



JACKSON LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION



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Newsletter

Message from your President



I would like to take my space this time and tell each of you how proud I am to be a part of such a caring organization as JLPA.

The past five weeks have been extremely trying for all of us, but especially so for our sisters-in-law on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. With Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, many of our sisters-in-law have been left homeless, jobless, or both and many others have suffered major damage to their homes and places of business. But they are troopers and are putting their lives back together after these terrible storms.

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Board Meeting...

The Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2005**, at the Mississippi Court of Appeals, 656 North State Street, in the 1st floor Conference Room. Lunch will be provided by Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis. 🌟

Monthly Meeting...

There will be no October meeting because our Court Observance Week **Seminar on the Constitution** on **October 11, 2005**, and our **Court Observance Luncheon** on **October 13, 2005**, will take its place. 🌟



October Birthdays...

- 5 Bertrell Mingo
- 7 Nancy Turner
- 9 Robbi L. Ellis
- 10 Rose Jones
- Kimberly J. Knox
- 14 Connie S. Knight
- 15 Bonnie F. Parkison
- 17 Pamela Turner
- 20 Corrine Day
- 27 Elizabeth Behrens



Welcome New Member...

Welcome to **Tatum Nevels** from McDavid, Noblin & West, PLLC. Tatum is also a fulltime student. 🌟



Art in the Park...

JLPA is continuing the tradition of "Art in the Park". As in the past, it will be held in Smith Park, across from the Governor's Mansion in downtown Jackson. Local area vendors are as diverse as watercolor artist Gary Walters; photographer Emily Kamber and Kelli Wallace; handmade crafts by Dee Dee's Creations and Deborah Morgan; scarves, hats and gloves knitted by Anna Ruth Kesler from Texas; Mary Kay cosmetics.

As in the past, a light lunch will be offered for sale. For a very nominal fee, we will serve sandwiches, chips, various drinks and desserts of cookies and brownies.

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 28, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** We have put in an order for a nice sunny day because there will be no rain date.



If you are interested in being a vendor, or know someone who might, please contact Nancy Vosika at Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, (601) 949-4923 or email at nvosika@watkinsludlam.com ♦

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JLPA is doing its part to assist in that rebuilding process. I asked you to dig deep and give what you can to those in need and you have responded. As of the writing of this message, which is before the deadline of the September Membership Meeting, I have already received enough clothing, books, games, food, etc. to fill my small extra room at home and have told my husband to get ready because he is going to have to pull his trailer to the Gulf Coast to deliver this stuff. We have had new clothing items for both adults and children donated by Prince Athletic thanks to one of the attorneys at Wise Carter Child & Caraway whose husband is in charge of distribution through the Lakeland Courthouse Fitness Center, we have received and distributed eight \$25 gift certificates from Wal-Mart from Betty and Bruce Wells of Austin, Texas (Betty is a member of the Austin, Texas chapter of NALS), and we have received a \$50 grocery donation to be used for items needed by the Gulf Coast ladies from our secondary Mississippi member, Verne Aiyela, PP, PLS from the Detroit, Michigan chapter of NALS which she asked to be used in our efforts to assist those on the Gulf Coast. That is just the way we operate.

As you know, NALS has set up a tax deductible, charitable fund for Katrina victims and I hope you will continue to generously give to that fund as well. As of today, October 30, 2005, a total of \$8,740 has been contributed, \$4,240 by individual members and \$4,500 by organizations (chapters, firms, etc.)

On another note, our Welfare Chairperson, Shirley Mize, has tendered her resignation of that position due to her impending retirement from The Clarion Ledger at the end of this month. Shirley has worked tirelessly in this position for several years and has done a wonderful job working through JLPA with the Resource Center. Mary Griffin of Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis has graciously agreed to step into Shirley's shoes and chair this committee and it is my understanding that the Resource Center will continue to be one of our welfare projects under Mary's tenure.

Kassandra Hewitt of Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy has also had to step down as Boss of the Year/Award of Excellence/ Partner of the Year Chairperson due to personal reasons and Renee Dean of Wise Carter Child & Caraway has stepped forward and agreed to chair this committee for us this year. Please support Renee in her efforts to put on this program for us.

Thank each and every one of you for making my job with this Association so much easier.

**Reba Peden, Certified PP, PLS
JLPA President**

Members, Prospective Members and Guests Family Picnic...

We are having our Members, Prospective Members and Guests Family Picnic on **Saturday, October 8, 2005**, at LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Mayes Lake. Please see invitation at the end of the newsletter.

Please invite a prospective member(s) to be your guest and bring them with you. If you bring a prospective member, your name goes into the door prize drawing.

**Roberta Welch, PP, PLS
JLPA Vice President &
Membership Chairman**



Employment...

For a list of employment opportunities, please e-mail Rose at:

**rjones@watkinsludlam.com ♦
Rose Jones
Employment Chairman**

Inspiration...

ARE YOU INTERESTED in presenting a JLPA monthly meeting inspiration? If so, please contact Renee Dean, Inspiration Co-Chairperson at 601-968-5505 or e-mail at rmd@wisecarter.com



Recipe Corner...

By Roberta H. Welch, PP, PLS



Strawberry Cream Cake

Recipe Rating: ★★★★★

Prep Time: 15 min

Total Time: 3 hr 30 min

Makes: 12 servings

1-1/2 cups HONEY MAID
Graham Cracker Crumbs
6 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 pt. (2 cups) strawberries,
divided
1-3/4 cups boiling water
1 pkg. (8-serving size) or 2 pkg.
(4-serving size each) JELL-O
Brand Strawberry Flavor Gelatin
2 cups ice cubes
1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP
Strawberry Whipped Topping,
thawed
1 square BAKER'S Semi-Sweet
Baking Chocolate, melted

MIX crumbs and butter; press firmly onto bottom and halfway up side of lightly greased 9-inch springform pan. Refrigerate.

RESERVE 6 strawberries for garnish; mash remaining strawberries. Stir boiling water into dry gelatin in large bowl at least 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add ice cubes; stir until melted. Add whipped topping and mashed strawberries; stir gently with wire whisk until well blended. Refrigerate 10 min. or until mixture is very thick and will mound. Spoon into prepared crust.

REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until firm. Remove side of pan. Slice each of the reserved strawberries in half. Arrange strawberries, cut side down, around top of cake. Drizzle strawberries with melted chocolate.

Healthy Living: Save 50 calories per serving by preparing with JELL-O Brand Strawberry Flavor Sugar Free Low Calorie Gelatin and COOL WHIP LITE Whipped Topping.

How To Mash Strawberries: Crush strawberries with a potato masher. Or, process in food processor container until finely chopped, using pulsing action.

Kraft Foods



I wanted to buy a CD player, but was completely perplexed by one model's promotional sign. So I called the salesclerk over and asked, "What does 'hybrid pulse D/A converter' mean?"

He said, "That means that this machine will read the digital information that is encoded on CDs and convert it into an audio signal."

"In other words," I said, "this CD player plays CDs."

"Exactly."



Friends are the bacon bits in the salad bowl of life.



COURT OBSERVANCE WEEK

Week of October 10-14, 2005
**NALS' 2005 THEME: WE,
THE PEOPLE**

JLPA's Court Observance will be in two parts. There will be a seminar on **Tuesday, October 11, 2005**, given at the **Mississippi Court of Appeals**, 656 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Parking is in the rear of the building at the corner of George and North Streets. Just tell the guard you are there for something in the Conference Room, which is on the 1st floor. Our speaker will be Tommie S. Cardin, Esq., of Butler Snow, and his topic will be Constitutional Law. There is no cost to attend this seminar. Henjum Goucher Reporting Services will provide a catered lunch.

Our Court Observance Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2005, 12:00 noon at Dennery's Restaurant**. Our speaker will be David F. Maron, President of the Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

To volunteer to help with door prizes, etc. please contact your Court Observance Committee members, Kelly Rozas, Karen Shearer and Lena Lawrence. They are hard at work to present Court Observance activities which will be informative and fun! Mark your calendar for October 11, and October 13, 2005.

Lena Lawrence, Chairperson
Court Observance Activities ★



