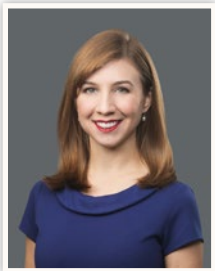


## President's Column

By Kaytie Pickett



Every year, I re-read *A Christmas Carol* to put myself in the holiday mood. I confess to reading this sentence and finding myself, in horror, sympathizing with Scrooge: "It's enough for a man to understand his own business, and not to interfere with other people's. Mine occupies me constantly." This is the impulse I must fight, unless I want to be visited by the ghosts of unhappy lawyers, whose chains consist of billable hours instead of money boxes.

Instead, I am striving to embrace Scrooge's nephew's point of view: this time of year is "the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely..." And so my shut-up heart is warmed and joyed at the thought of your fellowship and service through CABA. While our Christmas Party might not have been up to old Mr. Fezziwig's standards—no one danced a reel—it was nonetheless a great success, thanks to the diligence and thoughtfulness of our Executive Director, Jane Harkins. Thanks so much to all who came and all who donated to Toys for Tots.

In this season of giving, I am grateful for



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**Christmas Party**  
photos from this year!

all of those who give their time and talents to CABA, particularly our committee chairs and members. If you have not signed up to a committee, it is not too late! Please feel free to contact me, or Jane, or any of our board members or committee chairs if one of your New Year's Resolutions is to be more involved. And remember that when you do, the "happiness [you] give[] is quite as great as if it cost a fortune." →

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*and Happy Holidays from  
our CABA family to yours!*





# Longtime MC Law Professor LEE HETHERINGTON FETED

By Brianna Bailey and Stevie Rushing

On November 17, 2022, Mississippi College School of Law's Alumni Association celebrated one of its longest-serving, most impactful professors: Lee Hetherington.

Over 40 years at MC Law, Professor Hetherington touched thousands of lawyers' lives with wit and wisdom. So many were privileged as students to share the classroom with one of the most entertaining and informative professors in their educational experience.

Professor Hetherington has led quite a storied life, with more than a few things that alums and friends may be surprised to find out, such as his pre-MC Law adventures in the entertainment industry as a singer, writer, and Hollywood executive.

He completely financed his legal education as the lead singer of one of the most popular cover bands of the era, The Royal American Showmen. His first job directly out of law school was in New York City with one of the largest music publishing companies in the country. (While in New York, he received his LLM from NYU.)

Later, Professor Hetherington served as a Vice President of Columbia Pictures Television in Hollywood. He also co-authored several books on Entertainment Law, Internet Law and Negotiation. These life experiences may help explain why Professor Hetherington did such a memorable Elvis impersonation, jump suit and all, during the early days of the law school.

Surprise has been part and parcel of Professor Hetherington's repertoire. Former student Terryl Rushing describes his teaching style: Professor Hetherington slyly entices a student up into a tree, to

give an opinion on some legal issue. Then he pushes the student a little bit out on limb. If the hapless guy (or girl) is unenlightened, he'll push them farther and farther out, until they've modified their opinion so many times that they're hopelessly confused. That's when he saws the limb off.

In addition, few people know that Professor Hetherington was a dedicated contributor to this very newsletter, writing under the pen name Captain Equity. His articles in the CABA newsletter archives are a veritable history of Mississippi political events and beyond, with no one spared his incisive wit.

Given his musical background, it was only fitting that Professor Hetherington be celebrated with a night of music. At the Old Capitol Inn, Trey Jones (Class of '98) and his band, Luckenbach, kept the crowd on their feet with a set list full of Willie Nelson's biggest hits. When not on the dance floor, attendees could capture the moment at a photo booth or grab a signed copy of The Royal American Showmen concert poster from Professor Hetherington's touring days. The night ended with Professor Hetherington joining Luckenbach onstage for a final song, in celebration of his 40 years of service to MC Law and the capital area legal community.

