



Rotary
Club of Jackson,
Mississippi



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March 31, 2025

The Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed **Meade Mitchell, President of the Mississippi Bar Association**. His presentation will be “**Bar Talk by Fellow Rotarian Meade Mitchell, President, MS Bar Association.**”



L to R: Richard Wilbourn – Rotary President-Elect; Attorney Richard Wilbourn; President Phillip Carpenter, Rotary President; Owner, Carpenter Properties; and Beau Bettiga Associate Attorney with Wise, Carter, Child, & Caraway, P.A.

President Phillip Carpenter welcomed Rotarians and guests.

He also led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Lee Bush delivered the Invocation.

Bill Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon Moman introduced our visitors:

Visiting Rotarian: Barbara Travis with the Rankin County Rotary Club

Visitors:

- Nick Travis – husband of visiting Rotarian Barbara Travis
- Donovan Beitel, Mississippi Blind Industries, Executive Director – Guest of Seth Dickinson
- Adam Kilgore, The Mississippi Bar Association, Former General Counsel - Guest of Meade Mitchell
- William Mitchell, Mississippi College Law student – Guest of Meade Mitchell
- Holly Mitchell, Meade Mitchell's wife

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**HOW WE WORK THE MAGIC:
INSPIRING ACTION**

*Rotary 6800 & 6820
Multi-District Conference*

4.4.25-4.5.25

*The Cotton House
Cleveland, MS!*

Registration Cost \$50 and includes....

*Friday night party
at the Grammy Museum
with music from
the Stormy Monday Blues Band,
2 drink tickets, horderves*

*Conference at The Cotton House Saturday
breakfast and lunch served*



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Rotary District 6800 

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**Seth Dickinson, Special Assistant Attorney General,
presented a Resolution Honoring William Franklin "Bill" Hankins.**



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Resolution Honoring William Franklin "Bill" Hankins

WHEREAS, William Franklin "Bill" Hankins, a distinguished member of our community, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on December 27th, surrounded by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hankins was a devoted husband to Sarah Glynn Hankins, a cherished father to David Hankins, Amanda Hankins Kirk, and the late William Franklin Hankins, Jr., and a beloved grandfather to many, especially Holden Von Seutter, with whom he had a special bond; and

WHEREAS, Bill was born in 1938 in Grenada, Mississippi, to Ruby Evelyn Crawford and William Bilbo Hankins, and his early life and education at Greenwood High School and Mississippi State University laid the foundation for his remarkable career; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a proud member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and an ardent supporter of Mississippi State University, later continuing his education at Southern Methodist University Graduate School to advance his expertise in banking; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hankins made significant contributions to the commercial and industrial real estate industry, serving as President of the Mississippi Commercial Association of Realtors and being honored as their Realtor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and vision led to the co-founding of the Mississippi Commercial Real Estate Exchange website, which continues to benefit brokers, salespeople, and the public; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Bill held esteemed positions in economic development, banking, and advanced cellular technology, contributing to the progress of Mississippi's financial and technological industries; and

WHEREAS, Bill's legacy extends beyond his professional achievements, as he was known for his deep love of family, his unwavering integrity, and his commitment to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, his presence, wisdom, and kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his contributions and character will continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rotary Club of Jackson, Mississippi, recognizes and honors the life and legacy of William Franklin "Bill" Hankins for his extraordinary service, leadership, and dedication to his family, profession, and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to his family as a token of our most profound respect and condolences.

Adopted this 31st day of March, 2025, by the Rotary Club of Jackson, Mississippi.


2024 - 2025 Club President



BIRTHDAYS:
Billy Long April 5

ROTARY JOIN DATES:

Bill Cook	04/01/1961	64 Years
Neddie Winters	04/01/1991	34 Years
Johnny Donaldson	04/04/2005	20 Years
Deonte Oscar	04/03/2022	3 Years

Monday, March 31, 2025 – The Rotary Club of Jackson will welcome Dr. Thomas Dobbs.

Richard Wilbourn introduced Meade Mitchell, President of the Mississippi Bar Association.



Meade W. Mitchell of Ridgeland was installed as the 119th President of The Mississippi Bar on July 12 at the Bar's Annual Business Session. The Mississippi Bar is composed of nearly 9,000 active members who are licensed to practice law in Mississippi.

Mitchell was raised in Pascagoula and graduated from Pascagoula High School. He attended the University of Mississippi, earning a Bachelor of Science in accounting in 1990 and a Juris Doctorate in 1993, both with honors. He is an inductee into the Student Hall of Fame (1990) and served as an associate editor on the Mississippi Law Journal. Mitchell clerked for United States District Judge Tom S. Lee before beginning law practice in Jackson.

He is a partner at Butler Snow LLP, focusing on product liability, toxic tort, environmental, and transportation litigation.

Mitchell has been active in the Mississippi Bar throughout his career. He recently chaired the Summer School for Lawyers Committee. Before that, he served as Chair of the Bar's Litigation Section and Director of the Young Lawyers Division. He is a past Chair of the Bar Admissions Ceremony, Public Information, and Local Affiliates Committees and has volunteered on others. Mitchell was chosen as the Mississippi District Representative to the ABA Young Lawyers Division and received the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Mississippi Award (2004). He was selected as a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar, Young Lawyers Division.

Mitchell also serves the bar at both the local and national levels. He was president of the Capital Area Bar Association (CABA) in 2017 and president of the Jackson Young Lawyers in 2000 and served on their respective boards. He also previously chaired CABA's Program Committee and served on its Membership, Golf Tournament, and Strategic Planning Committees, as well as in various roles and offices for the Jackson Young Lawyers. Nationally, he serves as an officer of the ABA Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), a member of its Governing Council, and Chair of its Revenue Committee. Mitchell previously served TIPS as Chair of the Content Management, Book Publishing Board, Membership, and Commercial Transportation Committees, and he is a graduate of its Leadership Academy. He was selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a Fellow of the ABA Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice Section, and a Fellow of the ABA Young Lawyers Division.

Mitchell is the former president of the Jackson Exchange Club and is a member of the Jackson Rotary Club. He served on the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership Board, as Chair of the Leadership Greater Jackson Board of Trustees, and as President of the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association. Mitchell volunteered for the Mississippi Museum of Art and was a fundraising co-chair for the Mississippi Arthritis Foundation. The Mississippi Business Journal selected him as a "Mississippi Top 40 Under 40" (2004), and he received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Community Leadership Association (2005).

Mitchell is a Bencher in the Charles Clark Inns of Court and was selected for membership in the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and the Trucking Industry Defense Association. He is an Eagle Scout, a member of the Lamar Order, and an inductee into the Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary associations. Mitchell is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell® and listed in The Best Lawyers in America® and Mid-South Super Lawyers®. He has authored many articles for legal periodicals and law journals on subjects ranging from disclosure rules to trucking law and is a regular CLE speaker.

Mitchell and his wife, Holly, reside in Jackson, where they are Christ United Methodist Church members. They are the parents of two children, William and Mary.

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