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The Alabama Law Foundation Forms New "ATTICUS FINCH SOCIETY"

"I'm no idealist to believe firmly in the integrity of our courts and of our jury system. That's no ideal to me. That is a living, working reality." Atticus Finch-To Kill A Mockingbird (Harper Lee)

Alabama lawyers have long revered the character Atticus Finch, from Harper Lee's novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as the epitome of the type of professional and person that lawyers strive to be. In serving the legal needs of the poor and those no one else would represent, Atticus Finch also personifies the mission of the Alabama Law Foundation. With Harper Lee's approval, the character's name was adopted for the new Atticus Finch Society, whose mission is to form a solid financial future for the Alabama Law Foundation.

The Atticus Finch Society's specific objective is to give individual lawyers a leadership role in building an endowment that provides financial perpetuity for the Alabama Law Foundation. For each million dollars of endowment, \$50,000 is generated on a perpetual basis.

The Atticus Finch Society's initial goal is to build the Alabama Law Foundation's existing endowment through a \$10,000 commitment from each Atticus Finch Society charter member, payable over three years.

The foundation for the Atticus Finch Society was laid by former board president Sam Franklin, who continues his support for the new organization as co-chair of the development committee along with Irving Silver. Co-chairman Irving Silver believes that Atticus Finch's famous words to the jury, "For God's sake, do your duty," remind every lawyer that meeting the legal needs of the poor is the moral obligation of every lawyer. Current president of the Alabama Law Foundation John Owens explains there is a "desperate need" among Alabama citizens who cannot afford civil legal services. Owens calls his fellow lawyers in Alabama to join him in meeting that need by supporting the Alabama Law Foundation's drive to build a source of permanent funding through the Atticus Finch Society.

In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus Finch declares, "...in this country our courts are the great levelers, and in our courts all men are created equal." The Atticus Finch Society provides members with a resource to become leaders in building the stability that the Alabama Law Foundation needs to make that statement a reality in Alabama.



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ATTICUS FINCH SOCIETY

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(L-R) Bobby Segall, Walter McGowan and Sam Franklin enjoy a wonderful evening at the Fellows Dinner.



(L-R) Jane Albritton, Judge Harold Albritton and Judge Sharon Blackburn having a great time at the Fellows Dinner.

(All Fellows Dinner Photographs by Village Photographers)

2005 Fellows Announced at Fellows Dinner

The Alabama Law Foundation recognized the 2005 Fellows at the annual Fellows Dinner on Friday, February 3, 2006, at the Capital City Club in Montgomery. Also honored were those members achieving "Life Fellow" status.

An elegant and congenial gathering of 164 people enjoyed the evening's speaker, Tony Barnhart, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* sportswriter for national college athletics. Tony Barnhart is also known for his Thursday night appearances during football season on "College Kickoff Countdown" on Fox Sports Net South, and his Saturday appearances on "College Football Today" on CBS.

The Fellows program was established in 1995 to honor Alabama bar members who have made significant contributions to their profession and their community. Those chosen to become Fellows are given the opportunity to increase their leadership roles by providing financial and personal support for the Alabama Law Foundation. The Fellows Dinner celebrates and acknowledges the dedicated legal professionals who are committed to equal justice for all of Alabama's citizens.

Spring is in the air

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