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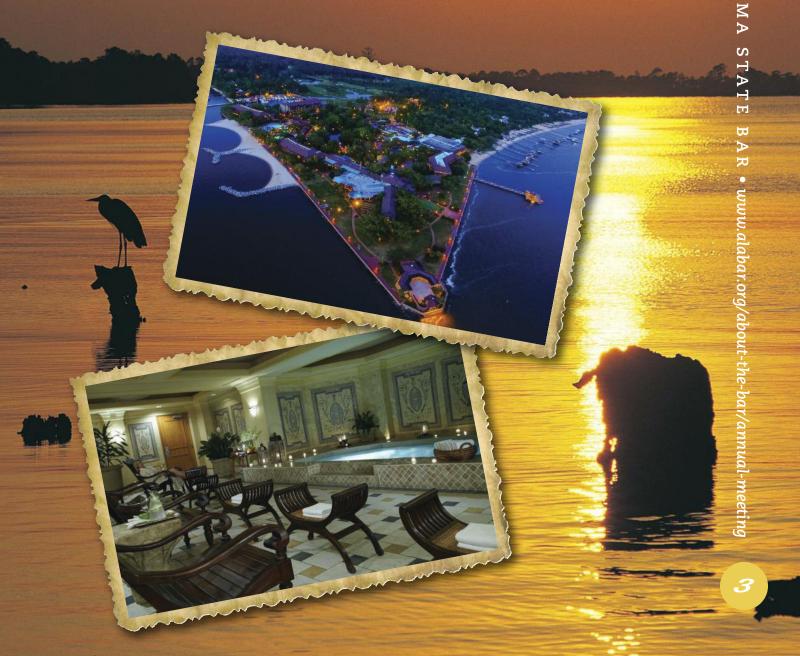


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Celebrated as a destination to escape and rejuvenate, The Grand Hotel has been pampering guests for over 170 years. This enchanting Gulf Coast treasure endures with timeless tradition, legendary service and overflowing hospitality. You'll be pampered during our annual meeting. Majestic Live Oak Trees, 550 acres of lush grounds and stunning Mobile Bay sunsets are the perfect backdrop for our annual meeting. The beautiful

guest rooms invite comfort, relaxation, and rest. Enjoy the delectable cuisine, countless recreational activities including Golf, European Spa, Biking, Sailing and Family Events – all customizable for you. Enjoy the beloved traditions including daily Afternoon Tea, Firing of the Cannon to commemorate the Hotel's military legacy, and much more. Come join us to experience the iconic "Grand Life" - where History and Hospitality come together in Grand Style.



## CLE TRACK PROGRAMMING



**Business of Law-Technology** 



Helping/Service to Others



**Future of the Profession** 



Mind. Body. Spirit. Wellness

## Bench-Bar Symposium

This year we are fortunate that the Alabama Judges Conference and the Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting will be held back-to-back at the Grand Hotel. We are presented with a golden opportunity for the leadership of the Alabama State Bar and Alabama Judges to engage with one another. Past presidents of the Bar, Board of Bar Commissioners, chairs and co-chairs of Bar committees and task forces, and chairs of the Bar's sections have been invited to participate in a Bench-Bar Symposium on July 11-12, 2017. The events on the schedule are below.

## TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Tennis Tournament with Judges**(By invitation) *Lakewood Club at The Colony, 18269 Colony Drive* 

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**Golf Tournament with Judges** (By invitation) *Grand Azalea Course* 

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Joint Bench-Bar Symposium Cocktail Reception** (By invitation)

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017**

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Joint Bench-Bar Symposium Breakfast with Officers of District and Judges Association and Leaders of the Bar

(By invitation)

State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Lyn Stuart and Presentation of the State Bar Judicial Award of Merit.

Sponsored by the Alabama District and Circuit Judges and Alabama State Bar



## Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

10:15 am - 12:15 pm



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Law-Justice and the Holocaust - The Role of Judges in Safe Guarding Democracy

(2.0 hours MCLE credit)

Joint CLE with District and Circuit Judges

(Open to all annual meeting registrants) Speaker: Dr. William F. Meinecke, Jr., Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the Alabama District and Circuit Judges and the Alabama State Bar and presented by the Law, Justice and Society Initiatives, United States Holocaust Museum, Washington, D.C.



