

Announcements

Welcome to the January 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.

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://creator.zoho.com/showForm>

Please submit your articles or photos or reminders for the February 2008 Edition of the Notitia to Christi Graham 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. Those who have ordered a lunch will be served at 11:30, with the meeting to begin thereafter. You may bring your own lunch. Regular meeting dates are February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 08, August 12, September 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. You determine how much time you would like to commit during the mentoring process. Many mentors meet their students over coffee, breakfast or lunch. While other mentors talk on the phone or email their student. Female attorneys of all backgrounds are needed and welcomed. Our firm will sponsor a mentor-student reception which will be held in November/December. This 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 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:

UNITY BREAKFAST

22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast - Monday, **January 21**, 2008 at the BJCC
"One Community: Caught In An Inescapable Network of Mutuality, Tied In A Single Garment of Destiny"
Keynote Speaker: Janet Murguía, President & CEO, National Council of La Raza (NCLR) <http://www.nclr.org/>
Founded in 1968, NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington, DC. NCLR serves all Hispanic subgroups in all regions of the country and has operations in [Atlanta](#), [Chicago](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Phoenix](#), [Sacramento](#), [San Antonio](#), and [San Juan, Puerto Rico](#).

As the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States – NCLR works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Through its [network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations](#), NCLR reaches millions of Hispanics each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. NCLR conducts research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas – assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building to its Affiliates who work at the state and local level to advance opportunities for individuals and families.

The Alabama Symphony Orchestra will perform.

Individual Admission - \$16 Tickets may be purchased at the BJCC Ticket Office Reserved Table of 8 - \$160 Table may be made by calling ONB at 324-8797. <http://www.yourcitycenter.com/Home.aspx?ContentID=467&?Save>

BIRMINGHAM METRO DIVERSITY COALITION

The Coalition, in partnership with the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce seeks to honor individuals, institutions and organizations within the Birmingham Metropolitan Area whose contributions/works/initiatives best represent the BMDC. In the Fall of 2008, nominations were solicited. The award will be presented at the Unity Breakfast. For more information, please contact Aaron Carlton aaroncarlton@bellsouth.net at the Birmingham Metro Diversity Coalition, Operation New Birmingham, 505 20th St. N. Ste. 150, Birmingham, AL 35203 - Phone: 205.324.8797. <http://www.birminghammetrodiversitycoalition.org/>.

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 Center! As always, we will have Fine Art, Fine Wine and Great Getaways to be auctioned off in our live and silent

Ken Jackson will be our auctioneer for the evening, as well as this year's Honoree! For several years, Ken has given 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 table tickets, 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 \$250.00. Tickets are on sale now! Each sponsored table and individual ticket includes dinner, the silent and live auctions, 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 16th**, 2008 at 6:30 pm 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 the Justice Burger and others established in 1985 as the American Inns of Court Foundation, www.innsforcourt.org. "to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics civility, and legal skills for judges, lawyers, academicians, and students in order to perfect the quality, availability, and efficiency of justice in the United States." Meetings are the second Tuesday of each 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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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 speakers will discuss the survey results, what these findings reveal about the progress of women in law firms and what should be done by women attorneys and their law firms to address the survey results. This webinar is part of a conference series sponsored by the NCWBA in cooperation with Foley & Lardner LLP. NAWL is a co-sponsor of the series. 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 205-275-2756 or via email at lgrayson@jenner.com. [Save The Date - NCWBAs First Webinar In 2008.pdf](#)

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The ABA Section of Litigation Committee on Corporate Counsel presents its 27th annual CLE seminar in February. This year's seminar is especially designed with the in-house lawyer in mind and the outside counsel with whom they work. 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 19**. One is sponsored by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession: -- "Women of Color in the Legal Profession: 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 affecting women.

