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Welcome to the 2024 Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting! We are excited to be back at the Sandestin Hilton. Many thanks to our dedicated state bar staff who have worked long and hard to put together a conference filled with great speakers and fun events.

In addition to fantastic CLEs, highlights this year will include the Thursday Bench & Bar Luncheon, which will feature Brendan Hunt who co-wrote and starred in “Ted Lasso,” and the Friday night party. Weather permitting, the Friday night party will be on the beach front deck, where we will enjoy excellent food, fireworks, and a great band (Pool Hall Special) led by several of our fellow state bar members.

Our big projects this bar year have been #ChooseCivility and Justice4AL.com. I hope you leave this meeting with a good understanding of both of them. It has been the honor of my career to serve as President of the Alabama State Bar, and I look forward to closing out the year by spending time with so many of my favorite people. Thank you for joining me. Enjoy your stay and have a great time!



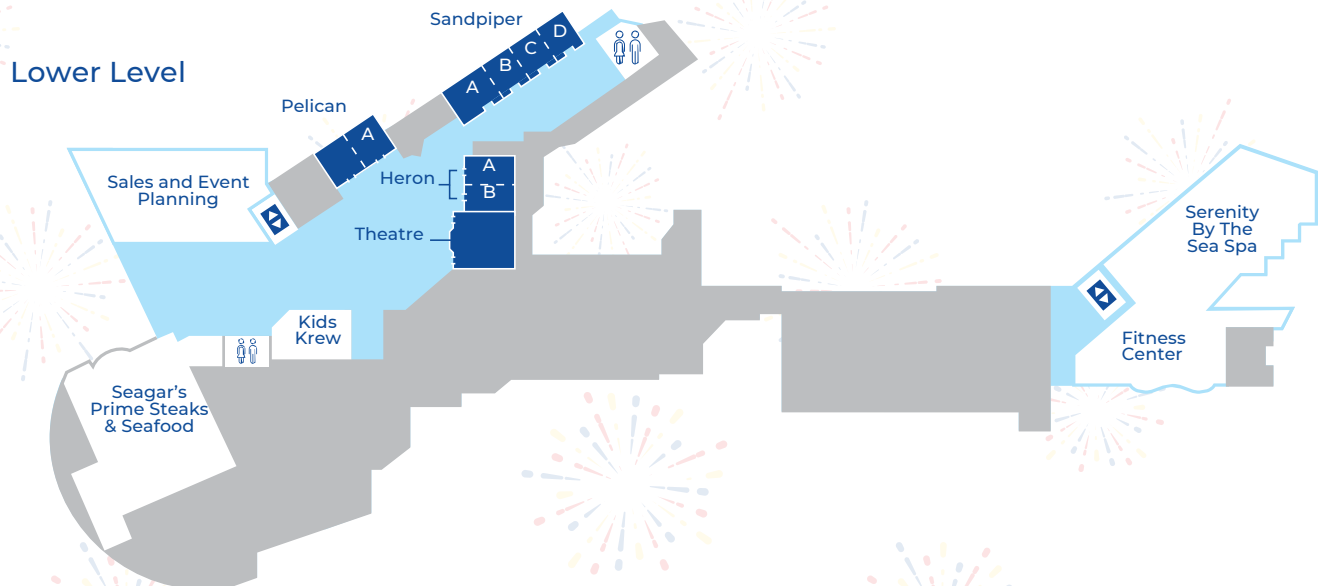
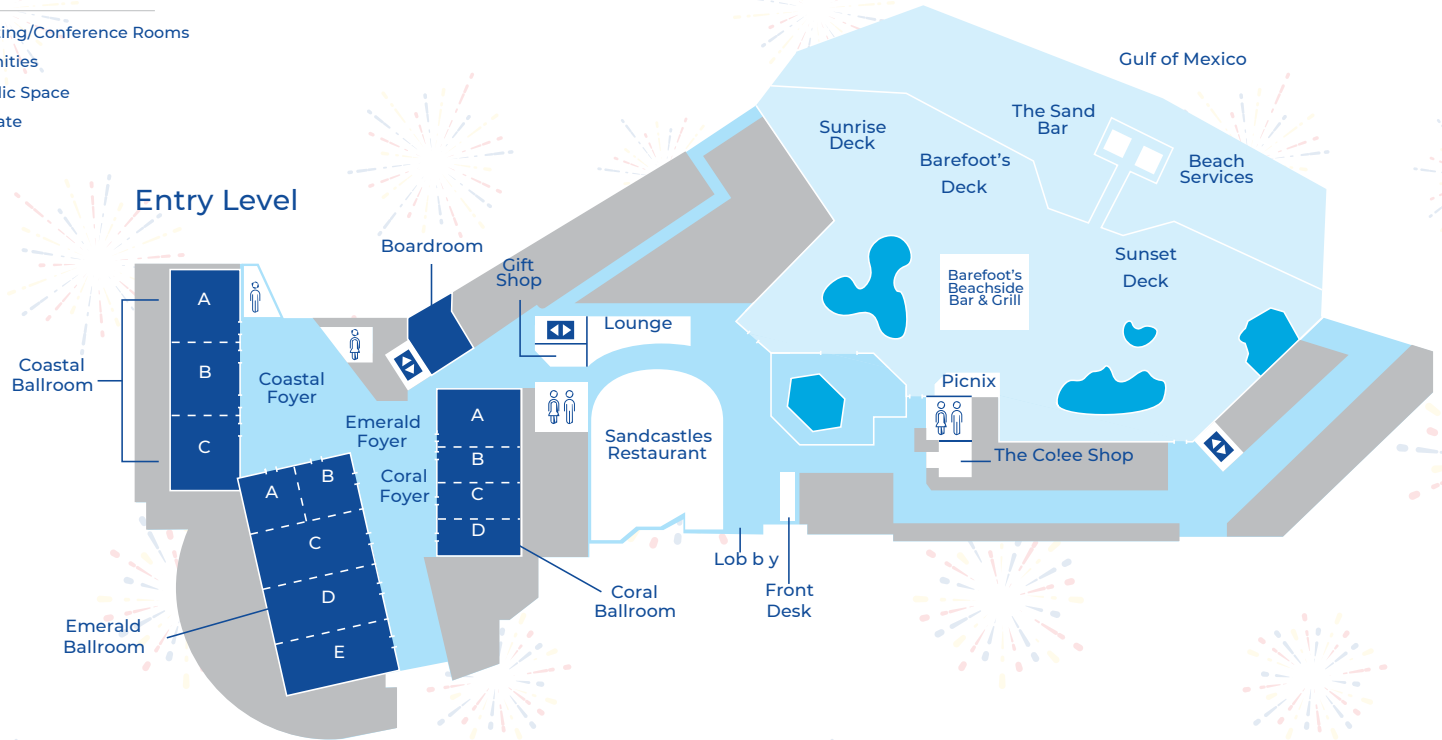
2023-2024 ASB President Brannon Buck

