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G-Bar News



PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: James H. Price, III

SERENITY NOW!

If a lawyer in Greenville deserves serenity, it's outgoing President Grantland Burns. Grant did an outstanding job as Greenville Bar President this past year. Did you know that Grant has had a leadership role for twelve years in the Greenville Bar Executive Committee? Say thanks and shake his hand the next time that you see him. Better yet, buy him an adult beverage if place and time are suitable.

One of our highlights this year will be hosting the statewide Circuit Court Judicial Conference in May. With the honor comes responsibility, one of which is hosting a reception at the Commerce Club for over one hundred judges and spouses on May 11, 2005. In this case, "hosting" means paying for the event which is an unbudgeted item. Your Executive Committee has decided to primarily fund this event through sponsorships. Law firms, individual attorneys, and others are being asked to become a sponsor by payment of \$1,000.00. Sponsors will be recognized appropriately at the reception as well as in the G-Bar News.

Obviously, this reception will be an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with every Circuit Judge in the state in a relaxed social setting. All members of the Greenville Bar Association are invited. Ticket prices will depend on the number of sponsors who step forward. Put the event on your calendars now as we expect an unusually large attendance.

Here we go in 2005. Hoochimama!

Revised Oath and Ethics Seminar

The Greenville County Bar has arranged for Professor Wilcox to once again host an Oath Seminar here in Greenville on Friday, February 18, at 2:45 p.m. at County Council Chambers. This seminar is open to all attorneys, members and non-members, from all over the state. Cost is \$30. Please email gbarnews@aol.com to hold your place.

THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE!

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- May 11, 2005—reception with Circuit Court Judges for all of South Carolina. Watch for details.
- GCBA Oath Seminar—February 11, 2005, at 2:45 p.m. County Council Chambers. Cost: \$30

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Caption: John Szimanski, Jr. and Brenda E. Cauble vs. Emanuel F. Moore and Armilla M. Moore
Case No.: 2003-CP-23-4115
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): R. Ryan Breckenridge
Attorney for Defendant(s): Margaret Chamberlain
Cause of Action: money demand
Verdict: For Plaintiffs, \$350 actual damages; For Defendant \$15,025.65 actual damages

Verdicts

Reminder

RE: Protection Needs from Greenville County Common Pleas Courts

Please only request protection in Greenville County Common Pleas Courts if you have a case set on the Dockets and need protection for that term of court. If you have no cases on the docket or if your protection needs do not coincide with the term of court the case is set for trial, please do not send anything to the Court.

Protection needs should be addressed when the case is statused. If it becomes necessary to request protection after the case has been set to the Trial Docket, please go to the Greenville Court Support Site at www.greenvillecounty.org/courtsupport and review the memo from the court and the form which is located under “*Download Forms*”. The “Court Term case is on Docket” field and “Enter Protection Date/Dates Requested” field must be filled out and coincide.

Announcements

Jeff Phillips is pleased to announce that Oscar A. "Chip" Towler, III has become an associate of the Phillips Law Firm. Chip will be practicing in the areas of Real Estate Intellectual Property and Civil Litigation.

Dana C. Mitchell, III, David M. Yokel, and Hal W. Roach announce the formation of Mitchell, Yokel & Roach, LLP. The Firm will continue at their present location at 7 Mills Avenue, Greenville, SC. Phone—232-9330; Fax—233-9052. The firm practices in the areas of civil trial and appellate litigation, criminal law, domestic relations, Social Security and Workers' Compensation law.

J. Kirk Fisher is pleased to announce that he has earned a Master of Laws in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. He may be reached by email at kirkfisher@bellsouth.net.

Ashmore Leaphart & Rabon, LLC is pleased to announce that Jamison W. Hinds has become a member of the firm and the new name of the firm is Ashmore Leaphart Rabon & Hinds, LLC. The firm is located at 601 E. McBee Ave., Suite 200, Greenville, SC 29601, 271-2594.

