

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Alabama State Bar is committed to advancing civics education and the promotion of Law Day. These two goals can be accomplished simultaneously with giving lawyers the opportunity to make presentations in their local schools about important civics topics. In 2021, the American Bar Association Law Day theme is the Rule of Law. The American Bar Association defines the Rule of Law as “a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. Many countries throughout the world strive to uphold the rule of law where no one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there are clear and fair processes for enforcing laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights are guaranteed for all.”

The Task Force shall:

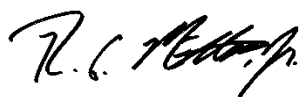
- (1) Work with the Presidential Council on Unity and Diversity and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to incorporate diversity initiatives into the classroom throughout the year and specifically into Law Day.
- (2) Identify and disseminate resources of the American Bar Association relating to civics education in the classroom.
- (3) Identify attorneys in each region to disseminate educational information to lawyers throughout the State so that they can provide educational opportunities in their local area.
- (4) Plan events for Law Day and encourage lawyers to use that occasion to reach out to their local schools and civic organizations to educate children and adults about the Rule of Law.

The task force shall elect from its membership a secretary who shall be responsible for a written record of its actions. The secretary, or a designee, shall keep minutes of all meetings of the task force, or of a subcommittee. The original of the minutes shall be filed with the Alabama State Bar within 14 days after the meeting, to be made a part of the task force’s permanent file.

The task force may divide itself into subcommittees as may be necessary to effectively carry out its work. The chairperson shall appoint sub-chairs for any subcommittee.

The Alabama State Bar, through its designated staff liaison, will assist the task force in carrying out its purposes.

Done this 8th day of October, 2020.



Robert G. Methvin, Jr., President
Alabama State Bar