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Dear Committee or Task Force Member:

I have appointed you to serve on an Alabama State Bar Committee or Task Force for the 2017-2018 Bar year. Attached you will find the formal order of your appointment. I know how many demands there are on your professional and personal time, and I very much appreciate your willingness to serve.

Our Bar is growing and changing. Most importantly, we are working to respond to the actual and felt needs of our members and the public. Many of our Committees and Task Forces this year will address challenges arising from our experience in the past and the changing climate in which we find ourselves today. I am looking for tangible results from each Committee or Task Force in a timely fashion. I would like to receive periodic informal reports from your Committee or Task Force as the year unfolds, with copies to Phillip McCallum at the Bar.

Each Committee or Task Force has Bar staff and other liaisons who will assist the chair and vice chair in carrying out the charge of their respective Committee or Task Force. In order to promote geographic diversity and encourage participation by members from all areas and in all types of law practices, a toll-free call-in number will be made available to all members before each meeting. Using this call-in number will allow you to participate in the meeting by teleconference if you desire to do so.

If circumstances arise during this year which prevents you from serving, please advise Mary Frances Garner of our External Relations and Projects staff, 334-517-2142, or email her at [maryfrances.garner@alabar.org](mailto:maryfrances.garner@alabar.org).

I look forward to working with you this year. You can always contact me directly. My email address is [adowd@whitearnolddowd.com](mailto:adowd@whitearnolddowd.com). My work number is 205-323-1888 and my cell number is 205-999-1704.

Together, we can combine our talents and energies toward the advancement of the profession and the protection of the public. Thank you in advance for your efforts to fulfill the Bar's motto: "Lawyers Render Service."

Sincerely yours,



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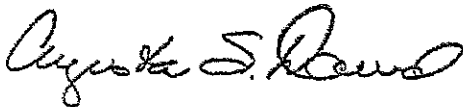
**PURPOSE & SCOPE**

Over the last several years, significant issues have arisen and been the subject of debate as to Alabama's Workers' Compensation laws, policies and procedures. These questions, continued conversations and varying legal opinions demonstrate the need to explore Alabama's laws in this area prompting the Alabama State Bar to create a Task Force to explore the subject.

The Task Force will combine lawyers, legislators and judges who represent all areas of workers' compensation law. It is the intent to include any and all stakeholders in the field of workers compensation to review how Alabama deals with these issues in our state as well as to compare and contrast Alabama's laws to those of similar states.

The Task Force shall address the inadequacies of the current system and provide recommendations of appropriate changes to Alabama Worker's Compensation Laws. The purpose of this task force is not to lobby for changes to the law, but to continue with the Alabama State Bar's ongoing effort to collaborate with the Alabama Legislature to provide a non-biased, nonpartisan legal/educational perspective of ways our state can improve the administration of justice.

Done as of October 10, 2017



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