FLOOR PLAN

HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA

FLOOR MAPS KEY

- Meeting/Conference Rooms
- Amenities
- Public Space
- Private



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

NOON – 6:30 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

Emerald Registration Booth

12:50 – 1:00 P.M.

WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT BRANNON BUCK

Coastal B

1:00 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.

PROFESSIONALISM AND PERSUASION IN THE APPELLATE COURTS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Panelists: Justice Sarah Stewart, Justice Jay Mitchell, Judge Matt Fridy, Judge Bill Lewis, Judge Chris McCool and Judge Richard Minor

Moderator: Marc James Ayers

A panel discussion with members of each of Alabama's appellate courts on the uniqueness of appellate argumentation, how to enhance one's persuasive impact and how an advocate's level of professionalism plays a key role in presenting cases before courts of review.

Sponsored by the Appellate Practice Section

2:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM ALABAMA MEDIATORS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Panelists: Eileen Harris, Jon Lewis, Bob Methvin, Holly Sawyer, Angeline Sperling, and Michael Upchurch

Join our panel of experienced attorneys/mediators as they share tips and insights for a successful mediation, how to deal with difficult parties, ways to handle impasse, concluding mediation, and Alabama trends in mediation.

Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution and the Dispute Resolution Section

2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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3:00 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

BEYOND THE PALE: PROTECTING YOUR CLIENT'S ASSETS FROM DIVORCE COURT

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Speaker: Jessica Kirk Drennan

This presentation will be an overview of different property interests and how to protect them from distribution in divorce, traps to be wary of and how the equitable powers of divorce court can reverse transactions, including deeds, prenuptial agreements, postnuptial agreements, trusts, etc.

Sponsored by the Real Property, Probate & Trust Section



4:00 P.M. – 4:50 P.M.

WORKERS' COMP TRIVIA

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Speaker: John Civils

This presentation by Civils Mediation, LLC will be in a question-and-answer format. How do you know your workers' compensation law? The attendees will be divided into teams and choose their questions from various categories. There will be verbal interaction on the questions and we will keep score. Very fast paced!

Sponsored by the Workers' Compensation Section

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

LEADERSHIP FORUM ALUMNI RECEPTION

Sandpiper

Sponsored by the Leadership Forum Alumni Section and Veritext Legal Solutions

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

Emerald Ballroom

Join us as we kick off our Annual Meeting with dinner and dancing. Featuring music by Chambers Waller and The Troubadours

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

“FRIENDS OF BILL W.” MEETING

Sandpiper A

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND COFFEE BAR

Coastal Foyer

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7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.

**PAST PRESIDENTS’ BREAKFAST — OPEN ONLY
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7:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

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LEGAL EXPO

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8:00 A.M. – 8:50 A.M.

ALABAMA STATE BAR ETHICS UPDATE

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Speaker: Roman Shaul

General Counsel Roman Shaul will discuss changes and trends in the ethics and professionalism world, including modifications to existing rules, new proposed rules and how artificial intelligence may transform the practice of law.

8:00 A.M. – 8:50 A.M.

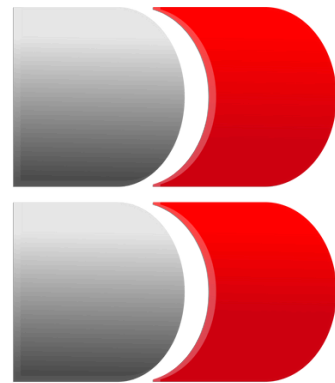
**EFFECTIVELY MANAGING CONSERVATORSHIPS
— WHAT HAPPENED TO MICHAEL OHER AND
BRITNEY SPEARS**

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Emerald E

Speaker: Amy Bryant

What do Britney Spears, Michael Oher, Wendy Williams and Brian Wilson have in common? Why do celebrities have conservatorships and were they handled appropriately? This session will provide information on best practices for lawyers when advising clients on their fiduciary responsibilities. This presentation will also describe a model of managing conservatorships that has proven to be effective for protecting vulnerable adults.



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8:50 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
BREAK — VISIT LEGAL EXPO

9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
PROFESSIONALISM: WHAT WOULD TED LASSO DO?

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Speaker: Cindy Tisdale

What can lawyers learn from “Ted Lasso”? Join 2023-2024 State Bar of Texas President Cindy Tisdale as she explains how themes and scenes from the popular Apple TV+ series can help lawyers perform their work with civility and professionalism in this fun and engaging presentation.

9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
WORKPLACE HARASSMENT: HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT CLAIMS AND DEFENSES

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Emerald E

Speakers: Yvonne Maddalena and Temple Trueblood

Join these attorneys, Yvonne Maddalena and Temple Trueblood, representing the employee’s and the employer’s perspectives on harassment claims, as they address common issues in hostile workplace environment cases: Is the alleged conduct unlawful harassment or not? What is a prima facie case? What are common defenses to these claims? How do credibility issues weigh in the value of the case?

Sponsored by the Labor & Employment Law Section

9:50 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
BREAK - VISIT LEGAL EXPO

10:00 A.M. – 10:50 A.M.
NFL, UFL, NIL AND CBA: FOOTBALL FOR LAWYERS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

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Speaker: Alexa Stabler

This session will address current legal issues surrounding athlete representation, the NFL’s collective bargaining agreement, the rise of name and likeness laws and the merger of the XFL and USFL, among other issues relevant to college and professional football.

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CLAIMS JEOPARDY!

