



**The Weekly Email Newsletter Of The Mississippi Bar**  
**Monday July 23, 2007**

**Correction - 2008 Summer School & Annual Meeting Dates**

The last issue of Bar Briefs included incorrect dates for the 2008 Summer School for Lawyers and Annual Meeting. The correct dates for the 2008 Summer School for Lawyers to be held at the Sandestin Resort Linkside Conference Center are Monday July 14 through Wednesday July 16. The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held at the Sandestin Hilton Wednesday July 16 through Saturday July 19.

**Annual Enrollment Fee Statements To Be Mailed In August**

The Bar's 2007-2008 fiscal year begins August 1. Statements for annual enrollment fees and section dues will be mailed shortly to the address as it appears in the Bar's online "Attorney Directory". If you need to update your address you can do so by using the address change form on the directory page. Any questions regarding membership may be addressed to Kathy Bass at 601-355-4619 or you may email her at [kbass@msbar.org](mailto:kbass@msbar.org).

**Reporting For Rule 6.1 Compliance And Mandatory IOLTA Included As Part of 2007-08 Bar Statement**

The Mississippi Supreme Court amended the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct to require attorneys to report annually their hours of pro bono legal services and certify compliance with the provisions of mandatory IOLTA. Reporting and certification will be part of annual bar enrollment fee statements being mailed to all members in August. The reporting period will cover the previous fiscal year from August 1, 2006 through July 31 2007.

**Board Of Certified Court Reporters - Bar Representative Solicited**

The Bar is responsible for making two appointments to the Mississippi Board of Certified Court Reporters. One of the Bar's seats is now vacant. If you are interested in serving on this board please email Larry Houchins at [houchins@msbar.org](mailto:houchins@msbar.org) by Thursday July 26.

**2007-08 Bar Officers & Commissioners Assume Duties**

At the 2007 Farewell Brunch in Destin, Chief Justice James Smith swore in Robert R. "Bobby" Bailess of Vicksburg as President of The Mississippi Bar for 2007-2008. Succeeding Bobby as 2007-08 are: Immediate Past President C. York Craig, Jr., Jackson; 2nd Vice President Amanda K. Jones, Jackson; President Young Lawyers Division, Brian W. Sanderson, Gulfport; President Elect Young Lawyers Division, Chad Russell, Jackson; 1st District Commissioner, Kirk Tharpe, Tupelo; 2nd District, Edward F. Donovan, Biloxi (Post 1), Patti C. Golden, Gulfport (Post 2); 3rd District, Anthony L. Farese, Ashland; 4th District, Floyd M. Melton, III, Greenwood; 5th District, J. Lane Greenlee, Winona; 6th District, Bryan H. Callaway, Natchez; 7th District, Mitzi Dease Paige, Jackson (Post 1), Dodds M. Dehmer, Jackson (Post 2), Vikki Taylor, Jackson (Post 3), Patricia W. Bennett, Jackson, (Post 4), William R. Wright, Jackson (Post 5); 8th District, Amy Kilpatrick Taylor, Philadelphia; 9th District, John W. Bullard, Vicksburg; 10th District, C. Joy Harkness, Meridian; 11th District, John Christopher Cox Cleveland; 12th District, James L. Quinn, Hattiesburg; 13th District, John N. Satcher, Bay Springs; 14th District, Edwin L. Bean, Jr.,

McComb; 15th District, Hal J. Kittrell, Columbia; 16th District, John D. Brady, Columbus; 17th District, Barry W. Bridgforth, Jr., Southaven; 18th District, W. Dal Williamson, Laurel; 19th District, David O. McCormick, Pascagoula; 20th District, J. Wade Sweat, Ridgeland (Post 1), Marlin A. Miller, Flowood (Post 2); 21st District, Richard J. Rohman, Yazoo; 22nd District, R. Bin Andrews, Port Gibson and Minority At Large Representative Sherri M. Flowers, Jackson.

