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# G-Bar News



## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

**By: James H. Price, III**

### LET'S WELCOME

Melinda Davidson as Executive Secretary of the Greenville County Bar Association. Those of you who feverishly await and read our monthly newsletter are aware that our long time executive secretary, Nancy Griffith, recently took a full time position with Furman University. However, we are very excited about Melinda coming to work with us. Melinda obtained a BA Degree from Furman as well as a Master's Degree from Clemson. She was formerly the Downtown Development Manager for the City of Greenville and we are counting on her to bring some innovative ideas to our group. Say "Hey Melinda" when you see her.

### MY BAD

Due to a series of brain spasms on my part, coupled with what I will refer to as "transitional confusion" in the last issue of the G-Bar News, I left out three (3) law firms who agreed to sponsor our reception for the Circuit Judges on May 11, 2005. These firms are:

Hawkins, Richardson and Associates, P.C.  
Horton, Drawdy, Ward & Jenkins, P.A.  
Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice, PLLC

I apologize to the members of these firms and promise to do a better job at the reception.

### THE LAST TIME

That you will have to read about our judicial reception on May 11, 2005. When I was an embryonic attorney in the Solicitor's Office, the judges throughout the state routinely commented favorably on the quality of our Bar. I hope this still holds true. Judges have always appreciated being welcomed to a city by it's Bar. Now is our chance to step up. Let's all take advantage of this opportunity to have fun, network and enhance our reputation as a group by attending a big party for \$25.00. Please see the menu on page 3 if you have any doubts concerning the quality of this event.

### OUR CUTOFF DATE IS FAST APPROACHING—MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

As a result of responses to our appeal for more participation in Bar functions, we are going to try some new things to get non-litigation and younger members involved. Stay tuned.

See you on May 11, 2005.

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- Law Week reservations due today!
- May 11, 2005—Send in your reservation today!!

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

- May 3, 2005  
 10 a.m.—3 p.m.  
 Greenville Cty Courthouse
- Blood Drive  
 “Give blood and save a life”  
 Contact: J. J. Andrighetti (235-2600)
- May 4, 2005, Wednesday  
 12:30 p.m.  
 Poinsett Club
- Law Week Luncheon—Judge Sam Stilwell, Speaker  
 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 5, Thursday  
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 11 a.m.—12 noon
- Wills Clinic Contact person: Jack Riordan (240-2438)  
 Senior Action Center, McBee Street
- 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Willis Clinic—Buncombe Street Methodist Church
- 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 12, Thursday
- Public Forum/Debate  
 Topic: How do we stop frivolous lawsuits and negligent doctors?  
 Is Tort Reform the answer?  
 Date and Location - Greenville City Hall, first floor conference room  
 Contact people: Jack Riordan, Leigh Booth Paoletti
- 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)

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

## **Circuit Court Judges Reception Menu**

**Fruit and Berry Cornucopia**  
**Grilled Baby Vegetable Display with Gorgonzola Cheese and Red Pepper Vinaigrette**  
**International Cheese Display with Sourdough Bread and House Made Crackers**

**Miniature Crab Cakes**  
**Albondigas (Mexican Meatballs) in Chipotle BBQ**  
**Assorted Miniature Quiche**

**Seafood Display:**  
**Peeled Shrimp, Crab Fingers, Oysters**  
**Smoked Salmon with Condiments and Bagel Chips**

**Pasta Station:**  
**Penne and Cheese Tortellini Pasta with Alfredo and Marinara Sauce**  
**Gilled Chicken, Baby Shrimp and Sautéed Vegetables**

**Asian Station:**  
**Steamed Dumplings**  
**Chicken Thai Soong→ Lettuce wraps, pickled cucumber salad, sweet chili suace,  
bean sprouts, and cilantro**  
**Assorted Sushi→Tuna Rolls, crab rolls, California roll, Vegetarian rolls and smoked eel rolls**

**Carving Station:**  
**Carved Smoked Toasted Fennel and Red Pepper Brined Tenderloin with  
Rolls, Basil Aioli, and Condiments**

**Dessert Display:**  
**Miniature CheeseCake, Miniature Jack Daniels Chocolate Mousse Pies, Cream Puffs,  
Miniature Eclairs, Dipped Strawberries, Cookies and Dessert Bars**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!!!!**  
**Over 50 Judges in attendance—including our own  
state and federal judges!**

## **Announcements**

### **New contact information for the Greenville County Bar Association**

**New Bar Phone Number: 297-1599**

**New Bar fax number: 297-1599 (\*51 start)**

**New Bar email address: [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net)**

**The old phone number will roll over to voice mail  
for a few months.**

## Job opportunities

**Small law firm accepting resumes for associate attorney to practice primarily in the areas of real estate and civil litigation. Successful candidate must be good time manager and dependable. Salary depends on the qualifications and experience of applicant. Please email resume to Greenville\_attorney@yahoo.com.**

## 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. \$550 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.

Since 1993...

As the Bar begins its third administration of Executive Secretaries, I would like to take this space to provide a look at the past decade. Grant Burns served on the Executive Committee that hired me in September of 1993. He is now the Past President of the Greenville County Bar. He will appreciate how far we have come. Many of you will remember these events.

Connie Regan was hired at some point to serve as Executive Secretary of the Greenville County Bar. This was a contract position and still is. Connie served for around 13 years. She transitioned the Bar from the days when each President of the Bar had his/her secretary conduct the business of the Bar. Each year as a new President was elected, the responsibility of the Bar Association went to a new secretary. Connie began the process to organize the Bar into what it has become today.

When I was hired, Connie's mailing list was Xeroxed labels of the membership list. If you didn't pay your dues that year, your label was removed from the master list. Dues were \$35 and there were about 640 members of our association. Mary Templeton was paid \$30 a month to process the jury list. The Christmas Party was \$25 per person.

Since that time, we have changed the set up of the G-Bar News to Microsoft Publisher, launched a web site, bought two new computers, converted to two different computer software programs for financial management, grown to over 950 members, and the Christmas Party is \$50 per person. We have an attorney's lounge in the renovated Courthouse. We took a picture of our members in 2000. Our lawyers volunteer in many mock trial and moot court programs and initiated the Youth Court program in conjunction with the Greenville County School District. Many other programs remain the same and are the backbone of who we are. Programs like the Annual CLE, Judges' Receptions, Law Week, barbecues, even a lobster night. And, of course, the highlight of our year is the Annual Memorial Service re-instituted by Tommy Thomason and coordinated by Jack Griffeth, my assistant secretary for these 12 years.

Over my twelve years, I have had the privilege to work with twelve outstanding presidents of the Bar Association, all attorneys of high professional and personal integrity. Each has made their lasting contribution to this association. I have also been privileged to work with Paul Wickensimer and his staff in the Clerk's office. He has assisted in many projects of the Bar. These Executive Committees have debated policy and taken positions on behalf of the Bar Association always respecting the fact that this is a diverse Bar made up of individual attorneys in daily practice.

So today I am cleaning out my filing cabinets in preparation for a new administration. I look forward to being just another spouse of an attorney at socials and mingling among the crowd. Thank you so much for this privilege to serve you. Thank you for all the kind words along the way, and your support. From other places in the State, I hear comments of how our Bar is the most collegial, and what a pleasure it is to come here. Working from the inside, I know why this is true. Our attorneys are the best!

Nancy Griffeth



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