

# JYL

## JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS

### OF NOTE

Friday, February 26, 2010

Join us for our next membership meeting at 12 p.m. at Hal & Mal's. **Lt. Governor Phil Bryant** will be discussing the state budget crisis. To RSVP for lunch, email Danielle Ireland at [jacksonyounglawyers@comcast.net](mailto:jacksonyounglawyers@comcast.net).

### Mark your calendars

JYL's annual Legal Beagle 5K will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2010. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project. A registration form is on page 8 of this newsletter.

Our next social event will take place on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at the new King Edward Hotel. Details to come!

### Don't forget!

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## JYL Continues Blues Marathon Tradition, But Not Without Tragedy

On January 9, 2010 -- a day on which temperatures hovered in the teens and the wind chill factor reached single digits -- nearly 1,400 competitors from 46 states and 5 countries raced through the Jackson area, trying to run their way warm during the 3rd annual Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon. For the third consecutive year, JYL volunteers rose to the occasion and greeted runners as they handed out water, Gatorade, and Hammer Gel. All the cups of water quickly turned to ice and JYL volunteers worked in overdrive to present runners with water - not ice. The amazing team of willing and good spirited but very cold JYL volunteers included Community Service Chair Tiffany Grove, Co-Chair Eric Patterson, Tresa Patterson, David Ellis, Abby Peterson, Jud Jones, Karen Clay, Katrina Dannheim, and Stephanie Hughes.

Over on the other side of town, Director Missy Rose hosted our third annual JYL Blues Breakfast Bash, where she and other members also furiously passed out refreshments to racers. The JYL volunteers managed to stay hydrated as well with an adequate supply of rations including Bloody Marys, mimosas and a new, but necessary, addition: Kahlua-infused hot chocolate. A bonfire was a necessity and it kept the partygoers thawed throughout the morning. Unfortunately, the same could not be said for the liquid-filled cups set out for the runners. Often, the water or Gatorade at the hydration station froze before the runners could pick them up. In contrast to 2009 when many runners complained about the heat and humidity, many participants this year took a short detour to warm up around the fire



JYL volunteers Jud Jones, Trhesa Patterson, Katrina L. Dannheim, David Ellis, Karen Clay, Abby Peterson, Stephanie Hughes, Eric Patterson, and Tiffany Grove brave the cold to serve refreshments at the 3rd Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon.

pit at the JYL gathering. The fresh fruit offered to the marathoners proved to be a hit as was the Broad Street breakfast provided to the young lawyers. JYL parties who nearly turned blue at Missy's house included Quin Breland, Jane Collins, David McCarty, Mary Clay Morgan, Tianna Raby, Brad Reeves, Missy Rose, Ryan Skertich, and Andrew Stubbs. Other volunteers included DeMatt Harkins, Nic Henderson, Karla Kregting, Matt Morgan, and Malcolm Raby. Young attorneys who participated in the marathon or half marathon included Ann Heidke, Julie Skipper, and Amanda Summerlin.

Unfortunately, tragedy struck at this year's Blues Marathon. While running as part of a relay team for Young-Williams Child Support Services, young lawyer Chris Brown collapsed and died on the race course. Brown, a May 2009 graduate of Mississippi College School of Law, leaves behind his wife, JYL member Allyson Brown, and a two year-old daughter. Allyson is pregnant with their second daughter and a memorial

fund for the two girls has been established. At the February 26th membership lunch at Hal & Mal's, JYL will be collecting money for the Chris Brown Special Savings Fund, which has been established to assist his family. Please make every effort to attend and support this worthy cause, or contact Tiffany Grove at [tgrove@wmjlaw.com](mailto:tgrove@wmjlaw.com) to find out how you can donate.

By all accounts, the Blues Marathon was again a success, due in a large part to the volunteers who provided nourishment and encouragement. As they approached the JYL station, each runner was greeted with cheers, clapping and words of support. In exchange, the athletes offered huge smiles, outstretched arms and sincere appreciation for the hospitality provided by the JYL volunteers.

