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## Announcements

### **Welcome to the June - July 2008 Editions of the Notitia!**

The Notitia 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. 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 Beth Carmichael at the Birmingham Bar. 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 Members are: Pam Blalock, Khristi Driver, Ashley Hattaway, Sidney Hoover, Carolyn Lam, Shirley McCarty and Teresa Minor.

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Would you like to work with one of the committees or task forces in 2008 on a particular project or event? Reply to Leatha Gilbert if yes ([lgilbert@gsellerslaw.com](mailto:lgilbert@gsellerslaw.com)).

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Please submit your articles or photos or reminders for the August 2008 Edition of the Notitia to Christi Graham ([cgraham@burr.com](mailto:cgraham@burr.com)) or Michelle Obradovic ([michelle@wiseresolution.com](mailto:michelle@wiseresolution.com)).

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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 June 10, **July 08**, August 12, September 09 and October 14. The November meeting will be the Annual Meeting.

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## **SERVICE JURIS**

Service Juris is a volunteer service initiative of the Birmingham Bar Association and the Magic City Bar Association. The **Women Lawyers Section** through the Projects Committee is also participating in the event this year. Service projects to be accomplished by the BBA on

Saturday June 14, 2008 are at the following locations: Glenwood Autism and Behavioral Center; Ramsay High School; **YWCA My Sister's Closet**; Children Village and possible other locations. We need volunteers from the WLS to join in Service Juris on **Saturday, June 14th** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., with lunch to follow. To sign up for Service Juris 2008 or for more info, please contact Crystal McMeekin (251-2231 or [bbfound@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbfound@bellsouth.net)) or Candi Williams (251-5849 or [candi@handsonbirmingham.org](mailto:candi@handsonbirmingham.org)) or Jodie Smith (254-1109 or [jodie.smith@maynardcooper.com](mailto:jodie.smith@maynardcooper.com)). Please indicate that that you're signing up as a member of the WLS. Thanks for your participation in this project!

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Tuesday **June 17th** at the Birmingham Bar Center. Don't Be Shy! Let Personal Promotion Help Build Your Personal Brand and Law Firm's Brand!

Come join the Women Lawyers Section for this exciting brown-bag lunch. Learn how lawyers, professionals and executives like Rebecca Pritchett, Esq., Khristi Driver, Esq., forensic accountant Kelly Todd, Chef Frank Stitt and financial advisor Stewart Welch brand themselves and align their personal branding with their law firm or company's brand. Ruwena Healy, President of Marketing 24/7, Inc. will be the presenter. Bring your lunch and enjoy the program. Only drinks will be provided. This Lunch and Learn is open to the entire bar. For more information contact Tameka Wren at [otwren@southernco.com](mailto:otwren@southernco.com).

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Thursday **June 26th** from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm the Tres Chic Summer Soiree. Join us for cocktails and hor's d'oeuvres and enjoy the presentation by MAC Cosmetics and Sax Fifth Avenue on work appropriate makeup and clothing from the courtroom to casual Friday. Summer Law Clerks are welcome to attend this event.

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The Bar Foundation will make a \$500 unrestricted donation to the BBA Section selling the most in tickets and sponsorships to the Luck be a Lawyer 2008 Fall Charity Ball. When

ordering tickets & sponsorships, please identify the sale as being for the WLS and request that the WLS receive credit in the competition. The formal gala will be Saturday, **October 25th**, 8:00 p.m., at SOHO Rosewood Hall (2850 19th St. South Homewood). The spacious facilities at the new City of Homewood municipal complex will allow for more casino games; more dancing to the music of Mumbo Jumbo; and, better enjoyment of excellent food & open bar catering. Luck be a Lawyer sponsor levels are \$2,500, \$1,000 & \$500; and, tickets are \$100 per person (\$75 for YLS members). Sponsorships & tickets are available by contacting the Foundation at 251-2231 or [bbfound@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbfound@bellsouth.net) or Anne Durward at 838-9005 or [adurward@msnattorneys.com](mailto:adurward@msnattorneys.com).

### **Reminders for Non-Section Activities and Events:**

Human Trafficking Conference  
"A CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION"

**June 11 - 12, 2008**

Samford University, Brock Recital Hall  
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

What YOU Need to Know About Trafficking in Persons in the United States...

