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## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

### McLain Receives Alabama State Bar Professionalism Award

At this year's annual meeting in July, state bar **General Counsel J. Anthony McLain** received the Alabama State Bar Professionalism Award.

The award recognizes an attorney for his/her distinguished service in the advancement of professionalism. This year marks the inception of the award and it will be known as the J. Anthony "Tony" McLain Award.

McLain began his career with the Alabama State Bar in 1988 as assistant general counsel, and was named general counsel in 1995. In this role, McLain is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Center for Professional Responsibility, which investigates and prosecutes bar complaints, issues ethics opinions to lawyers, represents the bar in state and federal litigation and provides legal advice to the bar's governing body, the Board of Bar Commissioners.

Prior to his service to the bar, McLain served as an assistant attorney general during the administrations of Attorneys General Bill Baxley and Charlie Graddick. He later practiced law with the firm McLain & Hampton. He is a graduate of Auburn University and received his law degree from Samford University Cumberland School of Law.



McLain

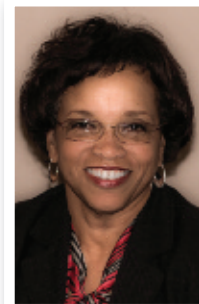
### Johnson Receives Bar Administrator of the Year Award

Recently-retired state bar **Director of Admissions Dorothy Johnson** received the Bar Administrator of the Year Award from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) during the organization's annual meeting in Minneapolis.

The Administrator of the Year Award recognizes exemplary service by a bar admissions administrator. Individuals who receive the award are leaders within the field of bar admissions and have often contributed years of service to the profession.

"Dorothy rendered outstanding service to the legal profession for more than 20 years, and, in that time, she touched the lives of so many people," said Alabama State Bar **President Rich Raleigh**. "Dorothy assisted thousands of Alabama bar applicants during her career with the Alabama State Bar, including people who have gone on to be leaders in their local communities and our nation. She approached every task with professionalism and grace. Dorothy has been an asset to our bar, and is most deserving of this honor."

The award recipient is selected each year by the current chair of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. This year's



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chair is Margaret Fuller Corneille, director of the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners.

"Dorothy is the quintessential bar admission administrator," Corneille said. "She understands the great weight of responsibility that is borne by those who administer the bar exam, but at the same time, she has a sharp eye for detail that ensures that nothing is missed."

As director of admissions for the bar, Johnson coordinated, reviewed and administered state bar admissions. She coordinated with the Board of Bar Examiners on examination content and the administration of the exam.

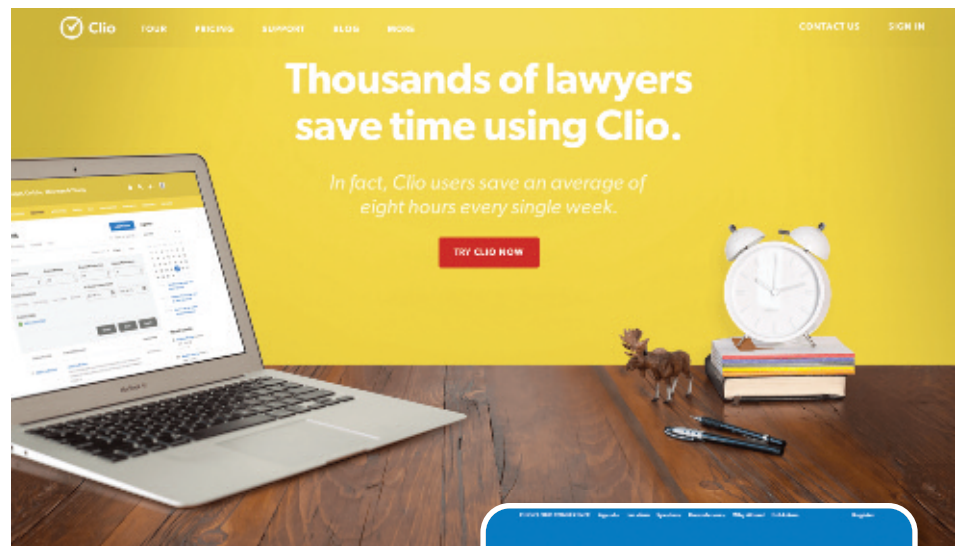
Johnson began her career with the Alabama State Bar in June 1992 as admissions assistant. In 1993, she became the director of admissions. During her time at the bar, she served on the NCBE Character and Fitness Committee and the NCBE Technology Committee and was elected vice chair of the Council of Bar Admission Administrators. After more than 22 years of service to the bar, Johnson retired effective August 1, 2014. ■

