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G-Bar News



President's Remarks

Many thanks to Law Week Chair, Gary Hill, and the members of the Law Week Committee, Marie Monroe, Jimmy Brehm, Leigh Paoletti, Andrew Culbreath, Sandi Wilson, Brian O'Connor and Debra Gammons for making Law Week 2003 a resounding success. Numerous activities were held during the week including a Wills Clinic organized by Marie Monroe. Attorneys Virginia Philips, Lesley Moore, Nancie Quick, Chuck Verdin, Mike Bridges, Ben Leaphart, Don McAlister, Allan Hill, Judy Lineback, Peter Byford, Mark Keegan, and Don Clardy. They drafted wills for approximately 30 eligible seniors at the Senior Action Center. This is a wonderful service that has become a traditional Law Week event.

In addition, Leigh Paoletti organized the Speakers in Schools Program. Unfortunately, due to PACT testing that was taking place during the week, we were not able to provide this service to as many students as we would have liked. Cari Hicks was able to go and speak to a group of students, and Alan

Fretwell, Frank Eppes, Andy Norman, Chuck Bowen and Debra Gammons volunteered to participate.

The Judge Eppes Memorial Golf Tournament was organized by Jimmy Brehm and was held at the Millstone Golf Village. (See article on page 3).

Debra Gammons organized the Run for Freedom, Race Judicata, which was held on May 3. Thirty-two individuals participated in the 5 kilometer run. The lawyer with the fastest time was Matthew Yelverton at 20:27 and Maureen White at 23:53. Gallivan, White & Boyd had the largest team with 6 participants. A total of \$400 was raised for A Child's Haven.

Finally, the Liberty Bell Award was given to Shirley Bruce, Assistant Clerk of Court for the Family Court, at the Law Week Luncheon. This award is given to a non-attorney 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. Shirley Bruce was recognized for her many years of service in Family Court and going above and beyond the call of duty to assist attorneys, the Clerk of Court and the public.

Judge Henry Floyd was our luncheon speaker and we thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to share his thoughts with us on the historical beginnings of law Day and the challenges facing the judiciary.

Once again, thank you to the Law Week Committee and all of the volunteers who worked to make Law Week 2003 so successful. Without their hard work and commitment, these events would not have been possible.

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Upcoming Events:

August 14, 2003—It is finally arranged. We will have a casual, poolside, social featuring split grilled lobster with hollandaise, aged hanger steaks with mushroom sauces, and all the fixings including dessert. Open Bar. Cost is \$35 per person.

Mark your calendar now:

Greenville Country Club, Poolside. 6:30—9:00 p.m.

A flyer will follow.

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Verdicts

Caption: Donna R. Dacus v. Takeshia S. Williams
Case No.: 2002-CP-23-651
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): William Fore
Attorney for Defendant(s): William Wilson, Troy Tessier
Cause of Action: Damages
Verdict: Defendant

Caption: Jimmy Water v. Kevin Whitaker Chevrolet Geo, Inc.
Case No.: 2002-CP-23-2403
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Herman Cox
Attorney for Defendant(s): Kirby Shealy, III
Cause of Action: Breach of contract
Verdict: Defendant

Caption: Debra E. Koris v. Othella Y. Brown
Case No.:
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Andrew Culbreath
Attorney for Defendant(s): Denise Bessileau
Cause of Action: Comparative negligence
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$8,000

Caption: FarinDale Harris, Plaintiff v. H. Scott Famy DPM and H. Scott Famy DPM and PA, Defendant
Case No.:
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Michael Parham
Attorney for Defendant: Jack Riordan
Cause of Action: Medical malpractice
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$300,000 actual damages; \$200,000 punitive damages

Family Court Liaison

Present: Judge Stephen S. Bartlett, Judge R. Kinard Johnson, Jr., Shirley Bruce, Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Jennifer Roberts, Robert Rosenfeld, David Rutledge, John Chambers, Faye Hart, and Christine Howard.

Please remember that **all motions and proposed orders** must now be accompanied by the Motion Cover Sheet when filed with the Clerk of Court. All Orders and Motions must be submitted to the Clerk's office for processing. **Please do not submit directly to the Judge or the Judge's secretaries** or your papers may be returned to you and your filing delayed.

There will be no meeting in June of 2003.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **July 18, 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. Mullnax** (233-4351); **W. Marsh Robertson** (242-1090); **Robert M. Rosenfeld** (235-9613); or **Thomas W. Traxler** (242-3566).