[HT Fillable Registration Form.pdf](#)  
[HTFlyerRegistration.pdf](#)

This is a follow-up to the Fall 2006 luncheon and Spring 2007 Seminar on human trafficking, both sponsored by Zonta and the YWCA, to which the Women Lawyer's Section was invited. The conference should be excellent, only costs about \$20 (covers lunch and snacks) and CLE will be applied for.

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**BBA Annual Picnic, June 13, 2008**

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Birmingham Bar Association's Legal Day of Service, which will be on **June 14, 2008**. If you are interested in serving on the "solo and small firm team, please let the section leadership know. You do not have to be a member of the Birmingham Bar Association to participate, so bring friends and family along. Finally, there are opportunities for financial sponsorship, so if you

have always wanted to have your name on the back of a t-shirt, now is your chance. Thanks and here is some more information! **BIRMINGHAM LAWYERS TO JOIN TOGETHER FOR SERVICE JURIS 2008 ON JUNE 14** Members of the Birmingham Bar Association and the Magic City Bar Association will team with Hands on Birmingham, a local volunteer organization, for a day of service to the Birmingham community from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2008 (the day after the Birmingham Bar Association's annual picnic). Volunteers will meet afterwards for lunch and libations. Hands on Birmingham has identified the following projects for volunteers: (1) Glenwood (the autism and behavioral health center), where volunteers will paint houses and undertake nature trail and wetlands rehabilitation work; (2) Children's Village (which cares for children between ages 6 and 19 who are orphaned, abused, neglected, or have broken family relationships), where volunteers will paint four (4) boys' rooms; (3) My Sister's Closet (an initiative of the Birmingham YWCA that assists women who are in need of career clothes for job interviews and new employment), where volunteers will sort and label donated clothing and put up new shelving; and (4) The Bell Center (which is dedicated to maximizing the potential of children from birth to three years of age who are at risk for developmental delay), where volunteers will clean a playground and toys.

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**BOOK DRIVE FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY FAMILY COURT  
JULY 1st - AUGUST 31st 2008  
SPONSORED BY THE BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION  
WOMEN LAWYERS SECTION**

Please donate your used or new children's books to be used by children visiting Jefferson County Family Court. Children's Books can be donated and a tax receipt obtained at the following locations:

Burr & Forman, 3400 Wachovia Tower, 420 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203, contact Ashley Hattaway (458-5135 or [ahattawa@burr.com](mailto:ahattawa@burr.com))

Birmingham Bar Center; 2021 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203, contact Crystal McMeekin (251-2231 or [bbfound@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbfound@bellsouth.net))

Judge Caryl Privett's Chambers Jefferson County Civil Courthouse,

Room 550, 716 R Arrington Jr. Blvd North, Birmingham, AL 35203,  
contact Judge Privett  
(325-5388 or candace.thompson@alacourt.gov or  
carylprivett@mindspring.com)

Law Offices of Gene Sellers, 3410 Independence Drive, Ste. 200,  
Homewood, AL 35209, contact Leatha Gilbert (870-5500 or  
lgilbert@gsellerslaw.com)

Sirote & Permutt, 2311 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL  
35205, contact Jamie Erdberg (930-5189 or jerdberg@sirote.com)

Judge Virginia Vinson's Chambers Jefferson County Criminal Justice  
Center, Room 705, 801 R Arrington Jr. Blvd North, Birmingham, AL  
35203, contact  
Judge Vinson (214-8683 or vavinson@aol.com)

Waller, Lansden, Dotch & Davis, 1400 Regions Harbert Plaza, 1901 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ave. North, Ste. 1400, Birmingham, AL 35203, contact April Rogers  
(214-6380  
or april.rogers@wallerlaw.com)

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The Sips and Strokes outing is on **July 10th** at the Southside location. The title of the picture we will be painting is "Landscape" and the class is from 7-9:30 p.m. Janine Smith needs an RSVP for our group to make sure there is enough wine for everyone. A reservation must also be made with the gallery and you must provide them with a credit card. Plus, there is a 48 hour cancellation policy of \$30. Reservations can be made by phone or online.

Below is the link to the website:  
<https://www.sipsnstrokes.com>. Janine's email is  
jsmith@burr.com.

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RE: Voices Against Violence Message From  
Martha Jane Patton

Women lawyers work hard, and you give generously of your time and money.

But you are highly selective in what you give, and you want your dollars to go where they are most effectively addressing the root problems in the Greater Birmingham area.

