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ALABAMA CIVIC LEGAL AID: First VLP Case

By Linda L. Lund, director, Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program



ALABAMA CIVIL LEGAL AID

At the Volunteer Lawyers Program, we believe all of our clients are special. Generally, they have had been told "no" over and over before they get to our program asking, and at times begging, for help with problems they can't resolve on their own. Occasionally, the VLP is contacted by a client whose life is made even more difficult by a mental or physical disability. In those cases, we explain these extra burdens to a volunteer attorney who always goes the extra mile to help the client. This is a story of a volunteer who went the extra mile to ensure that a client was served.

A Talladega father with an adult disabled child contacted the VLP because he had been told by the Medicaid office that since his child was now an adult he would need Guardianship over the son to continue to make medical decisions. Initially, this was not an unusual request. However after speaking to the client, we learned

that the father was blind and had no family support. Additionally, the father explained that his son was severely disabled, could not travel or be left alone.

I contacted a local lawyer, Jeanne Dowdle Rasco, who was also a friend from law school and this is the story of her first VLP case.



Rasco

The client contacted Jeanne, and she gave him her usual new client spiel about where her office was located, that her office was family friendly, and that he was welcome to bring his son. The client hesitated and then explained that he could not transport his son and would need to arrange for a sitter. At this point, Jeanne remembered our discussion about the client being blind and the son being severely handicapped so she offered to meet with him at his home and scheduled an appointment. Although Talladega is not a large town, Jeanne drove to an area that she was not familiar with, behind a closed textile factory. The area was dotted with little houses and mobile homes.

A completely blind man met Jeanne at the front door. He invited her into his home and proceeded to guide himself to the couch touching the walls and furniture as a guide. As Jeanne and her new client sat on the couch, she explained the process to obtain a guardianship and the

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expected court costs and fees. Since there was no mechanism in probate court to waive costs or fees, she told him that he would need to pay the filing fee of approximately \$100 and he indicated that he could. She also explained that he would be assessed a fee at the end of the case to pay for his son's guardian ad litem and possibly a court representative. Jeanne knew at this point that the client might face significant additional fees, and began to worry. As she and her client talked, he explained that his wife, the son's mother, had abandoned them many years before. Basically, the child's mother could not handle the great demands of the son's disability. During this conversation, Jeanne periodically heard shrieks coming from another room and a television playing.

Eventually, the client asked Jeanne if she would like to meet his son. He then carefully guided her through his very small house. The home was very neat but packed with furniture. Just beyond the living room, there was a small hallway that connected to a bathroom, a small kitchen and a back room. When Jeanne looked into the back room, she noticed a hospital bed, and a black and white television attached to the corner wall or ceiling. The screen had a fuzzy picture that seemed to be rolling. Obviously, it used an antenna and there was no cable. At that time, the only channel one could get in Talladega without cable or satellite was Channel 10 or PBS. The father explained to Jeanne that his son was watching his favorite television show which was a cartoon, "Curious George." The shrieks that Jeanne had heard earlier were actually cheerful

sounds coming from the son as he watched television.

When Jeanne turned from the television, she looked into the hospital bed. I have heard Jeanne share this story many times, and she still vividly recalls the person that she saw. He was a man/child. He weighed approximately 40 pounds. He had a very small body and a full beard, and a feeding tube protruded from his abdomen. His hands wiggled like a baby full of energy, and his eyes were very intense. She said that his gaze seemed to lock on her eyes. It was a very startling sight. Not wanting the father to think that she thought anything was wrong, and not wanting the child to think that he was not perfectly wonderful, she spoke to the son, stayed beside the bed for a few moments, smiled and offered some insignificant but cheerful chitchat. At this point, Jeanne was overwhelmed at the father's difficult situation while so very amazed at how he was handling life's challenges. Jeanne was determined to remove this latest hurdle placed in his path. She promised the father that she would start working on the paperwork and be in touch.

As she drove away, Jeanne's mind was racing as she began working on a solution to assist her new client. She contacted an attorney friend that she knew had a very kind heart, and asked him if he would be willing to visit a family, and consider taking a pro bono case. She promised him that she would not pressure him to do anything, but she felt very confident that after meeting the family he would help. A few days later, she scheduled another appointment with the father, prepared the necessary paperwork, and picked up the other attorney. Needless to say, the other attorney did not hesitate to offer his services after he met the family. During their visit, the other attorney did what he needed to do

as the child's guardian ad litem while Jeanne reviewed the paperwork with the father. Then, both attorneys watched in awe as the father counted out money for the filing fee. Jeanne said it was absolutely amazing to watch the blind father correctly count the money from his wallet because each bill had been folded a particular way so the father could determine the denominations.

