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Announcements

Welcome to the December 2007 Edition of the Notitia!

The Notitia is published monthly to our members and friends of the Section. This publication is one of the many tools the Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association uses to encourage the participation of women in the practice of law, to enhance the quality of life for women who have chosen law as a profession, to provide role models and mentors for women seeking to enter or grow in the profession, to provide an environment which fosters cooperation between and among women in the profession thereby enhancing the profession as a whole.

Reminders for Section Activities and Events:

All members of the Birmingham Bar Association are invited to join our Section in 2008! You can join at any time during the year. You can also become a Sustaining Member of the Section by sending your additional \$30 contribution to Sidney Hoover c/o the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, 500 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35209-3108. Sustaining Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2007 - Nov. 30, 2008.

Would you like to work with one of the committees or task forces in 2008 on a particular project or event? Here is your chance to let us know. Click anywhere on the following link and it will take you to an online preference form:

<http://web2008.com/showForm.do?formId=28&tab=1&tabId=99000&tabCd=99003&showFormName=tblSpic&key=D3BFE13B5C71E45A1aD3eZanewu6UW6nDjHCO7bS7H1d1ZRW9XfHMCQRUB5d1ZFSWjPR0rEG>

Please submit your articles or photos or reminders for the January 2008 Edition of the Notitia to Christi Graham or Michelle Obradovic - CGraham@Burr.com or Michelle@WiseResolution.com.

The Leadership of the Section meets monthly at the YWCA of Central Alabama, 309 North 23rd Street, Birmingham. Attendees who have ordered a lunch will be served at 11:30, with the meeting to begin thereafter. You may bring your own lunch if you like. Regular meeting dates are January 08, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 08, August 12, September 09 and October 14. The November meeting will be the Annual Meeting.

The Women in Law at Cumberland are seeking female attorneys to mentor female law students for this school year. As a mentor you determine how much time you would like to commit during the mentoring process. Many mentors meet their student for

coffee, breakfast or lunch. While other mentors talk on the phone or email their student. Female attorneys of all experience are needed and welcomed. Our firm will sponsor a mentor-student reception which will be held in November/December which is an easy opportunity to meet your student. If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor, please email me your contact information. As of this date, approximately 60 students are seeking mentors. I appreciate your assistance. If you should have any question, please feel free to contact: Honora M. Gathings, Gathings Law, 2001 Park Place North, Suite 500, Birmingham, AL 35203, T 205.322.1201, F 205.322.1202, hgathings@gathingslaw.com

Reminders for Non-Section Activities and Events:

December 14, 2007 - Annual Meeting of the BBA in Judge Vowell's Courtroom beginning at 2:00 p.m.

December 14, 2007 - BBA Holiday Party will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Cathedral, 307 19th Street South.

INNS OF COURT

The Birmingham Inns of Court, <http://www.innsforcourt.org/inns/birminghamalinn>, is the local chapter resulting from what Chief Justice Burger and others established in 1985 as the American Inns of Court Foundation, www.innsforcourt.org. The mission is to "foster excellence in professionalism, ethics civility, and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students of law in order to perfect the quality, availability, and efficiency of justice in the United States." Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at the Summit Club beginning at 5:15 p.m. Currently Scheduled programs are as follows: January 10, 2008 - Judge Vance. February 2008 - Judge Pulliam. March 13, 2008 - Young Lawyers Section. April 10, 2008 - Judge Lowther.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATIONS

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) is accepting nominations for its 2008 Annual Public Service Award, which will be presented on August 8, 2008 in New York, New York. Nomination forms must be received on or before January 31, 2008. For more information on the award, contact Sarah J. Crooks, NCWBA Awards Chair at Perkins Coie LLP, 1120 NW Couch Street, Tenth Floor, Portland, OR 97209-4128. Telephone: (503) 727-2252. E-mail: scrooks@perkinscoie.com, or visit the NCWBA website at www.ncwba.org/publicservice.html.

