



The Weekly Email Newsletter Of The Mississippi Bar
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Casemaker Tip #1. Did You Know That the Casecheck Function Allows Casemaker Users to Determine Validity of Case Law?

Casemaker's exclusive casecheck feature allows legal professionals the opportunity to determine if the case they may wish to cite has been challenged by a later court. To access casecheck, simply look on the right-hand side of the screen of the case you are viewing. If there are no hyperlinks underneath the casecheck logo, it means that no action has been taken on the case by a later court. If there are hyperlinks, that does not necessarily mean that there have been any rulings against the case in question. However, it will require the user to click on the link to find out. By clicking the hyperlink, the user is taken directly to the portion of the later case where the older case is cited. By reading the text surrounding the case citation, the user can quickly determine later treatment of the cited case. Citators can be good, but they may or may not address the finer point that a user would need to have in order to accurately determine the status of a case. Further, there is no guarantee that the citator determination was actually written by a lawyer. In some instances, non-graduate law students may have been assigned to write the citator determination. By allowing Casemaker users to view the specific area of the later case, legal professionals can read the decision for themselves and make their own determination of the value of the case in question. We feel that, although it may be slightly more time-consuming, Casemaker users are the best judge of the applicability of a ruling to their case.

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MB CLE on the Road Seminar in Greenville - November 16

The Bar's 1st CLE on the Road Seminar for 2007-08 will be held at the Higher Education Center in Greenville on Friday November 16. 6 hours of CLE credit will be offered. Brochures for the seminar have been mailed to lawyers in the area. The Bar's CLE on the Road programs provide lawyers an opportunity to obtain quality CLE at an affordable price without having to travel a long distance. The program includes an ethics hour, law office management, Supreme Court update and local trial judges. The registration fee is only \$90 in advance. If you have questions or need another brochure, please contact Kellie Freeman at kfreeman@msbar.org or call 601-353-1703.

Bar Offers 2 New Membership Service

The Bar is offering two new membership services - online legal forms and online backup. The Bar now offers to all Mississippi attorneys' access to over 7,000 Mississippi legal forms. The Mississippi Bar FormsPass(R) Legal Forms Library is made possible by an agreement with US Legal, Inc., a Mississippi Company which provides state specific forms to attorneys in all states. FormsPass will allow users to access and use over 7,000 Mississippi legal forms at a highly reduced rate. To activate your subscription go [here](#) and complete the form and fax or mail to US Legal, Inc. For more information visit the forms site at www.formspass.com/msbar/ The second new member service is CoreVault an online data backup and recovery service that helps protect data by getting it offsite on a daily and automated basis, while storing it in two geographically separate data centers. Single files and e-mails can be restored in a matter of minutes, which dramatically improves disaster recovery/business continuity plans. Through CoreVault the Bar is now offering this automated and offsite data protection to all Mississippi members at a special member price starting as low as \$29.95/month. To learn more about this new service and get a quick quote for your firm, e-mail the CoreVault at sales@corevault.net or call at 1-888-265-5818. You can also visit CoreVault at www.corevault.net/msbar or go to the Bar's website <http://www.msbar.org/> and click on the CoreVault Online Backup link at the top of the page.

Save the Date-LJAP Monitoring Training - February 1-2

Get to know your fellow lawyers across the state that support the LJAP at a Monitoring Training on February 1-2, 2008, at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi. This is a grand opportunity for all levels of participation within the program. Strengthen your recovery or illness management, learn how to help fellow suffers, find peace and prosperity at this two half-day CLE seminar. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to come. For questions or comments, please contact Betty Daugherty at 1-800-593-9777 or email bdaugherty@msbar.org or Lillie Cox at 601-948-0989 or email lcox@msbar.org.

NMRLS Offers Recruiting Challenge - 30 lawyers in 30 days

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP), North Mississippi Rural Legal Services is asking attorneys in Lafayette and DeSoto counties to compete in a contest to recruit the most lawyers in 30 days. The goal is to recruit 30 lawyers from these counties to participate with MVLP in the next 30 days beginning October 1st and ending October 30th. Individuals who participate will be eligible for a drawing for an iPod nano. All participants, the participating county bar associations, and the winning county bar association will receive recognition in Mississippi Bar Briefs. Participating attorneys will receive the benefits of: attending CLE courses at a reduced rate; are covered by professional liability insurance on all MVLP cases; and MVLP will provide reasonable expenses for all MVLP cases. This is a great opportunity to fulfill your 20 hours of aspirational pro bono service for the poor. To participate you just have to fill out a one page form available at www.mvlp.net/volunteer-make-a-difference/.

