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G-Bar News



PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: James H. Price, III

JULY 20TH LUNCHEON

By the time you get this edition of the G-Bar News each of you should have received a post card informing you of our next event, a luncheon at the Poinsett Club July 20th, 2005, at 12:00 noon. There are several reasons for having this luncheon. One is to introduce and acknowledge new associates and summer interns who are working for various firms, sole practitioners, whatever. The Honorable D. Garrison Hill has agreed to speak to us briefly. We intend to move the program quickly by making the introductions while we are eating so that the entire program does not last longer than an hour and one half at most. In connection with the luncheon, the Young Lawyers of our group have agreed to co-sponsor a Happy Hour with the Greenville County Bar Association in the upstairs area of the Corner Pocket at 6:00 p.m. on the same date to get to know the same interns, new associates, etc. that we acknowledged and introduced at the luncheon. This will give everyone a chance to meet these young lawyers/future lawyers in a social setting, encourage their participation in our group, and, hopefully, give them a good feeling about becoming lawyers.

Your Executive Committee believes that functions such as what we have planned on July 20th will encourage participation in our Association by getting younger members involved. Does it go without saying that the younger members will not get involved without us older members encouraging their participation, getting to know them, etc.? We have another opportunity to take a positive step to encourage participation and activity in our group. Let's have a good crowd at the luncheon at 12:00 noon and with the Young Lawyers at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th.

SCOFFLAWS IN OUR MIDST

Friends and neighbors, we have a problem. There are those amongst us who either attended the Law Day Luncheon and/or Judge's Reception and did not pay or made reservations but did not show up/did not pay. As of press date, the Greenville County Bar Association is out-of-pocket approximately \$900.00 or 2% of our annual budget. **We do not have the time to try to collect past due money which is owed to your organization.**

When we schedule a function the venue requires us to provide a final number prior to the event. If we give the venue the number 200 we have to pay for 200 people whether 200 actually show up or not. When our members make reservations and do not show up or pay, the Association has to absorb the expense.

Please help us by making reservations early and promptly sending a check.

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PLEASE NOTE:

- Deadline for July 20th luncheon is July 14th
- New Phone number: 297-1599
- New Email Address: gbarnews@charter.net

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Employment Law Seminar September 16, 2005

- 6.5 hours of CLE credit for only \$50
- Presentations from The Honorable Bruce H. Hendricks and experienced employment law practitioners in the Greenville Bar.
- The seminar concludes with a lively panel discussion!

More details to follow! Put it on your calendars now!



The Greenville County Bar Association wishes to extend its sympathies to the family and friends of Thomas K. Johnston, Jr.

Announcements

Chet Chea, PA is now located at 100 Williams Street, Greenville, SC 29601. Their phone number and fax remained the same.

Rodney F. Pillsbury, Esq. and the **Pillsbury Law Firm, P.C.** announces the relocation of its office to 512 Petti-gru Street, Greenville, SC 29601. The Pillsbury Law Firm (<http://www.pillsburylawfirm.com>) focuses primarily upon civil litigation (both plaintiff and non-insurance defense) for personal injury and commercial matters. The firm's telephone number (864-271-3511) and fax number (864-271-3590) will remain the same.

The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace, the Standard & Poor's Public Finance Rating Directory, has ranked **McNair Law Firm, P.A.** 26th out of the Top 100 Bond Counsel Firms in the United States for the Underwriters' Counsel in dollar volume of long-term bond issues. For short-term issues, the Bond Buyer ranked McNair Law Firm, PA 28th in the nation out of the Top 100 Bond Counsel Firms. For long-term issues the Bond Buyer ranked McNair Law Firm, PA 33rd in the nation out of the Top 100 Bond Counsel Law Firms.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. received top marks in the recently published 2005 edition of *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Offices of the firm in ten different states were recognized for their outstanding legal skills. The Greenville Office of Ogletree Deakins received high praise for representing management in labor and employment law matters. They were also recognized for the "depth and range of skills" of its general commercial litigation practice. Four of the firm's attorneys from the Greenville office were individually listed for their superior legal work. These individuals are: Donald A. Cockrill, Lewis T. Smoak, J. Hamilton Stewart, III, and Fred W. Suggs, Jr. The firm also recently announced that it has opened an office in Phoenix, Arizona, further expanding the firm's presence in the Western U.S.

GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
LUNCHEON FOR LAW CLERKS AND NEW ASSOCIATES

SPEAKER: THE HONORABLE D. GARRISON HILL

Wednesday, July 20, 2005
12:00 p.m., Poinsett Club

**Come and introduce your summer interns and new associates
during a special portion of the program**

Menu: Tuscan roasted chicken with vegetables, Spinach and pear salad, and
Cheesecake (Vegetarian meal available upon request)

Cost: \$22 per person

Make your reservations at gbarnews@charter.net and send in your check to GCBA,
PO Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603. **Deadline: July 14, 2005**

The Young Lawyers and the GCBA will be sponsoring a Happy Hour
in honor of Summer Interns and New Associates
at the Corner Pocket from 6-8pm on July 20, 2005. All are invited.



