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# G-Bar News



## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

What is the old saying – you can't get blood from a stone? Well, members of the GCBA will have the opportunity to prove that they are not made of stone but actually have a heart and soul. The GCBA will be sponsoring a Blood Drive which will take place on December 2 and 3, 2003. There will be blood mobiles located at several at downtown locations convenient to your law offices. Our goal is to have enough participation from the legal community to meet the area's blood needs for one day - 260 units. Dave Edwards and Jeff Merriam will be contacting law firms in the very near future to get commitments for donations. Additional information about the blood drive will be posted in future editions of the *G-Bar News*. I hope that you will roll up your sleeves and join me in showing the Greenville community just how committed we are to this great place in which we work and/or live.

I also want to make you aware of another event

that the GCBA is conducting in October. Chris Gantt has organized a mini-CLE which will take place on October 17 at County Council Chambers. The CLE will focus on the basics of corporate law and includes topics such as choosing the right business entity; wills, living wills and powers of attorneys; UCC filings; and real estate closings and landlord tenant matters. The CLE will start at 8:45 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m., for 3.0 hours of CLE credit. The cost to register is \$25.00. Presenters include the Honorable Ted Sauvain, Susan Cobb Singleton, Art Howson and Sean Faulkner.

Finally, below is a calendar of the remaining events that we are planning for the last quarter of the year.

- October 17—Mini CLE, Greenville County Council Chambers, 3.0 CLE hours, \$25. Contact Nancy Griffeth at 242-2001. Deadline to register — October 10.

- October 23—Judges Reception, Greenville County Club, 6—9 p.m. \$35 per person, spouses are welcome!
- Tommy Thomason luncheon—details to follow.
- Blood Drive—Dec. 2 and 3
- December 5—Annual CLE sponsored by the GCBA. Greenville County Council Chambers
- December 11—Christmas party. Greenville Country Club. \$35 per person, spouses are welcome. Drop in 7—10 p.m.

We close out the year with two major events: The Memorial Service and the Annual Meeting. The Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, December 18, at the Greenville County Courthouse followed by the Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2004 which will be held at the firm of Nexsen Pruet.

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## Verdicts

**Caption:** Howard Barker v. Michael M. Alakhwan, et al  
**Case No.:** 00-CP-23-5178  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** David Gantt  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Andrew Barr  
**Cause of Action:** Breach of contract  
**Verdict:** Defendant

**Caption:** Marshall Armstrong v. Fred Collins, Jr.  
**Case No.:** 01-CP-23-7102  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Richard Breibart, Richard Harpootlian  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Melvin Hutson  
**Cause of Action:** Breach of contract  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$1.8 million actual damages, \$1.2 million punitive damages

**Caption:** Lisa Berry, ind. and as PR of the Estate of William Osborne Berry v. John Milas, MD, Steven R. Burkholz, MD, and Joseph H. Wentzky, MD  
**Case No.:** 02-CP-23-1573, 1574  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** James Fayssoux, Jr.  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Spencer King, Ashby Davis, Heyward Clarkson  
**Cause of Action:** Negligence  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff against Joseph Wentzky, MD, \$1.5 million actual damages, \$1 million punitive damages

**Caption:** James H. Orr, Jr. v. Lockheed Martin Corp., et al, etc.

**Case No.:**

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** John Mann, Jr.

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Sandi Wilson, D. Randle Moody, II

**Cause of Action:** Breach of contract

**Verdict:** Defendant

**Caption:** Alison Jones v. Viki Lynn Cunningham, et al  
**Case No.:** 02-CP-23-4042

**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** J. Anthony Mabry

**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Oscar Bannister

**Cause of Action:** Breach of contract

**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$10,000 actual damages

## Terms of Court

### CIRCUIT COURT

October 6—CPNJ Judge Baxley; GS Greenville Judge Miller, Judge Hayes

October 13—GS Greenville Judge Hayes, Judge Pyle; CPNJ 15, 16 Judge Simmons; Administrative Week Judge Few

October 20—CP Greenville Judge Few; GS Pickens Judge Kittredge; CPNJ/PCR Judge Miller

October 27—CP Judge Hayes

November 3—CPNJ Judge Lee; GS Greenville Judge Few, Judge Miller

November 10—GS Greenville Judge Few, Judge Miller; CP Greenville Judge Pyle

November 17—GS Pickens Judge Pyle; CPNJ Judge Miller; CP Greenville Judge Few

### FAMILY COURT

October 6—Judge Jenkins, Judge K. Johnson, Judge

Konduros, Judge Bartlett; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

October 13—Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge K. Johnson; Pickens—Judge Brown