By Tiffany Piazza Grove  
and Brad M. Reeves

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to wish everyone a happy (albeit belated) new year. It seems 2010 is already off to a fast pace and proving to be a big year. The Saints have won the Super Bowl, and snow has been in the forecast all over the place. I am still waiting to hear if Hell truly has frozen over. In the midst of it all, JYL has lots going on for the remainder of this bar year. Our first membership meeting for the new year will be held at Hal & Mal's at noon on Friday, February 26. We



are honored to have Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant speak to us at this meeting. Governor Bryant will be speaking to us about the current legislative session and the significant cuts to the state's budget. Also at this meeting we will be collecting money for the Chris Brown Special Savings Fund as discussed in the opening article of this newsletter. Please keep Allyson and their children in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, and please contribute to this memorial fund at our next meeting as you are able.

I am pleased to report that we were finally able to donate our portion of the proceeds from the joint Hinds County Bar Association/Jackson Young Lawyers golf tournament to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi. Our portion of the proceeds was \$3,360.48. Billy Redd, President/CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi, will be coming to our membership meeting on February 26 to officially accept the check from JYL and to say a few words to us about the Boys and Girls Clubs and how our individual members can continue to volunteer and contribute to this very worthwhile organization.

March will again be a big time for JYL as we host our annual Legal Beagle and celebrate its tenth anniversary. This year's Legal Beagle will be held on Saturday, March 13. Please come out and participate as a walker, runner or volunteer. Let's

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**If you are 37 or younger, or have practiced law for fewer than three years, you are eligible for membership in JYL.**

## MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Membership in Jackson Young Lawyers is open to any duly licensed member of the Mississippi Bar who is a resident of the greater Jackson, Mississippi metropolitan area and is either 37 years of age or younger, or has been a member of the Mississippi Bar for less than three years.

Annual membership dues are \$100 and are billed once a year for each member. (Membership dues are waived for government and public-interest employees in their first year of practice and are \$50 per year thereafter.) The dues cover JYL luncheons, newsletters, projects, and social functions during the year.

To become a member of JYL, complete the membership application in this newsletter. Your name will be placed on the membership roster and you will receive notices informing you of upcoming JYL events.

## Pro Bono Committee Spotlight: JYL Member Edderek L. “Beau” Cole



Beau Cole is an Associate at Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy. Prior to joining Forman Perry, Beau was a solo practitioner. He has been practicing law since 2001. Beau has provided *pro bono* services to the poor since he began practicing. He began accepting *pro bono* cases from the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) in late 2007. Since that time, he has completed over 25 cases for MVLP. Beau has many fond memories of his *pro bono* work, including the relationship he has established with a client who wanted a divorce, but could not find his wife. After Beau’s attempts to locate the wife were equally unavailing, Beau explained to the client that he could still obtain his divorce through summons by publication. Beau’s client was eventually divorced but he still calls Beau to confirm that he really is, in fact, divorced. Beau happily assures the client in every call that a divorce order was definitely entered – but he mostly enjoys the fact that his relationship with this fun, easy to work with, never demanding client, has continued, long after the completion of his case.

Beau believes there are many reasons why lawyers, particularly young lawyers, should do *pro bono* work. He feels that lawyers have a responsibility to society to demonstrate their compassion by giving back to those in need. He thinks *pro bono* work allows young lawyers the opportunity to develop skills and gain exposure to different aspects of the law. Since young lawyers are not getting as many opportunities to go to court and interact directly with clients, Beau believes that *pro bono* cases can be an integral component to a young lawyer’s development and matriculation from being untrained to becoming competent and fully engaged in the practice of law. Beau feels that every lawyer can and should take a *pro bono* case. He advises young lawyers to speak candidly with organizations, like MVLP, regarding the amount of time they can commit to a case and the knowledge they bring to the subject area. In his experience, organizations are more than willing to provide forms and other resources to assist lawyers unfamiliar with an area of practice. He advises young lawyers to be forthcoming about what they can do and willing to venture into areas of the law that might fall outside of their practice in order to develop and sharpen their legal skills.

## JYL Welcomes Hinds County Circuit Judge Malcolm Harrison



JYL was privileged and honored to welcome Judge Malcolm Harrison as its guest speaker at the November 13, 2009 membership meeting at Hal & Mal’s. Judge Harrison, who was appointed to the position of Hinds County Circuit Court Judge by Governor Haley Barbour on October 27, 2009, drew a record crowd of JYL members.

Judge Harrison revealed his humorous side as he recounted the story of his unexpected appointment to the position by Governor Barbour. He also expressed his humility and excitement at the opportunity to sit on the bench in Hinds County Circuit Court.

