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I am pleased to recognize the members of the Executive Committee who will be serving our section for the upcoming year: **Gray Borden** (Birmingham), **Brandon Hughey** (Mobile), **Shay Lawson** (Tuscaloosa), **Elizabeth Kanter** (Birmingham), **Brent Irby** (Vestavia Hills), **David Cain** (Mobile), **Nathan Dickson** (Union Springs), **Kitty Brown** (Birmingham), **Mark Bledsoe** (Huntsville), **Hughston Nichols** (Birmingham), **Clifton Mosteller** (Mobile), **Andrew Nix** (Birmingham), **Katie Hammett** (Mobile), **Leslie Ellis** (Montgomery), **Rodney Miller** (Birmingham), **Tucker Yance** (Mobile), **Jon Patterson** (Birmingham), **Louis Calligas** (Montgomery), **Norman Stockman** (Mobile), **Hall Eady** (Birmingham), **J. R. Gaines** (Montgomery), **Mitesh Shah** (Birmingham), **Brad Hicks** (Bay Minette), **Charles Fleming** (Birmingham), **Chris Waller** (Montgomery), **Michael Clemmer** (Birmingham), **Larkin Hatchett** (Mobile), and **Brett Ialacci** (Birmingham).

In October, we hosted the Alabama State Bar Admissions Ceremony for fall admittees at the Montgomery Performing Arts Center. The Performing Arts Center at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa serves as an excellent venue for this. Special thanks go to our Admissions Ceremony Chair, **Chris Waller**, for his hard work in making this event extremely successful. **Leslie Ellis**, **Nathan Dickson** and **Louis Calligas** also need to be recognized for their hard work on this ceremony.

On November 21, 2008, we will be hosting our Seventh Annual Iron Bowl CLE in Birmingham. This CLE is a great opportunity to obtain credit and possibly win tickets to the upcoming Iron Bowl. If you did not receive an Iron Bowl CLE brochure in the mail or want more information about this CLE, please visit our Web site, www.alabamayls.org. Space is limited, so make plans to attend as soon as possible.

Finally, we are launching a new initiative this year in association with the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. Alabama Appleseed is confronting the legal issues associated with heir property in Alabama. Heir property is land that has been held by a family for generations but whose title has been clouded or rendered meaningless by the passage of time—usually due to the failure to file wills by family members or due to repeated subdivisions by family members. **Gray Borden** will serve as the chair of this committee which will seek to identify the owners of heir property, educate the public about heir property and establish a *pro bono* and fee based network of legal professionals willing to assist owners of heir property in obtaining clear title to their property. We'll provide updates about the progress of this project in the coming months.

If you have any questions about your Young Lawyers' Section, or if you would like to get more involved with the YLS, please contact me at jterrell@mmlaw.net.

