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AG STRANGE, STATE BAR PRESIDENT COPELAND ANNOUNCE ALABAMA LEGAL FOOD FRENZY TO BENEFIT ALABAMA FOOD BANK ASSOCIATION

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange and Alabama State Bar President Lee H. Copeland today announced the upcoming Alabama Legal Food Frenzy, a competition this spring among law firms to benefit food banks throughout the state.

“Hunger is a silent predator that afflicts too many Alabamians,” said Attorney General Strange. “It has been estimated that as many as 20 percent of all Alabama families find themselves having to choose between paying bills and buying enough food to feed their children. Alabama law firms are founded on the desire to make a difference, and I know they share my desire to brighten the lives of these families in need. For this reason, I am challenging each of them to join me in the 2016 Alabama Legal Food Frenzy to raise food and funds for our state’s eight regional food banks. Together, we can make a world of difference for Alabama.”

Alabama State Bar President Copeland notes that “more than one in four children in Alabama come from families that experience food hardships.” As holiday seasons approach, food banks receive donations to help meet the increased demands. “However, you may not be aware that food hardships also increase dramatically over the summer months when school is out and children who depend on access to school lunches are at home. The Alabama Legal Food Frenzy will help food banks meet that increase in demand in 2016. I urge all members of the legal community in Alabama to help our less fortunate neighbors by marking your calendars for the Legal Food Frenzy.”

During The Legal Food Frenzy, from April 25 to May 6, the Attorney General’s Office is joining forces with the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Food Bank Association. The law firm or legal organization that collects the most pounds of food per employee will receive The Attorney General’s Cup, with other honors to be awarded in categories based upon the firm’s size. Food will be weighed in at food banks and monetary donations will be counted as four pounds of food for each dollar. The event is modeled after a similar program in Georgia and follows a challenge by Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens and the Georgia State Bar Association. To register your legal organization or for more information visit <http://allegalfoodfrenzy.org/>.

“Public service is a fundamental principle of the legal profession and I can think of no one more dedicated to helping improve the lives of Alabamians than my many colleagues among the state’s law firms,” said Attorney General Strange. “This is a tremendous opportunity to demonstrate how much Alabama’s law firms care about those most in need, and there is no better way to truly make a difference in so many lives than to help stamp out hunger.”

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