From the client's home, the two attorneys took the filing fee, the signed and notarized petition and other necessary paperwork to the probate court and met together with the judge. After hearing the exceptional situation, the judge appointed the other attorney to be the guardian ad litem, and allowed the case to proceed without the physical presence of the father and son, and with no additional fees. It was a very happy day when Jeanne drove back to the father and son with official Letters of Guardianship!

I often wonder what would have happened to this father and son, and so many of our clients, if we did not have attorneys like Jeanne who are so willing to give of their time and expertise through their participation in the Volunteer Lawyers Program. After taking this case, Jeanne became more involved in the VLP, eventually serving as chair of the Pro Bono and Public Service Committee and Pro Bono Celebration Task Force. ■

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The Alabama State Bar (ASB) is the official statewide organization of lawyers in Alabama. Since 1923, when the Alabama State Bar was created by an act of the legislature, ASB programs and activities have continuously served the public and improved the justice system.

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.


ALABAMA STATE BAR



Take Charge of Billing and Collections

By Michael E. Baker, CPA, mbaker@dentmoses.com

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Almost every professional services firm has issues with collections at some time or another. At the very least, most firms would benefit from making improvements to their collections processes. So let's take a look at some different approaches and ideas to see what might pay off best for your firm.

Focus Internally First

If you want to improve collection results, you'll need to examine your own processes first and be prepared to make some necessary changes or take a different tactic. This is simply good business sense. Someone once defined insanity as "doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results." The key is that you control these kinds of changes; asking (or expecting) a customer to make changes is not realistic. So your taking charge is a logical and sensible first step that is sure to yield some positive results.

Start by looking at internal processes. A few simple (and quick) changes and tweaks like these can make a big difference:

- Bill regularly. I am surprised at the number of firms who delay billing or simply bill irregularly. Your best opportunity to collect is when your service (or product) is fresh in the mind of your customer. Billing quickly and regularly will improve collections and lessen the risk of unknowingly providing additional services to a customer who is unwilling or unable to pay.
- Fix any problems with your collections system. Flowcharting your billing and invoicing processes will allow you to identify inefficiencies and bottlenecks. Take a look at last month's billing process, and timeline the steps until the last invoice was mailed. You'll spot weaknesses and problems soon enough.
- Set a monthly goal for getting invoices out, and hold yourself and others accountable to meeting that goal. Make the invoicing deadline a top priority—even in the busiest of times.

- Review invoice formatting. Does the invoice clearly state when payment is due and whom to contact for questions or additional information?

Put Someone in Charge and Follow Up

Unlike fine wines, receivables do not age well. Don't wait until an invoice is 90 days past due to follow up.

Generally, there is no follow-up until the customer doesn't pay and the invoice is past due. That's mainly because no one owns the process. You have to put someone (make it one person) in charge.

For many firms, that one person might be the office manager. No matter who it is, that person needs to have regular, face-to-face meetings with an owner or supervisor to report on progress. It's not too much to ask for that meeting to be held weekly. In fact, it's preferable if you want to make any real and steady progress. If the collections meeting is every Friday, guess when most of the follow-up will get done? Every Thursday afternoon is the correct answer.

Take a Trip

Several years ago, we had a client who was doing multiple high-dollar projects for a large international company, and collections became a big issue. The customer's accounting office was several states away, and invoices went unpaid due to improper formatting and poor communications.

When it was clear that emails were not getting the job done, our client had his office manager and receivables clerk fly out and meet with the customer's accounting staff and take them to lunch.

The result? An open line of communication and better collections. The client's staff developed a personal working relationship with the customer's payables clerk, and soon collections were no longer a problem. You'll never develop that kind of relationship (and results) by trading emails. Put your people and your customer's people in the same room and have them share a meal! If the customer is close by, it's easy to make this connection happen. But even if a short trip is involved, it still could pay real dividends.

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TAKE CHARGE OF BILLING AND COLLECTIONS

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Would You Lend the Client Money?

Think of yourself as a loan officer when it comes to clients who create collections problems. Would you lend this client money? This is exactly what you're doing when you're not getting paid. If you would not make that loan, maybe it's time to lower the client's credit limit or revise payment terms.

