



ALABAMA
ASSOCIATION
for JUSTICE

FRANK WOODSON
President

A Brief History

1953 – W. E. Brobston starts Alabama Plaintiff's Lawyers Association

1957 – First printed Journal sent to members

1973 – Established Trust Representing Involved Alabama Lawyers (TRIAL)

1999 – Ginger Avery named as Executive Director

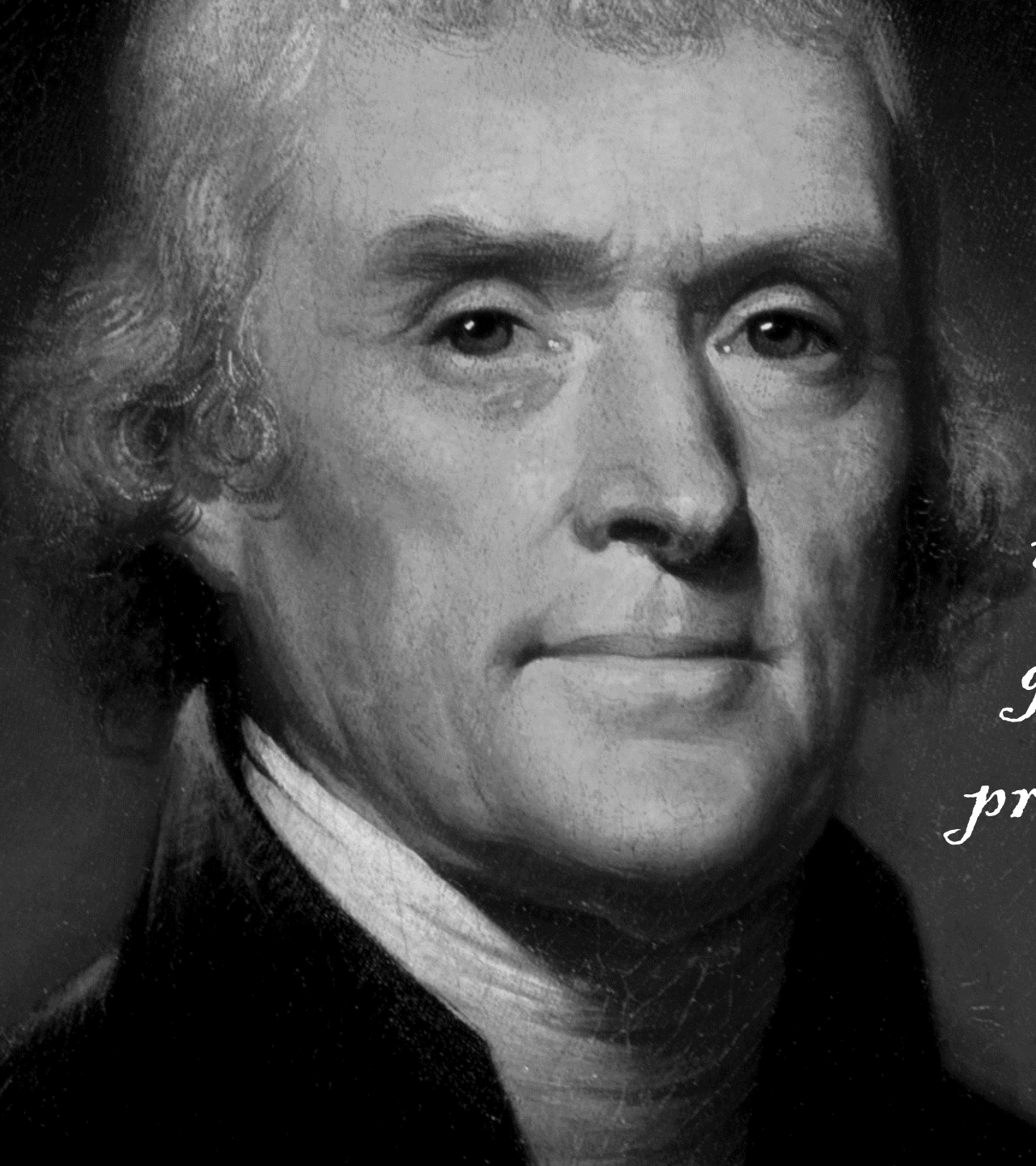
2007 – Changed name to Alabama Association for Justice

Our Mission

To preserve and protect the constitutional right to a trial by jury guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution by ensuring that every person or business harmed or injured by the misconduct or negligence of others can hold wrongdoers accountable in the one room where everyone is equal – the courtroom.

