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SAVE THE DATE



CLE Offered for ADR Section Members And Registered Mediators

A three-hour MCLE program, *Practical Tips from Top Mediators*, will be offered October 13. This mediation webinar is for all ADR Section members and registered mediators. Be on the lookout for more information to come soon from the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution!

LAW FOUNDATION AWARDS Justice Janie L. Shores Scholarship

The Alabama Law Foundation announces that **Amber Busby** has been awarded \$4,750 as the 2015 winner of the Justice Janie L. Shores Scholarship. As Allison Skinner, chair of the scholarship committee, explains, "In 2006, the Women's Section of the Alabama State Bar, along with the Alabama Law Foundation, established the Janie L. Shores Scholarship to support a female Alabama resident attending an Alabama law school." The scholarship is named in honor of the first female Alabama Supreme Court Justice, who was elected in 1974.

Busby graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree and a double major in Spanish and history. She was a member of the University Honors and International Honors College. Other notable achievements include being named an



Pictured above are Allison Skinner, Amber Busby and Ginger Busby.

Honors College Innovator, serving as vice president of Alpha Gamma Delta, a Student Government Association Senate assistant and a member of Order of

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Omega leadership honor society and Phi Alpha Theta history honor society. Busby has continuously worked to assist in financing her college and law school career and gained knowledge of government functions as a professional staff member on the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations and staff assistant for Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions. She has used her fluency in Spanish as an English tutor in Spain and as a Spanish tutor in Tuscaloosa and Washington, DC. Busby plans to continue working as a law clerk between law school terms.

With a passion for underserved women and children, Busby volunteers as a tutor and mentor, is a member of the Dorbin Association and has raised money for Turning Point of West Alabama. She has the unique honor of being the first scholarship recipient whose mother, **Ginger Busby**, is an attorney. Amber expressed her respect of women in law and her appreciation of the scholarship, "With my mother as an attorney, I am even more appreciative of women in the practice of law. I am honored to be the recipient of this prestigious scholarship that recognizes the contribution of women in the profession, particularly Justice Shores. I am so grateful for this financial assistance, and with it, I will do my best to make the members of this profession proud."

Busby was recognized at the Maude McLure Kelly Award luncheon held during the ASB annual meeting. The luncheon is named in honor of Alabama's first woman lawyer, who became the first woman lawyer in the United States to plead a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

A silent auction, held the evening after the luncheon, raised money for the scholarship. ■

Magistrate Judge Chosen for Middle District

The judges of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama announce the selection of **Gray M. Borden** to fill the United States Magistrate Judge vacancy created in the Middle District of Alabama due to the retirement of Hon. Charles S. Coody. A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community reviewed all applicants for the position and submitted to the District Court the five names of those best qualified for the vacancy. After a full-field background report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service, Borden will be appointed by the court to fill the vacancy.

Borden is an Assistant United States Attorney with the Middle District of Alabama. A native of Montgomery, he graduated with a B.S. degree from Washington and Lee University. He received his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude in 2005 from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he was editor in chief of the *Alabama Law Review* and



Borden

qualified scholastically for Order of the Coif. After law school, he clerked for United States District Judge William M. Acker, Jr. and was associated for several years with Lightfoot, Franklin & White of Birmingham before joining the U.S. Attorney's office in Montgomery.

Borden will serve an eight-year term, but can be reappointed. ■

MEMBER BENEFIT SPOTLIGHT

Special Income-Protection Offer

A new, lump-sum income-protection policy exclusively for Alabama State Bar members insured by Lloyd's of London—a global leader in specialty insurance—soon will be available.

This new plan is designed to protect your family and lifestyle with a single, lump-sum benefit payable in the event of an unexpected illness or injury. Eligible members may enroll without health questions during the limited open-enrollment window from September 15 through October 2, and issuance is guaranteed. Key features include:

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Watch for more information by regular mail and email in mid-September. ■

ESIRT Presents E-Discovery Program

By Laura A. Calloway, director, ASB Service Programs

If you need to learn more about e-discovery but you don't know where to start, you'll want to attend the upcoming special presentation of "The Decade of Discovery," which will be followed by a panel discussion with some of Alabama's most knowledgeable attorneys and judges and will close with a cocktail reception. The program, hosted by Birmingham's ESI Roundtable, will take place Thursday, September 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the offices of Balch & Bingham, 1901 6th Ave. N, Birmingham. The program has been approved for 1.5 hours of MCLE credit by the Alabama State Bar.

