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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Augusta S. Dowd
Alabama State Bar President
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Award RECIPIENTS

■ JUDICIAL AWARD OF MERIT

(Presented at the Bench & Bar Luncheon on Thursday)

This award is presented to a judge who is not retired, whether state or federal court, trial or appellate, and is determined to have contributed significantly to the administration of justice in Alabama.

Judge Harold V. Hughston, Jr. of Tuscumbia practiced with Harold V. Hughston and James D. Hughston in the firm of Hughston, Hughston & Hughston until being appointed to the circuit bench in 1998. He became presiding judge in 2001 and has served in that position to the present.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Circuit Judges Association for many years and has held several offices, including serving as the 2016-17 president. He has also served on numerous committees, most notably the Scholarship Committee.

Judge Hughston has been a significant leader in his community for many years, including serving the Tuscumbia Kiwanis Club as club president and division lieutenant governor. Additionally, Judge Hughston is a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia, where he has served as an elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Judge Hughston obtained his bachelor's degree and his J.D. from the University of Alabama.



Hughston

■ AWARD OF MERIT

This award recognizes outstanding constructive service to the legal profession in Alabama.

Daniel F. Johnson graduated from the University of the South, magna cum laude, in 1982, with a B.A. in political science. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from the University of Georgia's School of Law, cum laude, in 1985. While in law school, he was the notes editor of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Dan has been licensed to practice law in Tennessee since 1985 and in Alabama since 1996. He has served on the State of Alabama's Board of Bar Examiners since 2004, and he is the board's current chair. He has also served as a member of the Special Committee on the Uniform Bar Examination of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Dan has been a partner in the Dothan firm of Lewis, Brackin, Flowers, Johnson & Sawyer since 2000. He has been married to Julia Gillespie Johnson for 25 years, and they have two children, Ellen (22) and Collier (19).



Johnson

■ WILLIAM D. "BILL" SCRUGGS, JR., AWARD

This award was created in 2002 in honor of the late Bill Scruggs, former state bar president, to recognize outstanding and dedicated service to the Alabama State Bar.

Justice Michael F. Bolin is a lifelong resident of Jefferson County. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Samford University and his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, graduating cum laude. While at Cumberland, he served as associate editor of the *Cumberland Law Review*. After graduation, he was inducted into Curia Honoris, Cumberland's leadership and honor society.

Justice Bolin practiced in Birmingham for 16 years, first with retired Circuit Judge Art Hanes, Jr. at Hanes, Hanes & Bolin, and later with David P. Rogers, Jr. at Frey, Rogers & Bolin. As a practicing attorney, Justice Bolin was active in the Birmingham Bar Association, serving on numerous committees, including the bar association's Executive Committee and as president of its Young Lawyers' Section.



Bolin

Justice Bolin was elected probate judge of Jefferson County in 1988 and he served for 16 years. He was first elected to the Alabama Supreme Court in 2004 and was reelected to the court in 2010 and 2016. He is currently the senior associate justice on the court. He serves as the supreme court's liaison to the Alabama State Bar, the Alabama Law Institute and the Access to Justice Committee.

As probate judge, Justice Bolin was active in the Alabama Probate Judges Association, with service on many committees, including as chair of the Judges Continuing Education Committee. He was elected by his peers to serve at various times as president, secretary and treasurer of the Alabama Probate Judges Association. As a member of the Alabama Law Institute's Children's Code Committee, the Probate Procedures Committee and the Paternity Committee, Justice Bolin assisted the Law Institute in writing new laws. He authored Alabama's Putative Father Registry to protect the rights of all parties in adoption proceedings. In 2000, Justice Bolin was given a national award from the "Angels of Adoption" organization in Washington, D.C. for his work in adoptions.

Justice Bolin continues his commitment to families and children as a member of the Board of Directors of Glenwood, a nonprofit organization that provides treatment and educational services for individuals diagnosed with autism, emotional disturbances and mental illnesses. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Heart Gallery of Alabama, a non-profit organization that finds permanent adoptive homes for DHR foster care children.

Justice Bolin has been married to Rosemary for 33 years. He has one daughter, Leigh Anne, and two stepdaughters, Vivian LeMaster and Andrea Fraser. Justice Bolin and his wife (and three dogs) live in Vestavia Hills and are members of St. Peter the Apostle Church.

■ J. ANTHONY "TONY" MCLAIN PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

This award is given to recognize members for distinguished service in the advancement of professionalism.

