

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Walton County Bar Association and students throughout Walton County, I am writing to share an opportunity for you to support the WCBA's new Scholarship Fund which will award a scholarship to a financially needy Walton County student THIS YEAR! In order to award our first ever scholarship, and start a fund for continuation of this philanthropy in years to come, the WCBA board has established a goal of raising at least \$5,000 in the next 30 days.

A challenge has been issued by Gary Shipman, of Dunlap & Shipman in Santa Rosa Beach. Gary has committed his firm to make a \$1,000 contribution if we can obtain similar commitments from at least 4 other law firms! We know that **Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon** does not want to be left behind in this great endeavor to send a well-deserving and financially needy young person off to pursue their dreams after high school!

The WCBA scholarship will be funded and awarded through a new strategic partnership with Take Stock in Children. More information about Take Stock in Children is available in the enclosed letter and on their website (<http://www.takestockinchildren.org>). We encourage you to learn more about what this organization is doing to change the lives of children across the state and right here in Walton County. Partnering with Take Stock in Children allows WCBA to make maximum impact for students who have already been identified and fully vetted as both financially and academically qualified for assistance.

The scholarship funded by WCBA through Take Stock in Children will bear the WCBA name, but any firm contributing to our scholarship drive will be recognized on our WCBA website and through our social media platform. Our established giving levels are \$1,000 (Justice), \$500 (Partner), \$250 (Associate), and \$100 (Clerk). We welcome gifts at any level, but are asking for your partnership at the **Justice** level for this inaugural year. Please let me know if we can count on your support!

Checks can be mailed to Walton County Bar Association; c/o Valerie Watson, Treasurer; 4100 Legendary Drive, Suite 200; Destin, FL 32541. Payment by credit card can also be arranged if that is your preference.

Thank you for your time and consideration!