA GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
12 O'CLOCK NOON, MBA HEADQUARTERS

**APRIL 28 SATURDAY**  
**YOUNG LAWYER'S**  
**FUN FEST AT ST. MARY'S**



## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

**May 18 - Friday**  
**WORDS FROM ON HIGH,**  
3.0 hrs. MCLE Credits, Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel