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### Montgomery County Public Defender's Office

The newly-established Montgomery County Public Defender's Office (MCPDO) seeks trial attorneys with varied levels of experience to represent indigent defendants in the 15th Judicial Circuit. Under the direction of **Public Defender Aylia McKee**, the office will implement a comprehensive, client-centered approach to criminal defense work with full support from investigative and clerical professionals. All attorney positions require admission to practice in Alabama and offer the benefits package available to state employees. Those interested in joining this team should visit the "News" link at <http://15jc.alacourt.gov/>. ■

## MEMBER BENEFIT SPOTLIGHT



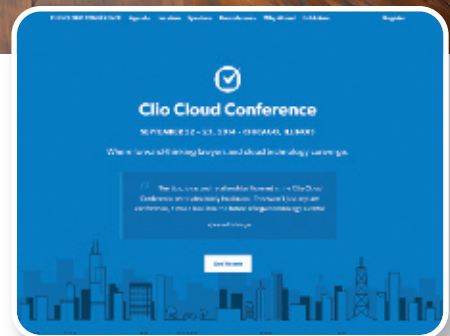
### Clio: Discounts, Webinars and the Clio Cloud Conference, Too!

In addition to providing ASB members a 10 percent discount off the monthly charge for its cloud-based practice management system, Clio also provides free training webinars to help you make the most of the service while improving the profitability of your practice, and a conference covering everything you want to know about using cloud-based systems in the practice of law.

General Clio webinars take place every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Central time and will help acquaint you with all of Clio's functionality. You'll see a sample practice workflow and have an opportunity to ask questions about how you can implement the system in your office.

Clio's training webinars are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. Central time, and are designed to provide an in-depth exploration of specific areas of functionality such as using Clio with Dropbox, collaborating with Clio Connect (the service's client extranet portal) and creating custom fields to capture the information that's important to you.

There are also periodic webinars featuring guest speakers on many practice



management topics, and all of them are open to all ASB members—regardless of whether or not you currently use Clio. To find out more about the free webinars, email [pmmap@alabar.org](mailto:pmmap@alabar.org).

And for those who are dedicated Clio users, or just want to know more about how cloud computing can help move your law practice forward, Clio is hosting the Clio Cloud Conference on September 22 and 23 in Chicago. Attendees will hear experts who are shaping the rapidly-evolving legal technology landscape, including keynote speaker Richard Susskind, author of *The End of Lawyers* and *Tomorrow's Lawyers*, as well as Cindy Cohn, legal director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and David Lat, founder of the wildly popular *Above the Law* blog. The Cloud Conference will be held at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, and will feature plenary sessions and tracks on the business of law, technology and the law and a Clio University training track, as well as a trip to see the Chicago Cubs at the end of the conference on September 23. For more information or to register, see <http://cliocloudconference.com>. ■



## COURT NOTICES

### Appointment of Bankruptcy Administrator, Southern District of Alabama

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit invites applications for the Bankruptcy Administrator position for the Southern District of Alabama in Mobile. The Bankruptcy Administrator serves a five-year term and will be responsible for all matters relating to the administration of estates in bankruptcy cases. The administrator is charged with the effective administration of estates in the district under Section 1334 of Title 28 *United States Code* and is eligible for reappointment to additional terms. The annual salary range is \$114,872–\$167,000 (JSP 15-17), based on experience and qualifications.

For more information about the duties of or qualifications for this position, go to [http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/job\\_vacancies/Public-Notice-BA-ALSD.pdf](http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/job_vacancies/Public-Notice-BA-ALSD.pdf). Those interested in applying for this position must submit a resume and cover letter to James P. Gerstenlauer, circuit executive, U.S. Court of Appeals, 56 Forsyth St., NW, Atlanta 30303 no later than **September 15, 2014**. Emailed and faxed copies of applications will not be accepted.

*The United States Courts Are Equal Opportunity Employers.*

### Amendments to the Rules Of the U.S. Court of Appeals For the Eleventh Circuit

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), notice and opportunity for comment are hereby given of proposed amendments to the *Rules of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit*.