BIRMINGHAM METRO DIVERSITY COALITION

The mission of the Birmingham Metro Diversity Coalition is: to serve as a catalyst for one community living in harmony, where diverse, independent leaders create understanding, justice and unity through honest dialogue, principled advocacy and courageous engagement on issues related to human dignity and equality; to create systematic, constructive dialogue among broadly-representative leaders to build community, consensus and action agenda on issues related to Birmingham metro area's growing diversity; and to support the missions and activities of its member organizations.

<http://www.birminghammetrodiversitycoalition.org/>. To that end, the Coalition, in partnership with the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce seeks to honor individuals, institutions or organizations within the Birmingham Metropolitan Area whose contributions/works/initiatives best represent the mission of the BMDC and invites nominations according to the following guidelines. [Diversity Award Nomination Form.pdf](#). The award will be presented at the MLK Unity Breakfast in January 2008. Please note that the deadline for nominations has been extended. For more information, please contact Birmingham Metro Diversity Coalition, c/o Operation New Birmingham, 505 20th St. N. Ste. 150, Birmingham, AL 35203. Phone: 205.324.8797.

Fax: 205.324.8799. Point of Contact: Aaron Carlton aaroncarlton@bellsouth.net.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The ABA Section of Litigation Committee on Corporate Counsel presents its 27th annual CLE seminar in February, 2008. This year's seminar is especially designed with the in-house lawyer in mind and the outside counsel with whom they work. It's a terrific opportunity for outside counsel to gain a better understanding of how in-house work and for both in-house and outside counsel to network with each other. Of particular interest to women are two programs on Saturday, February 16th that are co-sponsored by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession: -- "Women of Color in the Legal Profession: Why It Means Success for Everyone" will address concrete steps that can be taken to ensure that women lawyers of color succeed. -- The Women's Networking Lunch offers you an opportunity to interact with your female colleagues and discuss issues impacting women.

For more information about the CLE seminar and to register, visit <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/committees/corporate/calendar.html>.

FIRST LIGHT - www.firstlightshelter.org

The 10th annual First Light Gala has been scheduled for Saturday, February 9th, 2008 at 6pm at the Cahaba Grand Conference Center! As always, we will have Fine Art, Fine Wine and Great Getaways to be auctioned off in our live and silent auctions.

Ken Jackson will be our auctioneer for the evening, as well as this year's Honoree! For several years, Ken has graciously donated his time and expertise to help the First Light Gala become a major fundraiser generating considerable support for the organization. Joy O'Neal will be honored as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year for her incredible dedication to First Light and the women and children we serve. Event sponsorships are \$5,000 and include 16 individual tickets, 2 reserved tables, acknowledgement in the invitation and a full page ad in the program. Table sponsorships are \$2,000 and include 8 individual tickets, one reserved table, acknowledgement in the invitation and credit in the program. Individual Tickets are \$150 each. Tickets are on sale now! Each sponsored table and individual ticket includes dinner, the silent and live auctions, and an open bar including beer, wine, soda and water. A cash bar will be available for mixed drinks.

Please contact volunteer Shannon Horsley at 323-4277 or flcoordinator@yahoo.com should you have any questions.

PROFILES 2008 CALENDARS

Connecting Women In Business Through Publications, Events & the Internet.

New calendars are available from the Women's Exchange, Inc. Please contact Linda Brooks Geiss by phone at 205-967-0085 or e-mail linda@womens-exchange.com to get additional information. You may also view the organizations website at www.womens-exchange.com.

HOLY FAMILY CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL

Father Alex Steinmiller of Ensley is looking for 12 internships for the members of his college preparatory class. The students would work one day per week during the school year in a business setting and would all be from disadvantaged backgrounds and have distinguished themselves academically. Holy Family is Birmingham's oldest Catholic high school, the result of the Passionist Community coming to Birmingham to serve the African-American Community in 1938. Currently over 95% of Holy Family's graduates go to college. Additional information can be found at <http://www.hfcrhs.com/> and Fr. Alex may be reached at 205-781-3860.

The latest edition of the Cumberland School of Law newsletter is now available. Please point your internet browser to <http://www.samford.edu/schools/law/news/currentnews.pdf> to view the newsletter.