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

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 warm invitation to you for this one-of-a-kind seminar for defense trial lawyers, corporate counsel and claims attorneys in February 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona. This seminar will enhance the skills of all female attorneys as they work together to do their best for their corporate client. The program boasts distinguished faculty from around the country, including in-house lawyers from the most recognized companies in the U.S., experienced and successful trial lawyers, and nationally prominent marketing consultants. In addition, there is a corporate counsel breakout session open only to in-house counsel which will provide you with an opportunity to discuss issues unique to corporate counsel. This is a great way to hone your trial and business 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). [08Sharing_final.pdf](#)

HOLY FAMILY CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL

Father Alex Steinmiller of Ensley is looking for 12 internships for the members of his college preparatory class. They would work one day per week during the school year in a business setting and would all be from disadvantaged backgrounds who 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 100 Holy Family's graduates go to college. Additional information can be found at <http://www.hfcrhs.com/> and Fr. Alex Steinmiller 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

(NOT SO) FAMOUS QUOTES (MOSTLY ABOUT APPLES)

"If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe." -- Carl Sagan

"Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand." -- Mother Theresa

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." -- Martin Luther King

"Did perpetual happiness in the Garden of Eden maybe get so boring that eating the apple was justified?" -- Churton

"Pessimism is as American as apple pie - frozen apple pie with a slice of processed cheese." -- George Will

"Good apple pies are a considerable part of our domestic happiness." -- Jane Austen

"The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall." -- Che Guevara

Truth is a fruit that can only be picked when it is very ripe. - Voltaire

"I tell you, all politics is apple sauce." -- Will Rogers

"The apple cannot be stuck back on The Tree of Knowledge; once we begin to see, we are doomed and challenged with the strength to see more, not less." --Arthur Miller

"We are born believing. A man bears beliefs as a tree bears apples." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"It takes a savage or wild taste to appreciate a wild fruit." -- Henry David Thoreau, Wild Apples

You're just like the sweet apple reddening at the highest branch and missed by the apple pickers - No, They did miss. They just couldn't reach so high. -- Sappho

"I went out to the hazel wood,
Because a fire was in my head,
And cut and peeled a hazel wand,
And hooked a berry to a stick,
And put a little silver trout
And when white moths were on the wing,
And moth-like stars were flickering out,
I dropped the berry in a stream
And caught a little silver trout.
When I had laid it on the floor
I went to blow the fire aflame,
But something rustled on the floor
And someone called me by my name;
It had become a glimmering girl
With apple blossom in her hair
Who called me by my name;
And faded through the brightening air.
Though I am old with wandering
Through hollow lands and hilly lands

out where she has gone, And kiss her lips and take her hands; And walk among long dappled grass, And pluck the
times are done The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun." -- William Butler Yeats

To satisfy the sharp desire I had Of tasting those fair apples, I resolv'd Not to defer; hunger and thirst at once Po
persuaders, quicken'd at the scent Of that alluring fruit, urged me so keen. -- John Milton

By the lamp lit stall I loitered, feasting my eyes On colors ripe and rich for the heart's desire— Tomatoes, redder
fire,

Oranges like old sunsets over Tyre, And apples golden-green as the glades of Paradise. -- Wilfrid Wilson Gibson
I love the unfolding beeches in spring, and the pines in winter; the elms I care for afar off, like great aloof men,
admire; but for friendly confidences give me an apple tree in an old green meadow. -- David Grayson