You already know that violence in the home breeds generations of violence, which spills onto the streets. In your law practice you see the ugly

head of domestic violence and its pandemic effects all around us. You understand that it is learned behavior, and that another way can be taught.

You are ready for a coordinated community response, in which all parts of the community and justice system understand the issues and use best practices to address it.

The Women's Section of the Birmingham Bar Association invites you to be a part of a great community effort to reach into every agency and courtroom where domestic violence is at issue, into every police department where victims report, into every school where young minds are formed, into every home where non-violent discipline is taught. "Voices Against Violence," a campaign of the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham which is in its third year of actively seeking a permanent solution to domestic violence in our area, and what a difference two years has made. Funds raised have established, for the first time, connections among the many courts and agencies dealing with this issue locally. Court advocates have been hired to assist victims in court proceedings, and best practices are being put into play in area courts and agencies. Special efforts are being made to hire a special domestic violence prosecutor for Municipal Court.

Let's see what a two-week blitz of raising consciousness and raising money within our Section can do! Your pledge to "Voices Against Violence," in its third year of focus on this issue in the Birmingham area, has made a difference. Women Lawyers Section members have been leaders in the Giving Circle campaign, and the Section has been recognized as a sponsor at VAV functions. All contributors will be invited gather this fall for a gala event to celebrate our 2008 campaign. Special guests for the past two annual affairs have been comedienne Kathy Najimy and Mavis Leno, wife of talk show host Jay Leno.

This year's special guests are our federal and local state judiciary, and our key note speaker will be Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb.

If you wish to join this challenge or remain a part of it as a former giver, please let me know your name and the amount you are willing to contribute by **June 25th**, and if you can send me your check by **June 30th**, that would be great!

Depending on the level of giving we achieve, we may even surpass last year's gifts of \$2,500. Remember that all individual gifts are credited to the Section, if you are a Section member, as well as being tax-deductible to you personally.

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## **2008 Women's Bar Leadership Summit - The Creation, Retention and Promotion Of Women Leaders**

Friday, **August 8**, 2008 - 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.  
Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City

### **2008 Summit flyer and registration.pdf**

Featuring Trailblazer Award Recipient and Speech by Geraldine Ferraro  
Presentation of National Foundation for Women's Bar Association  
Public Service and Outstanding Member Program Awards

#### **TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- **Judicial Leaders: The Future of Women on the Bench**  
Justice Fernande R.V. Duffly, President of the National Association of Women Judges, Mass. Ct. of Appeals  
Judge Nancy Gertner, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts.  
Justice Betty Roberts, retired, Oregon Supreme Court  
Moderator: Lauren Stiller Rikleen, author, *Ending the Gauntlet: Removing Barriers to Women's Success in the Law*.  
The view from the top, the NAWJ Report Card Project, and the impact upon the judiciary of the attrition of women from the profession and strategies for increasing our numbers
- **Bar Leaders: Sharing the Secrets of Our Success**  
Moderator: Debra J. Horn, NCWBA President. Sharing of best practices employed by WBAs within the past year and a discussion of the benefits the NCWBA offers to its members to foster communication and the sharing of information
- **A Conversation on Women's Initiatives**  
Co-sponsored by NCWBA & NAWL  
Facilitators: Karen Kahn and John Mitchell of the national consulting and

coaching firm KM Advisors will lead a discussion of women leaders from firms and organizations sharing their success and challenges in driving Women's Initiatives forward and creating a master list of future steps to support their efforts to promote the success of women lawyers

- Silent Auction of Books Signed by Famous Female Authors to benefit the National Foundation for Women's Bar Associations, the educational and charitable arm of the NCWBA. Some of the signed books include Living History by Hillary Rodham Clinton, Saving Graces by Elizabeth Edwards, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, and many more.
- Networking Reception  
Co-sponsored by NAWJ, NCWBA, NAWL & the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession

The NCWBA Summit is co-sponsored by: the National Association of Women Judges, the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, the National Association of Women Lawyers, the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association Committee on Women in the Law, the New York State Bar Association International Law and Practice Section's Women's Interest Networking Group, & the New York Women's Bar Association.

