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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November Social—more details to follow
- December 8: Christmas Party
- December 22, 4pm: Memorial Service at the County Courthouse
- December CLE—Stay Tuned for more Details

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: James H. Price, III

FUN OCTOBER!

On October 5, 2005, we had approximately 120 people attend the annual BBQ put together by Chris Roberts and Dave Edwards. Although we were handicapped by the absence of our Executive Secretary, Melinda Davidson, we managed to put together a fun social function. We had an added bonus at the BBQ in that our venue has regularly scheduled line dance lessons on Wednesdays. Based on personal observations, Elizabeth Tilley, Timi Poulos and Zandra Johnson can answer any questions that you might have concerning the ins and outs of line dancing. These ladies will serve on our new Dancing Committee next year.

Speaking of Melinda Davidson, we are tickled that she had a very healthy 5 lb. 10 oz. baby girl, Autumn Nicole Davidson. Mom, Dad, daughter and son are all doing well, and we look forward to having Melinda back with us when she is ready.

On October 12th, we had an awesome turnout at the Hyatt to honor Preston Reid as the recipient of the Tommy Thomason award for 2005. Over 160 people attended the luncheon, many of whom were non-lawyer friends of Preston and his family. The number of friends and family who were present when Preston was honored is, in my opinion, a wonderful testament to Preston's character. The Thomason Award Committee headed by Grant Burns received numerous nominations for the award this year. Those of you who nominated people who were not chosen, please remember to submit your nomination again next year. Thanks to Chris Gantt for her hard work to make this event a success.

As you can see from the pictures contained in our newsletter, we have joined the 21st century and will be including pictures of attendees at various Bar Association functions. We promise to be discreet in what we photograph and publish. I am sorry that we didn't have the camera at the BBQ because we would have had some interesting pictures.

We are coasting towards the end of the year. In November we plan to jointly sponsor an oyster roast with the Young Lawyers at a place and time to be determined. In December we will sponsor our annual year end CLE as well as a Christmas party. Keep the Christmas party note on your calendars. We are going to do something different this year. I just don't know what.

We thank you for all your support this year.

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Announcements

Six attorneys at **Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C.** have been named "Best Lawyers in America" and will be listed in the 2006 Directory. Leatherwood attorneys receiving this distinction are: **William L. Dennis, Steven E. Farrar, Michael J. Giese, F. Marion Hughes, John E. Johnston, and A. Marvin Quattlebaum.**

Merline & Meacham, P.A. announces that 3 of its 6 attorneys have been listed in "*The Best Lawyers in America*" 2006 edition for their practice areas. Those selected were **David A. Merline** (tax law, and trusts and estates law), **David A. Merline, Jr.** (tax law, trusts and estates law, and employee benefits law), and **Keith G. Meacham** (trusts and estates law).

The law firm of **McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC** is pleased to announce **Erroll Anne Hodges** has joined the firm's Greenville office. Ms. Hodges' practice focuses on workers' compensation defense and South Carolina employment law.

Kurt M. Rozelsky, shareholder at **Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C.**, has been selected Vice-Chairman of the American Bar Association Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee for 2005-2006. The committee examines the liabilities and obligations of all forms of commercial carriers and includes regulation and accident issues. Mr. Rozelsky's

practice is concentrated on the defense of transportation and products liability cases.

The **Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office** is pleased to announce the following appointments of assistant solicitors in the Greenville Office: **Jon Gregory** graduated from Bob Jones University in 1999 and from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2005. **Lynsey Traynham** graduated from University of South Carolina in 2001 and from Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida in 2005. **Kimberly Boan** is a 2001 USC graduate and a 2005 USC School of Law graduate. Returning to the Solicitor's Office after several years in private practice is **Letitia Verdin**. Ms. Verdin is a Furman University graduate who was awarded a Juris Doctor from USC School of Law in 1997. Also returning is **Chet Chea** who graduated from Clemson University in 1993 and from Indiana University School of Law in 1999.

Reid T. Sherard has joined **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough** in Greenville. Mr. Sherard's areas of practice include business litigation and labor and employment law.

Dana C. Mitchell, III, managing partner of **Mitchell, Yokel & Roach**, Greenville, South Carolina, has been listed in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America, Personal Injury Law*.

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.

The Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office has a position available in the Greenville office for a contract attorney

to handle pre trials and jury trials in Magistrate's Court eight days a month. Interested persons should contact Marcia Barker at 467-8622

Transactional position available with small Greenville law firm with multi-state commercial real estate practice. Experience required. Flexible schedule. Complete confidentiality. Thorough resumes and confidential contact information required. Please send to P. O. Box 8118, Greenville, SC 29604-8118.

Greenville attorney with Social Security Disability practice seeks associate. Send resume to Hiring Attorney, P.O. Box 10557, Greenville, SC 29603 or call (864)234-0234.

Congratulations Preston Reid, Winner of the 2005 Tommy Thomason Award!!

On October 12, 2005, the Greenville County Bar held the annual Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon. This year's committee, chaired by Grant Burns, unanimously selected Preston Reid to receive this honor. The Tommy Thomason Award was established by the Greenville County Bar Association in 1993 to honor a Greenville lawyer whom best exemplifies the wonderful qualities of Tommy Thomason which include:

- compassionate and sensitive to all people regardless of their station in life;
- friendly, unassuming, humble with a warm, genuine and abiding faith in all people;
- strong personal values, optimism and faith;
- positive diplomacy that works to minimize conflict and resolve disputes in the least hostile manner;
- unshakable integrity, coupled with an instinct for fairness;
- dedicated to community interest, public service and improvement of the community;
- loves the practice of law and pursues the practice as a service to people;
- dedicated to the improvement of the legal system and justice for all people;
- widely respected and admired by peers for personal and professional achievement.

