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# G-Bar News

## LAW WEEK 2003

By: Gary Hill, Chair of Law Week

According to the ABA, the theme of Law Week 2003 is "Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties." This year's theme is timely. As lawyers we know that an independent judiciary is an integral feature of the foundation of rule of law that has made the Western model of justice the envy of the world. Hamilton bluntly wrote in Federalist No. 78: "The complete independence of the courts of justice is peculiarly essential in a limited Constitution. ... Without this, all the reservations of particular rights or privileges would amount to nothing."

We often hear—particularly during changes of administrations—that the awesome powers of the executive branch of our government are handed over to a new leader "without a shot being fired." The role of our tradition of rule of law and independent courts in this remarkable process of democracy was reinforced to me in a speech I heard Tim Russert of NBC's "Meet the Press" recently give, and which I paraphrase:

"In post-election Florida in the fall of 2000, the Florida supreme court ruled that all the ballots would have to be recounted by hand. Upon receipt of this order, hundreds of election officials, party members, and citizen volunteers immediately—without question—began

picking up the ballots and started the recount, often working into the wee hours of the morning. Days later, when the U.S. Supreme Court decreed that the recount should stop, these same people—without question—immediately stopped what they were doing."

Such is the majesty of our rule of law, the genius of our independent courts.

Throughout this year's law week—April 28 to May 2 -- we will celebrate the uniqueness of the American Legal system. And we will celebrate in the way lawyers do: by contributing to our community through educational efforts, charitable events and pro bono services. These contributions would not be possible without the scores of Greenville County Bar members who readily agreed to donate their time and talents. I would like to especially thank our committee members for their hard work and dedication. It is safe to say that the current success and robustness of our Law Week is largely due to the tireless efforts of past chairperson Debra Gammons, who in addition to putting together the Run for Freedom has generously given of her ideas and insight. The schedule of this year's Law Week is as follows:

**Wills Clinic—April 30, 9 a.m., Senior Action Center (Marie Monroe—242-4080)**

**Speakers in Schools—April 28-May 2, Greenville County Schools (Leigh Paoletti—467-8558. Also, contact Leigh to donate cash prizes for the photo/video contest.)**

**Law Week Luncheon—May 1, 12:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency. Speaker: Judge Henry Floyd. Liberty Bell Award Presented at Luncheon and recognition of Senior Attorneys (Gary Hill—242-5133)**

**Run for Freedom—May 3, 8:30 a.m., start at Greenville Zoo (Debra Gammons—467-4420)**

**Judge Frank Eppes Memorial-Golf Tournament—May 2, 1:00 p.m. shot gun start, noon boxed lunch. Millstone Golf Village (Jimmy Brehm—370-9777)**

**(see registration forms for Run and Golf Tournament in this issue).**

**Please contact any of these attorneys to volunteer to help.**

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### Upcoming Events:

- Law Week Luncheon honoring attorneys with 50 years in practice and presenting the Liberty Bell Award. Speaker: Judge Henry Floyd. Thursday, May 1, 2003, at noon at the Hyatt. Flyer to follow, or contact Nancy Griffeth at 242-2001 to reserve your place.
- S. C. Centers for Equal Justice and GCBA announce a benefit showing of Phantom of the Opera with a reception prior to the event at Womble Carlyle on Saturday, June 7. Watch for details.

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## Verdicts

**Caption:** Jimmy L. Rumsey & Julia Rumsey v. Sharon Taylor Reuss

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23- 5888

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Kyle Thompson

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Brent Fortson

**Cause of Action:** Automobile accident

**Verdict:** Plaintiff Jimmy Rumsey—\$7,500 actual;

Plaintiff Julia Rumsey—\$97.50 actual damages

**Caption:** Polly A. Griffin v. Tonya D. Catanzars

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-7752

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Leonard Spooner

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Denise Bessellieu

**Cause of Action:** Personal injury

**Verdict:** Defendant

**Caption:** Leslie M. Powell v. Stacy L. Boala

**Case No.:** 02-CP-23-1008

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** J. Michael Turner

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Lawrence M. Hunter

**Cause of Action:** Personal injury

**Verdict:** Plaintiff, \$300,000 actual damages; \$50,000 punitive damages

**Caption:** Emma Turner as GAL of Emayalia Naomi Stewart and Emma Turner, individually, and Katherine "Tellie" Turner v. Piedmont OB-GYN, Inc., Dr. Mark T. Moore

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-3448

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** B. Allen Clardy, Jr.

