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G-Bar News

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: James H. Price, III

MANY THANKS TO:

1. Nancy Griffeth. Nancy has taken a full time position with Furman University after serving as our Executive Secretary for over twelve (12) years. Nancy has literally acted as Administrator of the Greenville Bar by taking a proactive role in the day to day administration of the Association. For example, when Nancy was hired, the unfortunate soul who was appointed editor of the GBar News was required to seek advertisers, write and type articles, plan the format, etc. Nancy has taken over that job as well as being primarily responsible for arranging and coordinating all of our programs. Her contributions, loyalty and respect for our Association over the years cannot adequately be described. We will miss her personally and professionally, but we wish her absolutely the best in her new position.

2. Reception Sponsors. The following are sponsors for our reception for all the State Court Circuit Judges on May 11, 2005. Each sponsor pledged One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. As a result of these generous sponsors we are able to charge the Greenville Bar Association members and guests only \$25.00 (as opposed to the actual cost per head of \$66.00) which, we hope, should lead to a large turnout.

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3. The three (3) people who read my last article in the GBar News AND responded with ideas to increase participation in future bar association functions.

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- May 11, 2005—reception with Circuit Court Judges for all of South Carolina. See page 2 for details to reserve your place!

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## Verdicts

**Caption:** Rose LaBruno v. Yellow Cab Co. for G'ville  
**Case No.:** 2004-CP-23-0784  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Edwin Turnage  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Dallas D. Ball  
**Cause of Action:** money demand  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$4,500 actual damages

**Caption:** Mallory McKinney v. Ladd Trucking Inc. and Frank Ladson, individually  
**Case No.:** 2004-CP-23-438  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Ryan Beasley  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** Ernest Irby  
**Cause of Action:** breach of contract  
**Verdict:** Plaintiff; \$75,000 actual damages

**Caption:** Ryan's Family Steak House v. Pinnacle Drilling and Blasting, Inc.  
**Case No.:** 2003-CP-23-4622  
**Attorney for Plaintiff(s):** Mason A. Goldsmith, Sr. and Kyle Thompson  
**Attorney for Defendant(s):** T. S. Stern, Jr.  
**Cause of Action:** damages  
**Verdict:** Defendant

Future Bench/Bar Committee meetings will be held at the Ham House on the last Friday of every other month at 12:30 p.m. Accordingly, the next meeting will be on April 29, 2005. Please contact Matt Johnson at (864) 240-8252 if you are interested in attending.

## Family Court Liaison Report

**March 18, 2005**

Present: Judge Stephen S. Bartlett, Robert N. Jenkins and Aphrodite K. Konduros, Paul Wickensimer, Linda Roberts. Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Christine Howard, Wally Mullinax, Chase Campbell, Eddie Harbin and Kimaka Nichols.

Attention Attorneys: Please note that the next meeting will be April 22, 2005 at 1:00 PM. THIS IS A NEW DATE. The Committee feels that the Administrative Judge should contact SCDSS and make sure there is always a representative at the meeting.

When you request a continuance in writing, please state in your letter to the Judge whether you have contacted the other attorneys or parties and state their agreement or objection to the Continuance in the letter.

Motions to Restore must include a motion and order, hearing request and mediation form in addition to the filing fee. It is helpful to the Court to know the amount of time you will need once the case is restored.

Please be aware that you may request a continuance for lack of service by letter to Judge without paying a new motion fee. Also, please send in a new hearing request indicating that you want the case reset.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **April 22, 2005 at 1:00 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).

**GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
 STATEWIDE JUDGES= RECEPTION  
 Wednesday, May 11, 2005  
 Commerce Club – Downtown Greenville  
 Drop in – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Come and join the Greenville County Bar Association for our Annual Judges' Reception welcoming to Greenville the Circuit Judges from South Carolina, and honoring our local, state and federal judges.**

**Cost: \$25 per person; Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend!  
 Heavy hor d'oeuvres and open bar**

**Send your check made payable to Greenville County Bar Association, P. O. Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603, or email Nancy Griffeth at gbarnews@aol.com for more details.**

**Reservation deadline – Monday, May 2, 2005**

LAW WEEK 2005  
The American Jury: We the People in Action

SCHEDULE

May 5, Thursday  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wills Clinic  
Senior Action Center  
Contact person: Jack Riordan (240-2438)

