

Rule 7.2(B), Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure (“Bail Schedule”)

The Supreme Court of Alabama, by order dated June 21, 2007, amended Rule 7.2(b), *Ala. R. Crim. P.*, “Bail Schedule,” changing the recommended range of bail for scheduled offenses. Rule 7.2(b) has been amended to read as follows:

“(b) Bail Schedule. The following schedule is established as a general guide for circuit, district, and municipal courts in setting bail for persons charged with bailable offenses. Except where release is required in the minimum scheduled amount pursuant to the *Rules of Criminal Procedure*, courts should exercise discretion in setting bail above or below the scheduled amounts.

“Bail Schedule

“Recommended Range

“Felonies:

Capital felony—\$50,000 to No Bail Allowed

Murder—\$15,000 to \$ 75,000

Class A felony—\$10,000 to \$60,000

Class B felony—\$5,000 to \$30,000

Class C felony—\$2,500 to \$15,000

Drug manufacturing and trafficking—\$5,000 to \$1,500,000

“Misdemeanors (not included elsewhere in the schedule):

Class A misdemeanor—\$300 to \$6,000

Class B misdemeanor—\$300* to \$3,000

Class C misdemeanor—\$300 to \$1,000

Violation—\$300 to \$500

“Municipal-Ordinance

Violations—\$300 to \$1,000

“Traffic-Related Offenses:

DUI—\$1,000 to \$7,500

Reckless driving—\$300 to \$1,000

Speeding—\$300 to \$500

Other traffic violations—\$300 to \$500

“*\$300 was set as the lower limit in compliance with *Ala. Code* 1975, §15-13-105, providing that ‘in violation and misdemeanor cases the minimum amount of bail shall be \$300 for each offense charged.’”

—*Bilee Cauley, Reporter of Decisions, Alabama Appellate Courts*

Job Opening

Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc., Montgomery, Advocacy Staff Associate, Immigrant Justice Project (part-time with full-time potential)

Alabama Appleseed is a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1999 to identify root causes of injustice and inequality in the State of Alabama, and craft practical, lasting solutions through legal advocacy, community activism and policy expertise.

A major priority for Alabama Appleseed is to seek policies and practices that promote the integration and full participation of new immigrant populations in the state. Key program areas include: comprehensive immigration reform, immigrant access to mainstream financial services, educational opportunity, due process rights and immigrant detention, access to public benefits, state integration policies, justice system reform, and civic engagement.

The IJP Advocacy Staff Associate will work with and under the supervision of Alabama Appleseed's executive director and the IJP director to carry out the objectives of the project.

Qualifications include being a licensed Alabama attorney (or willing to sit for the

bar exam at the first available opportunity) or college graduate with a BS, BA or master's degree in social work, political science, public affairs and administration, or related fields; bi-lingual with fluency in written and spoken Spanish; experience in immigration law, civil rights, public interest law and/or social work preferred; experience with legislative and administrative advocacy preferred; excellent research, analytical and writing skills; knowledge and awareness of local, regional and national issues facing immigrant communities; strong interpersonal skills and ability to effectively build and maintain community relationships; ability to work in a team-oriented and collaborative environment; experience in or demonstrated commitment to public interest and advocacy; must have own transportation; and daily work based out of Alabama Appleseed's Montgomery office.

This part-time position offers a competitive non-profit salary based on education and experience, with allowance for health insurance. Initial part-time position will be for 20 hours per week. This position is funded for two years. Position could develop within a few months into a full-time position.

Position is open until filled. Send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references via e-mail to John Pickens at alaappleseed@bellsouth.net.

Authorized House Counsel Mandatory Registration

Since October 2006, the Alabama State Bar has been accepting applications for the new authorized house counsel rule (Rule IX of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar). This rule applies to lawyers who are not admitted to practice in Alabama, but are serving as house counsel to businesses located in Alabama. This is a mandatory registration and the deadline for compliance is October 27, 2007.

Please help by contacting any house counsel you know and informing them of this rule.

A copy of Rule IX, the registration form and instructions are available on the state bar's Web site, www.alabar.org. For more information, contact the bar's membership department at (334) 269-1515, ext. 2120 or e-mail mary.corbitt@alabar.org. ■

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