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Ashby Davis

**Cause of Action:** Medical Malpractice

**Verdict:** Defendant

**Caption:** Patricia Stephens PR, Gloria Green, and Grady Green v. Thomas Baumgarten, MD, and Piedmont Orthopaedic Asso. P. A.

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-7387

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Joel Bieber, Geoff Glick

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Ashby Davis, Steve Snyder

**Cause of Action:** Medical Malpractice

**Verdict:** Defendant

**Caption:** SCDOT v. Lois Satterfield

**Case No.:** 02-CP-23-1217

**Attorney for Condemnor:** Max Hyde

**Attorney for Landowner:** Wally Fayssoux

**Cause of Action:** Condemnation

**Verdict:** Landowner, \$66,077 actual damages

**Caption:** William D. Harshorn, Jr. v. Arie Van Eyk

**Case No.:** 02-CP-23-455

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

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Troy Tessier

**Cause of Action:** Automobile accident

**Verdict:** Plaintiff, no damages

**Caption:** Michael Christie v. Molly Genevieve Stephens

**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-7839

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Charles Howard

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Mathew Johnson

**Cause of Action:** Automobile accident

**Verdict:** Plaintiff, \$69,000 actual damages

## Family Court Liaison

**Present:** Judge Stephen S. Bartlett, Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Jennifer Figueroa, Jennifer Roberts, Stacey Kaufman, Katherine Tiffany, Catherine Christophillis, Faye Hart, Wally Mullinax and Christine Howard.

If you have out of state clients or out of state witnesses, please indicate on your hearing request form or let docket know when they call to schedule your hearing that you would like your case scheduled as an A-Case so that you know your case will be heard on a certain date.

Please note that there will be no meeting in the months of April and June. Our next meeting will be May 16, 2003, and then July 18, 2003.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be May 16, 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).



## Announcements

Please submit nominations for the Liberty Bell Award to Gary Hill at P. O. Box 2585, Greenville, SC 29602. The Liberty Bell Award is given to a non-lawyer who has contributed to the community in one of the following broad areas: stimulated a sense of civic responsibility; contributed to the effective functioning of government in our community; encouraged greater respect and understanding of law and the courts; promoted a better understanding of our Constitution and the rule of law. Deadline for nominations is April 18, 2003.

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Judge John Few asks that if you are interested in taking over PCR cases for lawyers who have had them assigned to them, please contact Shirley Klein (467-8769) in the Clerk's office to have your name put on a list that will be available to the Bar.

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McNair Law Firm is pleased to announce that Rita M. McKinney, former Director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation ("LLR"), has rejoined the firm in the Greenville office.

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Thanks to these wonderful attorneys who went back to the courtroom on a Saturday to judge the South Carolina Bar High School Mock Trial Competition—Greenville District on February 22, 2003: James H. Price, III, John Mauldin, Doug Dent, Howard Boyd, Ron Tate, Bill Clarke, Denise Bessellieu, Sandi Wilson, Marie Monroe, Michelle O'Connor, Chace Campbell, Heidi Campbell, John Abdalla, and Peter Byford. The two teams that advanced to the State Competition were Clover High School and Bob Jones Academy Team 2. Bob Jones Academy Team 2 went on to win the state competition! They will compete in the National High School Mock Trial Competition. District Coordinators were Aimee Davis, Jay Tothacer, and Debra Gammons.

## Advertisements

Office space for rent at 1225 S. Church Street, Greenville. Large office building convenient to Family Court, County and Federal Courthouses, 4 conference rooms available, receptionist provided, if needed. Contact Lee Plumblee at 235-2600.

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 secre-

arial 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.

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Wyche Law Firm is pleased to announce that Andrew B. Coburn has been named a member of the firm and that W. Jane Rogers, Melinda Davis Lux and Bobby Sullivan have joined the firm as associates.

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Tim F. Williams and Timothy D. St. Clair have been elected shareholders of the Greenville Intellectual Property Law Firm of Dority & Manning, P.A. Tara E. Agnew has joined the firm as an associate attorney.

