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## February Bar Meeting:

Noon, February 2nd

## Venue:

Mermaids Restaurant  
2217 N College Ave  
Fayetteville, AR

## February Speaker:

UA Law Professor Howard Brill will offer a CLE on recent changes in Damages in Arkansas.

## Upcoming Speakers:

### March 2

President and CEO of the Fayetteville & Springdale Chambers of Commerce, Steve Clark and Perry Webb

### April 6

U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Conner Eldridge

### May 4

Arkansas Attorney General, Leslie Rutledge



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## PROFESSOR HOWARD BRILL TO SPEAK

Professor Howard Brill will give a one hour CLE titled "Recent Developments in the Law of Damages." The CLE will include updates in the law of damages to include the areas of Attorney Fees and Attorney Fee Contracts, Restitution, and Real Property.

Professor Howard Brill has been at the School of Law since 1975. He is the first Vincent Foster Professor of Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility and teaches

professional responsibility, remedies, civil procedure, and domestic relations. He teaches special topics courses on Baseball and the Law, as well as Arkansas Constitutional Law.

After graduating from Duke University, he taught English language and African literature as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sokoto, Northern Nigeria. Professor Brill earned his J.D. from the University of Florida Law School, where he was the editor-in-chief of the law review, and later earned a graduate degree from the University of Illi-

nois. In addition to practicing with a small firm in Rock Island, Ill., he has taught at the Universities of Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.



He is a frequent Continuing Legal Education speaker on ethics and damages. His programs include: Lessons in the Law from the Life and Music of Johnny Cash; the Razorbacks, the NCAA and the Law; and Lawyers in the Movies of John Grisham.

His publications include Arkansas Law of Damages (5th edition) and Arkansas Professional and Judicial Ethics (7th edition). He served on former Gov. Clinton's Commission on Ethics and Gov. Tucker's Ethics Task Force. Along with other court and bar association committees, he serves on the Professional Ethics & Grievances Committee of the Arkansas Bar and the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. He also prepares advisory ethical opinions for attorneys and judges. On several occasions, he has served as a Special Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

## ATTORNEYS NEEDED TO JUDGE COMPETITION

The Board of Advocates is proud to be hosting the 2015 Regional Client Counseling Competition. This is a unique one-day competition to be hosted on Saturday, February 7th, 2015. We are in need of legal talent to judge the competitors! Time slots are available for the morning preliminary rounds or afternoon semifinal

rounds. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To sign up, please follow the link provided, or contact Jadyn Cleveland at [jcclevel@email.uark.edu](mailto:jcclevel@email.uark.edu) or Chloe Fackler at [atcfackler@email.uark.edu](mailto:atcfackler@email.uark.edu). We appreciate everyone's time and help in making this regional competition a success!

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## MEMBER NEWS

Donald Reporting has a new phone number. Please call us today for your deposition needs. 479.250.0022

Thank you!

Blake Trolinger  
Donald Reporting  
504 W. Emma Avenue  
Springdale, AR 72764



## FEBRUARY JUDGES CALENDAR

**Courthouse Closed:**  
**February 16th – President’s Day**

**Judge Barry**  
Fort Smith – February 10  
Fayetteville – February 12

**Judge Beaumont**  
Defaults – February 6, 20, 27  
Madison County – February 18

**Judge Brooks**  
Week of February 2 – Court - Fayetteville  
Week of February 9 – Court - Fayetteville  
Week of February 16 – Court - Fort Smith  
Week of February 23 – No Court

**Judge Bryan**  
Default Days – February 6, 13 & 27th.  
Madison County – Tues, February 17th.

**Judge Lindsay**  
Madison County – February 10

**Judge Martin**  
February 5 – 8:30 a.m. – default divorces  
February 9 – Madison County  
February 12 – 8:30 a.m. – default divorces  
February 16 – courthouse closed  
February 19 – 8:30 a.m. – default divorces  
(Spanish Interpreter Available)  
February 26 – 8:30 a.m. – default divorces

**Judge Threet**  
February 19th – Madison County.  
All other days – Washington County.  
Defaults – Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Judge Taylor**  
Default dates – February 2, 9, and 23  
Madison County – February 20  
Interpreter Day – February 17  
Closed – February 16

**Judge Zimmerman**  
Monday – Delinquency Cases  
Tuesday – Delinquency/FINS Cases  
Wednesday – Dependent-Neglect Cases  
Thursday – Delinquency/FINS/  
Dependent-Neglect Cases  
Friday – Delinquency/Dependent-Neglect Cases  
1st & 3rd Monday Evening – Juvenile Drug Ct.  
1st & 4th Friday – Madison County Court

## JANUARY MINUTES

Call to order

Approval of December Minutes.

Treasurer’s Report and Approval.

Introduction of New Members.

President Lane recognized former Washington County Bar Association President David Dixon and Former Secretary/Treasurer Amy Martin on their service to WCBA in 2014. A plaque of appreciation was presented to both.

New Business: 2015 Renewal fees are now due. Dues are \$30 for regular members and \$10 for new members that have been licensed for less than 2 years. Checks should be made payable to “WCBA” and mailed to P.O. Box 3316 Fayetteville, AR 72702.

WCBA is looking for a volunteer to help update and maintain the WCBA Facebook page.

The February meeting will feature Professor Howard Brill and include a one hour CLE on recent changes in the law concerning damages.

