

Admission Ceremony Memo

To: New Members of Alabama State Bar

From: Chris Waller, Admission Ceremony Chair,
Nathan Dickson, Louis Calligas, and
Walton Hickman, Co-Chairs

Re: Admission Ceremony – Tuesday June 15, 2010

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE ALABAMA STATE BAR! On behalf of the Young Lawyer's Division of the Alabama State Bar, please accept our best wishes as you embark on what we hope will be a long and successful legal career.

The admission ceremony will be held in your honor on **Tuesday June 15, 2010** at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre in Montgomery, Alabama. For directions, please visit MPAC online at <http://www.mpaonline.org/info/> or call 334-481-5000. The ceremony is a wonderful chance for you to share your achievement with your friends and family as well as a chance to meet new friends and colleagues. The Alabama Supreme Court, Court of Civil Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals will all participate in what we hope will be an informational and inspirational ceremony.

Due to ongoing construction and revitalization in the downtown area, you should plan to arrive in downtown Montgomery prior to 8:30 a.m. in order to secure a parking space. The new Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa, connected to the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre, has a convenient parking deck. Alternatively, there is also metered parking available on the streets adjacent to the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre. If you plan on arriving from out of town and need hotel accommodations, please visit the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa website (www.renaissancemontgomery.com) to make reservations or call 888-668-7221 for more information.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the ceremony. At that time, you may register, check in with various court clerks and pick up your admissions program. Prior to the ceremony, Village Photographers will have a booth for you to sign-up for photographs that are to be taken during the admissions ceremony.

Please note while registering prior to the Ceremony, there will be several vendors and sponsors present who will have information available for you concerning their products and/or services. I encourage each one of you to please visit our sponsors and vendors both before and after the ceremony. Please note after registration, the **Ceremony will commence promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will end shortly before noon.**

There will also be a group photograph of your admissions class taken on the front steps of the Supreme Court Building on Dexter Avenue immediately following the ceremony. This

will be published in the Alabama Lawyer Magazine and will become a cherished part of your memories of the admission process. “Lawyers in the Family” photos are also taken at that time. If there are other lawyers in your family with whom you wish to have your photograph taken for the magazine, they will need to proceed with you to the Supreme Court Building at that time. Finally, for the convenience of others, please do not proceed into the Judicial Building until after the group photograph is taken. It is suggested that a family member pick up your certificate inside the Judicial Building while you are outside taking the group photograph.

As part of the admission ceremony, you have the opportunity to be admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Alabama. If you want to be admitted to these Courts, you can download the proper forms at http://www.almd.uscourts.gov/forms/app_for_att_admission.pdf for the Middle District, http://www.alnd.uscourts.gov/Local/Attorney_Admissions_Application.pdf for the Northern District, and http://www.als.uscourts.gov/documents/forms/Attorney_Admission_Form.pdf for the Southern District. In order to ensure a smooth registration process, **you need to have the forms already completed and your checks properly payable when registering the morning of the admission ceremony.** You do not have to be admitted to any of the federal courts in order to participate in the admissions ceremony. It is done merely as a convenience to the new admittees and you can be admitted to any, all or none of the Alabama Federal Courts as part of the ceremony. There will be attorneys available the day of the ceremony to sign admission motions in the event your motion has not been completed.

In order to participate in the ceremony, **each admittee must register with the Young Lawyer Section and pay a \$40.00 non-refundable registration fee separate and apart from any fee(s) charged by the Federal Courts.**

To register, please complete and return the attached form to the address located on the form, or you may register online at www.alabamayls.org. (Please click on the “events” tab and you will see registration information for the June 15, 2010 ceremony). To pay the registration fee, you may either mail a check with the attached registration form per the instructions on the attached form, or you may use Paypal. (Please visit www.alabamayls.org and click on the “events” tab. There you will see Paypal information for the June 15, 2010 ceremony). You only need to register and pay if you are planning on attending the Admissions Ceremony. Your certificate of admission will be mailed to you if you do not attend the ceremony. **Also, please note the registration deadline of Thursday June 10th 2010.**

In closing, on behalf of the Alabama YLS we offer you congratulations on your achievement thus far and wish you continued success throughout your legal career. Of course, should you have any questions concerning the Ceremony I welcome you to contact us. We look forward to seeing you on June 15th.

Chris Waller (334-387-7680); Nathan Dickson (334-738-4225); Louis Calligas (334-269-3127); or Walton Hickman (334-382-6618).

ADMISSIONS CEREMONY RESPONSE/RESERVATION FORM

If you plan to attend the ceremony on **Tuesday June 15th**, please register and pay online at www.alabamayls.org.

If you prefer, you can also return this response form along with a check for \$40.00 made payable to the Young Lawyers' Section, Alabama State Bar and send to the address listed below no later than **Thursday June 10th, 2010**.

NAME OF NEW BAR MEMBER: _____

ADDRESS (H): _____

NAME OF EMPLOYER: _____

ADDRESS (W): _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$40.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION, ALABAMA STATE BAR.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE AND YOUR CHECK TO:

**BAR ADMISSIONS CEREMONY
c/o Kitty Rogers Brown
WHITE ARNOLD & DOWD P.C.
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