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Region 2 Chapters in Action

The **South Carolina Chapter (SCALA)** boasts its first Certified Legal Manager. **NANCY PROBST** of Robinson McFadden in Columbia, SC successfully passed the CLM exam given in Baltimore, Maryland in October 2009. Nancy was recognized at a recent combined meeting of SCALA and the SC Bar for this outstanding achievement. We hope that Nancy's success will inspire more members in South Carolina to begin the process for certified status. The South Carolina Chapter is proud to announce that long-standing member, **LARRY MACK**, was the honored recipient of the South Carolina Association of CPA's

(SCACPA) 2009 Outstanding Member in Business & Industry Award at their recent annual banquet. As noted on the SCACPA web site, the purpose of the award is to recognize members in business and industry who have made significant contributions, professional and civic, that reflect the values and ideals to which CPAs should aspire.



Larry Mack

The South Carolina Chapter also recognizes members **CLARA GODSHALL** and **HEATHER NIEMI**, both of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP, for attaining the designation PHR (Professional in Human Resources) by successfully passing a rigorous certification process through the Society of Human Resource Management.

Region 2 Members Pass Certified Legal Manager (CLM)SM Exam

Congratulations are in order for the following Region 2 members who earned the Certified Legal Manager (CLM)SM designation upon passing the exam in October:

Vickie T. Bates
Nashville, TN

George E. Leloudis
Asheville, GA

Nancy L. Probst
Columbia, SC

Congratulations to them on their extraordinary achievement!

To learn about the CLM program, visit www.alanet.org/clm.

Raleigh-Durham

The Chapter's Sponsor Relations program was established four years ago to partner with vendors in the legal community. To show appreciation for the support they provide, sponsors are invited to meet and mingle with chapter members several times during the year. Recent events, held in downtown Raleigh, included a Fall Social at Caffe Luna on October 8 and a Holiday Breakfast on December 16 at the Cardinal Club. On January 28, 2010, the chapter will be hosting its Annual Vendor Fair and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner at the Woman's Club in Raleigh.



Linda Glasgow (KALA member); Steph Dukas (daughter of Melissa Dukas); Melissa Dukas

MIDDLE TENNESSEE



Betty Oakley, a founding member of MTALA, announced her retirement as Office Adminis-

trator of Stites & Harbison, PLLC, as of November 30, 2009, after 33 years of service to the legal community. Our Chapter honored Betty with a reception at our December monthly meeting.



Stan Pyrdum, MTALA President, has been hired by Stites & Harbison, PLLC, to take over Betty's position as Office Administrator.



Teresa Walker, a founding member of MTALA, was named a finalist in the "Best Executive-Services Business-up to 2,500 Employees" category of the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, a premier business award that honors executives, entrepreneurs, and the companies they run—worldwide—in November.



We are very proud of Paula Barnes, a dedicated member of MTALA, who will be our new Region 2 Director beginning in May 2010.



Jennie Wyatt, MTALA Secretary and Membership Chair, announced that she and her husband are expecting their third little girl in March!

MTALA hosted a breakfast in September honoring all of its Business Partners which was well-attended, and provided an excellent opportunity to start inviting participants for 2010. Our Business Partners were also introduced to the new ALA logo.

MTALA invited members from ILTA, LMA, and NALS to take part in a Lunch & Learn session on "Going Green," presented by Lafaunn Lipka Green, which was sponsored by

one of our Business Partners during Professional Legal Management Week. The groups agreed to join us in participating in Second Harvest Food Bank's Community Challenge-Legal Food Fight, supporting the Children's Backpack Program.



Knoxville Chapter

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign began in Knoxville on November 16. Because of the current state of the economy, the Salvation Army was making a big push to sign up volunteers who they believed would play an important role in the campaign's success. The Knoxville

Chapter ALA Community Relations Committee Chair, Angela Sparks, made an early appeal for KALA members to sign up to volunteer to ring the bell during the first week. As has always been the case, all time slots were quickly filled. Of course, as luck would have it, we chose one of the colder mornings; no matter, on November 20 about 12 members showed

up, for their allotted hour, at the Mast General Store in downtown Knoxville. Chapter President, Melissa Dukas' daughter, eager to help in the cause, came to lend a hand. It was a cold morning made warmer by the attitude of the cheerful bell ringers and those who kindly dropped money in the kettle.