Golf Tournament

The Judge Frank Eppes Memorial Golf Tournament was held Friday, May 2, 2003, at Millstone Golf Village. Sixty-five golfers participated in the outing that was interrupted by some severe weather. Marc Smith, Tom Mobley, Joey Stronkowski and I were on hole number 11 when we saw the dark clouds coming across Highway 123. It started to rain so we picked up our balls to head for cover. About that time, we saw trees snapping and the wind swirling. The funnel cloud was coming at us from the opposite direction. We got in our golf carts and started to drive away from the problem. We did not make it very far when we all realized we could not out run it. As the trees snapped right behind us, we bailed out of our carts and ran for cover. It passed right over the 4 of us uprooting and snapping trees along the way (one tree limb landed on our golf cart). We managed to make it back to the club house bloodied and muddy only to find out that we were one of 3 foursomes to witness this event. It turns out that the course had to close holes 11 and 12 because of the damage. Luckily, no one was seriously hurt and the tournament resumed.

First place went to Allen Clardy, Eric Englehardt, Chuck Turner, and Lance Plumblee. Second place went to the team of Tom Selfridge, Jeff Newton, Mark Meglic and Roger Burton. Third place went to Griffen Bell, Brian Price, Ryan Breckenridge, and Steve Koelsch. Closest to the pin- Dave Burgin. Longest drive- Brian Price. Attorney's Cup- given to the foursome of attorneys with the lowest score: Judge Sam Stilwell, Judge Ned Miller, John Mauldin, and Ron Clement. Approximately \$4,000 was raised for Shepherd's Gate Family Shelter.

Terms of Court

CIRCUIT COURT

June 2—CPNJ Judge Few; CP Pickens Judge Floyd; CP Greenville Judge Kittredge, Judge Pyle

June 9—GS Greenville Judge Few, Judge Floyd, Judge Simmons; CP Greenville Judge Miller

June 16—CPNJ/PCR Judge Miller; GS Greenville Judge Pyle, Judge Floyd

June 23—CP Greenville Judge Few; GS Pickens Judge Floyd

June 30—Judges in Session

July 7—Judge John Few—Administrative Week
CPNJ Judge Floyd; GS Greenville Judge Miller, Judge Patterson

July 14—GS Pickens Judge Floyd; CPNJ Judge Miller; CP Greenville Judge Patterson

July 21—GS Pickens Judge Floyd; CP Greenville Judge Miller; CPNJ Judge Patterson; CPNJ (22) Judge Simmons

July 28—CP Greenville Judge Few, Judge Patterson; CP Pickens Judge Floyd

FAMILY COURT

June 2—Judge K. Johnson, Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Konduros

June 9—Judge K. Johnson, Judge R. Jenkins, Judge S. Bartlett, Judge T. Brown; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

June 16—Judge R. Jenkins, Judge A. Konduros, Judge S. Bartlett (18, 19,20); Pickens—Judge K. Johnson

June 23—Judge K. Johnson, Judge S. Bartlett, Judge T. Brown, Judge A. Konduros; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

July 7—Judge K. Johnson, Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge T. Brown; Pickens Judge A. Johnson

July 14—Judge K. Johnson, Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge T. Brown, Judge Konduros; Pickens Judge A. Johnson

July 21—Judge Bartlett, Judge T. Brown, Judge Konduros, Judge Jenkins (25); Pickens Judge K. Johnson

July 28—Judge K. Johnson, Judge Jenkins, Judge T. Brown, Judge Konduros, Judge Bartlett (30, 31, 1); Pickens Judge A. Johnson

Announcements

Tom Creech, a veteran of the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office, announces the opening of his law office at 601 E. McBee St., Suite 105, Greenville, SC 29601 (P. O. Box 10411, Greenville, SC 29603). His practice includes civil litigation, criminal defense, and family court cases. Phone No. 235-4999.

L. Franklin Elmore of Elmore & Wall, P.A. has been appointed Chairman of Division 10 of the American Bar Association's Forum Committee on the construction industry.

Horton, Drawdy, Ward & Jenkins, P. A. is pleased to announce that Bruce B. "Bo" Campbell has joined the firm as a shareholder. The firm is located at 307 Pettigru Street, Greenville, SC 29601. Phone No. 233-4351

The Law Offices of Thomas Gagne, PA, announces that Andrea L. Malone has joined the firm as an associate. She will specialize in workers' compensation. The firm is located at 500 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC 29609. Phone No. 233-2000.

David A. Merline, David A. Merline, Jr., Keith G. Meacham, Robert E. August and Marie Monroe have named their firm Merline & Meacham, P.A. The firm is located at 812 E. North St., Greenville, SC 29601; phone no. 242-4080.

Matthew T. Richardson, an associate with Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A. has been named one of three silver recipients of "The Compleat Lawyer Award" given by the University of S. C. School of Law. Wilburn Brewer of Nexsen Pruet has been named a platinum recipient, and Angus Macaulay of Nexsen Pruet has been named a silver recipient.

Neil C. Robinson, Jr. of Nexsen Pruet has been installed as President of the Clemson Advancement Foundation for Design and Building.

John F. Emerson of Nexsen Pruet has joined the firm as Special Counsel on its Litigation Team. He is the chairman of the S. C. Educational Television Commission, and formerly practiced with Haysnworth Sinkler Boyd.

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce that Stephen D. Porter has joined the firm as an associate practicing in the areas of insurance defense, professional negligence, and commercial and general civil litigation.

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 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.

Office space available: 33 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville. Separate office and secretarial areas, shared reception area and conference rooms. Ample, accessible parking. Available now. \$650 per month. Call Cindy at 271-6371.

Announcements (con't)

James T. Hewitt, a shareholder with Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is a graduate of Leadership S. C. Class of 2003.

Ronald E. Cardwell, shareholder with Cardwell Conner, PC, in Greenville, SC, recently authored the chapter on CERCLA, commonly known as Superfund, for the 17th edition of the Environmental Law Handbook.

The Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville will be sponsoring a seminar entitled "Probate Court Overview" on Friday, August 22, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Honorable Debora A. Faulkner, Probate Judge, will give an introduction to the Probate Court system. In addition, there will be presentations given by representatives from all areas of the Probate Court. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive package of outlines, forms, statutes, new probate brochures, and other resource materials. Lunch will be provided with a question and answer session. Cost is \$65 for NALS members and \$85 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Jimi Bullard, ALS, at 241-1835 or jimi@gvl.haynsworth.com.

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 June 28, 2003. For reservations, contact Darlene Dockins at 271-7410 or by email at darlene@gvl.haynsworth.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 17-20, 2003—Region 4 meeting, Memphis, TN

August 22, 2003—Probate Court Overview

September 27, 2003—ALS/PLS exams

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

Greenville Association of Legal Assistants (GALA) is now well into 2003. WOW! How time flies. In April, GALA helped A Child's Haven with an event at Furman, helped Greenville Tech with Career Day, teamed up with Legal eagle in Walk America and joined the Greenville County Bar in Law week events including a free clinic at Triune Mercy Center for those unable to pay for legal services.

On June 12, the regular monthly luncheon meeting will feature Glen Adams, a Vocational Rehabilitation/Ergonomist Specialist. The meeting will be held at the Poinsett Club from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. You don't have to be a member to attend. For reservations, email Phyllis Mitchell at pmitchell@dobsonlaw.com or call her at 271-8171.

The July meeting (July 10) will have three speakers: Gail Vieth, paralegal at Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann; Becky Maxson, paralegal at Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham; and Cindy Parks, paralegal with Marcus McGarr. They will present a summary of what they do to assist and prepare the attorney for trial.

CLE Seminars

Thursday, June 5

**ALN-Annual Spring Estate Planning Practice Update
3.0 MCLE including up to 3.0 Probate & Estate Planning
Taxation Specialty credit, SC Bar Building**

Thursday, June 19

**Government Attorney Law Update, MCLE TBA, Francis
Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC**

Friday, June 27

**SC Tax and Economic Tax Incentive, 6.75 MCLE credit
hours, USC Law School and 3 video sites**

Friday, July 11

**SCALA: Trust Account for Office Staff, 2.0 MCLE credit
hours, Saluda Shoals Park, River Center, Columbia, SC**

Thursday-Monday, July 24-28

**Family Court Mediation Training, 40 MCLE credit hours,
including 3.25 LEPR, SC Bar Building**

Monday-Wednesday, August 4-6

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

Thursday-Saturday, August 7-9

S. C. Trial Lawyers Convention

Tuesday, August 12

**Advanced Legal Writing: Beyond Logic to Coherent
Strength, 6.0 MCLE credit hours, Suggs & Kelly, Vista
Room, Columbia**

Friday, August 15

**Tort Claims Act, MCLE TBA, USC Law School & 3 video
sites**

Thursday-Monday, August 21-25

**Civil Court Mediation Training, 40 MCLE credit hours,
including 3.25 LEPR, SC Bar Building**

**For more information, contact the Bar's Continuing Le-
gal Education Division at scbar-cle@scbar.org or 1-800-
768-7787.**