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Host: Sharon Stuart

Contestants: Lee Copeland, J. Mark Debro and Gaynor St. John

Join Sharon and her “contestants” as they are presented with attorney malpractice claims clues, compete to correctly identify how to avoid these claims, and guess phrases to successfully defeat these claims.

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10:50 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
LEGAL EXPO BREAK

10:50 A.M.
BLOODY MARY AND MIMOSA RECEPTION

Coral Ballroom Foyer

Please join AIM as they honor their longtime employee, Wilma Fields, on her retirement.

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11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ELECTIONS UPDATE

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

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Speakers: Representative Matt Simpson and Greg Butrus

Sponsored by the Elections, Ethics & Government Section

11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.

THE FUTURE OF THE LAW IS HUMAN: HOW MIND MANAGEMENT, RESILIENCE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING WILL HUMANIZE THE LEGAL INDUSTRY

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Emerald E

Speaker: Dina Cataldo

As AI captures the collective consciousness, the humanization of the law and reconnecting with humans has become more important than ever. Master Coach and former criminal prosecutor Dina Cataldo will teach you skills that will revolutionize how you engage in your practice. In this timely training, learn to transform your most challenging interactions with clients and opposing counsel, keep your calm around even the most demanding situations in your practice, and develop problem-solving skills to help resolve overwhelming problems and feel more in control of your time.

Sponsored by the Health & Wellness Committee

12:30 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

BENCH & BAR LUNCHEON FEATURING

BRENDAN HUNT

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Emerald A-D

Speaker: Brendan Hunt

Hear from the co-writer and actor of the Apple TV+ show Ted Lasso.

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1:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

LEGAL EXPO BREAK

2:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN LAW ACROSS GENERATIONS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Moderator: Lisha Graham

Panelists: Judge Deborah Bell Paseur, Shelbie Hankey, Carrie McCollum, and Valynda Jerome-Williams

What does it mean to be a leader in the legal profession? How can you be a leader at each stage of your career? Attorneys who embody leadership qualities excel in their practice, assume roles as leaders in their law firms or companies, and are leaders in their community. Our panelists will discuss topics involving professionalism and civility, respecting colleagues and the judiciary, upholding the rule of law, being an advocate for your clients, providing mentorship and community service, and other qualities of strong leaders. Representing different generations, the panelists will provide tips for being a transformational leader at every point in your career.

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2:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

IP LAW FOR NON-IP LAWYERS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

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Speakers: Joe Bird, Rudy Hill and Jeremy Smith
A basic introduction to intellectual property law. Trade secrets are state common law in origin and are fairly intuitive to the non-IP lawyer, but the other IP law is not. The law of patent, trademark, and copyright is almost entirely federal and statutory. This discussion will help the non-IP lawyer recognize basic IP issues in order to guide his or her client.

Sponsored by the Intellectual Property, Sports & Entertainment Section

2:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

DELVING DEEPER THAN SOURCE: DECIPHERING ACTIVITY LEVEL IN DNA ANALYSIS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

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Speaker: Samantha Spencer

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2:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S POOLSIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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

3:00 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

FAMILY CASE LAW UPDATE

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Speaker: Joan Marie Sullivan

Overview of family law and domestic relations case law from the past year, identifying key changes and updates for practitioners

Sponsored by the Family Law Section

3:00 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

THE WHY

(1.0 HOUR MCLE CREDIT)

Emerald E

Speaker: Thomason Bryan Zoldock
Connecting in the Connection Age. Why communication? Why branding? What is your why?

3:00 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

ALABAMA LAW INSTITUTE

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal C

Speakers: Jackson Colburn, Othni Lathram, Senator Rodger Smitherman, and Representative Tim Wadsworth

4:00 P.M. – 4:50 P.M.

JUSTICE FOR ALL: LEGAL AID FOR THOSE IN NEED

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Panelists: Hilaire Armstrong, Brannon Buck, Peyton Faulk, Leon Hampton, and Felicia Long

For nearly one-million Alabamians who live in poverty, the judicial system is some far-away branch of government. In addition, residents of around 20 Alabama counties have access to fewer than one lawyer per 1,000 people. To help bridge the access to justice gap, Alabama State Bar's VLP and other local VLPs provide an organized vehicle through which attorneys can provide pro bono services to citizens in need in their community. The panel will provide an overview of the state's access to justice statistics, preview the justice4al.com website, and why pro bono matters.