The Seventh Amendment

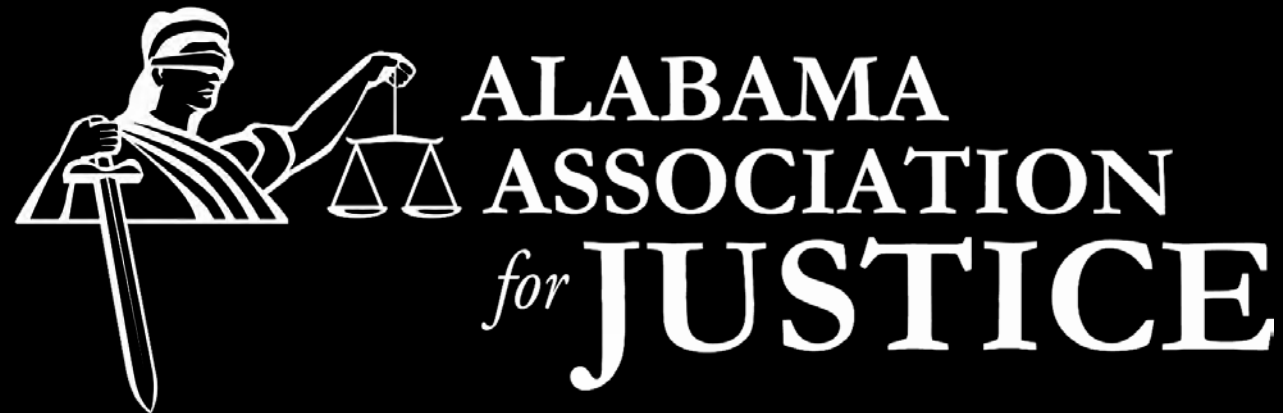
In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.



*"I consider trial by jury as
the only anchor ever yet
imagined by man, by which a
government can be held to the
principles of its constitution."*

--Thomas Jefferson

Good Lawyers, Good Laws



We want our focus to be on..

- Eliminate civil justice restrictions
- Provide our members with excellent educational opportunities
- Strengthen the civil justice system
- Support adequate court funding
- Participate in the selection and election of a qualified and impartial judiciary
- Work in campaigns and the legislature to positively affect the discourse of public policy

*Work with Legislature to positively affect
the discourse of public policy.*

- Bill Reading Day
- Legislative Team – lobbyist and volunteer lawyers

Support Adequate Court Funding

- Work with Alabama State Bar
- Work with Circuit Judges Association
- Provide Legislature with Information
- Constitution requires the Legislature provide adequate funding of the 3rd and equal branch of government

*Provide our members with
excellent educational opportunities.*

- Annual Seminar – San Destin, FL
- Mid-Winter Seminar – Birmingham
- Online Seminars
- Members List Serve

ALAJ *online list serve*

- Provides legal research exchange
- Provides legal form exchange
- Online mentoring for young members
- Practical information shared

List Serve - Recent Topics

- Experience with particular defense lawyer; Experts for all types of cases; depositions of particular type of witness; proper defendant when sue UAB; need private investigator who speaks Spanish; vocational expert recommendations; DUI lawyer in particular city; special needs trusts; opinions on arbitrators; workers compensation panel of 4 doctors; opinions on certain doctors in depositions; OSHA experts.
- Ability to search all list serve for topics

ALAJ Membership – *Special Offer*

Memberships run from June 1 – May 31

Special offer for a membership that will last until May 31, 2018.

To join, contact our membership director Johnnie Smith at jsmith@justice.org or call 334-262-4974.

Less than 2 years in practice is \$160 – you pay \$40

2 - 5 years is \$215; you pay \$53.75

5 – 10 years is \$325; you pay \$81.25

10-15 years is \$425; you pay \$106.25

15-20 year is \$525; you pay \$131.25

20 years or more is \$625; you pay \$156.25



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