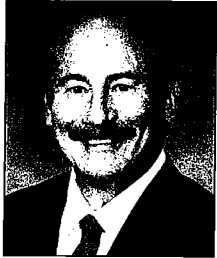




HINDS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MAKING OUR CASE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2007



President's Column

by David Kaufman

For those who missed it — and that appeared to be the vast majority of the membership — the June membership luncheon featured the culmination of the fine work of two of our committees and an excellent presentation on behalf of the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project.

The Community Grants Committee, co-chaired by Mitzi Paige and George Evans, presented community

grants totaling \$13,000 to four worthy organizations, as follows:

Deliver Me, a metro-area group that provides food and other necessities to senior citizens in need, was awarded a grant of \$3,000 for the purchase of hearing aids and eyeglasses for those seniors. Family Support Center, an organization devoted to ending the cycle of child abuse by the use of parent and child therapy, received a grant of \$4,000 for the expansion of multi-week classes to educate parents in proper child rearing. Positive Living, a non-profit business that provides shelter

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HCBA June Membership Program



At the HCBA June Membership Meeting, presenting the program for the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project were: Ben Piazza, Chair; Shirley Williams, Executive Director; Sam Buchanan, Board Member. They are pictured with David Kaufman, HCBA President.

HCBA LUNCHEON MEETING & Ethics CLE Program

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 Capital Club 11:30 Cost \$25.00 Lunch & CLE
Speaker: Adam Kilgore

HCBA Calendar of Events

August 21, 2007

HCBA Membership Meeting & One Hour Ethics CLE

11:30. Capital Club

October 16, 2007

HCBA Membership Meeting

Noon. Capital Club

December 6, 2007

HCBA/JYL Christmas Social

5:00. Old Capitol Inn

February 19, 2008

HCBA Membership Meeting

Noon. Capital Club

April 15, 2008

HCBA Membership Meeting

Noon. Capital Club

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HCBA Announces its 2007 Community Grant Recipients



At the HCBA June Membership Meeting, Community Grant Co-Chairmen, George Evans and Mitzi Dease Paige, introduced the recipients of the 2007 Community Grants. Representing their organizations were (front row): Joe Bennett, the Family Support Center; Olivia Lee, Positive Living; Kimberly Massey, The Little Light House; and Ken Artigues, Deliver Me. (Back row) David Kaufman, HCBA President; Jennifer Evans Salvo, Committee Member; George Evans and Mitzi Paige, Co-chairmen; Cheryn Baker, Committee Member.

Resolutions of the Hinds County Bar Association Community Grants Committee

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Hinds County Bar Association has made annual grants to civic or social agencies, organizations or programs whose primary mission is to assist persons without financial means or that provide social services to persons with special needs, with preference given to such agencies, organizations or programs serving the Jackson metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Hinds County Bar Association has appointed a Community Grants Committee to assist the Association in identifying and selecting a deserving beneficiary or beneficiaries of the community grant for 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Community Grants Committee has considered and reviewed recommendations from members of the Association for potential agencies, organizations and programs to consider for the 2007 grant; and

WHEREAS, site visits were conducted by Community Grants Committee members at the business locations of four organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Community Grants Committee has endeavored to recommend recipients for whom the grant to be made by the Association would have a significant impact on the work being carried out by the agency, organization, or program and would affect a large number of beneficiaries of the agency, organization or program; and

WHEREAS, one of the organizations visited was **Deliver Me**, a metro-area group that brings food and other necessities to seniors in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, another of the organizations visited was the **Family Support Center**, an organization devoted to ending the cycle of child abuse through parent and child therapy; and

WHEREAS, another of the organizations visited was **Positive Living**, a non-profit business that provides shelter and support for homeless women and women leaving abusive relationships; and

WHEREAS, another of the

organizations visited was **The Little Light House**, a school that provides education and play therapy for special-needs children; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is of the view that the grant for 2007 should be divided between these four organizations primarily serving individuals and other social service agencies in the Jackson metropolitan area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee hereby recommends that the sum **\$3,000.00** be awarded to **Deliver Me** for the purchase of hearing aids and eyeglasses to be provided free of charge to metro-area seniors in need; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee recommends that the sum of **\$4,000.00** be awarded to the **Family Support Center** for the expansion of multi-week classes to educate parents in healthy child rearing as to alleviate the dangers of child abuse;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee recommends that the sum of **\$2,000.00** be awarded to **Positive Living** for the purchase of a commercial washer and dryer to serve its residents; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee recommends that the sum of **\$4,000.00** be awarded to **The Little Light House** for the purchase of equipment specially designed to enhance the learning and abilities of special-needs children; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee shall provide more detailed information pertaining to its recommendations upon any such request of the Board of Directors of the Hinds County Bar Association.



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Eight Practical Pointers For Picking A President: Handicapping the 2008 Run For The White House

by Captain Equity

Is it too early to worry about who the next President will be? Absolutely, but that hasn't stopped anyone from weighing in with unending speculation, gossip and analysis on the subject. So who am I to buck the trend? If it's good enough for Chris Matthews et al then it is good enough for me. On a more pragmatic level, some critical thinking now on how our Presidents are chosen might help you make a better choice during primary season and in the November 2008 general election. Of course winning elections and governing are two distinct propositions which make wise choices that much more important. So let's look at eight critical pivot points that will help you correctly predict the nominees and the next occupant of the White House starting January 20, 2009.

