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ALABAMA BENCH AND BAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Holidays

How to Save a Sinking Ship

In 2018, the ABBHS was like a sinking ship. Our Executive Director, Bracy Foxworth, was afflicted with a life-threatening illness, but attempted to continue working, not for the money or the benefits, but because he wanted to contribute as he had before his illness. Unfortunately, his illness progressed and left him incapable of performing certain critical tasks and at a point that he could no longer work. He “retired” near the end of 2018.

In January 2019 enter “Captain” Janice Schultz, a self-admitted “military brat” who had worked for the Federal Government and who’s late husband was a veteran. When Janice boarded, the ABBHS ship was battered and sinking. Janice immediately started patching holes and bailing water. The task Janice took over with great determination and grit was a difficult and miserable one. Nevertheless, Janice patched those leaks and bailed that water and soon the ABBHS ship was not only afloat, but sailing along! Janice’s accomplishments included straightening out our taxes, renewing tax exempt status, hiring an accounting firm, cleaning up our membership rolls, recruiting new members, preparing and participating in the Exhibition Hall at the Annual State Bar Meetings, contracting for someone to host our website and last, but not least, editing and dissemination of the ABBHS Newsletter. And she did all of this working 16 hours per week!

Janice Schultz saved the Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society. There is no doubt about that. Now Janice is retiring and going ashore to enjoy retirement again. I am sad, but I know all good things come to an end. Janice has been not “good”, but “great” for the ABBHS. There would not be an ABBHS but

for Janice’s efforts. And the ABBHS will continue because Janice has recruited her successor, Callie Dietz for our new Executive Director. Callie was the Administrative Director of Courts in Alabama and in the State of Washington. So, after getting the ABBHS afloat and sailing in the right direction, Janice has found a new “captain” who will keep the ABBHS going and make it grow. Even though thank you is not enough, I thank you Janice for your hard work, leadership, creative ideas, the great advice that you have given me and your friendship. So, happy trails to you, Mom, I will always be in your debt.

Tim

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Preserving the History of Alabama

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FAREWELL

It is with a sad heart that I am announcing my “retirement” from ABBHS. Words cannot express how I am feeling about my resigning but I know it is the right time. I have learned so much about Alabama history, law and it’s attorneys since starting this position six years ago. For that I am grateful, and to all the wonderful people, including President Tim Lewis, I have met through this position, it has been my pleasure.

What I thought I would be doing and what I actually have been doing are so very different! My job, as I understood it at the beginning was to send reminders of membership dues being due. Problem was, we had no members at the time I started! So, I dug through computer files looking for an old member roster and the mailout’s followed. Membership grew slowly. Next came the newsletter. Me use Publisher? I laughed, I didn’t even know what it was but thanks to a helpful daughter, I learned how to use it, well, kind of anyway.

Then there was the planning of events, I muddled through and they were a success. The event planning was my favorite part especially the “Lunch with the Judge” program that has been so successful and meaningful. Three of the law schools in Alabama have loved having us bring a judge to talk to their first year law students. It warms my heart watching the students listening intently to what the judges have to say.

The other miscellaneous office duties I had no problems with, I guess I had a bit more experience there. It has been a fun, exasperating at times, and a fulfilling experience. One that I will always cherish.

It helps that the person taking over my position will far surpass what I was able to accomplish. She is talented, experienced and is knowledgeable about the judicial system in Alabama. I have every confidence that she will take ABBHS to much higher places, places that I had dreamed about. My thoughts and prayers are with you Callie Dietz as you take on your next challenge.

I want to thank Tim Lewis and the ABBHS Board Members for being so patient with me. Being Executive Director has been one of the most challenging, interesting and enriching times of my life and I will cherish the memories.

Bon Voyage,

Janice



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MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am so pleased and honored to introduce myself to you as the new Executive Director of the Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society. My name is Callie T. Dietz, and I've been around courts and judicial officials most of my adult life. I know many of our members and hope to soon meet those of you that I don't know.

I come to you as a retired employee of the State of Alabama and Washington State. It has been my pleasure to work for more than 40 years in these two state judiciaries specifically and through the National Center for State Courts to assist other judicial systems generally.

Throughout my career, I've served in several capacities from Assistant Director to Director of the Alabama Judicial College, Director of the Family Court Division, Assistant Director of the Municipal Courts Division, State Court Coordinator of the Court Referral Program, and others. In these capacities, I've been able to work with judges, clerks, and judicial personnel in all areas of our system. I've enjoyed meeting numerous attorneys and court officials who dedicated their lives to justice and application of the law.



