



Meet Your New ATCAA Board of Directors



Sitting L-R): **ANDREA HICKS**-Vice President (Jonesboro-2nd); **JOYCE MORGAN**-President (Jonesboro-2nd); **LANNA CLARK**-Secretary (Arkadelphia-9th East)

(Standing L-R): **DAWN THOMPSON**-Nominations Committee Chair (AOC); **SHANNON ROBINSON**-2nd Vice President (Little Rock-6th); **JANETTE PEDIGO**-Parliamentarian (Mountain Home-14th); **BONNIE RIDLEY**-Treasurer (Bentonville-19th West); **CHEA BALL**-Budget/Audit Committee Chair (Bentonville-19th West); **LINDA WALKER**-Bylaws Committee Chair (Van Buren-21st).

(Not Pictured): **SHERRI DANIELS**-Education Committee Chair (Hot Springs-18th); and **EUNICE DUNKIN**-Past President (Harrison-14th)

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ATCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT!



PRESIDENT

Joyce Morgan

District/Yrs.: 2nd—9 Years
Judge: Hon. Lee Fergus
Office: P. O. Box 1472, Jonesboro, AR 72403 (870) 933-4548
Spouse: Guy Morgan
Children: Ryan (31); Matt (29) & wife Sarah; Candyce (19)
Granddaughter: Madison-due 6/28/12
Puppy: Yorkie-Poo/Tinkerbelle (2)
Hobbies: Event/Party Planning, Photography, Traveling, Spending time w/Friends & Family



VICE PRESIDENT

Andrea Hicks, PLS

District/Yrs.: 2nd—11 Years
Judge: Hon. John Fogleman
Office: P. O. Box 556, Jonesboro, AR 72403 (870) 933-4593
Spouse: Allan Hicks
Children/8 Grandsons: Drake Newsom (Andrea); Brian Hicks (Autumn) & Carter; Jenny Hicks; Brad Hicks (Candalee) & Ethan, Keegan, Wil, Parker, Jackson; Chris Hicks (Allison) & Jaden, Collin.
Hobbies: Creating Mosaic Art



SECRETARY

Lanna Clark, CCM

District/Yrs.: 9th East—3 Years
Judge: Hon. Robert McCallum
Office: P. O. Box 966, Arkadelphia, AR 71923 (870) 246-8218
Spouse: Scott Clark
Children: Mason (16); Dillan (14); Dawson (11); Whit (9) & Katie Mae (2)
Hobbies: Exercising, traveling with my family, watching my kids play sports & church activities



TREASURER

Bonnie Ridley, CCM

District/Yrs.: 19th-W—9 Years
Judge: Hon. Mark Fryauf
Office: 1301 Melissa Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712 (479) 271-1020 x8902
Spouse: Charles
Children: David Bailey (33); Stacey McNamee (26); Angela Ridley (30)
Grandchildren: Brayden Cole (7); Liam McNamee (2); & Landon McNamee (2)
Hobbies: Reading, fishing, camping, & canoeing.



2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Shannon Robinson

District/Yrs.: 6th—7 Years
Judge: Hon. Wendell Griffin
401 West Markham, Room 410, Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 340-8550
Spouse: Willie
Children: Nicole (24) & Lauren (11)
Hobbies: Reading, writing, gardening and spending time w/friends & family.



PARLIAMENTARIAN

Janette Pedigo

District/Yrs.: 14th—9 Years
Judge: Hon. Gary Isbell
301 E. 6th St., Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 425-8625
Spouse: Jim Pedigo Hometown: Prescott
Children: Chris Pedigo, Rita Pedigo & Brittany Pedigo Elliott
Grandchildren: Magen (15) Chad (9) & Caroline (3)
Passions: Gardening, reading, antiques, art, music, friends & family, MH Lady Bombers Soccer, Myrtle Beach, my job, ATCAA, pursuing CCM, & list goes on & on!



ATCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT!



EDUCATION CHAIR
Sherri Daniels, CCM

District/Yrs: 18th East—4 Years
Judge: Hon. John Homer Wright
Office: Garland Cty Cthouse, Rm 331,
Hot Springs, AR 71901 (501) 321-1333
Children: Brandon (25); Ashley (23) &
Caitlan (20)
Doggie: Chloe (4)-#1 Razorback Fan!
Hobbies: Reading, movies, being
outdoors and huge Razorback fan!



