



JYL President's Corner — February 2017



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I am so pleased to write this quarterly report for our association. We've enjoyed another three months of fantastic events and energizing participation from our membership. Since our last newsletter, we celebrated the holiday season at the CABA/JYL Christmas Social. We had a

great crowd and enjoyed the music of Chris Gill and the wonderful food and drink as always.

Perhaps one of our most significant developments of the last few years was the relocation of our membership meeting to The Manship's private dining room. This decision came after thorough and protracted discussion among the Executive Committee, largely focusing on the ambience of our meetings and how that presents to our guest speakers. The Manship's facility allows for a more intimate and engaging meeting and is more welcoming to our guests. We have held two meetings there so far and have very

much enjoyed the new surroundings and the food and service that The Manship provides.

At our December membership meeting, we welcomed longtime Mississippi Bar Executive Director Larry Houchins. Larry recently announced that he would retire in 2017 after 37 years of service to the Bar. Larry shared with us his insight into how technology has changed the practice of law over his tenure and how he sees young lawyers as being well-positioned for mastering technology in the practice of law - to embrace the change that technology brings.

In January, we heard from Matthew McLaughlin. Matt told us his amazing story of how his craft brewery and distillery practice started by returning a cold call from a couple who needed some business advice. We also learned about the legislative agenda of the Mississippi Brewer's Guild, including the efforts to pass legislation allowing Mississippi breweries - small businesses by any measure - to sell their products on site without having to go through a distributor.

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JYL December Membership Meeting

December 9 Membership Meeting at the Manship with former Executive Director Larry Houchins.



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Looking forward to the rest of my term, we'll have our final two membership meetings at The Manship on March 31 and May 24. We're planning two more great speakers, including our CLE speaker US District Court Judge Daniel P. Jordan III on May 24. Our flagship event, the Legal Beagle 5k Run/Walk, will be held Saturday, March 11. Cross your fingers for good weather so that we can maximize our donation to the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project. Sign up online at <http://jacksonyounglawyers.com/legal-beagle-5k-walkrun-main/>.

Finally, remember that we are currently accepting applications for our Outreach Grant. Applications are available on our website, www.jacksonyounglawyers.com, and a copy included in this newsletter. Please forward the application or our web address to your contacts with local nonprofit organizations to apply for this \$2,000 - \$2,500 grant.

See you soon, JYL!

- John Dollarhide, 2016-2017 JYL President

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Event Recap

JYL January Membership Meeting

January 29 Membership Meeting at The Manship with craft beer attorney Matthew McLaughlin.



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Legal Beagle 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Registration: 7:00 a.m.

Run/Walk Start: 8:15 a.m.

Refreshments by Beagle Bagel! A MS Track Club GRAND PRIX Event! Door Prizes by Fleet Feet Sports!

Join Jackson Young Lawyers and other sponsors for this fun filled run/walk on the OLD PHIDIPPIDES WATERMELON CLASSIC 5K (3.1 miles) COURSE, a flat and fast USATF certified course through residential streets of Northeast Jackson.

The run will start on Old Canton Road near the LeFleur Station Post Office and finish alongside the I-55 Kroger on Jacksonian Plaza. Run proceeds will benefit the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Mississippi Bar Association, which places pro bono cases for underprivileged people with volunteer lawyers.

Get more information or register online at: <http://jacksonyounglawyers.com/legal-beagle-5k-walkrun-main/>.



MARCH

Saturday, March 11 - Legal Beagle 5k

Friday, March 31 - March Membership Luncheon at The Manship with speaker Chuck McBride, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Telapex, Inc., the parent company of C Spire

APRIL

Thursday, April 27 - Spring Social with CABA

MAY

Thursday, May 18 - Evening Honoring the Judiciary

Wednesday, May 24 - May Membership Luncheon at The Manship featuring US District Court Judge Daniel P. Jordan III

May - Crawfish Boil

Philanthropy

Jackson Young Lawyers is Now Accepting Applications for Their 2017 Community Outreach Grant

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for funding from the Jackson Young Lawyers Association (JYL):

- Complete the grant application form, including the Community Outreach Grant Application Certification.
- Send completed application form to the following: Allyson Winter, Trustmark National Bank, Legal Department, P.O. Box 291, Jackson, MS 39205 (E-mail: awinter@trustmark.com)
- The deadline to apply is close of business February 26, 2016. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.
- Your application submission is not complete and will not be reviewed until all materials have been received. We do not assume any obligation to contact applicants if materials are missing so applicants are strongly encouraged to submit complete applications.
- The purpose of the JYL Community Outreach Grant is to serve the Greater Jackson Metro Area. Grant amounts will range from \$500 to \$2,000, dependent upon individual needs.

