

Pursuant to the Alabama State Bar's Rules Governing the Election of President-Elect, the following biographical sketch is provided of Alyce Manley Spruell. Spruell was the sole qualifying candidate for the position of president-elect of the Alabama State Bar for the 2009-10 term and she will assume the presidency in July 2010.

Alyce Manley Spruell

Tuscaloosa attorney Alyce Manley Spruell currently serves as a bar commissioner for the 6th Judicial Circuit, having held that position for two consecutive terms. She was selected to serve on the Executive Committee in 2005, and again in 2007. She also served as a charter member of the bar Leadership Forum Task Force in 2004, and, after serving as co-chair with Pat Graves during the first year of the Leadership Forum program, she went on to chair that committee the next year.

Spruell has held a variety of leadership and service positions in the bar since becoming licensed to practice in Alabama in October 1983, shortly after graduating from the University of Alabama School of Law. She served on the bar's Young Lawyers' Section Executive Committee for three years, and chaired the Admissions Ceremony Committee during her tenure. She served on the initial Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution, and has also served on the Volunteer Lawyers Program Committee and the Task Force on Professionalism, as well as other state bar committees. Locally, Spruell served as the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association president in 1996-97, after serving several terms on the local bar executive committee. Spruell currently serves as a member of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors (as a Bar Commission designee), and is also a participant in the Volunteer Lawyers Program. She is a 2008 graduate of the Leadership Alabama program, and has served on a number of community and statewide service organizations.

Spruell is a member of the firm of Spruell & Powell LLC, whose offices are located in historic downtown Northport. The firm's practice centers on small business representation as well as civil trial representation, with an emphasis on business, employment and real estate matters. Spruell and her partner, Joe Powell, also own Main Avenue Title Company. Alternative dispute resolution services are also provided by the firm through Spruell's service as both a mediator and arbitrator in a variety of practice areas. She has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama School of Law in the area of trial advocacy for over 10 years, and also teaches a 9th- and 10th-grade girls' Sunday school class in the youth department of Calvary Baptist Church.

She has been married to Bruce Spruell for almost 28 years. They have two children: a son, Taylor, a senior majoring in sports management, and a daughter, Cameron, a freshman majoring in special education (both at the University of Alabama). Spruell describes her favorite pastimes as boating on Lake Tuscaloosa, reading and traveling. As an avid sports fan, she is a huge supporter of the Crimson Tide and the Vanderbilt Commodores, her undergraduate alma mater. ▲▼▲



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