



Attendees of the recent American Bar Association's Bar Leadership Institute included, front row, left to right, Karen J. Mathis, ABA president; Samuel Crosby, Alabama State Bar president-elect; Beth Carmichael, Birmingham Bar Association executive director; Kathleen Miller, Mobile Bar Association president; and Lee Benton, BBA president-elect. Behind them are Ian Gaston, MBA president-elect; Keith Norman, ASB executive director; and William Neukom, ABA president-elect.

- Joining some 300 other emerging leaders of lawyer organizations from across the country at the American Bar Association's Bar Leadership Institute (BLI) in March was **Samuel N. Crosby** of Daphne, president-elect of the Alabama State Bar.

The BLI is held annually in Chicago for incoming officials of local and state bars, special focus lawyer organizations and bar foundations. The seminar provides the opportunity to confer with ABA officials, bar leader colleagues, executive staff and other experts on the operation of such associations. Crosby joined ABA President Karen J. Mathis of Denver and ABA President-Elect William H. Neukom of Seattle in sessions on bar governance, finance, communications and planning for a presidential term.

- The **Honorable Alan King**, probate judge of Jefferson County, has made the following appointments:

**Doris H. Williford** will serve as the county administrator for Jefferson County. She is a member of the Birmingham Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar, as well as the ASB Elder Law Section.



Williford

**Julia Smeds Roth** will serve as the county guardian and conservator for

Jefferson County. Roth is a member of the American Bar Association, the Alabama State Bar and the Birmingham Bar Association.



Roth

- Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker LLC announces that **R. Scott Williams** has been elected to the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

The firm also announces that **Romaine S. Scott, III** has been named as 2007-08 co-chair for the Uniform Commercial Code Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute. As a co-chair, he will help produce committee programs at the ABI's 2007 Winter Leadership Conference and the 2008 Annual Spring Meeting. With more than 11,000 members, the ABI is the largest multi-disciplinary, non-partisan organization dedicated to research and education on matters related to insolvency.



Williams



Scott

- Sirote & Permutt shareholder **Katherine N. Barr** was recently invited to become a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, one of only 28 attorneys in Alabama to achieve this distinction.



Barr

- Former state Senator **Bradley Byrne**, a Republican from Fairhope, has been appointed chancellor of the state's two-year college system. Byrne formerly practiced with the Mobile firm of Adams & Reese.



Byrne

- **Richard P. Carmody**, a partner at Adams & Reese, has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Admissions Council of the American College of Bankruptcy. A Circuit Admissions Council is appointed for each of the 11 federal judicial circuits and is responsible for the review and evaluation of prospective Fellows and for recommending them to the Board of Regents for election to the college. He is the only attorney in Alabama currently serving on this council.



Carmody

- **Faulkner University's Jones School of Law** won the St. Louis regional competition with an undefeated 5-0 record at the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The Jones 2007 National Appellate Advocacy Team consists of third-year law student John Craft from Montgomery, and second-year law students Christy Olinger from Selma and Matt Bell from Broken Arrow, OK.

- **Cooper and Christine Shattuck** recently received the Order of the Samaritan, the highest honor from the University of



Cooper and Christine Shattuck

Alabama School of Law's Public Interest Institute for their work with Hurricane Katrina victims. Christine is a graduate of the University of Alabama and is a paralegal at RosenHarwood. She also serves as executive director of the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association. Cooper is a partner at RosenHarwood and a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. He serves as an adjunct professor there, as well as on the ASB Board of Bar Commissioners. After being approached by Professor Kuehn, director of the Law School's Clinical Program, Cooper and Christine began a program where law students, under the supervision of local attorneys, would volunteer time to assist evacuees with legal problems arising from the hurricane or exacerbated by it. They recruited enough attorneys to supervise approximately 100 students involved in the program.

- Historic Savannah Foundation announces that **Mark C. McDonald** was selected from a nationwide pool of arts leaders to participate in a two-week intensive leadership advancement program called the Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders-Arts at Stanford University.



McDonald

Each year, National Arts Strategies (NAS), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the arts and culture sector through leadership education, selects 50 outstanding arts and culture leaders to participate in EPNL-Arts through a competitive process based on nominations from leading foundations, corporations and individual arts patrons.

Participants learn new management approaches, and share insights with their peers in all disciplines.

NAS was founded over 20 years ago by the Ford, Rockefeller and Mellon foundations. For more information, visit [www.artstrategies.org](http://www.artstrategies.org).

- Samford University's Cumberland School of Law honored attorneys **J. Anthony McLain** and **George Courtney French**, and retired Cumberland professor **Frank W. Donaldson** during a March alumni weekend event.



McLain

McLain, general counsel for the Alabama State Bar, was named 2007 Distinguished Alumnus. The 1977 Cumberland graduate was cited for his leadership of the state bar and his emphasis on ethical advocacy. He is a past president of the Cumberland National Alumni Association and a member of the law school advisory board.

French, a partner in the Birmingham firm of Fuston, Petway & French, was named Volunteer of the Year. A 1998 Cumberland graduate, French was cited for his role as a counselor, coach and mentor, and in recruiting and inspiring minority students at Cumberland.

Donaldson, a Cumberland professor for more than 40 years and a former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, was named Friend of the Law School. He was noted as being a "stalwart of civility" who has shown many how to be better people and lawyers.

The awards were presented by Cumberland Dean John L. Carroll.

Also at the event, Birmingham attorney **J. Mark White** was named Cumberland National Alumni President for 2007-09. A 1974 law graduate, he is a partner in the firm of White, Arnold, Andrews & Dowd, PC.



White