Billy C. Bedsole is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he received his bachelor's degree in business and commerce, and his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.



Bedsole

Immediately following his admittance to the bar, Bedsole began his career in private practice. Bedsole is chair of the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission, and has served on the commission since 2011. He was a member of the Alabama State Bar Disciplinary Board from 1995-2014 and served as a hearing officer. Bedsole is a past vice president of the Alabama State Bar (2010), served on the bar's Executive Committee (2007, 2008 and 2010) and was a member of the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners (2003-2013). He was awarded the Howell Heflin Award for Honesty and Integrity in 2011 by the Mobile and Baldwin County bar associations, recognized in 2013 by the Alabama State Bar and the Mobile Bar Association for 50 years of service and inducted into the Murphy High School Hall of Fame in 2014.

■ COMMISSIONERS' AWARD

This award was created in 1998 by the Board of Bar Commissioners to recognize individuals who have had a long-standing commitment to the improvement of the administration of justice in Alabama.

LaBella S. Alvis is a Birmingham attorney who has a strong passion for going to court—something she has been doing for more than 30 years. She has extensive experience with aviation, health care, products liability, professional liability, liquor liability and coverage cases. Alvis's professional liability work includes hundreds of EEOC and employment liability claims, medical malpractice defense, construction/architect liability and Civil Rights litigation alleging violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. She brings an extra dimension to liquor liability claims due to her experience as a certified ABC Board vendor trainer. Alvis currently serves on the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners (10th Circuit), for which she received the Bar Commissioner Award in 2018, and is the co-chair of the state bar's Relationship Task Force.



Alvis



■ JEANNE MARIE LESLIE SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes exemplary service to lawyers in need in the areas of substance abuse and mental health and is presented by the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program Committee.

Never hesitating to help a colleague in need, **W. Eason Mitchell** dedicated his life to assisting those with substance misuse issues. A native of Calera and a graduate of the Cumberland School of Law, Mitchell practiced law in Alabama for nearly four decades. He ultimately became a groundbreaking advocate for rural communities involved in environmental litigation, but his true passion was guiding colleagues along the path to recovery.

Always authentic and kind, Mitchell was open about his own struggles since he believed speaking out and speaking up were essential to the prevention and reduction of the stigma associated with substance misuse. Touching the lives of countless families as both a lawyer and a certified substance abuse counselor, he approached the subject of addiction with compassion and without judgment and spoke of the importance of treating those with drug or alcohol issues with dignity.

In addition to being a certified substance abuse counselor, Mitchell was a member of the state Advocacy Advisory Board for Substance Abuse and Mental Health and an active member of the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program, later serving on the board of the Phoenix House of Tuscaloosa.

A deeply spiritual person, Mitchell spent the weekend before his death at a talk by the Dalai Lama called "Engaging Compassion."

James O. Standridge has been a practicing attorney for more than 40 years and is the managing partner of Crownover & Standridge LLC. Standridge lives in Tuscaloosa with his wife, Shelly Hood Standridge. He enjoys spending time with his children, Camille, Hunter, Carly and Markie,



Mitchell



Standridge

and his six grandchildren. A native of Anniston, Standridge attended the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Law, where he graduated in 1976. Between college and law school he served in the United States Army in Korea as an enlisted man.

Standridge has primarily worked in the area of criminal law although he and his firm practice in other areas of the law as well. He has been involved in death penalty litigation for all of his law practice and has handled many death penalty cases throughout the state.

In addition to his law practice, Standridge has served as a special circuit judge where he was appointed by the Alabama Supreme Court to implement the drug court program in Tuscaloosa. He was appointed by the governor to serve as district attorney for Tuscaloosa County from 1997 to 1999. Standridge serves as one of the judges in the Northport Municipal Court and is the prosecutor and legal counsel for the Town of Vance.

Standridge has been involved in numerous civil and social activities, mostly dealing with alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Phoenix House for more than 20 years, in addition to the board of the United Way of Tuscaloosa, Police Athletic League, Public Defender's Commission and Partnership for a Drug-Free Tuscaloosa. He has been a long-standing member of the Alabama State Bar and the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association, and has worked extensively with the Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program.

■ LOCAL BAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

This award recognizes local bar associations for their outstanding contributions to their communities judged by the quality and extent of programs, level of participation of the bar and overall impact of the programs on its citizens.