NOMINATIONS CHAIR
Dawn Thompson, CCM

District/Years: AOC—3 Years
Office: 625 Marshall Street, Little Rock,
AR 72201 (501) 682-9400
Spouse: Kevin Thompson
Children: Rebekah (11); Daniel (11) (No,
not twins—11 mos. apart!); Kevin (7) &
Elizabeth (7) (Yes, twins!)
Hobbies: Kids' activities keep me very
busy, so not a lot of FREE time! Scrap-
booking, when I can & spending time w/
family & friends.



BUDGET/AUDIT CHAIR
Chea Ball, CCM

District/Yrs: 19th West—3 Years
Judge: Hon. Doug Schrantz
Office: 202 East Central, Bentonville,
AR 72712 (479) 464-6114
Spouse: NONE!!!
Children: Cameron (27); Michael (25)
& Chloe (24)
Grandchildren: Dayton (5); Cadence
(3); Wyatt (2) & Calan (11 mos.)
Hobbies: Reading, Writing & NWA
Hiking Group



BYLAWS CHAIR
Linda Walker

District/Yrs: 21st—3 Years
Judge: Hon. Mike Medlock
Office: 220 South 4th St., Su "B", Van
Buren, AR 72956 (479)471-3290
Spouse: Gilbert Walker
Children: Amanda Hayden (26) & Eli
Walker (20)
Grandchild: Khloe Hayden (2)
Hobbies: Traveling & Scrapbooking



NEW SALARY COMMITTEE CHAIR
Nadine Holland, CCM

District/Yrs: 19th East—3 Years
Judge: Hon. Kent Crow
Office: P. O. Drawer 231, Berryville, AR
72616 (870) 423-7131
Spouse: Ken
Babies: Dog named "Tater" and Cat
named "Dutch!"
Hobbies: Boating, jet skiing & shuffle-
board.

INFORMATION

FOR

PAST PRESIDENT
Eunice Dunkin

NOT PUBLISHED

AT HER REQUEST.

MESSAGE FROM TCA VICKIE JONES!

THANK YOU!



**Presented to:
VICKIE JONES**
"In recognition of
your bravery and
will, we commend
and thank you for
your service."
ATCAA—2012

I first would like to say a "Thank You" to the Arkansas Trial Court Assistants Association for the plaque which was presented to me at the March, 2012 meeting. This was totally unexpected and a big surprise which caught me off guard. You are a wonderful group of ladies/gentlemen. The shooting that occurred in Crawford County on September 13, 2011 was a life changing event for everyone involved or in the Courthouse that day. I am not a hero, but a victim like everyone else that day, and the one who just happened to be in the line of fire. I thank the good Lord above for looking over all of us that day.

ARKANSAS TRIAL COURT ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Eunice Dunkin, with welcome and thanks given to Marty and AOC staff and to the Education Committee. First timers were recognized.

The minutes of the 2011 business meeting were included in everyone's packet for review. A motion was made and second to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Next was the treasurer's report by Vicki Evans, which was included in everyone's packet. Our balance as of February 28, 2012 was \$16,229.29. Motion made and second that the report be approved. The motion carried.

Old Business - Any new members or members who never received lapel pins are to contact Eunice Duncan and anyone needing portfolios are to contact Vicki Evans.

New Business - Motion made and second that a Salary Committee be made up of five or six association members from different areas of the state to review the current TCA pay grid. Motion carried. Vicki made a motion to take out staff substitutes in the line item of the AOJ fund to help with the short fall. This was tabled for the newly selected salary committee.

Motion was made by Joyce Morgan to waive the 30 day notice of change in bylaws in order to change the wording of President to President Elect. Suggestion was made that the Board should probably meet a month or two before the annual meeting in order to mail any changes/suggestions of this nature out to the entire association for consideration. Second was made by Barbi to waive the 30 day notice of change in bylaws. Motion carried with opposition.

Andrea Hicks will amend the bylaws to show President Elect in lieu of President.

Other Business -

Appointed Positions - President Dunkin asked Kim Dodson to serve as 2nd Vice President and Claudette Davis to serve as Parliamentarian. Both accepted.