I once heard someone say they'd rather go broke fishing and drinking beer all day than doing work with a thin margin for someone who's slow to pay. If you have doubts about a customer's ability to pay, take action. Securing advance payment before beginning any additional work is one way to limit your exposure with a customer that you deem to be a credit risk.

Being on top of collections and contacting a slow-paying customer in a positive, courteous manner not only reflects professionalism, but also it's another way to demonstrate your company's competency to the client.

That said, never be bashful about asking for your money. It is, after all, your money. ■



ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION

Announces New Fellows

The Alabama Law Foundation begins each year by recognizing the Alabama bar members who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their profession and their community by inviting them to become "Fellows." The annual Fellows banquet is held in their honor; at that time, those Fellows elevated to "Life Fellows" status are also recognized.

The Fellows program was established in 1995 to honor ASB members for out-

standing service and commitment. Since no more than 1 percent of bar members are invited into fellowship, the selection committee chooses new members from an exceptional group of lawyers. Fellows are given the opportunity, as leaders in the legal community, to provide financial and personal support for the Alabama Law Foundation, the charitable arm of the Alabama State Bar. ■

Fellows accepted into membership for 2015 are:

Lindsey J. Allison, Birmingham

Russell Q. Allison, Birmingham

Lee R. Benton, Birmingham

Mack B. Binion, III, Mobile

Judge Karon Bowdre, Birmingham

Dean Mark E. Brandon, Tuscaloosa

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Michael S. Denniston, Birmingham

Thomas F. Garth, Mobile

Warren C. Herlong, Jr., Mobile

Mays R. Jemison, Montgomery
(posthumously)

Judge Abdul Kallon, Birmingham

Judge Alan L. King, Birmingham

Alan C. Livingston, Dothan

Judge W. Troy Massey, Montgomery

Jessica M. McDill, Bay Minette

C. Delaine Mountain, Tuscaloosa

Steven L. Nicholas, Mobile

Dennis G. Pantazis, Birmingham

Judge Jimmy B. Pool, Montgomery

F. Grey Redditt, Jr., Mobile

Judge (ret.) James H. Reid, Montrose

Beth McFadden Rouse, Mobile

Alexander M. Smith, Oneonta

ACCOLADES

Benck Appointed to International and Regional Positions

David M. Benck, vice president and general counsel for Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc. in Birmingham, recently was appointed to the International Tribunal Arbitral du Sport/Court of Arbitration for Sport. The Court of Sport ("CAS") is seated in Lausanne, Switzerland, and is frequently referred to as the Supreme Court of World Sport, with final jurisdiction over all global sport disputes, including Olympic, FIFA, rugby, cricket, golf, tennis and Grand Prix disputes.

In addition, Benck was appointed to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. The Atlanta Federal Reserve's geographical territory includes New Orleans, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, Jacksonville and Miami districts. Benck was appointed from the Birmingham district.



Benck

Lovoy Receives Public Service Award

Elena A. Lovoy, senior attorney at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, received the Birmingham Bar Association's ("BBA") 2015 L. Burton Barnes, III Public Service Award for her



Lovoy

work with the Head Start program offered by the Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (JCCEO). The award was presented in December during the BBA's Annual Meeting.

"Like my former colleague and dear friend, Burton, Elena is a true champion of public service, quietly and without fanfare serving her community for the benefit and betterment of the general public," Bradley partner J. David Dresher stated in his nomination letter. "She has chosen to selflessly serve others without personal publicity or individual recognition. The lives of many young children and the future of our community are better for her efforts."

The L. Burton Barnes, III Public Service Award recognizes BBA members who have given freely of their time and energy in public service for the benefit and betterment of the general public, and also to honor the memory of Barnes, who was considered to be a champion of public service until his untimely death in 1994. Nominees are considered based on their exemplary public service, dedication and sacrifice of time and effort that is entirely unrelated to personal or professional gain, and reputation for honesty and integrity throughout the community.

Lovoy began volunteering with Head Start in 2007. The program provides educational services to approximately 1,400 children ages three to five and their families. Lovoy volunteers to meet the needs of 45 or more local children who are enrolled in the program, providing them with clothing, art supplies, books, toys and other items that will help each child and his or her family to make ends meet during times of financial hardship. ■

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Judicial Award of Merit

The Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners will receive nominations for the state bar's Judicial Award of Merit through **March 15, 2016**. Nominations should be 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.

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 2016 Annual Meeting at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort-Baytowne Wharf.

