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# G-Bar News

## President's Remarks

This is my last official President's column and in reflecting upon what I want to say, I realized that this column will contain every tired cliché you could imagine for an outgoing president's column: it has been an incredible privilege to serve in this role, I am very grateful for the wonderful work of our many volunteers and our excellent Executive Committee, and I am extremely proud of our collegial bar. The fact is, though, that each of these statements is absolutely true and I know of no better or more elegant way of saying them. I hope, however, that you will indulge me in a bit of elaboration.

The Greenville County Bar Association is a jewel among bar associations, made so by the commitment to excellence, public spiritedness, diversity and the all around good nature of its members. You have only to walk into any bar event to immediately sense the camaraderie and collegiality of its members. This tone starts with our excellent judges, who expect and adhere to the highest standards and actively work with our members to improve the delivery of justice. It continues with more senior members who warmly welcome new admittees and mean it when they volunteer to serve as mentors. And our younger lawyers have enthusiastically embraced service projects and become actively involved in our

community. We could not ask for a better environment in which to practice law. Our members know that they can count on the word of their fellow members, an increasingly rare commodity in other bar associations. And I don't know of any non-profit organization in town that has not enormously benefited from the volunteer efforts of one or more of our members.

Two events held in December represent all of the qualities that make me so proud of our bar. On December 6 the bar hosted its annual CLE and, as always, our volunteer presenters did an excellent job of making their topics accessible even for those who do not practice in their area. I would like to thank Mike Pitts for the outstanding job he did organizing the CLE and to all the presenters for making it such a lively and informative session. The following Friday Chris Gantt organized an excellent seminar geared for newer practitioners covering basics in criminal, civil and domestic practice. Again our members did a thorough job in their presentations and, even more helpful to younger lawyers, freely offered up their form documents. Gallagher Court Reporting and Legal Eagle co-sponsored the event and we are grateful for their involvement. I hope that this will be the first of many programs we offer to younger lawyers. Chris is also reactivating the mentoring

program started several years ago by Tom Traxler to pair younger lawyers with more senior members. I appreciate all of her hard work and creativity in these efforts.

I am also appreciative of the excellent executive committee that has guided the bar during the past year. Bobby Rosenfeld has been an invaluable resource, providing general wisdom and guidance and chairing the Tommy Thomason and Nominating committees. Jeff Miriam has been responsible for the high-quality programs we have enjoyed throughout the year and I am enormously pleased that he has been nominated to serve as Treasurer for the coming year. Dave Edwards has orchestrated all of our entertaining (and delicious) social events. Debra Gammons did a great job putting together our well-received law week activities with the help of Jimmy Brehm and her committee. Chip Price has done a splendid job as Treasurer and has run the Client Relations Committee smoothly. Mike Parham created and energized the Caring Committee, reaching out to our members in need, often going to extraordinary lengths on their behalf. Amy Snyder done an excellent job with the Judicial Relations Committee and has coordinated efforts with our local judges. Pat Paschal has coordinated publicity for the bar's (continued on page 3)

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### Upcoming Events:

- The rescheduled Christmas Party has been set for Thursday, January 30, at the Greenville Country Club from 7–10 p.m. A flyer is coming by mail.

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## Verdicts

**Caption:** Subway Restaurants Inc. and Davood Bagherof v. Wild Turkey Holdings LLC  
**Case No.:** 2001-CP-23-5809  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Gary Hill  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Matthew Henrikson; Daniel Patterson  
**Cause of Action:** Breach of lease and trespass  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$128,000 actual damages, \$403,680 punitive damages

**Caption:** Linda J. Mobley v. Danny F. Wilson  
**Case No.:** 2001-CP-23-6360  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Geoffrey Glick  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** David Rheney  
**Cause of Action:** Damages  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$1,987 actual damages

**Caption:** Joseph Pollack v. Sakkelee Builders Inc. d/b/a The Pool Place  
**Case No.:** 2001-CP-23-2434R  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** David Gantt  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Phil Reeves, Jennifer Eubanks  
**Cause of Action:** Breach of contract, construction defect  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff, \$49,000 actual damages



The Greenville County Bar Association wishes to extend its sympathies to the family and friends of Judge Ralph Drake and to the family and friends of Judge Willie Smith. They will be truly missed.

### Dues 2003

Greenville County Bar Association Dues are \$35 per year. They are included in your S. C. Bar Dues notice. If you choose not to join the Greenville County Bar, you subtract \$35 from that statement.

