

*Bringing Everyone's
Strengths Together*



2019-2020

THE PROFILE

President's Report

At the beginning of the year, we set out on a mission to bring everyone's strengths together, enabling us to pursue our BEST in all we did this year. Our committee chairs have worked hard this year and members have stepped up when asked and I've been ever so grateful to the membership as a whole this year.

So – what have we accomplished?

- Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS and her Last Chance CLE committee pulled off an amazingly successful seminar for attorneys and other legal professionals in two locations. It will be exciting to see the future successes of this committee and this special fundraising seminar event.
- Our Chapter Directors have served their chapters well in conveying information to their members and have been present at our meetings. They've participated in email discussions of the Board and I've appreciated their diligence in service to you, their fellow members.
- Our Chapter Presidents have worked hard with their chapters and their leadership has been shown through the Directors' reports about the happenings in the various chapters. Thank you, Chapter Presidents, for all your hard work!
- Thank you to Nancy Gates, PP, PLS, for stepping up and replacing Renee Roddey who was unable to devote her time to the Humanitarian Committee.
- Thank you to Reba Peden, PP, PLS, for all of her hard work as Cruise to Learn chair. She worked hard to coordinate this with Crystal Black at McGehee Cruise & Travel. However, after a postponement due to our ship going into dry dock and then due to present circumstances, this cruise and CLE event is canceled for Spring 2021. Thank you, again, Reba!
- Lastly, thank you to our silent members who sit back, watch, and listen before speaking up in private to offer their help and assistance. You're appreciated!

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OFFICERS

Anita Campbell, PP, PLS, President
Christopher Pickreign, CHMT, CSS, President-Elect
Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS, Vice President
Jennifer Parks, Executive Secretary
Lorraine Knight, Treasurer
Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS, Parliamentarian
Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP, Executive Advisor

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All in all, I feel it's been a successful year and that strengths have been identified and honed.

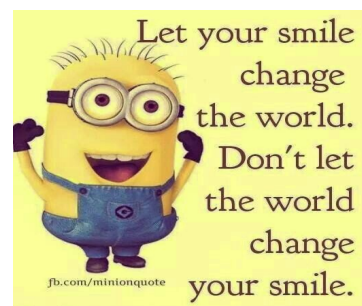
I would encourage all of you to continue to showcase your strengths. Together, we can accomplish whatever we set as our goals to make our Association to be the absolute best.

I would like to congratulate Chris Pickreign, CMHT, CSS, and the other officers to be installed at the banquet with him, and I wish them all the best in the coming year as Chris takes the helm and leads our Association to even bigger and better accomplishments in the year to come. By continuing to work together, the possibilities we envisioned with Karen Shearer and the strengths we brought together this year can only continue to grow as we Rediscover MSLPA.

Thank you for taking this journey with me as we strove to Bring Everyone's Strengths Together!

Anita

Anita Campbell, PP, PLS
2019-2020 President



COMMITTEE ROSTER

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, for the fiscal year 2020-2021, will be held at Wingate by Wyndham in Gulfport, Mississippi, on Saturday, May 30, 2020. The Meeting will commence at 1:30 p.m.

This is a MEMBERSHIP meeting and, in accordance with the Mississippi LPA Bylaws, Article V, all members who are in good standing of the state and local chapter are present will be eligible to vote at this meeting.

An Executive Committee Meeting of the 2019-2020 officers will be held on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room.

A Joint Executive Committee Meeting of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 officers will be held Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 9:15 p.m. in the Board Room.

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS: In the event the duly elected Director is unable to attend this meeting, your chapter shall elect an Alternate Director from its membership. The Alternate Director shall serve only in the absence of the elected Director in the event that a Board of Directors Meeting is called in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association. Certification of the election of an Alternate Director shall be furnished to the Executive Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior (May 9, 2020) to the date of this Annual Meeting. Such certification of election of an Alternate Director shall be upon the form prescribed by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors. A certification form is attached.



Jennifer Parks
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Address: 301 Brenmar St., Brandon, MS
39042 Email: Jennwb2w@yahoo.com
DATE: April 2, 2020

Cc: President: Anita Campbell, PP, PLS
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Technology Committee Chair: Karen S. Shearer
Address: 4013 Brighton Cove, Brandon, MS 39042
Email: shearerks@bellsouth.net

NOTE: Although the May meeting is a membership meeting, Chapters should elect an Alternate Director in the event a Special Board of Director's Meeting is called.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

_____ (name)

_____ (mailing address)

a member of _____ (local chapter)

has been duly elected Alternate Director of said local chapter to serve only in the absence of the elected Director in the event that a Board of Directors Meeting is called in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, to be held on Saturday the 30th day of May, 2020. Said Alternate Director shall act only in the absence of the elected Director.

LOCAL CHAPTER RECORDING SECRETARY

DATED: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: **Submit the certification form at least 20 days prior to the meeting (May 9, 2020) at which the Alternate Director will vote, as follows:**

(1) ORIGINAL to the Executive Secretary, Jennifer Parks:

_____ 301 Brenmar Street, Brandon, MS 39042

Email jennwb2w@yahoo.com

(2) COPY to the President, Anita Campbell, PP, PLS:

_____ 1021 Lake Dockery Road, Byram, MS 39272

Email anitacampbell59@gmail.com

**FAILURE TO ELECT AND CERTIFY AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
AT LEAST 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH SAID
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR WILL BE VOTING RESULTS IN THE LOSS
OF YOUR CHAPTER'S VOTE AT SAID MEETING, IF THE DULY
ELECTED AND CERTIFIED DIRECTOR IS NOT PRESENT.**

NOTICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER DIRECTORS

The first Board of Directors Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, for the fiscal year 2020-2021, will be held at Wingate by Wyndham in Gulfport, Mississippi, on Sunday, May 31, 2020. The Meeting will commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room.

An Executive Committee Meeting of the 2020-2021 officers will be held on May 31, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Board Room.

REPORTS

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: You are requested to prepare brief, single-spaced, typed reports, formatted for 8 ½" by 11" paper. Reports should be submitted electronically to the President, with a copy to the Executive Secretary and to the Technology Committee Chair. The deadline for receipt of reports to be presented at this meeting is May 21, 2020.

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS: In the event the duly elected Director is unable to attend this meeting, your chapter shall elect an Alternate Director from its membership. The Alternate Director shall act only in the absence of the elected and certified Director. In the event the duly elected Director is unable to attend this Board Meeting and an Alternate Director is elected to attend this meeting, certification of the election of an Alternate Director shall be furnished to the Executive Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior (May 10, 2020) to the date of this Board Meeting. Such certification of election of an Alternate Director shall be upon the form prescribed by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors. A certification form is attached.



Jennifer Parks
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DATE: April 2, 2020

Cc: President-Elect: Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, CSS
Email: christopherclarkeros@gmail.com

Executive Secretary Elect: Lee Cummings, ALP
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Technology Committee Chair: Karen S. Shearer
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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

_____ (name)

_____ (mailing address)

a member of _____ (local chapter)

has been duly elected Alternate Director of said local chapter to serve only in the absence of the elected Director at the Board of Directors Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, to be held on Sunday the 31st day of May, 2020. Said Alternate Director shall act only in the absence of the elected Director.

LOCAL CHAPTER RECORDING SECRETARY

DATED: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: **Submit the certification form at least 20 days prior to the meeting (May 10, 2020) at which the Alternate Director will vote, as follows:**

(1) ORIGINAL to the Executive Secretary Elect, Lee Cummings:

146 W. Pinebrook Dr., Brandon, MS 39047

Email cummings-lee28@att.net

(2) COPY to the President-Elect, Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, CSS:

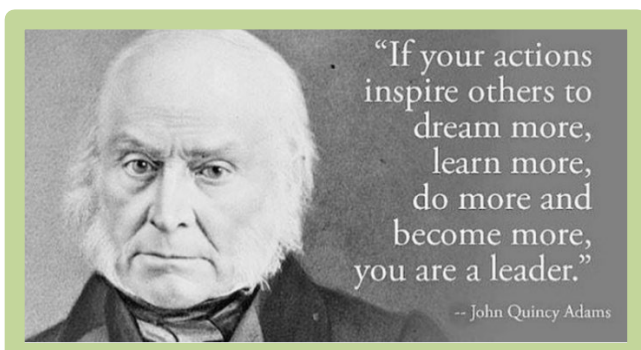
134 Faust Drive, Gulfport, MS 39503

Email christopherclarkeros@gmail.com

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ELECTED AND CERTIFIED DIRECTOR IS NOT PRESENT.**

FORM ES-2

We are saddened to report that Diane Roark, PP, PLS, former MSLPA member and Honorary member of JLPA, lost her mother, Audrey Bourgoyne, on April 25, 2020, as a result of complications from COVID19. Please keep Diane and her family in your prayers. Diane, we love you!



Booster Club

Anita Campbell, PP, PLS
 Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS
 Evelyn Harper, CLP
 Lorraine Knight
 Marilyn Mills
 Jennifer Parks
 Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS
 April Ruddick
 Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS
 Karen Shearer

Thank you,
 MSLPA Boosters!



NALS Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this Association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession.

Every member shall:

- *Encourage respect for the law and the administration of justice;*
- *Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information;*
- *Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation and courtesy;*
- *Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and*
- *Pursue a high order of professional attainment.*





REDISCOVERING MS LPA



ANNUAL MEETING AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dear Members,

I hope this report finds you well, safe, and in good health. In light of the recent pandemic, a decision was made to move the 2020 Annual Meeting to the weekend of May 29, 30, and 31. The Gulf Coast chapter is so excited to be hosting the Annual Meeting this year. We have been busy trying to make it a memorable experience for all. The scrip ticket was approved and is attached to this newsletter. There are a few things I would like to point out. The last day to register is May 15th, after that date a \$5.00 late fee will be charged. The last day to book your room is May 10th. The hotel the meeting will be held at is the Wingate by Wyndham. Our group code is MS Legal Association and the rates are \$99 for a regular room (king or double) and \$129 for suites and ocean front rooms. All rooms have a view of the beach. If you previously placed a reservation in our room block, you will not need to contact the hotel to change your reservation. The hotel moved all reservations in our room block to the new dates. Also, if you have previously submitted a scrip ticket you will not need to submit a new one.

The certification luncheon theme this year is **MAD ABOUT CERTIFICATION!** The theme is an Alice in Wonderland type themed tea party. Come wearing your best hat. We will have a contest for best hat at the luncheon. The banquet will be **CLUE! inspired**, both the movie and board game. Come wearing an outfit inspired by clue and solve a mystery.

Information regarding raffles will be distributed in the next few weeks along with the seminar form and tentative schedule. We have a lot of great seminars in the works. The last thing you will see attached to the newsletter is the Ad/Sponsor Contract. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, sponsor an event, or do a vendor table, the deadline is May 15th. **We are having a special on the vendor tables where the first five (5) vendors to submit a form by May 15th will receive a discounted vendor table rate of \$50.00.** We also have booster ads available for purchase.

We look forward to having y'all here on the coast for some good food, fun, and good times. I am sure by that time with all this quarantine everyone will be excited to see everyone.

*Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP
2020 Annual Meeting Chair*

Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday, May 29

	Dress code: Casual
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Registration (Seminar & Certification Prep Session)
	Seminar (Meeting Room)
8:45 am to 10:00 am	Topic: TBA
	Speaker: Ciox (TBA)
8:45 am to 10:00 am	Certification Prep Session (Board Room)
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Break
	Seminar (Meeting Room)
10:15 am to 11:30 am	Topic: TBA
	Speaker: TBA
10:15 am to 11:30 am	Certification Prep Session (Board Room)
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch (On your own)
	Seminar (Meeting Room)
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Topic: Domestic Violence and Protective Orders
	Speaker: Harry Yoste, Esq.
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Certification Prep Session (Board Room)
2:15 pm to 2:30 pm	Break
	Seminar (Meeting Room)
2:30 pm to 3:45 pm	Topic: TBA
	Speaker: TBA
2:30 pm to 3:45 pm	Certification Prep Session (Board Room)
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Registration (Annual Meeting)
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	EC Meeting (Board Room)
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Friday Night Social – Pizza, Fun, & Games (Meeting Room)
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room (Room 301)

Saturday, May 30

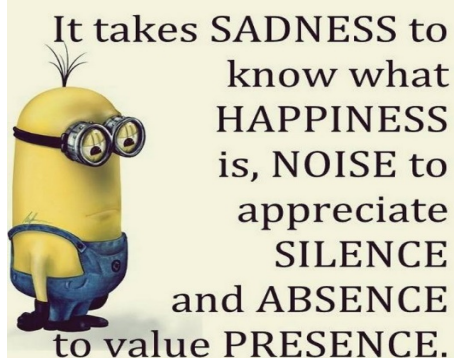
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Registration/Breakfast
	Welcome/Breakfast (Provided in lobby)
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Speaker:
	Theme: Playing the Game of Life
	Dress Code: Casual

10:00 am to 11:30 am	Free Time Certification Luncheon (The District)
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Speaker: Theme: Madd about MSLPA Dress Code: Tea Party/Alice in Wonderland (Think hats)
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Annual Meeting (Hotel Meeting Room) Dress Code: Business Casual Banquet (Great Southern Club) Speaker:
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Theme: CLUE! Dress Code: Formal (Be inspired by the characters of CLUE!) Installing Officer: Doris Compton
8:30 pm to 9:00 pm	President's Reception (Room 301)
9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room (Room 301)
9:30 pm to 11:30 pm	Joint EC Meeting (Board Room)

Sunday, May 31

	Farewell/Breakfast (provided in lobby)
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Speaker: Chris Theme: Dress Code: Casual
9:00 am to 10:30 am	EC Meeting (Board Room)/Hotel Checkout
10:30 am to 12:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting (Meeting Room) Dress Code: Casual

LIFE IS SO IRONIC.



What if today, we were just grateful for everything?



Rediscovering MSLPA

Mississippi Legal Professionals Association
Wingate by Wyndham
May 29, 30, & 31, 2020
Gulfport, MS 39501



SCRIP TICKET

		Member	Guest
Registration Fee.....	\$ 10.00	_____	_____
Friday Night Event.....	\$ 10.00	_____	_____
Friday CLE/Certification Prep Session (free to members ; non-members \$40 - see separate registration form)			
Saturday Breakfast (Available in Hotel Lobby, free to hotel guests)			
Saturday Certification Luncheon.....	\$ 20.00	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet.....	\$ 25.00	_____	\$45.00
Sunday Breakfast (Available in Hotel Lobby, free to hotel guests)			
TOTAL (excludes seminar fees)-----	\$ 65.00	_____	_____

Name and Certification, if any: _____

Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

The registration deadline is May 8, 2020, after which a late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed.

Please make your check payable to MSLPA Annual Meeting Fund and send to:

Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP, GCPLP, P. O. Box 644, Gulfport, MS 39502

Lodging:

A block of rooms has been reserved at Wingate by Wyndham at the rate of \$99.00 (king or double) plus taxes. You can book your room reservation by contacting the hotel at (228) 220-0037. Suites are \$129.00 plus taxes. Last date to book with our room block is May 8th; thereafter, it will be as rooms are available at the current rate.

[Book your group rate for MS Legal Association](#)

Event Location(s) and dress:

Please refer to the Schedule of Events for event locations and dress.

We Look Forward to your Joining us for "Rediscovering MSLPA"



REDISCOVERING MS LPA

Mississippi Legal Professionals Association
Wingate by Wyndham Gulfport
May 29, 30, & 31, 2020
Gulfport, MS 39501

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR/PROGRAM AD CONTRACT

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the MS LPA will be held May 29-31, 2020. In this regard, businesses or individuals have an opportunity to support this meeting through a sponsorship of an event, a vendor table and/or the purchase of an ad in the annual meeting program. The deadline to receive ads, sponsorships, and vendor information is May 15, 2020.

***SPONSORSHIPS** – The following events are available for corporate or individual sponsorship (\$250.00 or more):

Friday Seminar	Saturday Welcome/Workshop
Saturday Breakfast	Saturday President's Reception
Saturday Certification Luncheon	Saturday Installation Banquet
Coffee/Beverage Breaks (2)	Sunday Farewell Breakfast

Note: Corporate sponsors of \$250 or more will receive a free full page ad in the program.

***PROGRAM AD** costs are:

Full page.....\$ 100	Business Card.....\$15
Half page.....\$ 50	Inside Cover (front/back).....\$100
Quarter page.....\$ 25	Booster.....\$ 10
(cover ads first come/first served basis)	

***VENDORS**

The vendor area will be open on Saturday from 9:00 until 4:00 p.m. Vendor tables will be \$75.00, which cost includes a table and a free business card ad in the program. The first FIVE (5) vendors to submit this form by May 15, 2020 will receive a \$25.00 discount on vendor space.

COMPANY/INDIVIDUAL NAME _____

Address: _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Enclosed is our contribution in the amount of \$ _____ for the following:

_____ Corporate/Individual Sponsorship
(Specify event): _____

_____ Program Ad
(Specify size as stated above) _____

Ads – camera ready should accompany ad contract; additional an electronic copy should be provided in WORD, JPEG or PDF format by email to Barry at barry.pickreign@gmail.com

_____ Vendor Table (include business card for complimentary program ad)
Name _____

Mail completed form and check payable to MSLPA Annual Meeting Fund to: GCLP, Attn: Annual Meeting Chair, P. O. Box 644, Gulfport, MS 39502

RAFFLE – ALEX NORTH PRINT

As previously announced at the MSLPA February Board meeting, Gulf Coast LP is raffling an Alex North print to given away at the annual meeting.

Alex North was a beloved coast photographer who wowed the Gulf Coast with his stunning photography. Sadly, Mr. North passed away on February 22, 2020 at the age of 57. Now, his breathtaking photos remain as part of his artistic legacy. You may be familiar with some of his work, as his photography has been posted and shared on Facebook.

Now is your chance to take home one of Alex North's spectacular prints -- **Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets will be available at the annual meeting, or you can pre-purchase by sending your check and ticket(s) to:**

**Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS
PO Box 644,
Gulfport, MS 39502**



GULF COAST LEGAL PROFESSIONALS FUNDRAISER – Alex North Print



NAME: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONE: _____

DRAWING TO BE HELD MAY 30, 2020 *(do not have to be present to win)*

GCLP Fundraiser Raffle Alex North Print

TICKET COST:

one for \$2 or

three for \$5



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GULF COAST LEGAL PROFESSIONALS FUNDRAISER – Alex North Print



NAME: _____
 EMAIL: _____
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DRAWING TO BE HELD MAY 30, 2020

OFFICER REPORTS

President-Elect

Hello members,

I know that over the last couple of months, there has been a great deal of confusion and concern over the COVID-19 virus. I hope that this message finds everyone well and continuing to thrive during this hardship. The Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for May 29-31, 2020, and I look forward to seeing you there.

I also want to encourage members to sign up for committees that speak to them. Committees are a wonderful way for new members to gain a better understanding of how the association operates. Also, if the Annual Meeting goes as planned, I would love for each member to dress up in a semi-formal attire for the banquet. Think of the movie and game of clue when picking out your attire. Be creative! I want this year to be full of new discoveries and helping members know that there is a way to recruit, retain, and return members to this association and build it back from the ground up. Thank you for all that you do and I pray that each member is able to remain healthy as this virus continues!

Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, CSS

Executive Secretary

I wanted to take the time to say Thank you to each of you for putting your confidence in me and allowing me to serve the association this past year as Executive Secretary. I've learned and gleaned a lot from this experience, and I look forward to what this new year holds for the association. We have worked to do our BEST, Bring Everyone's Strengths Together.



Jennifer Parks

Parliamentarian

I don't have much to report on as Parliamentarian this time. I've been asked a couple of parliamentary questions and have muddled through and believe I gave the correct information.

I have enjoyed serving our membership this year as President Campbell's Parliamentarian. Thank you, Anita, for the opportunity to work with you and the Executive Committee; I look forward to another good year with Christopher Pickreign at the helm!

Reba Peden, PP, PLS-SC

Remembering Oklahoma City

by Karen Mitchell

United States District Clerk

Northern District of Texas

April 16, 2020

Sunday, April 19, marks a solemn anniversary—the 25th Anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. A few minutes after 9 a.m. on April 19, 1995, a heinous crime that remains the worst act of domestic terrorism in the history of the United States, left 168 men, women, and children dead and more than 600 people wounded.



Survivor Wall
Oklahoma National Memorial and
Museum National Park Service Photo

Of the 600 names that are etched on the Survivor Wall at the Oklahoma National Memorial and Museum, the name Robert Dennis is particularly dear to me. Robert (“Bob”) was the United States District Clerk for the Western District of Oklahoma at the time of the bombing. He served his court honorably and humbly, retiring in 2014 with more than 28 years of service as clerk of court and 41 years of combined federal service.

I had the privilege of interviewing Bob on November 4, 2011, as part of the Federal Court Clerks Association’s initiative to collect oral histories of retired clerks of court. Bob never sought attention or accolades for what happened on April 19 and in the days following, but he was willing to share his experience when asked. I felt that the time he spent with me was an invaluable gift, both to me personally and to the FCCA.

As we remember the events of April 19, 1995, an anniversary that undoubtedly reopens old wounds, I want to share some of Bob’s story.

Bob Dennis was born and raised in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Capitol High School and then entered Oklahoma State University. He was interested in forestry, but life led him down a very different path.

After graduating from OSU with a Bachelor of Science degree, Bob joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard and completed basic training. He then applied and was accepted into the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Following nine months of training in Monterey, California, Bob returned to Oklahoma City. He applied for and was accepted into the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1970, where he took night classes while serving as a commissioned officer in the National Guard. While a law student, he also worked in the county clerk’s office as a courtroom deputy to a state district judge.

Bob graduated from law school in 1973 and immediately applied for and was hired as assistant general counsel for the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. His wife eventually convinced him to seek a federal position, and she searched all federal openings for attorneys in the area. At her urging, he applied and was selected as district counsel for

the Small Business Administration. After nine years with the SBA, Bob was offered an assistant U.S. attorney position in the Western District of Oklahoma. After he had served as an AUSA for about three years, the clerk of court position was posted. Bob applied and was selected by the court.

Throughout his time in active practice and as clerk of court, Bob was a highly respected member of the Oklahoma legal community and was active in the local chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He received many awards, including an award for outstanding leadership for his work in the aftermath of the bombing.

On November 22, 2010, his 25th anniversary as clerk of court, the State of Oklahoma declared the day as "Robert B. Dennis Day." Clerks who knew and worked with Bob have many fond memories of him. I consider myself fortunate to have attended the Federal Judicial Center's Gettysburg leadership program with Bob and the remarkable Judge Robin Cauthron, now a senior district judge in the Western District of Oklahoma. It was an honor to walk the sacred battlefields of Gettysburg with people of this caliber.

When I asked Bob to tell me what happened on April 19, 1995, we were sitting in his office at the courthouse in Oklahoma City. He was his usual, affable self. He shared the following:

Well, I had a meeting that morning with GSA and there was, I think, five of us in the meeting. We were talking about court projects we had going on at the time, various construction projects. So we were discussing those various matters. And the meeting, I think, started at 8:00, as I recall, or 8:30. But the meeting was over just a few minutes before 9:00 and the building manager, Don Rogers, and I left together to come back over to the federal courthouse. And he and I walked together to the center of the building, the Murrah Building, to take the elevator down one floor and then walk across through the parking garage back into the federal courthouse building. We got to the elevator foyer at the center of the building. I don't remember if we had pushed the elevator button or not, but, anyway, that's when the bomb went off. And he and I were just standing there in an open area talking. And all I remember is a loud noise and everything went black and I couldn't see anything. And about all I remember was we were yelling for one another. And we could hear but we couldn't see. But I remember getting to him. I was bumping into stuff, climbing over stuff. And we finally found each other and we just sort of held hands together and felt our way out. Couldn't see anything. It was totally pitch black. I thought I was going to suffocate -- I felt like I was drowning because the debris and the dust, I guess, was so thick that it was just -- I was gasping for air. I thought I was heading for the front door of the building but had no idea what had happened. Thought any minute the lights would come back on and we'd see maybe a boiler or something had exploded right next to us. But we just sort of felt our way along. And then finally you could see very faintly. I remember seeing, very faintly, a couple of ladies along the way. They kind of joined us. And then I began to see a distant light, which happened to be the door going out onto the dock on the west end of the building. So we kind of went to that light area. And

the dust had sort of began to settle just a little bit where you could see faint images of things, people, whatever. We came out on the dock of the west end of the building. And then the lady I was with, she was with the cleaning crew, and she was pretty hysterical. And I remember taking her across the street and sitting her down and looking her over to see if she was injured. She appeared to be okay. It was just the shock of it all. And so then I remember turning around and it was on Fifth Street. So I turned around and looked down the street and saw the face of the Murrah Building had just sort of disappeared. I mean, it was kind of a surreal moment. It was like it wasn't really happening. It just seemed like it was really quiet, everything had just sort of stopped. The world had just stopped. And I remember standing there. And it was hard to get your head around it to understand what had happened. So from there I ran back to the federal courthouse building to check on people and check on the condition of this building and people. And on the way, there was a radio newscaster getting out of her car when the bomb went off, I guess, and so she was standing there reporting live. And I came running by. And my coat was split up the back and torn and had dust, had dust all over me. I was a picture of Casper, the ghost. People said I looked like that because my eyes were red, bloodshot, then I had this gray ash cover all over, and my coat was torn up. People said I looked rather funny, actually. But as I ran past the reporter, she grabbed me real quick and she said, what happened? And she said, this is the Court Clerk, Bob Dennis. And she said, what happened? I said, I don't know. I just heard an explosion and that's all I know. I think I passed Judge Cauthron. She was helping an injured juror that had been cut by flying glass here in this building. The juror was sitting out on the street. They were attending to him until an ambulance arrived. I saw a lot of the employees and people in front of the federal courthouse. And then I got to the front of the building and the court security officer said they had secured the building and everybody had evacuated. All the windows were gone. It was mass confusion. I saw several of the judges. I was still coughing a lot. I couldn't talk much. Because I remember my lungs were filled with dust, I guess, because I was coughing. It felt like my eyes had been cut by glass because -- it was hard for me to see. So then I kind of wandered around and found an ambulance where they had some medical supplies and washed my eyes out a little bit. And then I finally



found an employee whose son-in-law had gotten injured in the bombing and they were taking him to a hospital in a private car. So I joined them and we caught a ride with somebody and changed cars and eventually ended up at the hospital and got checked out. And eventually I got a ride home. And so when I got home, the first thing I did was call the eye doctor to check my eyes because I felt like I had glass in them. So I went to the eye doctor and he said they were okay, cleaned them out, said there wasn't glass in them. Later that day, I got a call from Chief Judge Russell. He was on his way to Washington when the bombing occurred. He was in the Dallas airport and he got paged. And, of course, when they paged him, he turned around and went to find a phone, and he could see the images. Of course, then he knew what had happened. He flew back to Oklahoma City. And then later that evening, he called me and had me get some employees and meet him at the courthouse. We met that evening and came into the courthouse looking for purses and personal belongings that were left behind and we moved computers away from the windows because it was starting to rain. We were moving computer equipment away from the windows and stuff and trying to find as many purses and personal belongings. Of course, we didn't have any electricity, so we had to use flashlights. And that's about it.

Bob was the only judiciary employee inside the Murrah Building when the bomb exploded, but he was more concerned in the immediate aftermath about getting back to the courthouse to check on everyone else than he was about taking care of his own wounds. I mentioned this to Bob, and he responded as follows:

Yeah, kind of what your—you know, your instincts and your adrenalin—it just kicks in . . . [T]he aftermath of that was just horrendous. We came back the next morning. A few of the employees came back with me. We went through the building. We had video. We filmed a lot of the damage here in this building. And, of course, it was a crime scene at the time. It was hard to even get in here because the police wouldn't let you come in a lot of the time. But we came in to assess the damage and we met to decide what to do. And the bombing was on a Wednesday, April the 19th, and that following Monday or Tuesday, I think it was, we finally opened back up for business. You couldn't get into the courthouse because the front door of the courthouse was blocked off. You could only get here by going through the old post office building and then come across a catwalk. We had offers of help from clerks from all over the country. Clerks were volunteering to send people. So we had a lot of people that came to assist and help. Because a lot of our people were so traumatized and shocked that they weren't quite ready to come back. And so that was a big help. A lot of our employees did come back to work that next week. And I do recall that some of the people that came back to work were ready to come back to work because all they saw on TV 24 hours a day was pictures of the Murrah Building and all of the searching for victims of the bombing and so forth. And so by the time they came back to work they were ready to see their fellow co-workers and people. But there was a lot of stuff to do. Tragically, one of the employees' daughter was in the day care center and was killed in the blast. And they didn't find her body for a week or so. So we were dealing with those issues all week.

I asked Bob how the experience had changed him. His answered, in usual Bob fashion:

Well, I can't say that it changed me much. I think that I was so busy. The aftermath immediately following the bombing, there was so much to do. I just spent an untold number of hours on weekends and late at night talking to people and getting things -- trying to get things done. I mean, it was just shambles at the time. So a lot of that stuff had to be cleaned up and repaired. The windows all had to be replaced. And, of course, the automation, a lot of that stuff had to be replaced. And so it was just an onslaught of a multitude of things to do. And I think probably you just sort of look at it from the standpoint of how important life is and to enjoy every moment that you have. Enjoy, know the people around you. I know that one thing that I found was, oh, in the weeks after the bombing, we had funerals, several a day, different funerals, and I couldn't go to a lot of them because I was just too busy. But I also noticed that people that I really didn't know necessarily, not personally, but I had talked to them, like people in the credit union or people in the different agencies, the snack bar in the Murrah Building, people I had seen over the years, I knew them sort of. But you read their obituaries, you read about them and you see something that you didn't know about them before. And I thought how nice it would have been to have just sat down and talked to these people, even though you see them in passing daily maybe in the coffee shop or something. If you knew them and just were able to sit and talk to them, there was something in common that you had with them that you didn't know before.

The Western District of Oklahoma continued its mission in the days that followed the bombing. Only a week after the tragedy, the court conducted a naturalization ceremony. Bob described what happened.

On the Friday the week after the bombing, we had a naturalization. Notices had been sent out to all these people all across the state of Oklahoma. And so I remember talking to the chief judge about calling it off. Because at that time, the courtroom had substantial damage. Ceiling tiles were off, skylights had been blown out, busted, and they had a tarp over part of the ceiling. And you couldn't get into the building through the front of the building. You had to go through the old post office building and come across the catwalk. So how do we get notice to all of these people? Well, first of all, we thought about calling it off, but there was no convenient way of calling the people. So we decided let's just go ahead and have it and we'll do the best we can to get the people in here. So we stationed employees all the way over to the old post office building at various places to help direct the new citizens over to this building. And we had the naturalization in the ceremonial courtroom, which had visible signs of damage. And it was so amazing to me to sit there. We had these new citizens who wanted to become citizens of this country. They had gone through a lot of work and effort to become citizens. And we're sitting in this courtroom which had been damaged along with the Murrah Building from a bomb planted by an American citizen who was disgruntled at the government. And I thought what a striking difference this was, that these are people that want to be citizens, that are wanting to come here, and want to be part of this country.

On this 25th anniversary of the Oklahoma City tragedy, we mourn with those who lost family members and friends. We also remember the remarkable men and women who rose from the ashes to carry on. We are fortunate to have examples like Bob Dennis. Bob shook debris off himself in the dark after an enormous blast removed one side of the Murrah Federal Building. Covered in gray dust, gasping for breath and with stinging eyes, he stood up straight, looked for light, and walked toward it. He found his way out of the chaos and crossed the street to check on judges, staff, and jurors at the courthouse to make sure they were all safe.

In 2020, as we face an invisible foe, the justice system continues to fulfill its mission. Let us do it the way Bob would, with grace, humility, and determination. We will see the light soon. Also remember Bob's words to "enjoy every moment." Do not lose the opportunity to know the people around you. You may be surprised at all the things you have in common, and your life will be enriched.

From the author:

I want to acknowledge and thank Tracy L. Thompson, RDR, CRR, Court Reporter for the U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, who recorded my interview with Bob Dennis in 2011 and prepared the transcript.



U.S. District Clerk Robert (Bob) Dennis, OKWD and U.S. District Clerk Karen Mitchell, TXND November 4, 2011

To my many friends and colleagues in the FCCA, thank you for enriching my life. One of the best things about the FCCA is the way it brings people of diverse backgrounds and from different parts of the country together. No matter how different we are, we share a common devotion to the judiciary and its mission.

The Oklahoma National Memorial and Museum has organized a virtual remembrance that is being streamed on the [Museum website](#).

The museum has also created 168 Days at <https://memorialmuseum.com/remember/day/162/> to remember each victim.

YouTube also has several tributes, including this one:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJefVaHB1SE>.

CHAPTER REPORTS



Gulf Coast Legal Professionals

Since the Mid-Year Membership Meeting in November, GCLP members have:

1. Celebrated Christmas at the home of Billie Ruddick.
2. Completed the 2020 edition of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Legal Directory, which is available for only \$12.
3. Elected new officers for 2020-2021, which are President – Karen Kuhn, Vice President - Stephanie Floyd, Secretary – Jeannie Shaw, Treasurer – Barry Pickreign and Director – Theresa Wilson.
4. Donated to St. Peters by the Sea Outreach program to assist in their endeavors to feed the needy every Saturday morning.
5. Hosted our annual Bosses' Appreciation Night on March 5th wherein we honored all of our bosses. The 2020 Boss of the Year award went to James L. Davis, Esquire, employer of Karen Kuhn, and the 2020 Award of Excellence went to Jeannie Shaw.
6. Selected the 2020 Member of Year and presented the award to Karen Kuhn at our annual Bosses' Appreciation Night.
7. Worked hard planning for the 2020 Annual Meeting, which we hope you all enjoy.
8. Continued to promote and plan for the 2020 Last Chance CLE to be held in Biloxi on July 31.

We are looking forward to Rediscovering MS LPA with each of you in 2020-2021.

*Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS
GCLP Director 2019-2020*



Jackson Legal Professionals Association

JLPA elected New Officers for 2020/2021 have been elected and our installation will be at our Membership Meeting in April. The New Officers for 2020/2021 are as follows:

President - Jennifer Parks
Vice President - Felicia Turner
Recording Secretary - Hannah Mason
Treasurer - Christina Smith
Director - Marilyn Mills

Our Award of Excellence and Boss of Year celebration had to be postponed due the COVID 19 crisis. We hope this meeting can be held in May, along with our installation of officers. We are also looking forward to the Annual Meeting taking place in May. Congratulations to Anita for a job well done as President of MSLPA this year and we look forward to Christopher Pickreign's Presidency in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Parks
President*

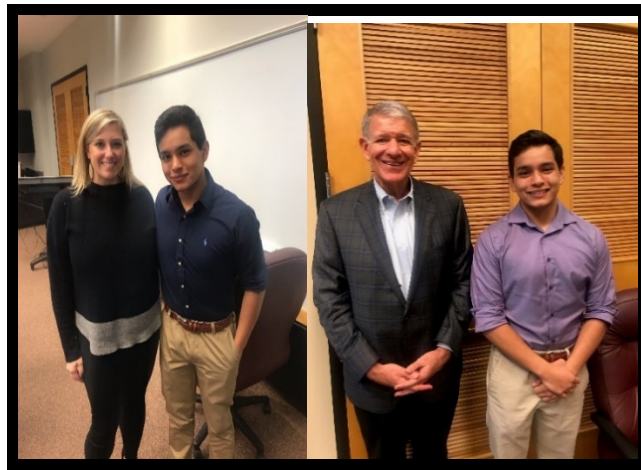




Metro Legal Professionals Association

The Metro Legal Professionals Association currently has 25 members and meets the 4th Tuesday at 12 noon at the Holmes Community College Library Conference Center in Ridgeland.

Sergio Cuenca is the Program Chair. Recent speakers were Margaret Smith, Esq. and Don Cannada, Esq.



During the month of November, members collected corn for Thanksgiving food baskets for Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty (MadCAAP). Residents of The Waterford in Ridgeland donated 65 cans of corn.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

benefitting MadCAAP
(Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty)

Metro Legal Professionals Association (Metro LPA) is partnering with MadCAAP to stock their food bank with 500 cans of corn in time for Thanksgiving! Start catching those sales and let's meet our goal of 500 cans to help them prepare Thanksgiving meals for families in need.

Donations can be made at:
Holmes Community College—Darleen Dozier
Butler Snow —Amber Alexander, Taylor Russell, or Sergio Cuenca

Deadline for collection of cash or canned items is Friday November 15.

Cash Exchanges also accepted

*Lee Cummings, ALP
Director*



PINE BELT LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Pine Belt Legal Professionals has had a good year. We have had some struggles with members and family members dealing with medical issues but we continued to have our monthly meetings. We elected to retain the same officers for the 2020 – 2021 year. Our officers are as follows:

Lorraine Knight – President
 Jamie Roddey, PLS – Vice President
 Sue Allmon, CLP - Treasurer
 Renee' Roddey, CRNA – Executive Secretary
 Rabiyyah Camara – Director

Pine Belt has welcomed two new members, Lisa Foster, ALP and Laurie Langley, a student at Jones Community College. We are looking forward to another new year.

On a final note, I want to encourage all members to use common sense as our country deals with the Coronavirus. Follow the CDC guidelines and above all don't panic. Take care of yourself and your families.

*Lorraine Knight
 President*



We hope everyone is staying safe and taking care of themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic. For those working from home (including myself), I know it was an adjustment. Now that it is almost time to return, I'm not sure I want to return to the office. But I do miss my coworkers and am ready to see them again.

SMLP is looking forward to the annual meeting and having a successful upcoming year. We will be electing new officers at our next meeting. Mr. Robert Koon was our speaker at our February meeting. He spoke on the new GAP laws that went into effect on January 1, 2020. We had a great turnout and Mr. Koon did an excellent job. There are some very interesting changes in the guardianship and conservatorship process.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the Gulf Coast at the annual meeting.

*June Hobson, PLS, Director
 South Mississippi Legal Professionals*



REMOTE NOTARIZATION ORDER GUIDANCE

Effective April 6, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves issued Executive Order 1467, which modified the in-person requirement for notarization temporarily. Effective immediately, and continuing throughout the period of the State of Emergency Proclamation as declared by Governor Reeves on March 17, 2020, Mississippi notaries public are authorized to perform notarial acts by remote notarization and remote online notarization. You can find a copy of the Governor's Executive Order [here](#) (link). **THESE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOTE NOTARIZATION AND REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIZATION:**

- You must be a currently commissioned notary in Mississippi, in good standing.
- **You must notify the Secretary of State, Business Services Division of your intent to use remote notarization technology on our form [here](#).**
- **Using our form, you must identify the communications technology vendor you will use and confirm that the vendor allows you to, (1) view and hear the remotely-located principal in real-time; (2) verify the principal's identity through one or more of the methods set forth in the Order; and (3) record the entire notary transaction.**
- **For each notarial act conducted remotely, you must create and retain an audio-video recording of the entire notarial act. You must keep this electronic record just as you would your notary journal or log book.**
- **For each notarial act conducted remotely, you must note in your notary journal or log book details about the notarial act, including that the notarial act was conducted for a remotely-located principal using communications technology.**
- **You may charge your normal \$5 fee, plus the cost of using the communications technology, not to exceed \$25.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BEFORE YOU BEGIN PERFORMING REMOTE NOTARIZATIONS:

1. The Governor's Executive Order is only a temporary waiver of the in-person requirement of the Mississippi Notary Statute and Rules. This is a significant change to notary practices in Mississippi.
2. You are encouraged to use a communications technology vendor designed for the purpose of facilitating remote notarizations, as opposed to services that primarily offer video- conferencing ability. Such purpose-designed services include the ability to both see and hear a remotely located individual and record the notarial transaction. It is up to each notary to make sure he or she is in compliance with the Governor's Order.
3. For additional guidance on available technology, you may wish to review the information made available by the National Notary Association www.nationalnotary.org or other professional membership associations.
4. In advance of utilizing remote notarization, you must give notice to the Secretary of State by emailing us this form (insert hyperlink to form) to (insert new mailbox address)
5. As a commissioned notary, it is your legal responsibility to perform notarizations correctly pursuant to the Mississippi notary statute and Rules. The statute, Rules, and Governor's order are available on our website at <https://www.sos.ms.gov/BusinessServices/Pages/Notaries-Apostilles.aspx>.
6. You may email any questions about this new process to (insert new mailbox address).

Remote Notary FAQs:

What is the difference between remote notarization and remote online notarization?

Remote notarization means that the notary and principal are in different locations, but the documents will be exchanged by mail. The principal will physically sign an original, witnessed by the notary through the technology platform, but then mail the original to the notary for the notary to physically affix his or her seal. In such a case, the date of notarization will be the date that the transaction is witnessed online, not the date the notary's stamp is affixed to the document. However, the original will be the document with the principals physical signature and the notary's physical stamp.

Remote online notarization means that the notary and principal are in different locations, but the principal signs electronically, the notary affixes his or her stamp electronically, and the original document is an electronic document. The electronic document can be electronically filed in courthouses that accept online filing. For courthouses that do not accept online filing, the Order provides a way for the notary to certify the electronic document into an original that can be filed by paper.

Is a notary still allowed to perform in-person notarizations?

Yes, notaries public can still perform notarial acts in person during the state of emergency but should use their best judgment on whether the notarial act is considered essential and abide by social distancing, CDC and MDH guidance in the conduct of any essential notarial services. No Mississippi notary can be forced to perform notary services by remote notarization.

Additional guidance for performing in person notarization amid this current public health crisis can be found here: <https://www.nationalnotary.org/notary-bulletin/blog/2020/03/notaries-precautionscoronavirus>.

Does the Secretary of State recommend communication technology vendors?

No, the Secretary of State does not recommend or endorse a particular communication technology vendor.

Does the Office of the Secretary of State have a list of communication technology vendors?

The Secretary of State recommends you contact your local professional associations for information regarding communication technology vendors, such as the:

National Notary Association <https://www.nationalnotary.org/>

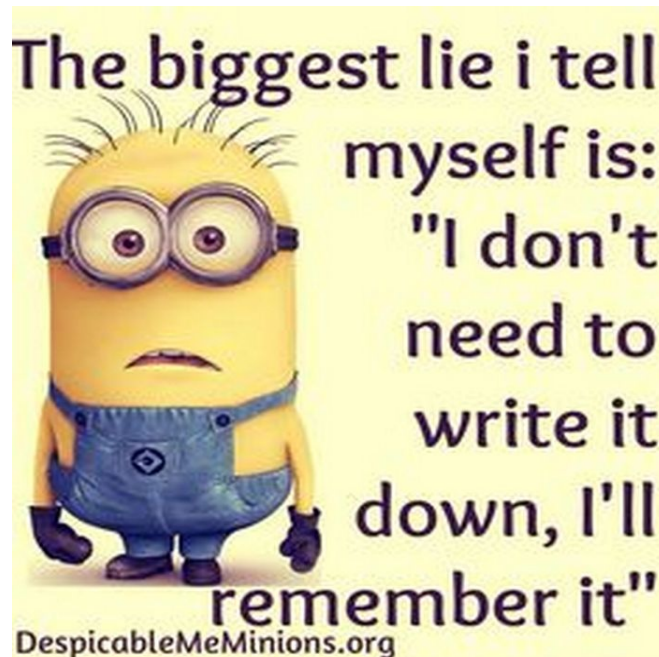
Land Title Association of Mississippi: <https://ltams.org/>

Below is a list of vendors for remote online notarization platforms. The notary is responsible to determine if the vendor meets the requirements in Mississippi. The list is not intended to be an all-inclusive or comprehensive list, nor is it an endorsement of any vendor, nor is it any particular order.

- [DocVerify](#)
- [LenderClose](#)
- [Notarize](#)
- [NotaryCam](#)
- [Pavaso](#)
- [Safedocs](#)
- [SIGNiX](#)
- [World Wide Notary](#)

Can I charge more than the \$5 fee set forth in the Rules for remote notarization?

Yes. Some of the online platforms allow pay-as-you-go service, with no subscription necessary. The Governor's Order provides a way for you to pass the cost along to the principal and still retain your \$5 fee. The cap on additional fees is set at \$25. In no situation should a notary charge more than \$30 for a notarization, but may charge the customer less, if the cost of the transaction is less for the notary.





Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

REMOTE NOTARY NOTIFICATION FORM

Name as commissioned _____

Expiration date of commission _____

County of Commission _____

I, _____, Notary Public for the State of Mississippi, will be performing notarial acts facilitated by communication technology, as provided for in the Governor's Executive Order No. 1467.

I will be using technology for notarial acts facilitated by communication technology provided by _____ (insert vendor name).

I certify that the above-named vendor's technology meets the requirements set forth in the Governor's Executive Order No. 1467 authorizing remote notarizations.

My submitting this form by email, I acknowledge my understanding that:

1. I must abide by all of the laws and Rules concerning notarial acts in the State of Mississippi.
2. The technology vendor I have chosen allows me to view and hear remotely-located principals in real time; verify principals' identities pursuant to Executive Order 1467; and record the entire notary transaction.
3. I must notify the Office of the Secretary of State if I change technology vendors.
4. I may NOT charge more than \$30 for each remote online notarial act using audio-visual communication technology, which includes the \$5 that may be charged when performing an in-person notarial act.

INSTRUCTIONS: You may fill the form by pen if you have the ability to print, scan, and email. If you do not have the ability to print, scan, and email, the form is fillable. Please fill out the form online and save as a PDF, then email to us. You must email the form to remotenotary@sos.ms.gov.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

I received three nominations for the Award of Excellence. April 1, 2020, was the deadline for receipt of the Personal Data Forms and the PDFs will be submitted to the judges upon receipt.

The judges this year are:

- Shirley Valdez, Civil Circuit Court Administrator for Harrison, Hancock and Stone counties.
- Banita Ford, Teacher at St. Martin High School and Vice President of Mississippi FBLA Professional Division.
- Monica Rank Schroeder, Court Reporter and business owner.

The award will be presented at our annual meeting.

Thank you to those of you who submitted nomination forms. I look forward to presenting the award at the Installation Banquet.

*Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS
2020 Award of Excellence Chair*

*If you are going to achieve
excellence in big things, you
develop the habit in little matters.
Excellence is not an exception, it is
a prevailing attitude.*

- Gen. Colin Powell

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I continue to send cards out to membership and others as requested. When you make a request for me to send a card, please include the address for the recipient.

Evelyn Harper, PLS

FINANCE

The Finance Project for our Annual Meeting weekend will be a raffle drawing for a **PAMPERED CHEF 12" STAINLESS STEEL WOK**. The cost of tickets is \$5.00 each or five (5) for \$20.00.



As with other raffles, you do not need to be present to win. We realize with the current social distancing requirements, it will be more difficult to sell

tickets, but I hope everyone will make an effort to sell at least \$20.00 worth of tickets.

Advanced sales can be mailed to me at 302 Rexford Church Road, Florence, MS 39073. Alternatively, you can give me your tickets and raffle monies at the annual meeting in Gulfport.

Together, we can make this a successful fund raiser for MSLPA!

*Evelyn Harper, CLP
Finance Chair*

MS LPA FUNDRAISER RAFFLE – Pampered Chef 12” Stainless Steel Wok

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DRAWING TO BE HELD MAY 30, 2020 *(do not have to be present to win)***MS LPA Fundraiser Raffle
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one for \$5 or

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HISTORIAN

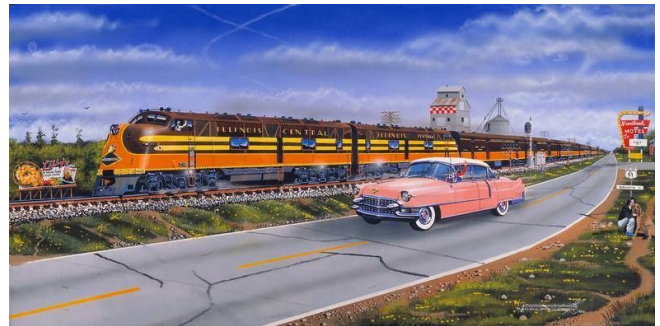
How is it that the 2019-2020 year of MSLPA is almost over? I will begin on the history book / memory album soon – and I need YOUR help. Do you have any photos that have been taken at various meetings? I am particularly looking for photos from the November membership meeting and the February Board of Directors' Meeting. If not photos, do you have a poem or other written article that you might like to share with Anita? If so, please email them to me at shearerks@bellsouth.net. Let's create a memory album that Anita can enjoy for years to come.

Karen Shearer

THE TRAIN

(Author unknown –copied from an e-mail)

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, strangers and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.



The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy. More importantly, thank God for the journey!

Lastly, I want to thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!

In Friendship,

Karen Shearer

HUMANITARIAN

Nancy Gates, PP, PLS

We have been collecting pop-tops and that has been very successful with many delivered.

We had a previous donation for hurricane relief which was never disbursed because it was not needed. We redirected that amount along with this year's budgeted amount to Eight Days of Hope to help in their efforts in Jackson, Mississippi, for the people who were affected by the flood. This effort will help people in our own state as we knew of no members who were needing our help. I will attach information about Eight Days of Hope and their financial accountability or you may locate them online.

You may contact me if you want additional information on the projects for this year.



Who We Are



MISSION STATEMENT

Eight Days of Hope is a Christian, non-profit organization that is both evangelical and non-denominational. We exist to demonstrate the love and hope of Jesus Christ by serving those in need.

Our commitment to local communities is to work with local churches and organizations in meeting physical and spiritual needs.

Our commitment to donors is to use the resources they have given to the fullest potential for the greatest good among those in need.

Our commitment to volunteers is to provide them an opportunity to use their skills and talents to the Glory of God.



Tupelo, MS
Founded: 2006
Tel: (662) 844-6934
Website: <http://www.eightdaysofhope.com>
Top Leader: Mr. Steve Tybor
Donor Contact: Mr. Steve Tybor
Member Since: 2/3/2017

- Financial Data

Revenue:

Cash Donations:	\$4,710,908
Noncash Donations:	\$1,800,000
Other Revenue:	(\$3,294)
Total Revenue:	\$6,507,614

Expenses:

Total Expenses:	\$3,969,246
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Excess (or Deficit) for the Year:

Other:	\$0
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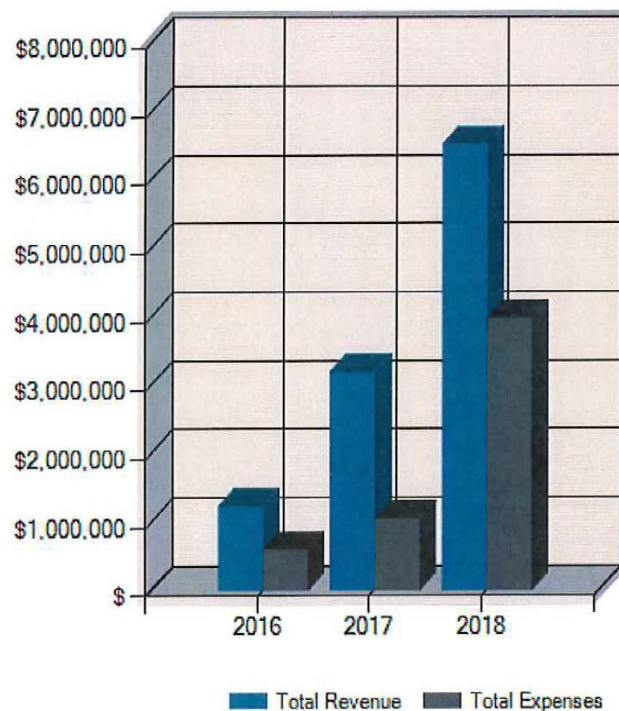
Total Change

in Net Assets:	\$2,538,368
Revenues and Expenses are rarely equal.	

Total Assets:	\$5,856,377
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Total Liabilities:	\$56,276
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Net Assets:	\$5,800,101
Nonprofits need operating reserves.	



Data for year ended Dec 31, 2018. Per the organization's financial statements

- Other Links

Donate: <http://www.eightdaysofhope.com/donate>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EightDaysofHope>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/8daysofhope>

- Ministry Description

Eight Days of Hope, Inc. is a 501 c 3, nonprofit, charitable organization which exists to bring volunteers to a location affected by a natural disaster and assist homeowners in rebuilding and repairing their homes damaged as a result of the disaster.

- ServantMatch

Disaster Recovery!

Eight Days of Hope was meant to be a one-time visit to the Gulf Coast with a handful of people after Hurricane Katrina. God has allowed this ministry to blossom into so much more! Thousands of volunteers have ministered to people's needs after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Irene, Isaac, flooding in Iowa and Tennessee, and tornadoes in Mississippi and Alabama. Eight Days of Hope has one goal: Love people and serve people as Jesus loves us! Your donation enables us to respond rapidly to those in need.

Donate to Those Affected by Hurricane Dorian!

Eight Days of Hope is actively engaged in responding to the victims of Hurricane Dorian. Eight Days of Hope is a non-profit organization that has successfully restored or rebuilt 2,760 homes following natural disasters since 2005. Volunteers from all 50 states and ten countries have worked over 1,067,425 hours during the first fifteen rebuilding events alone. In addition, our Rapid Response team has traveled to 19 different communities and has blessed 1,870 families within three days of the dis

- Other Names Under Which Funds May Be Raised

- Eight Days of Hope Inc

- MinistrySectors

- Disaster Relief & Development

- MinistryTypes

- Relief and Development

Comparative Financial Data			
	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>
Revenue			
Cash Donations	\$1,217,101	\$3,181,817	\$4,710,908
Noncash Donations	\$0	\$0	\$1,800,000
Other Revenue	\$9,091	\$4,776	(\$3,294)
Total Revenue	\$1,226,192	\$3,186,593	\$6,507,614
Expenses			
Program	\$546,501	\$988,944	\$3,858,183
Administrative	\$39,938	\$49,642	\$95,554
Fundraising	\$7,718	\$8,302	\$15,509
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$594,157	\$1,046,888	\$3,969,246
Excess (or Deficit) for the Year	\$632,035	\$2,139,705	\$2,538,368
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Change in Net Assets	\$632,035	\$2,139,705	\$2,538,368
Total Assets	\$1,122,112	\$3,269,490	\$5,856,377
Total Liabilities	\$84	\$7,757	\$56,276
Net Assets	\$1,122,028	\$3,261,733	\$5,800,101



*A good
time was
had by all!*

**MS LPA Membership
Appreciation Event
March 14, 2020**



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, CSS, who will be installed as President at the annual meeting in May, along with other officers who were elected at the November 2019 membership meeting:

President-Elect	Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (Gulf Coast LP)
Vice President	Jennifer Parks (Jackson LPA)
Secretary	Lee Cummings (Metro LPA)
Treasurer	Lorraine Knight (Pinebelt LP)

Make plans to attend the 2020 annual meeting and the installation of these new officers!

Sue Allmon, CLP



The 2020 MS LPA Scholarship Flyer, Application Requirements, and Scholarship Application were emailed to professors at Mississippi Colleges and Universities in addition to MS LPA local chapter Directors and Presidents in January 2020. The information was also included in the Fall, 2019 edition of the MS LPA *Profile*, on the MS LPA website, and at the MS LPA February 2020 Board meeting. The application deadline was April 1, 2020.

Unfortunately, no applications were received. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Mississippi Colleges and Universities closed their campuses mid-March 2020.

I would like to suggest discussing the possibility of moving the 2020 deadline to October or giving two \$500 scholarships in 2021.

*Lee Cummings, ALP
Scholarship Chair*

TECHNOLOGY

The website address is www.Mississippilpa.org

I hope you will refer to the website often for the governance documents. The exhibits to the Manual of Policies and Procedures are posted as separate PDF documents in the event you need easy access to a form.

If you have any questions about or suggestions for the website, please let me know by contacting me at shearerks@bellsouth.net or Karen_Shearer@mssd.uscourts.gov.

Karen Shearer



Due to circumstances beyond my control, I made a motion to the EC that we table the cruise to learn trip for March 2021 and perhaps revisit it for 2022. I have spoken with our travel agent regarding the rescheduling of all cruises due to the COVID-19 issues for which they are just now getting information about cruises through August of this year and there is no promise that we will be able to make our March cruise date. With this being a NON-REFUNDABLE cruise, I am not comfortable asking our members to sign up for an uncertain cruise that they cannot get their money back on. Therefore, as chair of this event, I recommended and the EC concurred that the cruise be cancelled. At present there are no cabins booked for the March date so nobody will be losing their money.

I'm sorry that we will not be cruising this time, but I just feel it is for the best that we cancel and try again in 2022.

Thank you for allowing me to chair this event that has become a non-event.

*Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS
Cruise to Learn 2021*



The difference between average people and achieving people is their perception of and response to failure.

~~ John C Maxwell

Save the Date

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BILOXI SITE

HRM Center at Mississippi Gulf Coast Comm. College
420 Debuys Road, Biloxi, MS 39531

TOPICS & SPEAKERS FOR THIS EVENT:

Ethics (James L. Davis, III, Law Office of James Davis, Gulfport)

Circuit Court Updates (Hon. Lisa Dodson, Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit Court District serving Hancock, Harrison & Stone Counties)

Technological Advances in Court Reporting: How to Take Your Deposition into the 21st Century (Monica Schroeder, RPR, CRR, CSR and Marcel Lanoux, Schroeder Lanoux Court Reporting, Biloxi)

Criminal Discovery (Donald Rafferty, Donald J. Rafferty, PA, Gulfport)

Panel Discussion on Criminal Procedures (Hon. Chris Schmidt, Circuit Court Judge; Matthew Burrell, assistant district attorney; Donald Rafferty, criminal defense attorney)

JACKSON METRO SITE

Brandon Civic Center
1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, MS 39042

TOPICS & SPEAKERS FOR THIS EVENT:

Legal Protections Available to Victims of Spousal Abuse (Deanna Graves, Elmore & Peterson Law Firm, PA, Jackson)

Bankruptcy Crossroads: What to do if Bankruptcy Intersects With Your Case (Justin Jones, Senior Staff Attorney for Harold J. Barkley, Jr., Chapter 13 Trustee, Jackson)

Appellate Court Update (Erin Chalk, AUSA & Andrew Eichner, AUSA, U.S. Attorney's office Southern District of Mississippi)

Ethics: Professional Responsibilities of Lawyers and Support Staff (in and out of the courtroom) (Hon. Kent McDaniel, County Court Judge, Rankin County)

Both of these programs are being submitted for 6.5 hours of CLE accreditation (including 1.0 hour of ETHICS) to the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education / Board of Certified Court Reporters

REGISTRATION FEES	Postmarked by June 30	Postmarked after June 30 or at event site
Attorneys, Paralegals & Other Paraprofessionals	\$125	\$150
Members of Mississippi Legal Professionals Ass'n	\$60	\$75

ATTN: Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS
LAST CHANCE CLE BILOXI (MS LPA)
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Gulfport, MS 39502-0607
228-863-6913 work (M-F 9-5) theresa@aultmanlaw.com

-OR-

ATTN: Lorraine Knight, MSLPA Treasurer
LAST CHANCE CLE PEARL (MS LPA)
1216 Coachlight Cove
Brandon, MS 39042

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: Stephanie Floyd
601-790-1505 work (M-F 9-5) sf@barrettlawms.com

Our Government Information

by Kristin Geiss, Fifth Circuit Lafayette Librarian

COVID-19 announcements have filled the past months news reports, radio programs, and social media feeds with information. Americans are encouraged to visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [local health department websites](#) for trusted information related to this developing public health event. This extraordinary situation highlights the important role government-produced information serves in our daily lives at home and at work. At the Fifth Circuit Library, it got us thinking about how important government information is in our lives. So, we created a list of our favorite information sources created by the federal government.

Open Government Initiative

The [Open Government Initiative](#) began in 2009, initiating a coordinated effort by federal agencies to make information gathered by the agencies available in usable formats to the public. Since its inception, the Open Government Initiative has drastically increased access to government-produced information and has directly benefitted public and private sector policies, practices, and business. Here is a sampling of the results of over ten years of work.

Directories and Aggregators of Data:

[USA.GOV](#) is the official guide to government information and services administered by the GSA. This well-designed, user-friendly site organizes and links out to federal, state, and local government information. Use this website to find all agencies related to specific government functions or to access practical information on how to work with government agencies.



[DATA.GOV](#) Since 2013, information gathered by the government is required to be made available to the public for free in machine-readable formats (while adhering to strict privacy standards.) Data.gov is a GSA clearinghouse of all data created by all federal agencies and many state and local governments. Public and private sector organizations use information from data.gov to power apps, projects, and policies. Some familiar apps that are built on data.gov information are LinkedIn, Realtor.com, Accuweather, and CarFax.



[GOVINFO.GOV](#) is a service of the Government Publishing Office (GPO). Govinfo provides free public access to documents from the three branches of government. Many legal documents published on Govinfo are marked with a digital certificate and visible seal of authenticity. The seals indicate that the documents are official versions disseminated by the GPO in the form you see online.



BEST OF THE BEST: FEDERAL AGENCY WEBSITES

[USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) charts and tracks federal agency spending. Sort data tables by agency, recipient, or what item or service has been acquired by the federal government. This site is informative and always interesting!



[Census.gov](https://www.census.gov) and data.census.gov The US Census Bureau collects some of the most detailed and varied information about American citizens, businesses, and communities available from any resource. Visualized data reports are available on [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

[Data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov) allows researchers to download, combine, and manipulate information.



[NOAA](https://www.noaa.gov): The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's website is chock full of scientific data and images related to weather, climate, satellite imagery, ocean mapping, and educational efforts. Some of the best images of earth reside right here!



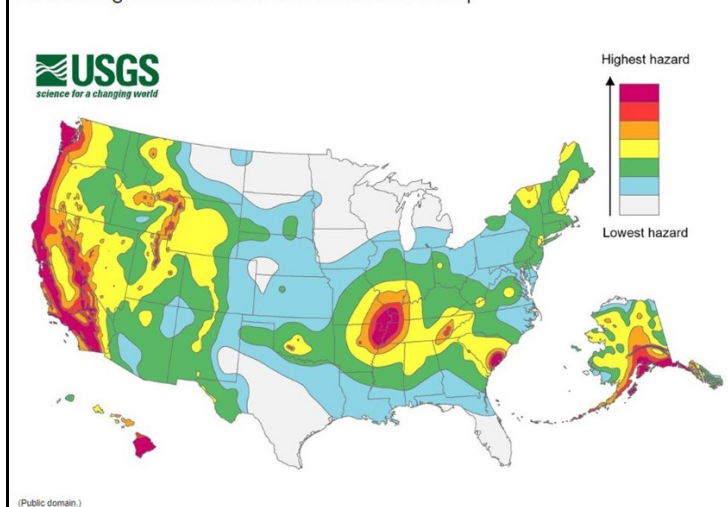
[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](https://www.nhtsa.gov): NHTSA collects extensive data on automobile crashes, state safety statistics, behavioral factors, recalls, and automobile safety tests. Reports and customizable data are available.



BEST OF THE BEST: FEDERAL AGENCY WEBSITES (Con't.)

[US Geological Survey](#): Interested in earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, and water disasters? Obtain data related to earth-created natural disasters from the USGS. Along with condensed reports and educational material, data gathered from survey sites is available in real time.

2018 Long-term National Seismic Hazard Map



[Consumer Product Safety Commission](#): How safe is that gas range you are looking to buy? Does that baby toy manufacturer use lead paint in its products? How many fires are started each year by table lamps? The CPSC collects a wide range of information related to the safety of products, injuries, and trends. Data is available in reports and query-based databases.



[Small Business Administration](#): The SBA collects and maintains information on the growth and health of small businesses in the United States along with data related to local and federal assistance available to small businesses. Disaster program availability and analysis is also available. Data is primarily in excel or table format; few polished reports are available.



[Bureau of Justice Statistics](#): The BJS collects and reports on data related to crimes, law enforcement, courts, incarceration, probation and parole, and victims of crime. The entire spectrum of the criminal justice system for state and federal actions is touched on by a data set or report produced by the BJS. The data is extensive and broad which poses a challenge to navigating the database.



Mississippi Legal Professionals Association



It's not too early to sign up as a "Booster Club Member" for the 2020-2021 *Profile*. Being a booster is an easy and inexpensive way to show your support for the Association. For only \$5.00 per issue, you can show your enthusiasm! Send your completed form and your check to the address below to be included as a booster for the upcoming issue(s) of the *Profile*.

_____ I would like to purchase a booster club ad for the Fall 2020 issue of the Profile for \$5.00

_____ I would like to purchase a booster club ad for the Spring 2021 issue of the Profile for \$5.00

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ (\$5 per listing per issue) for my support and listing in the issues of the *Profile*, as specified above.

Name: _____
(Individual, business or group to be listed as booster)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Chapter: _____

Please send completed form and checks, payable to Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, to:

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We are committed to delivery of quality legal services through continuing education, increased professionalism, and networking.



A Note from the Editor

I hope that you have enjoyed this issue of *The Profile*. It would not have been possible without the cooperation of our officers and committee chair and I am deeply grateful for everyone's submissions.

On a personal note, as many of you know, 2020 has presented some challenges for our family. In January, mine and Lorraine's mother was hospitalized with a severe case of pneumonia, which was followed by six weeks of rehab at Laurelwood Care Center. Lorraine and I want to thank you all for your concern during this illness. It was a difficult time and we are happy to report that Mama is back home!

I have agreed to serve next year as the *Profile* Editor and I hope to have even more BOOSTERS for the Fall 2020 issue. Do you have someone that supports your participation in MSLPA? If so, maybe that person (or persons) would like to show support through the purchase of a Booster ad. The Booster ad contract is published in this issue.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions about the content. Also, if you have a cute graphic, cartoon or story you would like to be included, you can send it to me at shearerks@bellsouth.net.

Until next time...

Karen Shearer