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Message From Section Chair

By: Judge Daniel P. Jordan III



This is the first ever e-newsletter of the Litigation and General Practice Section of The Mississippi Bar. I am pleased to report that 2007-2008 was another banner year. In February, the Section sponsored its annual CLE Seminar. The Section also continued its partnership with Mississippi College School of Law, publishing the 2007-2008 edition of the ever-popular Mississippi

Rules Annotated. We also stepped up our philanthropic efforts by presenting scholarships to four law students; \$5,000 gifts to the building funds at MC and Ole Miss; and \$5,000 to the MVLP. Although other projects are underway, the last big effort for the year will be our Section meeting at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Professor Guff Abbott will moderate a panel discussion on whether state court judges should be elected or appointed. I

hope you will plan to attend. Finally, I want to thank Rene' Garner from The Mississippi Bar for her hard work in support of our Section, and further thank our executive committee members: Cal Mayo (vice-chair), Kyle Moran, Grant Bennett, Jim Wilson, Doug Minor, and Chris Winter (immediate past chair). It has been a pleasure to serve.

Effective Advocacy - A View from the Bench CLE Seminar Had High Attendance

The Litigation and General Practice Section of The Mississippi Bar hosted the Effective Advocacy - A View from the Bench CLE seminar, on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson. This CLE was presented by a panel of thirteen trial and appellate judges from Mississippi's

state and federal courts. The topics covered the full array of litigation issues. More than 150 attendees received a behind-the-curtain view of what influences judges and juries, and the proceeds allowed the Section to continue its charitable contributions.

Gift to MC School of Law Building Fund

Judge Dan Jordan (pictured left) and Doug Minor (pictured right) presented Dean Jim Rosenblatt a \$5,000 gift for the MC School of Law's *Growing the Vision* campaign, the \$65 million campaign for preserving a tradition of excellence in Christian higher education.



Gift to Ole Miss Law School Building Fund



Cal Mayo, vice-chair of the Litigation/General Practice Section, (pictured right) presented Dean Sam Davis a \$5,000 gift for the University of Mississippi School of Law Building Campaign.

Gift to the MVLP

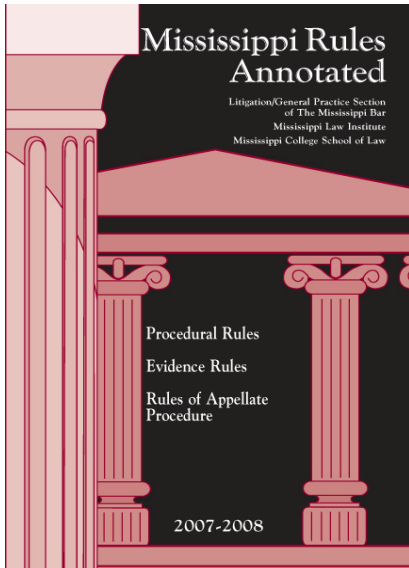
Judge Dan Jordan and attorney Doug Minor (Bradley, Arant, Rose & White) presented a check to Shirley Williams in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of the Litigation and General Practice Section of The Mississippi Bar. Each year, the Section hosts seminars and uses the money raised by the seminars to provide four annual scholarships to deserving students who are enrolled in MS College School of Law and the University of MS School of Law. This year, the well-attended seminar raised



Judge Jordan (left), Shirley Williams, Executive Director of MVLP (center), and Doug Minor (right)

sufficient funds to increase the Section's gifts to the law schools and make a new contribution to the MVLP. According to Judge Jordan, "The MVLP was a natural choice because most of our committee members have worked with the project and know how valuable it is to the less fortunate among us." Thank you to the members of the Section for their commitment to equal access to justice!

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Scholarships Awarded to Ole Miss Law Students

At the University of Mississippi Law School Awards Day on March 28, 2008, Judge Dan Jordan presented Honey B. Ussery of Oxford with a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Litigation/General Practice Section. Michael J. Gorman also received a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Section.



Scholarships Awarded to MC Law Students

Doug Minor, on behalf of the Section, presented Preston Goff and Mason Montgomery with a \$1,000 scholarship each for continuing their educations. The scholarships were presented at Mississippi College School of Law's annual Law Day Awards Ceremony on April 18, 2008. These students were selected to receive the scholarships by the MC School of Law.

Notice of Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Section's bylaws, the Executive Committee hereby gives notice of proposed amendments to the bylaws, which will be put to a vote on July 18, 2008 at the Section's Annual Meeting in Sandestin, Florida.

Name Change:

The Executive Committee recommends changing the name of the Section to the "Litigation Section" by amending the bylaws as follows: (1) delete the phrase "General Practice" from the title of the bylaws; and (2) delete the terms "General Practice" and "the general practitioner" from Section 1.2 of the bylaws.

This suggested amendment represents the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee in an effort to better reflect the Section's historic and anticipated emphasis.

Procedural Amendments to Bylaws:

The Executive Committee also recommends the following amendments to more specifically allow the committee to conduct business via email.

Section 5-3 deals with quorums and states: "A quorum consisting of the majority of the Executive Committee members shall be required to conduct its business. Action by the Executive Com-

mittee shall be by majority vote of those members present." The committee recommends adding to the end of the second sentence the phrase "or otherwise participating."

Section 5-5 states: "In addition to its regular meetings, the Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone, teleconferencing, mail, etc. upon the call of the Chair . . ." The Executive Committee recommends adding "e-mails or other electronic communications" after the word "teleconferencing."

The Mississippi Bar
Litigation / General Practice Section
Annual Meeting

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Guff Abbott, moderator
Retired Justice Kay B. Cobb
W. Wayne Drinkwater, Jr.
Judge T. Kenneth Griffis, Jr.
Carlton W. Reeves



“Appointing v. Electing State Court Judges”

Friday, July 18, 2008
10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Emerald Ballroom C