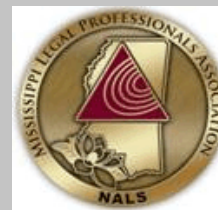


Mississippi Legal Professionals Association

October/November 2020

REDISCOVERING MSLPA



2021-2020

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Christopher Pickreign, CHMT, CSS, President
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Jennifer Parks, Vice President
Lee Cummings, ALP, Executive Secretary
Lorraine Knight, Treasurer
Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS, Parliamentarian
Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP, Executive Advisor

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THE PROFILE

Message from the President-Elect

Wow, I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler fall weather. It's hard to believe that it's been almost five months since our annual meeting. Time is really flying by at an incredible rate.

I want to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation as we come together this year under President Christopher's leadership while dealing with the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. His theme is "Rediscovering MSLPA" - and I think what we have rediscovered is how strong the bonds of membership are and that we support and genuinely care for one another, even if from afar. I think, too, that we are discovering how we move forward together through uncharted waters, both individually and as an association.

The main sources of communication from the association to the membership are the *Profile* and the website. But, if our officers, chapter directors, and committee chairs don't provide updates on their past work and future plans then it makes it difficult for members to stay informed - especially now. It certainly saves time at meetings (whether virtual or in-person), if the reports are available in the *Profile* and on the website - that way we can just provide brief updates during the meeting time. Please remember this the next time a call goes out for reports to be submitted.

It's true that this pandemic impacts our work and personal lives - but, more importantly, it has the potential to affect the health and well-being of our members - and that is why our association must be proactive about minimizing the risks of exposure when planning our events. It is an unfortunate fact that our association members live in five of the top ten counties in Mississippi that have the highest numbers of confirmed cases of Covid-19 and that fact has given us pause about planning and conducting our meetings in person. I want to thank the host chapters for their flexibility in dealing with changing from in-person to virtual meetings. I want to thank the EC, the Board, and, particularly, our Parliamentarian, for guidance in proposing the new rules for conducting the virtual meetings, and I certainly want to thank all of the members for continuing to support our association by attending these virtual meetings.

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(Message from the President-Elect.... Continued)

The proposed Rules of Electronic Meetings, as well as the proposed Bylaw Amendment regarding electronic meetings, will be presented for approval of the membership at the November 14 meeting. Those documents are here in the Profile and/or have been emailed to everyone by Lee Cummings. Please be sure you review these documents so you are ready to discuss and vote on them at the meeting.

I want to remind everyone that the November 14 meeting is a membership meeting and we will be voting for the officers for next year. In order for each person's vote to count - each person must be logged in on their own device, as there is only one vote per log-in.

I have scheduled a Zoom "test session" at 1pm on Saturday, October 24th for anyone wishing assistance on the Zoom experience (with video) and in order to see exactly what the voting will be like at the November 14th virtual meeting. Please contact me if you are interested. If, after that time, you are wanting to register to attend the meeting but feel you will be unable to log in to Zoom in order to vote, you must contact Barry Pickreign to request instructions on casting your vote.

I continue to remain enthusiastic for the future of this association and, when the time comes, I will be honored to follow in the footsteps of the presidents who have come before me.

I hope to see everyone "virtually" at the November 14 membership.

Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS, President-Elect

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May you always
have LOVE to
share,
HEALTH to spare,
and FRIENDS that
care . . .

COMMITTEE ROSTER

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NOTICE OF MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

The Mid-Year Membership Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, for the fiscal year 2020-2021, will be held via Zoom on November 14, 2020. The Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. **Only members registered for the meeting will be provided with the Zoom log in information. The postmark deadline for registration is 10/30/2020. The registration fee is \$10.00.**

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

REPORTS

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: You are requested to prepare brief, single-spaced, typed reports, formatted for 8 1/2" 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 October 30, 2020.**

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS: In the event that a Board of Director's Meeting is called in conjunction with the scheduled Mid-Year Membership Meeting, and 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 (October 25, 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.

DATE: October 1, 2020

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FORM ES-1

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 the **14th day of November 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 at which the Alternate Director will vote, as follows:**

(1) ORIGINAL to the Executive Secretary:

Lee Cummings, ALP
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(2) COPY to the President:

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**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.**

FORM ES-2

MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 14, 2020
Via Zoom

| | <u>PRICE</u> | <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>GUEST(S)</u> |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Registration | \$10.00 | _____ | _____ |

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ ALS ___ PLS ___ CLP ___ PP ___ Other _____

Chapter: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Guest(s): _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by Friday, October 30, 2020 (\$5 late fee after this date).

Schedule:

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| 9:30-11:30 | Seminar |
| 11:30-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-3:00 | Membership Meeting |

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO **"SOUTH MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS"** TO:

June Hobson, PLS
200 41st Street
Gulfport, MS 39507

**MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020
Gulfport, Mississippi**

CALL TO ORDER

President Anita Campbell, PP, PLS (Jackson LPA) called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

INVOCATION

Jennifer Parks (Jackson LP) gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led in unison.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Sue Allmon, CLP (Pine Belt LP).

CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics was read by Henrietta Caranna (Gulf Coast LP).

OPENING REMARKS

President Anita Campbell, PP, PLS (Jackson LPA) spoke on the past year and what a year it has been both personally and professionally and offered hope that – we made it! She also addressed Chris and stated that we're ready to follow him in the next year rediscovering MSLPA.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS & OPENING REMARKS

President Anita introduced all members of the Executive Committee serving for the 2019-2020 term:

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| President | Anita Campbell, PP, PLS (Jackson LPA) |
| President-Elect | Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, CSS (Gulf Coast LP) |
| Vice President | Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (Gulf Coast LP) |
| Executive Secretary | Jennifer Parks (Jackson LPA) |
| Treasurer | Lorraine Knight (Pine Belt LP) |
| Parliamentarian | Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS (Pine Belt LP)(excused)(attended via Zoom) |
| Executive Advisor | Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP (Gulf Coast LP) |

President Anita then recognized Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP as one of the newly elected NALS Directors and his term will last from 2020-2023. Barry has also been selected to be

Secretary of the NALS Board.

Officers:

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| President | Anita Campbell, PP, PLS | Present |
| President-Elect | Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, CSS | Present Present |
| Vice President | Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS | |
| Executive Secretary | Jennifer Parks | Present |
| Treasurer | Lorraine Knight | Present |
| Parliamentarian | Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS | Present- via zoom |
| Executive Advisor | Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP | Present |
| De Facto | Karen Shearer | Present |

President Anita also recognized the following persons (by a show of hands):

NALS past or current officers, committee chairs, and committee members
 Past State Presidents
 Certified Members
 Honorary Members
 Life Members

President Anita then recognized our immediate Past President: Karen Shearer and thanked her for her service to this association.

President Anita then recognized the local chapter presidents for 2019-2020:

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| Jackson LPA | Jennifer Parks |
| Metro LPA | Darleen Dozier, ALP, ACP |
| Pine Belt LP | Lorraine Knight |
| Gulf Coast LP | Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS |
| South MS LP | Elisa Mitchell |

President Anita also recognized the following persons:

2019 Award of Excellence Recipient – Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP (GCLP);
 2019 Cheryl Crayden, PLS Memorial Scholarship Recipient – Jaydan Hall (not in attendance);
 Anthony McOlgan (Jackson LPA) for attending his first Annual Meeting as a member of the association.

RULES OF MEETING AND DIRECTIONS AS TO VOTING

President Anita recognized Acting Parliamentarian, Karen Shearer, who presented the Rules of the Meeting and Directions as to Voting.

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING BOARD MEETINGS

President Anita recognized Executive Secretary Jennifer to present the minutes:

Executive Secretary Jennifer stated that there was one (1) set of Minutes for the Mid-Year Membership Meeting held on November 16, 2019 that would be presented for approval.

- Executive Secretary Jennifer made a MOTION that the minutes of the November 16, 2019, Mid-Year Membership Meeting held in Gulfport, MS be approved as distributed to the membership. The Motion was seconded by Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (GCLP), and, the motion carried, and the Minutes were approved as distributed.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Anita recognized Executive Secretary Jennifer Parks to present the recommendations of the Executive Committee. Jennifer reported that there were six items, as follows:

Jennifer advised that it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and she so moved, that Curise2Learn be canceled for February 2021 due to complications in scheduling in light of Covid-19. The motion carried.

Jennifer advised that it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and she so moved, that the Annual Meeting set for April 24-26, 2020 be postponed with a date to be announced at a later date. The motion carried.

Jennifer advised that it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and she so moved, that the Annual Meeting be re-scheduled for May 29-31, 2020. The motion carried.

Jennifer advised that it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and she so moved, that the following schedule and speakers be approved for the Certification Cram Sessions on Friday, May 29, 2020:

- Topic: Ethics - Speaker: Anita Campbell, PP, PLS
- Topic: Grammar - Speaker: Henrietta Caranna
- Topic: The Law Office - Speaker: Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP
- Topic: Law Office Technology - Speaker: Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS

The motion carried.

Jennifer advised that it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and she so moved, that the following schedule and speakers be approved for the CLE Sessions on Friday, May 29, 2020:

- Ethics - presented by Associate Justice David M. Ishee
- Depositions in the Age of Technology - presented by Monica Schroder, RPR, CRR, CSR

Domestic Violence and Protective Orders - presented by Harry Yoste, Esq.
 Is this admissible? Rules of Evidence and Criminal Law - presented by Constance Jordan, Staff Attorney.

The motion carried.

