

02/11/2013 · 10:52 AM | EDIT

## Behind the Scenes: A Legal Calling (LawCall, TV, Radio & Speaking)

Recently I was invited to be on the TV show LawCall. I decided to write about that experience; the good, the challenges, and “secrets.”



LawCall is a live, weekly, thirty-minute call-in show hosted by local personal injury attorneys Rocky Wilkins and Tim Porter Rocky Wilkins Law Firm and Porter Malouf, respectively. The show features guests attorneys from across the state of Mississippi. The show highlights one legal area. The attorneys take live phone calls from viewers pertaining to that topic. My appearance was on the show in the 1st edition; Love & the Law – Family Law in Mississippi.

This was not my first time on television discussing legal themes. I was previously a guest on the Local 98 TV Show The Reel discussing legal movies. I have also been on the radio discussing Father's Rights on WLEZ, in preparation for the then upcoming Volunteer Lawyers Project's free family law seminar. [I also routinely speak at CLEs \(continuing legal education seminars\)](#) and I really enjoy these opportunities to talk about what I do.



On LawCall the usual hosts were out-of-town so Ben Wilson, an attorney with Rocky Wilkins Firm, filled in for Rocky. Ben discussed family law topics prior to the show. I also met and spoke with the moderator/ TV facilitator Tamica Smith. Tamica is a professional news and TV for over 15 years in various markets and was as cool as a cucumber.

When I arrived, I received my instructions from Charley Jones and his wife Angela. They produce LawCall. I received an overview of the control room and the callers. We did a run down, which is just a practice run of the show. I was told where I would be when the show would open, when to expect commercial breaks and generally where to look. This was the toughest part for me. The camera to my right I was never to look at. When the shot showed the whole panel I was to look into the middle camera and when the camera was directly to the caller I was to look to the left camera. It took some practice and just as I was getting the hang of it the show started.

There were 4-5 callers with some really good questions. There was a question about whether a new spouse would be responsible for support obligation from a prior relationship. She would not be. There was a question about Grandparent's rights. [Grandparents are not guaranteed by law in Mississippi.](#) A caller asked about whether his alimony obligations could be changed. Based on what I know, he can seek to [modify his obligations.](#)

Behind the scenes. One of the newscasters had on jeans. You only saw him from the waist up on TV so it did not matter, but it made me think of the [old joke](#) showing all the newscasters in their “heart boxers” and suits up top. It was only water in the mug. Also, I had one call to my office within one minute of the show ending and had another call at 9:05 a.m. Monday. That's that for marketing results!

*Matthew Thompson is a family law attorney that has appeared on Local 98 TV, WLBT's Law Call, WLEZ on the radio and at numerous speaking engagements.*

engagements. If you need a speaker or TV personality at your next Family Law Seminar/Banquet please contact Matthew about Appearance Fee!"

---

Follow the blog: [BowTieLawyer](#) Visit the website: [Thompson Law Firm](#)

You may also contact Matthew with your family law case, question or concern at (601) 850-8000 or [Matthew@wmtlaw.com](mailto:Matthew@wmtlaw.com)

---



---

Rate this:

Rate This

BowTie-rific:

Press This

Switch

Share 1

Tweet 1

Stm

4

Print

Email

More