

# HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

April 12, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. on the second floor of the Law Library. President, Doug Martinson, II, Vice President/President-Elect, Derek Simpson, Treasurer, Travis Jackson, and Secretary, Nicole Schroer, presided. The Honorable Linda Coats gave the invocation.

## MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

The minutes from the March 2017 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved. The Treasurer's report was presented as follows:

### BAR ASSOCIATION

Compass General Account:	\$73,247.74
Compass CD:	\$50,000.00
Compass CD:	\$25,000.00
Compass Money Market:	\$95,000.00
Compass Ben Boyanton Scholarship Account:	\$8,641.92
Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship Account:	\$53,728.96
Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship CD:	\$68,256.96

### LAW FOUNDATION

Compass Account:	\$27,505.81
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Doug Martinson called upon members to introduce guests. The following guests were present at the meeting: Mike Kelly.

### Attendance Committee

Doug Martinson reminded everyone to provide their cellphone numbers to Cindy in order to receive text message reminders about meetings and events.

### **Membership and Professionalism Committee**

Chair Jeremiah Hodges proposed Sarah Henson, Daniel Dwyer, Keith Belt, Jr. and Richard Jensen for membership in HMCBA and they was unanimously approved.

### **Continuing Legal Education Committee**

Chair Mark Debro announced that the Real Estate Section was hosting a CLE on April 19, 2017. The Lunch and Learn originally scheduled for April 12, 2017 has been rescheduled for April 20, 2017. The topic will be Wills for Heroes training, presented by Tom Ryan. Warren and Simpson will sponsor the Lunch and Learn. Attendees need to register in advance.

### **Young Lawyers Section**

No report.

### **Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program**

Nicole Schroer advised that the MCVLP has several matters which need assistance. We also have sign-ups for our Lawyer for a Day project, as well as our Family Law Clinics. Nicole asked for everyone to take a case or get involved with the MCVLP in some sort of capacity.

Nicole announced that the Wills for Heroes Clinic will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the City of Madison, from 9:00am-4:00pm. The sign-up link has been posted in the MCVLP newsletter. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Lunch and Learn. All members of the Bar are eligible to assist with a Wills for Heroes Clinic.

We are also making plans for Pro Bono Brews 2017 and looking for sponsorships. If you or your firm is interested in being a sponsor for the event, please let Nicole know. If you are interested in serving on the Pro Bono Brews committee, please contact Nicole.

If you need an extra incentive to get involved, Nicole advised that the State Bar has recently approved the award of CLE hours for pro bono service and the MCVLP is an approved pro bono provider. You can earn one (1) hour of MCLE credit for every six (6) hours of pro bono work completed for a maximum of three (3) MCLE credits in a twelve (12) month period.

Nicole conducted a drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card from a list of all active first quarter volunteers. Rebecca Lee was the winner.

Taze Shepard also indicated that the MCVLP is compiling a Panel of Experts and if anyone is interested in serving on the Panel to please contact him.

## **Other Announcements**

Mary Ena Heath reminded everyone that the Law Day party is April 27, 2017. Everyone should have received their invitation to Law and (Dis) Order. The event will be held at Earlyworks from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be door prizes and you have to be present to win. New this year is an Open Mike element. Attorneys can show off their talents during the Open Mike segments in between sessions. If musical accompaniment is needed, attorneys are requested to sign-up in advance.

Doug Martinson announced that Law Day will be observed on April 28, 2017, and the Bar is asking all law firms to close at 12:00pm.

Cindy Seeley announced that All Call will be on May 2, 2017 from 4-7:00pm in conjunction with WHNT. Sign-ups sheets were passed around for members to sign up as particular subject matter experts.

Cindy reminded everyone that the Bar offices would be moving with the sale of the Law Library building. The HMCBA offices will now be located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Huntsville Times building. There will be meeting space available the Lunch and Learn seminars. Bar meetings will take place beginning in June at Cooper House, located on Randolph Street. The May Lunch and Learn will take place at the new HMCBA offices. Cindy welcomed everyone to come by the new offices and visit once they get moved in. The Law Library will moved to the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library, which will provided extended hours for attorneys' usage and more accessibility.

## **PROGRAM**

Derek Simpson introduced the speaker, Jere Beasley. Mr. Beasley spoke on the topic of Why the Court System is important for consumers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicole Schroer

Cindy Seeley

Secretary

Executive Director