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# G-Bar News

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Greenville County Bar Association has finally entered the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Thanks to the diligent efforts of Paul Wickensimer and his office, and the generosity of the County, I am pleased to announce that the GCBA is now online. You can access the Association website at [www.greenvillecountybar.org](http://www.greenvillecountybar.org). The website contains information about the Association, links to other relevant websites and postings about upcoming Association events. In addition, while we currently have only two months of back issues of the *G-Bar News* available online, we hope to expand this service so that you will have access, at the very least, to the jury verdicts. This website is particularly timely with the advent of the new statewide Case Management System spearheaded by Chief Justice Jean Toal and kicked off in Greenville County last month. I encourage you to visit the website and provide Nancy Griffeth with any comments you may have.

This is my last President's article for *The G-Bar News*. No closing article would be complete without the recognition of many individuals who have worked so hard to make this a successful and fun year for the Association. First and foremost I would like to thank Nancy Griffeth, our Executive Secretary, for 10 years of dedicated service. Nancy's contribu-

tions to the Association are too extensive to acknowledge here. Suffice it to say that Nancy ensures that the day-to-day business of the Association is carried out professionally and courteously. We simply could not function as well as we do without her.

Many of you attended the annual CLE held on December 5. Mike Pitts did a great job organizing the program and pulling together a group of knowledgeable presenters. Thanks to Mike for his outstanding work and to the speakers for volunteering their time during this busy season. In October, Chris Gantt organized a mini CLE entitled "Corporate Law Basics" geared toward newer members of the Bar and those less-experienced in this area of the law. We appreciate Legal Eagle's generosity in co-sponsoring this program. Chris and the GCBA have plans for more of these mini CLEs in 2004. Many thanks to Chris and the members of the Bar and Bench who, again, volunteered their time to make this program a success.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee who are constantly working to ensure that the Association runs smoothly and addresses the needs of its members. Jo Hackl has done an excellent job chairing both the Tommy Thomason

Award Committee and the Nominating Committee. Her continuing commitment to the bar is an asset that I have marshaled throughout the year. Dave Edwards has organized all of our wonderful social events and we hope he will continue to undertake this responsibility in the coming year. I am also extremely appreciative of the work Dave and Jeff Merriam, our Treasurer, did in organizing the Association's first ever blood drive. This event is a prime example of the caring and generous spirit of the legal community. Many thanks as well to JDPR and Jeff Dezen for their pro bono promotion of this worthwhile community event.

Debra Gammons did a great job with our programs, bringing us informative and dynamic speakers. Debra has demonstrated a dedication to the bar equaled by few and I am pleased that she has been nominated to serve as Treasurer next year. Gary Hill, with the assistance of Jimmy Brehm and the Law Week Committee, organized great law week activities culminating in the presentation of the Liberty Bell Award at the annual Law Week Luncheon. Chip Price successfully carried out the dual roles of Secretary and chair of the Client Relations Committee. Mike Parham continued to chair the Caring Committee, reaching out to members in times of need. Jim Warren has done a

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- **Postponed.** January luncheon with Ken Anthony, President S. C. Bar, has been postponed due to conflicts with Mr. Anthony's schedule.

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## Verdicts

**Caption: John Christopher Mauldin v. Sheriff of Greenville County**  
**Case No.: 02-CP-23-5445R**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Will Fore, Bruce Bannister**  
**Attorney for Defendant(s): Rusty Harter**  
**Cause of Action: negligence**  
**Verdict: Plaintiff, \$1.00 actual damages**

### GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

#### Officers for 2004

**The following slate of officers have been elected for 2004.**

<b>E. Grantland Burns</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>James H. Price, III (Chip)</b>	<b>President Elect</b>
<b>Jeffrey A. Merriam</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Debra J. Gammons</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