Judge Harrison told of how he worked hard throughout his career as the Prosecuting Attorney for Hinds County, and encouraged JYL members to do the same.

Finally, Judge Harrison gave some important advice to the young lawyers present at the meeting: keep civility in your law practice. By consciously maintaining civility, lawyers can promote the best interests of their clients in the most peaceful, rational and efficient manner.

JYL extends its collective thanks to Judge Harrison for taking time out of his busy first month on the bench to come speak to its members.

*By Missy Rose*

Beau was recently honored with the 2008-09 Curtis E. Coker Access to Justice Award. The Award is presented annually by the Mississippi Bar to an individual who has provided outstanding *pro bono* legal services. The purpose of the award is to bring awareness to the need for lawyers to be involved in delivering legal services to the poor, particularly through MVLP.

*By Tiffany Graves*



# JYL Celebrates the Season and Spreads Joy Through Toys for Tots

On December 3, 2009, Jackson Young Lawyers and Hinds County Bar Association hosted their annual Christmas Party at the Old Capitol Inn. Members from both organizations enjoyed fabulous food and drinks and great company. More importantly, the partygoers brought new unwrapped toys to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' premier community action program and one of the nation's flagship Christmas charitable causes. The toys donated during this event went to less fortunate children in our community. The party was a great success.

*By Tianna H. Raby*



JYL and HCBA members Ann Heidke, Mary Clay Morgan, LaToya Redd, Erin Pridgen, Christen Kazery Hobbs, and Tiffany Grove display some of the items collected for Toys for Tots.



HCBA member Kate Margolis chats with JYL President-Elect Mary Clay Morgan, Past-President Will Manuel, member Jack Wilson, and Past President Meade Mitchell.



JYL and HCBA members Erin Pridgen, Sharon Love, Nakimuli Davis, Denita Smith, Dellwyn Smith, and Roslyn Griffin chat at the annual Holiday Party.



Amy Foster, Doug Jennings, David McCarty, Tianna Raby, and Amanda Green Alexander enjoy good food and good company at the HCBA/JYL Social.

## JYL Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Committees or Areas of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Law School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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# May it Please the Court

*In 2006, the JYL Newsletter began interviewing Mississippi State and Federal judges in an effort to provide our members with insight into the minds and hearts of our judiciary. The following excerpts are a "Greatest Hits" from our archives of interviews, which are available online at <http://jacksonyounglawyers.com/newsletter.html>. The main points of emphasis of nearly all the judges: Be prepared, be professional, be precise, and be honest.*

The Honorable **James E. Graves, Jr.**, *Presiding Justice, Mississippi Supreme Court*, in Summer 2009.

### ***On the modern demands on the profession.***

A lawyer in the 21st century should strive to maintain balance in his or her life. Work, family and spiritual growth are all very important components to a well-rounded life. The quality of your life is profoundly affected by your ability to do your job well, to develop and nurture strong relationships with family and friends and your spirituality and spiritual growth.

For many young lawyers the tendency is to give an inordinate amount of attention to your professional life and career. While that is important, it cannot be done at the expense of spending meaningful time with family and friends. And certainly professional success can leave one feeling empty and unfulfilled where there is no spirituality. All three things are equally important and all three must be attended to simultaneously. It's not easy but it's necessary in a lawyer's pursuit of happiness.

The Honorable **Jess H. Dickinson**, *Mississippi Supreme Court*, from Summer 2006.

### ***On tendering pro bono hours.***

It's all a matter of priorities. Pro bono legal work should be as much of a part of a lawyer's schedule as CLE. A lawyer who works five days a week, fifty weeks a year, and takes a two-week vacation, will work approximately 2,000 hours a year. Twenty hours of pro bono work each year should not greatly compromise any lawyer's schedule or ability to carry on a law practice. Young lawyers should also remember that they are being watched and evaluated not only for billable hours and dedication to the firm, but also for their integrity and sense of responsibility to the community and the profession.

The Honorable **Daniel P. Jordan**, *District Court Judge of the Southern District of Mississippi*, from Winter 2006.

*Judge Jordan cautioned JYL Members to avoid a common error.*

If you cite a case, be sure you have thoroughly read the opinion and keycited the authority. Some lawyers, young and old, will latch onto an isolated phrase in an opinion and fail to read the entire case. Had they read further, they would have discovered that the case reached the opposite holding due to the facts. This happens more often than you would think.

