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JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS

JYL Awards First Annual LSAT Scholarships

JYL was pleased to have the recipients of its first annual LSAT Scholarships join the membership at the July luncheon meeting at Hal & Mal's. The LSAT Scholarship was established by the 2010-2011 JYL Executive Committee to provide financial assistance to college students in the Greater Jackson Metro area who wish to attend law school upon graduating from college. JYL solicited applications from Belhaven University, Jackson State University, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Tougaloo College, and Tulane University's School of Continuing Studies (Madison Campus), and selected two deserving students to receive the inaugural awards.

Catherine Robinson is a senior at Tougaloo College where she is a member of the Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law Society, National Honor Society Leadership and Success, the Spanish club, and the NAACP. Additionally, Ms. Robinson is the co-captain of the Tougaloo Bulldogs cheer-leading squad and a captain of the Tougaloo tennis team. Ms. Robinson's personal essay submitted in support of her application explained that her ambition to go to law school stems from the murder of her aunt when she was six years old. Ms. Robinson's personal tragedy has motivated her to work hard to one day become an attorney who can be an effective advocate for victims of violent crime. She hopes to one day run for elected office.

Jeremy Sanford is a senior at Jackson State University, where he is the president of Tiger P.R.I.D.E Connection and a member of the NAACP, the Political Science



LSAT Scholarship recipients Jeremy Sanford and Catherine Robinson receive hearty congratulations from JYL President Missy Rose and Outreach Projects Committee Chair Spence Young.

Club, and the SGA. Mr. Sanford is currently the Associate Chief Justice of the SGA Judicial Council. Mr. Sanford also hopes to one day run for political office. After law school, he hopes to establish himself as a criminal trial lawyer with emphasis on representing juvenile clients. His passion for advocating on behalf of juveniles stems from his belief that most juvenile offenders would benefit from guidance and community service, rather than incarceration.

JYL presented Ms. Robinson and Mr. Sanford with checks to cover the LSAT testing fee and the fee for the Law School Admissions Council's Credential Assembly Service, as well as hefty LSAT prep books to assist in their preparation for the test. We wish Ms. Robinson and Mr. Sanford all the best on the LSAT and in law school, and we hope to see them join the JYL membership in a few short years.

*by Danielle Ireland
Mrs. Ireland is the Executive Director of JYL.*

SUMMER 2011 OF NOTE

Our next social will take place next Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Nick's. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for JYL's September Membership Meeting, which will take place on Friday, September 16, 2011, at noon at Hal & Mal's.

Plan to attend JYL's Habitat Build Day on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Details to come!

The JYL Bowling Fundraiser committee is busy planning the first annual Barristers' Bowl, which will be held at Strike Bowling Lanes on Thursday, November 3, 2011. A registration form is included at the end of this newsletter. Please help JYL get the word out! Also, the committee is looking for committee members to focus solely on the silent auction. If you are interested, please contact either Justin Peterson or Missy Rose.

Submissions to the newsletter or suggestions for newsletter pieces may be made to JYL Executive Director Danielle Ireland. We'd love your input!

Past issues of our newsletter can be found on our website.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Fall brings lots of exciting events: back to school, football season and the start of a new JYL year! I am excited about having the opportunity to serve you as president of this great organization over the next year and I can't wait to see how you- the members, committee chairs and board members- contribute to making JYL even better. I would like to thank last year's executive board, particularly Past President Mary Clay Morgan, for helping to get us where we are today. Under Mary Clay's leadership, JYL membership has exploded; we have more members in 2011 than we have had in recent memory. She also oversaw the start-up of two great new programs- the community grant program and LSAT scholarship program. The future of Jackson Young Lawyers is bright.



Now is the time to get involved. There are so many ways to give your time and talent to JYL to make it the best organization it can be. Whether you have lots of time to give, or just a few hours on a Saturday or after work, your contributions are wanted and needed. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a link to the online committee sign-up. I encourage you to join one or more committees that interest you; I promise the committee chairs will find a way for you to participate as much or as little as you would like.

