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G-Bar News



The Greenville County Bar is hosting a CLE on December 13, 2002, targeted to the Bar's younger practitioners focusing on basic skills in the practice areas of criminal, civil, and domestic law, to include numerous handouts consisting of forms used by long-time practitioners in each of the three practice areas. It will only cost \$25 to attend and we have already applied for 9 or more credit hours. The location has not been determined. Topics will include Comments from Judge R. Kinard Johnson, Jr., Judge John W. Kittredge, and Judge John C. Few; discovery, motions, opening and closing statements, ethics, direct cross, technology, issues pertinent to a Family Court Practice, and defending juvenile cases in Family Court.

The Greenville County Bar will also be hosting its annual CLE on December 6. More details will follow along with sign up sheets.

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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.
- CLE—Friday, December 13, for young lawyers

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Verdicts

Caption: Ronald Clement v. Keenan Transportation and Roland Edward Russell

Case No.: 2001-CP-23-4485

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Pat Paschal

Attorney for Defendant(s): William Brown, Stephen Hall

Cause of Action: Damages-negligence

Verdict: Plaintiff, \$17,500 actual damages

Caption: Rebecca H. Greer and Jean R. Greer v. Marcia Joan Rochette

Case No.: 2001-CP-23-5141

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Tim Farr

Attorney for Defendant(s): Paul Hammack

Cause of Action: Automobile accident

Verdict: Rebecca Greer—\$1,748.25; Jean Greer—\$1,955.75 actual damages

Caption: Asia Richardson v. Daniel Murray

Case No.: 2001-CP-23-2552

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Jackie Drescher, Jack Riordan

Attorney for Defendant(s): Troy Tessier

Cause of Action: Comparative negligence

Verdict: For Defendant on complaint; for Plaintiff on counterclaim.

Bench and Bar Liaison Committee

The Bench and Bar Liaison Committee had its first meeting with Chief Administrative Judge, the Honorable John Few on September 6, 2002. Judge Few indicated that his mission during his tenure as Administrative Judge is to accomplish the goals mandated by Court Administration, while accommodating lawyers as best as possible.

With that in mind, Judge Few will be experimenting with the way status conferences have traditionally been held. The next round of status conferences are set for October 3, 2002. Prior to that date, the Bar should receive a roster where each case is given a trial date. If the set date is unacceptable by virtue of protection needs or other legitimate reasons, the parties have the opportunity to agree to a trial date within a 2 month window of the assigned trial date. If this cannot be worked out, the attorneys need to appear at the designated status conference time before Judge Few.

Judge Few plans to continue the roster meetings at the beginning of term of Court, however, anticipates they will typically be held by the Judge assigned to Common Pleas for that week. Judge Few further indicated his willingness to set non-jury motions which need an immediate hearing during available free time during Common Pleas term.

Judge Few has referred further interpretation of Justice Toals' administrative order regarding the filing fee for motions to the Clerk's office and requested that motions be sent directly to the Clerk, as opposed to Judge Few, to expedite resolution, in light of the new filing fee requirements.

Judge Few further indicated that a lot of the Bar's requests of the Court could be expedited with communication

through e-mail. The Liaison Committee would encourage the members of the Bar to make sure that their e-mail addresses are on the South Carolina Bar data base, to increase Court access to e-mail addresses of the Bar.

The Clerk's office reported that the online case management development is continuing on schedule and Bar members would be encouraged to start to get online to prepare for the time frame when much of the communication with the Clerk's office and retrieval of documents will be through the internet.

Judge Few also reminded the Bar of the portion of the statute governing orders of publication that require counsel to demonstrate due diligence in efforts to locate the Defendant prior to obtaining an Order of Publication.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on October 25, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ham House. All members of the Bar are invited to join Judge Few and the committee for lunch and discuss any matters of importance between the Court and Bar. If you have any questions or comments, fax your concerns to any of the following.

ATTORNEY/TELEFAX

Gene Covington	233-9777	Jack Griffeth	271-7972
Amy Snyder	235-4399	William Brown	232-2925
Rodney Pillsbury	233-3750	Matt Johnson	271-7502
Gary Hill	235-0199	Sam Outten	240-2498
David Flowers	370-0788	Mott McDonald	240-3300

Announcements

Investiture Ceremony for the Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks, United States Magistrate, will be held on Friday, October 18, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. at the Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr. Federal Building, 300 East Washington Street. A reception will follow the ceremony until 7:00 p.m. in the Gold Ballroom of the Westin Poinsett Hotel, 120 South Main Street, Greenville, SC. RSVP for the reception by calling 241-2722.