The Honorable **W. Swan Yerger**, *Hinds County Circuit Court Judge*, from the Spring 2006 Newsletter.

### ***On avoiding the common mistakes of young lawyers.***

Sometimes, lacking confidence in performing the young lawyer's role in the case [hurts the lawyer]. There is no better advice in this regard that I can give except to "Be Prepared," like the Boy Scout motto. The young lawyer needs to know the facts of the case, the issues and the law. The young lawyer also needs to have a strong belief in his case and also to be able to present it to a jury and/or the Court in a convincing manner via a brief or verbally.

The Honorable **Patricia D. Wise**, *Hinds County Chancery Court*, from Fall 2006.

### ***Regarding courtroom stress, Chancellor Wise offered measured guidance.***

We are often in the heat of battle in [court]. Emotions run very high with domestic relations issues--not only from the litigants, but from the attorneys as well, because they feel passionate about the issues. However, when you get a little bit too passionate it takes you out of the realm of being able to represent your client. It's okay to ask the judge for a recess just to recollect your thoughts and to just bring it the emotions down a couple of notches. Often times just taking that recess brings everything back into perspective. I've learned that just the common rules of courtesy are still valuable in the courtroom.

The Honorable **James Donald Maxwell, II**, *Mississippi Court of Appeals*, in Fall 2009.

### ***On the importance of written advocacy.***

Be brief, clear, and concise in your writing. You hear this repeated over and over, but it really is tried and true advice. Frame your issues clearly and put them front and center before the Court. Also, try to write in the active voice in short sentences. It makes for a smoother, more enjoyable read.

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Another problem I have found is procrastination. Lawyers are busy, and the last thing they have time to do is sit down and write an appellate brief. When I waited until the last minute to get started on briefs or important motions, I was never fully satisfied with the products I turned out. But brief writing is like anything else. Most of the apprehension goes away once you sit down, dig in, and get started. I found it helpful to set an early deadline to begin my briefs and motions, and I tried to stick to it.

The Honorable **Ann Hannaford Lamar**, *Mississippi Supreme Court*, from Fall 2007.

*Justice Lamar instructed lawyers to stick to the facts of a case.*

Don't misrepresent your case, the facts are what they are – I think sometimes attorneys are too interested in the outcome of a case and I have seen occasions when I felt that testimony or evidence was taken out of context. So I would say be honest and represent the facts accurately to the Court. You know, communication is one of those things that is so important for attorneys – and it goes for the written word as well as the spoken word – and let's just say sometimes, I have seen briefs where I felt like lawyers were not effectively communicating with the Court.

The Honorable **Michael T. Parker**, *Magistrate for the Southern District of Mississippi*, in Spring 2008.

*Judge Parker spoke highly of his legal staff.*

[T]he law clerks in our chambers work extremely hard. They have a large volume of material to go through. And every day they do a tremendous

amount of research and writing. It's easy to assume that a law clerk's duties are defined by what you might see in them as a lawyer – that is, you might see them sitting in court during a proceeding – but that's such a minor, minor part of what they do. While they may be in court with us while the hearing or trial is going on, for every minute they spend in court, they spend 100 in the office researching and writing and clarifying and reviewing documents and records. They have a much more substantial job than you might think, and they're just critically important for the system to operate effectively because so much research and writing has to be done, it's almost impossible for one person to do it without some really good help.

The Honorable **James W. Smith, Jr.**, *former Chief Justice, Mississippi Supreme Court*, in Fall 2008.

*On preparation for an appellate court.*

The Scout motto is "Be prepared" – many are not. Know your case. Don't dwell on the facts. You have limited time – select the issue you believe will be successful and focus on it. If oral argument is granted, submit other issues as briefed and focus on what you believe will prevail.

Tell the truth. Don't misrepresent facts or issues. Cite proper supporting cases. Be respectful to opposition counsel and especially to the Court. Civility and professionalism should be the order of the day. Briefs should be short and simple. Avoid words which play fast and loose with the Court.

*By David McCarty*

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make this year's Legal Beagle one to remember by trying to raise a record amount of money for the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project. On March 18, JYL will host a Pre-St. Paddy's Parade Social at the newly-renovated and reopened King Edward Hotel in downtown Jackson. Please come out and celebrate this exciting time in the life of Jackson with JYL. In May, we plan to have our second annual Crawfish Boil. This was such a resounding success last year, we hope to make this an annual JYL tradition. I hope everyone will come out and enjoy the crawfish and adult libations responsibly. I would like to thank our Social Committee chairs, Tianna Raby and Brad Reeves, for their hard work in coordinating and planning all of our socials this year.