In July, we had a great turnout at our first membership meeting at Hal & Mal's, where we had

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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.

JYL Members Treated to Political Insights of Nash and Taggart

JYL's July membership meeting was held the Friday before the 2011 Primary Elections. Most appropriately, our speakers for the meeting were two political activists, Jere Nash and Andy Taggart, who provided commentary on the upcoming elections from opposing party perspectives.

Nash and Taggart are the co-authors of *Mississippi Fried Politics* and both editions of *Mississippi Politics: the Struggle for Power*. They host the political segment "Red and Blue Review" on WLBT and contribute to a column in the *Clarion Ledger*. Nash is a liberal Democrat who has served as a campaign consultant for a number of Democratic candidates in Mississippi.

Previously, he was director of Common Cause in Mississippi, executive director of Mississippi First, deputy state auditor and director of policy and chief of staff for former Governor Ray Mabus. During our meeting, Nash spoke of the changes that this election may bring to the current status of the legislature. This election may result in historical consequences; Republicans may secure the Governor's position as well as dominate the Senate and House of Representatives.

Taggart is a conservative Republican who practices law in Madison. He is a partner in a business development firm and was executive director of the Mississippi Re-

publican Party, chief of staff for former Governor Kirk Fordice, and former president of the Mississippi Technology Alliance. Taggart spoke of the elections comprising the Republican Primary, as well as his predictions and endorsements for the outcomes in each race.

Nash and Taggart may disagree politically, but both suggest that this year's elections may prove to be especially influential for the state of Mississippi.

*by Sabrina Ruffin
Mrs. Ruffin is a law clerk for Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Leslie King and is the co-chair of JYL's CLE/Speakers Committee.*

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JYL Co-Hosts Annual Golf Tournament

For the second year in a row, JYL teamed with the Capital Area Bar Association to host the annual Golf Tournament for Lawyers. The event was held on May 17th at Annandale Golf Club with a full field of over twenty teams. After the golf tournament, the event included a silent auction that was put together by the JYL committee. Items open for bid included a new Blackberry Playbook tablet from Cellular South, pearl necklace from Carter Jewelers, massage at Kosmos, 3 month free membership at The Club, one night stay at Sil-



ver Star and dinner for two at Miko, two nights stay and four rounds of golf at Harrah's Tunica, two nights stay at Beau Rivage, weekend stay at Embassy Suites-Ridgeland,

one night stay at the Inn at Ole Miss, Viking golf tournament package donated by Lenny's Sub Shops of Madison and Flowood, and various gift certificates to area restaurants and businesses. JYL expects to receive approximately \$5,000 in proceeds from the event, which will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi.

by Matt Grenfell

Mr. Grenfell is an associate at Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada, PLLC, and was 2010-2011 JYL Athletic Committee Co-Chair.

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Democrat Jere Nash and Republican Andy Taggart give their thoughts on the state elections from different perspectives. The community service committee also collected school supplies to donate to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi. Be on the lookout for information about upcoming meetings, events and philanthropic activities. In the next few months, we'll have a Habitat for Humanity day on October 8th and a bowling tournament on November 3rd, with proceeds benefiting the Boys & Girls Club. We will also continue to col-

lect items at each membership meeting to donate to the Boys & Girls Club; watch for an e-mail letting you know what to bring to the next meeting.

Thanks to our Executive Director, Danielle Ireland, information about JYL activities is available in just about every format you can imagine—newsletter, Facebook (facebook.com/Jackson.Young.Lawyers), Twitter (@JYLawyers), e-mail (jacksonyounglawyers@comcast.net) and website (www.jacksonyounglawyers.com).

I would love to hear any thoughts and ideas you may have for the upcoming year. My email address is mrose@pagekruger.com. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at upcoming JYL events.

by Missy Rose

Ms. Rose is an associate at Page Kruger & Holland, P.A., and the current President of JYL.

