The Alabama Legislative Orientation is hosted by the Law Institute at the University of Alabama. The orientation is facilitated by the state's Legislative Reference Service.

The program covers one and a half days of sessions with topics focused on procedural information, the judiciary and need-to-know information.

Additionally, speakers from the private sector give overviews on the state's economy, education, energy, and other issues pertinent to the upcoming session.
Alabama Legislative Orientation

December 4 - 6, 2006

Law Center
University of Alabama

Legislative Council and
Alabama Law Institute

Host: The University of Alabama
ORIENTATION FOR FIRST TIME LEGISLATORS

Monday, December 4, 2006

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION
• Red Room-344 Law Center

PRESIDING
• Representative Demetrius Newton
  President, Alabama Law Institute
  Vice-Chair, Legislative Council

• Senator Roger Bedford
  Chair, Legislative Council
  Vice-President, Alabama Law Institute

1:00 RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN LEGISLATORS
• "Being Ethical in Today's Legislature"
  NCSL Video,
  Jim Sumner, State Ethics Commission

1:30 THINGS I LEARNED AS A NEW LEGISLATOR
• Representative Robert Bentley
• Senator Quinton Ross

2:00 MEET YOUR STAFF
• Greg Pappas, Clerk of the House
• Dave Avant, Assistant Secretary of Senate
• Jerry Bassett, Director,
  Legislative Reference Services
• Joyce Bigbee, Director,
  Legislative Fiscal Office
• Ron Jones, Chief Examiner,
  Examiners of Public Accounts
• Bob McCurley, Director,
  Alabama Law Institute

2:30 UNDERSTANDING STATE BUDGETS
• Senator Hinton Mitchem
• Representative Richard Lindsey
3:00 HOW COMMITTEES WORK AND BILL TRACKING
- Representative Marcel Black
- Senator Wendell Mitchell
- Don Ladner, Staff, House of Representatives

3:20 BREAK

3:30 LEGISLATORS AND THE MEDIA
- Mike Murphy, Senate Public Information Officer
- Clay Reddix, House Public Information Officer

3:50 ORGANIZATION SESSION
(Caucuses, Committees, and Selecting Leadership)
- Senator Rodger Smitherman, for the Senate Majority Leader
- Senator Jabo Waggoner, Senate Minority Leader
- Representative Ken Guin, House Majority Leader
- Representative Mickey Hammon for the House Minority Leader

4:10 THE LEGISLATIVE RULES
(Joint Rules, Senate Rules, and House Rules)
- Senator Jim F scout
- Representative Ken Guin

4:40 THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
- Senator Myron Pryor
- Representative Cam Ward

5:00 ADJOURN

6:00-7:30 SPEAKER’S RECEPTION
- Bryant Conference Center

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ORIENTATION FOR ALL LEGISLATORS

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
REGISTRATION
- Moot Court Room, Law Center

8:30 OPENING SESSION

PRESIDING
- Representative Demetrius Newton
  President, Alabama Law Institute
  Vice-Chair, Legislative Council

WELCOME
- Dr. Malcolm Portman
  Chancellor, University of Alabama

KEYNOTE REMARKS
- Lt. Governor-Elect Jim Folsom
- Speaker of the House Seth Hammett
- Senate President Pro Tem Lowell Barron

9:10 The Beauty of North Alabama
Alabama Tourism

9:15 RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT
- Dr. Alan Rosenthal
  Eagleton Institute, Rutgers University

10:05 The Variety of Central Alabama:
Alabama Tourism

10:10 GENERATIONAL CHANGES:
UNDERSTANDING YOUR CONSTITUENTS
- Dr. Breda Boya, Professor and Senior Advisor
to the President of University of New Mexico

11:00 WAYS STATES ARE MEETING THE ENERGY CHALLENGES
- Mr. Eric Smith, Tulane Energy Institute
12:00 - 1:15
CAUCUSES
(Boxed Lunches Provided by ThompsonWest Publishing)
- House Democrats - Moot Court Room
- House Republicans - Red Room (344)
- Senate Democrats - Sanford Room (284)
- Senate Republicans - Faculty Lounge
  (Rm. Adjacent to 344)

AFTERNOON SESSION
PRESIDING:
- Senator Roger Bedford
  Chair, Legislative Council
  Vice-President, Alabama Law Institute

1:30 ALABAMA'S ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES
- Dr. David Brooks, Auburn University
- Dr. Nick Tew, State Geologist,
  Alabama Oil and Gas Board

