



ADAM BOURNE

N. LEE COOPER

J. FOSTER CLARK

FOURNIER J.  
"BOOTS" GALE, III

DOUG JONES

DONNA PATE

BENJAMIN B.  
SPRATLING, III

- **Adam Bourne** was recently appointed to the Chickasaw Industrial Development Board by the Chickasaw City Council.

- Current American Bar Endowment Board member **N. Lee Cooper** was unanimously re-elected by ABE members for a five-year term. Cooper served as president of the American Bar Association (1996-1997) before rejoining the ABE board in 1984. He is a shareholder in the Birmingham firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale PC. Founded in 1942, the American Bar Endowment has promoted the public service goals of ABA members for more than 60 years.



*Cooper*

- **J. Foster Clark**, a partner with Balch & Bingham LLP, has been named president of the National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL). Clark has more than 30 years of experience in public finance and in the roles of bond counsel, underwriter's counsel and disclosure counsel in taxable and tax-exempt bond financings. The NABL promotes the integrity of the municipal market by advancing the understanding of and compliance with the law affecting public finance. A professional association incorporated in 1979, NABL's 3,000 members consist of public finance lawyers practicing throughout the United States.

- **Fournier J. "Boots" Gale III**, a shareholder at Maynard, Cooper & Gale PC, has been elected to the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission. Gale was elected by the ASB Board of Bar Commissioners to serve a four-year term as one of two attorneys on the commission. The Judicial Inquiry Commission was established in 1973 by an amendment to the constitution. The commission is



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composed of nine members: an appellate judge, two circuit judges, one district court judge, two lawyers, and three non-lawyers, all of whom serve four-year terms.

- Birmingham attorney **Doug**

**Jones** was selected to receive the Civil Rights Distinguished Service Award presented by The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. He joined former ASB President Fred Gray who was honored with the 2007 Human Rights Award at the Fred L. Shuttlesworth Human Rights Awards Dinner.



*Jones*

Jones was graduated from the University of Alabama, and earned his law degree from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. In 1997, he was nominated to be U.S. Attorney by then-President Bill Clinton and was confirmed by the Senate. In 1998, he received national attention as a U.S. Attorney when a bomb exploded at a Birmingham women's health clinic, killing a police officer and seriously wounding a nurse. Jones coordinated a state and local joint task force that led to the indictment of Eric Robert Rudolph. Rudolph was also determined responsible for three other bombings in the Atlanta, Georgia area including the 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park bombing. Jones was again the focus of national media attention as a federal prosecutor after the re-opening of a historic "cold case" involving the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in which four young African-American girls were killed. Nearly 40 years later, two former Ku Klux Klan members were convicted of murder and given life sentences.

Jones is a member the Birmingham firm of Whatley Drake & Kallas. In 2007, he testified before the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of

Representatives about the importance of re-examining crimes of the Civil Rights Era.

- **Donna Pate**, a Huntsville attorney, has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The induction ceremony was held during the 2007 annual meeting of the ACTL in Denver.



*Pate*

Founded in 1950, the ACTL is composed of trial lawyers from the United States and Canada. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years' trial experience before they can be considered for fellowship, and membership in the ACTL cannot exceed one per cent of the total lawyer population of any state or province.

Pate is the only practicing female lawyer in Alabama who is a fellow of the ACTL, with the other Alabama female lawyer being Chief Judge Callie V. S. Granade of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama (in Mobile). Pate is a shareholder in the Huntsville-based firm of Lanier Ford Shaver & Payne and has served as president of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association and as vice president of the Alabama State Bar. She served as an Alabama State Bar commissioner from 1993 to 2002 and has practiced law in Huntsville for 25 years.

- **Benjamin B. Spratling, III**, an attorney with Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker LLC, has been appointed chair of the History and Archives Committee of the Alabama State Bar. The committee is charged with maintaining and preserving the historical record of the legal profession in the State of Alabama.



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