Elections - The slate of names from the Nominating Committee for officers was presented to the association members then the floor was opened to other nominations. The officers elected were:

President -	Joyce Morgan
Vice-President -	Andrea Hicks
Secretary -	Lana Clark
Treasurer -	Bonnie Ridley

Special Presentations

A plaque was presented to Vickie Jones for her service and courage during the courthouse shooting in the 21st Judicial District.

Gavels were presented to the President and President Elect.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan D. McGehee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Susan McGehee, Secretary

ARKANSAS TRIAL COURT ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES ADDENDUM
MARCH 2, 2012

There was a motion made by Joyce Morgan to waive the 30 day notice requirement to amend the Bylaws to provide for changing the office of "Vice President" to "President-Elect." Opposition was noted that *Roberts Rules of Order* requires 30 days written notice to amend a Bylaw. In order to assure that proper procedure is followed according to *Roberts Rules of Order*, the new ATCAA Board will be reviewing this issue, as well as other necessary amendments to the Bylaws, and will be making such recommendations to the membership by giving at least 30 days "written" notice prior to our next 2013 meeting, and a vote will take place at that time.

Also, there was a meeting called by the current President, Joyce Morgan. The attendees were Joyce Morgan, President; Lanna Clark, Secretary; Bonnie Ridley, Treasurer; Andrea Hicks, Vice President; and Eunice Duncan, Past-President.

President Joyce Morgan appointed the following:

Shannon Robinson - 2nd Vice President
Janette Pedigo – Parliamentarian
Sherri Daniels – Education Committee Chair
Dawn Thompson – Nominations Committee Chair
Chea Ball – Budget/Audit Committee Chair
Linda Walker – Bylaws Committee Chair
Nadine Holland – Salary Committee Chair

This was approved by Lanna Clark, Secretary; Bonnie Ridley, Treasurer; and Andrea Hicks, Vice President.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lanna M. Clark, Secretary

**REPORT OF FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
FOR THE ARKANSAS TRIAL COURT ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
MAY 22, 2012**

All financial records from the outgoing Treasurer, Vicki Evans of El Dorado, were received by the Financial Review Committee on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

When Vicki took office as Treasurer in March, 2008, there was a balance of \$9,880.88 in the account at Parkway Bank in Monticello. Upon receipt of the books, she withdrew the balance from Parkway Bank on 3/28/08 to close that account and deposited said funds, together with \$15.00 in dues, into a new account at Bancorp South in El Dorado on 4/18/08, for an opening balance of \$9,895.88.

A review of the bank statements for the period beginning April 1, 2008 and ending March 31, 2009, together with the invoices, checks, receipts, and deposits, showed all records were in order and balanced with the bank statements. Receipts, consisting of paid dues in the amount of \$3,535.00, padfolios sold of \$240.00, and interest earned of \$66.58, totaled \$3,841.58. After all expenses were paid totaling \$2,208.55, the balance of \$11,528.91 as shown on the Treasurer's Report for March, 2009 is correct and in order.

A review of the bank statements for the period beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010, together with the invoices, checks, receipts, and deposits, showed all records were in order and balanced with the bank statements. Receipts, consisting of paid dues in the amount of \$3,640.01, padfolios sold of \$15.00, a reimbursement from Wyndham Riverfront for food not received of \$123.11, and interest earned of \$74.72, totaled \$3,852.84. After all expenses were paid totaling \$3,434.98, the balance of \$11,946.77 as shown on the Treasurer's Report for March, 2010 is correct and in order.

A review of the bank statements for the period beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011, together with the invoices, checks, receipts, and deposits, showed all records were in order and balanced with the bank statements. Receipts, consisting of paid dues of \$3,745.02, padfolios sold of \$45.00, and interest earned of \$41.74, totaled \$3,831.76. After all expenses were paid totaling \$1,623.49, the balance of \$14,155.04 as shown on the Treasurer's Report for March, 2011 is correct and in order.

A review of the bank statements for the period beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012, together with the invoices, checks, receipts, and deposits, showed all records were in order and balanced with the bank statements. Receipts, consisting of paid dues in the amount of \$3,850.00, padfolios sold of \$60.00, and interest earned of \$31.48, totaled \$3,941.48. After all expenses were paid totaling \$4,722.94, the balance of \$13,373.58 as shown on the Treasurer's Report for March, 2012 is correct and in order.

In addition, all transactions immediately following the close of business on March 31, 2012 until the date of this report are correct and in order.