My "five minutes of fame" came twice in my career. First, I became the first female Administrative Director of Courts for Alabama under the first elected female Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, the Honorable Sue Bell Cobb. I finished my career in Alabama after almost 33 years in 2012 and retired. A month later, I was called by Washington State to become their State Court Administrator. Through this appointment, I became the first female in the United States to serve two state court systems as their appointed administrative head of courts. I served seven years in Washington under two excellent chief justices and was then asked to work with the National Center for State Courts. For the next several years I consulted with courts around the country and coordinated the educational efforts of the National Association of Court Administrators. When COVID hit, I stopped working for a while to help with home schooling my two grandchildren.

During my tenure as State Court Administrator in Washington I served on the Board of Directors for the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) for several years and was then elected President of the Board in 2017. During that year I also served as Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the National Center for State Courts. I returned to Alabama in 2022 and immediately volunteered with the State Supreme Court Law Library as a docent to assist with tours of the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building. Soon after starting my volunteer efforts, I was asked to work part time with the library in establishing a judicial learning center for the visitors. We have been working on this effort for several years and hope to have an area for adults and another interactive area for school children to learn about the Alabama judiciary and law/courts in general.

Throughout my school years, I loved history and English. Those were my favorite subjects, and I think that administration will help me in working with our Board and Membership. I have also served on the board of directors for many state and local non-profit agencies as well as serving on boards and committees at my church. I believe these experiences will serve me well in this undertaking.

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Virginia Henry Mayfield–Alabama’s First Female Judge

Hon. John G. Browning

Before 1870 and 1930, hundreds of women served as judges in the United States.¹ The history of these trailblazing women has been largely overlooked by scholars, despite the significance of these female jurists in women’s struggle to secure political rights and advance in the legal profession. Even before women secured the national right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, more than 90 women had already served as judges.² After suffrage was achieved, judicial posts continued to be among the first public offices women secured. Yet in many states, particularly in the South, conservative gender politics and the perception of the legal profession as a man’s domain restricted the opportunities for most women.

Virginia Henry Mayfield defied that conventional wisdom to become not only one of Alabama’s first female lawyers, but also the state’s first female judge in 1923.³ Mayfield came from a family tradition of public service. Her father, Manoah Henry, was a teacher, state legislator, and longtime Jefferson County treasurer. Virginia, born November 14, 1889, in Birmingham, was one of five children to Manoah and his first wife, the former Mary Helen Baker (he went on to have four more children with his second wife, the former Fannie Ledbetter Cochran). Virginia grew up in Birmingham and attended public schools there. She became a teacher like her father, starting in Decatur before returning to Birmingham. There, she taught for five years at the Baker School and another year at the Martin School. During her summers, Virginia furthered her education with stints at the University of Chicago and the State College of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

In a nod to convention and family expectations, Virginia married Cephus Mayfield (a manager for the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company) on August 26, 1914. Their comfortable but childless marriage lasted until 1933, when Cephus died. But long before then, Virginia yearned for something more. She decided to pursue a legal career, and in 1921 she received her law degree from Birmingham-Southern College. Virginia was not alone; joining her was another female pioneer, Floella Bonner. Both passed the Alabama bar exam that same year.

Finding a job after breaking the glass ceiling proved challenging, however. Virginia took a job as part of her father’s legal staff at the Jefferson County Treasurer’s Office. But bigger prospects were in store, thanks to changes in the legal landscape and the growing political clout of women voters.

In 1923 the first Court of Domestic Relations was created for Jefferson County. At that point, the county boasted eighteen other courts all of which were presided over by male judges. During this time, across the South specialized courts,—such as domestic relations courts, juvenile courts, and probate courts—were considered to be “better suited” to female lawyers as opposed to men. In fact, as the *Montgomery Advertiser* would later proclaim, “It is generally conceded, at least by the thinking women of the country, that a woman is more capable of dealing with [domestic relations] cases than a man.”⁴ On September 29, 1923, Governor William W. Brandon appointed Virginia Mayfield as judge of Jefferson County’s newly-seated Court of Domestic Relations, stating “The women of the county have had no representative of their own sex in the courts, and as the men have eighteen, it is nothing but right, but that a woman should be appointed for the position.”⁵

1 Elizabeth D. Katz, “May It Please Her Honor: The United States’ First Women Judges, 1870-1930”, 102 *Wash. Univ. L. Rev.* 1729 (2025).

2 *Id.* at 1733.