If you couldn't make the party, you can still celebrate Professor Hetherington's legacy by donating to the H. Lee Hetherington Fund. The Fund hopes to raise \$25,000 to name a faculty office at MC Law in Professor Hetherington's honor. Any donations made in excess of this amount will be added to the MC Law Annual Fund in honor of Professor Hetherington. Questions concerning the Fund may be directed to Ora Durham at [odurham@mc.edu](mailto:odurham@mc.edu). ➡





# WAR STORIES

## *Invaluable Lessons from* "CARRYING" THE BRIEFCASE

By Retired Chancellor Roger Clapp

The later infamous circuit judge Marcus Gordon, just elected district attorney, asked Joe Daniel of Daniel, Coker, Horton, & Bell to take over a beautiful grieving widowed mother's case alleging that her beautiful little children lost their father because of negligent inspection of electrical wiring at Molpus Lumber Co. by its Worker's Comp carrier. Trial was scheduled in Neshoba County, against a fine Meridian defense firm, large by then-current standards and all Joe's friends.

A thirty-five year old associate not long out of night school at Jackson School of Law,

number eleven on the partnership letterhead, I "carried" Joe's briefcase and rapidly learned valuable gems from experts about trial practice (pre-trial, jury selection, *voir dire* and instruction wording, chambers conferences, midnight preparation, bench sidebars, opening statements, settlement negotiation, etc.). I was privileged to watch later Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Noble Lee demonstrate rare bench talent as Circuit Judge, something I seldom experienced in later decades.

The wise defense attorneys soon sensed something about the jury and our attractive clients, no doubt augmented by their great respect for Joe (and his handsome and mature

but relatively new assistant—no, just kidding), causing them very early on to ask Judge Lee for a recess to explore settlement. It was over. I recall selfish disappointment over missing what no doubt would have been precious wisdom that I had to painfully gather later in other courts from Corinth to Picayune and my own term behind the bench.

It is my hope that new lawyers will always seek and enjoy similar wisdom opportunities with senior lawyers and judges, no matter how much such novices think they learned in law school. ➔

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By Chad J. Hammons

# ALL (OK, Several) ROADS LEAD TO LAUREL... (PART 1)

I've had to go to Laurel multiple times this year for 9:00 a.m. hearings in an ongoing receivership case in Jones County Chancery Court. One of the good things about having business in Laurel is that there are multiple ways of getting to and fro. Because of the road construction on Hwy. 49 dating to the Fillmore administration, the first few times I made the trip, I took I-20 to Brandon, then Hwy. 18 to Bay Springs, then Hwy. 15 to Laurel. Per Google Maps, this route is supposed to be about five minutes faster than traveling Hwy. 49 to Collins, then going east on Hwy. 84. Litigators will attest, five minutes is huge, when it comes to getting to court on time, when you're almost two hours away.

Fact of business,<sup>1</sup> I found the early morning drives on Hwy. 18 south of Brandon to be somewhat treacherous. To begin with, the traffic coming into Brandon High School (the new one on Hwy. 18, not the ~~reat~~ old one on South College St.) on weekday mornings during the school year is considerable. Even when you get past the school traffic, the number of cars coming into Jackson from deep into Rankin County, all the way past Puckett, is PHENOMENAL.

Now, you can call me timid, call me old, or call me whatever, but the idea of driving on a two-lane highway against hordes of school-age kids and people hurrying to work—particularly in the day and age of rampant texting-while-driving—is not appetizing. On top of that, there is school traffic going the other way to Puckett, which involves school buses stopping on Hwy. 18 to pick up kids. And of course, since this is in the heart of the Piney Woods region, there are log trucks to contend with. Too much going on, in my opinion.

So after taking that route a few times, and after hearing that construction had largely been completed in Richland and Florence, I decided to try Hwy. 49. I'm now converted. The stretch between I-20 and Piney Woods, while still congested at times, is nothing like it was during the heyday of the orange barrels. To be sure, you always have to watch your mirror to make sure no 18-wheelers are

following too closely when you approach red lights, but the four-lane is generally less stressful.

Of course, this time of year, you need to watch out for deer. Heading into Laurel one evening in October on Hwy. 84, a large doe loped casually from the median, with horrible timing. Fortunately, I was able to swerve just enough to avoid broadsiding her.

That night, I met my receiver candidate at **The Loft** in downtown Laurel. For those who don't know, downtown Laurel has experienced something of a renaissance over the past several years, due largely to the success of the TV show "Home Town," which chronicles efforts of a local couple to rebuild old houses in the community.

The Loft is a sit-down restaurant and cocktail bar, where you can get a steak or a piece of fish, with a cold drink or glass of wine. Even on a Tuesday night at 8:30, the place had a decent crowd and some energy. It appeared to be an actual hangout, in addition to being a nice place to eat. My receiver friend and I both enjoyed our meal, although to be honest, I would order my fish broiled rather than blackened, if I had to do it over again.

One other fact must be noted though: the place still allows smoking, which is a bit jarring. Here's hoping that it changes its practices, or better yet, that Laurel outlaws smoking in restaurants entirely.<sup>2</sup>

After my hearing the next day, I took yet a different route back to Jackson. Just outside of Laurel on Hwy. 84, I turned on Hwy. 28 to make my way back north. It's an interesting route, and one I was not very familiar with. Hwy. 28 takes you through Soso, Taylorsville, and Mize en route to Magee, where you pick up Hwy. 49. Surprisingly (or not), there are multiple places along this route to stop and have lunch, and to enjoy the charms of rural Mississippi.

My first lunch stop on this route was in Taylorsville, which is just over the county line from Jones County into Smith. Per Google, there are several places to eat in Taylorsville, but **28 Diner** caught my eye on both my phone and in person as I was driving through. Coming

1. I credit my former law partner Jimmy Woods with introducing me to this Southern idiom, years ago. For a great illustration of its usage, consult the 1996 film *Sling Blade* toward the end, in the scene at the nervous hospital, when Billy Bob Thornton dismisses J.T. Walsh from his presence.

2. I firmly support the heavy hand of municipal police power on this issue.

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# BLUE PLATE *Highways*

from Laurel, you pass through downtown and go through the 4-way stop. Then it is up on your right, just past the Family Dollar. It's in an old Huddle House location, so it has countertop service, where you can watch the ladies dish up the meat 'n threes, right in front of you.

Under the theory that you can never go wrong with the fried chicken in a place like that, that's what I ordered, with mashed potatoes, greens, and cornbread. As southern grub goes, it was excellent, but in addition to the long-term health issues caused by eating such, it also

put me in real danger of falling asleep on the way back to Jackson. I never knew Magee to Jackson could last so long.

But that was child's play compared to the next venture into the Jones County Co-prosperity Sphere, and the 1000-mile drive back to Jackson afterward, induced by a restaurant in a tiny hamlet I'd never heard of, and learned how to pronounce only by accident. Until next time... ➡

## 2022 Christmas Party

*CABA held its annual holiday party on December 8th at Char Restaurant.*





# Christmas Party

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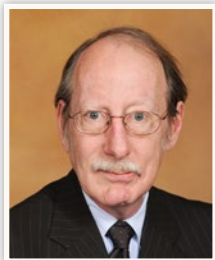


# » On Computing

Focused on the Contemporary Lawyer



## Password Managers Can Make Life Easier



By Joel Howell

Are you good at passwords? I used to think so until finally being completely overwhelmed. Time to consider using a password manager!

You likely already use a basic password manager to capture your username and password—usually via a browser plugin—when you log in to a website, and then automatically fill in your credentials when you return to that site. The site stores all of your passwords in an encrypted database, often referred to as a “vault,” which you protect with a single master password.

While your web browser probably offers password management features, does it work across all your devices on all your accounts? (If so, and it’s free, let me know and I’ll switch today).

The best password managers relieve you of the burden of having to create and memorize unique, complex logins on your own, protect your passwords by encrypting your login information in a virtual vault—either locally or in the cloud—and only allowing access with a single master password.

### You Can Make Your Life Easier.

In this day and age of technology, you can make your life easier. Here are the essential features that PC World and others say you should look for:

**Password generation:** The strongest passwords are long, random strings of characters, and you should use a different one for each site you access. That’s what makes password generation—the ability to create complex passwords out of letters, numbers, and special characters—an indispensable feature of any good password manager. The best password managers will also be able to analyze your existing passwords for weaknesses and upgrade them with a click.

