

Announcements

Welcome to the February 2008 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. Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2007 - Nov. 30, 2008. Here is a generic membership form: [BBA Membership Renewal.pdf](#) - You will need to put your name somewhere on the form and return it to the Bar.

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:

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Please submit your articles or photos or reminders for the March 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 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's Section of the Birmingham Bar invites you to a "**Champagne & Chocolates**" Valentine's celebration on Tuesday, **February 12, 2008** from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The event is hosted by Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC and will take place at its offices, which are located at 2224 1st Avenue North (between The Wine Loft and Steel). The desserts will be catered by Kathy G. & Company. Please R.S.V.P. to 326-3336. We hope you will join us!

Reminders for Non-Section Activities and Events:

COFFEE WITH THE JUDGES

Rescheduled from January 25th to Friday, **February 8, 2008** because of the State Judges Mid-Winter Conference in Huntsville. Judge Vowell's Courtroom, Rm. 370, in the Jefferson County Courthouse from 8 til 9. Sponsored by Anne Moses, Charlie Moses and Michelle Obradovic - Moses & Moses, P.C. Hope to see you there!

GALA - 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.

CRYSTAL BALL

UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center Crystal Ball honoring the Crippled Children's Foundation, Saturday **February 9, 2008** at The Club. The event will begin at 6:30 pm and the dress is black tie. Individual tickets are \$250.00 per person and more information can be obtained by calling 934-4469.

For more information, contact:

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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: **February 14, 2008** - Judge Pulliam. March 13, 2008 - Young Lawyers Section. April 10, 2008 - Judge Lowther.

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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>.

February 19, 2008 - 1:00 p.m. EST/12:00 p.m. CT/10:00 a.m. PT - The NCWBA's first webinar in 2008 will feature an insightful discussion about the findings reported in the NAWL 2007 Survey of the Status of Women in Law Firms. The webinar speakers will discuss the survey results, what these findings reveal about the progress of women in law firms and what can and should be done by women attorneys and their law firms to address the survey results. This webinar is part of a continuing web conference series sponsored by the NCWBA in cooperation with Foley & Lardner LLP. NAWL is a co-sponsor of this webinar. A final brochure will be distributed shortly. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this insightful discussion from the comfort of your home or office. If you have any questions, please contact NCWBA Board Member, E. Lynn Grayson at 312/923-2756 or via email at lgrayson@jenner.com. [Save The Date - NCWBAs First Webinar In 2008.pdf](#)

American Mock Trial Association Regional Mock Trial Tournament

Samford and UAB are jointly sponsoring this tournament and with little more than a month to go, John Grimes 205.329.9112 and Mark Baggett 205.726.2011 are asking you to volunteer to serve as a judge. Recent trial experience is not not required. Undergraduates from 22 colleges and universities all across the southeast are participating. The purpose of the Tournament is to give these students, many of whom are interested in applying to law school, a chance to hone their advocacy skills. At least 30 judges are needed for each of the 4 rounds. Each round lasts about three hours. Please click this link to find the flyer and registration form: [Regional Tournament Flyer 090407.pdf](#) **FEBRUARY 22-23, 2008 - Round 1: 1:00 pm and Round 2: 6:00 pm Friday & Round 3: 9:00 am and Round 4: 2:00 pm Saturday.** Judge's Meeting will convene one hour before each round. Lots of food will be provided. Location is Brooks Hall, Samford University (located between the Law School and the Chapel and across from the science center).

SHARING SUCCESS -- A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN LAWYERS

As a member of the planning committee for this seminar, Lana Alcorn of Lightfoot, Franklin & White extends a very special invitation to you for this one-of-a-kind seminar for defense trial lawyers, corporate counsel and claims attorneys on **March 6-7, 2008** in Phoenix, Arizona. This seminar will enhance the skills of all female attorneys as they work together to defend the corporate client. The program boasts distinguished faculty from around the country, including in-house lawyers from some of the most recognized companies in the U.S., experienced and successful trial lawyers, and nationally prominent marketing and trial consultants. In addition, there is a corporate counsel breakout session open only to in-house counsel which will provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss issues unique to corporate counsel. This is a great way to hone your trial and business development skills while getting to meet and network with terrific female lawyers from all across the country. I hope to see many of you in Phoenix! It would be great to have a big group of Alabama lawyers attend! Lana - (205) 581-1514 (direct dial).
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Articles

FAMOUS QUOTES

Atticus Finch: Do you know what a compromise is?

