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**Next Bar Meeting:**

Monday, July 10, 2017

**Venue:**

Mermaids Restaurant  
2217 N College Ave  
Fayetteville, AR

**Speaker:**

William Putman address the Bar regarding the Arkansas Judges Lawyers Assistance Program.

## WILLIAM PUTMAN TO SPEAK ON ARKANSAS JLAP

We look forward to hearing William Putman address the Bar about the Arkansas Judges Lawyers Assistance Program on July 10th.

William B. (Bill) Putman is a 1991 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law. His first job out of law school was as a law clerk to the Honorable H. Franklin Waters,



former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. Mr. Putman has spent most of his career in private practice in Northwest Arkansas, primarily with Taylor Law Partners and its predecessor firm, Mashburn and Taylor. He has also served as Chief Deputy Attorney General for the State of Arkansas and as Associate General Counsel for Walmart Stores, Inc., where among other things he managed employment class action litigation, including *Dukes v.*

Walmart. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Putman has taught Legal Communication at the University of Arkansas and Legal Writing at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Putman taught communication at the University of Arkansas and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and at Purdue University, where he was an Assistant Professor in the School of Communication. His research has been published in the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*, *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, and *Southern Speech Communication Journal*. Mr. Putman's current practice emphasizes consumer class action litigation, appellate practice, and administrative litigation, primarily professional disciplinary and licensing matters before state boards and agencies.

Mr. Putman was recently appointed by the Arkansas Supreme Court to a six-year term on the Arkansas Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program Committee. He also serves on the City of Fayetteville's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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THE AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER IS  
JULY 20TH

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## WOMEN LAWYERS SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFITS

A new group of women lawyers celebrated two local non-profit organizations with Women and Wine events on June 1 and June 7, 2017. The first meeting was held at Beautiful Lives Boutique in Fayetteville where the women not only socialized with each other, but learned all about the women's thrift store and upscale boutique, which benefits abused women and children locally and globally. The store boasts two floors of carefully curated used clothing, and a mission of helping women and children in shelters and women reentering the community after prison. You can learn more by visiting their website, [www.beautifullivesboutique.com](http://www.beautifullivesboutique.com) and by contacting the director, Melody Taylor, at [beautifullivesnwa@gmail.com](mailto:beautifullivesnwa@gmail.com).

The women's group also visited the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County in Bentonville. They enjoyed an impactful evening learning about the wholistic mission of the organization to enable single parents to attain self-sufficiency through post-secondary education. This mission includes not only scholarships for tuition, but also life-skills courses, counseling, and healthcare and childcare resources. To learn more about SPSFBC, you may visit their website at <http://www.spsfbc.org> or contact their executive director, Jack Eaton, at 479-254-8550.

Northwest Arkansas Women Lawyers generously donated \$100 to each of these organizations and hope to host more events in the future that combine fun activities, mingling with other women lawyers, and engaging with our greater communities. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Leslie Copeland at [leslie@webblawoffice.net](mailto:leslie@webblawoffice.net) to be included on their email list.

## JUNE BAR MINUTES

Call to Order  
Approval of May minutes  
Treasurer's report  
Introduction of guests  
Announcements  
Speaker: Steve Clark and Perry Webb  
Adjourn  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Tyler Benson for  
Leslie Copeland, Secretary/Treasurer

## JUDGES' CALENDARS

The Courthouse will be closed July 4th for Independence Day.

### Judge Barry

Hot Springs – none  
Fayetteville/Harrison – July 10  
Fort Smith – July 26

### Judge Beaumont

Defaults – July 14, 21, 28, at 9:00 a.m.  
Madison County – July 19

### Judge Brooks

The Judge will be in Fayetteville all month.

### Judge Bryan

Defaults – July 7, 14, 21, at 9:00 a.m.  
Arraignments/8.1 Hearings – July 14  
Madison County – July 18 at 9:00 a.m.

### Judge Lindsay – (479)444-1548

Madison County – July 11 at 9:00 a.m.