The Financial Review Committee wants to thank outgoing Treasurer, Vicki Evans, for her many years of commitment and impeccable service to the Arkansas Trial Court Assistants Association.

Respectfully submitted,

ARKANSAS TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT ASSOC.
FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



CHEA BALL - CHAIR



BETTY SCHRADER, 19th Judicial District West



Craighead County Bar Begins Law Day/Red Mass Tradition

The Red Mass is a historical tradition dating back to the 13th Century, and was first celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. It is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, elected officials, law enforcement officers, law office and courthouse staff. During the mass, attendees are offered the opportunity to reflect on the power and responsibility of all those serving and who seek to do justice in the legal profession.

The Craighead County Bar Association hosted its first Red Mass event on May 1, 2012, in Jonesboro at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Following the mass, attendees were treated to lunch provided by First Security Bank of Jonesboro.

It was a great event, and we urge others to do the same in their districts!



TCA's
Andrea Hicks
Ouida Hardin
Joyce Morgan



Blessed Sacra-
ment Church



First Security Bank
provided our
lunch!



Great Turnout!



Legal Community
Enjoying Fellowship!

Bar Officers,
1st Security Bank
Officer (2nd Left) &
Jonesboro Mayor
(2nd Right)





Lady Justice



THE LADY JUSTICE STATUE RANKS AS ONE OF THE MOST WELL KNOWN STATUES IN THE WORLD. ALTHOUGH, THIS STATUE IS NOT TYPICALLY ATTRIBUTED TO ANY ONE FAMOUS SCULPTOR, THE FACT THAT IT ADORNS SO MANY OF THE WORLD'S COURTHOUSES HAS RENDERED IT ONE OF THE MORE WELL KNOWN SCULPTURES.

WHILE IT GOES BY MANY NAMES, THE MOST POPULAR ARE LADY JUSTICE, SCALES OF JUSTICE, AND BLIND JUSTICE. THE STATUE DATES ITS ORIGINS FROM ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN TIMES AS THE LADY REPRESENTED IS THEMIS, THE GODDESS OF JUSTICE AND LAW. WELL KNOWN FOR HER CLEAR SIGHTEDNESS, SHE TYPICALLY HOLDS A SWORD IN ONE HAND AND SCALES IN THE OTHER.

THE SCALES THAT SHE HOLDS REPRESENT THE IMPARTIALITY WITH WHICH JUSTICE IS SERVED AND THE SWORD SIGNIFIES THE POWER THAT IS HELD BY THOSE MAKING THE DECISION. DURING THE 16TH CENTURY, ARTISTS STARTED SHOWING THE LADY BLINDFOLDED TO SHOW THAT JUSTICE IS NOT SUBJECT TO INFLUENCE. FROM THIS, THE STATUE EARNED THE NAME BLIND JUSTICE.



LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

Misfeasance is from Middle French *mesfaisance*. The *mes* part is a negative and *faisance* is from *faire* "to do" or "to make." The person guilty of misfeasance is literally "making bad." Definitions include:

- a wrong action
- the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner
- wrong or improper conduct in public office

Malfeasance combines the English prefix *mal* (bad) with Middle English *feasance* which was from Middle French *faisance*. Definitions include:

- wrongdoing, misconduct, misbehavior
- specifically, the misuse of authority by a public officer - called also malpractice
- an act or instance of wrongdoing especially by a public officer under color of Authority in his/her office

Nonfeasance is a term used in Tort law to describe inaction that allows or results in harm to a person or to property. An act of nonfeasance can result in liability if (1) the actor owed a duty of care toward the injured person, (2) the actor failed to act on that duty, and (3) the failure to act resulted in injury.

According to the site wisegeek.com:

Malfeasance is a legal term that refers to an individual intentionally performing an act that is illegal.

Misfeasance is a legal act performed wrongfully. That is, a public official or a lawyer may do something that is not illegal but is mistaken or erroneous.

Nonfeasance, which is closely related to misfeasance, is the failure to act even though a duty to act existed.

Due to disagreement over the exact meaning of *malfeasance*, the definitions of *malfeasance* and *misfeasance* sometime overlap. As a result, malfeasance can also sometimes refer to negligent acts that were committed out of ignorance and not just to those that were committed intentionally.

