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President's Corner

It's been a full year for JYL and I've personally enjoyed every minute of it! JYL's Executive Board and Committee Co-Chairs have done a fantastic job of allowing the organization to shine throughout the Greater Jackson Metro community in so many exciting ways. Thanks to the efforts of our Law Student Liaison, Dixie Pond, we have increased our presence on the web and social media and have accordingly allowed our members and others to stay connected. We also owe a great deal of appreciation to our Executive Director, Sherry Johnson, who (among MANY other things) has worked closely throughout the year with our Committees to publish our newsletter as another way of keeping our members plugged into JYL's activities.

It has been my pleasure to serve JYL as President this year. I have been involved with the organization in some capacity for the past five years and I am continually impressed by what we're able to accomplish each year. I want to extend a special thank you to the Executive Board, our Committee Co-Chairs, Sherry and Dixie. All of you have made my job so easy. I want to welcome the new Board members, Lindsay Thomas (President-Elect), Roslyn Griffin (Secretary), Betsy Turley (Treasurer), John Dollarhide (Director) and Graham Carner (Director). I know JYL is in such great hands with these new leaders, especially JYL's new President, Michael Bentley. With Michael at the helm, and Lindsay right behind him, I feel confident JYL will stay the course and continue to rank high among the Mississippi's young lawyer affiliates!

My goals this year were to: (1) reach out to all segments of the Bar to encourage a diverse membership; (2) encourage more pro bono involvement among the JYL

members; and (3) formalize the organization to preserve its institutional memory.

Keeping those goals in mind, here's what we accomplished this year: We increased the number of JYL members from the plaintiffs' bar and from government and public interest organizations. We kicked off the year with a membership meeting that featured plaintiffs' attorney, Bobby Dallas. Mr. Dallas's remarks focused on the importance of civility and collaboration among the plaintiffs' and defense bars.

On October 30, 2012, the Pro Bono Committee, under the leadership of Crystal Welch and Saundra Strong, organized a Domestic Violence CLE to effectively train volunteers in dealing with domestic violence cases. Following the CLE, JYL members provided free "Legal Chat Sessions" to assist women in transition in need of legal information and advice. The event ended with a Pro Bono Jam to recognize the pro bono contributions of JYL members and other attorneys who regularly provide pro bono services to low-income clients in the Jackson area. Also, and keeping with tradition, JYL donated proceeds from the 2013 Legal Beagle 5K Run/Walk to the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project to assist the organization in providing much-needed legal services to low-income clients throughout Mississippi.

Outside of those achievements, we hosted well-attended membership meetings and social events, donated proceeds from the Barristers Bowl tournament to the Boys & Girls Club, benefited from two outstanding Community Service Co-Chairs who planned activities that truly helped so many in the Greater Jackson Metro

area and awarded our LSAT scholarship and contributed much-needed funds to the Magnolia Speech School throughout our Community Outreach Grant.

Finally, the Executive Board made a commitment to memorializing the important work of the organization. JYL's Secretary, Spence Young, prepared detailed minutes at the conclusion of each Board meeting; as mentioned above, Dixie Pond constantly updated our social media and web pages; and JYL's Executive Director, Sherry Johnson, made a conscientious effort to detail budgetary shifts and expenditures to help us conduct ourselves as fiscally responsible as possible.

It's been a great year. Thank you for your support this year. Please stay involved and help JYL grow even more in the years to come.

by Tiffany Graves,

Ms. Graves is the Executive Director and General Counsel of Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project.



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JYL has last Membership luncheon of the year and hosts its annual CLE with Guest Speaker, Professor Donald Campbell

Jackson Young Lawyers was honored to have Donald Campbell, Assistant Professor of Law at Mississippi College School of Law as its guest speaker for the final Membership Meeting and annual CLE. Professor Campbell has earned various degrees which include a BA degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Political Science and an M.A. in Political Science and PhD. in American Politics/Judicial Policies from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from MS College School of Law where he graduated summa cum laude in May 2001.