3 Alabama’s first female lawyer was Maud McLure Kelly, a University Alabama Law graduate admitted in 1908.

4 “Judge Virginia Henry Mayfield is the First Woman Juge in the South,” *Montgomery Advertiser*, Sept. 29, 2023, at p.8.

5 “Magic City Woman Appointed Judge,” *The Tuscaloosa News*, Sept. 30, 1923, page 1.

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However, the appointment by Governor Brandon was less an acknowledgment of gender equality than a nod to political reality. One newspaper called Mayfield's appointment "the first victory by the Women's Democratic Club in Alabama in its fight to fill public offices with women."⁶ The group (which included Mayfield among its members) had lobbied the legislature for the creation of a domestic relations court, and Mayfield's historic appointment represented a flex of its political muscle. After all, of Jefferson County's 15,316 qualified voters in 1923, more than half (8,500) were women.⁷ Virginia Mayfield, it was felt, was a natural choice as the daughter of the Jefferson County Treasurer and a person "well known to practically every voter in the county."⁸ Her appointment, the press noted, "comes as no surprise," since "direct influence has been brought to bear on the chief executive from all parts of the county from prominent men as well as women."⁹

Mayfield may have overestimated her rising political stock. Although appointed to a 6-year term, in 1927 she ran for a circuit judge position but lost to the incumbent Judge Roger Snyder. Stung, Mayfield took a position as the state land agent in Jefferson County. Later, she moved to Washington, D.C. and worked in the Department of Justice. Although the Department soon transferred her home to its Birmingham office, that office closed not long thereafter.

Mayfield returned to Washington where she worked as a staff attorney—first for the Federal Communications Commission and later for the Veterans Administration. In 1935, Mayfield was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. But in 1944, she fell ill and died in a Washington, D.C. hospital.¹⁰

6 Id.

7 Id.

8 Id.

9 Id.

10 "Judge Mayfield Dies After Short Illness in Washington Hospital" The Birmingham News, February 5, 1944, p.6.



Virginia Henry Mayfield
(1889—1944)

Authors Note: Virginia Henry Mayfield's judicial tenure may have been brief, but it was historic. As Alabama's first female judge, she paved the way for the many women jurists who have followed her path. Her achievement represented a triumph not only of women's equal abilities, but of their growing political might.

DECEASED ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES OCTOBER TERM 2024-25

“ALL HONOR TO THEIR NAMES”

James Roy Accardi	Huntsville	Charles Michael McInnish	Montgomery
Charles Bruce Adams	Dothan	Michael Lyndon McKerley	Birmingham
William Steven Ball	Town Creek	Julian Lenwood McPhillips, Jr.	Montgomery
LaVerne Andrea Barnett	Ardmore	Augustine Meaher III	Mobile
Mary Lynn Bates	Birmingham	Ann Sue Meredith	Guntersville
Ronnie Michael Booker	Birmingham	Edwina Elaine Miller	Tuscaloosa
Keith Edward Brashier	Birmingham	Hon. Charles Thomas Morris	Andalusia
Carol Anne Gibbs Braswell	Orange Beach	Dwayne Neal Morris	Birmingham
Hon. David Joe Breland	Decatur	Robert Edward Morrow	Foley
Hon. Quentin Quarles Brown, Jr.	Birmingham	Guy Dennis Nabors	New Orleans, LA
Linda Kathryn Browning	Birmingham	James Julius Odom, Jr.	Birmingham
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Megan Campbell Carpenter	Talladega	Phyllis Feaster Parker	Camp Hill
Charles Douglas Cleveland	Birmingham	Nygel Orion Parrish	Birmingham
James Richard Clifton	Andalusia	Charles Ralph Paul, Jr.	Geneva
Jonanna Owings Cole	Huntsville	John Calvin Peacock	Dothan
Brittin Turner Coleman	Birmingham	Sherry Denise Phillips	Athens
Stephen Gregory Crawford	Mobile	Nancy Catherine Smith Pitman	Dothan
James Hilton Crosby	Mobile	Gregory Antonio Ramos, Jr.	Mobile
Hon. Daniel Alford Crowson	Birmingham	Charles Wallace Reed, Jr.	Montgomery
Earl Ladon Dansby	Hope Hull	David Abraham Rich	Framingham, MA
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Hon. John Paul DeCarlo	Birmingham	Lisa Carole Robinson	Birmingham
Melinda Murphy Dionne	Tuscaloosa	William Anthony Robinson	Daphne
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Thomas McDonald Eden III	Birmingham	Leigh Ellen Sanders	Montgomery
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Jesse Price Evans	Birmingham	Donna Wesson Smalley	Mobile
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Albert Oscar Howard, Jr.	Seale	James Edward Vann	Birmingham
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Edward Anthony Hyndman, Jr.	Mobile	James Edward Walker III	Valley Grand
Alex Walter Jackson	Montgomery	James Andrew Ward III	Fort Worth, TX
Mickey Lamarr Johnson	Pelham	Lynn Weaver Williams	Birmingham
Frank Steele Jones	Birmingham	John Anthony Wilmer	Huntsville
Charles Joseph Kelley	Muscle Shoals	Hon. Debra Bennett Winston	Birmingham
Chase Robert Laurendine	Mobile	Hon. James Cooke Wood	Mobile
Thomas Seay Lawson, Jr.	Montgomery	Milton Edward Yarbrough, Jr.	Decatur
Peter John Madden	Fairhope	William Michel Young	Annandale
John William Mayer	Hendersonville, NC	Hon. Wadell Charles Zanaty, Jr.	Birmingham