Jennifer advised that it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee, and she so moved, that the Association approve the giving the \$2445 of "unused" grant money to the Annual Meeting committee — to be used (a) to refund all non-grant registrations submitted for the annual meeting (including guest fees and meals), and (b) for any other expenses necessary in preparation for the annual meeting, so that we can offer a fantastic 2020 Annual Meeting at no cost to all attendees.. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Anita recognized Treasurer Lorraine Knight to present the financial report. Lorraine presented the financial report; Theresa Wilson PP, PLS (GCLP) asked a question regarding President's expenses, it was accepted and will be filed subject to financial review.

Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS (GCLP) made a motion to approve the President's expenses as gifts for the membership, seconded by Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS (GCLP). Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (GCLP) made a notation that when it was said we don't need to set a precedence for this, would it not be permissible that when there is a surplus of monies in the budget that it could be used at the President's discretion or would they need to be requested and approved at the February meeting? Motion carried.

President Anita announced that she had appointed for her financial review committee for 2019/2020 – Darleen Dozier, ALP, ACP (Metro) and Marilyn Mills (Jackson LPA) and they will report back.

Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (GCLP) mentioned that she had submitted a check request for the President's gift and there is an over in the amount of \$21.98. Karen Shearer made a motion to approve the overage on the outgoing President's gift expense of \$21.98, seconded by Theresa Wilson PP, PLS (Gulf Coast), motion carried.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Anita called on the officers for reports:

Officers:

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|-----------------|---|
| President | Anita Campbell, PP, PLS |
| President-Elect | Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, No report CSS |
| Vice President | Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS |

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| Executive Secretary | Jennifer Parks | No report |
| Treasurer | Lorraine Knight | No report |
| Parliamentarian | Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS | No report |
| Executive Advisor | Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP | No report |

President Anita called on each chapter director for a report:

Directors:

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| Gulf Coast LP | Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS | Thanks to everyone with their cooperation with this year's meeting. |
| Jackson LPA | Marilyn Mills | No report other than one submitted. |
| Metro LPA | Lee Cummings, ALP | Lee announced even though we haven't had our AOE meeting I would like to congratulate Darleen Dozier as this years recipient. |
| South MS LP | June Hobson, PLS | No additional |
| Pine Belt LP | Sue Allmon, CLP | This years procrastinator CLE has been cancelled due to constraints with Covid-19 but we will come back strong next year. |

President Anita then called on the Committee Chairs for reports:

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Chair</u> | <u>Report</u> |
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| Award of Excellence | Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS | Will give my later today |
| Certification | Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP | Cram Course did not go forward yesterday. |
| Continuing Legal Education | Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP | Received 11 registrations an only had 4 show up. We had approximately 9 people in attendance. Due to Covid restrictions. |
| Corresponding Secretary | Evelyn Harper, CLP | Read a card of appreciation from Diane Roark, PP, PLS for the thoughts during her mother's passing. |
| Court Observance | Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS | Ask that each chapter let me know who their |

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| | | chairperson will be for this year so that I can coordinate via email. |
| Cruise to Learn | Reba Peden, PP-SC, PLS | Nothing at this time. |
| Director of Public Relations | Karen Shearer | |
| Finance | Evelyn Harper, CLP | Nothing additional |
| Historian | Karen Shearer | Pictures from meetings from February or November please send to me for the History book. |
| Humanitarian | Nancy Gates, PP, PLS | Report in Profile |
| Last Chance CLE | Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS | Partnering with Ginger Brooks to broadcast the Brandon site CLE and Schroeder Reporting for the Biloxi site CLE. No matter what we will go forward with the seminar this year. 90 spots at each site. CLE accreditation has been received. Amendment: Working with the Northern District of MS to send out the Last Chance CLE notice. If this happens all attorneys throughout the state. |
| Manual of Policies & Procedures | Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS | NALS has stated that due to Covid-19 going to a web-based platform for meetings the Bylaws will need to be updated. Anita mentioned to Chris this would need to take place under his watch. |
| Marketing and Membership | Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS | Stephanie presented a token of love, respect and appreciation to Amanda (Anita's daughter) from MSLPA a gift of masks for her unit. |
| Nominations and Elections | Sue Allmon, CLP | |
| Scholarship | Lee Cummings, ALP | We did not have any applications this year. Asked if it would be possible if we award that this fall? Tabled until meeting on Sunday Board of Directors |

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| | | meeting. |
| State Publication (Profile) | Karen Shearer | Thank you to everyone contributed to the last publication. Deadline will be announced when the Mid-Year Membership meeting date is determined. |
| Technology | Karen Shearer | Send me pictures. |
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reminder for those that received grants from Last Chance CLE to check the certificate you received as there is an expiration date.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for 2020/2021 Meetings:

August Board of Directors Meeting – Metro LPA

November Mid-Year Membership Meeting – South Mississippi LP

February Board of Directors Meeting – Jackson LPA

Annual Meeting – Gulf Coast LP

President Special Recognitions:

President Anita thanked the Last Chance CLE committee for 2019/2020 for their hardwork and for raising over \$11,000:

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|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Stephanie Floyd | Theresa Wilson | Jeannie Shaw |
| Barry Pickreign | Billie Ruddick | Karen Kuhn |
| Karen Shearer | June Hobson | Reba Peden |
| Lorraine Knight | Sherry Baran | |

President Anita recognized the Chairs and the Executive/Board members for their work this year and presented each with a certificate.

REPORT OF MEETING ATTENDANCE

President Anita called on Barry Pickreign (Gulf Coast LP) to give a recap on Annual Meeting Attendance. Barry reported as follows:

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| Gulf Coast | 8 |
| Jackson | 6 |
| Metro | 2 |
| Pine Belt | 2 |
| South MS | 2 |
| Members-at-Large | |
| Guests | <u>0</u> |

TOTAL 20

Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS suggested we give President Anita a standing applause for her leadership of the association this past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) NALS Certification Exams (PP, PLS/CLP and ALP) are held monthly.
You can register at www.nals.org under Events
- b) New Member Orientation is a monthly event on the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. CST. You can register at www.nals.org under Events

Karen Shearer was recognized by President Anita and she wanted to thank the Association for their thoughts/prayers during she and Lorraine's mom's hospitalization.

Barry reminded everyone that the President's Reception will be at 5:30 p.m. and the Banquet from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Great Southern Club, 15th Floor of Hancock Bank Building.

Henrietta Caranna won the Alex North print give away.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned by President Anita at 2:53 p.m.

Anita Campbell, PP, PLS President

Jennifer Parks, Executive Secretary

HAUNTED COURTHOUSES AND JAILS

by Mary Coyne, San Antonio Librarian

Are you ready for cool weather (please) and colorful leaves? It's autumn, and pumpkin spice is in the air (and available in almost every type of food and drink). There's also the anticipation of All Hallows Eve—the one night of the year where the spirits of the dead can return to Earth. Except...for several courthouses and jails in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, it's always October 31. Read their chilling tales of ghosts, unexplained whispers, and mysterious happenings. Then, this Halloween, try telling a (socially distanced) ghost story about one of these creepy courthouses:



1 LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Several spectral residents haunt the Louisiana Supreme Court building. It's rumored that two witnesses were shot to death in a courtroom during a 1930s murder trial involving the Mafia. Some say the witnesses' footsteps echo throughout the courthouse halls at night. Legend also has it that a lawyer who lost a major case before the Supreme Court killed himself in the courthouse to save face. The ghost reportedly appears as a man in his 40s, wearing a beige suit and carrying a briefcase. He walks the halls and stares out of the windows. Another ghost has been heard wailing or keening outside of the courthouse. No one knows why she cries.

2 BEAUREGARD PARISH JAIL IN DERIDDER, LOUISIANA

Beauregard Parish Jail is also known as the Hanging Jail and as the Gothic Jail. It was built in 1915 in a Gothic style with one foot thick concrete walls and a central spiral staircase. The gallows were at the top of the stairs. A trap



door would open on the top floor, and the body would drop and dangle between the floors. In 1928, two men convicted of murdering a Deridder taxi driver were hanged at the same time. Residents believe the two still reside in the former jail. Paranormal investigators captured audio asking the ghosts: "Do you know that you're dead?" To which a spectral voice responds, "I'm alive. I'm alive."



3 CALCASIEU COURTHOUSE IN LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA



The Calcasieu courthouse staff knows exactly who haunts their building. She was the first and only woman executed in Louisiana's electric chair. Toni Jo Henry was a former prostitute who married a washed-up boxer and local criminal, Claude 'Cowboy' Henry. Shortly after they wed, Henry was convicted of murder and received a 50-year sentence. Intent on helping Henry escape prison, Toni Jo and a friend hijacked a car, shot the car's driver between the eyes, and dumped his body in a ditch. They both bragged about the killing, but only Toni Jo was convicted of murder. Since her death, courthouse goers have

heard her screams, whispers, and footsteps. Visitors have also smelled her perfume. In different parts of the building, people are now saying they smell burning hair. Some think they may have a new ghost, but high levels of electrocution can burn hair.



4 DESOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI



At this courthouse, two workers quit their jobs doing overnight mural restoration. They were so frightened they left and refused to return to finish the job. Courthouse staff hears slamming doors and disembodied voices around the clock. The courthouse burned down three times before its current incarnation, completed in 1941. Many of the court staff believe the man who burned it down the first time haunts the building. One staff member says she saw him sitting in a chair in front of her. He laughed and asked, "What are you doing sitting at my desk?" It's said there is an audiotape recording in the basement as proof of the haunting. "On the tape, you can hear doors slamming, chains rattling, and someone hollering out loudly for help. You can hear all kinds of strange noises. It definitely made me a believer," claims another staff member.