FIRST LIGHT

First Light has been and always will be committed to providing emergency shelter to homeless women and children in Birmingham and the surrounding areas. In our holistic approach to homelessness in general, we have learned that supportive services are the key to deeper and longer-lasting effects. The women we encounter on a daily basis have an inner strength which, if nurtured, empowers them to make significant growth and change. In 2007, First Light has sought new ways to allow us to effect this kind of deeper and lasting change in the lives of our guests. As of Summer 2007, First Light has implemented two new permanent supportive housing programs. We are referring to the first program as Bessemer HUD because it was funded by a grant received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and involves providing housing in the Bessemer area. First Light will be securing 8 apartments in the Bessemer area for guests who have been identified as chronically homeless and meet other qualifications for the program. (A chronically homeless person is defined by HUD as "unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.") The second new program is referred to as Shelter Plus Care. This is a collaborative program combining the efforts of First Light, Pathways and the Jefferson Affirmative Fair Housing Initiative, with First Light acting as the lead agency and providing the direct supportive services. At least twenty-five and/or Pathways' guests who meet the requirements will be issued housing vouchers and will locate and secure a permanent apartment. This grant funds the same services to another 25 women in the following year. Ending chronic homelessness has become such an urgent need that First Light has received matching funds from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for both of these programs. First Light will be providing intensive supportive services and case management for Bessemer HUD and Shelter Plus Care participants- from the time they pre-qualify for the program, through the time they move into their new homes and as they reestablish their independent lives. First Light's mission is to work with homeless women and their children to create hospitality in a safe and nurturing community, encouraging them to maintain dignity, find hope, seek opportunities, and grow spiritually, thereby achieving their full potential. By way of these two programs, we will extend the reach of First Light outside the confines of the structure known as "First Light" to the community at large. New avenues have been opened, encouraging women to regain a sense of hope, to seize opportunities and to harness their inner strength, resulting in lives changed for the better.

GARDENING FOR JANUARY

- Clean yard of any downed or broken branches. Tie any vines or climbers that have come loose from their supports.

- Check stored bulbs and tubers for signs of damage or rot. Discard any that are bad. For dahlias, c
- spots, then dust with sulphur. Store in vermiculite or sawdust.
- Place seed and plant orders.
- If you want to plant fruit trees or shrubs, order your bare root plants now. (Bare root grow faster a
- potted plants purchased later in the season.)
- Organize pots, soil, heating mats, and lights for growing from seed.
- Prepare to start seeds. Calculate the last frost for your region, then count back five to six weeks fo
- date. Sow in seedling mix per instructions on seed packet. Mist as needed to keep soil damp. Watering fr
- encourages stronger root development.
- Prune a couple long branches of forsythia for indoor forcing.
- It's a good time to prune many of your trees and shrubs as long as they are not early spring bloom
- rhododendrons, azalea, and lilac. Apples, grapes, currants, and gooseberries are candidates. Check a goo
- for each plant as instructions vary.
- If you've procrastinated on tool care, now is the time to make sure the mower is serviced and othe
- and sharp.
- Catch up on garden reading and incorporate a few new ideas into this year's plan.

As many avid gardeners have discovered, it's wise to plan your seed order with other gardeners. This will allow money while growing a wider variety of crops and flowers. In addition, some seed companies offer discounts on early bird and/or large orders. Just don't fall into the trap of ordering more than you can use. That's where the n from past years will be useful.

If you need to replace a tiller or want to add a few new gardening tools to your inventory, start comparison shop January. Granted, some of this equipment won't be available for purchase in garden centers for a few more months. Studying catalogs and magazines, talking to friends, and even surfing the Internet now, you will have a better idea of what you want and won't waste valuable time in the spring deciding what to buy.

The same goes for landscape plants. Although you wouldn't be able to plant them now, even if you could buy them now, "time" in gardening is perfect for planning. Start thinking about what you need to fill in gaps in your landscape or plants you'd like to try. It may help to take a walk around your property to visualize where landscape improvements or where you might put in a new flower bed. Think about color, scents, textures, and shapes. Then scout out colors to carry what's on your wish list.

No yard or garden is complete without statuary, gazing balls, sundials, and garden whimsies that make the space yours. Shop now for what you'll need in the spring to accessorize your lawn, garden, and flower beds. Use your imagination. This January get creative in the workshop. Build a bat house or a birdhouse or two. Paint garden furniture. Consider lighting set-ups for growing houseplants or starting transplants indoors. Or install a composting bin in your basement. Add a handful of red worms to turn your vegetable table scraps into rich compost for the garden.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

One easy way to involve your children in family life is to teach them age-appropriate kitchen skills. It will be fun for everyone. Don't forget the camera! Here are some links to resources you might find helpful:

- [Kids Kitchen Cookbook.pdf](#)
- [Xtreme Cuisine Cooking School Activity Booklet.pdf](#)

Ages 3 to 4

Depending on your child's size and motor abilities, small children can fold a napkin in half and place it on a plate or forks. They can also be taught left and right by learning to place forks on the left of a plate, and knives (dull blades)

and spoons to the right. If concerned about sharp tines on forks and knives, you can start with spoons and let the full place setting as they grow.

Ages 5 to 6

Children can be taught to write and design place cards and put them around the table for each family member. They can be taught to set the table with plates and silverware as noted above and to scrape food into the garbage can or garbage bag, rinse them and help you stack them in a dishwasher. They can also help you tidy up the floor.

Ages 7 to 10

It's time to bake! Stirring batters for cupcakes or pancakes is a delightful first cooking lesson for children. Such tasks as lining paper cupcake holders in the tin or buttering them, helping you pour the batter from a two-cup measuring cup, learning the difference between "to the top" and "almost" to the top is as important as helping them see the practical lessons of fractions (1/2 cup or 1/2 teaspoon). Other lessons are prioritizing tasks: organizing all the equipment and ingredients, reading the recipe, determining which tasks to do first, and learning the patience to wait while the cake rises! Other tasks for children can be washing salad greens and drying them in a spinner or icing a cake, forming patties of hamburgers or making an elaborate meatloaf, preparing the ingredients and mixing a salad with homemade dressing, plus creating more elaborate table settings like placing condiments on a table, making a centerpiece for holidays, Depending upon the distance between the table and garbage can, taking out the garbage is age appropriate.

Ages 11 to 13

By this age, your children should easily be able to set---and clear---a table, fill a dishwasher or wash and dry dishes and put them away without breaking anything. Using a peeler for vegetables, a knife for cutting foods, and the stove for boiling or frying are all possibilities, yet still only under adult supervision. Now might be an opportune time to introduce menu selection, choosing what a main course might be, suggested side dishes, and dessert. Reading through your own or others' cookbooks with your children helps them understand that there's more to eat than tacos and hot dogs (although both mastered those), and that they can learn how to prepare a wide variety of meals.

Ages 14 to 18

Sit back, your kids can now serve you breakfast in bed, lunch on the patio or dinner for everyone. At this age, teenagers can prepare a roasted chicken, a baked potato or steam some vegetables, they can go beyond to cut veggies for stir fry, grill a family barbecue for hot dogs, hamburgers, and kebobs, and perhaps move on to sauces, more complex recipes, and even more sophisticated menus. When dining out, encourage the teens to figure out what ingredients are used in the dishes and how they could make this at home. You may not be creating tomorrow's great new chef, but you'll certainly be doing it with who can appreciate what goes into preparing a meal, from the simple to the elaborate.

RECIPES

Roasted Artichoke with Chipotle Aioli

For this appetizer, the sweet tangy richness of the artichoke is complimented by the smoky flavor of the chipotle

- 1 large artichoke
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3/4 cup regular or vegan mayonnaise

- 1/2 tsp hot sauce (optional)
- 1/4 cup enchilada sauce
- juice of one lime (about 2 tbsp)
- dash cayenne (optional)
- 1/2 tsp chipotle powder

In a medium sized pot, place artichoke in water and bring water to a boil. Cover, reduce heat slightly and allow to simmer for 10-15 minutes. Remove artichoke from pot, place in baking pan and drizzle with olive oil, garlic and salt.

Bake artichoke in 400 degree oven for 30-40 minutes, until soft. Meanwhile, blend together mayonnaise, hot sauce, lime, cayenne and chipotle until well mixed. When artichoke is done cooking, allow to cool slightly. To eat, remove the top from the artichoke, dip in chipotle sauce and enjoy!