Meinecke

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Executive Council Luncheon

Noon – 7:00 pm 2017 Annual Meeting Registration

## 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Alabama Law Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

## 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Poverty Simulation & Economic Justice Seminar

#### (3.0 hours MCLE Credit)

(Pre-registration required)
Speakers: Kristina Scott, Executive
Director of Alabama Possible; Caren
E. Short, Staff Attorney, Economic
Justice Project, Southern Poverty
Law Center; Emily C.R. Early, Staff
Attorney, Economic Justice Project,
Southern Poverty Law Center

Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that seeks to remove barriers to prosperity in Alabama through education, collaboration, and advocacy. Their research-driven work is designed to broaden relationships and enhance capacity building, with a focus on addressing systemic poverty. This interactive course requires a minimum of 37 participants and will accommodate a maximum of 80 participants.



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Sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyers Program of the Alabama State Bar

## 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Effective Memory Skills: Making Your Case with a Better Memory

#### (1.5 hours MCLE credit)

Speaker: Paul Mellor, Success Links, Richmond, VA

General Session: Our speaker presents highly interactive, informative, and fast moving seminars on Memory Skills throughout America. His passion for teaching has helped improve the minds of attorneys and legal professionals by



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showing them they can be more productive and efficient with a better memory. Participants will take with them the ability to remember names and faces; the confidence for getting through a day without the fear of forgetting; and the knowledge and application to retain information. You'll learn from a memory master how fun and easy it is to remember names and faces, speak without notes, beat absentmindedness and gain control of your day without the fear of forgetting. The answers are already in your head. Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar

## 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Board of Bar Commissioners' Meeting** 

## 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

## Board of Bar Commissioners (and invited guests) Cocktail Reception

Bayside House of Mrs. Fred Helmsing, Sr., 17735 Scenic Highway 98 (within walking distance of the Convention Center – transportation is available)

## 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

## Opening Reception and Family Night Dinner, Pool and Beach Party

(No charge for registrants and children 17 and under - \$35.00 for additional adults 18 and over)

Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar

## 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Balloon Clowns and Games** 

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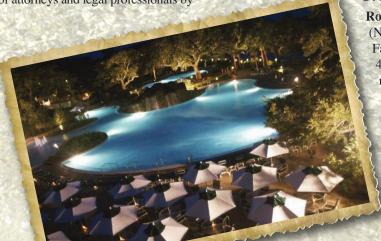
## 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Rock & Roll BINGO Family Fun** 

(No charge)

Fast, Fun, Interactive! Bingo with a twist. 45-second song clips and hints instead of numbers. Listen in; Sing along; Rock out! Perfect for ages 10 - 100.

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## THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

7:00 am - 8:00 am "Friends of Bill W." Meeting

7:00 am – 11:00 am

**Orvis Fishing** 

(\$150/person – includes 4-hour fishing plus refreshments)

(Ages 12 and older) Pre-registration required – all equipment and artificial bait furnished *Meet at the Marina at 6:45 am* 

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration

7:30 am – 9:00 am

**Continental Breakfast and Coffee Bar** 

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Legal Expo 2017

Meet representatives from suppliers who tailor their products and services to the legal community. Be sure to have your drawing card signed by the exhibitors so you can enter to win prizes!

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#### 8:30 am - 9:30 am



PLENARY SESSION: Wellness for the Profession: Strategies and Activities That Work

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: R. Michael Ethridge, Attorney at Law, Charleston, SC The most intelligent gifted, thoughtful and ethical people we know are lawyers. Even though the actual practice of law can be crazy-making, lawyers themselves are a rather remarkable group. Nevertheless, our work can be soul-killing and our



Ethridge

profession is frequently maligned. Why is it that there is so much suffering among those involved in the practice of law? How can such a remarkable group be held in such low regard in our communities? And what's to be done about it? What really matters in our lives? As lawyers and as individuals? And why do we seem to always confuse one with the other? Most importantly, what would happen if lawyers began to engage each other in honest conversation around these questions? We start this conversation today.