5 GRIMES COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN NAVASOTA, TEXAS

The current Grimes County Courthouse was preceded by four wooden and stone structures. All four were lost to fire or wind. The present courthouse has survived since 1894 and is still a working courthouse. But it has a feature that few other courthouses have: bullet holes dot the façade of the building. The holes are evidence of the five-day shootout between two political parties over a highly disputed sheriff's election in 1900. The former sheriff and his deputies barricaded themselves in the jail, across the street from the courthouse, refusing to vacate



for the new sheriff. The new sheriff and his party barricaded themselves in the courthouse. In the five days of shooting, three men died and several others wounded.

The most mysterious thing about the courthouse is its elevator. It hasn't worked for decades, but people often hear the sounds of the gears grinding. One unfortunate employee heard the elevator grinding and went to make sure no one had tried to use it and gotten stuck. When the doors opened, he walked inside and saw no one was there—except for a blurry white ghost. As he tried to leave, the doors closed, trapping him in the elevator with the ghost. He was so frightened he fainted dead away. He wasn't found until an hour later by another employee. Some people thought he had a panic attack, but he is sure he saw a ghost. He quit working at the courthouse soon after this haunting incident.



Submitted by
Erin Grauel,
Library Technician

October commemorates National Hispanic Heritage Month. Sonia Sotomayor was the first Hispanic federal judge in New York state, and she famously went on to become the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. Sotomayor, whose parents were Puerto Rican, grew up in New York City. Her father died when she was young, and she credits her mother with instilling in her a strong work ethic and a healthy stubborn streak. Sotomayor also credits a television show with inspiring her to pursue a career in law. Which popular television series inspired Sonia Sotomayor to become a lawyer?

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TAKE 5

THE FIFTH CIRCUIT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Some Mississippi 'Titles'

- Belzoni is the Catfish Capital of the World.
- Vardaman is the Sweet Potato Capital of the World.
- Greenville is the Heart and Soul of the Delta.
- Biloxi, with its beautiful coast casinos, is the Playground of the South.
- Gulfport's motto is *'Where Your Ship Comes In.'*
- Jackson is the *'City with Soul.'*
- Long Beach is the Radish Capital of the World.
- Port Gibson is the town *'too beautiful to burn'*; its historic buildings survived the Civil War.
- Vicksburg is the Gibraltar of the Confederacy.

<https://hubpages.com/education/Crazy-Laws-in-Mississippi-and-Fun-Facts>



Booster Club

Sue Allmon, CLP
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 Jennifer Parks
 April Ruddick
 Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS
 Jeannie Shaw, 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.***



OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President/Membership & Marketing Combined Report

Greetings MSLPA members! I know that 2020 has given us a few extra obstacles to overcome but you have all risen to the occasion as you usually do and adapted to those changes. I would like to report that we currently have a total of 75 members in the association as of 10/1/2020. I know Covid has put a damper on in person meetings, but I encourage each chapter to have some sort of virtual membership meeting/drive to encourage each of us to Rediscover MSLPA and your local chapter. I would like to attend one of your local association meetings so if the President of each chapter would send me the meeting details including the virtual link I would love to participate.

The membership renewal emails have been updated and clearly state what they are so you should all be receiving those. We discussed this at the August meeting as some members were not receiving the emails or because the subject line was vague, they were being overlooked. NALS listened and made the change. As a note, when you go to the website www.nals.org be sure and check your personal information and make sure you have the most up to date information for you entered.

I would like to ask for your feedback regarding a Membership Party for this year. At the August meeting, Barry Pickreign offered a great suggestion for a virtual party if we can't get together in person and that was a virtual ice cream party. Thank you, Barry, for the suggestion. Please feel free to send me any suggestions to my personal email at jennwb2w@yahoo.com and just put 'membership party' in the subject line.

I was excited to attend the NALS 69th Annual Conference on Saturday, September 26th and it was very enlightening. The speakers of the topics I chose to attend were very informative and had great presentations. The setup of the virtual meeting using the Remo platform was very interesting and well put together also. I encourage you to attend next year whether virtual or in person, the dates for that meeting will be September 16-18, 2021 in Detroit, MI (see attachment included in the Profile). Congratulations to the following recipients of awards presented for the 2020/2021 year: Diane Barry is the Mentoring Award recipient and Cathy Zackery, CLP is the Award of Excellence recipient.

Jennifer Parks
MSLPA Vice-President 2020/2021

Parliamentarian

I am working on conforming our bylaws and rules with the recent changes adopted by NALS, so this task is still pending. I had prepared a set of directions for a virtual meeting which was agreed up and used at the August meeting and assume these will continue to be the norm for Board meetings as long as we have virtual meetings. Until the bylaws and rules are completed, the manual revisions, if needed, are on hold. Please see the *Rules for Electronic Meetings* which was approved at the August meeting. Also, the proposed bylaw regarding virtual meetings follows. It will be included when it is time to vote on revised bylaws as a whole.