A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained from [www.ca11.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov). A copy may also be obtained without charge from the Office of the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 56 Forsyth St. NW, Atlanta 30303 (phone: 404-335-6100). Comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the Clerk at the above address by September 5, 2014. ■

## ACCOLADES

### Ice Bucket Challenge Goes Legal! Adams & Reese Participates in Ice Bucket Challenge

The popular and gone-viral “ALS Ice Bucket Challenge” continued in New Orleans recently as Adams & Reese’s managing partner participated in the challenge on the steps of One Shell Square, and the firm made a \$1,000 donation to Team (Steve) Gleason and ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis).

The challenge has raised over \$4 million globally to fight the neuromuscular disease.

The Ice Bucket Challenge has been performed by people across the nation, from Ethel Kennedy to Justin Timberlake, to several NFL teams, coaches and many media anchors and celebrities. In the last two weeks, the ALS Association and its 38 chapters have received \$4 million in donations compared to \$1.12

million during the same time last year. Since July 29, the association has welcomed more than 70,000 new donors to the cause.

On September 25, 2006, Steve Gleason was responsible for one of the most dramatic moments in Saints’ history, when he blocked a punt in the first quarter against the Atlanta Falcons, which was recovered in the Falcons’ end zone for a touchdown. It was the first score in the Saints’ first home game in nearly 21 months, following Hurricane Katrina.

In January 2011, three years after his retirement, Gleason was diagnosed with ALS. He and his foundation are committed to helping those with ALS live productive, inspired lives by providing access to life-affirming events and assistive technology until a cure is found.

The ALS Association is one of the more than 200 organizations to which the Adams & Reese employee volunteer program, also known as HUGS (Hope, Understanding, Giving and Support), donates thousands of hours and dollars. ■



# Have What It Takes?

## Leadership Forum 2015 Applications Now Available

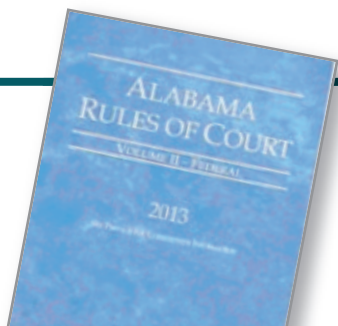


*“The servant-leader is servant first. The best test is: Do those served grow as persons; do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?”*

—Robert K. Greenleaf

Applications for Leadership Forum 2015, Class 11, are available at [http://www.alabar.org/leadership/ASB\\_LEADERSHIP\\_FORUM\\_2015\\_CLASS\\_11\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.alabar.org/leadership/ASB_LEADERSHIP_FORUM_2015_CLASS_11_FINAL.pdf) and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. October 1, 2014. Class 11 will consist of no more than 30 participants. Successful applicants will be notified the week of November 3-7, 2014. Submit signed and completed applications to [leadershipforum@alabar.org](mailto:leadershipforum@alabar.org) or to Christina Butler, director, External Relations and Projects, c/o Leadership Forum Program, 415 Dexter Ave., Montgomery 36104.

For more information, contact the Alabama State Bar Programs Office, (334) 269-1515 or [leadershipforum@alabar.org](mailto:leadershipforum@alabar.org).



### The 2013 Alabama Rules of Court

(state and federal) are available for purchase at \$10 per copy, payable by cash or check only. Copies may be picked up at the Alabama Supreme Court Law Library on Dexter Avenue-Lobby Level, or checks may be mailed to:

Alabama Supreme Court and  
State Law Library  
Attn: Public Services-Book Sale  
300 Dexter Ave.  
Montgomery 36104

Contact any public services  
staff member at (334) 229-0563  
with questions.



Short articles of general interest are always welcomed from ASB members. All materials submitted for publication in the *Addendum* are subject to editing for style, space and content.

Send submissions as Word documents to [margaret.murphy@alabar.org](mailto:margaret.murphy@alabar.org). The deadline for the October issue is September 10.