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## 9:00 am - Noon

Playing in the Mud

(Ages 10 - 17) (\$40/person)

Learn to make a pinch pot step by step in this three hour educational workshop. Clay is a tactile medium. Come work with clay making two vessels and learn the complex process.

9:30 am – 9:45 am Break – Visit Legal Expo 2017

9:45 am - 10:45 am

## Breakout Sessions



Seersucker and Civility: How to Dress and Behave Like a Lawyer

(1.0 hour MCLE Ethics credit)
Speaker: William H. Haltom, Jr.,
Lewis Thomson, Memphis, TN
Mr. Haltom is a trial lawyer with
over 40 years' experience, and is
former president of The Tennessee
Bar. A popular speaker, he is the
author of six books and has been a
newspaper and magazine humor
columnist for over 20 years. He has



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served as chair of the ABA Journal, as well as other magazines.

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## How to Address the Reality of Alcoholism, Addiction, and Mental Health Issues Among Alabama Attorneys

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Robert Thornhill, Director, Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program, Montgomery The incidence of alcohol are disorders, stress and anxiety among attorneys is on the rise. Come hear how the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program can be utilized to assist legal professionals. Sponsored by the Alabama Lawyer Assistance

Program of the Alabama State Bar



#### **Alabama Dispute Resolution:** How Are We Using It?

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Moderator: H. Harold Stephens, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Huntsville; Panelists: James N. Walter, Jr., Capell & Howard, PC, Montgomery; Elizabeth Couey Smithart, Union Springs; Phillip E. Adams, Jr., Adams White Oliver Short & Forbus, LLP, Opelika; Melanie Merkle Atha, Cabaniss Johnston Gardner Dumas & O'Neal, LLP, Birmingham

Sponsored by the Dispute Resolution Section of the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution



#### **Public Service in the Political Arena**

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Brett Buchanan, President and Founder, Cygnal, Washington, D.C., Montgomery, AL

If you are considering public service now or in the future, come hear one of the most knowledgeable political consultants in the industry. His firm serves as a resource for business owners, political candidates, and



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elected officials who are searching for "the right answers". Learn how to navigate the landmines in this field. Lawyers render service - to their clients, their profession, and to their communities. Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar



## Standardization of Legal Opinion Governed by Alabama Law

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Sponsored by the Business Section of the Alabama State Bar

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Break - Visit Legal Expo 2017



11:15 am - 12:15 pm

## Breakout Sessions



Lawyers in Search of a Soul: Building a **Better Profession** 

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: R. Michael Ethridge, Attorney at Law, Charleston, SC

Mike has over 20 years of trial experience. His practice focuses primarily on the representation of insurance companies and their insureds. Over the years of maintaining a busy litigation practice, he has observed how difficult this profession can be. While still maintaining a full-time



(and very busy) law practice, he is committed to helping lawyers find ways to live lives that are healthier, more balanced and much more fulfilling. In that work he is finally finding a way to integrate his desire for helping people with his life and career as a lawyer. That is a lofty goal of most Alabama lawyers. Come hear from one of your colleagues in another state who has not all the answers - but some. Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar



Attorney Advertising in Alabama: The Concerns, The Law, and How to Advertise and Market Your View While **Maintaining Compliance with the Rules** of Professional Conduct

#### (1.0 hour MCLE Ethics credit)

Speaker: Mark B. Moody, Assistant General Counsel, Alabama State Bar, Montgomery Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar



## THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

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**Scams Targeting Attorneys:** Will You be a Victim?

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: Tazewell T. Shepard, Sparkman, Shepard & Morris, PC, Huntsville; J. Vincent Swiney, Swiney & Bellenger, LLC, Homewood

This program will highlight scams aimed at attorneys, from phony emails and counterfeit checks to bogus claims and settlements. The speakers will discuss actual examples of fraud targeting attorneys and the consequences of successful scams, such as the attorney's potential liability to his own bank and ethical concerns about missing trust account funds. The program will also provide ways to spot a potential scam and how to do business with real foreign clients.