Holiday Party Committee Members Melissa Tokar, Diana Curl and Chair, Kim Bayse, along with toys donated by chapter members for The Salvation Army



Chapter President Lana McGinnis distributing committee chair gifts and a 20 year anniversary gift – Members Beth Buckler and Joni Pardue to the right



Toys donated by KY ALA members at the Holiday Party

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

We have had a couple of things going on in the Kentucky Chapter. One is a Compensation and Benefits Survey, a first for our Chapter. Surveys have been submitted and now we are just waiting on compilation of the results and distribution of the final report.

The second main event is our annual Holiday Party. This year one of our Business Partners, Office Ware, sponsored our Holiday Party. This was another first for the Chapter and it went extremely well. Traditionally during our Holiday Party we bring a \$10 gift and play Secret Santa but given the state of the economy and so many being in need this year, the Holiday Party Committee asked that we conduct a toy drive instead. It was a great success.

During our Holiday Party, we also give a small gift to that year's committee chairs as a way of saying "thank you" for their efforts. This year's gift was a crystal business card holder with the Chapter logo and their names etched into it. We honored a 20 year member of our Chapter, Ken Kolar-

cik, also with one of the business card holders.

ALA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2010

15—President's Day; Headquarters closed

18 KRM Webinar—Bias-Free Leadership: Making Diversity Work for Your Organization's Competitive Advantage

18-20 ALA—Law Firm Financial Management Conference, Carefree Resort & Villas, Carefree, AZ

March 2010

17 Webinar: Law Firm Innovation: Will You Lead or Follow

April 2010

21 Webinar: Administrator's Role as Coach in a Multi-Generational Workplace

May 2010

2 Certified Legal Manager (CLM) Exam, Boston MA

3-6 Annual Conference and Exposition, The John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston MA

19 Webinar: The Social Networking Revolution.

To have your chapter highlighted in a future edition of this newsletter, please send information and pictures to the Region 2 Communications Officer, G. Carole Morris, CLM, at cmorris@m-legal.com.



Capital Chapter

(Edward P. Ross, President) On November 19, 2009, the Capital Chapter held its Fall Educational Forum “*Thriving in the New Economy: The 21st Century Law Firm: Associate Compensation & Secretarial Teaming.*” Keynote speakers were Michael D. Short, Hildebrandt, Eileen Billinson Chief Human Resources and Attorney Programs Officer Howrey and Paul Sicari & Rita Ellison of McDermott Will & Emery, LLP. This half day event examined two law firms that enacted programs that changed the status quo with two of the most

entrenched parts of the law firm, associate compensation and legal secretarial support. The Forum also included Sponsor exhibits.

The Capital Chapter held its Annual Meeting/ Holiday Luncheon at the W Washington Hotel on December 10th. Once again, the Chapter was the number one supporter of the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program in Washington DC, which provides toys and gifts for the needy throughout the Washington DC region. With the help from many volunteers in both our firms and sponsors, we

were able to adopt 2,370 Angels. In addition, we supported the “Gifts for Moms” Program at N Street Village. This year over 100 women were able to select from hundreds of gifts for their children and grandchildren.

On April 8, the Capital Chapter Foundation will hold its 18th annual fundraiser. Monies raised will go to benefit “Suited for Change” our adopted charity and the Toni K. Allen scholarship program. We look forward to spending money for two very worthy causes.

Annual Conference & Exposition



The Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) Annual Educational Conference and Exposition is the legal management profession’s most comprehensive event of its kind. Featuring dynamic and relevant education presented by recognized leaders in their field, the ALA Annual Conference will enhance your knowledge, develop your management skills, and enable you to achieve greater personal and professional growth.

ALA’s three-day Exposition is a vital extension of the educational program and provides the opportunity to update yourself on the latest technologies, find solutions to business issues, solve problems, uncover emerging trends, and develop valuable resources and partnerships in the legal industry.

The Annual Conference also provides ample opportunities for networking. Various events, including receptions, lunches, and idea exchanges, will allow you the time to discuss your day-to-day challenges and unique issues with other legal management professionals from around the world. You’re sure to learn tips, tactics, and wisdom that you can implement back at your workplace.

39th Annual Conference & Exposition

May 3-6, 2010

John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center

Boston, Massachusetts