

MEET THE SPEAKERS

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION

Monday, December 6, 2010

Opening Session

Moot Courtroom

1:30 p.m. The Next Four Years



Kay Ivey is the Lieutenant Governor-Elect of the State of Alabama. A Camden native and a 1967 graduate of Auburn University, Ivey began her career as a high school teacher before becoming an officer with Merchants National Bank in Mobile. She also served as an assistant hospital administrator as well as Assistant Director of the Alabama Development Office where she authored the “Prepared Cities” Program. Ivey also served as a Reading Clerk for the Alabama House of Representatives. In 2002, Ivey was elected State Treasurer and was re-elected in 2006.

2:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Remember My People

Rick Bragg is the author of the critically acclaimed and best-selling *All Over but the Shoutin’* along with five other books and was a Pulitzer Prize-winning national correspondent for the *New York Times*. Bragg says he learned to tell stories by listening to the masters, the people of the foothills of the Appalachians. They talked of the sadness, poverty, cruelty, kindness, hope, hopelessness, faith, anger and joy of their everyday lives, and painted pictures on the very haze of the early evening, when work faded into story-telling.



Bragg is currently a Professor of Writing in the Journalism Department at the University of Alabama.

3:30 p.m. Redistricting: The 2010 Census



Catherine McCully is with the Census Redistricting Data Office in the U.S. Department of Commerce. The office provides states the opportunity to specify the small geographic areas that they wish to receive 2010 decennial census population totals for the purpose of reapportionment and redistricting. The program will provide states the opportunity to delineate voting and state legislative districts and to suggest census block boundaries.

John Tanner is a former Visiting Fellow of the Alabama Law Institute and the former Chief of the Voting Section of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division. Tanner has taught election-related courses at the University of Alabama Honors College and Cumberland Law School. Tanner is the author of *Informal Guide to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act* and *An Informal Guide to Redistricting*.

7:00 p.m. Dinner, NorthRiver Yacht Club

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Second Session

Moot Courtroom

9:00 a.m. Practical Guide to Ethics



Joe Espy

Melton, Espy & Williams
Montgomery, Alabama



Matt McDonald

Jones Walker
Mobile, Alabama

9:45 a.m. Media Strategies & Political Relations



Jack Campbell

Public Strategy Associates



Joe Perkins

Matrix LLC

11:00 a.m. As a Legislator, Everything You Do Matters

Andy Andrews, who resides in Baldwin County, is an internationally known speaker and novelist whose combined works have sold millions of copies worldwide. Andrews is the author of 21 books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers “The Traveler’s Gift” and “The Noticer”. His works have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Andrews has been hailed by *The New York Times* as a “modern-day Will Rogers who has quietly become one of the most influential people in America.” He has been received at the White House and has spoken at the request of four different U.S. presidents. His second PBS special, “Andy Andrews: The Traveler’s Gift,” is now airing nationally to incredible reviews.



Andrews’ best-selling book, *The Traveler’s Gift: Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success*, remained on the *New York Times*’ bestseller list for four and a half months. Featured as a *Good Morning America* book-of-the-month selection, it is the stunning story of one man’s search for meaning and success in life by traveling back into time and conversing with seven historic individuals.

12:00 Noon Caucus Luncheons

Third Session

Moot Courtroom

1:30 p.m. National Healthcare Reform: Alabama's Choices

LaVeeda Battle is an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. Battle has 30 years of broad experience representing public and private clients in complex legal matters. She has served as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Banking Committee. Battle has become a leading expert on issues relating to National Healthcare Reform and has written and spoken on the topic extensively.



2:00 p.m. Changes in Washington: Eisenhower to Obama



John Cochran currently serves as Senior Washington Correspondent for ABC News. Cochran joined the network in January 1994 as chief Capitol Hill correspondent, where he reported on the historic change of leadership as Republicans took control of the House and Senate for the first time in four decades. He also covered Bob Dole's unsuccessful bid for the presidency in 1996. He was the senior White House correspondent in the final two years of the Clinton administration until January 2001 when he took on his current assignment as senior Washington correspondent.

Cochran joined ABC from NBC, where he spent 21 years as a correspondent in Washington and overseas. For five of those years, he was NBC's chief correspondent to the White House.

Cochran has received three Emmy awards for his reporting: the first in 1981 for his coverage of the threat to Communism from the Solidarity movement in Poland, the second for his anchoring of reports during the overthrow of the Communist regime in Romania in 1989, and the third for his part in ABC News coverage of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. He also received the Peabody and Alfred I. DuPont awards for his role in ABC News coverage of the attacks.

A native of Montgomery, John Cochran began his journalism career while at the University of Alabama.

3:15 p.m. The Alabama Economy

Forecast 2011-2014

Dr. Sam Addy

Director, Center for Business & Economic Research
University of Alabama

State of Alabama's Budgets and Budgeting Process

Joyce Bigbee

Director, Legislative Fiscal Office

6:00 p.m. Lt. Governor Reception **Featuring "The House Band"**

7:00 p.m. Dinner in the Zone at Bryant-Denny Stadium

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Fourth Session

Moot Courtroom

9:00 a.m. Chief Justice Address



Sue Bell Cobb took office as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2007 after serving 12 years on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. Cobb graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1981. As soon as she was admitted to the bar, she was appointed district judge of Conecuh County becoming one of the state's youngest judges. She was elected twice to that position. She is a founding member and past chair of the Children First Foundation and served as President of the Alabama Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

9:30 a.m. We're All in this Together

Mayor William Bell
Birmingham

Mayor Samuel Jones
Mobile

Mayor Thomas Battle
Huntsville

Mayor Walt Maddox
Tuscaloosa

Commissioner Rhondel Rhone
Clarke County

Commissioner Stan Batemon
St. Clair County

Commissioner Ricky Harcrow
DeKalb County

Commissioner Kim Ballard
Dallas County

11:00 a.m. Governor-Elect Address



Dr. Robert Bentley will take office in January as the 53rd Governor of the State of Alabama. Prior to being elected Governor, Bentley served two terms in the Alabama House of Representatives representing the 63rd District.

Bentley is a physician and practiced with Dermatology Associates in Tuscaloosa where he was a founding partner. Prior to private practice, Bentley served in the Air Force as a general medical officer and ultimately as hospital director at Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg.

Bentley is a native of Columbiana and a graduate of the University of Alabama where he received his B.S. degree in biology and chemistry and his M.D.

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