Articles

FAMOUS QUOTES

Horace Mann was born in 1796 to a poor farm family in Franklin, Massachusetts. As a child, he was educated in the local one-room schoolhouse. He graduated from Brown University, where he had prepared for a career in law, but he instead became an educator and a state senator.

In a commencement address to the Antioch College of Ohio graduating class of 1859, he said: "**be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity**". It was his last public address.

Horace Mann spent a lifetime advocating for public education for every child, temperance, abolition, hospitals for the mentally ill, and women's rights.

It is documented by Joseph N. Kane in Famous First Facts (New York, 1934), p. 361, that Mann was instrumental in the appointment of Rebecca M. Pennell on September 15, 1852 as the first woman professor of any American college to receive the same rank and pay as her male colleagues. She was also allowed to attend faculty meeting.

Horace Mann is the subject of the PBS documentary "School: The Story of American Public Education", narrated by Meryl Streep, which chronicles the development of our nation's public education system from the late 1770's to the 21st Century.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Section's Annual Meeting was held on November 13, 2007 at the beautiful Southern Progress Building. We had a wonderful turnout and a lovely event.

Ashley Hattaway, the outgoing Chair of the Section acknowledged the hard work of the following 2006-2007 Officers, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, and Board Members: Chair - Ashley Hattaway, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect - Leatha Gilbert, Secretary - Honora Gathings, Treasurer - Mary Lynn Bates, Immediate Past Chair - Frances King Quick, Corresponding Secretary - Judge Virginia Vinson, Historian - Pam Blalock, NCWBA Representative - Pat Moore, Liaison with ASB - Sherrie Phillips, Membership Chair - Judge Frannie Horn, Membership Co-Chair - Rebecca Amthor, Newsletter and Public Relations Chair - Michelle Obradovic, Newsletter and Public Relations Co-Chair - Christi Graham, Social and Entertainment Chair - Rhonda Caviedes Andreen, Social and Entertainment Co-Chair - April Rogers, Programs Chair - Kate Thornton, Programs Co-Chair - LaBella Alvis, Projects Chair - Khristi Driver, Projects Co-Chair - Angie McEwen, Service Award Chair - Brendette Brown Green, Service Award Co-Chair - Anne Mitchell, Leadership Development Task Force Chair - Frances Heidt, Leadership Development Task Force Co-Chair - Judge Debra Goldstein, Pinstripe & Pearls Panel Task Force Chair - Alicia Haynes Pinstripe & Pearls Panel Task Force Co-Chair - Georgia Haggerty, Board Member - Gail Barber, Board Member - Linda Cole (end of term), Board Member - Deane Corliss, Board Member - Shayana Boyd Davis, Board Member - Leatha Gilbert, Board Member - Monica Graveline, Board Member - Sidney Hoover Board Member - Sammie Kok (end of term), Board Member - Susan Bevill Livingston, Board Member - Shirley McCarty, Board Member - Crystal McMeekin (end of term), Board Member - Patricia Moore, Board Member - Julie Palmer (end of term), Board Member - Julie Pearce (end of term), Board Member - Candi Peoples and Board Member - Katy Willis.

Ashley Hattaway then gave out the Distinguished Service Awards. Each year the Section recognizes those members that have gone above and beyond in their service to the Section. The following were the recipients of the award: O. Tameka Wren, Kate Thornton, LaBella Alvis, Anne Moses, Sidney Hoover, Janine Smith,

The Section members in attendance then voted and elected the following Officers and Board Members: Chair - Leatha Gilbert, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect - Pam Blalock, Secretary - Rhonda Caviedes Andreen, Treasurer - Sidney Hoover, Board Member - Alicia Haynes, Board Member - LaBella Alvis, Board Member - Judge Virginia Vinson, Board Member - Mary Lynn Bates and Board Member - Honora Gathings.

Finally at the end we gave out our great door prizes. The following generously contributed the prizes: Santa Fe Day Spa, Barry Pate Massage Therapist, Maureen Muecke, MD, Ocean Restaurant, Freedom Court Reporting, Southern Progress/Time, Inc., Southern Living at Home, and The Junior League of Birmingham.