Lastly, I would like to invite all JYL members to become involved in the Wills for Heroes project. This is an initiative of the Public Service Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Mississippi Bar to be carried out with the participation of local young lawyer affiliates and other bar associations. The first WFH event kicked off in Hancock County on February 6. All things went smoothly for the initial test run, and many grateful first responders received basic estate planning documents. The Harrison County Young Lawyers were out volunteering their time in full force. We are now ready to bring this program to Jackson and JYL. The first Wills for Heroes event is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Jackson area in March or April. I hope that many of you will support and volunteer for this great project to benefit our firefighters, police officers and other first responders. This project was started in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation. Numerous states throughout the nation have implemented the project. If you would like more general information about the Wills for Heroes Foundation, please check out their website at [www.willsforheroes.org](http://www.willsforheroes.org). If you are interested in assisting with this program in the Jackson area, please let me know by emailing me at [chinshaw@watkinseager.com](mailto:chinshaw@watkinseager.com) or calling me at 601-965-1822.

There is always a lot more going on with JYL than I can adequately put in this column, so I invite you once again to please participate in some or all of the numerous social, professional and community service opportunities offered by JYL and its various committees. I look forward to seeing you at a JYL luncheon or activity very soon.

*Corey Hinshaw is the 2009-2010 JYL President and an associate at Watkins & Eager.*

## The MVLP Legal Line: Answering the Call for Over 25 Years

Most of us are familiar with our professional responsibility to provide pro bono legal services, but we may struggle to find outlets for fulfilling this responsibility in both a meaningful and manageable way. Taking on a full pro bono case can be intimidating if it requires mastering an unfamiliar area of the law or holds the potential for protracted and stressful litigation with an uncooperative opposing party. The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project Legal Line offers another way to meet Mississippi's pro bono needs.

Since its inception in the early 1980s, the MVLP Legal Line has provided a bite-sized alternative to the traditional pro bono case. Volunteering for the Legal Line is manageable. The Legal Line accepts calls from noon to 2:00 p.m. each weekday and an attorney can schedule her pro bono commitment well in advance, by selecting a day on which she can give two to three hours of her time. After returning the day's calls, the attorney's commitment is fulfilled. The attorney is not obligated to take any caller's case.

MVLP's screening process further streamlines this pro bono service. All calls are screened by an MVLP staff member, before being forwarded to the volunteer attorney. The attorney is given an intake form with the caller's name, telephone number and reason for calling. The screening process permits the attorney to review the screener's notes and, if necessary, conduct brief research before returning the call. The volunteer attorney may opt to return calls from his or her own office. MVLP will gladly e-mail intake forms to an attorney who cannot travel to the MVLP offices.

The Legal Line also provides meaningful legal assistance to citizens across Mississippi. According to Margaret Enfinger and Seth Shannon, MVLP's AmeriCorps Legal Fellows and call screeners, the line gets 20 to 30 calls each day. Over half of these callers are diverted by the screeners to other agencies or non-profit organizations better suited to assist the caller with his particular need. On average, a volunteer attorney returns 6 to 14 calls in a day to people that have an identifiable legal question.

The caller's questions can be wide-ranging and may involve everything from criminal law or bankruptcy to family law and real property. Sometimes a caller needs basic assistance, such as help defining a legal phrase in a document or an explanation as to what a legal document requires of him. Other calls present more complex issues, but an attorney should not shy away from volunteering out of concern that he will not be able to answer a caller's questions. The screening process gives an attorney time to familiarize himself with a legal issue before returning a call. As Enfinger puts it,

"Useful information will be conveyed no matter what."

Whether the call requires an explanation of a summons or ends with a recommendation to seek legal representation, the caller will always benefit from talking with the volunteer attorney.

Fifteen years ago, just about every young lawyer in Jackson would have taken a turn answering calls for the Legal Line, says Will Manuel, a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings and JYL past-president (2002-2003). Manuel recalls that Jackson firms once took responsibility for filling Legal Line dates and JYL members would coordinate volunteers from their firm's associate pool. "I remember the older associates coming around the office and making sure that all of us had signed up for at least one date," says Manuel, referring to his days as a young associate at Wise Carter Child & Caraway. "And we had a lot of fun answering the calls."

