



The Weekly Email Newsletter Of The Mississippi Bar
August 6, 2007

MVLP to Celebrate 25 Year Anniversary - Senator Cochran to Speak on September 21

All members of The Mississippi Bar are invited to attend the 25th anniversary celebration of the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project which will highlight the contributions of our volunteer attorneys and the accomplishments of the project over the past 25 years. Senator Thad Cochran will be the keynote speaker. The event is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 21, 2007 at the Hilton Jackson. A reception will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m., with a dinner following at 7:30 p.m. For more details regarding the event, please contact Aboye Jinkiri at ajinkiri@msbar.org or (601) 960-9577.

Dates and Locations Set For Bar CLE on The Road Seminars For 2007-08

The Bar will once again host three (3) "CLE on the Road" seminars in 2007-08. The programs allow lawyers to obtain quality CLE at a reasonable price without having to travel to Jackson. The meetings also allow lawyers to get together on a regional basis. Dates and locations for 2007-08 "CLE on the Road" seminars are: Greenville November 16, Pascagoula, February 1 and McComb, April 11. Mark your calendars. Promotional materials will be mailed to lawyers within 90 miles of each location approximately one month in advance of each program.

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 this week. At its June meeting the Board of Commissioners approved a small increase in enrollment fees. The increase is to fund the expansion of the Bar's Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, replenish reserves used for Katrina and the Bar's Centennial Celebration and hopefully fund the establishment of a Law Office Management Assistance Program.

Mississippi Bar Not Entity to Contact for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Questions/Reports

With annual CLE reports out, the Bar office is once again receiving calls and faxes regarding CLE hours/credits. The Bar cannot assist callers since The Mississippi Bar is not responsible for mandatory CLE in Mississippi. The Rules and Regulations for Mandatory CLE as adopted by the Supreme Court provide for the Mississippi Commission on CLE to administer the mandatory CLE requirements in Mississippi. The Commission is located in the Court of Appeals building in Jackson. Tracy Graves is the staff contact and may be reached by phone at 601-354-6056. For a copy of the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education go to "Rules" at the Supreme Court website <http://www.mssc.state.ms.us/rules/default.asp>.

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 period from August 1, 2006 through July 31 2007.

Bar Website Offers Direct Links to the MS Supreme Court and Commission on CLE

The Bar's website, www.msbar.org, provides buttons on the homepage that directly link to the MS Commission on CLE and the MS Supreme Court for those who wish to check CLE hours or view rules and other information found on the MS Supreme Court site. The links are to the extreme right on the homepage under the picture button links for The Mississippi Lawyer magazine and Annual Meeting.

Attorney Contact Information Online

The Bar receives many calls each day requesting contact information for lawyers and is happy to be of assistance. The same information that is available to Bar staff is also available on the Bar's website at www.msbar.org by clicking on "Attorney Directory" at the top of the page. The directory contains name, address, phone, fax, email, membership status and date of admission. Please pass this valuable resource along to your support staff and lawyers in your office.

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

Upcoming CLE Offerings

Offers-in-Compromise: Settling Tax Disputes with the IRS, August 14

The Young Lawyers Division of The Mississippi Bar will sponsor the following tele-seminars. The program will be held from 12-1 p.m. and is accessible from your home or office phone. Offers-in-compromise are proposals by individual or small business taxpayers to settle a disputed tax liability for less than the full dollar amount of the tax. Led by one of the nation's foremost experts of representing taxpayers before the IRS, this program will provide you a detailed guide through the eligibility standards for individuals and small businesses, the substantive standards of for making an offer, and provide practical guidance on successfully advocating an offer on behalf of a client. The program will also briefly review trends in IRS acceptance and rejection of offers, and proposed changes to the program. To download a registration form, please click [here](#). For more information on this teleseminar, please contact Ginger Blanchard at gblanchard@msbar.org.

Three Part Series: Eminent Domain: Private Property, Takings for Public & Private Use, and Just Compensation - August 29, 30, 31

The Young Lawyers Division of The Mississippi Bar will sponsor the following tele-seminars. The program will be held from 12-1 p.m. and is accessible from your home or office phone. The power to take private property for public and private use is one of the most controversial powers of the government. For what purposes may the property be taken? Is urban redevelopment by private developers a constitutionally permissible use of the condemnation power? What is "just compensation"? These and other issues have become increasingly controversial as the U.S. Supreme has expanded governmental power and the state legislatures have sought to combat perceived excesses. Led by four of the nation's leading practitioners in this area, this three-part

series will provide you with an understanding of both the fundamental principles of eminent domain and recent developments in this area of practice. This is essential learning for everyone interested in government seizure of property for public and private purposes. To download a brief description of each Part of the series, click [here](#). To download a registration form, please click [here](#). For more information on this teleseminar, please contact Ginger Blanchard at gblanchard@msbar.org.

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. For more information contact Betty Withers or Ginny Kilgore at 1-800-898-8731.

Juvenile Defender Training - August 10

The Mississippi Youth Justice Project will partner with Mississippi College School of Law to provide Juvenile Defender Training and annual recertification. This CLE event will be held on the campus of Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, on August 10, 2007. The session will offer six hours of CLE credit including one hour of Ethics. This training does provide new certification as well as annual renewal certification. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is provided on site. You may register by contacting the CLE office at 601-925-7107 or tupton@mc.edu.

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.

Getting the Most from the Internet as a Research Tool - August 17

Mississippi College School of Law will host a CLE on internet research on Friday, August 17, 2007. This event will cover topics such as, "Choosing the Proper Search Tool", "Constructing Search Queries", "Government Websites", "Academic Websites", and several others. Dean Mary Miller, Assistant Dean of Information, Technology, and Legal Research at Mississippi College School of Law, will be our featured speaker. This class will be taught "hands on" in the Computer Lab of MCSOL, so space is limited. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on site. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Tammy Upton at 601-925-7107, or tupton@mc.edu. Please use the following link to register online: <https://secure.ga4.org/01/research>.

Wetlands Law and Regulation CLE - August 24

The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program and the University of Mississippi Center for Continuing Legal Education will host a Wetlands Law and Regulation CLE course in Biloxi on August 24, 2007. The course offers six hours of CLE credit. The event will be held at the Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center at 1815 Popps Ferry Road. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the first session starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is provided. Cost

is \$150 for attorneys, \$75 for non-attorneys. To receive a registration form, please email Josh Clemons at jecclemon@olemiss.edu.

Unique Opportunity For Family Lawyers - October 10-13

The ABA Family Law Section is coming to Memphis on October 10-13, 2007. The conference will be held at the Peabody Hotel. This is a unique opportunity to have fellowship with lawyers from all over the country and Canada and to compare notes and practices. There will be three days of CLE with topics ranging from Hidden Assets in Military Divorce Cases, Electronic Evidence, Representing the Small Business Owner in Divorce, Handling Substance Abuse Issues, Interstate Child Custody, and a Financial and Stock Primer for Lawyers. The ABA last came this close several years ago in New Orleans and over 50 lawyers and judges from our state attended. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to improve your practice by exposing yourself to a National level of practice and CLE! For More Information contact the ABA Family Law Section at 312-988-5145 or Mark Chinn at mark@chinnandassociates.com. You may also register on line at www.abanet.org/family.