Scout: Bendin' the law?

Atticus Finch: Uh, no. It's an agreement reached by mutual consent. Now, here's the way it works. You concede the necessity of goin' to school, we'll keep right on readin' the same every night, just as we always have. Is that a bargain?

Wanda: Aristotle was not Belgian, the principle of Buddhism is not "every man for himself", and the London Underground is not a political movement. Those are all mistakes, Otto. I looked them up.

Maximus Decimus Meridius: Brothers, what we do in life... echoes in eternity.

OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE - Supporting Research at UAB

Did you know? According to the American Cancer Society, 20,000 women will be diagnosed this year with ovarian cancer.

Alabama's Ovarian Cancer Car Tag was created to fund research at UAB Hospital and spread awareness statewide that there is no reliable screening test for ovarian cancer, so often times the disease goes undiagnosed until the cancer is in its late stages. Once 1,000 tags are purchased, the tags will be made and distributed to the local Departments. **The purchase deadline is June 30, 2008.** Notices will be sent when the tags are ready to be picked up. UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center conducts ovarian cancer biomarker research under the guidance of [Dr. Ronald Alvarez](#).



If interested, please download the Ovarian Cancer Commitment Tag Affidavit: <http://www.ovariancancercartag.com/ovctag/POAform.pdf>. To complete the form, you will need to know your VIN number and make a \$50 check to "License Office". You may mail your affidavit and check to: Angela Lewis/WSKLLC 2323 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203. \$41.25 of each \$50 goes to UAB to fund ovarian cancer research.

For more information, see: Dr. Ronald Alvarez <http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=42227> and the website, Alabama's Ovarian Cancer Car Tag <http://www.ovariancancercartag.com>.

BRITTANY WALDREP



She is the inspiration for Alabama's Ovarian Cancer car tag. In the winter of 2004, a large tumor was discovered on Brittany's left ovary. Brittany had a CA-125 test; the results were normal. A CA-125 test measures a protein found in blood that may be higher in some women with ovarian cancer. It is only accurate in detecting stage I ovarian cancer approximately 50% of the time. Later, Britt's tumor ruptured as it was being surgically removed. Biopsy results showed that it was malignant, stage I, grade one, ovarian cancer. For the next two years, Brittany was a diligent patient. She visited her doctors every three months for check-ups and regular CA-125 tests. But, in the spring of 2006, she began to have stomach pains. Finding no reason, a laparoscopic examination on May 23rd, 2006, revealed that the original cancer had metastasized. By the end of that month, her cancer had begun to form blockages in her intestine. Surgery relieved her immediate pain, but left Britt with a colostomy and an open abdominal wound. Britt desperately wanted to live. She and her family were told, correctly, that this cancer would probably be unresponsive to chemotherapy. Her pain was often unbearable. Still, she endured several rounds of chemo. Before diagnosis, Brittany was enjoying her first 'real' job, post-college, and saving to buy a house. Beautiful, loving, devoted and always ready to go . . . Brittany Kathleen Waldrep died in the early morning hours of July 20, 2006, two months before her 25th birthday.

There was and still is no reliable test for this "silent killer". When Brittany's CA-125 level began increasing, about six weeks prior to her May 2006 diagnosis, the cancer was already in the later stages. Her ultrasound, Pap test and CT scan had initially provided what any doctor would call "normal" results. Brittany had listened to her body when it whispered to her that something was wrong, but without reliable tests, the initial cancer and the metastasized cancer were not immediately detectable. Ovarian cancer takes the lives of thousands of women like Britt every year. Ovarian cancer survivors cannot take the lead in raising awareness; there are too few survivors. Only 45% of women diagnosed with it will be alive in five years and 15,000 of the 20,000 diagnosed this year will fall. Every victim is someone's friend, daughter, sister, mother or wife. Britt's family and friends and the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation ask you to join them in raising awareness to fund research.

THIS I BELIEVE:

“I've only slowly come to realize that good givers are those who learn to receive

The Universe Is Conspiring to Help Us

- By Kevin Kelly

When I was in my 20s, I would hitchhike to work every day. I'd walk down three blocks to Route 22 in New Jersey, stick out my thumb and wait for a ride to work. Someone always picked me up, and I was never late. Each morning, I counted on the service of ordinary commuters who had lives full of their own worries and yet, without fail, at least one of them would do something generous, as if on schedule. As I stood there with my thumb outstretched, the only question in my mind was simply, "How will the miracle happen today?"