Sponsored by the Solo & Small Firm Section of the Alabama State Bar



## The Alabama Budget and Budget Process

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: Senator Arthur Orr, Senate District 3, Decatur, chairman, Finance and Taxation Education Committee; Senator Tripp Pittman, Senate District 32, Daphne, chairman, Finance and Taxation, General **Fund Committee** 

Sponsored by the Alabama Law Institute



**Business Law: Recent Developments** 

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Sponsored by the Business Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

## Noon - 12:30 pm

**Bloody Mary and Mimosa Reception** Honoring Phillip W. McCallum, Alabama State Bar's new **Executive Director and** wife, Kelley



The McCallum's

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## 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm



"Love Your Neighbor" **Buffet Luncheon** 

#### (\$40/person)

Speaker: R. Ashby Pate, "Be the Light", Lightfoot Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham



This luncheon is a new feature of our annual meeting, and a signature event you do not want to miss. You will leave hopeful, encouraged and inspired.

## 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Break - Visit Legal Expo 2017

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

## Breakout Sessions



Labor and Employment Law Update: **Recent Developments and Their Impact** on Employment in Alabama

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: Abby Morrow Richardson, Richardson Law Firm, LLC, Mobile; Kathryn Morris Willis, Burr & Forman LLP, Mobile

Sponsored by the Labor & Employment Law Section of the Alabama State Bar



#### **Current Issues in Criminal Defense Law**

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Michael P. Hanle, Jaffe Hanle Whisonant & Knight, PC, Birmingham Sponsored by the Alabama Criminal

Defense Lawyers







#### Primer on Qui Tam Actions Against Federal Government Contractors

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: Jerome S. Gabig, Wilmer & Lee, PA, Huntsville; Richard J.R. Raleigh, Jr., Wilmer & Lee, PA, Huntsville

Sponsored by the Government Contracts Law Section of the Alabama State Bar



Developments in Campaign Law in Advance of 2018 Elections / Alabama Ethics Act: Recent Opinions and Rulings

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Moderator: Edward A. 'Ted' Hosp, Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham

Sponsored by Elections, Ethics & Government Relations Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

## 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Children's Poolside Ice Cream Social

(Recommended for all children ages 12 and under) Ice cream and drinks will be served.

## 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Pro Bono Celebration Task Force Meeting** 

## 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm



Implicit Bias: A Frank and Continuing Conversation from the Bench's, the Educator's and the Practitioner's Perspectives

#### (1.5 hours MCLE credit)

Panel: Judge John H. England, 6th Judicial Circuit, Tuscaloosa County, Tuscaloosa; Elizabeth H. Huntley, of Counsel, Lightfoot Franklin & White, LLC, Birmingham; Cassandra W. Adams, professor and assistant dean, Samford University, Birmingham Sponsored by the Women's Section and Diversity Committee of the Alabama State Bar

## 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Break - Visit Legal Expo 2017

## 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

**Non-Resident Members Section Business Meeting** 

## 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Celebrate Diversity/Inclusion Gathering at Bucky's Lounge

Sponsored by the Diversity Committee of the Alabama State Bar

## 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The Alabama Lawyer Editorial Board Meeting



## 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

21st Annual Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program Reception (No ticket required)

## 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

## Children's Party and Dinner with the Trolls

Children ages 5-12 are invited to play games, have their face painted, make a Troll craft and enjoy a children's meal while their parents attend law school receptions. Sponsored by Insurance Specialists, Inc., Alabama

## Samford University Cumberland School of Law Alumni Reception

Sponsored by Samford University Cumberland School of Law

## The University of Alabama School of Law Alumni Reception

(\$15/person)

Sponsored by The University of Alabama School of Law

## 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

#### **Mint Julip Cocktail Reception**

(By invitation)

Sponsored by the American Bar Foundation

## 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm

## **American Bar Foundation Dinner and Presentation**

(By invitation)
Speaker: Dr. Wayne Flynt, Professor
Emeritus in the Department of
History, Auburn University, Auburn



Flynt

## 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Jones School of Law Dessert Reception for Alumni and Friends

Sponsored by the generosity of Faulkner University Thomas Goode Jones School of Law



## FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

7:00 am - 8:00 am "Friends of Bill W." Meeting

## 7:00 am - 11:00 am

#### **Orvis Fishing**

(\$150/person – includes 4-hour fishing plus refreshments)

(Ages 12 and older) Pre-registration required – all equipment and artificial bait furnished Meet at the Marina at 6:45 am

## 7:30 am - 8:00 am

#### **Legal Specialization Coffee**

(No charge)

Speaker: M. Angela Parks, Director of Regulatory Programs, Alabama State Bar, Montgomery If you want to learn what legal specialization certificates are available to you as a member of the Alabama State Bar, come and listen to this brief presentation. Learn how you can become certified and advertise your specialty.