Opening of the Courts and Red Mass

The Opening of Courts or the Opening of the Judicial Year is a solemn event that takes place annually on the first Monday in October. Many countries celebrate Red Mass and the Opening of Court, including the US federal government and most state judiciaries in our country.

Opening of Court marks the beginning of judicial activities for the next year as well as the beginning of a new fiscal year. It is an opportunity for the courts to provide information about the work of the judiciary from the preceding year, the principal matters the court has undertaken and inform the public about planned efforts for the coming year. Much of what is covered describes the state of the administration of justice throughout the state and goals for the new year.

In looking back in history, the Constitution of the United States was drafted in 1787 and ratified in 1789. In it, the framework for the judicial branch was established, composed of the Supreme Court of the United States and “such inferior courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.”

Federal courts were established in the Judiciary Act of 1789, which established the Supreme Court and district and circuit courts. The first Congress founded the Supreme Court with a chief justice and five associate justices. This same Congress also established district and circuit courts. They were initially staffed by a combination of district judges and Supreme Court justices “riding circuit” or traveling from community to community to dispense justice. From the beginning of our United States courts to today, judges and justices throughout the country wear their robes and attend solemn ceremonies to mark the beginning of a new judicial term and open court for the next year. This is often seen as an opportunity for court officials and personnel to celebrate recent accomplishments and begin working on goals set for this new term.

Red Mass

Generally, the Opening of Courts begins with a Red Mass which is a Catholic Mass annually offered to all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials attend. The religious service requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offer the legal community an opportunity to reflect on the power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

The first recorded Red Mass, or Messe Rouge, was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. In certain localities of France, the Red Mass was celebrated in honor of Saint Ives, the Patron Saint of Lawyers. Scholars are unsure when Red Mass was first celebrated in Italy but are sure that it involved the Roman Rota, the supreme judicial body of the Roman Church. The Rota was established in 1243 during the pontificate of Innocent IV.

Red Mass is thought to have spread to most European countries from France and Italy, beginning in England during the reign of Edward I around 1310. The purpose of the Mass was to join the traditional celebration of the Mass to the traditions of the Courts and the Law. The celebration represented an opportunity to call upon God and the Holy Spirit to grant inspiration and light not only to the lawyer, pleading on behalf of his client, but also to the judge adjudicating the case. It was attended at the opening of each term of Court by all members of the Bench and Bar.

The name is thought by many to be derived from the red vestments traditionally worn by the royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago. Others believe that the significance of the name comes not from the robes of the judiciary but that of the Catholic clergy and liturgy symbolizing the tongues of fire (the Holy Spirit) that descended on the Apostles at Pentecost Sunday or to some the blood of Christ.

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A large part of what we hope to accomplish will be dependent on our membership. For ABBHS to be successful we need our membership's support. To help with this, I'm setting some early goals that I would like to accomplish, and with your help I believe we can do it. They are:

1. To increase our membership by at least 20%. To accomplish that we need your help. Ask your friends, your firm, and others, especially if they are interested in history to join ABBHS or send me their names and contact information and I will be happy to talk with them. Encourage family members to join.
2. To educate the State of Alabama about the necessity and benefits of ABBHS in our state. By joining with the State Bar Association, we are reaching out to local Bar Associations to offer programs or information about ABBHS. We would love to come and speak to you. If you have need of a program, please give us a call. We would like to be invited across the state to talk about ABBHS.
3. To increase awareness of historical events and figures in Alabama or judicial history through articles in our quarterly newsletter. If you love history and would like to help, we would love to have your submissions. I'll be looking for members and potential members to help us use your knowledge and skills to pen informative articles about Alabama's rich judicial history. Help us expand our information and our readership.

