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## On The Docket

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### Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh Firm News

The Owners' Counsel of America recently named three new lawyers from across the U.S. to its board of directors, including Harris Shelton's [Kevin Walsh](#). Kevin will serve a three-year term on the eight-member board alongside attorneys from South Dakota, Connecticut and several other states. The group is made up of the most accomplished and knowledgeable eminent domain attorneys in the country, dedicated to defending the rights of property owners locally and nationally. For more information on the OCA, please click [here](#).



Longtime Harris Shelton attorney [John Ryder](#) will return to his alma mater to be an adjunct professor. Beginning in the fall, he will teach election law at Vanderbilt University. With Ryder being general counsel to the Republican National Committee, students will be gaining a wealth of knowledge from a very experienced and successful attorney in the field.

Several Harris Shelton attorneys attended the Memphis Heart Ball in support of the [American Heart Association](#) earlier this month.

### Harris Shelton in the News

[Kevin Walsh to serve on OCA's board of directors](#)  
*KAIT-TV*

### Legal News

[Judge Tells Apple to Help Unlock iPhone Used by San Bernardino Gunman](#)  
*New York Times*

Following the recovery of the San Bernardino shooter's iPhone, a judge ordered Apple to assist the F.B.I. in unlocking the device that they believe will reveal critical information about the attack and future attacks. Up until the order, Apple refused to help law enforcement hack into the phone on the grounds that it would lead to the violation of privacy for hundreds of millions of its users. Now, the multi-billion dollar company is being forced to assist in the investigation. To read the full article, click the link above.

[Supreme Court Vacancy Ignites Political Firestorm](#)  
*Real Clear Politics*

With the unexpected death of longtime Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia, voters are now split on whether the spot should be filled before or after the presidential election. President Obama has made known his plan of appointing a new justice



(Matthew and Shannon Kirby, and Brett and Stephanie Hughes at the Memphis Heart Ball)

## Sidebar: ALTA Best Practices Certification

We are proud to announce that the firm recently received its [ALTA Best Practices](#) certification after passing assessment procedures performed by the Memphis Consumer Credit Association Inc.



The Best Practices certification serves as a benchmark for the real estate settlement and mortgage lending industries and recognizes organizations that have necessary policies and procedures in place to protect lenders and consumers. Organizations under consideration for certification go through an extensive assessment process conducted by a local assessment provider. The areas assessed are categorized into the following pillars: licensing, escrow trust accounting, privacy and information security, settlement procedures, title policy protection and delivery, professional liability insurance coverage and consumer complaints.

The firm's attorneys who focus their practice in real estate law include: [M. Anderson Cobb Jr.](#), [Charles Drennon III](#), [Allison Gilbert](#), [Michael Goldstein](#), [A. Neal Graham](#), [Cheyne Harris](#), [Milton 'Dee' Hobbs Jr.](#), [James Jalenak](#), [Philip Kaminsky](#), [Barbara Lapidés](#), [Emily Morton](#), [William Moss III](#), [Elijah Noel Jr.](#), [Warren Stafford](#), [Tricia M.Y. Tweel](#), and [John Kevin Walsh](#).

For the full news release, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

## Community Spotlight: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Memphis

[Ronald McDonald House Charities of Memphis](#) is an organization that provides supportive services and a "home away from home" at no charge for St. Jude families and their children receiving

before he leaves office, while Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell believes the vacancy should be kept open until a new commander in chief is elected. Only time will tell. To read the full article, click the link above.

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treatment for cancer and other catastrophic illnesses. Harris Shelton's [Allison Gilbert](#), [Matthew Kirby](#) and [Christopher Campbell](#) are very involved with the organization.

# RED SHOE Gala



*Benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis  
Presented by McDonald's/Century Management*

On March 19, RMHCM will house its 15th annual Red Shoe Gala at The Columns in Downtown Memphis. The black-tie-and-red-shoe-optional event will be complete with complimentary valet, libations and lavish food. For more information and to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

Feb. 25 - [John Ryder](#) will sit on a panel at the "Receiverships - An Alternate Path to Corporate Restructuring" seminar presented by the Turnaround Management Association. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

March 24 - [Matthew Kirby](#) will speak at the Briarcrest Career Conference at Briarcrest Christian School.

April 4 - [Allison Gilbert](#) will participate as a mentor at the Memphis Business Journal's Bizwomen Mentoring Monday. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

May 20 - [Neal Graham](#) will speak on "Ethics for Attorneys in Business Disputes" at the Tennessee Business Law Conference in Nashville. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

*If you would like an attorney from Harris Shelton to speak at your event, please contact Margaret Vaughn at [mvaughn@harrisshelton.com](mailto:mvaughn@harrisshelton.com).*

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