

COMMENTS FROM CLASS 5 ALUMNI (Continued)

Othni J. Lathram

The Leadership Forum has been an invigorating and eye-opening experience. What has been inspiring about this program is that we have seen and heard about the true progress being made in this state. This progress is making great strides in educating our children, helping people rise out of poverty and developing some of the world's most advanced industries. This progress is a great hope for our future as well as a call to each of us to participate to ensure it continues.

Lara L. McCauley

I think the forum serves as a wonderful tool to allow leaders throughout Alabama to form a network. The forum has provided a way to have intelligent conversations with other lawyers on how to move our state forward. It has been a refreshing experience to be around such a diverse group of young lawyers who genuinely have one common goal—the betterment and advancement of Alabama.

D. Scott Mitchell

Being part of the bar's Leadership Forum has given me insight into many of the problems facing Alabama as well as many of the opportunities we have as a state. It also drove home the point that as attorneys, if we so choose, we can have the greatest impact on Alabama's future. Participation in the Leadership Forum has been an invaluable asset to me, and I hope the state bar will continue to grow the program.

Christopher A. Mixon

The Leadership Forum is a tremendous asset to the bar because it provides an opportunity for lawyers from diverse backgrounds, practice areas and parts of the state to get to know each other in-depth and in a way that would not be possible otherwise. Moreover, by exposing the participants to issues facing the state at large and by encouraging the participants to give back to the community, the forum exemplifies the best tradition of the bar—service in the public interest.

Val H. Plante

By participating in ASB Leadership Forum Class V, I have established an invaluable network of attorneys throughout the state with a common interest in promoting servant leadership. The sessions provided ideas on how to become a servant leader within my legal practice and within my community, and these sessions have inspired me to become a more active participant in community and statewide efforts to promote our state.

Erica L. Sheffield

The Leadership Forum provided the perfect opportunity to learn about the progress our state has made as well as the challenges that we still face. We should take pride in the role that attorneys have played in moving the state forward, but we should not forget that there is still work to be done. As attorneys, it is incumbent upon us to serve as leaders and take an active role in overcoming Alabama's challenges.

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