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### LIGHTFOOT ATTORNEY ASHBY PATE SPEAKS (AND SINGS) AT ALABAMA STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC of counsel **R. Ashby Pate** delivered the luncheon speech yesterday at the Alabama State Bar's **annual meeting** in Point Clear.

Pate kicked things off with **a musical introduction** before sharing his inspiring personal story in a message titled "Be the Light." He was invited to speak at the annual meeting's new "Love Your Neighbor" luncheon, where attendees left hopeful, encouraged and inspired.

Pate has been invited to speak to organizations across the country and the state, including giving the keynote address, alongside Justice Anthony Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court, at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' Law Clerk Orientation in San Francisco. He also was a featured speaker at the 2016 American College of Trial Lawyers' spring meeting in Maui.

Pate's practice on international disputes, appellate work, and commercial and medical device litigation. He routinely takes on some of the firm's most controversial matters, including prosecuting a high-profile case that led to the suspension of a former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. He also served as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Palau, where he helped design the island nation's first-ever jury trial system.