

Important ASB Notices

Judicial Award of Merit

The Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar will receive nominations for the state bar's Judicial Award of Merit through March 15, 2007. Nominations should be prepared and mailed to:

Keith B. Norman, Secretary
Board of Bar Commissioners
P.O. Box 671
Montgomery, AL 36101-0671

The Judicial Award of Merit was established in 1987. The award is not necessarily an annual award. It must be presented to a judge who is not retired, whether state or federal court, trial or appellate, who is determined to have contributed significantly to the administration of justice in Alabama. The recipient is presented with a crystal gavel bearing the state bar seal and the year of presentation.

Nominations are considered by a three-member committee appointed by the president of the state bar which then makes a recommendation to the board of bar commissioners with respect to a nominee or whether the award should be presented in any given year.

Nominations should include a detailed biographical profile of the nominee and a narrative outlining the significant contribution(s) the nominee has made to the administration of justice. Nominations may be supported with letters of endorsement.

Notice of Election

Notice is given herewith pursuant to the Alabama State Bar Rules Governing Election and Selection of President-Elect and Board of Bar Commissioners.

ELECTED COMMISSIONERS

Bar commissioners will be elected by those lawyers with their principal offices in the following circuits: 1st; 3rd; 5th; 6th, place no. 1; 7th; 10th, place no. 3 and place no. 6; 11th, place no. 3 and place no. 4; 14th; 15th, place no. 3 and place no. 4; 23rd, place no. 3; 25th; 26th; 28th, place no. 1; 32nd; and 37th.

Additional commissioners will be elected in these circuits for each 300 members of

the state bar with principal offices herein. The new commissioner petitions will be determined by a census on March 1, 2007 and vacancies certified by the secretary no later than March 15, 2007.

All subsequent terms will be for three years.

Nominations may be made by petition bearing the signatures of five members in good standing with principal offices in the circuit in which the election will be held or by the candidate's written declaration of candidacy. Either must be received by the secretary no later than 5 p.m. on the last Friday in April (April 27, 2007).

Ballots will be prepared and mailed to members between May 1 and May 15, 2007. Ballots must be voted and returned to the Alabama State Bar by 5 p.m. on the last Friday in May (May 25, 2007).

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS

At-large commissioners will be elected for the following place numbers: 2, 5 and 8.

Local Bar Award of Achievement

The Alabama State Bar Local Bar Award of Achievement recognizes local bar associations for their outstanding contributions to their communities. Awards will be presented during the Alabama State Bar's 2007 Annual Meeting, July 18-21, at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear.

Local bar associations compete for these awards based on their size—large, medium or small.

The following criteria will be used to judge the contestants for each category:

- The degree of participation by the individual bar in advancing programs to benefit the community;
- The quality and extent of the impact of the bar's participation on the citizens in that community; and
- The degree of enhancements to the bar's image in the community.

To be considered for this award, local bar associations must complete and submit an award application by June 1, 2007. For an application, contact Ed Patterson, ASB director of programs, at (800) 354-6154 or (334) 269-1515, or download one from the ASB Web site, www.alabar.org. ■

Courts Get New Numbers

Beginning March 1, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals has new phone numbers. The main number for the Clerk's Office is (334) 229-0751 and the fax number is (334) 229-0521.

In addition, the Court of Civil Appeals Clerk's Office new phone number is now (334) 229-0733, and the new fax number is (334) 229-0530.

ALABAMA STATE BAR
2007-2008 COMMITTEE/ TASK FORCE PREFERENCE FORM

ALABAMA STATE BAR MISSION STATEMENT

THE ALABAMA STATE BAR IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPETENCE OF ITS MEMBERS, IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AND INCREASING THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW.

INVITATION FOR SERVICE FROM SAMUEL N. CROSBY
PRESIDENT-ELECT

In the upcoming year we want very much to broaden participation in bar activities. If you would like to serve our profession in a volunteer capacity, please choose a committee or task force in which you are interested. The Alabama State Bar needs you and will try hard to involve you in an area of your interest.

We also want your suggestions on how the Alabama State Bar can better serve its members and our profession. Please include your suggestions in the space provided below.

APPOINTMENT REQUEST - Terms begin August 1, 2007 and expire July 2008. Indicate your top three preferences from the list by marking 1, 2 or 3 beside the preferred committee (c).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alabama Lawyer</i> , Editorial Board (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Programs (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Alabama Lawyer</i> , Bar Directory (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer Referral (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer Assistance Program (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Character & Fitness (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Law (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Client Security Fund (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Life (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary Rules & Enforcement (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized Practice of Law (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity in the Profession (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Lawyers Programs (c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Dispute Resolution (c) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Liaison (c) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History & Archives (c) | |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____ (Street or P.O. Box)
_____ (City, State, Zip)

Telephone: (office) _____ (e-mail) _____ (facsimile) _____

Year of admission to bar: _____ check if new address

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW COMMITTEES OR TASK FORCES:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Please return this form no later than May 4, 2007 to be considered for an appointment, by mail to Programs, P.O. Box 671, Montgomery, AL 36101-0671; by facsimile to 334-261-6310; or by downloading this form from our Website at www.alabar.org and e-mailing it to rita.gray@alabar.org. Please remember that vacancies on existing committees are extremely limited as most committee appointments are filled on a three-year rotation basis. **If you are appointed to a committee, you will receive an appointment letter informing you in July-August 2007.**