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## NOTICE

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### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 14, 2011  
JMCBA Annual Meeting  
at the Downtown Tavern  
5:30 p.m.

August 2011  
JMCBA Picnic and Golf  
Tournament

December 2, 2011  
Annual Family  
Law Seminar

### RECENT BAR RESULTS Congratulations Are Extended To:

Jonathan Rutledge Burns  
Savannah, Tennessee

Nathan Daniel Caldwell  
Dyersburg, Tennessee

Benjamin Scott Harmon  
Savannah, Tennessee

## THE JACKSON MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HOST LAW DAY 2011

On Friday April 29, 2011 the Jackson Madison County Bar Association hosted the annual Law Day event at First Methodist Church-Clayton Hall. Jody Pickens, President of the Bar, welcomed the crowd of attorneys, paralegals and community leaders. The theme of this year's event was "The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo".



Jody Pickens, W. Jerry Flippin

The guest speaker was attorney W. Jerry Flippin. He is the founding partner of the present firm of Flippin, Collins and Hill. In the early days of practicing law he also served two terms in the State House of Representatives and three terms in the State Senate where he was named the Majority Leader and interim Speaker of the State Senate. He has served several terms as a member of the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility. He is a fellow of the American Bar Association and the Tennessee Bar Foundation. Mr. Flippin entertained those attending with candid stories of his many years in private practice.



Derek Moseley, Mary Jo Middlebrooks, LaFran Plunk, Jeff Cole, Seated: Susan Sumner, Pat Wisnionski

The Ernie Gray Paralegal Utilization Award was presented to Mary Jo Middlebrooks. Her office staff was in attendance to help recognize and honor her for this award. The presentation was made by LaFran Plunk, representing the Tennessee Paralegal Association.



Jody Pickens, Bill Brewer

Jody Pickens presented the Liberty Bell Award to Bill Brewer, Executive Director of Madison Haywood Developmental Services. MHDS, Inc. serves 250 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Bill Brewer and MHDS are an integral part of the community and offer many valuable services that would otherwise not be available.

Ashley Holliday, President of the YLD, memorialized Judge Walter Baker Harris, attorney Buff Handley and attorney Scarlett Johnston with a donation to the Dream Center.



John Hamilton, Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Pamela Rodgers, Elizabeth Ford (Not pictured Jerome Teel)

The Pro Bono Project of WTLS recognized Elizabeth Ford, John Hamilton, Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Pamela Rodgers and Jerome Teel for their volunteer service to assist our clients that would otherwise not be able to have access to the legal system. Each of these attorneys demonstrates a commitment to help those less fortunate and to promote justice for all.

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## WTLS CLIENTS SAY THANK YOU...

Sara Barnett...She assisted me with a Power of Attorney, living will and gave me other information. I now have peace of mind. I couldn't thank you enough for all you did to help me.

Harriett Thompson...She helped me get a divorce. It was very quick and the attorney made it easy. She was kind and understanding.

Steve Conley...He helped me get my alimony and a judgment for back pay. He was always prepared and did an excellent job. He made me feel very comfortable, confident and safe.

Elizabeth Ford...She was friendly and helpful. It came at a time in my life when I was at the bottom financially and it helped a lot to get a divorce.

## TENNESSEE'S HISTORY OF PRO BONO WORK

The Memphis Daily Appeal of May 10, 1857, contained a letter from a reader noting that lawyer Isham Green Harris of Memphis, who at that time was a candidate for governor in the 1857 election, provided free legal assistance to an orphan needing the same. Although the Appeal, which was very friendly to Harris, doubtlessly printed the letter to show the public that Harris was a worthy candidate, it instructs us today that there is a long pro bono tradition in Tennessee that should be honored and celebrated.-----Sam Elliott

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