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G-Bar News



Attorney Spotlight

From Greenville to Baghdad, with a few stops in between; in her first seven years out of law school, Tally Parham has already had an extraordinary career.

Growing up the daughter of Peggy and Jim “Poss” Parham (Past-President of both the Greenville County and South Carolina Bar Associations), Tally gained early exposure to the South Carolina legal profession. Where Atticus Finch had Scout, Poss Parham had Tally. Poss recalls having Tally sit with him at counsel table when she was only 7 or 8 years old during motions hearings before Judge Hemphill. According to Poss, Judge Hemphill “was very kind and graciously invited Tally to come up on the bench and sit with him.” In retrospect, it seems only appropriate that Tally’s legal career began at the top.

Before graduating from high school, Tally had not only achieved academic

excellence but had also earned her black belt in Okinawan Karate and her pilot’s license. Poss had served six years as a pilot with the United States Air National Guard and was deployed to Spain for eight months in 1961 during the Berlin Crisis. As Poss recalls, “I used to take Tally up in our Citabria, a fabric covered acrobatic sport plane, which she loved. Long before that, as a little girl, she was fascinated with airplanes and I took her to McEntire [Air National Guard Station] several times to visit after I had left the Air Guard.”

Tally still remembers when she was about ten years old going, on separate occasions, to watch the Thunderbirds (Air Force F-16s) and the Blue Angels (Navy F-18s): “I tried to get the autographs of all the pilots. I decided then that I wanted to be a fighter pilot when I grew up.” Tally tried to follow up on that dream and applied to the Air Force Academy when she

was 17. As Tally recalls “somehow between the ages of 9 and 17, I never figured out that women weren’t allowed to fly fighter jets. My academy interviewer straightened me out with a laugh when I answered his question about what I wanted to do in the Air Force.”

Seemingly at the end of her flying career, Tally, like her father, attended Princeton University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Classics. After Princeton, Tally was accepted into law school at the University of Virginia but decided to dedicate a year to working for the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City. It was during that summer that Tally learned that she could possibly fulfill her life long dream.

While working for the Legal Action Center in 1993, Tally opened the newspaper and read that the Secretary of Defense had an-

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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 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: Mark McLamb v. Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse of Greenville, Inc. and Bi-lo, Inc.
Case No.: 2002-CP-23-0815R
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Joseph G. Armstrong, William A. Jordan
Attorney for Defendant(s): N. Heyward Clarkson, III, Anne R. Culbreath, Langdon Cheves, III
Cause of Action: Slip and fall
Verdict: Negligence of Plaintiff: 10%; Negligence of Burlington: 40%; Negligence of Bi-Lo: 50%. Total verdict \$105,416.66: Burlington—\$42,166.66; Bi-Lo—\$52,708.83.

Attorney Spotlight (con't)

nounced that combat aviation would, for the first time ever, be open to women: "I called McEntire that very day and asked if I could interview for a pilot position. During my second year of law school, I received the phone call that I had been accepted." Although eager to begin flying, Tally accepted the advice of her squadron commander who suggested that she finish law school and take the bar exam before she started pilot training. Tally began pre-flight training just two weeks after taking the South Carolina bar exam.

Tally excelled at her new career. She was the Top Honor Graduate at the Academy of Military Science, Air National Guard officer candidate school. She went on to receive the Military Training Award, the Top Gun Award, and the Top Academic Award before returning to South Carolina to become South Carolina's first female fighter pilot. Tally then flew full time for four years before joining the Columbia office of Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A. in October 2000. While practicing law full time with Wyche, Burgess, Tally continues to stay current with her military requirements by flying 6-8 sorties a month.

In Tally's relatively brief legal career, she has already litigated in most of South Carolina's Court system with cases in Magistrate's Court, Probate

Court, Circuit Court, and Federal Court. Tally's first litigation experience was a three week trial in Charleston County that ended just the day before her wedding. More recently, Tally has litigated before a three judge federal panel in South Carolina's redistricting lawsuit where she cross-examined, among others, the President *Pro Tempore* of the South Carolina Senate.

On March 1 of this year, Tally was deployed to Iraq to fly in military combat. Tally's mission, and that of her squadron, was to take out enemy surface to air missile batteries in order to allow other aircraft to safely enter Iraqi air space. Tally flew combat missions for more than two months before recently returning home at the end of the war. Though not yet released from active duty, Tally anticipates returning to the practice of law and to her "normal" life in the next few weeks.

WELCOME HOME, TALLY!