May 6, Friday  
12 noon - Lunch  
1 p.m. - Shotgun Start

Judge Frank Eppes Golf Tournament  
Millstone Golf Village, New Easley Highway, Greenville  
\$100 – sponsor a hole  
Fee: \$280/team (4-person teams)  
\$25,000 hole! More Prizes, adult beverages  
Proceeds benefit Safe Harbor Women's and Children's Shelter  
Contact person: Jimmy Brehm (370-9777)

May 4, 2005, Wednesday  
12:30 p.m.  
Poinsett Club

Law Week Luncheon  
Recognition of attorneys practicing 40 years  
Essay/Interview Contest Winners  
Presentation of Liberty Bell Award  
Contact person: Courtney Atkinson (240-3206); Debra J. Gammons

High School Essay/Interview Contest  
Contact person: Katie Fayssoux (467-5931)

May 14, Saturday  
8:30 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Freedom - Race Judicata  
5k run in Cleveland Park  
\$100 sponsorships  
Proceeds benefit a local, charitable organization  
Contact person: Debra J. Gammons (467-5758)

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Public Forum/Debate  
Topic: Is Tort Reform the Answer for the cost of Doctor's Insurance  
Premiums and Frivolous Lawsuits?  
Date and Location - to be announced  
Contact people: Jack Riordan, Leigh Booth Paoletti

**Contact the people listed above to volunteer and get involved!**

## Announcements

Kimberly G. Montanari has relocated her law practice to 306 Northeast Main Street in Simpsonville, SC, 29681. Her telephone number will remain 963-4848 and her facsimile continues to be 228-8230. Ms. Montanari has practiced extensively in the areas of family law, real estate and probate and will expand her current practice to include personal injury, worker's compensation and social security/disability.

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The Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office is pleased to announce the following recent appointments as assistant solicitors: Lucas Marchant and Jennifer Rosenfield Tessitore have accepted positions in the Pickens office. Mitchell Byrd and David Ross have accepted positions in the Greenville Office.

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Stephen J. Shaw of Nexsen Pruet has passed the Patent Bar and is now a registered patent attorney.

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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.

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The newly initiated Law In Action Jail Project assigns volunteers to assist non-violent pre-trial detainees to obtain release on bond in appropriate cases as well as with other issues. Typically, these men and women are being held for minor offenses, have no funds and have not been appointed lawyers under the Alabama v. Shelton United States Supreme Court decision. The Jail Project will accept referrals from attorneys. If you find a detainee who should be out and he/she has no representation, contact the project at the Law In Action website ([www.sclia.org](http://www.sclia.org)) or call us at 232-9700.

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Mark your calendars for Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina's Annual Meeting in Greenville on April 22-24, 2005. Greenville's own A. Yvonne Fortner, PLS of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice will be installed as State President at the Westin Poinsett Hotel on Main Street.

On Saturday morning, two exciting seminars focusing on professional development will be offered. Brent Clinkscale of Womble Carlyle will present "Talent, Teamwork and Technology." Also on the program is a panel presentation titled "You Can Move Mountains." Panelists include The Honorable Ponda A. Caldwell, Spartanburg County Probate Judge; The Honorable Judy Gilstrap, Greenville County Council Vice Chairperson; and Elaine A. Sumeral, PLS, Past President of NALS...the association for legal professionals. All attorneys, legal staff, and service providers are welcome. Contact Fran Powell, PP, PLS of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough at 250-2288 or [fran.powell@nelsonmullins.com](mailto:fran.powell@nelsonmullins.com) for more information.

LSPG extends an invitation 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 [Tara@davidgreeneattorney.com](mailto:Tara@davidgreeneattorney.com).

Brian J. Bruce, son of Shirley and Lynn Bruce of Powdersville, has been diagnosed with AML (acute myelogenous leukemia). He has been placed on the National Registry for Bone Marrow Donors and is awaiting word on a match so the transplant can take place.

Brian is the son of Shirley Bruce, Clerk of Family Court. He is 23 years old and graduated from Wren High School in 2000. After graduation, he has worked for the City of Greenville in Grounds Maintenance but is now unemployed due to his illness. Brian is an outdoors person and likes to hunt and go 4-wheeling in his spare time and attends Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Easley.

A fund has been set up at all branches of the Bank of Travelers Rest for any donations.

(This message has been placed here by the Greenville County Bar Executive Committee for informational purposes)

Thanks to the Bar's Young Lawyers Division for playing fairy godmother to high school girls in Columbia, Greenville and Greenwood by collecting over 1600 prom dresses. Thanks to Erin Brasington and Leigh Paoletti in Greenville for their efforts and all those who volunteered and donated.