Talladega County Bar Association

President: Trina W. Hammonds

Tuscaloosa County Bar Association

President: Scott Bradley Holmes

Mobile Bar Association

President: Jean M. Powers

■ VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM PRO BONO AWARDS

The Albert Vreeland Pro Bono Award is presented to an individual who demonstrates outstanding pro bono efforts through the active donation of time to the civil representation of those who cannot otherwise afford legal counsel and by encouraging greater legal representation in, and acceptance of, pro bono cases.

Jana Russell Garner is a solo practitioner in Selma. She provides direct pro bono assistance to clients, volunteering in the areas of highest demand, contested divorce and custody cases. Garner has served as chair of the Pro Bono Celebration Task Force, and as a member of the Pro Bono Committee, the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners and the MCLE Commission.



Garner

In 2012, Garner began representing the 4th Circuit as the Alabama State Bar Commissioner. In her first year as a commissioner, she encouraged her circuit to sponsor an event for Pro Bono Month and was appointed to the Pro Bono Celebration Task Force in 2013. As a member and then chair of the Local Bar Involvement subcommittee, Garner organized the original Pro Bono Celebration Kick-off in the 4th Circuit. That event became a template which the task force used to organize and hold kickoff events around the state. Last year, Garner served as chair of the Pro Bono Celebration Task Force and a record number of legal assistance events were held.

Garner also advocated for the approval of the Pro Bono CLE Regulation which allows participants in approved pro bono programs to receive one hour of MCLE credit for six hours of pro bono work, not to exceed three hours per year.

Garner's access to justice work has increased the profile of the state's Volunteer Lawyers programs, led to a tangible benefit for pro bono volunteers and improved the lives of clients across the state.

■ FIRM/GROUP AWARD

The Birmingham office of **Balch & Bingham LLP** has been a significant partner of the Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program for more than 10 years, dedicated to providing pro bono legal advice and services to those in need in the Birmingham metropolitan area. Collectively, Balch lawyers have contributed more than 500 volunteer hours assisting pro bono clients statewide in the last 12 months. The firm's commitment to the program is evident in their willingness to serve, their drive and the fervor in which they fight to obtain justice for their clients. Balch attorneys have volunteers at Project Homeless Connect and are regular volunteers at the Birmingham VLP's bankruptcy, civil, domestic relations, veterans and homeless help desks. A small sample of the work of their attorneys last year includes assisting a client who was cheated out of her security deposit, helping a client obtain unpaid wages and removing an IRS garnishment for a victim of identity theft.

BALCH
& BINGHAM LLP

■ LAW STUDENT AWARD

Lea Luterstein has taken every opportunity to participate in public service and pro bono activities during her first two years in law school, logging more than 280 hours of service. Every time a pro bono event is organized she is there. She has participated in the university's Habitat for Humanity legal clinics, Voting Rights Restoration Clinic, Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic and DACA clinics. She is a regular volunteer at the Alabama State Bar's Volunteer Lawyers Program monthly Legal Assistance Clinic in Tuscaloosa and has served on the bar's Pro Bono Celebration Task Force. Luterstein serves as treasurer of the UA Law Public Interest Student Board and as CFO of the Raise the Bar Mentoring Program. In addition to the many hours she has spent in dedication to public service and pro bono work, she has also competed on a trial advocacy team and works as a part-time law clerk for a federal judge.



Luterstein

■ MEDIATOR AWARD

Faith Whidden-Buster's contributions are numerous. She gives selflessly of her time as a pro bono mediator and as the Dallas County Volunteer District Court Mediation Coordinator. She also assists the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution with the gathering of statistics for district court mediation. As the Dallas County Volunteer District Court Mediation Coordinator, Whidden-Buster helps reduce the court docket and promote mediations. As District Court Judge Robert Armstrong said, "Our mediation program in the District Court has helped countless people settle their differences . . . Faith has been unbelievably professional and responsible in heading up our mediation program." Last year, she mediated 27 civil and 38 domestic relations cases, providing 182 hours of pro bono service, and through her effort as the Dallas County Volunteer District Court Mediation Coordinator, an additional 150 hours of pro bono services were provided.

■ MAUD MCLURE KELLY AWARD

(Presented at the Women's Section Luncheon on Friday)

Maud McLure Kelly was the first woman to be admitted to the practice of law in Alabama. In 1907, Kelly's performance on the entrance exam at the University of Alabama Law Department merited her admission as a senior, the second woman ever to have been admitted to the school.

