YEAR IN REVIEW

22-23
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I am so appreciative of the opportunity to have served as president of the Alabama State Bar over the last 13 months. This opportunity has confirmed what I already knew: Lawyers are my favorite people! More importantly, lawyers do more for their communities than any other profession. I started last summer with two goals: to take the message of the bar to its members and to put lawyer wellness in the forefront, and I am proud to say we accomplished those goals. Last summer, we set out on the Drive for Five, a 41-circuit tour of the state to promote the Lawyers Helpline and the five free hours of confidential counseling now available for all members. In total, more than 2,200 members turned out for our visits and CLE presentations.

Lawyer Well-Being: The Drive for Five

Nearly 50 lawyers reached out for help and counseling through the Lawyers Helpline. As I finish this year of service to the bar, I feel optimistic about the programs in that will continue to improve the way we take care of ourselves so we can better serve our clients.

I am deeply and sincerely grateful for the many people who have helped me over the past year. I have no doubt that the Alabama State Bar will be in good hands and on a steady course with Brannon Buck at its helm.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe this bar year is in the rearview mirror, and what a year it has been! I thank Gibson for his vision and endurance to see his Drive for Five initiative through to the end. Each member who attended our events saw his passion for meaningful outreach and attorney wellness. We also appreciate the help of the bar commissioners and judges who helped us take the message across the state. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Alabama State Bar as we know it today. While we began as a voluntary statewide association in 1879, the efforts of those leaders to improve the profession culminated on August 9, 1923. On that day, with the approval of an act of the Alabama Legislature, the bar became an agency of the state, making membership mandatory and allowing the Supreme Court of Alabama to regulate aspects of the profession. As we mark the centennial anniversary of your bar, I am reminded that we are, right now, charting the course for the next 100 years. I am very optimistic about the collective strengths of our elected leadership, our staff, and you – our 19,245 members – to leave a legacy that will create a vibrant future for Alabama’s lawyers. We stand ready and excited to write the next chapter of the Alabama State Bar.

About the Bar

The Alabama State Bar is the official licensing and regulatory agency for lawyers in Alabama. Created in 1879, we became the unified bar we are today in 1923 by an act of the legislature. Since then, ASB programs and activities have continuously served the public and improved the justice system.

Mission

To promote the professional responsibility and competence of its members, improve the administration of justice, and increase the public understanding of and respect for the law.

Vision

To help members be their best so they can better serve others.
LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Utsey  
1st Circuit

Jason Simmons  
2nd Circuit

Elizabeth Smithart  
3rd Circuit

Kyra Sparks  
4th Circuit

Brian Strength  
5th Circuit

Josh Hayes  
Scott Holmes  
6th Circuit

Will Broome  
7th Circuit

David Langston  
8th Circuit

Dana Grimes  
9th Circuit

Conrad Anderson  
Erik Heninger  
LaBella McCallum  
Andrew Nix  
Ryan Robichaux  
Freddy Rubio  
Allison Skinner  
John Smyth  
Jimbo Terrell  
10th Circuit

Kenneth Moore  
10th Circuit  
Bessemer Cutoff

Leigh Anne Landis  
11th Circuit

Carmen Howell  
12th Circuit

Fred Helmsing  
Edwin Lambeth  
Bill Lancaster  
Steve Nicholas  
Jim Rebarchak  
13th Circuit

Richard Fikes  
14th Circuit

Joel Connally  
Leon Hampton, Jr.  
Felicia Long  
David Martin  
Bobby Poundstone  
Pat Sefton  
15th Circuit

Brad Cornett  
16th Circuit

Tom Perry  
17th Circuit

Mark Boardman  
Clay Carr  
Anne Glass  
18th Circuit

Tina Moon  
19th Circuit

Cliff Mendheim  
20th Circuit

Kirk Garrett  
21st Circuit

Manish Patel  
22nd Circuit

Mark Debro  
Clay Martin  
Doug Martinson  
Robin Wolfe  
23rd Circuit

Scott Foster  
24th Circuit

Chrissy Riddle  
25th Circuit

Jorja Loftin  
26th Circuit

Clint Maze  
27th Circuit

Lang Floyd  
Steven Savarese  
28th Circuit

Sally Bowers  
29th Circuit

John Rea  
30th Circuit

Edgar Black  
31st Circuit

Matthew Carter  
32nd Circuit

Bob Brogden  
33rd Circuit

Jeff Bowling  
34th Circuit

Bob McMillan  
35th Circuit

Christy Graham  
36th Circuit

Andrew Stanley  
37th Circuit

Deborah Dunsmore  
38th Circuit

Don Mansell  
39th Circuit

Mallory Whitley  
40th Circuit

Brett King  
41st Circuit

Angela Kennedy  
At-Large, Place 1

Raymond Bell  
At-Large, Place 2

Holly Sawyer  
At-Large, Place 3

Judge Chuck Price  
At-Large, Place 4

Jana Garner  
At-Large, Place 5

Kira Fonteneau  
At-Large, Place 6

Leila Watson  
At-Large, Place 7

Mitch Kemmer  
At-Large, Place 8

John Stamps  
At-Large, Place 9

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Gibson Vance  
President

Brannon Buck  
President-Elect

Elizabeth Smithart  
Vice President

Terri Lovell  
Secretary

Mark Debro  
Executive Council

Carmen Howell  
Executive Council

Felicia Long  
Executive Council

Mark Boardman  
Parliamentarian

Brett Holsombeck  
Ex-Officio

Angela Kennedy  
Ex-Officio

ALABAMA STATE BAR
From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the finance department processed disbursements and receipts totaling $8.3 million and $9.3 million, respectively, for the ASB and its related foundations. In addition, the department monitors all invested funds.

Other duties of this department include providing reporting to meet tax and other financial reporting deadlines required by state and federal guidelines; handling all travel preapprovals and reimbursements for the agency; formulating and submitting the annual state budget appropriation as approved by the board of bar commissioners; and compiling all required documents for examinations/audits performed by the Examiner of Public Accounts and external auditors.

**Notable Achievements**

1. Collaborated with leadership to devise a financial compliance plan to conform to current regulations
2. Automated the pro hac vice annual renewal fee collection process
3. Implemented paperless processes for report circulation
4. Worked with programs department to streamline the meeting registration process
**PRO BONO MONTH**

On Oct. 1, Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation declaring October as Pro Bono Month in Alabama to educate the public about the extensive community work of Alabama lawyers.

**ADMISSIONS CEREMONY**

On Oct. 20, we celebrated more than 250 new admittees at the annual Bar Admission Ceremony in Montgomery.

**MID-YEAR MEETING**

The Alabama State Bar hosted a Mid-Year Meeting in Mobile, on Jan. 18-20. More than 180 lawyers attended and 23 CLEs were presented.

Attorneys who attended our Noontime Knowledge Luncheon on Thursday were inspired by retired NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf, who shared his story of addiction and the journey through his recovery.

**HALL OF FAME**

The Alabama State Bar inducted five new attorneys into the Alabama Lawyers Hall of Fame on May 5. The inductees of the 2022 class were Harold Vaughan Hughston, James Taylor Jones, Arthur Alexander Madison, Clarence Frost Rhea, and Janie Ledlow Shores.
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Alabama State Bar hosted a breakfast on May 18 for new legislators along with Judiciary Committee Chairs Senator Will Barfoot and Representative Jim Hill. This was a great event that gave us the opportunity to inform newly elected members of the legislature about the Alabama State Bar and how we serve the public and the profession.

LEGAL FOOD FRENZY

The 8th Annual Alabama Legal Food Frenzy raised $71,679.29 to fight hunger, which equates to more than 350,000 meals for food-insecure Alabamians. In all, 44 law firms and legal organizations participated in the 2023 competition, and this year brought the largest outcome in the fundraiser's history.

Congratulations to Martin & Helms P.C. in Huntsville for winning the Attorney General's Cup, marking the fourth year in a row this law firm has won top honors.

FRED GRAY, SR. COURTYARD GROUNDBREAKING

On Apr. 19, Fred Gray, Sr. and his family joined leaders of the Alabama State Bar to officially break ground on the Fred Gray, Sr. Courtyard adjacent to the bar's offices in Montgomery. The new installations that will be constructed inside the courtyard will honor Mr. Gray and his life's work of advocating for civil rights and underserved communities.

LAW DAY: MAY 1

Gov. Kay Ivey presented the Alabama State Bar with a proclamation which highlights this year's theme, Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration.

To commemorate this year’s theme, Alabama attorneys visited classrooms throughout the state, either virtually or in person, to talk to students about the profession of law, discuss the benefits of remaining civil in a disagreement, and understand the importance of civil discourse in society.
**Membership Snapshot**

19,245 Active Members

2,055 Members Admitted in the Last 3 Years

571 Members Admitted for 50+ Years

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65% Male

35% Female

190,722 Number of CLE Credit Hours Awarded to ASB Members

18,414 CLE Courses Completed On-Demand on our Free ProLearn Portal

8,885 Teaching Credits Awarded to ASB Members Who Were CLE Presenters

130 Attorneys Certified to the Office of General Counsel for Failure to Comply

8,739 Members Involved in One or More of the ASB’s 31 Sections

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BAR EXAM STATS

- 823 TOTAL EXAMINEES
- 46.7% PASSAGE RATE
- 399 ADMITTED BY EXAM
- 123 ADMITTED BY UBE
- 57 ADMITTED BY RECIPROCITY

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

- 874 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
- 831 COMPLAINTS SCREENED OUT
- 248 FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS: 15
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS: 15
SUSPENSIONS: 8
DISBARMENT: 1
CONSENTS TO DISBARMENT: 3
SURRENDERS OF LICENSE: 2
TRANSERS TO INACTIVE STATUS: 6
PROBATION*: 3
*IN CONNECTION WITH DISCIPLINE

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Hosted 6 free CLEs with an average of 202 attendees per CLE.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Alabama State Bar members have access to valuable educational programs and select discounts on products and services to benefit both your practice and work-life balance, as well as invaluable resources and information to enhance your professional success.

