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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: James H. Price, III

LAW WEEK/BOBBY McFERRIN

At our Law Day Luncheon one of the speakers made some impromptu remarks about the importance of maintaining a positive attitude and a love of what we do as we celebrate Law Week. The obviously inexperienced speaker missed the opportunity to provide several excellent examples of attorneys who were present who have made their reputations and advanced their careers by their obvious love of the law and their dedication to DOING THE RIGHT THING. Let's look at three gentlemen who were at the Law Day Luncheon:

1. Judge G. Ross Anderson, Jr. - a trial lawyer extraordinaire. He, as do all judges, made financial and personal sacrifices when he agreed to serve the public as a judge which he has done since 1980. He continues to put back into the law and his community much more than he ever took out.

2. Judge William B. Traxler, Jr. Bill started his career as an assistant solicitor in Greenville. He became the High Solicitor, a state Circuit Judge, a U.S. District Judge and is now on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has been in public service for more than thirty years.

3. Johnnie Mac Walters. Mac served as Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from 1971-1973. Tricky Dick Nixon ordered Mac/IRS to audit those considered unfriendly to the administration. Mac not only said "No", but "Hell, No!" Can you imagine having the anatomy necessary to say "No" to the President of the United States (even if the dude was, in fact, warped)?

In my opinion, these distinguished gentlemen all share several common denominators: a love of the law, conviction to do the right thing and they put back more into our profession and communities than they take out.

Our Chief Justice has ordered us to be civil to each other. I think that we can easily take this to a higher level. Let's be positive about ourselves and our profession. Don't Worry - Be Happy!

NEXT LUNCHEON

We are going to try something new for us. Our next luncheon will be in July (probably during the week of the 18th) at the Poinsett Club. We intend to introduce/recognize all summer law clerks and new associates at the luncheon in hopes that these young'uns will be inspired by the palpable excitement of our group. We are encouraging all firms and individuals with interns and new associates to make reservations and include firm members to make the introductions. Can we make reservations sooner rather than later? E-mail Melinda Davidson at gbarnews@charter.net

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Family Court Liaison Report

April 22, 2005

Present: Judge R. Kinard Johnson Jr., Judge Aphrodite K. Konduros, Paul Wikensimer, Linda Roberts. Bobbie Hill, Terry Reid, Christine Howard, Susan Ingles, Chase Campbell, Allison Dunham, Dianne S. Riley, Faye Hart, David Rutledge and Robert Rosenfeld.

Attention Attorneys: Please note that the next meeting will be June 17, 2005 at 1:00 PM. **THERE IS NO MAY MEETING.**

Attention Attorneys: Pickens County is going to the 8 page rule for documents submitted at a temporary hearing. If you have over 8 pages of documents not including your financial declaration please request 30 minutes or more for your temporary hearing.

Attention Attorneys: If you have a contested custody case, please remember that your clients must complete the PACT or Compass program for co-parenting prior to the final hearing.

Attention Attorneys: The next set of pretrial conferences will be held June 24, 2005 and your **clients must attend.**

Attention Attorneys: The Court will be taking a stricter stance on cell phones and pagers. Please ensure that your clients and witnesses do not bring an active cell phone or pager into the courtroom. Also, please notify your clients and witnesses not to chew gum in the court room either.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **June 17, 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).

Legal Staff Professionals Report

Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville installed new officers for the 2005-2006 year at its April meeting.

The officers are:

Fran Powell, PP, PLS - President
Barbara Owens, PLS - President-Elect
Tara Prevatte - Vice President
Camilla Pittman - Secretary
Myra Culbertson - Treasurer

We are looking forward to a very successful year under this leadership.

Please join us and invite your attorneys and co-workers to attend our meeting in June. Our speaker will be The Honorable John C. Few. Judge Few will share judicial insights and information with us.

For those who have responded regarding interest in our certification programs, LSPG was awarded a grant at the NALS (the association for legal staff professionals) national meeting in March and plans are underway for an NEI, an intensified study course to prepare for certification exams. If you have not already done so and would like to participate, please contact Fran Powell at 250-2288 or fran.powell@nelsonmullins.com.

Our last Probate Court seminar was a huge success that another has been set for September 30. Anyone who works on probate cases or has an interest in probate cases is welcome to attend. The Probate Court staff presents the seminar, thoroughly explaining their procedures and expectations. Each attendee is provided with updated forms and/or instructions for obtaining them. Thank you in advance to the Court staff, which always excels in educating the legal community about its functions. More information will be published in the coming months.

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. The next meeting date is June 15. Reservations may be made by contacting Myra Culbertson at mculbertson@wcsr.com or (864) 239-5959.

Important Notice

Request for comment: All Greenville County Register of Deeds Patrons

The Register of Deeds would like to have a team meeting with all ROD employees on a monthly basis. In order to accomplish this, we need to close the office early one day per month.

We are proposing ROD close at 4:30 on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The records room will remain open to the public during this brief period. The only impact to our patrons is document recording would end at 4:30 on this day. I would appreciate your feedback on this proposal.

Thank you
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LAW WEEK 2005

The American Jury: We the People in Action

Thanks to Debra Gammons, Courtney Atkinson and their committee for their work on Law Week events. This was the most successful Law Week ever with more than 200 in attendance at the Luncheon, 25 donors at the Blood Drive, 2 wills clinics, a wonderful race and a great golf tournament!