But the firm-level commitment has waned in recent years and finding volunteers to fill slots for the Legal Line is not always easy. Because the Legal Line provides a daily service, MVLP must fill roughly 250 slots each year. The organization often turns to committed volunteers like Robert L. (Bobby) Houston, a Jackson attorney and Special Master for the Hinds County Chancery Court system. Houston first volunteered for the Legal Line in the early 1990s and has been a regular ever since. "It is a great way to satisfy your pro bono obligation and one of the easiest ways I know of to help others," says Houston. "You don't have to – and shouldn't – offer specific legal advice," Houston explains, "you just need to be a patient listener and explain the law in general terms." Houston still volunteers for the Legal Line at least twice a month and fills open slots as needed, acting as a sort of "on call" volunteer. In October 2009, MVLP honored Houston for his longstanding pro bono service during the National Pro Bono Week Celebration.

You do not have to match Houston's award-winning commitment to play a part in the Legal Line's success. Every volunteer aids MVLP in fulfilling its mission and, even if you have only a few hours to give, your service will make a difference to the callers on the other end of the line. If you have a few hours to spare for pro bono service this month, consider the Legal Line. You may find that giving something back is easier than you thought.

For more information or to volunteer for the Legal Line, please contact Pamela Burns at [pburns@mymvlp.net](mailto:pburns@mymvlp.net) or 601-960-9577.

*By Michael Bentley*



# LEGAL BEAGLE 5K

## Run/Walk

**\*USATF CERTIFIED COURSE (MS02006RH)\***

Sponsored by: *THE JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION* to benefit *THE MS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT*

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

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!

**\*\*Follow the Legal Beagle 5k Run/Walk on Facebook!\*\***

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 U.S. 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. There will be awards for M / F runners and walkers for overall, masters, grand masters, and senior masters and top three awards for the standard five-year age groups from under 14 to over 70. There will be a trophy for the firm or business with the most overall participants. The popular Legal Beagle T-shirts are included in the race materials and are also available for sale without race entry. A one mile fun run will be held at 9:15 a.m. In the fun run, there will be awards for overall male and female, and top three awards in the following age groups: 5 & under, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, & 13-15. **Registration will be held in the parking lot of Regions Bank alongside the I-55 Kroger (between the post office and the old Krystal).**

This year's race will also feature a team competition (5K run and walk only). Teams may have 3 to 5 members, but only the top 3 finishers for each team will be scored. Please submit entry forms for each team member, and send all entries and fees in a single envelope. Each team must provide a team name. No race day team registration, please. Team registration fee is \$50. Awards to top 3 teams in 5K run and walk.

### REGISTRATION FORM

5K WALK: [ ]

5K RUN:[ ]

1 MILE FUN RUN: [ ] (children 15 and under)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: (as of March 13, 2010) \_\_\_\_\_ Male:[ ] Female:[ ]

T-shirt size: S[ ] M[ ] L[ ] XL[ ] XXL[ ] (XXL: \$2.00 extra) **Name of Participant's Firm or Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Team (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: Pre-registered (5K run, walk, and fun run): \$20

Race Day (5K run and walk): \$25

Race Day (fun run): \$20

Team Pre-registration only (5k run and walk only): \$50

Family (5 maximum): \$50

T-shirt only: \$15

**Make checks payable to:**

**Jackson Young Lawyers Assoc.**

#### Release and Waiver

I, the undersigned, in consideration of acceptance of the entry and registration as participant in the Legal Beagle 5K, waive any and all claims which I and my heirs or assigns may now or hereafter have against Jackson Young Lawyers Association, its members, the Mississippi Track Club, Inc., Express Printing, Inc., Regions Bank, and all officials, volunteers and sponsors of the Legal Beagle 5K which may indirectly or directly result from my participation in the Legal Beagle 5K. I further warrant and represent that I am in proper physical condition to participate in the Legal Beagle 5K and am not participating in this event against physician's advice nor am I taking medications which would impair my health or ability to participate in the Legal Beagle 5K.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: (if participant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Registration Forms to:** JYL c/o Brad Moody, P.O. Box 14167, Jackson, MS 39236-4167