- 7 New member benefits for a total of 46 member benefits

The ASB provides every member with Fastcase, a legal research tool. The free material provided to each member would typically cost $995, but ASB members receive it for FREE.

Fastcase usage by ASB members:
- First-time logins: 900+
- Total logins: 53,000+
- Total transactions: 1,100,000+

ALABAMA LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ALAP provides immediate and continuing confidential help to lawyers, judges, and law students who suffer from addiction, depression, and other mental health issues. Services are strictly confidential. The sole aim of the program is recovery.

CONTACT:
(334) 517-2238
24-hours at (334) 224-6920

200+ ATTORNEYS & STUDENTS CURRENTLY SERVED BY ALAP

600+ HOURS OF COUNSELING PROVIDED LAST YEAR
LEADERSHIP FORUM: CLASS 17

Robert Baxley
Alex Caudell
Autumn Caudell
Darius Crayton
Ryan Duplechin
Jillian Evans
James Feltham
Coty Hand
Jessie Hardy
Effie Hawthorne
Irving Jones, Jr.
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Kristy Kirkland
Don Long, III
Meredith Maitrejean
Yawanna McDonald
Keren McElvy
Tiffany Ray
Angela Schaefer
Tiffany Smith
Claire Veal

SECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
APPELLATE PRACTICE
BANKRUPTCY AND COMMERCIAL LAW
BUSINESS LAW
BUSINESS TORTS AND ANTITRUST LAW
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DISABILITIES LAW
DISPUTE RESOLUTION
ELDER LAW
ELECTIONS, ETHICS, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS LAW
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
FAMILY LAW
FEDERAL COURT PRACTICE
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
HEALTH LAW
IN-HOUSE COUNSEL AND GOVERNMENT LAWYERS
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS
INTERNATIONAL LAW
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW
LEADERSHIP FORUM ALUMNI
LITIGATION
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS
OIL, GAS, AND MINERAL LAW
REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE, AND TRUST
SENIOR LAWYERS
SOLO AND SMALL FIRM
TAXATION LAW
WOMEN’S SECTION
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION LAW
YOUNG LAWYERS

COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES
ALABAMA LAWYER BOARD OF EDITORS
APPOINTED COUNSEL AND INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMITTEE
BENCH AND BAR RELATIONS
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS
BYLAWS TASK FORCE
CHARACTER AND FITNESS
CLIENT SECURITY FUND
COURT TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
CUBA (INTERNATIONAL) TASK FORCE
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY RULES AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE PROFESSION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE
INSURANCE BENEFITS
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA
LAWYER IN EVERY CLASSROOM
LAWYER PUBLIC RELATIONS TASK FORCE
LAWYERS VOICES FOR SURVIVORS TASK FORCE
LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
LEADERSHIP FORUM SELECTION & PROGRAM COMMITTEE
LEGAL FOOD FRENZY TASK FORCE
LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE
MEMBER BENEFITS COMMITTEE
MILITARY LAW COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
QUALITY OF LIFE, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE
SPECIALIZATION AND CERTIFICATION TASK FORCE
UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE
There are thousands of Alabamians of moderate means who have no idea how to find a lawyer and appear to underutilize attorneys. The Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is an ideal way to assist paying clients to locate a competent attorney who charges a reasonable fee to complete a legal task efficiently and in a timely manner.

The fee for membership is $100 per year and includes up to 10 practice areas. Additional practice areas are available for $5 each per year. Individuals joining the service on April 1 or later will be charged $50 for the remainder of the fiscal year and will need to renew in September to remain in the service after September 30th. Charges will not be further prorated for those who join at other times of the year.
COMMUNICATIONS

THE SCOOP E-NEWSLETTER

57.61% **OPEN RATE**

8,231 **AVERAGE WEEKLY UNIQUE OPENS**

THE ALABAMA LAWYER IS MAILED TO ALL 50 STATES AND 20 COUNTRIES

MORE THAN 15,000 MAILED IN-STATE

16 LAWYER-AUTHORS ON AVERAGE PER ISSUE

19,000+ ISSUES MAILED BI-MONTHLY

WEBSITE

www.alabar.org

1,700,000 **PAGE VIEWS**

1,220,000 **UNIQUE PAGE VIEWS**

320,000 **CLICKS ON THE "FIND A MEMBER" DIRECTORY**

SOCIAL MEDIA

24,995 **FOLLOWERS**
Total page follows across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter

217,841 **REACH**
Total number of views our posts received across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

22,184 **REACTIONS**
Total amount of likes, comments, and shares on posts across Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn

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