### Judge Martin – (479)444-1552

Madison County – July 10

### Judge Threet

Defaults – July 5, 19, 26, at 9:00 a.m.  
Madison County – July 3, 17

### Judge Taylor

Defaults – July 3, 17, 24, 31  
Interpreter – July 18  
Madison County – July 21

### Judge Zimmerman

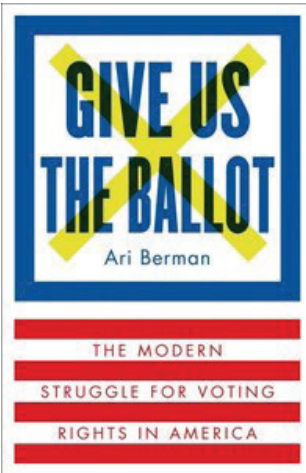
Delinquency Cases – Monday  
Delinquency/FINS Cases – Tuesday  
Dependent-Neglect Cases – Wednesday  
Delinquency/FINS/  
Dependent-Neglect Cases – Thursday  
Delinq./Dependent-Neglect Cases – Friday  
Madison County – July 28

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## ATTACHMENTS

- Flyer from J. Brooks
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## BOOK REVIEW: GIVE US THE BALLOT

By Jon Comstock

In "Give Us The Ballot – The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America" author Ari Berman presents an answer to a question that many of us have likely asked ourselves, "why is there opposition to a simple voter ID requirement to vote in our elections?"

This is a question that is especially relevant today given that the Arkansas Legislature has recently referred a Constitutional question to all of voting Arkansans for the 2018 general elections seeking to impose specific Voter ID requirements as a future condition to exercising the right to vote in our State.

"Give Us The Ballot" is the only book that attempts to tell the story of the time period from the adoption of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, through the current time. It is an easy page-turner with lots of suspense, ups and downs, good guys and bad guys – depending on your perspective. The context of the book starts with the famous words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to "give us the ballot", seeking to outlaw the Jim Crow-era restrictions which had the practical effect – as was their intent – to prohibit most black Americans of the Deep South from voting. If you are not aware of the following history, you will likely be shocked by the back-and-forth battle that has been fought over the ability to simply vote as a citizen, in both the political sphere and the courts right up to the present day.

Which brings us to the reason why I encourage everyone to read "Give Us The Ballot". If you give the matter only cursory attention, then you may reflexively ask, "what is wrong with a simple Voter ID" requirement. But if you are willing to dig deep with the goal of understanding why many argue that this is but the current manifestation of Jim Crow, only this time around, focused on not only black Americans, but the poor and underprivileged, then read on. Form your own informed opinion.

## VETERAN'S PROGRAM POSITION OPEN

Legal Aid of Arkansas has a low-income veteran's program funded by AmeriCorps.

The position is currently held by George Butler, who can be contacted at 479-442-0600 ext. 4313. Shakeria Marshall, who just completed her first year of law school, is working as an intern for the summer. A walk-in legal clinic for veterans is open from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Mondays at the VA Clinic located at 222 East Township in Fayetteville, AR.



## INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES NOW OPEN

After 16 years with the Fayetteville Police Department John Brooks has retired and announced a new endeavor, John M. Brooks LLC.

In this capacity John will work with the attorney community in Fayetteville in the following areas, to serve Legal Process in Washington and Benton County. He will also offer investigative services and case review to help resolve your case in the best possible manner for all parties.

During his career I was trained extensively and certified in all aspects of Crime Scene Investigation. He investigated practically every type of case from residential and commercial burglaries to sexual assaults and homicides. He testified extensively in the 4th Judicial Circuit courts as an expert witness in many of these cases. He worked each and every case with honesty and integrity, and garnered support among many in the attorney community as an honest person who interprets the facts of each individual case. Because of his unique experience in law enforcement he knows how to treat people with dignity and respect.

John is looking forward to meeting members of the Bar and sharing his qualifications, experience and services.

Informational flyer attached.

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Mr. Brooks has over sixteen years' experience as a Crime Scene Investigator at the Fayetteville Police Department. John formerly taught Crime Scene Investigation and Criminalistics at the Northwest Arkansas Community College and currently teaches Criminal Investigation at the University of Arkansas, introducing students and other professionals the fundamentals of law enforcement and the criminal investigation process. In 2011, John took the role as an instructor at the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI), a division of the University of Arkansas System, teaching Forensic Sciences to law enforcement personnel across the state of Arkansas.

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Criminal Justice/Sociology

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Certified Crime Scene Investigator  
University of Arkansas, Criminal Justice Institute

Advanced Crime Scene Technician  
University of Arkansas, Criminal Justice Institute