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## 7:30 am - 8:30 am

**Early Morning Breakfasts** 

#### Past Presidents' Breakfast

(Open only to State Bar Presidents)

#### The University of Alabama Order of the Coif **Breakfast**

(No charge)

(By invitation)

## Leadership Forum Alumni Breakfast and Meeting

(\$30/person)

(Open to all Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum Graduates)

#### 7:30 am - 9:00 am

**Continental Breakfast and Coffee Bar** 

#### 7:30 am - Noon

Registration

## 8:00 am - Noon

#### Legal Expo 2017

Meet representatives from suppliers who tailor their products and services to the legal community. Be sure to have your drawing card signed by the exhibitors so you can enter to win prizes!

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## 8:30 am - 9:30 am



**PLENARY SESSION:** The Future of Education in Alabama and Its Effect on the Legal Profession

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, Troy University, Montgomery Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar



Hawkins

#### 9:00 am - Noon

Kiln Studio and Gallery (pottery) Throw me some clay!

(Ages 17 and older) (\$60/person) (Minimum of 6, Maximum of 24)

Have you ever thrown clay on a wheel? In this activity, you will make your own pottery vessel from start to finish in the upscale Kiln Studio and Gallery, 60 N. Section Street, downtown Fairhope.

9:30 am - 9:45 am

Break - Visit Legal Expo 2017

9:45 am - 10:45 am

## Breakout Sessions



Best Ways to Handle Social Media in Your **Law Practice** 

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Keith Lee, Associate's Mind, Birmingham, Publication after publication states that "social media continues to take the world by storm as millions of people communicate and network on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and individual blogs every day. Its reach now extends to the practice of law, and has led to an explosion of state and federal court opinions involving some aspect of social media. Lawyers cannot afford to ignore the impact social media has on their practices. Older lawyers who prefer not to engage stand to lose clients through online marketing and face sanctions or even malpractice claims by failing



to keep up. Younger lawyers well-versed in the ways of online communication may be so cocky that they run afoul of ethical issues that can likewise lead to sanctions." [Oklahoma Bar Journal archives] Our speaker today is on the cutting edge of the legal issues created by the technology revolution. Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar



Beyond APTI - A Comprehensive **Approach to Public Safety and Criminal** Justice Reform in Alabama

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Criminal justice/sentencing issues as the unjustness of civil asset forfeiture, collateral consequences in Alabama as loss of voting rights and difficulty in obtaining a job

Moderator: Frank Knaack, Alabama Appleseed, Executive Director, Montgomery

Panelists: Joyce Vance, former U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham; Ebony Howard, Associate Legal Director, Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery; Jordan Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst, Charles Koch Institute, Arlington, VA; Courtney Michaluk, Policy Analyst, Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy at Troy University, Troy Sponsored by the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc.



## Alabama Law Institute 2017 Legislative Update

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Moderator: Othni J. Lathram, director, Alabama Law Institute, Montgomery

Speakers: R. Cameron "Cam" Ward, chairman, Alabama Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate District 14, Alabaster; Michael L. Jones, Jr., chairman, Alabama House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, House District 92, Andalusia Sponsored by the Alabama Law Institute



#### The Business of Being a Lawyer

## (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Pamela B. Pierson, Bainbridge-Mims Professor of Law, The University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa

Sponsored by the Business Law Section of the Alabama State Bar



## **Family Law Update and Business Meeting**

#### (1.0 hour of MCLE credit)

Speakers: T. Shane Smith, Vella King & Smith, Birmingham; Joan-Marie Sullivan, Law Office of Joan-Marie Sullivan, Huntsville Sponsored by the Family Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

#### 10:00 am - Noon

**Chef-Lead Grand Pizza Party** 

(\$35.00 per person) (Children ages 6-12) (Parent/ Guardian must accompany child) (Class size maximum 30 children) Learn to pull and toss pizza dough with the Grand Chefs and build your own unique pizza from a variety of toppings and sauces. They will bake the pizzas to perfection and everyone will get to sample the pizza creations in a Grand Pizza buffet.



