

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama is pleased to announce that Donna Dixon will begin serving as the Board's in-house counsel in July.

Donna L. Dixon, earned her B.S. degree in Zoology from Clemson University in 1980, DMD degree from Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine in 1984, Certificate in Prosthodontics from the Medical College of Georgia in 1986, MA degree in Policy, Planning and Leadership Studies from the University of Iowa in 1991, and her J.D. Degree from Cumberland School of Law in 2002. She achieved certification from the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1989 and became a member of the Alabama State Bar in 2002. Since 2002 Dr. Dixon has practiced law with the firm of Smith & Alspaugh, P. C. where her practice areas included malpractice and personal injury litigation. Dr. Dixon was formerly an Assistant Professor in the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Iowa and an Associate Professor at the University Of Alabama School Of Dentistry. She is married to Andrew N. McCown, MD., a pediatrician in Birmingham, AL.

Mr. Matt Bledsoe has been appointed by the Attorney General's office to serve as the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama's prosecutor. Mr. Bledsoe was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 2005 after graduating from Cumberland School of Law. He is an Assistant Attorney General representing twelve boards in Alabama. He was recently appointed to serve as Interim Counsel for the BDEA until Dr. Dixon assumes her position as in-house counsel in July.

Ms. Hendon Blaylock has been appointed by the Attorney General's office to represent the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama in the Supreme Court Appeal filed by White Smile due to the recent resignation of Ward & Wilson, LLC. Ms. Blaylock obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama in 1980 and is the owner/founder of the Mediation Center in Montgomery. She is an attorney for the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, representing the Board in prosecuting cases before the Medical Licensure Commission, as well as in the courts of Alabama, at the direction of the Attorney General.