Congratulation to our Liberty Bell Award winner **Elaine Chiles** for her dedication to the children in our Family Court System.

Congratulations also to our essay winners: **Jonathan Natterstad** (Eastside), **Ian Moore** (Eastside), and **Laura Chandler** (Eastside). Thanks to **Anderson Fayssoux & Chasteen**, **Philpot Law Firm**, and the **Greenville County Legal Auxiliary** for sponsoring the Essay Contest.

Congratulations to our attorneys who were honored for their years of service at the luncheon:

G. Maurice Ashmore
C. Benjamin Bowen
Harry A. Chapman, Jr
Paul M. Carruthers
Homer L. Deakins, Jr.
John M. Dillard
Clifford F. Gaddy, Jr.
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James C. Parham, Jr.
J. Brantley Phillips, Jr.
R. Frank Plaxco
The Honorable Charles V. Pyle, Jr.
F. Dean Rainey
Jesse M. Ray
W. Allen Reese
James J. Reid
Harvey G. Sanders, Jr.
Johnnie Mac Walters
James H. Watson

Many thanks to Robin Stilwell for his humorous introduction of Judge H. Samuel Stilwell and to Judge Stilwell for his insightful remarks on the jury system.

Race Judicata—Congratulations to the winners:

Females—**Karen Gillespie, Lindsey Barker** and **Elizabeth Tilley.**

Males—**Shane Carr, Pat McCallion, Adam Green.**

Youth—**Parks Edwards, Benjamin Bastianelli, Kai Hubbard.**

Fastest Lawyers—**Elizabeth Tilley** and **Mark Smith.**

Thanks to **Jessica Anderson, Mike Bridges, Pete Byford, Chet Chea, Alan Hill, Mark Keegan, Ben Leapart, Don McAlister, Pam McDonald, Lesley Moore, Ginger Phillips, Miles Thomas and Chuck Verdin** for volunteering at the Wills Clinic this year.

Golf tournament results will be published in the June newsletter.

Committee members: J.J. Andrighetti, James F. Brehm, Katie Fayssoux, Leigh Booth Paoletti, John P. Riordan, Sandi Wilson, Debra J. Gammons (Chairperson) and Courtney C. Atkinson (Co-chairperson)

Job opportunities

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.

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.

A Letter from the Register of Deeds Office

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with you what is going on at your Greenville County Register of Deeds Office. We consider it an honor to serve our community and are excited about the prospects of working with the Greenville Bar Association and its membership. Since taking office on January 3rd, we have been moving forward in several areas.

We have implemented a rigorous measurement and analysis program to track progress in several key performance areas. The new Customer Satisfaction Survey has been particularly effective. In this survey we ask our patrons to rank us against six criteria. Although it revealed some areas needing improvement, the Office's overall rating is excellent. We are also measuring such things as data-entry error rates, document turn-around times, and year-over-year growth trends. Please check out our performance matrix bulletin board when you are in the office to see the charts and graphs we use to track these key performance indicators.

In January 2004, we began the Internet Access to Public Records Project (IAPRP). Phase 1 included the development and implementation of a plan to make all public land transaction records available online. In addition, Phase 1 objectives called for the publishing of all recorded documents for 2004 and all subsequent years. Phase 1 has been completed successfully. We are now seeking funding from County Council to begin implementation of Phase 2. This Phase includes the backfiling of property records for online publication from 1990 through the end of 2003. The ultimate goal of IAPRP is online publication of all Greenville County property records from 1900 forward. You can visit our public search site at: <http://www.greenvillecounty.org/ROD/wcROD.asp>

In addition to IAPRP, we are also seeking funding from County Council to update our fourteen-year-old data entry system. The programming language it was written in is no longer supported, and its functionality is far behind what is now commercially available. We have seen many demonstrations from vendors and visited most of the larger ROD offices in the state in an effort to identify the best system for our needs. We hope to move forward on this project by the end of the summer if our budget requests are approved. This system not only will help us improve our accuracy, speed, and efficiency, but will also give us the ability to offer electronic document recording options in the near future.

On a lighter note, on February 18th we had an "open house" to showcase a collaborative effort between the ROD office and Upstate Visuals Arts (UVA) to beautify county offices by working with local arts groups. UVA, an organization comprised of local artists, agreed to fund the show completely, in exchange for the opportunity to display their works publicly. This venture has been a successful example of how the public and private sector can work together to create a win/win situation. You can preview the art work on display at ROD by visiting our website at http://www.greenvillecounty.org/Register_Of_Deeds/UVA/. The next time you are in the office, please take time to look at the art.

We invite you to come see us, and let us know how we can better meet your needs. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Register of Deeds.

Timothy L. Nanney

Announcements

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. Receives Healthy Workplace Award

On Friday, April 22nd, Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. was presented with the South Carolina Psychological Association's "Healthy Workplace Award" at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC. This is the first time in the Association's history that a law firm has been selected for this award.

Reception for the State Court Circuit Judges

Due in part to the success of our reception, the Circuit Court Judges Association will hold next year's annual meeting in Greenville!! Thanks to **David Edwards**, **Grant Burns**, and **Jennifer Johnsen** for making this reception a success. Thanks again to the sponsor's of the event:

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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: 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.

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