Verdicts

Caption: Latallya L. Henry v. Shawn A. Rice
Case No. 2004-CP-23-2054
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): Randall Chambers
Attorneys for Defendant(s): Paul E. Hammack, Robert D. Moseley, Jr. and T. David Rheney
Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$6,000 actual damages

Legal Staff Professionals Report

LSPG members are making plans to attend the NALS Region 4 seminar in Charleston in July. Certification testing and study sessions will be held at this meeting. Some very exciting seminars are also on tap. Due to popular demand, Sgt. Scott Frier of the Lexington County Sheriff's Office will again present a forensics demonstration. Sgt. Frier first gave this demonstration at the Winter Membership meeting in Columbia. There are many other opportunities to earn CLE credits during the Region meeting as well. Of course, fun and fellowship are always included free of charge.

Our much requested Probate Court seminar has been set for September 30. Anyone who works on probate cases or has an interest in probate is welcome to attend. Presented by the Probate Court staff, this event is invaluable to those who practice this area of law. Each attendee is provided with updated forms and/ or instructions for obtaining them. The registration form is included in this newsletter.

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 July 20, 2005. Reservations may be made by contacting Myra Culbertson at mculbertson@wcsr.com or (864) 239-5959.

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.

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: 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.

PROBATE COURT OVERVIEW
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SEMINAR?

This seminar is an overview of the Probate Court rules and procedures for the Greenville County Probate Court and provides an opportunity to interact with the staff of the Probate Court. The Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville encourages attendance by any attorney, paralegal, legal assistant, legal secretary, and all other support staff who handle Probate Court cases and want to expand their knowledge of court procedures, recent rule changes that have been enacted, and new technology being implemented by the Court.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

The seminar will be held on Friday, September 30, 2005, in the Greenville County Probate Courtroom, 301 University Ridge, Suite 1200, Greenville, South Carolina. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the seminar will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The Honorable Debora A. Faulkner, Probate Court Judge, Greenville County, will give an introduction to the Probate Court system. In addition, there will be presentations given by representatives from all areas of the Greenville County Probate Court. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive package of outlines, forms, statutes, new probate brochures, and other resource materials. Should you need a more detailed brochure regarding the various aspects of the Probate Court system that will be presented, please let us know.

This is truly a seminar you will not want to miss. The Probate Court staff will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding procedures or rules pertaining to your dealings with Probate Court. This will be an invaluable insight into the Probate Court system in Greenville County.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name:
Employer:
Address:
Phone/E-mail:
NALS Member No. (if applicable):

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CLE CREDIT	3.0 hours (approved by the Commission on CLE)				

This seminar is limited to 50 people. Cancellations made after September 23, 2005, will receive a refund less a \$25 service fee. Return this registration form with your check payable to LSPG to:

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GUEST ARTICLE

More than IOLTA

By Shannon Willis Scruggs
Executive Director, SC Bar Foundation

Though the SC Bar Foundation has been around for more than 30 years, there are still many people who are not familiar with all of the organization's activities. Understandably, the Foundation is associated with IOLTA – the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts program – administered on behalf of the Supreme Court. This program allows attorneys to deposit nominal, short-term client funds into specially designed interest-bearing accounts. The interest is provided to the Foundation for distribution to a variety of organizations. In 2005, the Foundation allocated more than \$1.6 million IOLTA dollars to 12 organizations that provide law related education opportunities, civil legal aid services and administration of justice initiatives. While the association of IOLTA and the Foundation is natural, there are other layers within the structure of the Bar Foundation.

The SC Bar Foundation is one of the nation's oldest legal foundations. Informally created in 1957 on the recommendation of Dave Robinson, the Foundation's original charge was to support a lecture series at the University of South Carolina Law School. At that time, funding was derived from memorials honoring distinguished deceased lawyers and judges – a program initiated by Dean Prince of Anderson. In 1978, Foundation Board Director Claude Scarborough instituted another opportunity to generate funding – the Fellows Program. Formally incorporated in 1971 under the leadership of Julian Nexsen and Harold Jacobs, the Foundation expanded its mission beyond law related education services to include providing basic access to civil justice for low income persons, improving the administration of justice and enhancing the legal profession. Together, these branches of the mission guide the Foundation in awarding IOLTA funds.

In recent years, a majority of Fellows pledges were being fulfilled. Thus, the Foundation sought to establish a new giving program encouraging

lawyers to make annual philanthropic gifts to the profession. Today, lawyers can become a member of the Society of Justice or may contribute as a Bar Foundation patron. The Foundation still maintains the memorials program, but also accepts gifts in honor of members of the legal profession. When possible, the Foundation works with Bar groups, such as the SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Association or the SC Trial Lawyers, to generate future grant revenues for a specific cause – like the Children's Fund.

Annually, the Bar Foundation awards professional and community service with the DuRant Distinguished Public Service Award. Through the I.M. Goldberg Scholarship Fund, the Foundation provides \$500 to a deserving student at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Other funds in the Foundation's care include the Children's Fund and the Disabled Lawyers Fund. The Children's Fund was created to provide a source of grant funds to support projects that improve the welfare of children and the Disabled Lawyers Fund is the Foundation's way of offering assistance to lawyers who are disabled and financially impoverished due to accident or illness. The SC Bar invites lawyers to contribute to this fund through the annual license fee statement.

These are just some of the opportunities for SC lawyers to give back to the legal profession through the Bar Foundation. Please consider how you can best serve your communities, colleagues and your profession. The Bar Foundation can help and is ready and willing to work to fulfill the philanthropic goals of members of the Bar.

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