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# G-Bar News



## President's Remarks

I first became involved in the Greenville County Bar Association in 1991, after moving to Greenville from Massachusetts. I admit, my involvement at that time was fairly minimal. I attended bar luncheons and social events, the annual December CLE and read my monthly issue of *The G-Bar News*. I never gave much thought to the work that went on behind the scenes to make these events and *The G-Bar News* possible. A few years later, after taking advantage of the many benefits of the GCBA, I was given the opportunity to serve on the Law Week Committee. Yes, I consider this an opportunity because it enabled me to develop relationships with other lawyers outside of my practice and to participate in a meaningful, worthwhile event. In subsequent years, I served as Chair of the Law Week Committee, Editor of *The G-Bar News* and Chair of the Programs Committee. In these roles I witnessed firsthand how hard the executive committee works to ensure that the association is engaged in events that are in the best interests of its members and the community in which we live.

The Bar has continually tried to address the needs of its members and the community. For example, more than 40 years ago the Grievance Committee (now the Client Relations Committee) was formed to serve as an impartial third party in an attempt to facilitate a resolution of problems between attorneys and clients. Chip Price currently serves as chair of that committee. In 1996, the Caring Committee was established with the goal of assisting and supporting members and their immediate family in times of serious injury or illness. Mike Parham serves as chair of that committee. Last year, recognizing a need of some of the less-experienced members of the Bar, Chris Gantt organized a seminar covering the basics in criminal, civil and domestic practice. In addition, the Bar is assisting the Greenville County School District by providing volunteers for its Youth Court Program. In an effort to ensure that we are continuing to meet your needs, last year we conducted our first-ever member survey, endeavoring to learn more about the benefits that are important to you and to identify other programs and

services you would like the Bar to offer. We hope to report to you on the results of the survey in the next edition of *The G-Bar News*. If you did not respond to the survey, it's not too late. Please contact Nancy Griffeth and she will provide you with a copy of the survey. We welcome your input and suggestions.

Each year, the new president of this association encourages you, indeed implores you, to get more involved in this organization. I take this time to do the same. There are many opportunities available through the various Bar committees. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact me or Nancy Griffeth and we will see that you are put in contact with the appropriate committee chair. Your help and support are crucial to the continuing success of this association. Thank you for all of your contributions and I look forward to a great 2003.

*By: Jennifer Johnsen*

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### Upcoming Events:

- Reception in honor of Judge William Wilkins, Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, on Thursday, March 13, 2003, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. This reception is sponsored by friends of Judge Wilkins.

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## Verdicts

**Caption: Cassandra Leanna Bradley & Dwayne Lakieth Morris**

**Case No.: 2001-CP-23-5440**

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Ben McClain**

**Attorney for Defendant(s): Mark Bakker, Patricia Ravenhorst**

**Cause of Action: Damages**

**Verdict: Plaintiffs; \$489.50 and \$487.00 actual damages respectively**

## Bench Bar Liaison Committee

The Bench and Bar Liaison Committee met on December 13, 2002, at the Ham House at 12:30 p.m. with the Honorable John Few, Administrative Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Judge Few's tenure as Administrative Judge will continue through the next six months.

We discussed the success of the new method of handling status conferences and Judge Few encouraged the Bar to set the trial date with opposing counsel and submit their form at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled status conference. Judge Few indicated there would be more civil court in the next six months, as Greenville would have all five Circuit Court Judges back, with the exception of Judge Patterson, who will be Administrative judge in Spartanburg. However, Judge Pyle will be holding Court in Greenville during that time frame giving us the same total number of Circuit Court Judges. Judge Few did not foresee any significant travel for the judges within the next six months.

Judge Few indicated that with the Greenville judges returning in January, we would be able to set non-jury motions in the

morning during Common Please terms. If any member of the Bar needs this done, please contact Judge Few's office. To expedite the regular scheduling of motions, the Clerk's Office reiterated its request that all motion slips be filed at the time of the motion.

The next meeting of the Bench & Bar Liaison Committee will be held on February 14, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ham House. Please feel free to attend or if you have any matters you wish raised at the meeting, please contact any of the members listed below:

### 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

## Family Court Liaison

**Present:** Judge Stephen S. Bartlett, Judge R. Kinard Johnson, Jr., Judge Aphrodite Konduros, Judge Timothy L. Brown and Judge Robert N. Jenkins, Sr., Paul Wickensimer, Shirley Bruce, Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Jennifer Figueroa, Christy Johnston, Jennifer Roberts, Robert Rosenfeld, Tom Traxler, Rebecca McMillen, David Rutledge, Debra Walsh, Wally Mullinax, Jim Sarratt, Faye Hart, Wally Mullinax, and Christine Howard.

Please review the mass fax that was sent out January 17, 2003, regarding the updated list for motion fees and the new Motion cover Sheet.

Be advised that beginning January 31, 2003, all motions and proposed orders must now be accompanied by the Motion Cover Sheet when filed with the Clerk of Court or presented to a Judge directly. The form will remain as an attachment to the motion or order as proof of

payment of the fee or in the alternative as instruction for payment of the fee. This form will be used in place of the current motion calendar form.

The Family Court Deputies would like to thank all the attorneys for their cooperation and patience with the new security measures.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be February 21, 2003 at 2:00 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** (242-3566).