JYL Members Enjoy Annual Crawfish Boil



Ann Chandler and JYL Executive Committee members Brad Reeves and Brad Moody



Kathleen O'Beirne, JYL Immediate Past President Mary Clay Morgan, and possible future lawyer Ellie Morgan



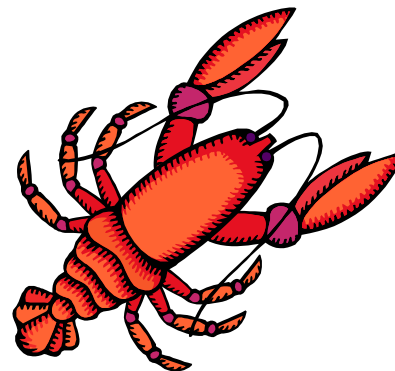
JYL Social Chair Tianna Raby, JYL President Missy Rose, and Malcolm Raby



Carter Burns and Jacob Stutzman



Left: Forman Perry young lawyers and law clerks Vernon McFarland, Tanya Ellis, Caroline Upchurch, Justin Warren, Samuel Gregory, Nick Giallourakis, and Paul Ellis



Where Are They Now?

With Former JYL President Will Manuel

While still in law school, I had the pleasure of first meeting Will Manuel, a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings and the 2003-2004 president of Jackson Young Lawyers. In the years since then, Will has become a good friend and a constant source of entertainment. In my opinion, we need more lawyers like Will- not only is he an outstanding litigator, he is level-headed, can get along with just about anybody, consistently stays involved in the legal community and most importantly, brings much-needed humor to the (let's face it) sometimes mundane practice of law.

Before getting to the substance of my interview with Will, I had planned to write a short biography based on information I already knew and supplemented with facts from his firm website. Instead, I offer you the biography Will submits for his CLE and seminar engagements. While I probably would have added that he was recently named a top litigator in Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA and Super Lawyers, his own biography is much more entertaining (if far more humble) than anything I could have come up with:

Will Manuel grew up the son of a preacher man in Starkville, Mississippi. Poor economics had him attend Mississippi State University where he graduated with a B.A. in Political Science and a bad Rotel addiction. Will then attended and miraculously graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law. When the Red Sox refused to allow him to play third base, he decided to return to Mississippi where he has practiced since 1994. He is currently a partner with the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings and scratches out a living in commercial litigation and labor defense. He is married and has two children---the Sweet Pea and the Monkey.

JYL: What is your favorite thing about the practice of law?

Will: Free pens and free coffee. Oh, and a cool office chair that spins around. Lawyers also have the best stories. I will always win the battle of the anecdotes at a cocktail party. For instance, when a businessman at a party finishes with his story about the financial status of a giant corporation, I can tell the story about how I had to learn to put teat sealant on a dairy cow in preparation for the trial I had last week.

JYL: What is your least favorite thing about the practice of law?

Will: Wearing long pants every day. I'd much rather wear shorts... or a kilt. I also don't like dealing with lawyers who take themselves too seriously or think that conflict for the sake of conflict is being an effective advocate for their client.

JYL: As a former JYL president, what advice can you give to young lawyers?

Will: Always stretch before a hearing. You don't want to pull a hamstring during a motion for summary judgment argument. Also, don't take yourself too seriously. You're a lawyer, not Hammurabi. You're a small part of a bigger team. Oh, and ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS be nice to those who take care of you at work. Whether it be a secretary, file clerk, parking attendant, maintenance person, or the muffin cart guy. If you go out of your way to be nice, they will always find ways to come back and save you.

JYL: What is the funniest thing that has happened to you since you started practicing law?