This month’s speaker was Mike Malone, President/CEO of the NWA Council.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

### January Treasurer’s Report:

Previous Balance:	\$5,447.90
Total Checks:	\$5,257.04
Deposits:	\$2,940.18
Current Balance:	\$3,130.78

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tyler H. Benson  
Secretary/Treasurer

## TIME TO PAY DUES!

Washington County Bar Association dues are \$30 a year, or \$10 for new lawyers, and are due in January of each year.

Mail to P.O. address below or pay at the meeting.

Send dues, advertising payment and other business to:

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**DEADLINE FOR  
THE MARCH  
NEWSLETTER IS  
FEBRUARY 20TH**

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PUBLICIST

Greetings bar Members!

My name is Trish Love and I will be serving as publicist for the Full Court Press, the newsletter of the Washington County Bar Association. I am a freelance graphic designer and I come to you with bar newsletter experience; I have been putting together the Benton County Bar Journal since the mid-1990s.

Deadline for the next month's issue will be the 20th of each month, unless otherwise specified due to holidays, etc.

Please send your content directly to me at [trishlove@laboroflovegraphics.com](mailto:trishlove@laboroflovegraphics.com). Note the guidelines below – I think you will find them helpful. As I am not an attorney, I can't be depended on to "translate" legalese into an article with accuracy. Therefore, please be sure what you send is written the way you want it to appear.

Send me whatever you think will be interesting to the Bar! Photos of events and activities, book reviews, announcements, reminders, etc. I will put it together and pass it by the executive committee for review before it is send out.



### ARKANSAS BAR ASSOC. CLE'S FOR FEBRUARY

The Arkansas Bar has an extensive list of upcoming CLE's to consider. Please go to <http://www.arkbar.com/cle/clelisting.aspx> for more information and registration.

#### Wed Feb 18 - Fri Feb 20

2014-2015 Mid-Year Meeting, LITTLE ROCK, CAPITAL HOTEL

Wed Feb 18 - 2014-2015 Mid-Year Meeting: CNA Program

Wed Feb 18 - 2014-2015 Mid-Year Opening Reception, Clinton Library

Thu Feb 26 - Fri Feb 27 - 2014-2015 Natural Resources Law Institute, HOT SPRINGS, HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER

### Best Practices for Submission:

- Please submit items worded as you would like to see them published, including a headline.
- Submissions may be simply written in an email or submitted as a Word document (NOT Word Perfect). Photos are welcome.
- Please DO NOT format with tabs, columns, or extra paragraph marks.
- Large documents to be included will be added to the end of the newsletter as attachments. Please submit an introductory paragraph for these items referencing the attachment that will appear in the main body of the newsletter.
- Photos of events and activities are always a welcome addition. Please submit with a caption or paragraph about who is in the photo and what is happening.

I look forward to working with you all!

### ATTORNEYS NEEDED, *cont.*

Link for sign-ups:

<http://attend.com/LawBoARegionalClient>

A more complete explanation of the competition appears in a letter attached to this newsletter.

Dear Members of the Washington County Bar Association,

The University of Arkansas School of Law is hosting the ABA Law Student Division Client Counseling Competition on ***Saturday, February 7th, 2015***. This year we are hosting 12 teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Colorado!

Your help would really contribute to the success of this competition. For each time slot, we are recruiting two attorney-judges and one member of the counseling profession (broadly defined) to judge competitors on their fact finding as well as their soft skills in conducting a client interview.

This is a different kind of competition than our moot court and trial competitions. The client counseling competition simulates a law office consultation in which student lawyers conduct an interview with a “client.” Following the interview, the student-lawyers explain how they would proceed further in the hypothetical situation. It does require a time commitment on the day of the competition but minimal preparation (beyond what you already know from meeting clients in your practice).

We need a larger number of judges in the morning rounds, as we will be filling 12 interview rooms. In the afternoon, we will be filling three interview rooms. The ABA has also recommended that we recruit standby judges. In recognition of your commitment of time and talents, we will be serving breakfast and lunch at the competition. In addition, we are hosting a judges’ VIP reception at Hog Haus on Dickson the night before (Friday, February 6th, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.). As the competition gets a little closer, we will send you additional information and instructions.

1. Preliminary Rounds from *9:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.*:  
30 minute prep; **three** 45 minute rounds; 10 minute breaks between rounds (same client, different student-attorneys)
2. Semifinal Rounds from *1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*:  
**Two** 45 minute rounds; 15 minute breaks between rounds (same client, different student-attorneys)

We hope you are interested and available to judge the Regional Client Counseling Competition. It is our hope to fill in our judge schedule by Saturday January 31, 2015. At your earliest convenience, please **contact the BOA Client Counseling Co-Chairs Chloe Fackler and Jadyn Cleveland at [cfackler@email.uark.edu](mailto:cfackler@email.uark.edu) or [jclevel@email.uark.edu](mailto:jclevel@email.uark.edu)**. You can also sign up directly at this live link which will generate an automatic confirmation for you. <http://attend.com/LawBoARegionalClient>

Thank you for your time and cooperation. We really appreciate it and look forward to your participation. We could not run a successful competition without your help.

Sincerely,

Chloe Fackler, BOA Regional Client Counseling Competition Co-Chair  
Jadyn Cleveland, BOA Regional Client Counseling Competition Co-Chair