Professor Campbell held a Judicial Clerkship with the Honorable Leslie H. Southwick, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Jackson, MS from 2007-2008 and is the Student Advisor at MS College School of Law for Clerkships. Further professional experience includes working as an attorney for Heilman, Kennedy, Graham, P.A., Jackson, MS, 2003 – 2006; Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy, Jackson, MS, 2002 – 2003 and Ott & Purdy, Jackson, MS, 2001 – 2002.

He has authored books and numerous articles and presented papers, lectures and seminars. He is admitted to practice in both Mississippi and Florida. His CLE presentation topic was on "Ethics and Technology: How the Rules Have (and Haven't) Dealt with Technological Advances."



Jackson Young Lawyers Announces Board members and officers

for 2013-2014

JYL President

Michael Bentley

JYL President - Elect

Lindsay Thomas

JYL Past President

Tiffany M. Graves

JYL Secretary

Roslyn Griffin

JYL Treasurer

Betsy Turley

JYL Director

John H. Dollarhide

JYL Director

Graham Carner



JYL President, Tiffany M. Graves, officially passed the gavel to the incoming JYL President, Michael Bentley, at this year's annual event Evening Honoring the Judiciary

JYL MEMBERSHIP

If you are 37 or younger, or have practiced law for fewer than three years in the Jackson Metro area, you are eligible for JYL membership!!!! An individual JYL dues membership invoice is included in this Newsletter. Please complete it and mail it in with the appropriate fee to the address on the form.

JYL Awards Third Annual Community Outreach Grant

Earlier this year, JYL launched its third annual Community Outreach Grant process. The Committee received twelve applications from deserving non-profit organizations that serve and positively impact the lives of needy citizens in the Greater Jackson Metro Area. A selection committee co-chaired by Hunter Aikens and Seth Shannon reviewed the applications and conferred with the JYL Board of Directors to choose this year's grant recipient. At the May Membership Meeting, JYL proudly awarded the third annual Community Outreach Grant to Magnolia Speech School.

Since its founding in 1956, Magnolia Speech School has served thousands of children in the Greater Jackson Metro Area and beyond who face the challenges presented by hearing loss and various language and speech disorders so they may enter their local schools and thrive without the need of an interpreter or further special education assistance. The School's Audiology Department has become widely known for its ability to thoroughly evaluate and treat children with Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)—a neurological defect that impairs one's ability to perceive and interpret the everyday sounds of our hearing and speaking world.

The JYL Community Outreach Grant will enable the Audiology Department to expand its capacity to treat children with APD by purchasing the equipment necessary to provide the first Constraint-Induced Auditory Therapy program in the State of Mississippi. This recently-developed therapy is specialized to address auditory integration deficiencies, a common sub-type of APD that inhibits communication between the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

Three of Magnolia's Audiologists—Alicia Swan, Bree Smith, and Dr. Gina Russell—attended the Membership Meeting; they were thrilled to receive the Grant and look forward to finally providing this new much-needed therapy to their patients. Through the provision of this new therapy, Magnolia Speech School and JYL are hopeful that more children in our community who struggle with hearing loss and related language and speech disorders will receive the care they need to overcome their learning challenges and successfully participate in a conventional classroom setting.

Special thanks to JYL members Allyson Lambert Winters, Ryanne Duffie, and Adrienne Hinton for their service on the Community Outreach Committee. If you would like to serve on this committee to help select next year's grant recipient, please contact Committee Chair, Hunter Aikens.



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Capital Area Bar Association & Jackson Young Lawyers Co-sponsor the annual Evening Honoring the Judiciary

The Honorable Judge James E. Graves, US Court of Appeals 5th Circuit was the Guest Speaker at the CABA – JYL Evening Honoring the Judiciary. Clinton native and son of Rev. James E. Graves, a Baptist minister, Judge Graves Jr. graduated from Sumner High School as valedictorian, achieving the highest grade-point average in his class. He went on to gain a bachelor's degree from Millsaps College in 1975 and worked for two years in the state Department of Public Welfare. He then went back to school, earning his law degree in 1980 and a master's of public administration a year later at Syracuse University.