*Alyce Spruell, 2013 recipient of the Harold Albritton Pro Bono Leadership Award, and Judge Albritton*

The Harold Albritton Pro Bono Leadership Award seeks to identify and honor individual lawyers who through their leadership and commitment have enhanced the human dignity of others by improving pro bono legal services to our state's poor and disadvantaged. The 2014 award will be present during Pro

## Pro Bono Leadership Award Nominations Sought

Bono Month in October. To nominate an individual for this award, submit no more than two single-spaced pages that provide specific, concrete examples of the nominee's performance in as many of the following criteria as apply:

1. Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to persons of limited means or low-income communities through a pro bono program;
2. Contributed significant work toward developing innovative approaches to delivery of volunteer legal services;
3. Participated in an activity that resulted in satisfying previously

unmet needs or in extending services to underserved segments of the population; or

4. Successfully achieved legislation or rule changes that contributed substantially to legal services to persons of limited means or low-income communities.

To the extent appropriate, include in the award criteria narrative a description of any bar association activities applicable to the above criteria. To be considered for the award, nominations must be submitted by September 15, 2014. For more information about the nomination process, contact Linda Lund at (334) 517-2246 or [linda.lund@alabar.org](mailto:linda.lund@alabar.org).



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# Join the conversation

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# Don't Check Out of the Dues Check-Off!

The September dues statement presents bar members with the opportunity to make a \$50 tax-deductible contribution to the Alabama Law Foundation in the form of an opt-out dues check-off.

## WHY WE NEED IT-Reduced Income

- IOLTA revenue is down from \$1.3 million six years ago to \$410,000 now.
- Grants to organizations providing legal services have gone from \$919,000 in 2010 to \$398,000 now.
- \$45 of every \$50 donated will be added to the foundation's funds available for legal aid grants.

## WHY WE NEED IT-Increased Need

- Alabama has the seventh-highest poverty rate in America.
- Last year, Legal Services and four Volunteer Lawyer programs closed over 16,000 cases, yet **84 percent of civil legal needs of low-income households went unmet.**

## KIDS' CHANCE-College Scholarships for Children of Alabama's Injured Workers

- \$5 out of every \$50 donated will be used for Kids' Chance Scholarships to students who have had a parent killed or permanently disabled in a work-related accident.
- Research shows that in Alabama, college tuition has increased 153 percent just in the last decade. Kids' Chance students are especially vulnerable to the double punch of low income coupled with rising tuition.

Alabama lawyers have always stepped up to help those in need, and the need now is greater than ever. The Alabama Law Foundation would greatly appreciate law firms making the \$50 contribution for each member of the firm.



We put our hands over our hearts and say the Pledge of Allegiance: "Liberty and justice for all." That is what the Alabama Law Foundation's grants do—provide justice for all. Here is a chance to put hands and hearts to work.

For information on the Alabama Law Foundation's programs, check out [www.alabamalawfoundation.org](http://www.alabamalawfoundation.org). You can also contact the foundation's executive director, Tracy Daniel, at [tdaniel@alabamalawfoundation.org](mailto:tdaniel@alabamalawfoundation.org) or its president, Tom Oliver, at [toliver@carrallison.com](mailto:toliver@carrallison.com).



## A CLE for Those Who Deal with Foreclosure And Servicer Regulations



Cathy Mansfield, with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, DC, will be in Montgomery, September 16, to discuss the new servicing regulations that went into effect January 2014. The cost is nominal for 2.5 hours of CLE; registration is required for attendance, however (no walk-ins). If interested, contact the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution, (334) 269-0409 or [patsy.shropshire@alabar.org](mailto:patsy.shropshire@alabar.org). ■

# Mediation Program Helps Everyone Win



The Family Mediation Program is a special mediation project, developed and administered by the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution. The program was established because Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore wanted families who were in divorce or child-support situations to have help available as they continued to parent and guide their children. Child specialists explain that continued fighting and conflict between parents is most detrimental to the health and well-being of children; working with a mediator to develop a parenting plan with parental responsibilities, support and child time to give to a judge during proceedings is essential to de-escalating conflict and helping children thrive after divorce.

The supreme court receives a small

amount of funding under Section 12-10A-4 *Code of Alabama* (1975) which provides for statewide coordination of pro bono services and furtherance of attorney professionalism. Because the center has a statewide network of trained family mediators, the court asked it to develop and provide free mediation to families with children who have limited means.

In the first phase, 20 families had mediation assistance in Dallas, Bibb, Perry, Wilcox, Houston and Shelby counties. In addition, mediators provided over 40 hours of additional non-paid pro bono time to those families. Judges interested in participating with family mediators in their counties are encouraged to contact the center at (334) 269-0409 or [adr@alabar.org](mailto:adr@alabar.org) for more information. ■