CORDELL HULL SPEAKER'S FORUM

The Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum and Cumberland's Trial Board co-sponsored a program on November 15 on the Prosecution and Defense of Sexual Offenders in the Moot Court Room. The Panel was comprised of Assistant A.G. Joshua Bearden ('03), who is assigned to the Family Protection Unit and Criminal Defense Attorney John A. Lentine ('87), who is listed in The Best Lawyers in America. The program was outstanding, was well attended and a buffet lunch was served in the Great Room following the forum.

A portrait of Cordell Hull (1891) hangs in the Moot Court Room. After graduating from Cumberland, he served in the Tennessee House of Representatives for five years and then as a captain in the Spanish-American War. He served 11 terms in the U.S. House and then in 1933, he was appointed Secretary of State by Franklin D. Roosevelt; serving 11 years until he retired from public office to help create the United Nations. In 1945, Cordell Hull was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Speaker's Forum strives to honor the dedication, wisdom, and energy of Cordell Hull. Past forum topics have ranged from legal history to politics to leadership and past speakers have included Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, United States Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas, Attorney General Janet Reno, Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Author John Grisham and Criminal Defense Attorney, Tom Mesereau. You may contact the Speaker's Forum at cordell@samford.edu.

RACE FOR THE CURE

The "Pinstripes and Pearls" team raised \$2,270 to fund education, research, detection and treatment of cancer! 2007 team members for the Birmingham Race for the Cure included Tyler Forsythe, Marcie Foster, Leatha Gilbert, Ashley Hattaway, Sidney Hoover, Carolyn Lam, April Robinson, Janine Smith, Judge Virginia Vinson and Khristi Doss Driver. An additional \$3,000 was raised by the Lawyers for the Cure sponsorship program.

GARDENING FOR DECEMBER

Who has time to garden? Fortunately, there's not much to do. Houseplants and outdoor plants moved into the garage or basement may need just a little love to hang on until Spring. Reduced light and temperature also means reduced growth, so don't fertilize. Water minimally, but not so much that the soil pulls away from the pot. If the air feels dry in the house, group plants together to increase humidity or put out some pans of water. If you buy potted holiday plants, like poinsettias, mistletoe, ivy, and holly berries, remember that they can cause illness if eaten by children or pets.

If you really miss your garden, try reading a favorite garden book. It can also be fun to hang a suet basket outside your window and watching the birds for a little while.

RECIPES

#1 Tip - No turkey for the next few weeks! Nobody wants it, no matter how creative you are with the leftovers.

Thai Roast Chicken with Rice & Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large roasting chicken, preferably organic/free-range

- 1 Tbsp. (or more) dark soy sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 cups Thai jasmine rice (this will serve approx. 5 people)
- 5 cups chicken broth
- Thai sweet chili sauce for serving on the side
- extra dark soy sauce for serving on the side
- 1 cup extra chicken broth for serving over each plate at the last moment
- generous handful of fresh coriander, roughly chopped
- 4-5 spring onions, finely sliced
- optional: vegetables for roasting, such as sweet potato, potato, onion, parsnips, and carrots

