



Metro Legal Professionals Association Director's Report

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Mark your
calendars for
Bosses Appreciation
Night on
Thu, Feb. 17th

Our Court Observance Activities...

"A businesswoman is like a tea bag - only when you put her in hot water do you realize how strong she actually is."

Nancy Reagan

MLPA is
33 members
strong...
4 of whom are
"certified"

The 2004 Court Observance Program was a success! On October 8, 2004, members of both local chapters (and some non-members), were given a demonstration in Judge Barbour's electronic courtroom, conducted by Dee Taylor. Dee did a terrific job showing us the features available (and we got great handouts). The implementation of this system marks a new trend in handling legal documents in a high-paper environment. We even had a new "JUDGE FOR A DAY" on the bench (Karen Shearer). Please be alert for future announcements regarding upcoming training on the system.

Immediately following the demonstration, participants attended the special luncheon which was held at Dennery's, where Mr. J. Patrick Frascogna spoke on juvenile access to the courts in criminal matters. Mr. Frascogna shared very helpful and informative materials with the group.

Thanks to the Court Observance Committee for their hard work for the chapter!



Monthly Meeting Information:

Metro Legal Professionals Association meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn North on I-55 North in Jackson, MS. To make a reservation to attend the meeting, please contact Shirley Wadsworth [swadsworth@sfbli.com]

Membership Information:

To inquire about becoming a member, or to request an application for membership, contact Vavra Curran [vcurran@cctb.com]

Chapter Happenings . . .

August luncheon -- Anita Campbell, PP, PLS spoke to us regarding the certification process, sharing her experiences along the road to certification as well as insight from others from the state. This was an informative presentation which we hope sparked some interest in the certifications offered by NALS, as well as the other educational opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anita Campbell, PP, PLS She passed the PP exam given in September, we are proud of you Anita!

September luncheon -- William "Matt" Vines, attorney with the Page Kruger firm was our speaker. He gave a very informative presentation on Tort Reform.

NALS Swap Meet:

If you haven't purchased a clock yet, **there's still time!** They are only \$10 and make great gifts! Contact any MLPA chapter member or look for us at the NALS Swap Meet at the Biloxi Conference.

October -- Court Observance was held jointly with JLPA on October 8, 2004. We visited the USDC electronic courtroom of Judge William Barbour, with demonstration by Dee Taylor, followed by lunch at Dennery's Restaurant.

November luncheon -- will be at noon on Nov. 23, 2004, at the Holiday Inn North in Jackson, MS. We will be holding our chapter elections and voting on Boss of the Year.