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SCWLA holds lunches on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the Brick Street Café, 315 Augusta Street. There will be no speaker for April. The May 21st speaker will be Kathryn Williams. She will speak on How to Start and Build a Successful Solo Practice.

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H. Spencer King and Cathy H. Dunn have become shareholders in The Ward Law Firm P.A. in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann recently hosted the Southeast Regional meeting of the TagLaw International Law Firm Network.

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A 12 hour training program to receive certification to serve as a Guardian ad Litem in private Family Court litigation will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, 2003, on the main campus of Greenville TEC. Certified trainers are Amy Sutherland, Dottie Ingram and Marcia Barker. Attorneys will receive 12 hours CLE credit and 1 hour ethics credit. Contact Marcia Barker at 288-9674.

## Announcements (con't)

The S. C. Bar Young Lawyers Division is currently sponsoring a free legal clinic for our area's homeless community during Law Week 2003. The Law Week Free Legal Clinic for Greenville County has been tentatively scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2003, and will be held in conjunction with Triune United Methodist Church located at 222 Rutherford Street in Downtown Greenville.

Volunteers are needed to meet with members of our homeless community and provide basic legal advice on the various issues they may be dealing with, or have questions about (i.e. Probate and Estate matters, Social Security/Disability, Landlord/Tenant issues, etc.)

Please consider donating your valuable time in helping us to assist our community's homeless. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Andrew S. Culbreath or Susan Guest (242-6360).

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Wills for Heroes is coming to Greenville! This program makes available simple wills to firefighters, police and other first responders and is provided by the S. C. Bar's Pro Bono Program, the S. C. Defense Trial Attor-

neys' Association, and the S. C. Young Lawyers. Volunteers are needed to make the program a success. (No will drafting experience necessary!) Training for volunteer lawyers and support staff will take place Saturday, April 19, 2003. Wills for Heroes Day will be Saturday, April 26, 2003. Please contact Elizabeth Brady at 250-9530 or [ebrady@gibbesburton.com](mailto:ebrady@gibbesburton.com) for more information

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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 April 16, 2003. For reservations, contact Paula Davis at 271-7410 or by email at [paula@gvl.haynsworth.com](mailto:paula@gvl.haynsworth.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 25 & 26, 2003—Annual Meeting at Embassy Suites, Columbia, SC

October 16-19, 2003—NALS Annual Conference, Anchorage, Alaska

## **CLE Seminars**

**Thursday, April 3, 2003**

**ALN—Annual Spring Employee Benefits Law Practice Update, MCLE TBA, SC Bar Building, Columbia, SC**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2003**

**ALN-Health Plans, HIPAA and COBRA Update  
2.66 MCLE credit hours  
SC Bar Building, Columbia, SC**

**Friday, April 11, 2003**

**SC Women Lawyers, 6.25 MCLE credit hours, including 1.0 LEPR, Francis Marion, Charleston, SC**

**Friday, April 25, 2003**

**Cool Tips form the Hottest Domestic Law Practitioners,  
6.0 MCLE and .5 LEPR, USC Law School & 5 video sites**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2003**

**Does a Difference Make A Difference? 3.75 MCLE and .75 LEPR, Lumpkin Auditorium, Moore School of Business, USC Columbia**

**Friday, May 2, 2003**

**Office and courtroom technology, electronic discovery and the internet—Is your legal future secure? 7.0 MCLE credit hours, USC Law School and 2 video sites**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2003**

**Trial of an Employment Law Case, 3.75 MCLE credit hours,**

**including up to 3.75 Labor & Employment Law Specialty credit, Moore School of Business, Lumpkin Auditorium**

**Monday—Wednesday, May 12-14, 2003**

**Bridge the Gap, 19.25 MCLE credit hours, including up to 2.0 LEPR, USC Law School, Columbia**

**Friday, May 16, 2003**

**Criminal Hot Tips, MCLE TBA, USC Law School & 5 video sites**

**Friday, May 23, 2003**

**Immigration Law, MCLE TBA, USC Law School & 3 video sites**

**Friday, May 23—Sunday, May 25, 2003**

**N.C./S.C. Tax Works; 9.0 MCLE credit hours including up to 9.0 specialty credit hours for Probate & Estate Planning & Tax, Kiawah Island, SC**

**Friday, May 30, 2003**

**Workers Compensation, MCLE TBA, USC Law School & 5 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.**