Shortly after that job, I took my wages and split for Asia. I've lost track of the number of generous acts aimed at me there, but they arrived as dependably as my daily hitchhiking miracle.

I have developed a belief about what happens in these moments and it goes like this: Kindness is like a breath. It can be squeezed out, or drawn in. To solicit a gift from a stranger takes a certain state of openness. If you are lost or ill, this is easy, but most days you are neither, so embracing extreme generosity takes some preparation. I learned to think of this as an exchange. During the moment the stranger offers his or her goodness, the person being aided offers degrees of humility, indebtedness, surprise, trust, delight, relief and amusement to the stranger.

One year I rode my bicycle across America. In the evenings I'd scout houses for a likely yard to camp in. I'd ring the bell and say, "I'd like to pitch my tent tonight where I have permission. I've just eaten dinner, and I'll be gone first thing in the morning." I was never turned away, not once. And there was always more, like an invitation into their home. My job at that moment was clear: I was to relate my adventure, and in the retelling of what happened so far, they would get to vicariously ride a bicycle across America — a thrill they secretly desired but would never do. In exchange I would get a place to camp and a dish of ice cream.

When the miracle flows, it flows both ways. With each gift the threads of benevolence are knotted, snaring both giver and recipient. I've only slowly come to realize that good givers are those who learn to receive with grace as well. They radiate a sense of being indebted and a state of being thankful. As a matter of fact, we are all at the receiving end of a huge gift simply by being alive. Yet, most of us are no good at being helpless, humble or indebted.

As with my hitchhiking rides, the gift is an extravagant gesture you can count on. No matter how bad the weather, soiled the past, broken the heart, hellish the war, I believe all that is behind the universe is conspiring to help us — if we will humble ourselves enough to let it.

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Listen: Kevin Kelly Reads His Essay

Kevin Kelly is senior maverick at [Wired magazine](#), which he helped launch in 1993. For six years he edited and published the Whole Earth Review. Kelly lives in Pacifica, Calif., where he writes about long-term trends and social consequences of technology.

Kevin Kelly's This I Believe essay was adapted from a Christmas card he sent to family and friends in 2007. [Click on the following link to read Kevin's full message:](#)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=18463814#18463385>



GARDENING FOR FEBRUARY

Have you checked on your houseplants lately? Probably take a water pitcher when you go.

Before You Squish or Spray



Well-meaning gardeners routinely poison and squish every bug they see. However careful observation of nature and the move to organic practices have shown that encouraging “good” bugs, or beneficial insects (the politically correct name) is one way to give Mother Nature a hand. She can do a fine job if we let her. You may not always know why a creature is climbing the clematis, lurking on the lobelia, or sitting in your snapdragon.

Aphids (bad), must be allowed to multiply before the good bugs (lady bugs) will show up for the feast. Rosebuds, like the ones pictured below are injured by the aphids, but the Rose will send out chemical distress signals perceptible to aphid predators. So, be patient, and keep your spray trigger finger occupied with something else. The ladybugs will arrive within a week, will lay their eggs in tall grass near the aphids and the larvae will hatch and make their way to the feast.



In general, beneficial insects are attracted to plants from families including compositae (daisy family); the mint family (all kinds of mints, lemon balm, and more); umbelliferae (carrot family, which includes anything which makes an umbel, or umbrella-like shape in the flower head: parsley, fennel, for instance); and the brassica family, a huge family which includes cabbages, cauliflower, oriental greens, arugula, radish and more. These produce flowers containing the type of nectar which beneficial insects need.

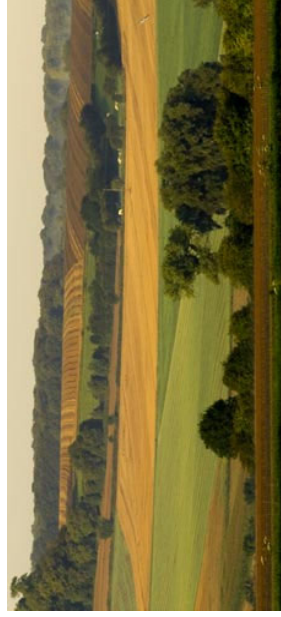


Syrphids - Hoverflies, like hummingbirds perform important pollination and predatory functions in the garden. They resemble slender black and yellow bees. Syrphids larvae prey on many 'bad' bugs, but aphids are their favorite. Once hatched, the legless, worm looking see-through greenish beige, 1/2 inch creature that is slightly pointy at one end will devour aphids. If you look closely, you may see eggs on the undersides of leaves near aphid colonies, arranged symmetrically, laid by the female in groups of one hundred. To attract syrphids, choose plants of the umbelliferae family: fennel, dill, caraway, parsley, coriander, yarrow, or allow carrots to winter over. All produce beautifully symmetrical seed-heads called umbels, attracting a host of beneficial bugs. They also like cornflowers (bachelor buttons), marigolds, chamomile and coreopsis.