Women's Bar Leadership Summit 2008 and NCWBA Luncheon Presenting First Annual Trailblazer Award to and Speech by Recipient Geraldine Ferraro

Best Practices: Sharing the Secrets of Success - Please describe one or more best practices, programs, ventures, or projects that your bar association organized or participated in within the past year. Include the challenges faced and the benefits achieved. Provide any advice to others who might desire to implement such programs or projects, including the name and contact information of a person who can answer questions. If you created flyers, programs or written materials, please provide them. Kindly limit the written description of the program(s) to a one page Word document and submit it electronically to [pberman@apslaw.com](mailto:pberman@apslaw.com) on or before July 15, 2008, so that it can be included in the written materials distributed at the NCWBA 2008 Annual Leadership Summit. If you have

questions, please call Pam Berman @ 617-603-0552. Thank you.

## Articles

THIS I BELIEVE - NPR

A Goal of Service to Humankind by Anthony Fauci

Listen Now *[4 min 51 sec]*



**“One of the by-products of being a perfectionist and constantly trying to improve myself are sobering feelings of low-grade anxiety and a nagging sense of inadequacy**

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**This anxiety keeps me humble.”**

I believe I have a personal responsibility to make a positive impact on society. I've tried to accomplish this goal by choosing a life of public service. I am a physician and a scientist confronting the challenge of infectious diseases. I consider my job a gift. It allows me to try and help alleviate the suffering of humankind.

I have three guiding principles that anchor my life, and I think about them every day.

First, I have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Knowledge goes hand-in-hand with truth -- something I learned with a bit of tough love from my Jesuit education first at Regis High School in New York City and then at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. I consider myself a perpetual student. You seek and learn every day: from an experiment in the lab, from reading a scientific journal, from taking care of a patient. Because of this, I rarely get bored.

Second, I believe in striving for excellence. I sweat the big and the small stuff! I do not apologize for this. One of the by-products of being a perfectionist and constantly trying to improve myself are sobering feelings of low-grade anxiety and a nagging sense of inadequacy. But this is not anxiety without a

purpose. No, this anxiety keeps me humble. It creates a healthy tension that serves as the catalyst that drives me to fulfill my limited potential.

This has made me a better physician and scientist. Without this tension, I wouldn't be as focused.

I have accepted that I will never know or understand as much as I want. This is what keeps the quest for knowledge exciting! And it is one of the reasons I would do my job even if I did not get paid to come to work every day.

Third, I believe that as a physician my goal is to serve humankind.

I have spent all of my professional life in public service. Most of it involved in research, care of patients, and public health policy concerning the HIV-AIDS epidemic. When I chose to concentrate on AIDS in the 1980s, many of my colleagues thought I was misguided to be focusing all of my attention on what was then considered "just a gay man's disease." But I felt that this was my destiny and was perfectly matched to my training. I knew deep down that this was going to become a public health catastrophe. I am committed to confronting the enormity of this global public health catastrophe and its potential for even greater devastation.

Failure to contain it cannot be an option. I believe that to be even marginally successful in working to contain this terrible disease, I must be guided by these principles. I must continually thirst for knowledge, accept nothing short of excellence and know that the good of the global society is more important and larger than I am.

*Dr. Anthony Fauci is director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. His research focuses on HIV/AIDS, asthma, allergies and other ailments. He advises the government on the global AIDS crisis and threats related to bioterrorism.*

## **RECIPES**



### **Summer Squash**

2 lbs squash and/or zucchini, sliced  
1 green bell pepper, seeds removed, sliced  
2 smallish tomatoes or one large tomato, peeled and cut into wedges  
1/2 yellow onion, peeled and sliced  
1 clove of garlic, chopped  
Olive oil  
5 or 6 slices of cheese - jack or cheddar  
Basil, either dry or chopped fresh  
Salt and pepper

**1** Put onion, garlic, squash, bell pepper into a large saucepan with a couple of tablespoons of olive oil. Put on high heat and brown the vegetables slightly to develop flavor. As you are browning, sprinkle either dried basil or chopped fresh basil on the vegetables. When vegetables are slightly browned, remove from heat, add the slices of cheese, and cover the pan.

**2** In a separate stick-free fry pan, put the tomatoes and cook at medium hi heat for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. You want to let the juice from the tomatoes evaporate some. After 5 minutes, add the tomatoes to the rest of the vegetables and stir. Salt and pepper to taste.

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### **Moroccan Spiced**

#### **Grilled Chicken Breasts Recipe**

1/2 cup plain yogurt  
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (or 1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander)  
1 Tbsp olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, minced

1 1/2 teaspoons paprika  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts

**1** Mix the marinade ingredients (yogurt, cilantro, olive oil, garlic, paprika, cumin, salt, and pepper) together in a medium sized bowl. Add the chicken pieces to the bowl and thoroughly coat with the marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator from 6 to 10 hours.