"The Decade of Discovery" is an award-winning documentary about a government attorney on a quest to find a better way to search White House email and a teacher who took a stand

for civil justice on the electronic frontier. It chronicles events which took place in U.S. courts between 2002 and 2012, leading to revolutionary changes in the way that discovery of electronically-stored information is now conducted. The film focuses on the growth and evolution of the e-discovery industry and recounts the significant cases—and the jurists who had to wrestle with them—to forge current e-discovery practices.

"What I like about this documentary is that it tells the history of e-discovery from the point of view of the lawyers and judges involved since the inception of the challenge, which is now mainstream in litigation and practice," says Melissa Rogozinski, president of the ESI Roundtable.

The ESI Roundtable is a community-based organization with chapters in major

cities around the U.S. that brings together judges, lawyers and e-discovery professionals to help shape best practices in electronic discovery, as well as making continuing legal education available on the topic of e-discovery. Membership in the ESIRT is available and allows members to receive reduced-price MCLE programs, a litigation forms library and a presentations library. Rogozinski can also assist with referrals to the most appropriate e-discovery technologies and providers.

"The Decade of Discovery" is co-sponsored by the Alabama State Bar's Practice Management Assistance Program. The program is free but registration is required. To register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/nb4z3fn>. For more information about the program, call Melissa Rogozinski at (205) 873-1234. ■



Billy C. Bedsole

The Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission recently selected **Billy C. Bedsole**, a partner in the Mobile firm of Stockman & Bedsole, as its chair. He is only the second attorney to serve as chair in the past 25 years.



Bedsole

Created by the Alabama Constitution, the Judicial Inquiry Commission enforces the *Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics*, the ethical rules that govern Alabama state judges. Its jurisdiction includes consideration of sworn complaints concerning any state judge's alleged violation of the *Canons*, misconduct in office, failure to perform judicial duties or inability to perform judicial duties because of a physical or mental disability. The commission also prosecutes any formal charges it has filed in the Alabama Court of the Judiciary. In addition, the Alabama Supreme Court has authorized the commission to render advice to judges regarding their duties under the *Canons*.

Bedsole, a member of the Alabama State Bar for 52 years, was one of two appointments by the state bar to the commission in 2011. He has also served the state bar and the Mobile Bar Association in numerous positions.

Jenna M. Bedsole

Baker Donelson announces that **Jenna M. Bedsole** recently received the firm's 2015 Susan E. Rich Award for excellence in the promotion of and commitment to women in the legal



Bedsole

profession. She is a shareholder in the firm's Birmingham office.

As co-chair of the firm's Women's Initiative Programming Committee, she is responsible for developing programs designed to help the firm's women attorneys further their careers. She previously served as the 2013-2014 chair of the Birmingham Business Alliance Women's Business Council, which works to aid women in the achievement of their professional goals while encouraging a prosperous business community, and is currently serving as chair of the Birmingham Regional Economic Council, the coordinating body for all of the councils of the Birmingham Business Alliance.

Bedsole is a member of the board of directors for Autism 2 Ability, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that focuses on helping children with autism spectrum disorders to successfully talk, learn and live. She is working with the organization to develop an app, named TALK, designed to help give a voice to all non-verbal individuals.

Bedsole is also the executive producer and director of "Stand Up, Speak Out—The Nina Miglionico Story," a feature film documentary on the life and legacy of one of Alabama's first female attorneys.

Baker Donelson established the Susan E. Rich award in honor of Susan Elliot Rich, who was the firm's first woman shareholder, the first woman to be appointed as an office managing shareholder and the first woman appointed to the board of directors. This award is given annually to a recipient who exemplifies ongoing commitment and effort to strengthen the role of women attorneys at Baker Donelson.

Steven A. Burns

Steven A. Burns, a partner with Balch & Bingham in the Birmingham office, received the Gold Star Speaker's Award at

the Air and Waste Management Association's Florida/Alabama Joint Technical Training Conference. The award was given by the Alabama and Coastal Plains chapters of the Air and Waste Management Association in recognition of and appreciation for Burns's many years of outstanding environmental technical presentations at the conference. In recent years, those presentations have focused on coal combustion residuals.



Burns

Jay Holloway and David Graves

The Alabama Association for Justice (ALAJ) announces that **Jay Holloway** and **David Graves**, both with Alexander Shunnarah Personal Injury Attorneys PC, were named to new positions of leadership. Holloway was appointed to the board of directors for 2015-2016, and Graves was elected to the board of ALAJ's Emerging Leaders council.