Pointer # 1 — Don't Believe Anything A Candidate Tells You During the Campaign; Track Record Is The Name Of The Game.

Clearly, the most overrated concept in politics is the campaign promise. This is not to say that candidates are intentionally disingenuous and misleading in their public statements. That would be too cynical wouldn't it? But in my view anyone who runs for President is by definition an overachieving and/or opportunistic egomaniac who will shamelessly say whatever is necessary to stay afloat. Once the votes are counted things can and do change, especially once the victor settles into the Oval Office. A classic case in point is candidate George W. Bush in 2000. Back then I'm sure the Texas Governor sincerely wanted to be a "uniter and not a divider." I'm also sure he really did oppose nation building when he was criticizing the record of the Clinton-Gore administration in the Balkans. The same goes for his reluctance to use his clemency powers as Governor of Texas because it would mock the rule of law. But as we all know, the self-interest of a candidate and an elected official are vastly different propositions. And so W's approval ratings hover in the high 20s. The great uniter never emerged nor did a domestic legacy beyond tax cuts in a time of war. Overseas we have been mired in a futile, trillion dollar nation-building exercise in Iraq for more than four years as the U.S. military body count climbs steadily toward 4000. Meanwhile, Scooter Libby dodged incarceration thanks to his buddy the President. All this underscores why abstract pledges in a campaign have little to do with hard reality once in office.

Consequently, I urge you to look critically at a candidate's track record which includes character traits such as honesty, integrity, courage, principle, creativity, accomplishment and judgment in the conduct of their personal and professional lives before becoming

Presidential candidates. What you uncover will speak volumes. A case in point is America's Mayor, Rudy Giuliani the self-proclaimed hero of 9-11. If you are paying attention, you know the NYC fire fighters, arguably the real heroes of the disaster, are more than a little underwhelmed with Hizhoner. Whether the firefighters are being a little harsh or not, the fact remains that if you cheat on your first two wives with impunity and without shame and your son won't speak to you, how much do you think President Rudy is really going to care about some goober down in Mississippi, law degree or not. This is but one example of past performance being the best predictor of future actions. The idealist in all of us desperately wants to believe in larger than life selfless public servants riding in on a big white horse to vanquish evil doers at every turn. But the hard truth remains that political talk in the form of campaign promises and positions is always cheap and uniformly subject to change, especially when push comes to shove. Consequently, don't listen to promises but do look carefully at track records

2008 Advantage: Republican — John McCain; Democrat — Al Gore (If he wants to run)

Pointer # 2 —Every President Screws Up - Accept It And Get Ready

Contrary to the mythology, presidents are human. There are going to be problems many of which will be self-inflicted; think Bay of Pigs, Watergate, Iran-Contra, Monica Lewinsky and just about everything since "Mission Accomplished." This is just one more reason why character, experience, and track record count so much.

2008 Advantage: You tell me.

Pointer # 3 —Look South and West; Not North and East

The Democrats never seem to understand this one. JFK was the last elected U.S. President not to hail from the Deep South or the Sunbelt. Nonetheless, starting in 1968 the Democrats nominated losing candidates from South Dakota, Minnesota (twice) and Massachusetts (twice). Some would argue that Al Gore was really from Washington D.C. Ironically, Gore won the popular vote and would have won the electoral vote had he only carried his home state of Tennessee. This narrow loss can be partially explained by Pointer # 4.

2008 Advantage: Republican — Fred Thompson; Democrat — Al Gore (now of Southern California, which still counts)

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HCBA Essay Contest



For the sixth year, the Hinds County Bar Association sponsored an essay contest for seventh and eighth grade students in the metro-Jackson area.

The essay contest is a project of the Law Relates Education Committee chaired by Jay Kilpatrick.

The winners were recognized and received a cash prize at the June HCBA Membership Meeting. The first place winner was Hannah Weisenberger was unable to attend.

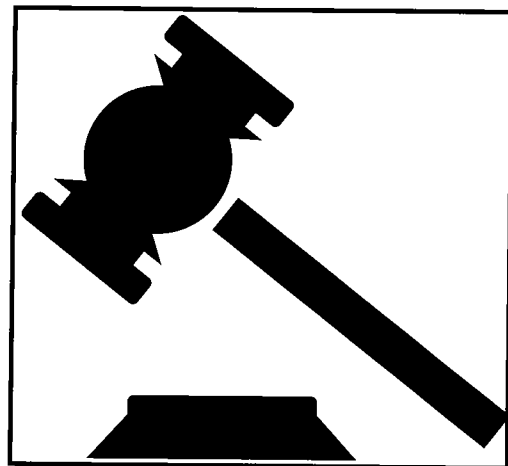
Pictured are: Caroline Burns, 3rd Place; David Kaufman, HCBA President; and Betsy Kate Nicholas, 2nd Place.

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2007 HCBA Golf Tournament

The HCBA sponsored its 15th annual golf tournament on May 24 at Annandale Golf Club. The event was chaired by Lyle Robinson, and the proceeds will benefit the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project. The HCBA is very appreciative of all the sponsors, and in particular, SRG for underwriting the tournament.



Valerie Martin and Debbie Ainsworth.



Debbie Allen, Committee Member; Debbie Foley; and Angela Cossar.



York Craig, III, Committee Member; Lyle Robinson, Tournament Chairman; and Ben Piazza, Committee Member.



From the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project: Abaye Jimkiri; Shirley Williams, Executive Director; and Tami Munsch.



John Proctor; Tim Gordon; and John Gordon, Committee Member.

