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From the Editor, Sherie Edwards

Happy Fall, ya'll!

Do you remember the excitement you felt (mixed with just a tiny bit of 'what have I gotten into?') when you learned you had been accepted into TBALL? I know you'll want to join with me in congratulating the latest group of excited attorneys, the newly named TBALL Class of 2012. This newsletter contains an article about the new class and information regarding the Welcome receptions to be held over the next few weeks. Please try to attend a reception to meet the members of the new class that live and practice in your area and to fellowship with other TBALL alum.

On the topic of fellowship: make sure you keep your calendar clear for February 2 and 3, 2012, the dates of the inaugural TBALLA retreat. Come on; admit it—you really, really want to partake of the 'John Tarpley Honorary Buffet of Love' again. The Executive Committee is working on a fantastic CLE agenda for the 3rd; the evening of the 2nd is for feasting on fried food and reconnecting with classmates and other alum. You do not want to miss it!

As you know, we lost our wonderful friend Larry Wilks this past August. All involved in TBALL owe a debt of gratitude to Larry, and others, who started this program. Please read further for information regarding a way in which you can join with fellow alum to honor Larry's memory.

During this time of the year, as we all gear up for the busy pace that is the holidays, Thanksgiving provides us a time to reflect on, and be thankful for, all with which we have been blessed. I'll be the first to admit, I'm a lucky girl and blessed far beyond what I deserve. Among the many blessings for which I am thankful are the wonderful friendships that I've made through TBA generally and TBALL in particular. Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and holiday season,

Sherie

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Class of 2012

The TBA is proud to announce the Leadership Law Class of 2012:

Michael Abelow, Sherrard & Roe PLC, Nashville

Megan Arthur, Shea Moskovitz & McGhee PLC, Memphis
Laurel C. Ball, Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan PLLC, Knoxville
Spencer R. Barnes, Morrison & Barnes, Jackson
Leslie Beale, The Beale Firm PLLC, Knoxville
Curtis Bowe III, Bowe and Associates, Chattanooga
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Mark A. Castleberry, London & Amburn PC, Knoxville
Kimberly Cooper, District Attorney's Office, Spring Hill
Loretta G Cravens, Eldridge & Blakney P.C., Knoxville
Jason D. Demastus, District Attorney's Office, Chattanooga
Kacey L. Faughnan, Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP, Memphis
Lora D. Fowler, District Attorney's Office, Memphis
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Brandon O. Gibson, Pentecost & Glenn PLLC, Jackson
Mary Beth Haltom, Lewis King Krieg & Waldrop PC, Nashville
Gary L. Henry, Gearhiser Peters Cavett Elliott & Cannon PLLC,
Chattanooga
Iyona Hilliard Houston, City of Memphis, Memphis
Heather Hubbard, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP, Nashville
Jeremy Ireland, Fed Ex Corporation, Memphis
Lynn V. Lawyer, Law Office of Gary R. Wilkinson, Nashville
Chris W. McCarty, Lewis King Krieg & Waldrop P.C., Knoxville
J. Brandon McWherter, Gilbert Russell & McWherter PLC, Jackson
Megan Moore, Tennessee General Assembly, Nashville
Robert D Pinson, Bone McAllester Norton PLLC, Nashville
Kevin G. Ritz, U.S. Attorney's Office, Memphis
Tommy Santel Jr., Cope Hudson Reed & McCreary PLLC, Murfreesboro
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PLL, Memphis
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David Veile, Lowery Lowery & Cherry PLLC, Lebanon
Phil Walker, Waddey & Patterson PC, Nashville
Wendy M. Warren, Bass Berry & Sims PLC, Nashville
Kyle M. Wiggins, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC,
Memphis
Brian C. Winfrey, U.S. Department of Labor, Nashville
Tyler C. Yarbro, Dodson Parker & Behm, Nashville

Fall Receptions

As a reminder, please try and attend the reception in your area over the next couple of weeks. It is a great time to reconnect with your classmates, see other TBALL alumni, and to meet the new class members for 2012. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011
LEWIS KING KREIG & WALDROP
620 MARKET STREET, FIFTH FLOOR
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
5:30pm – 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011
ALLEN SUMMERS SIMPSON LILLIE & GREHSAM
80 MONROE AVENUE, SUITE 650
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
5:30pm – 7:30pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011
BASS, BERRY & SIMS
150 3RD AVE. SOUTH, SUITE 2800
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
5:30pm – 7:30pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011
HUSCH BLACKWELL
736 GEORGIA AVENUE, SUITE 300
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402
5:30pm – 7:30pm

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TBALLA Retreat-Save the Date!

The inaugural TBALLA Alumni Retreat will be held on February 2nd and 3rd at the Montgomery Bell State Park. (Where else?) You will be receiving information shortly on reservations and accommodations. We will convene the program on Thursday afternoon with a welcome session, dinner and, of course, the hospitality suite. The program will conclude around lunchtime on Friday. Programming will include sessions on the Tennessee Plan, Lawyers as Leaders, on generational differences and working with the newest generation. We are working on a number of special guests. We will conclude the retreat with a caucus and an opportunity for participants to help us brainstorm on ideas for future alumni programming. When you register, do not forget that you can use the 3 prepaid credits that comes with your TBA Complete Membership!

A Tribute to Larry Wilks

On August 30, 2011, we lost a good friend and the personification of leadership, Larry Wilks. To honor Larry's memory, the TBA and the TBALL Steering Committee have established the "Larry Dean Wilks Leadership Award." Larry was one of the charter co-chairs of TBALL and the program was very important to him as a training ground for leaders in our legal community. The hope is that all associated with the TBALL program, will honor his devotion to effective, compassionate leadership. More importantly, in future years those who are introduced to the program and to active leadership will be made aware of who Larry was and why his legacy of leadership should

serve as a model and a beacon to all who follow in his footsteps.

In the future at the TBALL Opening Retreat, the class will be introduced to the award by learning about Larry and the criteria which serves as the basis for conferring the award. At the final meeting in May, the class will be asked to vote for the person among their classmates whose character and conduct best exemplifies the designated criteria.

A trophy will be presented at the graduation ceremony during the TBA Annual Meeting. The name of the recipient and the year of the award will be engraved on a brass plaque to be added to the base of the trophy, which will be prominently displayed at the Bar Center. The award recipient will be given a small commemorative trophy to take home.

In order to make this award a reality, the TBALLA Executive Council will be contacting each alumnus soon to ask for a donation toward the award. When you are contacted, please consider a gift to help honor Larry and continue his legacy of emphasizing leadership within the legal community.