Mediation Committee

Two mediations were conducted at Jackson Municipal Court on January 31, 2017 by Randall Saxton and Samuel Gregory! If you're interested in conducting a mediation, contact Randall Saxton at randall@saxton.law.

If you have any questions, please contact Allyson Winter; Telephone: (601) 208-5088; E-Mail: awinter@trustmark.com.

If you are aware of any non-profit organizations that would be interested in applying for the Community Outreach Grant, please send them the application or have them contact Allyson Winter at awinter@trustmark.com.

View the complete application online at: http://jacksonyounglawyers.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Grant_Application_2016_JYL.pdf.

Advocate Opinion

Former Democratic Gubernatorial Primary Candidate Encourages Women Attorneys to Run for Public Office



Vicki Slater

The importance of women's participation in the politics and government of this country cannot be overstated. Consider this - women make most of the decisions in this country concerning education, healthcare, childcare, care of elderly relatives, nutrition, consumer product safety decisions, budget, saving and spending in this country. Women are making these decisions on behalf of themselves and their families and extended families. If laws are passed and public policy is shaped to make

life better for women, those same laws will make things better for the families, communities, schools, institutions of health and businesses in which women participate.

The traditional roles of women, along with the overwhelming number of professional women in education and medicine and the fact that the majority of small businesses in this State are owned and run by women, situate women to inform the direction of government and politics. For women attorneys, who bring to the fore their knowledge of the law as well as an understanding of what the law can and cannot address, the arenas of politics and government are in need of, and ripe for, their participation.

The relevance of women in politics and government is evident from a mere glimpse at the daily news. Almost every day during a legislative session—in Jackson or on Capitol Hill—the newspapers are filled with women's issues. Education, women's reproductive health,

childcare, elder care, healthcare, equal pay, product safety, consumer protection, clean water and even trade agreements intersect every day in the actual lives of women. Women attorneys live in the crux.

Women attorneys are more cognizant of the laws that bear on these issues for better or worse. Women attorneys understand how a good law can be made better and how a bad law can be repealed.

Ironically, the year 2016 brought to the fore an anti-woman, anti-intellectual, anti-diverse movement on the part of some voters in reaction to a woman candidate. Now the attitude du jour in our institutions from the White House to the Governor's Mansion, from the church to the beer halls seems to embrace a new (but really old and tired) attitude of sexism toward women. But this is not realistic, nor is it sustainable.

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Because even more ironically, the reaction of women to these attitudes has not been retreat. We have seen how the defeat of the possibility of having a woman President has become a call to action on these issues so important to the people of this country, especially women, and as a result it brought to fruition a world-wide march of millions of men and women peacefully demonstrating out of concern about the issues of equality, healthcare, childcare and laws that touch the roles of so many women and families in this country.

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Women in Mississippi and all over the country stand ready as never before to participate as candidates and political operatives and they are determined to have their voices heard. Add to that fact, that many conservatives do not like government, period, and the result is that the people of this country are moving in a directions different than the current leadership is trying to take us all.

I want to also point out that not every woman who holds public office, holds it to better the living conditions of women and families. Some women in public office are simply good ole boys in skirts. It is better to have one man who cares about and understands women’s issues than 100 women who do not. We saw women who giggled at the off color remarks made about women during this past campaign and we saw women who even wore T-shirts inviting the male candidate to grab them inappropriately.

The issue, therefore, is not solely answered by the gender of the candidate, rather it is answered by the attitudes and priorities of the candidate about women’s issues.

Women attorneys are uniquely qualified to serve in public office, to lead in government and to participate in politics. Women attorneys should be encouraged to run for office and to participate in politics. Simply running for office is a public service in itself.

Because it is during campaigns that new ideas are presented and old ideas are challenged and more often than not those ideas are presented in terms of what the law should be or should not be and no one is better able to understand that and the issues concerned than women attorneys. Running for office is difficult and exhausting and it can be the best thing you ever did win, lose or draw.

Women attorneys should be encouraged to participate, but they should not wait to be asked. Women attorneys should put themselves out there and soon. A great way to start is to attend a candidate training, talk to women attorneys and other women who have run, explore resources available, and go for it.

Want to contribute to JYL News?

Our Newsletter Chairs are looking for interesting articles, insightful musings and hilarious commentary that Jackson’s Young Lawyers will enjoy! For a chance to be published in JYL News submit articles to Christina Seanor at cseanor@cwplaw.com and Lauren Reeves at lefrees@gmail.com.