Thank you to this year's committee: Grant Burns (chair), Steve Henry, Jim Parham, Knox Haynesworth, The Honorable Charles Simmons, Gray Walsh and Debbie Brown.



The Honorable Aphrodite Konduros spoke on the many ways that Preston Reid exemplifies the qualities associated with Tommy Thomason



President Chip Price presented Preston Reid with the Tommy Thomason Award



From left, President Chip Price, Preston Reid, the Honorable Aphrodite Konduros, and President-Elect Jeff Merriam

CLE OPPORTUNITIES

Life Choices for People with Disabilities: ETHICAL ISSUES

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) will present a national legal conference on Friday, November 18, in Columbia SC. Topics include ethical decisions regarding treatment and commitment of individuals with mental illness, advance health care directives, guardianship and competency issues, and ethical issues in representing people with disabilities. Charleston attorney Harriet McBryde Johnson will provide a personal perspective regarding disability, power, and medical choices.

Fee of \$50 includes lunch. The program has been pre-approved for six hours of CLE credit, including two hours of ethics.

REGISTRATION:

Call Cat Tuano-Buice with P&A at 1-866-275-7273 ext. 210 or www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org

Greenville County Bar Association's Annual CLE

Stay tuned for more information about this CLE to be held in December, which will include a two hour ethics presentation on the new ethics rules

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

Sponsored by Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2005

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – Seminar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice 104 S. Main Street, Suite 700

Anyone interested in basic certification (ALS), advanced certification (PLS), or professional paralegal certification (PP) should take advantage of this low-cost, one-day preparation seminar. Cost includes all study materials and lunch.

FEES: NALS Member \$75, Nonmember \$95, Student \$70

CLE CREDIT: 7.0 hours

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Available Office Space

114 Whitsett Street; Large Office, secretarial station, reception and waiting area, two conference rooms, full kitchen and plenty of parking. Contact 467-9595.

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—1 attorney and 1 secretary. Conference room,

copier, fax and postage machines available. Rent negotiable. Contact 467-0100/230-8540.

For Lease: Several professional offices available along with shared facilities. 100 Williams St. at Pettigru. Call 250-2273.

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

Office space available: 23 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville. \$500 per month. Call Cindy at 271-6371..

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 wireless/DSL Internet. Call John at 242-1114.

Greenville County Bar Association's Memorial Service

**December 22, 4pm County Courthouse
The Honorable Ned Miller Presiding**

PRO BONO LAWYERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mary, a 23-year-old, unemployed, homeless mother with three children under the age of 9, was separated from her husband, who was threatening to take the children. Her only transportation was a 13-year-old van in need of repairs. Lawyer David Guyton met Mary through his work with the Interfaith Hospitality Network and decided to take her case pro bono. In January 2004, Mr. Guyton obtained an order for custody and child support for Mary. Through the efforts of others, Mary's van was repaired and she obtained employment and rental housing for herself and her children. Thereafter, Mary's landlord attempted to evict her after she complained to him that the home's heating system was not working properly. Mr. Guyton filed a counterclaim against the landlord, a settlement was reached and the heating system repaired the next day. The client has since maintained employment, housing and childcare. Her self-esteem has improved 100 percent, and she has stated on many occasions that she never knew there were so many "good" people willing to help others in desperate need of assistance.

Unfortunately, there are many others like Mary who are not receiving assistance because the Pro Bono Program simply does not have the volunteer force to help. To date this year, the program has received more than 1,200 applications for assistance in the family law area but was able to place only 28 percent of them with volunteers! Please help us increase that percentage.

Benefits for volunteers include:

- **Malpractice insurance**- Pro bono volunteers are automatically covered on each pro bono case they accept except for walk-in cases. To be covered on those cases, you must complete a Pro Bono Intake Form prior to commencing the case. The form is available online at www.sctbar.org/pdf/2005ProBonoIntakeForm.pdf

- **Reduced rates on CLEs and CLE discount certificates**- Pro bono volunteers receive reduced rates on CLEs sponsored by the S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center (www.scjustice.org). Also, \$50 S.C. Bar CLE discount certificates are awarded to volunteers who report 25 to 34 hours of service each year, and \$100 certificates are

awarded to volunteers who report 35 or more hours of service each year.

- **Case support:**

- Mentoring—The Pro Bono Program will try to find a more experienced lawyer if assistance is needed.
- Law students—The University of South Carolina School of Law has a pro bono program that offers research and other support assistance.
- Guardians *ad Litem*
- Co-counsel
- Mediators
- Language Bank

The process is simple: we contact you to take a referral and, if you agree to accept the referral, we notify the client to call your office and schedule an appointment for the initial interview. YOU make the decision to represent the client after you have the opportunity to find out more about the case from the client during that initial interview. In the alternative, if you occasionally have a client walk in with a case so compelling you cannot turn it down, even knowing your client cannot afford to pay you, log onto the South Carolina Bar's Web site at www.sctbar.org/pdf/2005ProBonoIntakeForm.pdf fill out the form you find there and send it immediately to the Pro Bono Program. You will not only get credit for the pro bono work you do, but you also will be covered under the program's malpractice insurance.

In addition to contributing time on cases, volunteers can speak at Pro Bono Program continuing legal education seminars, assist with fundraising efforts, provide counsel and advice at free legal clinics and through the Ask-A-Lawyer hotline, help with volunteer recruitment and work with their local S.C. Centers for Equal Justice office.

Please join the community of volunteers whose chosen mission is the representation of the indigent. **SHOW YOUR HEART—JOIN THE S.C. BAR PRO BONO PROGRAM.**

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