



- The **Alabama Workers' Comp Blawg** was recently selected as a LexisNexis *Top 25 Blogs for Workers' Compensation and Workplace Issues*. Selections were made by the LexisNexis Workers' Compensation Law Center staff using feedback from community members and Larson's National Workers' Compensation Advisory Board members. The blog is owned and maintained by the Birmingham firm of FISH NELSON, LLC which handles insurance defense litigation with a focus on workers' compensation matters.

- **Robin L. Beardsley** and **Marcus M. Maples** of Sirote & Permutt will chair subcommittees for the 2009-10 Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers' Committee. As members of the YL Steering Committee, Beardsley will chair the Civility & Professionalism Subcommittee and Maples will serve as vice chair of the Diversity Subcommittee.



Beardsley



Maples



Gaines



Hust



Joseph



Saxon



Whatley

- The State Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers announce that **Charles Gaines, Wilbor Hust, Anthony Joseph, John Saxon** and **Joe Whatley** have been inducted into the fellowship. The college strives to improve the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics, civility and collegiality of the trial profession.
- The Alabama Law Foundation announces that **April Houston** is the winner of the Justice Janie L. Shores Scholarship. The foundation and the Women's Section of the Alabama State Bar established the scholarship in 2006 for female residents attending an Alabama law school. The Justice Janie L. Shores scholarship is named in honor of the first female Alabama Supreme Court Justice, who was elected in 1974. Houston graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2005. She currently attends the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law School in Montgomery and will graduate in May 2010. Houston has served on the editorial board of the *Faulkner Law Review*, was a Camille Armstrong Scholarship recipient for spring 2005 and was recognized as a University Scholar.



Houston

- Tanner & Guin announces that **William B. McGuire, Jr.** was recently named a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML). He joins a select group of 1,600 attorneys across the U.S. which recognizes the nation's top family law attorneys representing individuals in the areas of divorce, annulment, prenuptial and post-nuptial agreements; marital settlement agreements, child custody and visitation; business valuations, property valuations and division; alimony; and child support.



McGuire

- **Fredrick H. Olsen**, a partner in the Public Finance Department of Ballard Spahr LLP, has been named a fellow to the American College of Bond Counsel. The college recognizes lawyers with reputations among their peers for "skill, experience and high standards of professional and ethical conduct in the practice of bond law."

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