**Autofill and auto-login:** Most password managers can autofill your login credentials whenever you visit a site and even log you in automatically. Thus, the master password is the only one you ever have to enter. However, browser autofill can be a security concern, so

the best managers will also let you toggle off this feature if you feel the risk outweighs the convenience.

**Secure sharing:** You should be able to share a password with a family member or coworker without compromising your security.

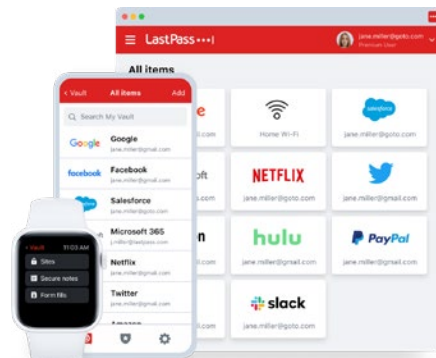
**Two-factor authentication:** Password managers which support multi-factor authentication—using a second method such as a PIN, a fingerprint, or another trusted device for additional verification— are a desirable feature to minimize the risk of hacking.

**Protection for other personal data:** Credit card and bank account numbers, addresses, and other personal data can be securely stored in many password managers and available to autofill into web forms.

### Which Password Managers Are Worth Considering?

Given the foregoing, which password managers are worth considering? Here are several, ranging in cost from free to paid tiers.

**LastPass** ([lastpass.com](http://lastpass.com)), which has both free and paid versions, covers the list pretty well. It can create unique, complex passwords; capture and manage login credentials; synchronize passwords across multiple devices; and share them with others you trust. Its password auditing and updating features help you identify and eliminate weak or duplicate passwords. It also stores credit card numbers and other personal data to autofill web forms. LastPass supports a range of multi-factor authentication options for protecting your vault.




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**Dashlane** ([dashlane.com](http://dashlane.com)) is another good paid choice. It features a security dashboard that grades your passwords and suggests actions for boosting your protection. It's free for a single device, but to synchronize across multiple devices you'll need a paid plan:

**Keeper Password Manager & Digital Vault** ([keepersecurity.com](http://keepersecurity.com)) offers features such as multi-factor authentication support, extensive sharing capabilities, useful auditing tools, and full password histories. While security-minded users stand to get the most out of Keeper's set of robust features, even the everyday user will be safer for using it.

While most password managers require a master password to access your password vault, **LogMeOnce** ([logmeonce.com](http://logmeonce.com)) offers options of a PIN, biometric, or photo login for program access. Other than this distinctive feature, LogMeOnce operates like the others. It allows you to store and synchronize passwords and credit cards with additional

features such as dark-web and cyberthreat monitoring, all of which comes at a price varying with the number of options you choose.

Finally, **Bitwarden** ([bitwarden.com](http://bitwarden.com)) offers a robust free plan. While it may lack some of the advanced features offered by the paid services and its no-frills interface isn't the most user friendly, you can't argue against Bitwarden's price—it allows you to upgrade your security for free after all. It also offers very affordable paid tiers with more advanced features, but its free tier includes so much that you might not need anything else. 



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# Farewell to Barbara Dunn

## *A Hinds County Institution*

By Will Manuel




In early November, 2022, former Hinds County Circuit Clerk Barbara Dunn passed away. Ms. Dunn was elected Circuit Clerk in 1984 and retired in 2015 at the age of 77. She was a formidable presence in the Hinds

County Courthouse—well-coiffed blonde hair and full of conversation. She adored her family.



As one of the first elected politicians in Hinds County, she was a masterful marketer. After reading that she had passed, I was able to put my hands on the black comb she gave me

in the mid-1990s that was emblazoned with “Vote For Barbara Dunn as Circuit Clerk” on it. I think she also once gave me a flyswatter. She had a “creative” organizational style for the Clerk's office. Prior to electronic filing, young and old lawyers alike were amazed at the stacks of paper behind the counter in the courthouse. But she could always find what you needed. During the days of huge amounts of litigation in the county, she ran a steady ship. Sometimes her leadership included cookouts at the courthouse on Fridays.

Mississippi has a large cast of interesting legal characters. Ms. Dunn was certainly in the top part of that list. Rest in peace. 



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# Letter to a House Sitter

By Terryl Rushing

## *Dear Desperate for Money:*

Thank you for agreeing to house sit for us this week. I thought it would be a good idea to jot down a few suggestions to make your stay more enjoyable. Or less of a disaster.

First of all, we gave you a key to the front and a garage door opener to put in your car. I strongly suggest you use the key. If you do come through the garage, for your own safety, stay on the hoarder's path that leads to the back door. Do NOT get off the path, there be dragons. We might never find you again. Same with the back yard; as it says in the witch's forest in the Wizard of Oz, "I'd turn back if I were you." And don't even think about parking your car in the garage; getting a bicycle in there would be a stretch.

When you come through the door, the first thing you'll notice is a very intimidating-looking dog, who'll check you out and run to another room. Yes, she's a pit, but her name is Princess Leia, and her big secret is that she sleeps with cats. She'll be giving you puppy dog eyes if you eat something that smells scrumptious.

Yes, there are cats, which will be evident when you look to your right. If the Christmas tree isn't on the floor, all of the ornaments will be. If you have a little obsessive-compulsive disorder, you'll enjoy replacing the ornaments. Every day.

The large marmalade feline is Top Cat, and the small black one is Smudge. They're just coming out of kittenhood, which will explain the throws off the couch and chair that are on the floor, paper that was set on a piece of furniture and has blown away (and possibly eaten), and your slippers being who knows where. Top Cat is primarily responsible for entertaining the dog; Smudge is just for entertainment. They love to watch any sport with a ball on TV, and occasionally get carried away enough to try to swat.

The other Christmas decorations around the house appear to be safe. Or incredibly boring. With one exception: Saint Joseph ends up face-planted in the creche every night. No one owns up to it, but my money's on Mary. She could easily still be holding a grudge about the 70-mile donkey trip at full-term pregnancy. And, of course, he forgot to make reservations in Bethlehem.

As for the house itself, there are a couple of things to know. The faucet in the kitchen was installed backwards, so it indicates cold water when it's actually hot. There's lots of ice in the freezer if you forget. And the water lines were crossed under one of the sinks in the master bathroom, so the faucet operates backwards. There's some Lidocaine back there somewhere.

Another hazard is the leather recliner in the family room. It has some hypnotic effect that produces long naps. It also can grow tentacles that keep a person tethered in it for hours, thereby preventing chores from getting done. At least, that's what I've been told.

You will notice that there is little parking in the cul-de-sac, but you could run a used car lot on the pad at the end of our driveway. It wraps around the house and could hide a car, if you have a friend in the witness protection program.

As far as safety is concerned, you can see the lights in the Madison Police station parking lot from our back yard. Only call them if you mean it though, because they tend to over-respond ("The tag and the driver's license are expired; I'm going to need backup."). Your only serious worry is one of the neighbors, who is heavily armed and a little paranoid. She likes us okay, which should be to your advantage, unless you let Princess Leia pee on her grass. If there's a gas leak, call 911, and you'll get to meet several really nice firemen, and probably a couple of police officers.

Speaking of Leia, the Princess gets a walk every evening, around 5:00. Don't worry, she won't let you forget; she starts whimpering about 4:30. Her halter and leash are hanging in the laundry room, and, if you make the mistake of heading that way late in the afternoon for any other reason than to retrieve them, 80 pounds of hope and willpower will be charging right into your legs. If the walk isn't long enough to suit her, all 80 pounds will turn into concrete about a block from the house, and she won't budge until you give her another five minutes.

The previous owners installed a security system, which is unconnected. I guess it could be armed to sound an alarm, but we don't know how. If you burn something, though, the smoke alarm, which is hard wired into the system, lets out a God-awful noise. And then the police come, and you have to explain to three different officers why you can't toast a bagel. At least Pizza Shack is a block away.

AT&T is pretty reliable here, but, if there's a problem, call customer service, and a nice Pakistani lady will talk to you for a while and then transfer you to someone else.

The washer and dryer are pretty reliable, and the dryer plays a little music at the end of its cycle. If you're curious, it's Schubert. I didn't know the Chinese were familiar with him.

That thing sitting in the driveway every morning is called a newspaper. Those things sitting on your chest every morning are hungry cats.

*Have fun!*



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