The Law Firm of Brown, Massey, Evans, McLeod & Haynsworth, P.A., located at 106 Williams Street, Greenville, SC 29601, is pleased to announce that Christopher B. Roberts has been admitted to practice in the U. S. Virgin Islands. The firm is also pleased to announce that Caroline M. Horlbeck, former law clerk to the Honorable Edward W. Miller, has become an associate of the firm.

Clarkson, Walsh, Rheney & Turner, P.A. is pleased to announce that Samuel C. Weldon and Michael T. Coutler have become partners in the firm. Mr. Weldon practices in the area of general litigation. Mr. Coulter practices in the areas of general litigation and criminal defense litigation.

Nexsen Pruet, LLC is pleased to announce that Michael S. Pitts has been elected as a member of the law firm, practicing in Greenville with the Labor and Employment Group as well as with the Commercial Litigation Group.

Nexsen Pruet, LLC is sponsoring a free breakfast briefing to employers in North and South Carolina to help them better understand workplace privacy. The Greenville session will be held on January 27, 2005. Contact Kim Stoudemire at KStoudemire@nexsenpruet.com.

Ogletree Deakins announces the following additions to its Greenville Office: John Glancy, Sallie Small Holder, Matthew K. Johnson, and Margaret E. Santen. James H. Fowles, III and C. Victor Pyle, III have joined the Columbia office.

Elmore & Wall, P.A. has announced that Leslie D. Sullivan has been named Of Counsel and that Lewis Warren Clayton, III, has joined the firm's Greenville, South Carolina, office.

SCWLA meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at Coffee Underground. For more information, contact Lisa Claxton at claxtonl@jacksonlewis.com.

LSPG extends an initiation to all legal staff to join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 at the Poinsett Club. Reservations may be made by contacting Tara Prevatte at 271-7940 or by email to Tara@davidgreeneattorney.com.

Job Openings

Attorney needed to work with Education team protecting the rights of students with disabilities. Position located in Greenville office. Juris doctor from an accredited law school and licensed to practice in SC; travel within the state required. Reply via email to Anne Trice, Director of Administration, trice@protectionandadvocacy-sc.org. No phone calls please. EOE. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Growing construction/business litigation firm in downtown Greenville is looking for associate with 3-5 years business/construction litigation experience. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resumes to Kenison & Dudley, LLC via facsimile (864) 242-4844, Attn: Tom Dudley.

Real Estate paralegal position available at small law firm. Looking for a candidate with excellent phone etiquette, ability to multi-task and computer skills. Working knowledge of Soft Pro and Time Matters would be a plus. Looking for someone with common sense and initiative. Salary will depend upon experience and qualifications. Please send resume to: Phillips Law Firm, Attn: Courtney Friend, 1425 Augusta Street, Greenville, SC 29605.

Advertisements

Office space for rent—512 East North Street, Excellent parking, sharing, fax, copier, law library in walking distance of County Courthouse. Call Jim Calms at 233-6224 for appointment and/or details.

For rent—office space in the Historic Davenport Apartments, corner of Church and Washington Streets, across from the Federal Courthouse. This space is ideal for attorneys and is the only office space allowed within the Davenport. Convenient parking is available. Contact Bud Babb at 242-6360 to discuss your space needs, rates, to view the office space, etc.

Offices for rent—3 downstairs and 2 upstairs. Conference room, copier, fax and postage machines available. Ready by April 2, 2004. Rent negotiable. Contact 467-0100/230-8540.

Near Courthouse—408 N. Church Street. Offices, amenities, parking. Please call Stephen Yacobi— 242-3271 or Denby Davenport 242-5548.

For Lease: 119 Manly Street, one-half block from Bilo Center. Call John M. Dillard at (864) 834-0301.

For Lease: Several professional offices available along with shared facilities. 100 Williams St. at Pettigru. Call 242-5133.

Office building available for rent at 10 Brookside Circle. Call Jim Sarratt or Bill Clarke at 271-4100.

Office space for rent—Contact Kimberly Dunham or Stacy Greene at (864) 282-8686.

Office space available at 101 E. Camperdown Way. Call Rebecca or Tammy at 864-370-9771.

Office space available: 33 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville. \$650 per month. Call Cindy at 271-6371..

Lawyer and secretarial space available; Pettigru Street area; sharing fax, copier, and so forth; excellent parking; convenient location; \$550 a month; available November 1st; call 271-4360.

Office Suite for Lease—Approximately 288 sq. feet of lease space available, reception area and one office. Prestigious downtown location with easy access to all downtown Courthouses. Free parking and easy access to I-385. Utilities include power and water. Access to two conferences rooms. Available of wireless/DSL Internet. Call John at 242-1114.

For lease—historic Pettigru area near Bilo Center. Renovated 119 Manly St., 10 rooms, 3100 sq. ft. \$8.52 per foot. \$2,200 per month net. 834-4415.

“A Sporting Chance”... for Greenville’s Children

(Hey, Guys! This One’s For You!)

On Thursday, March 31, 2005, the Greenville County Legal Auxiliary (GCLA) will host its annual fundraiser benefiting the children of Greenville. It will be held at The Sawmill at North Main. Cost for the evening will be \$65 per person. Last year our event raised over \$36,000, a portion of which was used to hire a part-time attorney for the *Guardian ad Litem* Program. This year, the event--"A Sporting Chance"--benefits the *Guardian ad Litem* Program, as well as our community's nationally-recognized safety curriculum HOUSEWISE STREETWISE, and the Greenville County Schools Youth Court, a peer sentencing court within Greenville County's public schools. These programs desperately need help to continue serving the needs of children in our community. The success of our fundraiser rests in large part upon the generous donations of businesses and members of the

Greenville Bar, so GCLA will appreciate, and acknowledge in the program, donations from law firms and individuals.

"A Sporting Chance" will raise money for very worthwhile charities, but this year's event will be quite different, and even more fun. Live and silent auction items will be aimed primarily toward sports enthusiasts of all kinds--*with special attention to things the guys will be interested in*; but, never fear, some luxury items will be included. *The menu will also be planned to please the fellows.* Please join us at the Sawmill on the last day of March, TO HAVE FUN, and to provide all Greenville's children with "A Sporting Chance" to have better lives.

“The Cinderella Project (Hey Gals! This one’s for you!)

There is an exciting new project starting in Greenville called “The Cinderella Project” in which I am involved. The Cinderella Project is being sponsored by the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division. This project helps young women who lack the financial resources to buy a gown for their high school prom. This same project has already been very successful in Charleston and Columbia. Any donations made to this wonderful project will be tax deductible.

We will be collecting new and used (but clean) dresses, formal tops and skirts, including bridesmaid dresses, shoes, evening bags, gloves, and jewelry (as well as unopened makeup) that would be suitable for high school girls to wear to their proms. I am sure all of the women who work here have formal dresses hanging in your closets that you never plan to wear again, and possibly some bridesmaid dresses as well that you can donate to this project.

Every high school in the Greenville area will be notified by one of our committees about this project, and each school will let us know who qualifies as a participant in the project.

We plan to have drop off places across Greenville:

1. A law firm - Clarkson, Walsh, Rheney & Turner, P.A., 1164 Woodruff Road
2. A dress shop, The White Room, 706 East Washington Street - very close to our office
3. The mall office at The Greenville Mall. The Greenville Mall has donated a space for us to store all of the items collected too.

On a specific day in March 2005, at the location in The Greenville Mall, the high school girls will be invited to come and choose their prom dresses and accessories. All of these items will be provided free of charge to them. This day will be advertised at each school, as well as in the newspaper and possibly on the radio and TV.

We certainly hope that you will be a fairy godmother and help these young girls’ dreams come true by donating some or all of these items to this worthwhile cause. We need all sizes!

You can either bring the items directly to me or drop them off at any of the three locations mentioned above. We will be collecting these items starting now until early March.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Anne H. Marchant, Litigation Coordinator, Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A. (864) 242-8252