Will: Early in my career, I represented a family on the plaintiffs' side of a case. They were going to have their depositions taken the next day, and asked me if there was anything specific they needed to wear. I told them

to dress in something they would wear on Sunday. The entire family showed up to the deposition the next day in head-to-toe matching camouflage. They also didn't have much money, so they paid me in venison.

JYL: What is the toughest lesson you have learned in practicing law?

Will: Always subpoena witnesses to trial. Don't trust people when they say they'll show up without a subpoena because they won't. It's a bad feeling when you are in the middle of trial and realize that one of your most important witnesses is apparently not coming. Also, know your rules! A lawyer friend of mine once called a federal judge's chambers, asking for relief in a pending case. After listening to my friend, the judge's clerk said to him "The next time you're lounging in a bubble bath, why don't you take a copy of the Federal Rules in there with you?" That's not a proud moment for a lawyer.

JYL: Any funny stories from law school?

Will: On the very first day of law school, a professor called on me to answer a question. When I finished talking, the professor questioned the basis for the answer I'd just given. Instead of doing something intelligent like, say, citing a case, I told him my basis was the textbook. The professor said, "That is the dumbest thing I've ever heard. Unless you seriously improve, the only way you'll ever make money in the courtroom is as a juror."

JYL: How would you explain to a child what you do for a living?

Will: When I was in my first year of law school, I dated a girl who was a first grade teacher. She had all the students in her class write notes of encouragement to me before exams my first semester. After exams were over, she told me that I needed to write the students a thank you note and explain what it is that a lawyer does. I explained it the way I still explain it to my own kids. I told them that, when people want to fight about something, I come in to help out on one side of the fight. I either figure out a way to stop them from fighting or make sure the truth comes out and that it's a fair fight.

JYL: What do you miss about JYL?

Will: The poorly designed t-shirts, our excessive bar tabs at The Dock, hanging out with fellow JYLers at the Mississippi High School Mock Trial Competition every year, and making fun of Meade Mitchell when he was the JYL president and I was the secretary. I've also always liked the Legal Beagle, and still run in it every year. I think that's one of the best events that JYL has. It has been going on for years and is always fun for the participants and successful in raising money.

JYL: In your opinion, who stands out as having been a great JYL president?

Will: Definitely Amanda Jones. It is possible that I'm biased because she is also one of my closest friends, but she really did an outstanding job as president. She dedicated a lot of her free time to the organization, was well-liked by all of the members, and was probably one of the most active presidents JYL has had. She was also really fun to pick on when she was president and I was immediate past-president.

by Missy Rose

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**Jackson Young Lawyers
First Annual Barristers' Bowl**
Bowling shootout

Thursday, November 3, 2011
6:00 p.m. (sharp!)

"Strike" Bowling Lanes
(in the former location of Larwil Lanes)

Free food and beverages! Silent auction!

*All proceeds from the competition will go to the
Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi*

Cost: only \$50 per player

Cost includes event t-shirt, food, and drink. Register early; space is limited.

To register, please fill out the form below and mail it, along with your \$50 registration fee, to Jackson Young Lawyers Association, c/o Justin Peterson, P.O. Box 13925, Jackson, MS 39236-3925. All checks should be payable to Jackson Young Lawyers Association. All registrations must be received by October 28, 2011. For more information, contact Justin Peterson at jpeterson@statestreetgroup.com or 601-981-4445 ext. 27.

BARRISTERS' BOWL REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Law Firm (if applicable): _____

Email address: _____

Bowling Skill Level (Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced): _____

I, the undersigned, in consideration of acceptance of the entry and registration as participant in JYL's Barristers' Bowl, waive any and all claims which I and my heirs or assigns may now or hereafter have against Jackson Young Lawyers Association, its members, "Strike" Bowling Lanes, and all officials, volunteers and sponsors of Barristers' Bowl, which may indirectly or directly result from my participation in Barristers' Bowl. I further warrant and represent that I am in proper physical condition to participate in Barristers' Bowl 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 Barristers' Bowl. Further, I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____