



ASB President Tom Methvin with two fall 2009 admittees at the October Admissions Ceremony (Photo by Village Photography)



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New Admittees, CLE and Pro Bono – Have We Left Out Anything?

I am pleased to recognize the members of the executive committee who will be serving our section this year: **Gray Borden** (Birmingham), **David Cain** (Mobile), **Brandon Hughey** (Mobile), **Shay Lawson** (Tuscaloosa), **Hughston Nichols** (Birmingham), **Clifton Mosteller** (Birmingham), **Mark Bledsoe** (Huntsville), **Nathan Dickson** (Union Springs), **Hall Eady** (Birmingham), **Leslie Ellis** (Montgomery), **J.R. Gaines** (Montgomery), **Katie Hammett** (Mobile), **Brett Ialacci** (Birmingham), **Louis Calligas** (Montgomery), **Andrew Nix** (Birmingham), **Rodney Miller** (Birmingham), **Jon Patterson** (Birmingham), **Mitesh Shah** (Birmingham), **Chris Waller** (Montgomery), **Larkin H. Peters** (Mobile), **Brad Hicks** (Bay Minette), **Walton Hickman** (Greenville), **Sancha Epiphane** (Mt. Meigs), **Brian Murphy** (Mobile), **Chip Tait** (Mobile), **Nathan Ryan** (Sheffield), **William J. Long** (Birmingham), and **Elizabeth Kanter** (Birmingham).

In October, we hosted the Alabama State Bar Admissions Ceremony for fall admittees at the Montgomery Performing Arts Center. The MPAC at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa serves as an excellent venue for this event. **Chris Waller**, chair of our Admissions Ceremony subcommittee, did an excellent job in making this event successful. Also, **Nathan Dickson**, **Louis Calligas**, **Walton Hickman**, **Kitty Brown**, and **Leslie Ellis** are recognized for their hard work on this ceremony.

In November, we hosted our Eighth Annual Iron Bowl CLE, which was fantastic! We thank **Balch & Bingham LLP** for allowing the use of their offices in Birmingham for this seminar. This year's great lineup of speakers included **Shannon D. Hutchings** (general counsel, Barber Companies), **Stephen Wallace** (Dawson & Wallace LLC), **Brian Walding** (Walding LLC) and the **Honorable Caryl P. Privet** (circuit judge, Jefferson County). I also recognize **Jon Patterson** for chairing this event and **Brett Ialacci** and **Clifton Mosteller** for their hard work in making this seminar a success. For those who missed it this year, please join us next year for this always fun and rewarding CLE.

Speaking of great CLE opportunities, it is not too early to book your calendar for our annual Sandestin seminar **May 12th through May 16th, 2010** at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa in Destin.

Finally, consistent with **ASB President Tom Methvin's** goal of increasing access to justice in Alabama, our YLS Executive Committee has formed a Pro Bono Subcommittee chaired by **William J. Long** and **Nathan Ryan**. This subcommittee will be an extension of our former FEMA subcommittee that provided volunteer assistance to natural disaster victims. The Pro Bono Subcommittee, in addition to assisting natural disaster victims, will also attempt to boost membership in the Volunteer Lawyers Program in Alabama.

If you have any questions about your Young Lawyers' Section, or to get more involved with the YLS, please contact me at rnb@LanierFord.com.▲▼▲