A native of Demopolis, **Alyce Manley Spruell** received her undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and her law degree from the University of Alabama in 1983. For almost 35 years, she has practiced primarily in the Tuscaloosa County area in governmental and regulatory matters, employment and business law and general civil litigation.

Spruell has served in a variety of roles within the bar, including as president from 2010-2011, member of the Board of Bar Commissioners, founding co-chair of the Leadership Forum, chair of



Spruell

the National Pro Bono Celebration Committee and initial leadership member of the Volunteer Lawyers Program. She also served as president of the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association, member of the Alabama Law Foundation Board of Directors, member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and president of the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents when the bar hosted the meeting during her presidency.

She served as the director of the Administrative Office of Courts, as well as its Legal Division director, assistant dean and director of development for the University of Alabama School of Law and counsel for the Alabama Senate's Committee on Transportation and Energy for the Alabama Law Institute. She teaches courses in trial advocacy and legislative drafting at the University of Alabama School of Law, and provides continuing education and training on topics related to leadership development and civic education.

Spruell received the W. Harold Albritton Award in 2013 for her service to the VLP and was recognized by the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce in 2014 for her community advocacy. She was also recognized by the Alabama Criminal Lawyers Association in 2011 and the Alabama Circuit Clerks Association in 2012 for her service to our court system.

■ SUSAN B. LIVINGSTON AWARD

(Presented at the Women's Section Luncheon on Friday)

The recipient of this award must demonstrate a continual commitment to those around her as a mentor, a sustained level of leadership throughout her career and a commitment to her community in which she practices, such as, but not limited to, bar-related activities, community service and/or activities which benefit women in the legal field and/or in her community.

Kathy Miller is managing partner of Armbrecht Jackson LLP in Mobile. Among her many leadership roles, she has served as president of the Mobile Bar Association, chair of the Mobile Bar Foundation, first female president of the Rotary Club of Mobile, chair of the St. Paul's Episcopal School Board of Trustees and vice president of the Community Foundation of South Alabama. She currently serves as chancellor for Alabama for the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.



Miller

Miller has demonstrated each of the attributes mentioned above, as did the award's namesake, Susan Bevill Livingston. As one of her many recommenders noted, presenting this award to Miller "honors Kathy and honors Susan Bevill Livingston's memory and example. It is a perfect fit."

Miller is married to Charles J. Fleming, who practices with Fleming & Chavers LLP in Mobile.

■ JUSTICE JANIE L. SHORES SCHOLARSHIP

To encourage the next generation of women lawyers, the Women's Section of the Alabama State Bar established the Justice Janie L. Shores Scholarship Fund. Named in honor of the first woman justice to sit on the Supreme Court of Alabama, the scholarship is awarded to an outstanding woman who is an Alabama resident attending law school in Alabama.

Alex Priester is the 2018 recipient of the Justice Janie L. Shores Scholarship. Priester is a graduate of the University of North Alabama with a B.S. in psychology and is a rising second-year student at the University of Alabama School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Priester plans to return to her hometown of Huntsville and practice elder law with her mother in the Elder Law Firm of Connie Glass.



Priester

■ RETIRING COMMISSIONERS' AWARDS

- Hays Webb, 6th Judicial Circuit, Place 2
- Leslie R. Barineau, 10th Judicial Circuit, Place 1
- Thad Yancey, 12th Judicial Circuit
- Les Pittman, 15th Judicial Circuit, Place 2
- Donald Rhea, 16th Judicial Circuit
- Audrey Strawbridge, 24th Judicial Circuit
- Steven D. Adcock, 29th Judicial Circuit
- Matthew C. Mitchell, 38th Judicial Circuit
- Rebecca DePalma, At-Large, Place 4

■ SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes a lawyer for his or her outstanding service to the legal profession and to the citizenry of Alabama.

Penny Davis has served Alabama since August 1979 through her work with the Alabama Law Institute. In her 36 years with the law institute, she served on numerous drafting committees, including nine of which she served as the committee reporter. She assisted the law institute by helping to edit dozens of publications, including five editions of the *Alabama Probate Judges Handbook*, two editions of the *Alabama Sheriffs Handbook*, six editions of *Tax Assessors' and Tax Collectors' Handbook* and many others. Through the Lawyers Educational Press, she also published *Real Estate Handbook: Land Laws of Alabama* and *Alabama Divorce, Alimony and Child Custody Hornbook*.