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place chicken in roasting pan with up to 1/4 cup water in the bottom of pan.
2. Pour dark soy sauce over chicken, using your hands to slather the sauce evenly over the skin (use more than 1 Tbsp. for larger chickens, or until surface is evenly darkened).
3. Cover and roast slowly in the oven (at 325 degrees). After 1 hour, remove from oven and spoon the juices from the bottom of the roaster over chicken. Return to oven for another hour.
4. Remove chicken from oven and spoon juices over once again. Then place chopped vegetables (if using) alongside chicken in the bottom of the roaster, stirring until veggies are well-covered with juices. Cover and return roaster to the oven.
5. While chicken and vegetables are roasting, prepare rice and fixings. Place chicken broth in a pot over high heat and add rice, stirring several times to loosen rice from the bottom.
6. Wait until broth reaches a bubbling boil, then turn heat down to medium-low (number 2 or 3 on the dial) and cover with lid so that the lid is 3/4 covering pot (just allowing enough room for steam to escape).
7. When the broth has been absorbed by the rice (after approximately 20 minutes), turn off the heat but leave pot on the burner. Close lid over pot and allow to remain sitting on the warm burner until ready to serve (this will allow the rice to "steam", and any grains that are still firm will soften. It will also keep the rice hot until you're ready to eat.).
8. After 3 hours, chicken should be golden-brown and vegetables well-roasted (if not, return the roaster to oven for another 30 minutes).
9. Place roasted chicken on a serving platter, with roasted vegetables alongside. (Optional: add sprigs of rosemary if you wish to dress up the roast a little - see picture on the right.)
10. Along with the chicken and vegetables, also place on the table the rice, plus a hot bowl of broth, a bottle of dark soy sauce, a bowl of fresh coriander mixed with spring onion, and the sweet chilli sauce (if using).
11. To eat, each person should start with a generous portion of rice. Place a piece (or slices) of chicken on top of rice. On top of this, pour a few drops (or up to 1/4 tsp.) of dark soy sauce, and sprinkle over a little coriander and spring onion. Finally, spoon 1-2 Tbsp. of broth over your plate. Mix altogether until rice, chicken, and other ingredients are thoroughly incorporated. Enjoy! (For those who like it spicy, add up to 1 tsp. Thai sweet chilli sauce to the mixture). Enjoy the roasted vegetables as a side dish.

Saucy Stir-fry Bean Sprouts

For best results, wash the bean sprouts ahead of time, so that they have a chance to drain thoroughly.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (about 2 ounces) mung bean sprouts
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- salt to taste
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil for stir-frying
- few drops of Sesame oil

PREPARATION:

Wash and drain the bean sprouts, trimming the ends if desired. Add oil to a heated wok or heavy skillet. When oil is ready, add

the bean sprouts and stir-fry briefly. Add the soy sauce, sugar and salt. Stir-fry another few seconds and add the sesame oil. Serve hot.

Vegetarian Jambalaya

* Meat lovers can add sausages, shrimp and chicken instead of beans.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups water
- 14 oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1/2 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/8 tsp. fennel seeds, crushed
- 1 cup uncooked long grain rice
- 15 oz. can butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 15 oz. can red beans, rinsed and drained
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PREPARATION:

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion, green bell pepper, celery, and garlic in hot oil until tender, about 3-4 minutes, stirring frequently. Add water, tomatoes, tomato sauce, Italian seasoning, cayenne and fennel seed. Bring to a boil and add rice. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes until rice is tender, stirring frequently. Add beans and cover. Simmer 5-10 minutes longer or until well heated, stirring frequently. To freeze, cool casserole in refrigerator and ladle into plastic freezer containers. Seal and freeze. To reheat, place frozen jambalaya in saucepan and heat over very low heat, breaking up and stirring frequently, until hot. Serves 6-8

Ham Stuffed Manicotti

INGREDIENTS:

- 14 manicotti pasta shells
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup butter or olive oil
- 3 cups cooked cubed ham
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 6 Tbsp. butter or olive oil
- 6 Tbsp. flour
- 3 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

PREPARATION:

Cook manicotti as directed on package. Drain, rinse in cool water and set aside. Meanwhile, cook onion, garlic, and green bell pepper in 4 Tbsp. butter or olive oil until tender. Add ham and set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Stir in 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese. In another heavy saucepan, cook 6 Tbsp. butter or olive oil until foamy. Stir in flour and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture bubbles, about 3 minutes. Add milk, and cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens. Stir in cheese. Mix 1/4 of cheese sauce with ham mixture.

Fill manicotti shells with ham mixture (your fingers work best for this; it's messy, but most efficient). Spread about 1/2 cup cheese sauce in greased 13x9" glass baking dish and arrange filled shells over sauce. If there is any leftover stuffing, just sprinkle it over the filled shells. Pour remaining cheese sauce over filled manicotti. At this point the casserole can be cooled in the refrigerator, then wrapped and frozen up to 3 months. To thaw and reheat, thaw casserole overnight in refrigerator, then uncover, sprinkle with 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, and bake at 350 degrees F for 40-50 minutes. If not freezing casserole, sprinkle with 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese and bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes until bubbly. Serves 8

Rocky Road Fudge Bars

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened, reserving 2 oz. for frosting
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- Reserved 2 oz. cream cheese
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

PREPARATION:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour 13x9-inch pan and set aside. In large saucepan, melt 1/2 cup butter and 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate over low heat, stirring until completely melted and smooth.