10:45 am - 11:15 am Break - Visit Legal Expo 2017

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

## Breakout Sessions



**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Future of** the Profession: How the Delivery of Legal Services Affects Main Street's Bottom Line

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speaker: Judy Perry Martinez, Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, LLP, New Orleans, LA The legal profession is in the midst of rapid change. The influences of not only technology but innovative thinking are bringing forth new delivery models, new regulations, and



**Martinez** 

new players. Individual lawyers, law firms, in-house law departments, and bar associations must lead in ensuring that the best of what the legal profession has to offer in terms of quality, efficiency, and ethics is at the foundation of innovations. Join us as Judy Perry Martinez, former chair of the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services and current special advisor to the newly created ABA Center for Innovation, shares her view on what the future holds and how you can protect your bottom line. Sponsored by the Future of the Profession Task Force

and the Leadership Forum Alumni Section of the Alabama State Bar



## Getting & Keeping the Business: A **Discussion with In-House Counsel**

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

(Short business meeting to follow) Sponsored by the Business Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

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## FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

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Hurdles Low and High: Standards of Review on Appeal

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Moderator: Aaron G. McLeod, Adams and Reese, LLP, Birmingham

Sponsored by the Appellate Practice Section of the Alabama State Bar



**Introduction to Lawyer University: Overview of Courses Available - Business** Planning, Client Development, Marketing and Technology

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Lawyer University was created to provide Alabama State Bar members with an easy and inexpensive way to obtain the skills they need to thrive in the changing legal climate. Lawyers must now juggle business planning, client development and marketing, and law firm technology, while trying to find time to practice law. In addition, they have to cope with a shifting legal landscape that sees some practice areas disappearing while alternative legal service providers, such as Legal Zoom, move in to provide consumer services that were once "bread and butter" work for law firms. Come learn what Lawyer University can do for you, and experience an hour long "best of" presentation from the course. Sponsored by the Service Programs of the Alabama State Bar



## **Current Topics in Bankruptcy:** Dischargeability of Taxes and Student Loans and the State of Structured Dismissal

#### (1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Speakers: J. Leland Murphree, Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, Birmingham; Jamie Alisa Wilson, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Mobile; Charles M. Ingrum, Jr., Ingrum, Rice & Parr, Opelika

The panel will discuss recent developments in bankruptcy treatment of student loans and taxes in consumer bankruptcies and the impact of the US Supreme Court's decision in Jevic on structured dismissal. Sponsored by the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

## 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

#### Women in the Law Reception

Sponsored by the Women's Section of the Alabama State Bar

## 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

## 15th Annual Maud McLure Kelly Award Luncheon

Sponsored by the Women's Section of the Alabama State Bar

## 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Golf Tournament**

(\$160/person – includes cart, boxed lunch and drink

Shotgun Start Dogwood Course Transportation is provided.

## 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Alabama Access to Justice Meeting** 

## 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Women's Section Business Meeting** 

## 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

#### **Family Tennis Tournament**

(No charge)

Lakewood Club at The Colony, 18269 Colony Drive Transportation is provided. Meet at the Valet area at 2:00 pm. The tournament will be a round robin; partners will be drawn and players will rotate partners after each match of four games.

## 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Sailing on 'The Joshua Schooner' (\$45.00/person)

## 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Women's Section Silent Auction Fundraiser

(No ticket required)

Take this opportunity to bid on some fabulous items at incredible prices. Mingle with your friends while you shop.

Sponsored by the Women's Section of the Alabama State Bar

## 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## President's Closing-Night Family Dinner and Children's Party

(No charge for registrants and children 17 and under -\$45 for additional adults 18 and over)

Join us as we say thank you to J. Cole Portis for his superb leadership this past year as the 141st president of the Alabama State Bar. We have planned an outstanding evening of fun and fellowship with wonderful food, spirited beverages and music. Casual dress recommended.