#### **Mississippi Bar Foundation 2007-2008 Officers**

H. Hunter Twiford of Jackson has assumed the duties as President of the Mississippi Bar Foundation for 2007-2008. Colette Oldmixon of Poplarville is President-Elect. Serving on the Board of Trustees for 2007-2008 are: Immediate Past President, Nina Stubblefield Tollison, Oxford; Northern District - Tommie G. Williams, Greenwood; Harold H. Mitchell, Jr., Greenville; Marjorie T. O'Donnell, Oxford; Central District - Michael W. Ulmer, Jackson; Roy D. Campbell, III, Jackson; Judge J. Kent McDaniel, Brandon; Southern District - Judge Johnny L. Williams, Hattiesburg; Hugh D. Keating, Gulfport; Leigh K. Berry, Columbia; At Large - James H. Heidelberg, Pascagoula; Karen K. Sawyer, Gulfport; John M. McCullouch, Ridgeland; Designated Trustees - Supreme Court Justice William L. Waller, Jr., Jackson; MB President Robert R. "Bobby" Bailess, Vicksburg; MB President-Elect, H. Rodger Wilder, Gulfport; Legal Services Corporation Sam H. Buchanan, Hattiesburg; and Young Lawyers Division President, Brian W. Sanderson, Gulfport.

#### **The Graying Of Lawyers - The Complete Lawyer - Latest Issue**

Two hundred and fifty thousand of America's practicing lawyers are 55 or older, a number that will triple in the next two decades. Most are "dementia free"; however, statistics tell a shocking story: one out of 8 people 65 and older suffers from Alzheimer's. Many more experience age-related impairment that reduces competency, judgment and diligence. This issue of TCL takes a look at the topic of the aging of the profession: What are the ethical obligations that arise when older lawyers can't comply with the rules of professional responsibility? What is our responsibility when they unwittingly provide inadequate legal service to clients? How can we help preserve the dignity of aging colleagues? How do we continue to benefit from their wisdom and experience? To access this story and many others go to the latest issue of The Complete Lawyer

<http://mississippi.thecompletelawyer.com>

#### **North Mississippi Lawyers' Support Group**

The North Mississippi Lawyers' Support Group will be meeting 3 times in August and will not meet the 4th Wednesday of July as previously scheduled. The meeting times for August are 5:30-7:00 PM August 1st, 15th and 29th. We will meet in our usual location: University Counseling Center on the Ole Miss Campus at the corner of Poole and All American Drive. For more information, contact Linda at 662-816-3971 or e-mail [slindylo@yahoo.com](mailto:slindylo@yahoo.com)

#### **Mississippi Rules Annotated**

The 2007-2008 edition of Mississippi Rules Annotated is now available for purchase. This treatise is the most comprehensive compilation on the market of case annotations for Procedural Rules, Evidence Rules and Rules of Appellate Procedure. Annotations are topically arranged to make it easier to pinpoint cases that discuss a particular portion of a rule. The sale and distribution of the books will be handled by MLI Press. All inquiries should be directed to Tammy Upton at 601-925-7107 or [tupton@mc.edu](mailto:tupton@mc.edu). You may order on line at this secured web site:

<http://law.mc.edu/mli/rules.html>. The cost of the publication is \$135.00 plus \$10.00 shipping and handling. Members of the Bar's Litigation/General Practice Section receive a \$15.00 discount per book.

#### **Damages Law For Mississippi Trial Practice Publication**

Mississippi Law Institute (MLI) Press is pleased to announce that the recent publication, Damages Law for Mississippi Trial Practice, is now available for immediate distribution. Written by John G. Corlew and edited by Kathy K. Smith, this publication addresses all elements of tort damages, includes suggested jury instructions and catalogues more than 200 million dollar

verdicts in all 22 Mississippi circuit court districts and federal courts. For more information or to purchase this new publication, please contact Tammy Upton at 601-925-7197 or by email [tupton@mc.edu](mailto:tupton@mc.edu). You may also order this publication online at <http://law.mc.edu/corlew>.

