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Gar Blume received his B.S. (1974) and J.D. (1978) degrees from the University of Alabama. While in law school, he served as Research Editor of *The Law and Psychology Review*. He practices with his wife, Nettie Cohen Blume. Gar's practice primarily focuses on trials and appeals of juvenile court matters, criminal defense, and Social Security Disability matters.

Gar was presented with the Special Merit Award by the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association in 2012 for "Outstanding Representation and Performance in a Criminal Case." The case involved two charges of Sodomy 1^o against a 15 year old. It originated in juvenile court and was transferred to adult court. After over 6 years, the client was granted youthful offender status and was found not guilty. He received the Special Merit Award from ACDLA in 2014 for the fastest "not guilty" verdict in Tuscaloosa County history: 6 minutes in a drug case where the drugs were found between the defendant's feet.

Gar is a member of the Advisory Board of the Southern Juvenile Defender Center. He chairs the Alabama State Bar Task Force on Juvenile Law, Child and Adolescent Rights. For 10 years, Gar has chaired the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association's Juvenile Bar Committee, which presents quarterly CLE programs focusing on juvenile court practice. For several years that has been the only source of juvenile law CLE in the State.