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 May 6, 2016. Applications may be downloaded from www.alabar.org or obtained by contacting Ed Patterson at (334) 269-1515 or ed.patterson@alabar.org.

J. Anthony "Tony" McLain Professionalism Award

The Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar will receive nominations for the J. Anthony "Tony" McLain Professionalism Award through **April 15, 2016**. Nominations should be prepared on the appropriate nomination form available at www.alabar.org and mailed to:

Keith B. Norman
Executive Director
Alabama State Bar
P.O. Box 671
Montgomery AL 36101

The purpose of the J. Anthony "Tony" McLain Professionalism Award is to honor the leadership of Tony McLain and to encourage the emulation of his deep devotion to professionalism and service to the Alabama State Bar by recognizing outstanding, long-term and distinguished service in the advancement of professionalism by living members of the Alabama State Bar.

Nominations are considered by a five-member committee which 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.

William D. "Bill" Scruggs, Jr. Service to the Bar Award

The Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar will receive nominations for the William D. "Bill" Scruggs, Jr. Service to the Bar Award through **April 15, 2016**. Nominations should be prepared on the appropriate nomination form available at www.alabar.org and mailed to:

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The Bill Scruggs Service to the Bar Award was established in 2002 to honor the memory of and accomplishments on behalf of the bar of former state bar President Bill Scruggs. The award is not necessarily an annual award. It must be presented in recognition of outstanding and long-term service by living members of the bar of this state to the Alabama State Bar as an organization.

Nominations are considered by a five-member committee which 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.

Notice of Election And Electronic Balloting

Notice is given here pursuant to the *Alabama State Bar Rules Governing Election and Selection of President-elect and Members of the Board of Bar Commissioners* that the election of these officers will be held beginning Monday, May 16, 2016 and ending Friday, May 20, 2016.

On the third Monday in May (May 16, 2016), members will be notified by email with a link to an electronic ballot. Members who wish to vote by paper ballot should notify the secretary in writing on or before the first Friday in May (May 6, 2016) requesting a paper ballot. A single written request will be sufficient for all contested elections (president-elect and commissioner) and run-offs, if necessary. All ballots (paper and electronic) must be voted and received by the Alabama State Bar by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday (May 20, 2016) immediately following the opening of the election.

Nomination and Election of Board of Bar Commissioners

Bar commissioners will be elected by those lawyers with their principal offices in the following circuits:

- 1st Judicial Circuit
- 3rd Judicial Circuit
- 5th Judicial Circuit
- 6th Judicial Circuit, Place 1
- 7th Judicial Circuit
- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place 3

- 10th Judicial Circuit, Place 6
- 13th Judicial Circuit, Place 3
- 13th Judicial Circuit, Place 4
- 14th Judicial Circuit
- 15th Judicial Circuit, Place 1
- 15th Judicial Circuit, Place 3
- 15th Judicial Circuit, Place 4
- 23rd Judicial Circuit, Place 3
- 25th Judicial Circuit
- 26th Judicial Circuit
- 28th Judicial Circuit, Place 1
- 32nd Judicial Circuit
- 37th Judicial Circuit

Additional commissioners will be elected for each 300 members of the state bar with principal offices therein. New commissioner positions for these and the remaining circuits will be determined by a census on March 1, 2016 and vacancies certified by the secretary no later than March 15, 2016. All terms will be for three years.

A candidate for commissioner may be nominated 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. Nomination forms and/or declarations of candidacy must be received by the secretary of the Alabama State Bar no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in April (April 29, 2016).

Election of At-Large Commissioners

At-large commissioners will be elected for the following place numbers: 2, 5 and 8. Applications for these positions, which are elected by the Board of Bar Commissioners, are due by April 1, 2016.

Submission of Nominations

Nomination forms, declarations of candidacy forms and applications for at-large commissioner positions must be submitted by the appropriate deadline and addressed to:

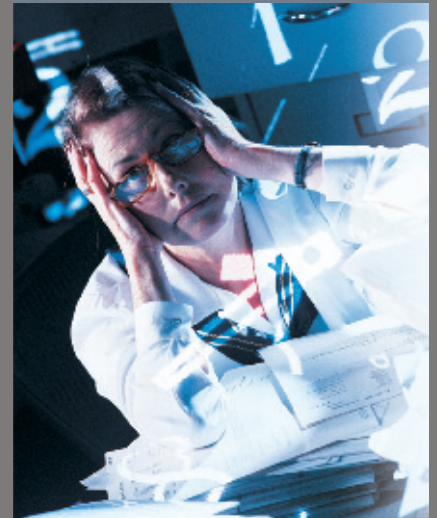
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These forms may also be sent by email to elections@alabar.org or by fax to (334) 261-6310.