4:00 P.M. – 4:50 P.M.

CYBERSECURITY FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS: SAFEGUARDING CLIENT DATA AND LEGAL INFORMATION

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Emerald E

Speaker: Brian Jackson

This presentation dives into the essential sphere of cybersecurity as it applies to the legal sector. With law firms intensifying their digital presence and strong sensitive case files and client data electronically, they face increasing risks from complex cyber threats.

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5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM RECEPTION

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Sponsored by the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation and the Alabama Law Foundation

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S PARTY AND DINNER

Theatre

Children can enjoy a kids' meal and a movie while their parents attend law school receptions.

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6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI RECEPTION

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6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI RECEPTION

Emerald B

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI RECEPTION

Emerald C

7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

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Coastal A

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

“FRIENDS OF BILL W.” MEETING

Sandpiper A

7:30 A.M. – NOON

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8:30 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

**LITIGATION SECTION BREAKFAST WITH
CREIGHTON WATERS, PROSECUTOR FOR THE
MURDAUGH TRIAL**

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Emerald A-D

Speaker: Creighton Waters

Join us for breakfast as we hear from Creighton Waters, the lead prosecutor in the Alex Murdaugh murder trial.

*Sponsored by the
Litigation Section*



9:50 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL EXPO BREAK



10:00 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

SUPREME COURT PANEL

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal C

Justice Kelli Wise will lead a panel discussion with members of the Alabama Supreme Court and Supreme Court Clerk Megan Rhodebeck regarding their perspective of the judicial process within the Alabama Judicial System.

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10:50 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
LEGAL EXPO BREAK

11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.
**CELEBRITIES ... THEY'RE JUST LIKE US! BUT
WHAT ABOUT WHEN THEY ARE ON TRIAL?**

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal C

Panelists: Bains Fleming, Jonathan Hooks, and
Megan McCarthy

The widespread availability of video of key
moments in celebrity trials offers the unique
opportunity to lawyers to learn from these trials
and utilize the lessons learned. Please join a panel
of leaders from the Alabama Defense Lawyers
Association as they present and discuss video
clips from several celebrity trials and engage the
audience in a lively discussion of what can be
learned when we watch Hollywood stars in the
courtroom.

Sponsored by the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.
CIVILITY MATTERS

(1.0 hour MCLE credit)

Coastal B

Speakers: Justice Sarah Stewart, Candis
McGowan, George Newton, Whitney Seals and Leila
Watson

Civility Matters is an effort to elevate the
standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the
legal profession. The panelists will be reviewing
such topics as: What is civility and professionalism
in today's environment? Dealing with improper
conduct by opposing counsel in discovery and
depositions, what if your client is acting uncivil in a
deposition? What do you do if your trial judge is
uncivil?

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Trial Advocates*

11:50 A.M. - NOON
LEGAL EXPO BREAK

12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
WOMEN IN THE LAW RECEPTION

Emerald E

Sponsored by the Crew Law Group and Jinks Crow, P.C.

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
**ANNUAL MAUD MCLURE KELLY AWARD
LUNCHEON**

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Women's Section*

1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIENDS OF TONY MCLAIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Baytowne Golf Course

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
FAMILY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
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7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
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Barefoot and Sunrise Deck

Join us as we say thank you to Brannon Buck for his
leadership as the 148th president of the Alabama
State Bar. He has planned an evening of fun and
fellowship with food, music from Pool Hall Special,
and fireworks to conclude the evening!

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7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

“FRIENDS OF BILL W.” MEETING

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7:30 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST

Coastal C

Speakers: Terri Bozeman Lovell and J. Mark Debro

Moderator: Samuel N. Crosby

Introductions: William T. Coplin, Jr.

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8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Coastal Ballroom Foyer

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8:30 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

WOMEN’S SECTION SILENT AUCTION WRAP-UP

Heron

9:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

GRAND CONVOCATION AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Emerald Ballroom A-D

Presiding: Brannon J. Buck, 148th president of the Alabama State Bar

11:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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