We hope you will continue your membership with us. If you are not currently a member and wish to join, you may send your \$35 directly to P. O. Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603, or include them with your S. C. Bar Dues. Please notify Nancy Griffeth in our office if you are a new member so she can go ahead and put you on the mailing list. You may reach her by email at [GBAnews@aol.com](mailto:GBAnews@aol.com).

## Congratulations to our officers for 2003

The Greenville County Bar Association is pleased to announce the following officers for 2003:

**President:** Jennifer Johnsen of the firm of Gallivan White & Boyd.  
**Vice President/President Elect:** Grant Burns of the firm of Nexsen Pruetts Jacobs & Pollard  
**Secretary:** Chip Price of the firm of Price, Paschal & Ashmore  
**Treasurer:** Jeff Merriam of the firm of Carter Smith Merriam Rogers & Traxler

Please contact any of these officers to get involved in Bar Activities for 2003.

## President's Remarks (con't)

efforts and served as a terrific all-around resource. Jim Warren and Gary Hill have done an outstanding job on the G-Bar News making sure that it is a consistently quality publication. Bill Clarke has made sure that the law library is running smoothly. Mike Pitts has orchestrated another outstanding CLE. Sydney Mitchell and the Young Lawyers have run a great program this year. Chris Gantt has provided a much-needed service to younger lawyers with the CLE and mentoring program. Grant Burns has done a terrific job as Secretary and volunteered for just about every other task that has come his way. Jack Griffeth has organized an inspiring Memorial Service, bringing enthusiasm and commitment to this wonderful program. Teresa Cosby has kept us abreast of developments at The South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice, where she is doing an extraordinary job in this difficult fiscal environment. Paul Wickensimer and his excellent team have been an invaluable asset to the executive committee and we are grateful for his involvement and that of his team, especially Nika Bailey. Dean Rainey has done a great job as Senior Bar representative. And Nancy Griffeth has been absolutely terrific, keeping us on track, organizing

all bar functions, serving as our collective memory, overseeing the G-Bar News, providing member services, and generally making the work of the bar more pleasant and productive. She is the force behind the scenes that keeps our bar association running smoothly and we are grateful for all of her hard work. And I could not have asked for a better Vice President than Jennifer Johnsen. Jennifer's enthusiasm, vision and dedication to the work of our bar will make her an excellent leader for the coming year and it has been my great privilege to work with her. Thanks are also due to my family. My husband Bob has done far more than his share of babysitting duty during bar events and I am grateful for his support. And my law firm, Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham has been absolutely wonderful, its lawyers serving as a tremendous resource and never failing to volunteer for the many projects of the bar. My assistant, Cynthia Turman has been unceasingly cheerful, efficient and dedicated to assisting in the work of the bar. Finally, I would like to thank the members of our bar for making this a wonderful year.

Jo Hackl

**Congratulations to Jo Hackl and her husband on the birth of their son, Robert Joseph.**

## Terms of Court

### CIRCUIT COURT

January 6, 2003: Greenville GS—Kittredge, Miller; Greenville CP—Pyle; CPNJ/PCR—Floyd; Administrative—Few

January 13, 2003: Greenville CP—Miller, Few; Greenville GS—Kittredge, Pyle, Simmons; Pickens CP—Floyd

January 20, 2003: Greenville CPNJ—Miller; Greenville CP—Few, Kittredge; Pickens GS—Floyd

January 27, 2003: Greenville CPNJ—Floyd; Greenville CP—Pyle, Few; State Grand Jury Pickens/GS—Kittredge

### FAMILY COURT

January 6, 2003: K. Johnson, Jenkins, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros; Pickens—A. Johnson

January 13, 2003: K. Johnson, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros, Jenkins; Pickens—A. Johnson

January 20, 2003: K. Johnson, Jenkins, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros; Pickens—A. Johnson

January 27, 2003: Jenkins, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros

## Announcements

The January meeting of SCWLA will be held on Wednesday, January 15, at 12:30 p.m. at The Coffee Underground. If you are interested in joining SCWLA or renewing your membership, check the "SCWL" on your license renewal form from the S.C.Bar. For more information, contact Regional Representative Kristin Burrell (268-1542 or kburrell@s sbar.org) or visit the SCWLA website at scwla.org.

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Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard announces the addition of seven members to the firm. The new members are as follows: Ashley Steele Nutley; John W. Davidson; C. Jones DuBose, Jr.; Regina Hollins Lewis; Jeanne M. Born; Matthew B. Roberts; and Richard L. Tapp, Jr.