(Submitted by John C. Moylan)

Terms of Court

CIRCUIT COURT

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

August 4—CP Greenville Judge Baxley; GS Greenville Judge Few, Judge Miller

August 11—CP Pickens Judge Baxley; CPNJ Judge Floyd; GS Greenville Judge Pyle

August 18—Judges in Chambers

August 25—CP Greenville Judge Few; GS Pickens Judge Floyd; CPNJ Judge Miller

FAMILY COURT

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

August 4—Judge K. Johnson, Judge A. Johnson, Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown (7, 8)

August 11—Judge K. Johnson, Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Konduros; Pickens Judge A. Johnson

August 18—Judges in Chambers

August 25—Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Konduros; Pickens Judge A. Johnson

Announcements

PROBATE BENCH BAR MEETING

Probate Judge Debora Faulkner and Associate Judge Edward Sauvain will hold a Bench Bar meeting on Friday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom. Topics to be discussed include recently passed Probate legislation, county budgetary constraints and its impact on the court's operations, staff concerns and possible changes in existing probate procedures. The Court also wishes to solicit comments, concerns and suggestions in its continuing effort to provide the best possible service to the Bar.

All attorneys are welcome and light refreshments will be available. If you have questions or need further information, you are invited to contact Judge Faulkner at (864) 467-7175, dfaulkner@greenvillecounty.org or Judge Sauvain at (864) 467-7167, esauvain@greenvillecounty.org.

The firm of Grant & Leatherwood, P.A. has moved its office to 105 North Spring Street, Suite 109, Greenville, SC 29601. The phone number remains 242-2300.

The Walsh Law Firm, L.L.P. of Simpsonville has dissolved. Kathryn Walsh Gooch has joined the Seventh Circuit Public Defender's office in Spartanburg. Bill Walsh is retiring from the active practice of law and will continue as Municipal Judge for Simpsonville and Fountain Inn and as an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Greenville Tech.

Susan McDonald Gaddy announces the relocation of her law office to The Lawyers Building, 1225 South Church Street, Greenville, SC 29605. Phone number - 242-3009; fax number - 232-4588, and the email address is GaddyLaw-Firm@aol.com.

Luanne Runge has been appointed Chair of the Board of Regents for Leadership Greenville for the 2003-2004 term.

Luanne is a shareholder with Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.

John Hardaway, of Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLC, addressed the American Intellectual Property Law Association at the spring meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, concerning litigation issues in Japan.

The law firm of Roe Cassidy Coates & Price, P.A. is pleased to announce that Dana M. Lahey has joined the firm. She concentrates her practice in the area of business and health care litigation. The firm is located at 1000 E. North St., Greenville, SC 29601.

Advertisements

Office space for rent at 1225 S. Church Street, Greenville. Large office building convenient to Family Court, County and Federal Court-houses, 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)

THE TOMMY THOMASON AWARD

The Tommy Thomason Award was established by the Greenville County Bar Association in 1993 to honor a Greenville lawyer whom best exemplifies the wonderful qualities of Tommy Thomason:

- *compassionate and sensitive to all people regardless of their station in life;
- *friendly, unassuming, humble with a warm, genuine and abiding faith in all people; *strong personal values, optimism and faith; *positive diplomacy that works to minimize conflict and resolve disputes in the least hostile manner;
- *unshakable integrity, coupled with an instinct for fairness;
- *dedicated to community interest, public service and improvement of the community;
- *loves the practice of law and pursues the practice as a service to people; *dedicated to the improvement of the legal system and justice for all people; and
- *widely respected and admired by peers for personal and professional achievement.

There is no requirement that a recipient be selected each year; however if you have someone to nominate please send a written nomination to Jo Hackl at P. O. Box 728, Greenville, SC 29602-0728. Send all nominations in by September 1, 2003. The Tommy Thomason Award, if awarded this year, will be presented at a fall luncheon.

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. 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
 August 23, 2003—State Summer Membership Meeting
 September 27, 2003—ALS/PLS exams

Greenville Association of Legal Assistants (GALA) will meet on July 10. Speakers will be 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. For more information, contact Phyllis Mitchell at 271-8171.

CLE Seminars

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

Friday, August 8—Evidence, USC Law School and 4 video sites

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

Friday, September 5—Federal Practice in the District of SC, USC Law School and 3 video sites

Friday, September 12—11th Annual Probate Bench/Bar, USC Law School and 6 video sites

Friday-Saturday, September 12-13—NC/SC Construction Law Seminar, Wild Dunes, Charleston, SC

Friday, September 19—Hot Tips from the Best Domestic Law Practitioners, USC Law School and 6 video sites

Friday, September 26—Tort Update, USC Law School and 6 video sites

For more information, contact the Bar's Continuing Legal Education Division at sctbar-cle@sctbar.org or 1-800-768-7787.