**Please contact any of these officers to get involved with activities of the Greenville County Bar Association.**

## President's Remarks (cont'd)

terrific job with the *G-Bar News*, making its format more user friendly and ensuring that it continues to be a high quality publication. Mike Pitts and Chris Gantt have organized informative, top notch CLEs. Katie Fayssoux and the Young Lawyers have had fun and enthusiastic programs. Jack Griffeth has demonstrated his usual commitment to ensuring an inspirational and rewarding Memorial Service. Paul Wickensimer and his staff, particularly Nika Bailey, have been a wonderful resource to the Executive Committee. We greatly appreciate their assistance in compiling the member survey results and spearheading the new bar website. Dean Rainey continued to serve as our Senior Bar representative and we appreciate his insight and experience. Pat Paschal coordinated the bar's publicity and provided helpful advice on matters presented to the executive committee throughout the year. And Bill Clarke has continued his efforts to make sure that the law library runs smoothly.

Finally, Grant Burns has been a great President Elect, volunteering to help wherever and whenever needed and serving as a sounding board for my ideas, questions and issues confronted by the executive committee. I have served with Grant for many years on the executive committee – he is dedicated to the bar and committed to its continued success. I know he will provide excellent leadership for the Association in the coming year.

Finally, I want to thank all of the members of the bar who have supported the Association by paying bar dues, attending bar programs and social functions, volunteering time to speak at our CLEs, and participating in community events such as Law Week and the Blood Drive. I am constantly impressed by the collegiality of this bar, your commitment to excellence and your willingness to contribute to the community. It has been a privilege to serve you this year.

## Terms of Court

### **CIRCUIT COURT**

**January 5, 2004**

**GS Greenville—Judge Few, Judge Miller; Administrative Week—Judge Patterson**

**January 12, 2004**

**GS Greenville—Judge Miller, Judge Pyle; CP Greenville—Judge Patterson**

**January 19, 2004**

**CP Greenville—Judge Few, Judge Patterson; GS Pickens—Judge Miller**

**January 26, 2004**

**CP Greenville—Judge Few, Judge Patterson; CPNJ—Judge Miller**

### **FAMILY COURT**

**January 5, 2004 — Judge Brown, Judge R. Jenkins, Judge K Johnson, Judge Konduros; Pickens—Judge A. Johnson**

**January 12, 2004—Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge R. Jenkins, Judge Konduros, Judge R. Jenkins (15, 16); Pickens—Judge A. Johnson**

**January 19, 2004—Judge Brown, Judge A. Johnson, Judge K. Johnson, Judge Konduros; Pickens—R. Jenkins**

**January 26, 2004—Judge Bartlett, Judge R. Jenkins, Judge K. Johnson, Judge Konduros, Judge R. Jenkins (29, 30); Pickens—Judge A. Johnson, Judge Brown**

## Announcements

### Dues Reminder for 2004

**Remember that your Greenville County Bar Dues should be included on your S. C. Bar statement. Please check your statement to see that the \$35 dues has been included. If not, you may send your dues for the Greenville County Bar Association directly to GCBA, P. O. Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603.**

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Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLC, is pleased to announce that the Partners and Associates of Adams Klee-meier Hagan Hannah & Fouts, PLLC, based in Greensboro, NC, will join the firm effective January 1, 2004.

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Rita M. McKinney, a shareholder in the McNair Firm, has been appointed to serve a multi-year term on the Greenville County Workforce Investment Board.

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Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham, P.A. is pleased to announce that Eric K. Graben has been named a member of the firm and that Maurie Lawrence has joined the firm as an associate.

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Christian & Davis is pleased to announce that Kelly Pope Karow has joined the firm as an associate. She will continue to practice in the area of general personal injury litigation and will assist in the firm's Social Security disability practice.

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The Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Tilley and Lindsey Simmons have been appointed as assistant solicitors.

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Susan McDonald Gaddy announces the relocation of her law office to 601 E. McBee Avenue, Suite 204, Greenville, SC 29601. Telephone No. 242-3009; fax: 232-4588.

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Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce the addition of three new attorneys to the firm: J. Derham Cole, Erika Newsom, and Zandra Johnson.

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Robertson and Coleman, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Thomas T. Hodges has become a member of the firm and that the firm's name will now be Robertson Hodges & Coleman, L.L.C. The firm will continue to be located at 635 North Academy Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

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Jason D. Porter has joined Bryan D. Ramey & Associates as an associate attorney. The firm's office is located on Highway 153 in Powdersville. Telephone no.: 295-0000; fax: 295-0015.

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Law in Action, a local non-profit organization, is recruiting attorneys to represent indigent students facing expulsion from school. Materials and assistance will be provided as needed. If you are interested in helping, call Law in Action at 232-9700 or visit the LIA website: [www.sclia.org](http://www.sclia.org).

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Greenville Association of Legal Assistants (GALA) invites you to their January meeting. It is time to begin a new year with the installation of officers. Join us for many opportunities and become a part of a growing organization.

GALA meets the second Thursday of each month at the Poinsett Club from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. You do not have to be a member to attend. For reservations, please e-mail Phyllis Mitchell at [pmitchell@dobsonlaw.com](mailto:pmitchell@dobsonlaw.com) or call her at 271-8171.

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Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Greenville City Club from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Membership is open to all legal support staff—you need not be a member to attend. Contact Darlene Dockins at 271-7410 or by email at [Darlene@gvl.haynsowrth.com](mailto:Darlene@gvl.haynsowrth.com) to make a reservation.

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Greenville County Legal Auxiliary invites you to a winter brunch on Tuesday, January 13, at the home of Kathy Coates, 214 Cleveland Street, at 10:00 a.m. Speaker will be Tally Parham, Air National Guard Pilot and attorney! Look for details of the big fundraiser in March! Contact Meta Armstrong at 268-7213 or by email at [arms7213@bellsouth.net](mailto:arms7213@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## Advertisements

Near Courthouse—408 N. Church Street. Two offices available plus shared facilities. Possible sharing of receptionist. Call Stephen Yacobi @ 242-3271.

For Lease: large reception area, library conference room, two offices and secretarial office on first floor at 119 Manly Street, near BiLo Center. 1447 square feet. Upscale condition with heavy trim, nine foot ceilings and updated décor in Historic Pettigru Street area. Parking in rear. HVAC, janitorial, security alarm included. \$1,325.00 per month. Terms negotiable. Call owner at 834-0301.

For Lease: 100 Williams St. at Pettigru. Excellent office suitable for one lawyer and secretary, shared facilities including conference room, etc. 242-5133.

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 Pettigru Area. Please call Kimberly Dunham or Stacy Greene at (864) 282-8686.

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.

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

Condo for rent—downtown by Cleveland Park, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with garage and fireplace \$975 per month. Contact Stephen Yacobi 242-3271.

## **CLE Seminars**

**Friday, January 9, 2004**

**Tips from the Bench IV Video Replay**

**6.0 MCLE credit hours, including up to 2.0 LEPR credit,  
S. C. Bar Building Columbia**

**Friday, January 16, 2004**

**Beyond the Bar: Evidence & Advocacy in the Courtroom  
Video Replay**

**6.- MCLE credit hours, including up to 1.0 LEPR credit  
The Buck Mickel Center, Building 216, Greenville Techni-  
cal College, Greenville**

**For more information, contact the Bar's Continuing Legal  
Education Division at [scbar-cle@scbar.org](mailto:scbar-cle@scbar.org) or 1-800-768-  
7787.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**The Ethics of Charitable Giving  
Sponsored by The Christian Legal Society and Miracle Hill  
Ministries**

**Friday, February 6, 2004**

**11:45 Registration**

**12:00—2:00 lunch and seminar**

**Speaker: Dan Collins**

**Poinsett Club, \$25 for lunch, materials  
and one hour CLE credit**

**Deadline to register: January 30, 2004**

**Contact Greg English at 242-8247  
or [genglish@wyche.com](mailto:genglish@wyche.com) for more information.**