October 20—Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge K. Johnson; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

October 27—Judge Jenkins, Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Konduros; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

November 3—Judge Bartlett, Judge Jenkins, Judge K. Johnson, Judge Konduros; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

November 10—Judge Jenkins, Judge K. Johnson, Judge Konduros, Judge Brown, Judge Bartlett; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

November 17—Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Jenkins, Judge K. Johnson; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

November 24—Judge Bartlett, Judge K. Johnson, Judge Konduros; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

**FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**August 15, 2003**

**Present: Judge Stephen S. Bartlett, Judge R. Kinard Johnson Jr., Shirley Bruce, Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Jennifer Roberts, Robert Rosenfeld, Paul Wickensimer, J. M. Morgan, Linda Roberts, 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.

Attorneys are advised to request enough time for their contempt actions. If the contempt action is about a violation of visitation, harassment, or restraining orders etc... then generally 30 or more minutes are needed.

Attorneys are advised to double the time for their hearing if an interpreter will be present at the hearing. These hearing usually take twice as long.

The Clerk's office has asked all attorneys to be aware of the strike date on the top of the pleadings. If your case has

been continued then you will need to submit a hearing request prior to the strike date in order for your case to remain active. Also, please remember that only the administrative judge can extend a case beyond 270 days.

If you are submitting a Motion to Restore please include the "R" in the docket number at the end of the number. Also, all orders must include a caption.

Please do not congregate in the hallways right outside the Judge's courtrooms. After your hearing, please go directly to the lobbies and speak with your clients. Congregating outside the doorways creates noise and disruptions for the judges and court staff.

There will be no meeting in September. The November/December meeting will be announced in October.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **October 17, 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

Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLC, announces that Virginia "Jenny" Butler, formerly the chief financial officer for the state agency that administers South Carolina's Medicaid program, will serve as a health care reimbursement consultant at the firm. Also, Regina Hollins Lewis, a Member with the firm has been chosen for the 2004 class of Leadership South Carolina.

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Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. is pleased to announce that Eric Nodine has joined the firm as an associate. He will be working with the firm's employee benefits group located at 300 North Main Street, Greenville, SC 29602. Phone No.: 271-1300.

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Kirk Fisher is pleased to announce that he has been accepted to the LL.M. program at the Environmental Law Center of Vermont Law School. He can be reached at P. O. Box 1008 South Royalton, VT 05068 or kirkfisher@charter.net.

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Price, Paschal & Ashmore is pleased to announce that Ryan L. Beasley, former law clerk for The Honorable John Few, has joined the firm. He will practice in the area of general litigation in all courts. Also, the firm announces that Joe Watson, former Circuit Court Judge and former Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor, has joined the firm as Counsel. He will practice in general litigation.

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The firm of Womble Carlyle has been awarded the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Corporate Leadership Award for 2003.

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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. The next meeting will be on

## 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.

Office space for rent—historic Pettigrew 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.

Office space available at 101 E. Camperdown Way. App. 800 sq. ft. including shared bathroom, reception area and conference space. Call Rebecca or Tammy at 864-370-9771.

Mediation Center Rental: Great location at 610 Grove Road (near Greenville Memorial Hospital). Have whole 1,000 square foot building to yourself. Calm, relaxing atmosphere. \$49 per day. Call Joe at 325-2660.

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.

### CUSTODY AND VISITATION FOR ATTORNEYS AND GUARDIANS CLE

Get all of your CLE hours for the year and 1 ethics credit on Thursday and Friday, November 6–7, without leaving Greenville and without sitting through a video satellite course. Amy Sutherland, Dottie Ingram, and Marcia Barker will offer a 12 hour seminar that has been certified by the SC CLE Commission for guardian ad litem training and attorney CLE credit. The program is segmented so that those who attend only on the second day will receive 6 hours CLE credit for custody and visitation issues.

For an application or for more information, contact Amy Sutherland at 284-9440 or at scchildgal@aol.com.

August 20, and the Speaker will be Knox L. Haynsworth, III, Esq. with Brown Massey Evans McLeod & Haynsworth. For reservations, contact Darlene Dockins at 271-7410 or by email at darlene@gvl.haynsworth.com.

LSPG will hold its Annual Fashion Show and Membership Drive at the Greenville City Club on Thursday, November 13, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include heavy hor d'oeuvres, two free general raffle tickets, and a free lunch pass for any nonmember to attend one of the general meetings. Chico's will present their fall fashions. The Grand Prize is 2 round trip tickets on US Airways sponsored by Travel Incorporated. For tickets/reservations, contact Paula Davis at 271-7410 or by email at pauls@gvl.haynsworth.com.

Office for rent at 114 Williams Street, near Bi-Lo Center. Excellent locations. 800 Sq. Ft., newly renovated. Call for details. 864-268-6331.

Office space for rent at 408 N. Church Street. Access to conference and other rooms. Possible sharing of receptionist. Call Stephen Yacobi @ 242-3271.

## Announcements (con't)

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### Greenville County Legal Auxiliary's Annual Membership Party

The Annual Membership Party of the Legal Auxiliary with spouses will be another Shrimp Boil at the Clement's pond, October 2, 6:30 p.m. This Shrimp Boil will be hotter with a Cajun flair and attitude; we will have Celebrity Waitstaff whom, if nothing else, will be entertaining. Tipping (to benefit Housewise Streetwise and Guardian ad Litem) will be encouraged. \$20 per person. For details, call Meta Armstrong at 268-7213 or e-mail her at arms7213@bellsouth.net.

The Legal Auxiliary is changing its focus this year. There will be a major Gala plus other fundraisers to benefit 2 organizations: our own Housewise Streetwise and Guardian ad Litem. The Auxiliary will also encourage the social and professional networking between women lawyers and spouses of lawyers. The \$25 annual dues can be paid by mail or in person at any function. Send reservations/membership fees to Susan Ariail, 54 Forest Lane, Greenville, SC 29605.

## CLE Seminars

Friday, Oct. 10—Commercial Real Estate, USC Law School & 5 video sites

Friday, October 17—Masters In Equity, USC Law School & 4 video sites

Friday—Saturday, Oct. 17-18—NC/SC Labor and Employment Law; Doubletree, Charleston, SC

Friday, October 24—Sealed Settlements, USC Law School & 6 video sites

Monday, October 27—Individual Income Tax Refresher & New Tax Update, SC Bar Building, Columbia

Tuesday, October 28—Federal Estate & Gift Taxation & Estate Planning & New Tax Law Update, SC Bar Building

Thursday, October 28—ALN Emerging Issues in Employment, SC Bar Building

Friday, October 31—Basic Principles and Dangerous Trends, SC Bar Building

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

### Additional CLE Opportunities:

CLE sponsored by the Upstate Mediation Network and the ADR Section of the S. C. Bar. October 17, 2003, at Phoenix Inn. Cost is \$195 and includes manual, lunch, coffee & beverages. The morning session will focus on Family Mediation and ethics with James C. Sarratt, Moderator. Speakers include H. Dean Hall, Hon. Vivian Ross-Bennett, Mary L. Bryan, Tom Traxler, Andrew Walsh and luncheon speaker Hon. William L. Howard. Sr. The afternoon ses-

sion will focus on Civil Mediation with Jack D. Griffeth, Moderator. Speakers include Alan Cochran, Calvin Harmon, Tom Marchant, Frank Elmore, Harry Goodheart. Send check to Upstate Mediation Network, P. O. Box 5282, Greenville, SC 29606 or contact Jim Sarratt at 271-4100.

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The Greenville Association of Legal Assistants ("GALA") presents its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar for Legal Professionals on Friday, November 21, 2003 at The Westin Poinsett located at 120 South Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina. The Agenda includes Ethics presented by Debra Gammons, Esquire, Products Liability by Douglas Patrick, Esquire, Criminal Law by Kris Foster, Esquire, Medical Malpractice by Ashby Davis, Esquire and Observations from the Bench presented by The Honorable John C. Few. The keynote speaker will be The Honorable Jim DeMint. The registration fee for this seminar is \$100 for GALA members, \$125 for attorneys, \$115 for non GALA members and other Legal Professionals and \$50 for students. For further information contact Cyndi Bell at 864/240-4542 or Dorothy Sizemore at 864/422-5115. The seminar meets the requirements of the Certifying Board of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. and the South Carolina Supreme Court's Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization.

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SC Landowners Association in Greenville, SC, will hold a 4 hour property rights seminar at Greenville Tech on November 21, 2003. Contact Ginger Booker at (803) 252-0699 or by email at ginger@saveourlandrights.com.