Remove from heat. Stir in 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 eggs, and 3/4 cup chopped nuts; mix well. Spread in prepared pan.

In small bowl, combine 6 oz. of the cream cheese, 1/4 cup butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 Tbsp. flour, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 1 egg; beat 1 minute at medium speed until smooth and fluffy. Stir in 1/4 cup nuts. Spread over chocolate base in pan; sprinkle with chocolate chips.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 25 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle bars with marshmallows. Return bars to oven; bake an additional 2 minutes.

While marshmallows are baking, in large saucepan, combine 1/4 cup butter, 1/4 cup milk, 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate and reserved 2 oz. cream cheese. Cook over low heat, stirring until well blended. Remove from heat; stir in powdered sugar and 1 tsp. vanilla until smooth. Remove bars from oven and immediately pour frosting over puffed marshmallows. Lightly swirl with knife to marble. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Store in refrigerator.

Continuing Legal Education

ABICLE - ALABAMA BAR INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Friday, December 7, Tort Law Update - Birmingham

Friday, December 7, Trial Skills - Montgomery

Wednesday, December 12, Trial Skills - Huntsville

Thursday, December 13, Alabama Update, Huntsville Marriott, Huntsville (see description below)

Thursday, December 20, Alabama Update, Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham (see description below)

ALABAMA UPDATE - Learn about new developments in key areas of Alabama law. An outstanding group of experienced faculty members will update you on recent case law, statute changes, and trends that are sure to affect the way you practice in the year 2008. Topics this year will include tort law, criminal defense, bankruptcy, employment, real estate, and ethics. 6 MCLE Credit Hours, including 1 hour of ethics. \$275. To Register for these or other seminars: Phone: Call 1-800-627-6514 or 1-205-348-6230 Internet: You also may register online at <http://www.abicle.org>

ALABAMA CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Contact Judy Keegan for more information at judy.keegan@alabar.org or www.alabamaadr.org

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(800) ADR-FIRM or www.mediationmedia.com or troy.smith@mediationmedia.com

December 6, 7, and 8, 2007 – Birmingham, AL

December 10, 11, and 12, 2007 – Huntsville, AL

December 13, 14, and 15, 2007 – Mobile, AL

BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION

December 5 - Basic Skills in Divorce, Bankruptcy, Criminal and Probate Law

December 7 - Plaintiff v. Defendant - the Fight Over Mass Torts

December 14 - Recent Developments in Civil, Criminal, and Domestic Law

December 18 - Recent Developments and Recurring Problems in Employment Law

December 19 - Effective Opening Statements and Closing Arguments

December 20 - Ethics and Professionalism - Avoid Becoming Ethical Road Kill

On demand CLE available at www.birminghambar-u.org.

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW CLEs:

Call 205-726-2391 to register by phone.

December 7 Annual Employment Law Update

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Executive Board

Board Term Expires in 2008

Shayana Boyd Davis, Patricia N. Moore, Leatha Gilbert, Susan Bevill Livingston, Monica B. Graveline

Board Term Expires in 2009

Deane Corliss, Gail Barber, Katy Willis, Candi Peebles, Sidney Hoover, Shirley McCarty

Board Term Expires in 2010

LaBella Alvis, Mary Lynn Bates, Honora Gathings, Alicia Haynes, Hon. Virginia Vinson

2008 Committee Chair and Co-Chair Assignments:

Membership

(Assists in updating membership databases and organizes a project or event that will increase membership and improve retention.)

Rebecca Amthor, Chair

Hon. Teresa Pulliam, Co-Chair

Newsletter and Public Relations

(Publishes the Notitia in collaboration with other Committees and the BBA, liaison with the Birmingham Bar Journal, the Alabama Lawyer and local media outlets.)

Christi Graham, Chair

Michelle Obradovic, Co-Chair

Social and Entertainment

(Plans Annual Meeting, another large event and several social gatherings.)

April Rogers, Chair

Janine Smith, Co-Chair

Programs

(Plans a large program and special programs in addition to the Annual Meeting.)

Tameka Wren, Chair

Theresa Minor, Co-Chair

Projects

(Identifies projects benefiting the YWCA and organizes events benefiting other non-profits and coordinates charitable donations.)

Crystal McMeekin, Chair

Marcie Braswell, Co-Chair

Service Award

(Coordinates Law School Scholarships.)

Brendette Green, Chair

Anne Mitchell, Co-Chair

2008 Task Force Chair and Co-Chair Assignments:

Pinstripes and Pearls

(panel discussion)

Khristi Driver, Chair

Deloris Simmons Owens, Co-Chair

Leadership Development

(assist section members in becoming leaders)

Frances Heidt, Chair

Carolyn, Lam, Co-Chair

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ListServ

The WLS has a Yahoo! listserv that is maintained by Candi Peeples. To join: (1) send an email to bba_women-subscribe@yahoogroups.com (That's bba "underscore" women "dash" subscribe @ yahoogroups.com); (2) when you receive an email back from Yahoo! asking you to confirm the fact that you want to be on the list serve, follow the directions in the email. To post messages to the Section, send an e-mail to bba_women@yahoogroups.com. Candi can be reached at 205-871-9550 or candi@shawanderson.com. Online help can be found at the following link: <http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/>

What are the options for reading group messages in email? For each group you belong to, you have the option to control both the frequency of email message delivery and the format of messages:

Frequency Options

- **Individual Emails**
Messages are delivered one at a time to your email inbox. This is the best option if you want to keep up on the latest posts immediately. Email attachments, if included in a message and allowed by your moderator, will be sent directly to you.
- **Daily Digest**
Messages are delivered in batches of 25 or daily, whichever comes sooner. This is the best option if you want to receive fewer mail messages and don't need up-to-the minute posts in your inbox. Email attachments are not available in digests.
- **Only Special Announcements**
This means you will receive email messages only when the group moderator posts a "Special Announcement" message. This is a good option if you want to pass on day-to-day discussion for very busy groups but do want to receive important updates from the group moderator. Keep in mind that usage by each moderator will vary. (The moderator may choose to never use this feature, in which case you would never receive email messages, or may choose to use it frequently.)
- **No Mail / Web Only**
The best option to choose if you prefer to only read messages on the web. Also useful if you need to temporarily put message delivery on hold, for example while you are on vacation. However, keep in mind that (while rare) some groups do not enable the "message archive" feature and for these groups it is not possible to read messages on the web. It is a moderator decision on whether to enable the message archive feature.

Format Options

- **Full Featured**
Includes links giving you instant access to all group features (photos, calendar, profiles, polls, files, etc.), the ability to see all messages to a topic, and a "recent activity module" providing information on new activity in the group over the last seven days. Definitely the best choice for groups that use more than just the message features or groups where you want to take advantage of the message archive.
- **Traditional**
Emails are delivered "as is", without the addition of any links back to the group, except in the footer of the email. The right choice if your email client does not effectively support the "Full Featured" format.

To set any of these options, go to the "Edit Membership" page of your group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GROUPNAME/join> (where "GROUPNAME" is the name of your group). Message frequency options for groups can also be changes from the "Edit My Groups" page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/mygroups?o=2&edit=1> Additional help can be found at:
<http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/messages/messages-01.html>

Guidelines for posting messages

The Women Lawyers Section wants the list-serve to be an active tool, however it is recognized that too much irrelevant traffic will defeat the purpose of the list-serve. The following are some guidelines to use in posting messages. These guidelines are not intended to scare anyone from posting messages or other valuable information. Rather, experiences with other list-serves suggest that guidelines will keep our list-serve running smoothly and effectively.

The following types of messages are NOT appropriate.

- 1) Marketing by list members or others.
- 2) Political announcements or petitions.
- 3) Political solicitation, including campaign materials.
- 4) Any other message not directly related to or of particular interest to section members . This category includes jokes (even funny ones), warnings about internet scams and viruses and chain messages.
- 5) Any kind of inflammatory, discriminatory or personal attacks.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines!