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# G-Bar News



## President's Remarks

This month's issue of the GBar News includes something new — a member survey. As best we can determine, this is the first survey in our 30 year history. The Greenville County Bar Association sponsors a wide array of programs and services for our members and we need your feedback to better tailor our activities to your interests and needs. The survey also requests information about the amount of your *pro*

*bono* work and solicits nominations for our "Attorney Spotlight" in future issues of the GBar News. We would like to use the information you provide to draw public attention to the tremendous amount of volunteer work performed by our members. And finally, no survey would be complete without a request for more volunteers. If you are interested in getting more involved in Bar Association

activities, please let us know and we will put you to work. We also will have copies of the survey available at our meetings. Please take a minute to complete and fax it to 242-2001 (\*51). We'll report the survey results in a future issue of the G-Bar News.

In the meantime, I will look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

## 2002 Greenville County Bar Association Survey

Please complete and fax to 242-2001 (\*51)

This survey is designed to allow the Greenville County Bar Association (GCBA) to better serve its members. Through this survey we hope to learn more about what benefits are important to you and to identify other programs, benefits and services you would like the GCBA to offer. Your responses are strictly confidential and your identity will not be disclosed.

- How long have you been a member of the GCBA? \_\_\_\_\_year(s)
- Please rank the following reasons why you are a member of the GCBA, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ To make contacts with others in the legal profession
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Educational programs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social programs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Firm encourages or requires membership
  - \_\_\_\_\_ To stay informed about law-related events
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)
- Please indicate whether you participate in, use or read the following, and indicate the importance of each activity, benefit or service:

Activity/Benefit/Service	Participate in/ Use/Read (Check if Yes)	Importance			
		Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not
(a) Bar luncheons					
(b) December CLE					
(c) G-Bar News					
(d) Social Activities					
Christmas Party					
Judges' Reception					
BBQ					

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### Upcoming Events:

- The Supreme Court will hold hearings in Greenville on November 7. A reception will be held on November 6 at the Greenville Country Club.
- Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon—Tuesday, November 19.
- The GCBA Christmas Party - Thursday, December 5.
- CLE—Friday, December 6.

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- | <u>Activity/Benefit/Service</u> | <u>Participate in/ Use/Read</u><br>(Check if Yes) | <u>Importance</u> |             |                 |            |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
|                                 |   | <u>Extremely</u>  | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>Not</u> |
- (e) Attorney’s Conference Room  
(Greenville County Courthouse)
- (f) Law Week
4. With respect to the following activity/benefit/service, please indicate if the cost associated with it is too high, too low, or about right and whether you would continue to use or participate if the cost were increased somewhat to reflect market rates:
- |  | <u>Too High</u> | <u>Too Low</u> | <u>About Right</u> | <u>Continue to participate/use if cost increased?</u> |           |
|--|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---|-----------|
|  |                 |                |                    | <u>Yes</u>  | <u>No</u> |
- (a) Membership Dues  
(b) Bar luncheons  
(c) December CLE  
(d) Social Activities  
    Christmas Party  
    Judges’ Reception  
    BBQ
5. Should the GCBA offer CLE’s in addition to the traditional December CLE?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_No  
 If so, what speakers/topics would be of interest to you? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What other activities/benefits/services do you believe the GCBA should offer?
7. How would you evaluate the following public/community programs:
- |  | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Not Aware of Activity</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|
- (a) Law Week Activities  
(b) Client Relations Committee
8. What other community programs do you believe the GCBA should sponsor or participate in?
9. The GCBA is in the process of evaluating law-related programs which may be implemented to educate members of the community and low income students who may not otherwise be exposed to the profession and law-related fields. These programs may include town meetings focusing on the rule of law, adopting a local school, mentoring students, participating in high school civics classes, etc. Would you be willing to serve as a volunteer in such programs?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_No
- If yes, what programs and in what capacity? Check all that apply:
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_Mentor to high school student  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_Speaker in schools  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_Town Meeting      \_\_\_\_\_Moderator      \_\_\_\_\_Speaker      \_\_\_\_\_Organizer
10. Do you believe the GCBA should offer workshops or mini CLE’s focusing on evidence, trial advocacy, etc. to its less-experienced members who do not have the benefit of the resources/mentorship provided by larger firms?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_No

If so, would you be willing to serve as an instructor, speaker or mentor in such programs?

Yes  No

11. In an effort to highlight the contributions lawyers make in the community, please tell us how many hours in the last 12 months you devoted to *pro bono* work and your hourly billing rate.

*Pro Bono* hours in the last 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly billing rate: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please provide us with the name of a lawyer you would like to nominate for the "Spotlight" of the GBAR News for outstanding *pro bono* work:

13. Would you be willing to receive notices and/or reminders of upcoming events via email?

If so, please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Demographics**

14. Gender  Male  Female

15. Age:  
 Under 30  30-39  40-49  50-59  60-69  70 and over

16. Number of lawyers in your firm:

Solo Practitioner  Government attorney  In-house/corporate  Retired  
 2-3  4-5  6-10  11-19  20 or more

17. Number of years you have been practicing law. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you a past GCBA President? If so, please provide your name and the year of your term:

If you have indicated in response to any question that you would be willing to serve as a volunteer, mentor, speaker or instructor, please provide your name and address below. If you do not wish to include that information here, please email the information to Nancy Griffeth at [gbarnews@aol.com](mailto:gbarnews@aol.com) or you may fax it to her at **242-2001\*51**. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. As stated above, your responses are strictly confidential and your identity will not be disclosed.

Please mail your completed survey to **GCBA, P.O. Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603** or fax it to Nancy Griffeth at **242-2001\*51**.

## Verdicts



**Caption:** Fortino Vizaya v. Farrah Shannon Pittman

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-4116

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Joe Lyles

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Jim Hudgens

**Cause of Action:** Automobile accident

**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$11,000 actual damages

**Caption:** Mattie Goodman Johnson v. Nancy Jane Earl

**Case No.:** 02-CP-23-1115R

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Eric Philpot

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Amy Snyder

**Cause of Action:** Automobile accident

**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$2,391.95 actual damages

**Caption:** CPA Search, Inc. v. Arnold Accounting and Investment Services, Inc.

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-4802

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Gary Hill

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Larry Briggs

**Cause of Action:** Breach of Contract

**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$4,175 actual damages, trebled to \$12,525 plus attorneys' fees.

**Caption:** Jonathan K. Turmon v. Cynthia L. Reilly

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-2947

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Don Moorhead

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Jack Riordan

**Cause of Action:** Comparative negligence

**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$150,000

**Caption:** Barbara Clark v. Mario Hudson

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-5087

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** James Degura

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Jack Riordan

**Cause of Action:** Comparative negligence

**Verdict:** Defendant

## Announcements

**Bob Hughes, owner of the old County Courthouse, later Family Courthouse, on South Main in Greenville, is now in the process of renovations and is seeking pictures of the courthouse, especially of the courtroom. Any one with photos or information should contact wjohnson@hughesdevelopment.com or (864) 233-2580.**

**South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA) meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Provencia Restaurant in the downtown Greenville Hyatt on the third Wednesday of each month. At the September 18 meeting, Clare Marshall Wood will present "Career Tips for Women Lawyers." Clare Marshall Wood, owner of Integrated Strategies, is a professional coach and writes bi-weekly for "The Coach's corner" column in the Greenville Journal. The guest speaker for October 16 will be The Honorable Rita Allison. All members, potential members, and their guests are welcome to attend. Please contact SCWLA Regional Representative, Kristin M. Burrell at 268-1542 or kburrell@sctbar.org if you would like information about SCWLA or to receive email announcements of upcoming events. To become a member of the SCWLA, visit scwla.org and click on the "about" tab to download the membership application.**

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**The Honorable Debra A. Faulkner and the**

**Greenville County Probate Court announce the Fourth Annual Town Meeting on Friday, September 20, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Greenville County Council Chambers, Greenville County Square, 301 University Ridge. This year's Town Meeting will focus on Mental Health in our community. Speakers will include law enforcement agencies, medical and mental health professional. Speakers will address the issue of Quality Treatment in the Face of Declining Resources. Speakers will be available for a Question and Answer session following the program. This program is free of charge.**

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**Probate Judge Debora Faulkner is pleased to announce that the Greenville county Probate court was awarded the "2002 Department of the Year" at the annual Greenville County Awards Banquet on August 24, The award is given to the office which consistently demonstrates outstanding service to the citizens of Greenville County. Deputy Judge Gracy Sharp-Robertson was awarded the honor of "County Employee of the Year" for her**



The Greenville County Bar Association wishes to extend its sympathies to the family and friends of Judge Frank Eppes. He will be truly missed.

## Announcements (con't)

excellent customer service and professionalism.

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Nexsen Pruet is pleased to announce that Andrew Pang, patent attorney, has joined the firm as Special Counsel on the Intellectual Property Team.

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Denise L. Bessellieu of Gallivan White & Boyd, P.A. has been elected as a member of the S. C. Bar House of Delegates representing the 13th judicial circuit for the 2002-2004 term.

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The Firm of Parham & Smith, LLC, is pleased to announce that William L. Dodson, Jr., will join the firm as a partner. The new firm of Parham Smith & Dodson, LLC, will continue to practice at the present location of 501 River Street, Smith Barney Building, Second Floor, Greenville, SC.

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Archibald W. Black and A. Wells Black, Jr. announce the opening of their new law office, Black & Black, LLC, located at 14 Whitsett Street, Greenville, SC, 242-3991.

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LEGAL STAFF PROFESSIONALS OF GREENVILLE

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 a meeting. For information, contact Paula Davis at 271.7410 or by email at [paula@gvl.haynsworth.com](mailto:paula@gvl.haynsworth.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ✓ September 28, 2002—ALS/PLS exams, Greenville, SC
- ✓ October 24-27, 2002—NALS 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Education Conference, Greenville, SC!!!

LSPG is part of *NALS . . . the association for legal professionals*. Membership is open to all legal support staff. For more information please contact Darlene Dockins at 271-7410 or [Darlene@gvl.haynsworth.com](mailto:Darlene@gvl.haynsworth.com). Also, visit the NALS website at [www.nals.org](http://www.nals.org)

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**NOTICE FROM S. C. COURT OF APPEALS:** To improve recordkeeping, original records on appeal and final briefs will be scanned. The originals of these documents should be submitted unbound. Please secure in a large envelope or with paper clips or rubber bands. Contact Clerk Richstad at the Court of Appeals for more information.

The Greenville County Legal Auxiliary invites you to their **Low Country Boil**. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 3, 2002**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at **Clement's Lake**. Event will be catered by **Mary Frances Brock (Key West Connection)**. **SHAG to beach music provided by DJ and owner Ray Clement**. There will be a shagging demonstration and 50/50 raffle. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$15 per individual. Contact Judy Suggs at [jhsuggs@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhsuggs@bellsouth.net).

## Terms of Court

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
September 16, 2002  
Greenville GS—Few  
Greenville GS—Kittredge  
Greenville CP—Patterson  
Greenville CPNJ—Simmons 19,  
20)

September 23, 2002  
Greenville GS—Patterson  
Greenville GS—Kittredge  
Pickens CP—Short  
Pickens GS—Few

**FAMILY COURT**  
September 16, 2002  
Greenville—Jenkins, Brown, Johnson,

K., Bartlett (16, 17, 18), Rucker,

September 23, 2002  
Greenville—Jenkins, Johnson, K. (30,  
1, 2), Bartlett, Brown, Konduros  
Pickens—Johnson, A.

## CLE Seminars

**Tuesday, September 10**  
Ethics Roadshow—Contacts with  
Employees and Misdirected Com-  
munications; S. C. Bar Building, 1.0  
MCLE credit hours

**Friday, September 13**  
Tenth Annual Probate Bench Bar  
USC Law School and six video sites  
6.0 MCLE credit hours

**Friday, September 20**  
Hot Tips from the Best Domestic  
Law Practitioners  
USC School of Law and 13 video  
sites  
6.0 MCLE credit hours and .5 LEPR

**Tuesday, September 24**  
ALN-Annual Fall Estate Planning  
Practice  
USC Law School and 2 video sites  
3.0 MCLE credit hours

**Tuesday, September 24**  
Ethics Roadshow  
Greenville Technical College  
1.0 MCLE credit hours

**Friday, September 27**  
Tort Law Update  
USC Law School and 12 video sites  
6.0 MCLE and up to 1.0 LEPR

For more information or to register  
for a seminar, contact the Bar's  
Continuing Legal Education Divi-  
sion at [scbar-cle@scbar.org](mailto:scbar-cle@scbar.org) or 1-  
800-768-7787.

In addition: here are CLE opportuni-  
ties offered by other groups:

7th Annual Seminar for Legal Profes-  
sionals. September 12, 2002, The  
Phoenix Inn, 246 N. Pleasantburg Dr.,  
Greenville, SC.

10:45am—12:15pm—Utilization of  
Paralegals led by Steve Kern, Eliza-  
beth Mann and Jack Griffeth. CLE  
Credit for attorneys has been ap-  
proved for this workshop. Contact  
Dorothy Sizemore at 864-298-2714 for  
details.

Friday, September 13, 9—1 p.m.  
Nuts & Bolts of Family Court appoint-  
ments, Greenville Technical College,  
No charge, 3.50 hours MCLE credit  
includes 1 hour LEPR, Sponsored by  
Children's Law Office, USC School of  
Law. Call 803-777-1646 to register.

Friday, October 11, Phoenix Inn  
Mediation Program Overview  
Co-sponsored by the S. C. Bar ADR  
Section and the Upstate Mediation  
Network, a Mediation CLE is being  
offered October 11 in Greenville. This  
is a nuts and bolts program that can be  
taken separately or together. The  
morning session will address family  
court mediation, and civil court medi-  
ation will be addressed in the afternoon  
session. The CLE is approved for 4  
hours for half-day and 7 hours for the

full program. Lunch is included  
with Bob Wells, Executive Direc-  
tor of the S. C. Bar, and Karl  
Folkens as luncheon speakers.  
Contact Jim Sarratt, 864- 271-  
4100, [james.sarratt@scbar.org](mailto:james.sarratt@scbar.org)  
for a brochure. The cost is \$75  
for half-day, \$125 for full day.

Friday, November 15, 2—5 p.m.  
Cost: \$30 includes materials  
"Children Cope with Divorce"  
Co-parenting Seminar: A Pres-  
entation for Professionals. Ap-  
proved by the Family Court  
Judges of the 13th Judicial Cir-  
cuit. By Compass of Carolina  
and House Representative Phil-  
lip K. Sinclair presenting The S.  
C. Private Guardian ad litem  
Reform Act; 3.0 CLE hours  
(pending approval). Call 467-  
3434 to register or for more in-  
formation.

Friday, November 15, 9—3:30  
p.m. Federal Court Overview,  
G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Federal  
Building and U. S. Court House,  
Anderson. 5.25 CLE hours.  
Sponsored by the Legal Staff  
Professionals of South Carolina.  
Cost is \$80 for NALS member,  
\$100 for non member. For more  
information, contact Yvonne  
Fortner at 241-1816 or by email  
at [Yvonne@gvl.haynsworth.com](mailto:Yvonne@gvl.haynsworth.com).

## Family Court Liaison Committee Report

At the meeting on August 16, 2002, attorneys were reminded to dress appropriately for court hearings. Men were asked to wear coat and tie, and women were asked to wear attire comparable to their male counterparts. Attorneys were reminded that a new Guardian ad Litem Statute and a new Cohabitation Statute have just been passed by the legislature. The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be held on September 27, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Judge's Hallway. This is a change from the previously announced date. Anyone who is unable to attend these meetings but has issues they would like discussed 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 (242-3566).

## Advertisements

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.

Office space available (August 1, 2002); 2 good-sized offices with access to a lobby, conference room and kitchen. Approximately 800 to 1000 square feet located at 202 West Stone Avenue. For details call 282-8575.

Law office available in the Pettigru Area. Separate office and secretarial areas. Shared reception area and conference room. Shared receptionist possible. Ample, accessible parking. Available now. Please call Tom Patrick at 271-4360 for additional details.

Office space for rent—historic Pettigru Area. Receptionist available. Please call Kimberly Dunham or Stacy Greene at (864) 282-8686.

Large office in downtown historic district available with separate secretarial space and access to Library/Conference room. Receptionist sharing possible. Call 242-5133.

310 Mills Ave. Professional Center (condominium), 2305 Sq. Ft. on street level. Excellent parking and no steps to entrance. Office presently has 11 large rooms, extremely good use of space. Walls are non-loan bearing. Property sits on city tax free island grandfathered by city when Mills Mill office was on this location. Property is near county offices

and has a traffic light to Mills Ave. Sales Price \$110/sq. ft., rental \$2,500/month. Contact Bob Ray at 233-4555.

For rent: Single law office; 512 E. North Street, across from Bi-Lo Center. Contact Jim Calmes or Don Pilzer at 233-0663 for information.

Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission has a limited number of volumes of Abstracts of General Sessions Court Case Rolls for Washington District and Greenville county 1787-1799. In addition to being substantive, the rolls are often humorous. Copies available on a first come/first serve basis for \$10 per copy. Call Tom Patrick at 271-4360.