Mushroom Fondue

This mushroom fondue has a cheesy flavor and is perfect for parties, as an appetizer or for a romantic meal for two.

- 3 tbsp margarine + 2 tbsp
- 1/2 onion, minced
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 vegetarian bouillon cube or 1 tbsp dry veggie broth mix
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 cups soy milk
- 1/2 tsp miso
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp celery salt
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp nutritional yeast (optional)

Sautee garlic, onions and mushrooms in 3 tbsp margarine until soft. In separate saucepan, combine remaining ingredients and simmer until mixture thickens. If your mixture does not thicken, add more flour and mix well.

Allow to cool. Add mushrooms, garlic and onion mix to the soy milk mix and process in a blender or food processor until smooth. Reheat the blended mix, stirring occasionally, and allow to cool slightly before transferring to fondue pot. Suggestions: whole mushrooms, broccoli, bread, cooked and halved baby potatoes, tofu, Tofurkey sausage slices.

Stuffed Peppers with White Wine Risotto

A generous amount of white wine makes this aromatic entree festive enough for any special occasion.

- 4-6 red bell peppers
- 2 tbsp olive oil + 1/4 cup
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 3 scallions
- 4 cloves garlic
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup white wine, separated + 1 tbsp
- 1 cup Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes (re-hydrate if necessary)
- 1 portobello mushroom, halved and sliced

- 1 tbsp margarine
- parmesan cheese (vegan or dairy, optional)

Slice tops off of peppers and scoop out seeds. Place in baking tray. Drizzle with 2 tbsp olive oil, garlic and salt and bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes, or until just barely tender.

Meanwhile, heat [vegetable broth](#) and 1/2 cup wine over low heat til hot, just before simmering.

In a separate large skillet, sautee scallions, garlic cloves in 1/4 cup olive oil. Add rice and mushrooms until rice is not burnt, stirring frequently. Add 1/2 cup white wine and simmer one more minute. Add 1/2 cup of the broth and mushrooms to rice. Allow to cook until the liquid is almost absorbed. Continue adding broth mixture 1/2 cup at a time until rice is done about 30 minutes.

Add 1 tbsp margarine and 1 tbsp wine just before done cooking.

Stuff into peppers. Sprinkle the stuffed peppers with parmesan, if desired, and bake 10 more minutes.

Sangria Recipe

This flavorful chilled sangria is the perfect complement to a romantic dinner.

- 1/4 cup Grand Marnier
- 2 tangerines or oranges, cut into segments
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 lime, sliced
- 1 apple, sliced
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 bottle red wine, your choice

Mix all the ingredients together and allow to sit in fridge at least 2 hours, preferably overnight. Strain, if desired, and serve over ice.

Peach Ambrosia

A delicious southern fruit mixture, featuring peaches and sliced bananas. Top this dessert with a dollop of whipped cream, vanilla yogurt and a few strands of lemon zest.

- 2 cups fresh ripe but firm peach slices
- 1 medium banana, sliced
- 1/2 cup red seedless grapes, optional
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut

Combine peaches, banana, grapes, lemon juice, and sugar. Chill for about 1 hour. Add coconut just before serving. Use as a side for dessert dishes.

Continuing Legal Education

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2/22/08 Elder LawTuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law School
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5/16/08 Intellectual PropertyTuscaloosa--University of Alabama Law
5/23/08 Professionalism-MayBham--Cahaba Grand Conference Ctr, (formerly HealthSouth) U.S. 280E

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Online Courses available anytime:

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LORMAN CLEs:

January 15, 2008 - Birmingham - Affirmative Action Compliance

Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=181678>

January 16, 2008 - Birmingham - Building Codes

Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=181710>

January 18, 2008 - Montgomery - Medical Records Law

Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=181672>

January 23, 2008 - Birmingham - Public Contract Code and Competitive Public Bidding

Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=181666>

January 30, 2008 - Mobile - Building Codes

Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=182366>

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

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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>

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Learn more about this seminar <http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=183722>

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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

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 changed 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!