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John I. Mauldin, Public Defender for Greenville County, announces the appointment of Christopher D. Scalzo as Assistant Public Defender in the offices located at the Greenville County Courthouse, Greenville, SC 29601. The phone number is (864) 467-8522.

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Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce four new associates to the Greenville Office located at 300 East McBee Avenue, Suite 500. The attorneys are as follows: Jonathan D. Hammond; Jennifer Spragins Barr; Jennifer C. Adamson; and Margaret U. Newman.

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Gibbes Burton, LLC, is pleased to announce that Heather L.

Vander Ploeg has become associated with the law firm. She will concentrate her practice in employment, design & construction and commercial law.

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The law firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that shareholder H. Mills Gallivan has been recognized by the Defense Research Institute (DRI) for exceptional service as President of the South Carolina Defense trial Attorneys Association (SCDTAA) during 2002.

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The Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office announces the following new appointments as Assistant Solicitors: Christy Kednocker, John Newkirk, John David Rowell, and Andy Moorman (who clerked for Judge John Few for the past year); Anderson Horne; and Claire Davis (who was associated with a local firm for the past two years).

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McNair Law Firm is pleased to announce that Weyman C. Carter has been awarded the 2002 Arbitrator of the Year Award by the Better Business Bureau Upstate South Carolina.

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W. Marsh Robertson and Ann Sumner Coleman announce the formation of Robertson & Coleman, LLC. Practice of the firm is limited to divorce and family law. The office is located at 635 N. Academy Street,

## Advertisements

Office building available for rent at 10 Brookside Circle. Call Jim Sar-ratt or Bill Clarke at 271-4100.

Office space available; 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. Terms negotiable. Please call Tom Patrick at 271-4360 for additional details.

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

310 Mills Ave. Professional Center (condominium), 2305 Sq. Ft. on street level. 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.

## Announcements (con't)

Greenville, SC 29602. The phone number is (864) 242-1090; fax number (864) 298-0114. Email address is [www.robertsonandcoleman.com](http://www.robertsonandcoleman.com).

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Merline & Thomas, P.A. is pleased to announce that four of its lawyers have been named among The Best Lawyers in America: David A. Merline, John R. Thomas, David A. Merline, Jr., and Keith G. Meacham.

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Three students in Greenville Tech's paralegal program were recently inducted into LEX, the national paralegal honor society. Recipients are Lisa Carrouth of Greenwood, employed by Paul Agnew, Esq.; Beth Lesser of Greenville, employed by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office; and Sonja Howe of Charleston, employed by Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook and Brickman, LLC. To be eligible for LEX, students must be in the top 20% of the graduating class and have a GPA of at least 3.8.

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The law firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that its legal administrator, J. Edward Herren, Jr., has been chosen as President of the Greenville Area Personnel Association (GAPA) for 2003. The firm is also pleased to announce that Jeremy A. Dantin, Roshella James and Fred W. Suggs, III, have joined the firm as associate attorneys.

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Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce that Daniel Patterson has become a shareholder with the firm. He may be contacted at [dpatterson@lwtm.com](mailto:dpatterson@lwtm.com).

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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. Our next meeting will be on January 15, 2003. Our speaker will be Christopher Samellas, Esq. with Singleton & Samellas. For reservations, contact Paula Davis at 271-7410 or by email at [Paula@gvl.haynsworth.com](mailto:Paula@gvl.haynsworth.com).

LSPG is part of NALS...the association for legal professionals. Membership is open to all legal support staff. For more information on any of the above and/or membership, 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).

## CLE Seminars

Thursday, January 9, 2003  
Lay Guardian ad litem Certification Training  
5.75 MCLE credit hours  
S. C. Bar Building

Friday, January 10, 2003  
Guardian ad litem Certification training  
6.25 MCLE and up to 1.0 LEPR credit hours  
USC School of Law Auditorium and four video sites

Tuesday, February 11, 2003  
Employee Benefits Update for 2003  
3.66 MCLE credit hours and 3.66 hours of CLE specialty credit for tax, estate planning and employment and labor law specialists.  
Greenville Technical College and two other satellite locations

February 13-17, 2003  
Civil Court Mediation Training  
40 MCLE and up to 3.25 LEPR credit hours  
S. C. Bar Building

Upcoming seminars:  
February 21, SC Circuit Court Arbitrator Certification Training  
February 28, Punitive Damages—For Whom the Bell Tolls  
For more information, contact the Bar's Continuing Legal Education Division at [sbar-cle@sbar.org](mailto:sbar-cle@sbar.org) or 1-800-768-7787.