## 9:00 pm – until

## Barrels and Planks - Bourbon and Cigar Mixer

High-end Bourbon and Cigar Mixer - Market Bourbon is the new American Liquor - After a long week of CLEs and networking, come relax at this laid back social with a stogie and sample five different bourbons. Hear about the different bourbons during a

Sponsored by the Leadership Forum Alumni and Young Lawyers Sections of the Alabama State Bar



## SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Freedom Legal Run-Around 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

(No charge)

Advanced registration is required. First-place male and female attorney winners in the 5K will receive a complimentary registration to the 2018 Annual Meeting in Sandestin. T-shirts will be given to all participants who complete the course. Water provided.

Sponsored by Freedom Reporting - Freedom Litigation Support Services

## 7:30 am - 8:45 am

**Christian Legal Society Breakfast** 

(\$30/person)

Moderator: Samuel N. Crosby, past president,

Alabama State Bar, Daphne

Introductions: Alyce M. Spruell, Rosen Harwood PA,

Tuscaloosa, past president, Alabama State Bar; William T. Coplin, Jr., W.T. Coplin, Jr. LLC,

Demopolis

Speakers: Hon. James Allen Main, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Alabama, Montgomery; Monet M.

Gaines, Assistant Attorney General, State of

Alabama, Montgomery

Sponsored by Rosen Harwood PA, Stone Crosby PC and William T. Coplin, Jr. LLC

8:00 am - 9:30 am

**Continental Breakfast** 

8:30 am - 9:15 am

Women's Section Silent Auction Wrap-Up

## 9:15 am - 11:15 am



**Grand Convocation and Awards** Presentation

#### (2.0 hours MCLE credit)

Presiding: J. Cole Portis, Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles, PC, Montgomery, 141st President, Alabama State Bar

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Steven T. Marshall, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, Montgomery



11: 15 am – 11:30 am

**Board of Bar Commissioners' Meeting** 

## 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Presidential Reception Honoring Augusta S. Dowd, 142nd President of the Alabama State Bar

Augusta S. Dowd, Shareholder, Vice President & Managing Lawyer with White Arnold & Dowd P.C., Birmingham

The ability to adapt quickly and make sound decisions in activelyevolving situations is the cornerstone of the firm's reputation. The firm specializes in high-profile litigation, mediation, private disputes and internal investigations. Everyone is cordially invited to stop by to meet Augusta's family and wish her well as she assumes the presidency.

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- Captain America
- Mobile Bay Sunset
- Grand Bourbonade
- Upscale Mojitos Twist



## MAXIMUM ATTAINABLE MCLE CREDIT AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday	5.0 credit hours
Thursday	5.5 credit hours (includes 2.0 ethics)
Friday	3.0 credit hours
Saturday	
Wednesday – Saturday	15.5 credit hours (includes 2.0 ethics)

NOTE: A total of 36 hours of MCLE credit programming is offered during the annual meeting. MCLE materials are available on-line at www.alabar.org to all attorneys who register for the annual meeting. Some workshops and seminars will have paper handouts of MCLE materials in addition to the on-line materials.



During your stay we encourage you to take time to enjoy the world-class facilities of the Grand Hotel Point Clear Resort & Spa Marriot. Resort activities include bike rentals, biking trails, jet-skiing, kayaking, sailing, jogging/fitness trails, sauna, table tennis, horticultural and historical property tours, fitness center, resort shopping, volleyball, horse shoes, Fairhope historical bus tours, croquet, tennis, children's program, salute to the military and firing of the cannon at approximately 4:00 pm near the croquet lawn followed by afternoon tea and cookies in the lobby rotunda, golf, fishing poles and bait, driving range, food for the resort's resident ducks, morning coffee in the lobby, and a bayside putting green. For further information call or drop by the Concierge's desk located in the main building near the registration check-in.

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## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Room reservations MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE ALABAMA STATE BAR
To ensure your accommodations, reservations should be received NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, June 10, 2017

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ROOM RATES Regular Rooms \$266.00 per night plus tax (single and double occupancy) Bay View Rooms \$286.00 plus tax per night (single and double occupancy)  Note: BAY VIEW ROOMS AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED TO A FIRST-REQUEST, FIRST-HONORED BASIS***  ROOM TYPE REQUEST:   KING   DOUBLE/DOUBLE   Special Requests:				
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