**2** Heat your grill on high heat if you are using a gas grill, or prepare coals for direct heat if you are using charcoal. If you do not have a grill you can use a cast-iron grill pan on your stove. Grill the chicken breasts a few minutes on each side, until cooked through. Take care not to overcook, as chicken breasts can easily dry out.

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### **Grilled Bacon-Wrapped Stuffed Hot Dogs Recipe**

1 teaspoon ketchup  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
4 large hot dogs, knockwurst, or kielbasa  
1/2 ounce cheddar cheese, cut into long sticks  
2 Tbsp chopped onion  
1 cup refrigerated sauerkraut, drained, roughly chopped  
4 slices bacon  
Vegetable oil  
4 long hot dog buns

**1** Prepare your grill for direct medium high heat.

**2** Mix together the ketchup and mustard in a small bowl. In a separate bowl, mix the sauerkraut with the chopped onion, set aside. Slice open the hot dogs, down the center, lengthwise, forming a deep pocket in each, but not cutting all the way through. Coat the inside of each hot dog with the mustard ketchup mixture.

**3** Place a strip of cheese deep within the pocket of each hot dog. Top with sauerkraut and onions. Encapsulate the cheese at the ends with the

sauerkraut mixture as well, so that no cheese is exposed (otherwise it will drip out when cooking).



**4** Wrap a strip of bacon around each stuffed hot dog, securing with toothpicks at each end. Make sure you wrap tight enough so that the stuffing stays in, but not so tight so that when the hot dog expands while cooking the bacon would tear.



**5** Coat your grill surface with vegetable oil so that the hot dogs don't stick. If you have a grill screen (a screen with smaller holes so that small pieces of whatever you're cooking don't fall through the grill), you can use it, just coat it with vegetable oil first and pre-heat for a couple of minutes. Place the stuffed hot dogs on the grill, stuffing side down. Grill for 2 minutes, until the bacon on that side is cooked, turn the hot dogs a quarter turn and grill for a couple more minutes. Continue to grill for a few minutes each on all sides until the bacon is cooked. Cover the grill in between turnings to help with the cooking.

**6** During the last minute of cooking, open up the hot dog buns and place them open-side down on the grill to lightly toast.

**7** Remove the hot dogs and buns from the grill. Remove the toothpicks from the hot dogs, place them in the buns and serve.

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## All Butter Crust for Sweet and Savory Pies (Pâte Brisée)

Pâte brisée (pronounced paht bree-ZAY) is the standard all-butter pastry dough used for making pies and tarts.

If you are making a pie with a bottom and top crust, double this recipe and form two discs of dough instead of one.

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for rolling  
8 Tbsp (1 stick) unsalted butter, very-cold, cut into 1/2 inch cubes  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon sugar (increase to 1 1/2 teaspoons if for a sweet recipe)  
2 to 4 Tbsp ice water, very cold

### METHOD



**1** Start by cutting the sticks of butter into 1/2-inch cubes and placing in the freezer for at least 15 minutes (preferably longer) so that they become thoroughly chilled.



Dough is ready to shape into discs.

**2** In a food processor, combine flour, salt, and sugar, pulse to mix. Add butter and pulse 6 to 8 times, until mixture resembles coarse meal, with pea size pieces of butter. Add water 1 Tablespoon at a time, pulsing until mixture just begins to clump together. If you pinch some of the crumbly

dough and it holds together, it's ready, if not, add a little more water and pulse again.



**3** Remove dough from machine and place on a clean surface. Carefully shape into a disc. Do not over-knead the dough! You should still be able to see little bits of butter in the dough. These bits of butter are what will allow the result crust to be flaky. Sprinkle the disc with a little flour on all sides. Wrap the disc in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

**4** Remove the crust disk from the refrigerator. Let sit at room temperature for 5-10 minutes. Sprinkle some flour on top of the disk. Roll out with a rolling pin on a lightly floured surface to a 12 inch circle; about 1/8 of an inch thick. As you roll out the dough, use a metal spatula to check if the dough is sticking to the surface below. Add a few sprinkles of flour if necessary to keep the dough from sticking. Gently fold in half. Place on to a 9-inch pie plate, lining up the fold with the center of the pan. Gently unfold and press down to line the pie dish with the dough.

