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THANKS TO OUR LAW WEEK COMMITTEE

We wish to thank Debra Gammons, chairperson of Law Week 2002, for her hard work in coordinating the events for Law Week. These events included the

Wills Clinic, the luncheon, the Run, the Golf Tournament, Speakers in Schools, Children's Book Drive, and the Law Suits project. Thanks to the following committee members for their hard work:

James Brehm, Tracy Hulsey, David Ursillo, Sidney Mitchell, Marie Monroe, William Foster, Terrell Mills, Kevin Romosca, Bozzie Boggs, Leigh Booth Paoletti,

The United States of America—Land of Liberty by Debra Gammons

When you think of the United States of America, what immediately comes to mind? What distinguishes our country from the majority of others? Our freedoms. Our constitutional freedoms. The First Amendment of the United States constitution, Pone on these Amendments and their effect on shaping our country. The United States Constitution—the “supreme law of the land.” Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States—*Plessy v. Ferguson*, *Brown v. Board of Education*, *Loving v. Virginia*, *Roe v. Wade*, *Bowers v. Hardwick*, *Brady v. Maryland*, *Miranda v. Arizona*, *Texas v. Johnson*, *Miller v. California*—landmark cases that further molded our country and our people.

Law Week's overall theme is “Celebrating our Freedom.” This year's theme is “Assuring Equal Justice for All.” As you contemplate the power of the Constitution and its Amendments, as you contemplate the magnitude of the United States Supreme Court decisions, assuring equal justice for all is a foundation of our legal system. Attorneys and Judges who work in this magnificent arena are the brick masons, carpenters, and welders of this foundation. Our due process mandate ensures equal justice for all. Each person brought forward in the legal system just be provided with adequate notice of the proceeding against her and a fair hearing. Our observance of Law week reflects a dual purpose—celebration of our freedom and continued work for a better society. Law Week reminds us of the need to reach out to the community and help citizens understand our freedoms and our responsibilities.

Moreover, Law Week gives the public an opportunity to see the good works we do as we protect our freedom. Undoubtedly, equal justice applies to all citizens; skin color, gender, age, religion, and sexual preference are irrelevant under the law. Contemplate the monumental changes since 1958 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day U.S. A. President Eisenhower established Law Day to strengthen our heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. In 1961, congress' joint resolution designated May 1 as the official date to celebrate Law Day.

Law Day has become Community Law Week. This year we engaged the schools and the community in reflecting on law in a constitutional democracy. Your participate in Law Week events was crucial and demonstrated your concurrence in our themes: **Celebrating our Freedom** and **Assuring Equal Justice for All**. Someone stated that “we must be the change we

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Upcoming Events:

- Reception on August 20 at the Courthouse to view photographs and enjoy the Attorneys Conference Room.
- The Supreme Court will hold hearings in Greenville on November 7. A reception will be held on November 6.

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Family Court Liaison Committee Report

Present: Judge R. Kinard Johnson, Jr., Judge Timothy L. Brown, Judge Stephen S. Barlett, Shirley Bruce, Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Christy Johnston, Jennifer Figueroa, John Chambers, Stacy Garrett, Marsh Robertson, Catherine Christophillis, Wally Mullinax, Tom Traxler, David Rutledge, and Christine Howard.

Attorneys are reminded to send in their letters of Protection for any summer

vacation as soon as possible. Attorneys are reminded to notice Guardian ad Litem as you would notice opposing counsel of all hearings, depositions, mediations, etc. Please do not rely solely on docket to notify Guardians.

Attorneys are reminded that all conference rooms are equipped with a table and chairs that are not to be removed. Please return any furniture to the conference room if you do move it. This furniture is not to be placed inside the inner hallway where the Courtroom

doors are located. No food or drink is allowed in the Courtroom. The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be April 19, 2002, at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Judge's Hallway. Anyone who is unable to attend these meetings but has issues they would like addressed may contact the following lawyers: **Christine M. Howard** (282-8575); **Wallace A. Mullinax** (233-4351); **W. Marsh Robertson** (242-1090); **Robert M. Rosenfeld** (235-9613); or **Thomas W. Traxler**

Bench and Bar Liaison Committee Meeting

The Bench and Bar Liaison Committee for the Circuit Court met on Friday, March 22, 2002. The Court reported that mediation in Greenville county was working well with regard to the reduction of cases tried. Lee Plumblee reported, on behalf of Rob Has-sold, that the joint commission regarding mediation has asked for a recommendation regarding the existence of the mandatory programs, in light of the mediation budget cuts. The commission has proposed an order to Just Toal declaring there would be no state required ADR, however, individual, administrative and trial judges would have the authority to order mandatory mediation. This would allow Greenville county and Anderson County to continue with their county funded mandatory mediation programs. The Order will be submitted to Justice Toal.

Judge Patterson reported that the Court is hopeful that the Judicial Department will be fully funded, as a result of the House budget bill submission. This would again allow for full rotation of Judges. The House proposes in part that the Judicial Department budget would be funded with a \$25 filing fee for all motions filed.

Lyndall Coker and Shawn Knox reported that the internet docketing was going well. Sonya Gray reported that the non-jury docket is typically updated at 11:30 and 4:30. The jury docket is maintained in real time.

Judge Patterson's tenure as Administrative Judge ends in June. Judge John Few will be the new Administrative judge for the coming six (6) months. The Bench and Bar Liaison Committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to Judge Patterson for all of his efforts in improving the administration of justice in Greenville County during his tenure as Administrative Judge.

Minutes of April 26, 2002 meeting.

Shawn Knox reported regarding the improvements to the Greenville County online docket, including the addition of the refresh button to avoid the pop-ups, which would appear to remind the user to refresh their browser. Shawn reiterated the importance of this, as apparently some computers may store previously retrieved dockets in their cache and the user may not be reviewing the most updated information.

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TERMS OF COURT

CIRCUIT COURT

May 20, 2002

13th Cir. CPNJ—Patterson
Greenville CP—Hayes
Greenville CP—Watson
Pickens GS—Kittredge

May 27, 2002

Greenville GS—Manning
Greenville GS—Patterson
Greenville GS—Few
Greenville CP—Watson
Pickens CP—Kittredge

June 3, 2002

13th Cir. CPNJ—Kittredge
Greenville CP—Patterson
Greenville CP—Watson
Pickens GS—Few

June 10, 2002

Greenville GS—Watson
Greenville GS—Patterson

June 17, 2002

Greenville GS—Few
Greenville GS—Patterson
Greenville CP—Hayes

June 24, 2002

13th Cir. CPNJ/PCR—
Watson
13th Cir. CPNJ—Kittredge
Greenville CP—Patterson
Pickens GS—Few

FAMILY COURT

May 20, 2002

Greenville—T. L. Brown,
Jenkins, K. Johnson, Suther-
land, Pickens—A. Johnson

May 27, 2002

Greenville—Bartlett, Jen-
kins, K. Johnson, Suther-
land, Pickens—A. Johnson

June 3, 2002

Greenville—Bartlett (5, 6,
7), Brown, Jenkins, K. John-
son, Pickens—A. Johnson

June 10, 2002

Greenville—Bartlett, Brown,
Jenkins, K. Johnson, Pick-
ens—Sutherland (10)

June 17, 2002

Greenville—Bartlett (19, 20,
21), Brown, K. Johnson,
Pickens—Jenkins

June 24, 2002

Greenville—Bartlett, Brown,
Jenkins (24, 25, 26), K.
Johnson, Pickens—A. John-
son

Announcements

McNair Law Firm announces the following new shareholders and new associates: **Thomas L. Martin** and **Todd R. Davidson** in the Anderson office; **Rion DuBose Foley** and **Mary D Shahid** in the Charleston Office; **Francenia B. Heizer** and **A. Victor Rawl, Jr.** in the Columbia Office; **M. Mark McAdams** in the Myrtle Beach office; and **Charles S. Carter** in the Raleigh office.

The firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that **Matthew E. Yelverton** has joined the firm

as an associate attorney. The firm also announces that **Ronald K. Wray, II** and **Luanne Lambert Runge**, partners in the firm, were named among Greenville Magazine's "Best & Brightest 35 and Under."

Haynsworth, Baldwin, Johnson & Greaves, LLC, announces that **Thomas G. Greaves, III**, has been named a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

The firm of Wyche, Burgess, Freeman and Parham is pleased to announce that

David L. Freeman has been named a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

After 28 years of invaluable service and dedication, **Ruth Driggers** and **Sally Sizemore** will be retiring on July 1, 2002. **Judge Simmons** invites all members of the Greenville Bar to a reception honoring their retirement on July 1st in Courtroom 8 of the Greenville County Courthouse from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. A special recognition will take place at 4:15.

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The Greenville Association of Legal Assistants will meet on Thursday, June 13, 2002, at 12:30 P.M. at the Poinsett Club. The guest speaker will be **Steve Henry** to discuss **Labor Law**. Interested attorneys are welcome to attend and please encourage your paralegal to attend as well. Contact **Gail Vieth** at 282-1128 by noon on June 11, 2002.

Minutes of Bench and Bar (cont.)

Paul Wickensimer reported regarding the State Bar e-filing project. Mr. Wickensimer still stands that Greenville will be part of the pilot program.

Judge Patterson reported that the travel schedules have been posted through June, 2003, allowing for minimal travel. The schedule is available for review at www.judicial.state.sc.us/calendar/index.cfm.

Judge Patterson reminded the Bar that all settlement

agreements, including those at mediation, must comply with the provisions of rule 43(k) and are South Carolina court cases interpreting that rule. Additionally, Judge Patterson reminded the committee of the requirements of Rule 1 of the S. C. rules of Civil Procedure setting forth the scope of the rules and that "they shall be construed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action."

The next Bench & Bar meeting will be held on

May 31, 2002, in courtroom 7. All are welcome to attend or you may fax your concerns to any of the following:

**Amy Snyder 235-4399;
Jack Griffeth 271-7972
Gene Covington 233-9777;
William Brown 232-2925;
Rodney Pillsbury 233-3750;
Matt Johnson 271-7502;
Gary Hill 235-0199;
Liz Philpot 242-1566;
David Flowers 370-0788;
Sam Outten 240-2498**

Announcements (cont.)

South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA) is sponsoring a Happy Hour for all members, prospective members, and their guests on Wednesday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Cazbah on McBee Street. Free appetizers! On Wednesday, June 19, at 12:30 p.m. SCWLA will meet for lunch and will watch a video entitled, "The Women of Ground Zero," which is a 12 minute documentary chronicling 6 women and their heroic responses to the 9/11 attacks. The video will be shown at the Coffee Underground Theater. Contact Kristin M. Burrell, the SCWLA Regional Representative, at 268-1542 for more information.

First-Ever Tour of Hampton Pinckney Neighborhood Homes to Benefit the Upstate Community Mediation Center in Greenville, SC—The tour will take place on Sunday, June 2, from 3:00–6:00 p.m. Eight structures will be on the tour, including two one-of-a-kind churches. Tickets are \$50, are 100% tax deductible and can be purchased by sending a check to the Upstate Community Mediation Center at 24 Vardry St., #103, Greenville, SC, 29601. For more information, call the Center at (864) 370-9771.

Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville announces its 2002-203 elected officers: President—Lois J. Bell, ALS of Christian & Davis; President-Elect—Deborah J. Reynolds, PLA, of Nelson, Mullins; Vice President—Darlene T. Dockins, of Haynsworth, Baldwin; Secretary—Patricia E. Owens,

ALS, Law Offices of Joseph G. Armstrong; and Treasurer—Jimi L. Bullard, ALS, of Haynsworth Baldwin. LSPG meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Greenville city Club from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and membership is open to all legal support staff—you need not be a member to attend. The next meeting will be June 19, 2002. For reservations, contact Paula Davis at 271-7410 or by email at paula@gvl.haynsworth.com. Upcoming events:

July 19–21—Region 4 Educational Conference, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA; August 23—Probate Court Overview; September 28—ALS/PLS exams; October 24–27—NALS 51st Annual Education Conference, Greenville, SC

Advertisements

Small downtown Greenville construction and business litigation firm is looking for a legal secretary/receptionist. Relaxed, casual atmosphere. Answer 6-line phone and work for one attorney. Legal experience required. Bankruptcy background helpful, but not necessary. Salary commiserate with experience. Fax resumes to (864) 242-4844.

Small construction and business litigation boutique is looking for a summer associate. Salary commensurate with experience. Send re-

sumes to Kenison & Dudley, LLC, 704 E. McBee Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601, Attn: Tom Dudley.

Office building available for rent at 10 Brookside Circle; ideal for one lawyer and staff; suitable for two lawyers with modifications. Terms negotiable. Call Jim Sarratt or Bill Clarke at 271-4100.

Carl Horn, III, Chief U. S. Magistrate Judge announces the following criminal practice resources available from Fourth Circuit Seminars, P. O. Box 11673, Charlotte, NC

28220-1673. You may contact him by phone at (704) 350-7470. Titles include: Horn's Federal Criminal Jury Instructions for the Fourth Circuit (2002); Fourth Circuit Criminal Update 2001; North Carolina Criminal Update 2001; and available from Matthew Bender & Co., 1275 Broadway, Albany, NC 12204—Fourth Circuit Criminal Handbook (2002); Michie's Fourth Circuit Criminal Reporter.

Caption: Larry Mims and Shirley Mims v. John T. Lucas, M.D., and Southeastern Neurosurgery and Spleen Institute

Case No.: 01-CP-23-05&1348

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff: Michael Turner

Attorney(s) for Defendant: Dewey Owner and Ben Alexander

Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: Defendants

Attorneys for Defendant(s): Ashby Davis

Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: Defendants

Caption: John C. Hahn v. Bryan M. Wilkie

Case No.: 01-CP-23-2371

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Eddie Harbin

Attorney for Defendant(s): Amy Snyder

Action: Damages

Verdict: Plaintiff; \$850 actual damages

Caption: Willie Jones v. Pike Electric and Duke Energy

Case No.: 01-CP-23-2214

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff: Kevin Brady and Randall Hiller

Attorney(s) for Defendant: Jay Matthews

Action: Negligence

Verdict: Defendant

Caption: Angelica Bolden v. Jo Ann Sousa

Case No.: 01-CP-23-2254

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Devorea Spriggs

Attorney for Defendant(s): Eugene Adams

Action: Damages

Verdict: Defendant

Caption: Elizabeth LeAnn Collins and Michael Harvey Collins v. Roger H. Gower, M.D. and Greenville OB/GYN Associates

Case No.: 01-CP-23-1316

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff: Donald Moorehead

May and June 2002 CLE Seminars

Tuesday, May 21

S. C. Labor and Employment Law Update

Capital City Club, Columbia

4.0 MCLE and up to 4.0 Labor and Employment Law specialty credit hours

9.0 MCLE credit hours

For more information or to register for a seminar, contact the Bar's Continuing Legal Education Division at scbar-cle@scbar.org or 1-800-768-7787.

Thursday, May 23

Estate Planning for Distributions from Qualified Plans and IRAs

Three video sites

3.67 MCLE credit hours

June 14–15

ADR at the Beach

Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach