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G-Bar News



PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

By: E. Grantland Burns

As we start the New Year, I want to thank Jennifer Johnsen for her outstanding service as Greenville County Bar President in 2003. Under her leadership, our Bar continued to grow in numbers, as well as in programs and services offered to members.

It is an honor to have been elected President for 2004, and I look forward to a great year. We have many opportunities for you to get involved this year and I encourage you to call me or Nancy Griffeth, our Executive Secretary (242-2001), and we will put you in touch with a committee chair who will welcome your efforts. By the same token, it may be us initiating that call to you during the year, seeking your involvement. If so, I hope you'll answer the phone!

I have been very fortunate in my career within the Greenville Bar, to have been associated with two firms, Ogletree Deakins and Nexsen Pruet, which encourage involvement on Bar committees and attendance at Bar functions. Accordingly, I

have worked with every Bar president for the past thirteen years as well as countless other Greenville lawyers. The collegiality we enjoy in Greenville is a direct result of getting to know one another outside of the courtroom and away from the adversarial conflicts inherent in our business. Whether your firm has one attorney or 100, your time investment in the Bar is sure to pay off tenfold in fellowship and outside enrichment.

Look for a year chock full of socials, CLE programs, and luncheon meetings with guest speakers in 2004. In fact, our first luncheon, featuring **South Carolina Bar President Ken Anthony**, will be **February 24 at 12:30 at the Hyatt**. I hope to see you there.

Finally, we have an excellent Executive Committee in place for the year, including the following: **Chip Price**, President-elect; **Jeff Merriam**, Secretary; **Debra Gammons**, Treasurer; **Chris Gantt**, Programs Chair; **Jimmy Brehm**, Law Week Chair; **Dave Edwards**, Social Chair; **Pat Paschal**,

Public Relations Chair; **Matthew Johnson**, Judicial Relations Liaison; **Bill Clarke**, Law Library Chair; **Justin Grow**, CLE Chair; **Jim Warren**, G-Bar News Editor; **Jack Griffeth**, Memorial Service Chair; **Trey Suggs**, Young Lawyers Representative; and **Jim Watson**, Senior Bar Representative. In addition, our Clerk of Court, **Paul Wickensimer**, is kind enough to serve ex-officio, as is **Teresa Cosby** of Legal Services. This year, for the first time, the Greenville County Legal Auxiliary is represented as ex-officio, and we welcome **Meta Armstrong** in that capacity. And, of course, the backbone of our Bar is Executive Secretary **Nancy Griffeth**. Nancy was honored at last month's annual meeting for ten years of service with the Bar. The next time you see her when checking in at a Bar function, be sure to say "thanks!"

Best wishes for the New Year!

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- Luncheon with Ken Anthony, President, S. C. Bar. Tuesday, February 24, 12:30 p.m. at the Hyatt, Downtown Greenville. Cost \$18. Contact the bar office at 242-2001 to reserve your plate!

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Verdicts

Caption: James Carino v. Greenville Glass Industries
Case No.: 2002-CP-23-3777
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Lee Plumblee, Frank Eppes
Attorney for Defendant(s): Thomas Bright
Cause of Action: Employment Contract
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$290,000 actual damages

Caption: SCDOT v. Southern Development of Greenville
Case No.: 2002-CP-23-8568
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Michael Geise
Attorney for Defendant(s): Max Hyde
Cause of Action: Condemnation
Verdict: Landowner: \$142,000 actual damages

Caption: Bryan Atkins v. Martha Louise Ramage Lewis
Case No.: 2002-CP-23-6384
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): T. S. Stern
Attorney for Defendant (s): Anthony Rebella
Cause of Action: Accountant malpractice
Verdict: Defendant

Family Court Liaison Report

Present: Judge Stephen S. Bartlett, Judge R. Kinard Johnson, Jr., Paul Wickensimer, Shirley Bruce, Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Jennifer Roberts, Saralyn Evans, Robert Rosenfeld, J. M. Morgan, Faye Hart and Christine Howard

The Family Court Liaison Committee met on January 16, 2004. Saralyn Evans is the new mediation coordinator and will be working with Terry and Bobbie in docket. Please give her a warm welcome when you talk to her.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be February 20, 2004 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); Robert M. Rosenfeld (235-9613); or Thomas w. Traxler (242-3566).

Terms of Court

CIRCUIT COURT

February 2, 2004

Greenville GS—Judge Williams, Judge Miller; CPNJ—Judge Patterson; Greenville CP—Judge Few

February 9, 2004

Greenville CP—Judge Miller; Greenville GS—Judge Patterson, Judge Pyle, CPNJ—Judge Simmons; Pickens CP—Judge Few

February 16, 2004

Greenville CP—Judge Few (17, 18); Greenville GS—Judge Miller (17), Judge Simmons (20)

February 23, 2004

CPNJ/PCR—Judge Few; CPNJ—Judge Miller; Pickens GS—Judge Patterson

March 1, 2004

Greenville GS—Judge Miller, Judge Patterson; Pickens CP—Judge Baxley

March 8, 2004

Greenville GS—Judge Few, Judge Miller; Greenville CP—Judge Patterson; CPNJ—Judge Simmons (11, 12)

March 15, 2004

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

March 22, 2004

CPNJ—Judge Few; Greenville CP—Judge Patterson; Greenville GS—Judge Simmons; Pickens GS—Judge Miller

March 29, 2004

Greenville GS—Judge Miller

FAMILY COURT

February 2, 2004

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

February 9, 2004

Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Jenkins, Judge Konduros, Judge Jenkins (12, 13), Judge Brown (13); Pickens—Judge A. Johnson

February 16, 2004

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

February 23, 2004

Judges in Chambers

March 1, 2004

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

March 8, 2004

Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Jenkins (8), Judge Jenkins, Judge Konduros (11, 12); Pickens—A. Johnson

March 15, 2004

Judge K. Johnson, Judge Brown, Judge Jenkins, Judge Konduros, Pickens—Judge Bartlett (17, 18, 19), Judge A. Johnson

March 22, 2004

Judge K. Johnson, Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Jenkins, Judge Konduros, Judge Jenkins (25, 26); Pickens—Judge Miller

March 29, 2004

Judge Bartlett, Judge Brown, Judge Jenkins, Judge Konduros

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. Please include your email address.

The Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office is pleased to announce the following new appointments as assistant solicitors:

Elizabeth Tilley, Tyunlka Adams, Rachael List, and Leigh Paoletti will all be working in the Greenville office. Cheryl Aaron has been recently appointed assistant solicitor in Greenville. Lindsey Simmons and Mary Frances Patrick have been appointed assistant solicitors in the Pickens Office.

Greenville Association of Legal Assistants (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 or call her at 271-8171.

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. The next meeting will be on February 18, 2004. The speaker will be John Moore, Vice President of Chamber Economic Development. For reservations, contact Darlene Dockins at 271-7410 or by email at Darlene@gvl.haynsowrth.com.

Mark your calendar:

- **March 6, 2004—National ALS/PLS/Paralegal exams**
- **March 10-13, 2004—2004 NALS Professional Development & Education Conference, Tulsa, OK**
- **April 23-25, 2004—State Annual Membership Meeting/CLE, Hilton Head Island, SC**
- **November 4-7, 2004—NALS 53rd Annual Educational Conference & National Forum, Biloxi, MS**

LSPG is part of NALS...the association for legal professionals. Membership is open to all legal support staff. For more information on any of the above and/or membership, please contact Fran C. Powell at 250-2278 or by email at fpowell@nmrs.com. Also, visit our LSPG website at www.lspg.org or the NALS website at www.nals.org.

Greenville County Legal Auxiliary will hold its Girl's Night Out at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 12. This event is open to all "girls" involved in the legal community, but advance paid reservations are absolutely required. The program will include a demonstration of healthy cooking at Earth Fare, and eating the demonstration! Because of the nature of the program, space is limited to 30 participants. Contact Liora Riordan at 630-2335 for more information. Cost is \$10 per person. Checks should be made out to GCLA and mailed to Liora Riordan, 9 Lake Forest Drive, Greenville, SC 29609.

ALSO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!!

**The Greenville County Legal Auxiliary's
GALA AND SILENT AUCTION**

**Will be held on Wednesday, March 17
(don your emerald green duds)**

At the Commerce Club

**Benefiting the Guardian ad Litem Program and
Our own Housewise Streetwise Program**

Be looking for your invitation or contact

Marion Mitchell at mitchel2@mindspring.com.

The Greenville County Bar is Online!

Thanks to the assistance of our Clerk of Court, Paul Wickensimer, the county webmaster Susan Paddock, and her assistant Lisa Somerville, we have a website. You may access it at www.greenvillecountybar.org. We are excited about the possibilities this offers to communicate with our members and the public. There is a “notices” tab that will give you information on luncheons, CLE course hours, and upcoming events. Please bookmark it and check it often. In addition, Nancy Griffeth will soon be able to post the current G-Bar News and past editions to the site so you can check verdict history. Also, we have links to other sites, so our site can be the first place you go to access the S. C. Bar, court dockets, etc. If you have any suggestions to improve the site, please contact Nancy Griffeth at 242-2001 or by email - GBarNews@aol.com.

Advertisements

Office Suite available—downtown Greenville. Second floor office suite. Approx. 2,500 sq. ft. Ideal for small firm or office sharing arrangement. Ample parking. Convenient to LEC and Court-houses. Contact Jeff Merriam or Tom Traxler at 242-3566.

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. Up-scale 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. Camper-down 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.

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, February 6, 2004—Advocating The Rights of Service Members Called to Defend The Nation. Mandatory CLE (MCLE/JCLE & LEPR) credit. 6.0 MCLE credit hours including up to 1.0 LEPR credit. Live at the National Guard TAG Building Auditorium, Columbia, SC

Thursday, February 19—23—Civil Mediation Training. 40 hours including 3.25 of LEPR credit. S. C. Bar Building, Columbia—SOLD OUT

Friday, February 27, 2004—IP Law—What Every Gunfighter Should Know. Mandatory CLE (MCLE/JCLE). 3.75 MCLE credit hours. Live at The University of SC Law School—Columbia, and two video sites.

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

**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 for more information.**