### **Upcoming CLE Offerings**

*The Young Lawyers Division of The Mississippi Bar will sponsor the following tele-seminars for the month of July. Each of these programs will be held from 12-1 p.m. and is accessible from your home or office phone. Replays of previous programs are now being offered. These are rebroadcasts of earlier programs with LIVE Q&A segments to satisfy CLE requirements.*

#### **YLD Tele-Seminar - Tax Planning For Conservation Easements (REPLAY) - July 27**

Conservation Easements are restrictions placed on the development of use of property. In exchange for imposing the property restrictions, the property owner may obtain certain significant tax benefits. This program will examine the income tax benefits available for conservation easements and provide practical guidance on how to obtain them. To receive a registration form click [here](#). For more information, contact Ginger Blanchard at [gblanchard@msbar.org](mailto:gblanchard@msbar.org).

#### **YLD Tele-Seminar - Developments In Environmental Liability In Real Estate Transactions - July 31**

One of the substantial risks of acquiring real estate for investment or development is risk of incurring successor liability for environmental or other hazardous liabilities. This program is a practical guide to identifying those liabilities, allocating the risk of incurring those liabilities, and tax and other incentives for redeveloping "Brownfield" properties. To receive a registration form click [here](#). For more information, contact Ginger Blanchard at [gblanchard@msbar.org](mailto:gblanchard@msbar.org).

#### **Mississippi College To Host Annual CLE Marathon**

Mississippi College School of Law will host the Annual CLE Marathon July 26 - 27, 2007. This CLE course offers 12 hours of CLE credit including four opportunities to get in the Ethics/ Professionalism requirement. Speakers for this event include Rick Patt, Jeff Klingfuss, Bobby Dallas, Representative Bobby Moak, Adam Kilgore, Justice Jess H. Dickinson, Judge Neil Olack, Stephen Thomas, Tommy Furby, Judge Sharon R. Aycock, Judge Leslie Southwick and Tom Hood. For information on topics and times please contact the CLE office at 601-925-7197. You may view an agenda and register online at <http://law.mc.edu/marathon> or email Tammy Upton at [tupton@mc.edu](mailto:tupton@mc.edu).

#### **The Art And Science Of Negotiation Seminar - July 26**

"The Art and Science of Negotiation" CLE seminar will be offered Thursday July 26, 2007 at the Hampton Inn, 1138 Beach Boulevard in Biloxi from 8:30 am to 2 pm, approved in Mississippi for 5.4 credits. Cost is \$175 in advance; \$195 at the door. For registration or further information, contact Carl Grant at 1-888-575-3369.

#### **NMRLS Elder Law Conference - Ole Miss - August 10**

North Mississippi Rural Legal Services will be hosting the 2007 Elder Law Conference at the University of Mississippi School of Law from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2007. The cost is \$35 -MVLP/\$100 - non-MVLP attorneys. Approved by the MS Commission on CLE for 6 hours of credit including 1 hour of ethics. Register on-line or print out registration form at [www.nmrls.com](http://www.nmrls.com). For more information contact Betty Withers or Ginny Kilgore at 1-800-898-8731.

#### **NALS To Hold Mediation Seminar - August 11**

The Mississippi Division of NALS will host a seminar entitled "Using Mediation When Settlements Don't Work" presented by Lonnie D. Bailey, Esq., of the Upshaw, Williams, Biggers, Beckham & Riddick, LLP law firm on August 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Forman Perry Watkins, Krutz & Tardy, LLP, City Centre, 200 South Lamar Street, Suite 100, Jackson, MS, 39201. The

seminar has been approved by the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 2 hours of CLE credit for any attorneys in attendance. To register contact Cindy Blackburn, at Upshaw, Williams, Biggers, Beckham & Riddick, Greenwood, MS. The phone number is 1-800-748-8720 and the e-mail address is [cindyb@uwbbr.com](mailto:cindyb@uwbbr.com).