Davis

In addition, Davis planned and presided over countless conferences to ensure that elected officials in Alabama had the legal training to assist them in performing their duties to the citizens of this state.

Davis also serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Alabama School of Law (since 1984), teaching a variety of family law topics, as well as legal writing.

Davis is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Alabama State Bar and the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association.

■ PRESIDENT'S AWARD PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

President Dowd has chosen to recognize the following members who best exemplify the ASB motto, "Lawyers Render Service."

Katherine R. "Kitty" Brown
Jeanne Dowdle Rasco
Stephanie A. Hunter
Erin Owen



■ THE WALTER P. GEWIN AWARD

(Presented at the University of Alabama Alumni Reception on Thursday)

CLE Alabama presents the Gewin Award to honor lawyers and professors whose outstanding service provides the best possible continuing legal education. The award is named for Judge Walter P. Gewin, who, as president of the Alabama State Bar, helped to start CLE Alabama (formerly ABICLE) as a co-operative effort between the University of Alabama School of Law and the Alabama State Bar. Judge Gewin felt that education should continue throughout a lawyer's professional life.

This year's recipient is **Thomas A. Nettles, IV** of Tuscaloosa. Nettles is the author of CLE Alabama's publication, *Alabama Probate Law & Procedure: The Administration of Estates*, an outstanding compendium of all Alabama statutes relating to the administration of decedent's estates and a valuable resource for attorneys and judges. Nettles has also served as the chair of the planning committee for an annual seminar with the same name.



Nettles

Nettles received his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama, and his J.D. and Master of Law in Taxation from the University of Alabama School of Law. During his 35 years in private practice, he has focused on estate planning, probate, real property and business transactions. Nettles is a member of The Mississippi Bar and the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association. He is a past president of the Tuscaloosa Estate Planning Council and Exchange Club of Tuscaloosa. He was among the founding directors of the Community Foundation of West Alabama and served as board chair for seven years. He is a member of the Alabama State Bar Construction Law Section and serves on its executive council. He is general counsel for McAbee Construction, Inc.

Alabama Probate Law & Procedure: The Administration of Estates is now in its second edition with a third edition anticipated before the end of the year. This third edition will be edited by James P. Naftel of Maynard, Cooper & Gale and available at clealabama.com.

50-YEAR MEMBERS

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Joseph Wallace Adams
Phillip Exton Adams, Jr.
Gary Paul Alidor, Sr.
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Ronald Thomas Allen
Braxton Ware Ashe
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Warren Michael Atchison
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Jerry L. Griffin

Lewis Madison Groover

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John Paul McKleroy, Jr.

John James McMahan, Jr.

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Raymond Clifton Winston
Frederick Eugene Wirwahn
Edward Jacob Witten
William Brice Woodward, Jr.



Legislative Awards Recipients

(Presented at the Alabama Law Institute meeting on Friday)

■ ACT 2018-125: ALABAMA PARTNERSHIP LAW

Representative Bill Poole and Senator Arthur Orr

This act is the latest installment of the Alabama Law Institute Standing Committee on Business Entities. This year's installment updates Alabama's partnership law in a manner that provides for greater alignment with the Alabama Limited Partnership Law and the Alabama Limited Liability Company Law.



Poole



Orr

■ ACT 2018-163: UNIFORM VOIDABLE TRANSACTIONS ACT

Representative Matt Fridy and Senator Rodger Smitherman

This act amends the Alabama Fraudulent Transfers Act adopted in 1989 and last amended in 1999. The title of the act is now the "Uniform Voidable Transactions Act" (UVTA).



Fridy



Smitherman

■ ACT 2018-403: CONDOMINIUM ACT AMENDMENTS

Representative Chris England and Senator Rodger Smitherman

Alabama's Condominium Act was passed in 1990 and is located in Chapter 8A of Title 35 of the *Code of Alabama*. In the time that has passed, several issues have been raised needing clarification. Throughout the act, revisions have been made to provide for consistent language to address practical matters raised by those on the committee.



England



Smitherman

■ ACT 2018-519: TRUST DECANTING ACT

Representative Paul Beckman and Senator Greg Albritton

The act represents one of several recent innovations in trust law that seek to make trusts more flexible so that the settlor's material purposes can best be carried out under current circumstances. The decanting statute provides flexibility by statutorily expanding discretion already granted to the trustee to permit the trustee to modify the trust either directly or by distributing its assets to another trust.



Beckman



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