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.

From the Clerk's Office: The jury trial roster shall be published on the Internet at www.greenvillemounty.org/courtsupport/Index.asp. A copy of the trial roster may still be picked up outside the office of the Jury Trial coordinator, Room 311, of the Greenville county Courthouse. The trial week in which your case first appears on the roster will be given to you at the Pre-Trial Conference. A memo will be faxed notifying you that the Jury Pre-Trial conference Docket has been posted to the Greenville County Court Support web site. A copy of the Pre-Trial Conference Docket may be picked up outside the office of the Jury Trial coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact Lyndall Coker at 467-8510.

Further clarification: If the Court date listed on the Pre-Trial docket is agreeable to all parties (the attorneys talk and agree upon this trial date) then only one of the attorneys emails or faxes the Pre-Trial sheet to Lyndall Coker. If the date listed is not agreeable, then the attorneys talk and come up with another term of Court acceptable and list that date on the Pre-Trial sheet, then only one of the attorneys emails or faxes information to Lyndall. If the attorneys cannot agree on a trial date, then both attorneys go to the Pre-Trial conference hearing date listed on the Pre-Trial docket to discuss the case with Judge Few.

The Law Office of Wallace Culp is pleased to announce that Patricia Butto has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Mrs. Butto will concentrate in the firm's practice areas of probate administration, probate litigation, elder law and family law. She is also available to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in Family court and Probate Court matters. The firm address is 1425 Augusta Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Email addresses are patricia butto@bellsouth.net; wculpiii@bellsouth.net (new address).

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. are pleased to announce that John Johnston, Marvin Quattlebaum, Marion Hughes, Mike Giese, and William Dennis have been named among The Best Lawyers in America.

Samuel D. Harms, III, announces the opening of Harms Law firm, LLC, at 33 Market Point Drive, Greenville, SC 29607. Phone number — (864) 277-0102, fax number—527-0427.

On Wednesday, October 16, 2002, the Honorable Rita Allison will address the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA) at the downtown Greenville Hyatt's Provencia Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. Representative Allison has been a member of the S. C. House of Representatives for ten years. All members, potential members, and their guests are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, November 20, 2002, Mills Gallivan, Esq. will present a 1-hour ethics CLE entitled "Professionalism in the 21st Century." This CLE will be free for SCWLA members and will cost \$15 for non-members. The CLE will be presented at Stax Grill at Woods Crossing from 12:15 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Stax Grill will provide menu choices to the participants (the cost of lunch is not included in the registration fee). Registration will be from noon until 12:15 p.m. at Stax Grill.

Please contact SCWLA Regional Representative, Kristin M. Burrell at 268-1542 or kburrell@scbar.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.

LEGAL STAFF PROFESSIONALS OF GREENVILLE

The week of October 7—11, 2002, has been declared by Governor Jim Hodges as Court Observance Week. LSPG has decided to have a special lunch at our October 16 meeting honoring those who have worked with us this year in making our federal and probate court seminars such a huge success. Our speaker will be U. S. Magistrate Judge Bruce H. Hendricks. We would also like to honor our bosses, as October 16 is National Bosses Day. We would like for you to invite your boss to attend this meeting with you. For reservations, contact Paula Davis at 271.7410 or by email at paula@gvl.haynsworth.com prior to October 11. Lunch will be held at the Greenville City Club from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. All plates are \$10. You

Family Court Liaison Committee Report

At the meeting on September 27, 2002, attorneys were asked not to vent their frustrations with the increase in court fees toward the Clerk of Court's office. The fees were increased pursuant to a statute enacted by the General Assembly, not the Clerk of Court's office. Attorneys were reminded that a new Name Change Statute, a new Guardian ad Litem Statute and a new Co-habitation Statute have just been passed by the legislature. You can find these statutes located at www.scstatehouse.net. The next Family Court

Liaison meeting will be held on October 18, 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).

Remember to fill out your survey from the last G-Bar News and fax it to 242-2001 *51, or mail it in to P. O. Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603. If you need another copy, contact Nancy Griffeth by email to GBArnews@aol.com.

Greenville Association of Legal Assistants will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2002, at 12:30 p.m. at the Poinsett Club. The guest speaker will be the paralegal of the Year, 2002. Cost of luncheon is \$13 per person. Interested attorneys are welcome to join us and we ask that you encourage your paralegal to attend. Reservation may be made to Gail Vieth at 552-4508.

