MINUTES

ALABAMA STATE BAR
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

State Bar Headquarters
Montgomery, Alabama

Friday, June 8, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Boots Gale convened this meeting of the Alabama State Bar Board of Commissioners at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Alabama State Bar headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. Commissioner Hawley gave the invocation.

2. ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll of the Commission and the following Commissioners were present:

Ronnie E. Keahey                J. Garrison Thompson                William H. Broome
S. Greg Burge                   Greg Hawley                          Joseph A. Fawal
Robert E. Moorer                Jim Pratt                             William A. (Pete) Short
Michael D. Knight               Cecilia J. Collins                 Mary Margaret Bailey
Les Hayes, III                  James H. Anderson                   Donald R. Jones, Jr.
K. Scott Stapp                  Everette A. Price, Jr.             Thomas B. Albritton
Kenneth E. White, III           John C. Guillahorn                  Tut Wynne
John M. Kennemer                Timothy D. Littrell                Gerald R. Paulk
Jere C. Trent                   Walter E. McGowan                   Deborah Byrd Walker
Merceria Ludgood                Pamela H. Bucy

The following Commissioners were absent:

Michael E. Jones                Louis C. Rutland                     Oliver Kitchens
Cooper Shattuck                 Alyce M. Spruell                    Nicholas B. Roth
W. N. (Rocky) Watson            Anthony A. Joseph                   Jack Neal
Phillip W. McCallum             Maibeth J. Porter                   Albert J. Trousdale, II
Richard W. Whittaker            William M. Cunningham               Billy C. Bedsole
Charles R. Stephens, Sr.        Thomas J. Methvin                    Sim Penton
Lee H. Copeland                 F. Michael Haney                     John E. Medaris
William H. Atkinson             Allan Chason                          Robert L. Rumsey
Elizabeth Parsons               Roy W. Williams, Jr.                Robert H. Brogden
David F. Law                    Wayman Sherrer                      Claude E. Hundley, III
Alicia F. Bennett               Kyra Sparks                          Dawn Wiggins Hare
Kelly T. Lee
Also in attendance were President-elect Sam Crosby and Immediate Past President Bobby Segall. Staff members present included Tony McLain, Ed Patterson, Brad Carr, Laura Callaway, Linda Lund, Robby Lusk and Andy Brindley. Also in attendance was Judy Keegan of the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution and Tracy Daniel of the Alabama Law Foundation.


President Gale stated that the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting for May 18, 2007 had been disseminated to the Board. He asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions. There were none.

COMMISSIONER RAFFLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR MAY 18, 2007. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Gale collectively recognized all of the retiring commissioners and noted that they would be formally recognized at the annual meeting. He asked retiring Commissioners Broome and Collins who were present if they had any remarks. Both commissioners made remarks about their nine years of service as a commissioner. At the conclusion of their remarks, Commissioners Broome and Collins were recognized with an ovation from the Commission.

5. SECRETARY’S REPORT

The Secretary made a few brief remarks concerning the Lawyers Hall of Fame ceremony at the conclusion of the commission meeting.

6. PROGRAMS UPDATE

Director of Programs, Ed Patterson gave a brief programs update.

7. MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM REPORT

President Gale recognized Commissioner Bucy for a report. She reported that the pilot program had been successful. She stated that the task force would likely recommend that the program remain a pilot program for the following year but with an increased number of mentors and mentees. Commissioner Bucy stated that feedback from both the mentors and mentees has been very positive and that the primary goal of the pilot program was to make the program a sustainable one in the future. She asked commissioners to consider volunteering as mentees for the program next year. Commissioners Hawley, Pratt, Broome, and Moorer, who serve as mentors, made brief remarks about their experiences with the pilot program. President Gale asked about the involvement of larger firms and Commissioner Bucy explained that some of the mentees from larger firms pointed out that there was a need to have a program outside of the larger firms.
President Gale thanked Commissioner Bucy, the task force and the commissioner mentees and others for their hard work in making the pilot program successful.

8. **AWARD OF MERIT CORRECTION**

The Secretary explained that at the last meeting the commission voted to approve Judge William Gordon and Judy Belk as recipients of the 2007 Award of Merit for their co-leadership in conducting the Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee in 2006. The Secretary stated that Ms. Belk had to relinquish her co-chairmanship early during the election year and that Montgomery attorney, Connie Barker, had worked closely with Judge Gordon to oversee the committee’s activities during the 2006 judicial campaigns.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON MOVED THAT THE ALABAMA STATE BAR AWARD OF MERIT BE GIVEN TO CONNIE BARKER, INSTEAD OF JUDY BELK FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR 2006. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Gale asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn.

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Fournier J. Gale, III President
Alabama State Bar

ATTEST:

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Keith B. Norman, Secretary
Alabama State Bar