2:25 Romance of South Alabama
  Alabama Tourism

2:30 USING HUMOR IN POLITICS
- Senator Roy Horrion, Tennessee

3:10 Alabama's Beautiful Gulf Coast
  Alabama Tourism

3:15 EARLY CHILDHOOD
  - "Smart Start Initiative"
    Mr. Ashley Thrift, Chair
    Ms. Karen Ponder, President,
    North Carolina Partnership for Children
  - "Childhood Obesity"
    Dr. Frank Franklin, Director of Pediatric Nutrition U.A.B.
  - "State of Alabama's Educational System"
    Dr. Joe Morton, Alabama Superintendent of Education

4:45 ADJORN

5:45 TROLLEYS LEAVE SHERATON FOR INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

6:00 LT. GOVERNOR RECEPTION
- Indian Hills Country Club

6:30 DINNER-INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
- Host: Lexis-Nexis
- Entertainment:
  - "The House Band"
  - Mr. Rick Bragg, University of Alabama
    Professor of Communications and Pulitzer Prize winning Author
**Wednesday, December 6, 2006**

**PRESIDING**
- Senator Roger Bedford

8:30 A.M.

**STATE OF ALABAMA'S ECONOMY**
- Ms. Joyce Bigbee, Director, Legislative Fiscal Office
- Senator Hank Sanders
- Representative John Knight

9:40

**Festivals Throughout the State**
*Alabama Tourism*

9:45

**ALABAMA'S OPPORTUNITIES**
- Medical Advances
  - Dr. Robert Kimberly, Professor of Medicine, U.A.B.
- Alternative Sentencing & Sentencing Standards
  - Judge David Rains, DeKalb County
- Alabama Transportation Infrastructure
  - Mr. Jeff Thompson, U.A.H.

10:55

**Alabama's Hidden Surprises**
*Alabama Tourism*

11:00

**STATE OF THE JUDICIARY**
- Chief Justice-Elect, Sue Bell Cobb

11:30

**Recess to Lunch**

12:00 Noon

**GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON**
- Bryant Conference Center, Sellers Auditorium
  *Host: University of Alabama*

**PRESIDING**
- Dr. Robert Witt, President
  *University of Alabama*
- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
  - Governor Bob Riley

1:30

**ADJOURN**

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**SPOUSE AND GUEST PROGRAM**

**Monday, December 4, 2006**

1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

**SPOUSE HOSPITALITY LOUNGE**
- President's Room
  *Sheraton Four Points Hotel*
  *Host: Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama*

6:00 - 7:30

**SPEAKER'S RECEPTION**
- Bryant Conference Center

**Tuesday, December 5, 2006**

9:00 A.M.

**VAN PICKUP AT SHERATON**

9:15

**ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE CLUB**
- Red Room, Rm. 344 Law Center
**PRESIDING**
- Carol Hill, President

**INTRODUCTIONS**

10:15

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**
- "Smart Start Initiative"
  - Mr. Ashley Thrift, Chair and
  - Ms. Karen Ponder, President
  *North Carolina Partnership for Children*
- "Childhood Obesity"
  - Dr. Frank Franklin, Director of Pediatric Nutrition, U.A.B.
- "State of Alabama's Educational System"
  - Dr. Joe Morton, Alabama Superintendent of Education

11:15

**VIDEO OF ALABAMA TREASURE**
*Alabama Tourism*

12:00

**LUNCH - President's Mansion**
- Special Guest: Debra Ford,
  *Author and Founder of G.R.I.T.S.*
  *Host: Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama (Transportation Provided)*
AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00  ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE CLUB
  • Life as a Legislative Spouse
    Betty Thigpen and Marilyn Waggoner
  • Review of the Last Four Years
    Carol Hill
  • Project Considerations
    Carol Hill
  • Election of Officers
    Marilyn Waggoner, Chair Nominating Committee

3:00  ELECTRONIC CHILDHOOD
  • Dr. Jennings Bryant, Ronald Reagan
    Professor of Communications, University of Alabama

3:30  ADJOURN (Van returns to the Sheraton)

6:00  LT. GOVERNOR RECEPTION
  • Indian Hills Country Club

6:30  DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
  • Indian Hills Country Club

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

9:00 a.m.
TROLLEYS LEAVE SHERATON FOR TOUR

9:15  RECEPTION, COFFEE, AND TOUR
  • Child Development Center and RISE Center
    Dean Milla Bocshung
    (Host: University of Alabama)

10:15-12:00  TOUR: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON
  • Bryant Conference Center, Sellier Auditorium
    (Host: University of Alabama)
  • PRESIDING
    Dr. Robert Witt, President, U of A
  • KEYNOTE SPEAKER
    Governor Bob Riley