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The Clerk of Court is developing a private access website for Greenville attorneys. This website is intended to include a great deal of information useful to Greenville. All Greenville attorneys will be provided a user name and password free of charge. Information currently being considered for inclusion would be news and announcements from the Administrative Judge, juror information, calendars, information concerning filing assistance, and helpful links. Any input concerning content would be appreciated. If you are aware of any specific information you would like to see included, please contact Leanda Hanley by e-mail at [lhaley@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:lhaley@greenvillecounty.org).

## Job opportunities

Litigation paralegal with 11 years experience is seeking a position because her current employer is closing his practice. Outstanding letter of recommendation. Experience on Plaintiff's side in the following areas: nursing home, severe personal injury, employment & labor law, domestic and probating estates. Seeks a paralegal and/or legal assistant position working 33 hours per week with benefits. Minimum salary—\$34,000. Contact Jodie Fowler at 430-5819 or 242-4800 or by email at [jfowler@aalawfirm.com](mailto:jfowler@aalawfirm.com).

A college graduate with 10 years experience as a legal secretary and legal transcriber and a strong background in writing, editing, research and administrative tasks seeks contract work from home office. If your firm has overflow work or special projects, please call Ellen at 864-638-0553.

**To all Interested Attorneys:**

**Greenville County is again soliciting applications/resumes for the Contract Indigent Criminal Defense Program. Applications are welcome from individual attorneys who are licensed to practice law in South Carolina. Candidates must also be admitted to, or be eligible for admission to, the Greenville County Bar. We will accept resumes from attorneys who practice within the same firm; however, each attorney would be responsible for his/her respective caseload.**

**Past history indicates that a contract public defense attorney will process about 250-300 General Sessions, Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, and possibly some juvenile matters. One of the eleven contract positions is assigned to juveniles exclusively, please indicate on your resume if you are willing to be considered for the juvenile position as well as the others. The contract is effective from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006. The current contract is for \$33,182 per annum and is paid in equal monthly installments.**

**Applications/resumes should be submitted not later than 12:00 noon Friday, April 29, 2005. Applications should be sent to Zach Klebe, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Greenville County Courthouse, Room 122, Greenville, SC 29601.**

**Joseph M. Kernell,  
County Administrator**

## Advertisements

For rent: two large offices in beautiful historic home at 712 E. Washington Street. Conference room and copier available for both offices. \$700/month for one office; \$600/month with room for clerical person for the other. Can be rented separately or combined. Rent includes cleaning. Non-smoking and compatible environment. Call Doug Churdar at 233-0203.

Office space for rent—512 East North Street, Excellent parking, sharing, fax, copier, law library in walking distance of County Courthouse. Call Jim Calmes 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..

Pettigru Area—Lawyer and secretary offices, ample parking, shared operational areas. %440 per month, utilities included except phones. 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.

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## **2005 JUDGE FRANK EPPES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005**

**WHERE: MILLSTONE GOLF VILLAGE, 2959 NEW EASLEY HWY.**

**TIME: LUNCH PROVIDED AT NOON, SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 P.M.**

**FORMAT: 4-MAN CAPTAIN'S CHOICE**

**COST: \$ 70.00 PER PERSON**

\$280.00 PER TEAM, INCLUDES: CART AND GREEN FEES, RANGE BALLS, POST TOURNAMENT COOK-OUT AND BEVERAGES. AWARDS FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACES, CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND LONGEST DRIVE \$25,000.00 HOLE-IN-ONE

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JIMMY BREHM 370-9777; DENISE THOMPSON 370-9777; or MARC SMITH 370-5410

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### **PLEASE REGISTER BY FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005**

(SPACE MAY BE LIMITED)

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Greenville County Legal Auxiliary  
cordially invites  
GCLA Members, Spouses, and other Greenville Attorneys  
to attend

The Spring Luncheon

Monday, May 9, 2005

11:30 a.m.

The Poinsett Club

Awards to Greenville Community Charities will be presented,  
and 2005-2006 Officers will be installed.

**Guest Speaker:**

**The Honorable William W. Wilkins**

**Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit**

**"A Lawyer's Potential: Good and Bad"**

\$25 per person

Checks should be made payable to GCLA, For: Spring Luncheon.

Please mail your check to GCLA Luncheon, 10 Running Springs Court, Greer, SC 29650 before May 2.

For more information, you may call Meta Armstrong, 268-7213 or email <arms7213@bellsouth.net>