Mississippi Collaboration Expands Pro Bono Resources

One of the concerns commonly expressed by attorneys asked to do pro bono work in the areas of law that confront the poor is, "My expertise is in a different area. Where do I start?" Responding to this concern just got easier in Mississippi, thanks to a far-reaching collaborative effort by 13 local law firms, in partnership with the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP), the Mississippi Center for Justice (MCJ), North Mississippi Rural Legal Services, the Mississippi

Center for Legal Services and Pro Bono Net. Together, they have produced a comprehensive volunteer attorney practice manual, now available on <http://www.imakenews.com/eletra/gow.cfm?z=probono%2C201958%2Cb3hMB0Wb%2C1786452%2Cb11>, Mississippi's statewide advocate and pro bono support website (Click on the "[Join Us Today](#)" link to register.). To read this article from probono.net News in its entirety, click [here](#).

Watch Oral Arguments at the Mississippi Supreme Court and Court of Appeals on Your Computer 24/7

Mississippi College School of Law is pleased to announce a new service for those who are interested in cases in which there is oral argument before the Mississippi Supreme Court or Court of Appeals. One can stream the video from their home or office computer 24/7 and watch and listen to the arguments from counsel and the questions from the bench. The site offers search capabilities and provides a link to the opinion and other information related to the case. The attorneys for each case are listed. If an attorney would like his/her name hot linked to their firm web site or to their individual web page, Brian Barnes would be pleased to provide this connection (barnes01@mc.edu). These videos may be viewed from the Law Library website of Mississippi College School of Law at: <http://lawwin2k3.mc.edu/videoarchive/court.asp> Further enhancements will be added to this site in the future.

Law Review Symposium - Justice Thurgood Marshall

Mark your calendars for the Mississippi College Law Review's Thurgood Marshall Symposium. The event celebrating the 100th birthday of the late Justice Marshall will be held Thursday, February 21, 2008 at the Telecom Center in Jackson, Mississippi. CLE credit will be available for participants. The keynote speaker will be Juan Williams, newscaster and author of Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary and Eyes on the Prize. The symposium will be open to the legal community.

Upcoming CLE Offerings

Real Estate Finance: Getting a Deal Done in a Troubled Market - October 31 (180 minutes)

The Young Lawyer Division will sponsor a new option for CLE as the educational network is launching a new recurring series of video webcasts. These will be offered twice a month on an ongoing basis. No special equipment is needed, only a computer equipped with speakers and access to the internet. The system will automatically adjust to the speed at which your system has access. No phones will be involved. The procedure to sign on is the same, instead of giving you a number to call, you will be provided with a weblink. In case you have trouble accessing the stream, you will also be provided with an 800 tech support number. With growing upheaval in the credit and real estate markets threatening many deals there is no more timely topic than real estate finance for professionals advising real estate developers, investors and others. This three-hour Live Video webcast will provide you a practical guide to understanding how lenders underwrite a commercial real estate loan, understanding in detail the lender's methodology and understanding how real estate financing loan documentation complements the underwriting process. To download a registration form, please click [here](#). For more information on this webcast, please contact Ginger Blanchard at gblanchard@msbar.org.

Lunch and Learn - November 5

Members of the SONREEL section are invited to attend a fall Lunch and Learn on Thursday, November 8th at The MS Bar at noon. The topic will be "Entergy's Climate Change Plan: One Utility's Idea" presented by Chuck D. Barlow, Entergy Services, Inc., Assistant General Counsel - Environmental. Cost is \$20 and box lunches will be provided. Please respond to Ginger Blanchard by Monday, November 5th to reserve a spot and have a lunch ordered. Seats are limited!

9th Annual Guardian Ad Litem and Child Advocacy CLE - November 9

Mississippi College School of Law will host the 9th Annual Guardian Ad Litem and Child

Advocacy CLE on Friday, November 9, 2007. The event will take place on the campus of MCSOL, located at 151 East Griffith Street in Jackson. This CLE event has been approved for six (6) hours of CLE credit including one (1) hour of Ethics. This course has also been approved by the Mississippi Judicial Council for annual GAL certification. Breakfast and lunch 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/gal07>.

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Getting the Most from the Internet as a Research Tool - November 16

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