David Hall

David Hall of Baker Donelson has received the Transportation Lawyers Association's 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

The Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA) is an independent, international bar association whose members assist providers and/or commercial users of logistics and transportation services, regardless of mode.

A shareholder in Baker Donelson's Birmingham office, Hall concentrates his practice in civil litigation with an emphasis on transportation, personal injury, business torts, commercial disputes and product liability.

William W. Horton

William W. Horton, a partner with Jones Walker in the Birmingham office, was recently installed as the chair of the American Bar Association's Health Law Section. Horton is the first Alabama attorney to serve as chair of the section.



Horton

The ABA's Health Law Section is the voice of the national health law bar within the American Bar Association. Its members represent clients in all segments of the healthcare industry, including physicians, hospitals and other institutional providers, teaching and research organizations, managed-care organizations, pharmaceutical companies and device manufacturers. The members also work in governmental healthcare programs, federal and state regulatory bodies and academic communities.

Timothy M. Lupinacci

Baker Donelson announces that **Timothy M. Lupinacci** was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.



Lupinacci

Lupinacci was one of 34 nominees worldwide being honored and recognized for their contributions to the field of bankruptcy and insolvency.

A shareholder in the Birmingham office, Lupinacci is a frequent author and lecturer on creditors' rights, workouts and insolvency and is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, as well as the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar and Birmingham Bar Association.

The college is an honorary professional and educational association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals.

Brian McCarthy

Brian McCarthy, a member of Mc-

Dowell Knight Roeder & Sledge LLC, was recently inducted as a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Fellowship in the academy is by invitation only. Each nominee is assessed by his colleagues and the judges before whom he has appeared. In the U.S., membership in the academy is limited to 500 fellows under the age of 70.

McCarthy joins McDowell Knight founding members Michael Knight and Edward Sledge, III as a fellow of the academy.



McCarthy

Circuit Judge Julie A. Palmer

Circuit Judge Julie A. Palmer was recently named 2015 Judge of the Year by the state bar's Family Law Section at the section's annual CLE, "Divorce on the Beach." Judge Palmer is past chair of the section and served on the board in many capacities for seven years. She was awarded "Lawyer of the Year" by the section in 2006. Judge Palmer is presiding judge for the domestic relations courts for the 10th Judicial Circuit/Birmingham Division.



Palmer

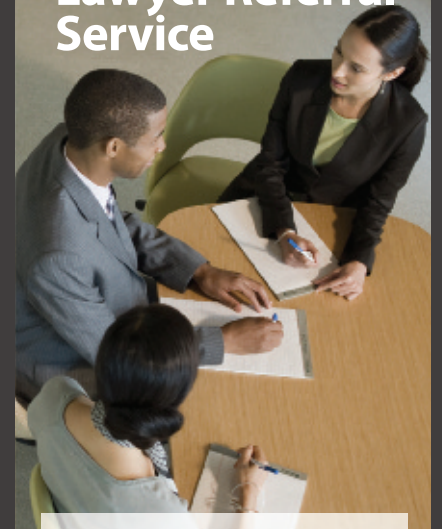
H. Jerome Thompson

H. Jerome Thompson of Moulton was recently elected to serve a two-year term on the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization with 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs.

In addition to his work as a member of the Lions Club, Thompson has served as an active member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, president of the Lawrence County Bar Association and former Alabama State Bar Commissioner.

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Adams & Reese Fills Backpacks as Participant In Annual Drive

The Adams & Reese Mobile office participated in the Volunteers of America Southeast's annual Operation Backpack drive to provide school supplies to children in need for the new school year.

The organization distributed more than 400 backpacks to the local department of human resources for their foster families, Woody's Song (serves children with autism) and six church partners to distribute to kids in rural communities. VOASE has distributed more than 3,000 filled backpacks to children in need over the past five years.

The firm's Mobile office had a fundraiser lunch and a dress-down day and, with

contributions of donations and supplies, was able to fill 12 backpacks with at least one of every supply on their list.

VOA is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization providing local human service programs and opportunities for community involvement. VOASE began serving the community in 1980.

VOASE is one of the more-than 200 organizations that the Adams & Reese employee volunteer program, also known as HUGS (Hope, Understanding, Giving and Support), donates thousands of hours and dollars to offer communities "hands-on" activities and assistance to those less fortunate. ■

Notice of and Opportunity for Comment On 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 is 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. 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 4, 2015. ■

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