Graves began his legal career with Central Mississippi Legal Services and spent several years in the state attorney general's office and in private practice. In 1991, former Gov. Ray Mabus appointed Graves to the Hinds County Circuit Court, where he served for 10 years. Former Gov. Ronnie Musgrove elevated Graves to the Mississippi Supreme Court in 2001 and he won an election for the seat in 2004. In 2011, he took a place on the bench of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals after President Barack Obama nominated him in June 2010. Graves was the 2nd African American (and the 1st from Mississippi) appointed to the 5th Circuit.



Judge Graves spoke at the Evening Honoring the Judiciary Event about his transition from the MS Supreme Court to the 5th Circuit. He also addressed many different ways attorneys can work to make our communities and world a better place.

AWARDS FOR JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS AT EVENING HONORING THE JUDICIARY

The Executive Committee of Jackson Young Lawyers Association unanimously selected Warren Martin as this year's Pro Bono Award recipient and Roslyn Griffin and Nakimuli Davis as co-recipients of the Outstanding Service Award.

Of special note is that JYL Member Scott Jones, the Speakers Committee Co-Chair, received CABA's Outstanding Service Award and our President, Tiffany Graves, along with Patti Gandy, received CABA's Pro Bono Award.



JYL Social Events

The 2012-2013 year was a busy year for JYL members.

We ended 2012 giving a table full of toys, as well as contributions to Toys for Tots along with CABA at CABA's annual Christmas Party at The Old Capitol Inn.



We exited March with warm weather and wine on the patio at Sal & Mookies.

Stories, pizza & beverages were shared.



On May 31 we had our last big event of the Spring season, our annual crawfish boil. This year we changed it up hoping a Friday night later in the Spring would allow for the attendance of summer clerks and extended time to relax. The event did not disappoint!

In April we teamed up with CABA again for a wonderful event at Burgers and Blues. In addition to enjoying good music and fantastic burgers, attendees were able to welcome the newest members of the Mississippi Bar.



Thank you for all coming out to the Social events this past year. These are not only times for our members to get together but they are also one of our biggest recruiting tools. Networking is so important. If you have suggestions for future events please join the committee or let the current committee chairs know.

By: Stacey Moore, Co-Chair of the JYL Social Committee

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“JYL hosts final membership meeting and makes awards’ presentations”

JYL 2013 LSAT AWARD RECIPIENT: JYL announced presented the 2013 LSAT Award to Ms. Ashlee Brown. Ashlee could not be with us at the luncheon, but her academic resume is quite impressive.

Ashlee is a rising senior at Jackson State and majors in Political Science. She volunteers with the Children’s Defense Fund, is a senator with the Student Government Association and is a member of the National Political Science Honor Society. Ashlee would like to be an intellectual property lawyer and to do pro bono civil rights work.

CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEE!!!!



John Dollarhide, Co-Chair of JYL’s Athletic Committee and organizer of the 2013 Legal Beagle 5K Run/Walk, presented a check for the proceeds from the event in the amount of \$8390.90 to Tiffany Graves, Executive Director/General Counsel of the Mississippi Volunteer Project, at JYL’s May 31 membership meeting. The donation will help MVLP accomplish its mission to provide high quality legal pro bono assistance to low-income Mississippians.”

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Huge crowd enjoys JYL’s Final 2012-13 Membership Luncheon and CLE at Hal and Mals




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Members of The Jackson Young Lawyers Association not only socialize, develop friendships and enjoy camaraderie throughout the year, they also utilize these great opportunities to network, to mentor and to be mentored



**JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE
FOR 2013-2014**

	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">JYL DUES INVOICE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">For the June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014 fiscal year</p>
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Membership to JYL includes bi-monthly lunches at Hal and Mal's Restaurant in Jackson, networking events at six social events throughout the Greater Jackson Metro Area, community service opportunities, and at least 1 hour of free CLE credit.

Membership Dues:

- _____ Regular Member: \$100 (a "Regular Member" is defined as one employed by a for-profit law firm)
- _____ Public Interest/Government Lawyer Member: \$50 (which includes attorneys working in non-legal positions within the government or with a public interest or legal services organization)
- _____ Member Currently Seeking Employment in Jackson area: \$25
- _____ First year Public Interest/Government Lawyer Member: FREE

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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