I know I have large shoes to fill, replacing Janice Schultz as she has done a tremendous job in moving ABBHS forward and getting us established. I hope to continue her goal of excellence and to continue to move us ahead. We would like to become the repository of legal history in Alabama and continue to support our attorneys, judges, and judicial officials by keeping our history alive. Under the guidance and leadership of Tim Lewis, President of the ABBHS Board and the other members, I know we can continue to grow and expand for years to come. I am thrilled to be a part of this tremendous effort. Thank you for this opportunity. I hope to see you soon.

Callie



Do you have any items from past judicial campaigns that you would like to donate to the Alabama Judicial Learning Center in the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building? We are collecting these for displays that visitors to the building will view. Posters, yard signs, buttons, pamphlets, etc. are welcome. Just let us know if you would like to be part of this historic display.



Merry Christmas

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

We are so sad! No
new members this
quarter.



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September–December 2025 RENEWALS

Your renewal in Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society is much appreciated.

Renewal letters are normally mailed the beginning of the month. Please let us know if you have a change of address.

RENEWALS

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Sam Rumore
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Everette A. Price, Jr.
Tim Lewis

John Browning
Milton E. Belcher
Don Rizzardi
John Selden
Reginald Hamner
Fred Gray
Sue Bell Cobb

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Over the years, this service has been celebrated in many other countries. In Ireland, the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit is celebrated. The Philippines celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit. Scotland, Australia, Spain, Peru and Canada celebrate similar events.

In the United States, the first Red Mass was held in 1877 at Saints Peter and Paul Church Detroit, Michigan by Detroit College, or the University of Detroit Mercy as it was known at the time. UDM School of Law resumed the tradition beginning in 1912 and continues to hold it annually. In New York City, a Red Mass was first held in 1928 at the Church of St. Andrew, near the courthouses of Foley Square.

The tradition of Red Mass began in Alabama in 1974 under the direction of Chief Justice Howell Heflin. It is held annually in Montgomery at St. Peter's Catholic Church followed by the Opening of Court at the Alabama Supreme Court Building. Both appellate and trial judges participate in the service. Further, the Alabama judiciary also includes the state Bar Association in the proceedings and honor the attorneys who passed away the previous year.

Other Similar Masses

The legal profession is not alone in its celebration of a special mass. In the United States, other professional groups celebrate a mass in the same manner as the Red Mass, except they are known by different colors. For example, police officers and others in the law enforcement and public safety community celebrate Blue Mass, the color relating to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly worn by police officers. The service honors those who died in the line of duty and those currently serving as first responders giving the community an opportunity to show their gratitude for these public servants.

The White Mass, named for the color worn by those in the healing professions, is held to recognize the dedication of healthcare professionals and to ask God's blessing upon patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver. Since 1992, the John Carroll Society has sponsored a Rose Mass to honor medical, dental, nurses, volunteers and other health care institutions in the Archdioceses of Washington. Ann Arbor, Michigan also hosts Rose Mass on the fourth Sunday of Lent.



Alabama Judicial Building 1940-1993



St. Peter's Catholic Church, Montgomery, Alabama



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Your Annual membership contribution enables the Society to fulfill its mission of preserving Alabama's legal history, promoting better understanding of the legal system and judiciary, and recovering historical legal artifacts. Your participation provides for publications, programs, projects, and grants.

ABBHS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible, within legal limits, and will be acknowledged by ABBHS. Operations are financed by memberships in the Society and by contributions from the public. All society board members and officers serve without compensation.

Membership Application

Name: _____ Phone _____
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Make check payable to ABBHS or include your credit card information below.

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Credit Card# _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please include your credit card address below, if different from your membership address.

Name: _____
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Preserving the History of Alabama

The Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society is devoted to preserving the history of the state's judicial and legal system and making the citizens of the state more knowledgeable about the state's courts and their place in Alabama and United States history. The Bench and Bar is interested in preserving documents, artifacts, and memorabilia of the courts, as well as of judges and members of the state bar, and wishes to encourage the publication of scholarly research on bench and bar topics. The Society especially wishes to preserve the biographical information and stories of attorneys and judges who played prominent roles in the history of the state's legal system. To pursue its goals, the Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society may sponsor publications, exhibitions, displays, lectures, and public programs.

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