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## **GARDENING FOR JUNE and JULY**

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### **Behavior Garden**

There are a number of plants who don't always behave like plants. When it takes more than just a pretty flower to arouse the gardening impulse, perhaps some of these responsive plants with personalities will do the trick.

The sensitive plant (*Mimosa pudica*) seldom fails to intrigue. Poke it to see it recoil and curl up its leaves in protest.

Touch-me-not (*Impatiens*) is another plant that responds to finger-poking, but this time it is the ripe pod which is sensitive. At the touch of a finger it will burst and scatter a volley of seeds in all directions.

Obedient plant (*Physostegia*) has the reputation for extreme docility in permitting its blossoms to be pushed around to any side of the square-sided stem. There they remain until pushed again.

For a demonstration of pure wilfulness, on the other hand, nothing can beat some of the stem-climbing vines. Morning glories, bittersweet and Dutchman's pipe, for instance, choose to twine in a clockwise direction. Wisteria, honeysuckle and hops always go counter-clockwise. It is impossible to interfere with this instinct. Uncurl, if you will, the tip of any of them and wind it around its support in the opposite direction. Come back in a few hours and it will have reversed your work, stubbornly winding in its original direction.

Quaking grass (*Briza maxima*) is in almost perpetual motion because of the hair-thin wiry stems upon which its clustery little heads are borne. Children love it, and it is most attractive in flower arrangements, both fresh and dried.

Animated oats (*Avena sterilis*) is another plant with a movement all its own. When exposed to sudden moisture its spikelets twist and turn.

Telegraph plant (*Desmodium motorium*) is also a self-motorized plant. It has lateral leaflets which have a slow but constant motion up and down, similar to the signaling of a semaphore. This is a greenhouse plant which might take to a brief sojourn in the living room.

The gas plant (*Dictamnus*) is in a class by itself. On hot days it emits a gas which can be ignited with a match. The effect of a tiny flash of flame, or even a weak "pouf!", coming from a flower, is more than a little startling.

Scarlet pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*) is widely known as the "poor man's weather-glass," because of its reputation as a forecaster of rain. When it closes up its blossoms in midday rain

may be expected in about half an hour.

## Continuing Legal Education

### **ABICLE - ALABAMA BAR INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

[www.abicle.org](http://www.abicle.org)

### **ALABAMA CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Contact Judy Keegan for more information at [judy.keegan@alabar.org](mailto:judy.keegan@alabar.org)  
or [www.alabamaadr.org](http://www.alabamaadr.org)

BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING (3-day, 20 hour CLE course with 3 hours of ethics) - TROY SMITH  
(800) ADR-FIRM or [www.mediationmedia.com](http://www.mediationmedia.com) or  
[troy.smith@mediationmedia.com](mailto:troy.smith@mediationmedia.com)

### **BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION**

On demand CLE available at [www.birminghambar-u.org](http://www.birminghambar-u.org).

### **CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW CLEs:**

Call 205-726-2391 to register by phone.

Online Courses available anytime:

<http://cumberland.fastcle.com/store/provider/provider.php?sessionid=983bb135734060c39caed71280f3ec19-3632852>

### **LORMAN CLEs:**

[www.lorman.com](http://www.lorman.com)

### **Contacts**

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Chair - Elect Pam Blalock

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Treasurer - Sidney Hoover

Corresponding Secretary - Frances King Quick

Historian - Linda Cole

NCWBA Representative - Pat Moore

Liaison with Alabama State Bar Women's Section - Sherrie L. Phillips

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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

#### **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 Ob

#### **Social and Entertainment**

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

April Rogers, Chair

Janine Smith

#### **Programs**

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

Tameka Wren, Chair

Theresa Min

#### **Projects**

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

Crystal McMeekin, Chair

Marcie Bras

#### **Service Award**

(Coordinates Law School Scholarships.)

Brendette Green, Chair

Anne Mitche

### **2008 Task Force Chair and Co-Chair Assignments:**

#### **Pinstripes and Pearls**

(panel discussion)

Khristi Driver, Chair

Deloris Simmons Owens, C

#### **Leadership Development**

(assist section members in becoming leaders)

Frances Heidt, Chair

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## ListServ

The WLS has a Yahoo! listserv that is maintained by Candi Peoples. To join: (1) send an email to [bba\\_women\\_subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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](mailto:bba_women@yahoogroups.com). Candi can be reached at 205-871-9550 or [candi@shawanderson.com](mailto: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!