Announcements (con't)

do not have to be a member to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ✓ October 24-27, 2002—NALS 51st Annual Education Conference and National Forum, Hyatt Regency, Greenville, SC!!! (Complete schedule and registration information available at www.nals.org.)

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. Also, visit the NALS website at www.nals.org

Legal Secretary Position: Downtown litigation-oriented firm has immediate opening for an experienced legal secretary. Applicant should possess typing of 70-75 wpm, Microsoft Word, and familiarity with computerized timekeeping/billing. Benefits include excellent salary, Simple IRA plan, long-term disability insurance, and paid annual leave. Interested persons should send cover letter and resume to Legal Secretary, P. O. Box 10828, Greenville, SC 29603.

Terms of Court

CIRCUIT COURT

October 7, 2002
Greenville GS—Kittredge
Greenville CP—Patterson

October 14, 2002
Greenville GS—Patterson
Greenville GS—Kittredge
Pickens GS—Few

October 21, 2002
Greenville CP—Few
Greenville CP—Patterson
Greenville GS—Pyle

Greenville CPNJ—Simmons (21, 22)
Greenville GS—Kittredge

October 28, 2002
Greenville CP—Patterson
Greenville CPNJ/PCR—Few
Greenville CP—Kittredge
Greenville GS—Simmons (30, 31, 1)

FAMILY COURT

October 7, 2002
Murdock, Bartlett (7, 8, 9), Johnson,
K., Brown
Pickens—Jenkins

October 14, 2002
Johnson, K., Jenkins, Bartlett,
Brown,
Pickens—Johnson, A.

October 21, 2002
Bartlett (21, 22, 23), Spruill, Brown
Pickens—Johnson, A.

October 28, 2002
Johnson, K., Jenkins, Bartlett (28,
29, 30, 31), Brown
Pickens—Johnson, A.

CLE Seminars

Friday, October 11, 2002
Master in Equity Bench Bar
6.0 MCLE credit hours including up
to .75 LEPR, Lumpkin Auditorium,
USC Moore School of Business, Co-
lumbia, SC

Friday, October 11, 2002
Appellate Practice in S. C., 6.0 MCLE
credit hours, USC Law School and 7
video sites

Thursday, October 17, 2002
ALN—Emerging Issues in Employment
Law and Litigation, 3.67 MCLE credit
hours, Columbia, Charleston &
Greenville

Friday, October 18, 2002
Medical Malpractice
6.0 MCLE credit hours
USC Law School and 12 video sites

Friday, October 18-29, 2002
NC/SC Labor and Employment Law
10.25 MCLE credit hours, including
up to 2.0 LEPR, Grove Park Inn, Ashe-
ville, NC

Tuesday, October 22, 2002
Ethics Roadshow—Contacts with Em-
ployees and Misdirected Commuica-
tions, 1.0 MCLE credit hours, includ-
ing up to 1.0 LEPR, Coastal Federal
University, Myrtle Beach, SC

Thursday, October 24, 2002
Hot Topics for the Construction Lawyer
in SC, 6.0 MCLE credit hours, includ-
ing up to 1.0 LEPR, Suggs & Kelly Law
Center, Columbia, SC

Friday, October 25, 2002
Auto Insurance, 6.75 MCLE credit
hours, USC Law School & 12 video
sites

For more information or to register for
a seminar, contact the Bar's Contin-
uing Legal Education Division at [sbar-
cle@sctbar.org](mailto:sbar-
cle@sctbar.org) or 1-800-768-7787.

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

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 divided
into two half-day programs 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 Director of the S.
C. Bar, and Karl Folkens as luncheon

speakers. Contact Jim Sarratt,
8 6 4 - 2 7 1 - 4 1 0 0 ,
james.sarratt@sctbar.org for a bro-
chure. The cost is \$75 for half-day,
\$125 for full day.

Friday, November 15, 1:30—5 p.m.
Cost: \$30 includes materials
“Children Cope with Divorce” Co-
parenting Seminar: A Presenta-
tion for Professionals. Approved
by the Family Court Judges of the
13th Judicial Circuit. By Compass
of Carolina and House Representa-
tive Phillip K. Sinclair presenting
The S. C. Private Guardian ad
Litem Reform Act; 3.0 CLE hours.
Call 467-3434 to register or for
more information.

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. Spon-
sored by the Legal Staff Profes-
sionals of South Carolina. Cost is
\$80 for NALS member, \$100 for
non member. For more informa-
tion, contact Yvonne Fortner at
241-1816 or by email at
Yvonne@gvl.haynsworth.com. A
flyer and complete details can be
viewed at www.scd.uscourts.gov.

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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; 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-load 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.