RECIPES

Wine and Cheese Starter



Coeur de Rollot - is a soft, rind cheese made from the milk of cows that graze in abundance on the plains from the cliffs of Cap Gris Nez to the valley of the Somme, Picardy, France. It is of medium strength and creamy when young (as evidenced by an

other colored rind), but intensifies with age (as evidenced by a rind with deeper orange hue). Produced in the village of Rollot by the Maroilles Abbey monks, its lingering salty taste was the favorite of Louis XIV. It is complemented best by a Sancerre or Coteaux Champenois. It should be served room temperature or slightly warm with authentic French bread.



- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 head cauliflower, broken into florets
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 1 cup milk
- 3 to 4 tablespoons minced fresh chervil (or 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons dried)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 to 3 tablespoons minced fresh tarragon (or 1 to 1 1/2 tablespoons dried)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons minced fresh chives (or 1/2 to 1 tablespoon dried)

POTAGE AU CHOU-FLEUR DE PICARDIE

- Traditional French Cauliflower Soup, a family recipe.

In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, lightly saute the onion and celery in 1 tablespoon of the butter until softened and lightly golden, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add the cauliflower and stir until lightly colored, about 5 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle in the flour, then cook and stir the mixture for 5 to 10 minutes, until the flour is cooked through. Stir in the stock, then bring it to a boil. Reduce heat and gently simmer, covered, until the cauliflower and celery are tender, about 20 minutes. In a blender, puree the solids with just enough of the cooking liquid to make smooth, then add 1 tablespoon of the chervil and puree again. Return to the pan, stir in the milk, and season with salt and pepper.

WHEN READY TO SERVE: Heat until bubbles form around the edge of the soup. Ladle it into bowls, and garnish each with 1/2 tablespoon of the remaining butter, the remaining chervil, and the tarragon and chives.

Sicilian Chicken with Lemon, Mint & Almonds

1 chicken, cut into serving pieces
10 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
1 cup fresh mint leaves
Juice of 3 lemons
3 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup dry white wine
2/3 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup slivered almonds, lightly toasted

Combine the chicken, garlic, 2/3 cup of the mint, the lemon juice, 1 tablespoon of the olive oil, and salt and pepper to taste in a plastic container. Cover tightly. Refrigerate overnight, or up to 2 days. Remove chicken from marinade and wipe dry. Reserve the marinade. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a skillet. Add the chicken legs, thighs and wings; sauté 20 to 25 minutes, turning several times. Add the breast pieces and sauté for 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove the chicken and keep warm. Discard the fat in the pan, then add the wine and cook over high heat until reduced by half, stirring to incorporate the browned bits on the bottom of the pan. Add the chicken broth and reserved marinade and cook over high heat until reduced to 1/2 cup. Taste for seasoning, then pour the sauce over chicken. Garnish with almonds and the remaining mint.



Italian Braised Pork with Milk Gravy

One 3-pound boneless pork roast

Salt and pepper

Leaves from four 3-inch sprigs fresh rosemary, or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary

2 1/2 cups milk

8 to 10 large garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped

8 to 10 fresh sage leaves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Trim all fat off the roast. Season with salt and pepper and rub it with rosemary. Place the roast in a large, Dutch oven, cover, and bake for 2 hours. Remove the meat from the pan and skim off any fat from the pan juices. Return the roast to the pan. Pour 1/2 cup of the milk into the pan. Add the garlic and sage. Cover and braise until the meat is very tender, about 1 hour, turning once or twice. Add a little more milk, if necessary, to keep 1/4 inch of liquid in the pan. Transfer the roast to a warm platter. Add any remaining milk to the pan and cook over medium heat, stirring continuously, until the mixture turns light brown and thickens to the consistency of heavy cream (you should have about 1 1/2 cups gravy). Carve the roast and spoon some of the cooking juices over each serving. The pork will be very tender and the gravy is delicious.



Bostini Cream Pie

The Custard

- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 2 3/4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 whole egg, beaten
- 9 egg yolks, beaten
- 3 3/4 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 vanilla bean
- 1/2 cup + 1 tablespoon sugar

The Orange Chiffon

- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 3/4 cup extra-fine sugar
- 1 1/3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1/3 cup beaten egg yolks (3 to 4 yolks)
- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup egg whites (about 8 large)
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

The Chocolate Glaze

- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 8 ounces unsalted butter

To prepare the custard: Combine the milk and cornstarch in a bowl; blend until smooth. Whisk in the whole egg and yolks,

beating until smooth. Combine the cream, vanilla bean and sugar in a saucepan and carefully bring to a boil. When the mixture just boils, whisk a ladleful into the egg mixture to temper it, then whisk this back into the cream mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Strain the custard and pour into 8 large custard cups. Refrigerate to chill.

To prepare the chiffons: Preheat the oven to 325°. Spray 8 molds with nonstick cooking spray. You may use 7-ounce custard cups, ovenproof wide mugs or even large foil cups. Whatever you use should be the same size as the custard cups. Sift the cake flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into a large bowl. Add the oil, egg yolks, orange juice, zest and vanilla. Stir until smooth, but do not over-beat. Beat the egg whites until frothy. Add the cream of tartar and beat until soft peaks form. Gently fold the beaten whites into the orange batter. Fill the sprayed molds nearly to the top with the batter. Bake approximately 25 minutes, until the cakes bounce back when lightly pressed with your fingertip. Do not over-bake. Remove from the oven and let cool on a wire rack. When completely cool, remove the cakes from the molds. Cover the cakes to keep them moist.

To prepare the glaze: Chop the chocolate into small pieces. Place the butter in a saucepan and heat until it is just about to bubble. Remove from the heat; add the chocolate and stir to melt. Pour through a strainer and keep warm.

To assemble: Cut a thin slice from the top of each cake to create a flat surface. Place a cake flat-side down on top of each custard. Cover the tops with warm chocolate glaze. Serve immediately.

FRENCH DESSERT WINE - famously sweet.



- 2000 Chateau La Foret
- 2001 Jurancon Moelleux Lapeyre
- 1994 Chateau Ducros Loupiac
- 1997 Chateau La Rame Sainte Croix du Mont
- 1994 Haut Montravel Chateau Dauzan La Vergne

2002 Saussignac Chateau Les Miaudoux

Continuing Legal Education

ABICLE - ALABAMA BAR INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

- 1/31/08 - Professionalism - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 2/08/08 - How to Run a Successful Practice - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 2/15/08 Banking Law B'ham--Cahaba Grand Conference Ctr, (formerly Health South) U.S. 280E
- 2/22/08 Elder Law - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 2/29/082008 Workers' Compensation - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 3/7/08 Damages - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 4/11/08 Guardian Ad Litem - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
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- 4/25/08 Divorce from A to Z - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 5/2/08 Appellate Practice - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
- 5/9-10/08 City & County Government - Orange Beach, Alabama--Perdido Beach Resort
- 5/16/08 Intellectual Property - Tuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law
- 5/23/08 Professionalism-May - B'ham--Cahaba Grand Conference Ctr, (formerly HealthSouth) U.S. 280E

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Contact Judy Keegan for more information at judy.keegan@alabar.org or www.alabamaadr.org
 BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING (3-day, 20 hour CLE course with 3 hours of ethics) - TROY SMITH
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BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION

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

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW CLEs:

Call 205-726-2391 to register by phone.
 February 15 Anatomy for Lawyers featuring Prof. Samuel D. Hodge [Register Online](#) [Brochure](#)
 February 29 Representing Spanish-Speaking Clients featuring Samantha Snow Ward [Register Online](#) [Brochure](#)

Online Courses available anytime: <http://cumberland.fastcle.com/store/provider/provider.php?>

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LORMAN CLEs:

February 20, 2008 - Montgomery - What You Need to Know About Public Records and Open Meetings
Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=182181>

February 26, 2008 - Birmingham - Taking and Defending Effective Depositions
Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=182520>

February 27, 2008 - Birmingham - Discipline of Students With Special Needs
Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=183081>

March 25, 2008 - Mobile - AIA Contracts
Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=183722>

Contacts

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Board Term Expires in 2008

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Board Term Expires in 2009

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Board Term Expires in 2010

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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

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(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://help.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!