Rules for Electronic Meetings

1. **Login Information.** The Executive Secretary shall send by e-mail to every member of the Board, at least 24 hours before each meeting, the time of the meeting, the URL and codes necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service, and, as an alternative and backup to the audio connection included within the Internet service, the phone number and access code(s) the member needs to participate within aurally by telephone. The Executive Secretary shall also include a copy of, or a link to, these rules.
2. **Login time.** The Executive Secretary shall schedule Internet meeting service availability to begin at least 15 minutes before the start of each meeting.
3. **Signing in and out.** Members shall identify themselves as required to sign in to the Internet meeting service, and shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present, but shall sign out upon any departure before adjournment.
4. **Arrival announcements.** Members who participate in the meeting by phone/internet shall announce themselves at the first opportunity after joining the telephone conference call, but may not interrupt a speaker to do that. This is accomplished by using the raise hand command.
5. **Departure announcements.** Members who leave the telephone conference call or the meeting room before adjournment shall announce their departure, but may not interrupt a speaker to do so. This is accomplished by using the raise hand command.
6. **Quorum calls.** The presence of a quorum shall be established by audible roll call at the beginning of the meeting (or at agenda designation). Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating members, unless any member demands a quorum count by audible roll call. Such a demand may be made following the departure of any member or following the taking of any vote for which the announced totals add to less than a quorum.
7. **Technical requirements and malfunctions.** Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
8. **Forced disconnections.** The President may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.
9. **Obtaining the floor.** To seek recognition by the President, a member shall use the raise hand command. When acknowledged by the President, a member shall address the President and state his or her name, similar to an in-person meeting obtaining the floor.
10. **Assignment of the floor.** To seek recognition by the President, a member shall use the raise hand command. The recognition of a member during a virtual meeting shall be followed as designated in the Rules of the Board Meeting, including the assignment of the floor, to make a motion, for a discussion, pending questions, etc. to the extent feasible and/or currently before the meeting for action or information, and if possible, displayed for review, all in accordance with actions prior to any voting and access to having the floor during virtual meetings. However, motions may be submitted in writing, displayed and/or can be oral. Interruptions, discussions and handling of same should be as if an in-person meeting.

11. **Voting**. Voting by the Board shall be oral and called for one by one by the President. Some virtual meetings have access to anonymous voting features of the Internet service and if this is necessary, shall be designated and conducted. Business may also be conducted by unanimous consent.
12. **Video Display**. If use of video of participants is too large to have all displayed simultaneously, the President or other designated officer shall be displayed throughout the meeting and shall also cause display of the video of the member currently recognized to speak or report.

PROPOSED BYLAW RE VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

ARTICLE V. MEMBER MEETINGS AND VOTING

ADD:

Section 6. Meetings Held Electronically.

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Board and Membership may be conducted through the use of Internet meeting services as designated and determined. These electronic meetings of the Board and Membership shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Board and Membership, to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, Board or members' participation. Any such rules adopted by the Board and Membership shall supersede any conflict rules in the parliamentary authority but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the Association.



"Sustained. Defendant will stop making puppy dog eyes at the jury."

CHAPTER REPORTS



Gulf Coast Legal Professionals

We, as most of you, have certainly done some “rediscovering” during the Covid-19 pandemic albeit not the type we had in mind for 2020. Although the pandemic, social distancing, and bad weather have disrupted our chapter’s usual activities, our members have been resilient in their efforts to adapt to these changes. Our usual meeting location is closed to the public so we have been meeting at the Wetzel Law Office in Gulfport. Many of our members attended the virtual MS LPA Board of Directors Meeting in August and the NALS Educational Conference in September. Normally we would participate in the national court observance week in October, but our members decided to forego a program this year.

November will find us busy once again as we begin working on our 2021 Mississippi Gulf Coast Legal Directory. Many of our members will also virtually attend the MS LPA Mid-Year Membership Meeting. We continue to look forward to “Rediscovering MS LPA” with each of you in 2021.

Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS
GCLP Director 2020-2021



Jackson Legal Professionals Association

JLPA has had a good, but challenging year so far with COVID-19. We have resumed our monthly lunch-time meetings via Zoom, which are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We held our election of officers for 2020-2021. Our newly installed Officers for 2020-2021 are:



Jennifer Parks
President



Ginny Interrante
Vice President



Christina Smith
Treasurer



Hannah Mason
Recording Secretary



Marilyn Mills
Director

**WELCOME FIRST TIME OFFICERS
GINNY INTERRANTE AND HANNAH MASON!**

JLPA will be observing Court Observance via Zoom on October 20, 2020 at 12:00 Noon. This year’s theme is “*Intersection of Technology and Tradition*”. Our guest speaker is Arthur Johnston, Clerk, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi. We are inviting all chapters to participate, and final details will be going out soon.

Marilyn Mills
JLPA Director



Metro Legal Professionals Association

Congratulations to Darleen Dozier, ALP, ACP and Hannah Arline, ALP, for receiving scholarships from the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association to attend the NALS 2020 Virtual Conference.

Metro LPA is excited to be offering Golden Kernel Pecans as its chapter fundraiser!! Profits made will, in part, be used to fund a student scholarship that will be offered this upcoming Spring.

These are great for holiday baking (it'll be here before you know it) as well as for gifts. Or you may just want to buy them for yourself. Contact Darleen Dozier at ddozier@holmescc.edu or any Metro LPA member to purchase; payment collected when order is placed. Orders must be submitted by October 23. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving.



SMLP will be the hosts for the November membership meeting. Please remember to send your registration to June Hobson, PLS by October 30, 2020, after which a late fee of \$5.00 will apply.



Pine Belt Legal Professionals

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Pine Belt Legal Professionals Association has moved from monthly in-person meetings to monthly virtual meetings. We are currently preparing for the MSLPA State Membership meeting, but we have had a bit of a setback due to the sudden illness of one of our beloved board members. Fortunately, she is recovering and we hope to resume business as usual with our dear friend as soon as possible. We ask the MSLPA members to keep our board member in their thoughts and prayers.

Rabiyyah M. Camara
PBLP Director

Trivia response from p 17...

Perry Mason. Inspired by Nancy Drew novels, Justice Sotomayor initially wanted to become a detective. However, Perry Mason's charm pulled her away from policing, and, by age ten, she determined she would not only be a lawyer but a judge.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

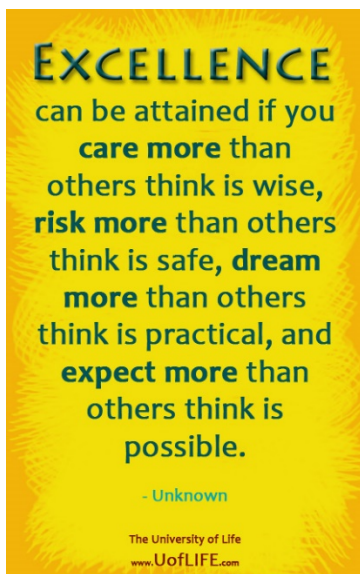
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Marilyn Mills, recipient of the 2019-2020 Award of Excellence.



I will be providing information about the 2020-2021 Award of Excellence and instructions regarding nominations early next year. In the meantime, remember the deadline for nominations is March 15, 2021, and the deadline for receipt of the Personal Data Forms will be April 1, 2021.

Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS
2020-2021 Award of Excellence Chair



CLE/SEMINARS

Deanna Graves was kind enough to prepare and present our seminar for the August Board of Directors Meeting. Her topic was Domestic Violence in Mississippi, Tools for the Advocate. It was a Zoom meeting and Deanna did a great job.

I am still looking for a speaker for our November Membership Meeting and will update everyone once a speaker has been procured.

Thank you all for participating in our Zoom presentation.

Reba Peden, PP, PLS
CLE/Seminars Chair

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”
B.B. King

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 Membership Meeting 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 commit to sell at least \$20.00 worth of tickets. We appreciate those members who previously sold and/or purchased tickets.

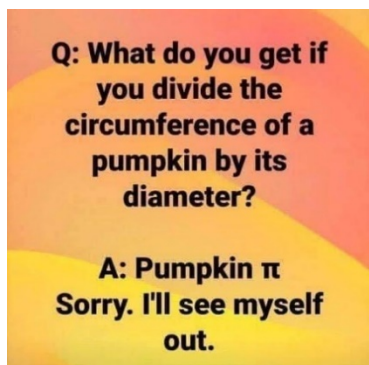
Because this will be a virtual meeting, you should send completed tickets and payments to me by November 6, 2020 at:

**302 Rexford Church Road
Florence, MS 39073.**

This deadline will provide time to tally sales and prepare for the drawing in advance of our meetings. Please note: Only tickets received by that date will be included in the drawing.

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

Evelyn Harper, CLP



Illustrious Information and Fun Facts about Mississippi

- Hernando de Soto, a Spanish explorer, discovered the Mississippi River on May 8, 1541. De Soto died of a fever in 1542. To avoid conflict with the local natives, he had encouraged them to believe he was an immortal Sun God.

Therefore, his men had to conceal his death. They hid his corpse in blankets, weighted it with sand, and sank it in the middle of the Mississippi River during the night.

- The name of the state is derived from the Mississippi River, 2,320 miles long, which flows along its western boundary. Settlers named it after the Ojibwe word *misi-ziibi* ('Great River.')
 - Natchez was settled by the French in 1716. Prior to the Civil War, Natchez had the most millionaires of any city in the U.S. Today, the city boasts it has more antebellum (*prior to the war*) mansions than any other city.
 - When shoes were first invented there were only shoes – not a left shoe, not a right shoe. In 1884, the concept of selling shoes in boxes in pairs (right and left foot) occurred in Vicksburg at Phil Gilbert's Shoe Parlor.
 - On March 12, 1894, Joseph Augustus Biedenharn, the owner of a local wholesale candy company, bottled the first Coca-Cola in Vicksburg. Before that, Coca-Cola had only been available at soda fountains.
- Biedenharn had been advised by his father to 'go into the nickel business,' meaning to offer soft drinks for 5 cents each. Prior to 1900, many folks would hold on to a dime but willingly spend a nickel for pleasure.
- Barq's Famous Olde Tyme Root Beer was created in Biloxi in 1898 by Edward Charles Edmond Barq. The brand is currently owned and operated by the Coca-Cola company.
 - Children in the United States and Canada often count 'One-Mississippi, two-Mississippi' during informal games such as hide and seek to approximate counting by seconds.