## **Terms of Court**

### **CIRCUIT COURT**

**February 3, 2003: Greenville GS—Kittredge, Few; Greenville CP—Pyle, Floyd; CPNJ— Miller**

**February 10, 2003: Greenville CP—Miller; Greenville GS—Few, Kittredge, Pyle; Greenville/Pickens GS— Simons; Pickens CP—Floyd**

**February 17, 2003: Greenville GS—Kittredge**

**February 24, 2003: Greenville CPNJ—Few; Greenville CP—Pyle; Pickens GS—Floyd**

### **FAMILY COURT**

**February 3, 2003: K. Johnson, Jenkins, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros; Pickens—A. Johnson**

**February 10, 2003: K. Johnson, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros, Jenkins; Pickens—A. Johnson**

**February 17, 2003: K. Johnson, Jenkins, Bartlett, T. Brown, Konduros; Pickens—A. Johnson**

**February 24, 2003: Judges in Chambers**

## Announcements

The S. C. Bankruptcy Law Association has elected as its President Helen E. (Beth) Burris. She began her term on January 1, 2003.

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Nancy H. Robinson, shareholder with Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., has been appointed by The Supreme Court of South Carolina Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization as a member of the employment and Labor Law Specialization Advisory Board for a three year term.

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Sam Outten, shareholder with Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., was named president-elect of the S. C. Defense Trial Lawyers Association for the 2003 term.

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S. C. Women Lawyers Association will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at 12:30 p.m. at the Coffee Underground. The speaker will be Karen Kanen Floyd, a lawyer and businesswoman. Her accomplishments include: first at-large County Council Chairwoman elected in Spartanburg County; first female Chief Magistrate in Spartanburg; youngest and first female executive vice-president of Flagstar Corp./Advantica; and Student Bar Association President at USC Law. She has been a prosecutor and spent time in private practice. She is the founder of Palladian Group, a public relations firm, and the mother of twin 6 year old boys. For additional information, contact Andrea Hawkins at 271-5397.

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L. Franklin Elmore, Mark H. Wall, Neil S. Haldrup, Kimila L. Wooten, Mason A. Goldsmith, Jr., Keith E. Coltrain, Morgan S. Templeton, Leslie Sullivan, Graham Powell and John T. Crawford, all formerly with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., announce the formation of Elmore & Wall, P.A. with offices in Greenville, Charleston, and Raleigh. The firm will concentrate its practice in the areas of construction surety, specialty litigation including defense of medical practice, products liability, toxic torts, and class actions, as well as insurance defense, arbitration and mediation. The Greenville office is located at 301 North Main Street, Suite 2000. The phone number is 255-9500 and the fax number is 255-9505.

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John R. Thomas and Randy E. Fisher announce their withdrawal as shareholders of Merline & Thomas, P.A. and the formation of Thomas & Fisher, P.A. The firm's offices are located at Suite 401, 300 N. Main Street, The Ogletree Building, Greenville, SC. The phone number is 232-0041.

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The S. C. Bar High School Mock Trial Competition will be held on February 22, 2003, at the Greenville County Courthouse beginning at 9:00 a.m. Share your skills with competing students by serving as Judges (scoring and presiding). Contact Debra J. Gammons at 467-5758 (gammond@greatergreenville.com) or Aimee Davis at 271-9580 (adavis@gwblawfirm.com). Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

## Advertisements

Office building available for rent at 10 Brookside Circle. Call Jim Sarratt 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. Amble, 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)

Upstate Community Mediation Center has named Rebecca L. McMillen as Executive Director. Ms. McMillen has relocated to Greenville from Valparaiso, Indiana, where she has been a certified mediator since 1991. She holds both a J. D. degree and Master of Arts in Psychology degree from Valparaiso University.

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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 February 19, 2003. For reservations, contact Paula Davis at 271-7410 or by email at 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. Also, visit the NALS website at [www.nals.org](http://www.nals.org).

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Greenville Association of Legal Assistants (GALA) begins a new year. We are excited about plans already in progress. Officers for 2003 are as follows:

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| Dorothy Sizemore | President             |
| Peggy Payne      | First Vice President  |
| Cindy Bell       | Second Vice President |
| Paula Jones      | Third Vice President  |
| Susan Guest      | Secretary             |
| Phyllis Mitchell | Treasurer             |

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Poinsett Club from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. with the next meeting on March 13, 2003. You do not have to be a member to attend. For reservations, please call Phyllis Mitchell at 271-8171.

## **CLE Seminars**

**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

**Friday, February 14, 2003**  
**ALN—Annual Winter Estate Planning Practice Update**  
3.0 MCLE credit hours and 3.0 specialty credit hours for Estate Planning and Tax Law Specialists  
Greenville Tech, Greenville

**Friday, February 21, 2003**  
**SC Circuit Court Arbitrator Certification Training**  
6.0 MCLE credit hours including up to .5 LEPR  
USC Law School and Greenville Tech

**Friday, February 28, 2003**  
**Video Replay—Punitive Damages**  
6.0 MCLE credit hours including .75 LEPR

**March 10—12, 2003**  
**Bridge the Gap**  
19.25 MCLE credit hours, including up to 2.0 LEPR  
USC Law School

**Friday, March 14, 2003**  
**Depositions: Technique, Strategy & Control**  
6.0 MCLE credit hours  
USC Law school and 3 video sites

**March 21-22, 2003**  
**Vacation CLE—Pinehurst**  
4.0 MCLE credit hours, including up to 2.0 LEPR

**Thursday, March 27, 2003**  
**ALN—Health Plans, HIPAA and Cobra Update**  
3.67 MCLE credit hours  
SC Bar Building

**Friday, March 28, 2003**  
**Computer and Intellectual Property Civil and Criminal Law Enforcement**  
6.25 MCLE credit hours, including up to 1.0 LEPR  
USC Law School and 4 video sites

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.