Maddox, M. (2012) Misfeasance or Malfeasance? (Daily Writing Tips)
Retrieved from <http://.dailywritingtips.com/misfeasance-or-malfeasance/>

Nonfeasance (n.d.) The Free Dictionary
<http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Nonfeasance>



Easy Recipes!

Joyce's Chicken Asparagus Spaghetti

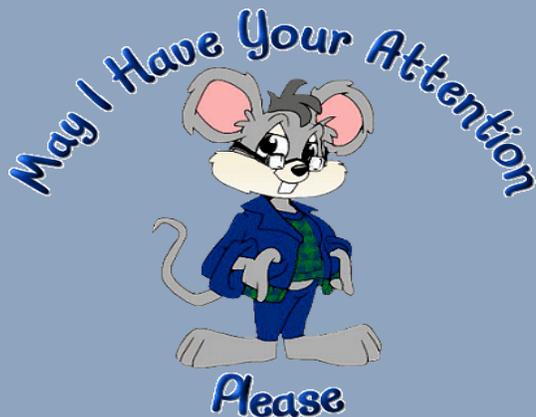
Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast Package (3)
 1-2 tsp. Olive Oil
 Your Favorite Poultry Seasoning to Taste
 Asparagus
 Red Bell Pepper
 1 Can of Healthy Choice Cream of Chicken Soup
 Spaghetti, Butter & Garlic Salt

Defrost chicken (still slightly frozen) and cut up in small bite-size pieces. Brown in skillet in 1-2 tsp. olive oil with desired type/generous amount of seasoning until browned. Cut up asparagus and red bell pepper into small pieces and add to chicken and brown. Add cream of chicken soup and water to desired consistency as it simmers. Boil spaghetti noodles in large sauce pan, drain and add butter & garlic salt. Spread chicken asparagus sauce over noodles. Takes 30-40 minutes from start to finish! Serves 5. Delicious and very easy!

Andrea's "Hole-y" Cake

1 white cake mix
 1 can sweetened condensed milk
 1 can cream of coconut
 1 tub cool whip

Bake case as directed in a 9X13 pan, using the egg white method. As soon as the cake comes out of the oven, using the handle of a wooden spoon, poke holes into the cake every inch, all the way to the bottom. Next, pour the cream of coconut into all the holes and around the edges, followed with the sweetened condensed milk. Refrigerate cake. It is best eaten the next day, "frosted" with cool whip. Keep cake refrigerated.

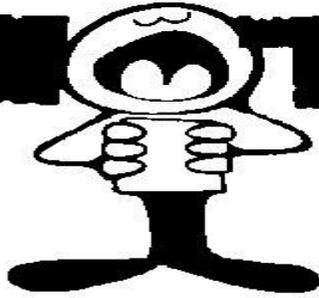


ATTENTION: RECRUITING NEW SALARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

As we all know, there are several issues pending regarding the budget, salary and compensation. It is our goal that the newly formed Salary Committee will provide insight, TCA perspective and possible solutions to these very important issues. The Committee is chaired by Nadine Holland (Carroll County) and is currently in the process of putting together salary committee members. Ideally, we would like the committee to consist of at least five people from various parts of the state and need three more TCAs to join. Anyone interested in becoming part of the committee, contact Nadine Nadine-JudgeCrow@hbeark.com or Joyce jmorgan@2ndjudicial.com. With the formation of the Salary Committee, we will now have the opportunity to voice our concerns as a group! THANK YOU!



NOTICE



We hope you have enjoyed the “first” edition of our new Arkansas Trial Court Assistants Association “TCA TIDBITS” newsletter!

It is our desire to feature **EVERY ARKANSAS TCA** at some point, beginning with the 1st Judicial District through the 23rd! Please email a **photo**, along with your biographical information to jmorgan@2ndjudicial.org by no later than **August 1, 2012**. **Biographical information to include:**

- Name:
- District/Years as a TCA:
- Judge:
- Office: (Address & Phone #)
- Spouse/Significant Other:
- Children/Grandchildren (w/ages):
- Hobbies:

Also, if you have any events, photos, articles, stories, quotes, recipes, or anything else of interest that you would like to see published in our newsletter, please send to email above for future issues!



Thank you!
CO-PUBLISHERS
Andrea Hicks & Joyce Morgan



The right angle to approach
a difficult problem is the
“try-angle!”

