



- Starnes & Atchison partner **M. Warren Butler** was recently appointed chair of the Medical Defense and Health Law Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC). This committee serves all members who represent physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers and entities in medical malpractice actions, health law advisory and regulatory support.



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- **Alvin L. Fox**, a shareholder with Maynard, Cooper & Gale, has been elected to the State Law Resources Board of Directors.
- **David Gesspass** of Gesspass & Johnson has been elected a national vice president of the National Lawyers Guild and co-chair of its international committee. Founded in 1937 as an alternative to the American Bar Association, which did not admit people of color, the Guild is the oldest and largest public interest/human rights bar organization in the United States.
- **George M. Neal, Jr.**, a shareholder in Sirote & Permutt PC, will serve as president-elect of the Birmingham Bar Association for 2008. In addition, Neal serves as a bar commissioner of the Alabama State Bar for the 10th Judicial Circuit of Jefferson County, a member of the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees and a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham.
- **Charles B. Paterson** is the new chair of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. Paterson is the managing partner at the Montgomery office of Balch & Bingham. He served a two-year term as chair of the Montgomery Area Committee of 100, the economic arm of the chamber.
- Four River Region attorneys have been named officers for the local chapter of the Federal Bar Association. They include 2008 President **Cheairs M. Porter**, with the Alabama Attorney General's Office; first Vice President **R. Austin Huffaker, Jr.**, a shareholder with Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett PA; second Vice President **Terrie Scott Biggs**, with Capell & Howard PC; and Secretary-Treasurer **Matt Bledsoe**, also with the attorney general's office.
- **Marvin Rogers** has been elected to serve as chair of the Council of State Oil and Gas Attorneys, a national association of oil and gas attorneys. Rogers and the Council recently participated in the drafting of model legislation addressing the storage of carbon dioxide, which will mitigate the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Rogers serves as assistant attorney general for the Alabama Oil and Gas Board and is an adjunct professor at Cumberland School of Law.



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