It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that the secretary receives the nomination form by the deadline.

Election rules and petitions for all positions are available at www.alabar.org. ■

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Reappointment of Incumbent Bankruptcy Administrator

Northern District of Alabama

The current five-year term of J. Thomas Corbett, United States Bankruptcy Administrator for the Northern District of Alabama, expires December 4, 2016. As authorized under the Regulations of the *Judicial Conference of the United States Governing the Bankruptcy Administrator Program*, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit has established a review committee to consider whether Mr. Corbett should be reappointed to a new five-year term.

The bankruptcy administrator is responsible for supervising trustees and debtors in possession and ensuring that such persons effectively administer the district's bankruptcy estates under Section 1334 of Title 28, *United States Code*.

Members of the bar and the public are invited to comment on whether Mr. Corbett should be recommended for reappointment by the Court of Appeals. Upon request, a commenter's identity will be kept confidential.

Comments should be submitted to James P. Gerstenlauer, circuit executive, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 56 Forsyth St., NW, Atlanta 30303. Comments must be received in the circuit executive's office **no later than March 14, 2016**. Email and fax copies will not be considered. ■



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ISI Alabama Opens New Office in Birmingham

ISI Alabama announces their newest location opened in December in Birmingham. The new site will continue to provide Alabama State Bar members the highest quality in insurance products to protect their health, wellbeing and financial security.

State bar members benefit from plans offering simplified underwriting, shortened applications, online sales access, discounted rates and personalized service.

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FAMILY MEDIATION PROGRAM 2015 STATISTICS

In this program sponsored financially by the Supreme Court of Alabama and administered by the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution, middle- and lower-income parents who are divorcing or separating may work with a mediator free of charge to negotiate a parenting and financial plan that best suits their family.

In 2015 (January 1–December 31, 2015), registered, trained mediators mediated 134 cases with 94 agreements, eight partial agreements, 29 with no agreement and three with special

circumstances. This is an agreement rate of 76 percent.

The average cost of mediation was \$853.62 per family and 181 children were benefitted. Mediators gave more than 126 hours of pro bono time to the program as required.

The center paid mediators \$114,385.18.

Parents are more eager to follow a plan that they agree upon, and know that they can come back to mediation to work on any necessary changes as the children age or circumstances change. ■



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The Alabama State Bar is once again offering a discount for bar members who would like to attend ABA TECHSHOW 2016 in Chicago on March 16-19!

ASB members will receive a discount of \$155 off the standard non-ABA member rate when they register online, use discount code EP1608 and indicate they are ASB members. Register at <http://bit.ly/1wQFHTK>.

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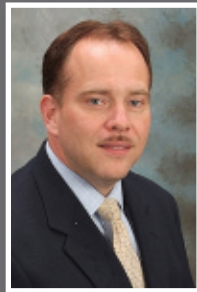
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2016 Annual Meeting

BAYTOWNE WHARF

June 22 - 25

Chance Corbett is an associate director in the Auburn University Department of Public Safety. His responsibilities include leading the Emergency Management Program for Auburn University which includes planning for and managing emergencies and disasters that affect Auburn University.



Corbett received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and master's degree in education from Troy University. He is a POST-certified law enforcement officer, nationally registered paramedic and certified firefighter. He is also a certified emergency manager with the International Association of Emergency Managers.

Prior to working for Auburn University, Corbett served seven years as the Homeland Security/EMA director for Russell County and has more than 24 years of public safety experience, many in the law enforcement field. Corbett is a member of numerous national public safety and emergency management organizations.

During his career as a fulltime law enforcement officer, Corbett spent more than six years as a member of a local SWAT team, including

serving as the team leader for over three years. He is a senior instructor for the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and teaches an advanced active shooter training program to law enforcement officers. Corbett leads the efforts to teach Active Shooter Response Training to the students and employees of Auburn University as well as other schools and organizations as needed.



Featuring the "**WingNuts**" Friday, June 24 at the Presidential Dinner and Young Lawyers'/Leadership Forum sections party, with lead singer **Circuit Judge Alan Furr**, 30th Judicial Circuit, Pell City