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

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LOAD LIGHTENER

HOW GRANDCHILDREN PERCEIVE THEIR GRANDPARENTS

1. I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6." (WOW! I really like this one -- it says I'm only '38'!)
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!
15. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.



MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS

HISTORIAN



In order to make President Christopher's history book actually have content, I need pictures from everyone! Here's how you can help...

(1) please send any photos you have from the annual meeting, and

(2) please take a "selfie" of you at your computer where you attend our state association virtual meetings (August & November) (I'd like to see you and your computer and part of your surroundings); and

(3) if you attended the NALS virtual conference (Sept 26) and/or Talent Show (Sept 25) — please take a "selfie" of you at your computer with all your NALS swag so that can be included.

Please email your photos to me at sf@barrettlawms.com (or email me a link to your cloud or DropBox folder with your photos).

Thanks in advance,

*Stephanie Floyd, Chair
Historian / President's History Book*



"I gotta tell you, this crime scene selfie is not going to help."



I am pleased to announce that we have four (4) applicants for the special fall scholarship. If you missed the deadline for applications, there will be another scholarship in the spring.

Thank you for your participation.

*Reba Peden, PP, PLS
Scholarship Chair*

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

by Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP

MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION SAMPLE BALLOT OFFICERS FOR THE 2021-2022 TERM OF OFFICE

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Jennifer Parks

VICE PRESIDENT:

Lee Cummings, ALP

SECRETARY:

Lee Cummings, ALP
Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS

TREASURER:

Reba Peden, PP, PLS-SC



Jennifer Parks (Jackson LPA)

Jennifer works at Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP where she is a legal assistant for 4 attorneys and where she started in the legal field 16 years ago. Jennifer is an LTC4 Certified Legal Support Specialist. Jennifer has been a member of JLPA/MSLPA and NALS for 15 years and is the current President of Jackson Legal Professional Association. Jennifer has held the following offices on the local level: Secretary, Vice-President and President and was Inspiration Chair for numerous years and is currently serving the state association as Vice-President and was Executive Secretary 2019/2020, Humanitarian Chair in 2018/2019.

Other areas she serves in are: Secretary and Banquet Coordinator for Mercy House Adult and Teen Challenge board which is a 501C3 organization that helps men with life controlling problems get help and overcome their addictions, she is the first woman to be on this board; Board Member of Women's Connection and Youth Leader at the church body she attends, Southside Assembly of God and was the first female on the board at the church and served as Treasurer.

Jennifer loves to have fun and help encourage others to be their best. She enjoys doing crafts, working in her yard which she believes is a great stress reliever, loves and serves the Lord, and loves her fur baby Roxie.

Lee Cummings (Metro LPA)

Lee Cummings has been a member of Metro LPA since 2015. During that time she has served as Ways & Means Chair, Welfare Chair, Programs Chair, CLE Chair, Director and Recording Secretary. She currently serves as Treasurer. She was awarded the Metro LPA 2018-2019 Award of Excellence and 2019 Metro LPA Scholarship. Lee has also served MS LPA as scholarship chair and currently serves as executive secretary. She began her legal career in 2014 with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz law firm in the Jackson, MS office as a file clerk. After graduating in May 2019 from Holmes Community College with the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Technology, and earning the NALS ALP Certification, she assumed additional responsibilities as a legal assistant. She serves as a CASA volunteer with The Child and Parent Center of Vicksburg. Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Lee worked with the Mississippi Arts Commission as deputy director for 12 years and the Mississippi Opera as executive director for six years. She currently serves as president of the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs and as arts advocacy chair and music for the blind chair of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

LAST CHANCE CLE – 2021



We need speakers for our two events next year. We need a total of 6.5 hours for each site, which includes 1 hour of Ethics. If you know of anyone willing to be a speaker, or have a topic you would like to be included, please contact me at sf@barrettlawms.com. **The full line-up of speakers/topics for both events must be finalized by the end of January 2021 so the schedules/registration form can be presented for approval at the February board meeting.**

Sincerely,

Stephanie Floyd, Chair

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in moments of challenge and controversy."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ~

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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. Admittedly, I was disappointed that not all officers, directors and committee chair provided reports. **Please remember, in this time of virtual meetings, it is even more important than ever that reports be submitted for distribution in advance of the meeting.** We know that everyone's time is valuable and this will help minimize the time required during the zoom meeting for oral reports.

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