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UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 8:
Annual Meeting

December 8:
Christmas Party at
Greenville Country
Club

December 16:
End of the year CLE
at County Square

December 22:
Memorial Service
at the County
Courthouse

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: James H. Price, III

THANKSGIVING IS A GOOD TIME

to write what is typically a December column. A gentle reader might ask "Why?" Bear with me while I try to explain.

This has been a fun year for me as President of the Greenville Bar. I greatly appreciate your support and favorable comments. But I am here to tell you, brothers and sisters, that one person cannot do this job nor should one person get all the credit. I think that there are two primary reasons why this job was fun this year:

1. All of the people on the Executive Committee. These friends made our successes possible this year and are in place to keep the positive vibes in place for next year. We will be in great hands with Jeff Merriam taking over as President, Debra Gammons moving up to President-elect, and Dave Edwards ascending to the Secretary position. Jim Warren has been the editor of the G-Bar News for several years. Chris Gantt-Sorenson has put together our CLE Programs and banquets. Both deserve to move up to leadership positions. Chris Roberts assumed the duties of Social Chairman. Courtney Atkinson assumed the leadership role for our Law Week activities. All of us owe a great deal of gratitude to the Honorable Paul Wickensimer and Ms. Nika Bailey who do so much for both the Executive Committee and the Bar Association.

You should have noticed that we have been getting some good publicity recently in the area media. Jason Elliott is responsible for this as our Publicity Chairman, and he has done a great job once we started notifying him of our meetings and telling him what we were doing. Nicole Judd has represented the Young Lawyers Association very well, and we hope to continue being actively involved with them. Bill Clarke has continued his steady work on the law library committee, and he solved the infamous case of: In Re: Billy Long and the Not So Missing Books. Melinda Davidson hit the ground running as our new Executive Secretary, and we expect good things and new ideas from her.

These people are responsible for our successes this year. We have great people in the pipeline for leadership roles in the future.

2. We have tried several new things and have had several first time successes this year including the Judge's reception in May and the intern luncheon in July. For 2006 we are already planning another Judge's reception in May, the intern luncheon during the summer, and a reception in the fall honoring Judge Billy Wilkins for his 25th year on the bench. These are in addition to our regular social functions.

DECEMBER EVENTS

We have several events with which to close out our year. The annual Christmas Party will be December 8th at the Greenville Country Club. We are still trying to think of something new and wonderful for this traditional party. There is a rumor that a special Santa will have presents at the party for those Bar members who have been good this year. Come on out and join us. We are going to subsidize the cost of each ticket to try to get a bigger turnout - each ticket will only cost \$25.00 instead of the usual \$40-\$45.00. Our annual Memorial Service will be December 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at the Greenville County Courthouse. Jack Griffith and his committee always do a great job for this service honoring the members of the Greenville Bar who died during the calendar year 2005.

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Announcements

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. is pleased to announce that prominent **Merl F. Code** is joining their firm. Code will concentrate his practice in the areas of positive employee relations and diversity. The firm also announces the addition of **Charlotte M. Osmer** and **Alexander D. Pattera** to the firm's Greenville office. Ms. Osmer will concentrate her practice primarily in the areas of employment litigation and immigration law. Alexander D. Pattera will primarily handle labor and employment related matters for the firm.

Clarkson, Walsh, Rheney & Terrell, P.A. announces that **David W. Hartman** and **Timi Poulos** have become associates at the firm located at 1164 Woodruff Rd., Greenville 29607 (864) 232-4400.

Charles D. LeGrand announces that he has changed the name of his firm to **LeGrand Law Firm, LLC** and also takes pleasure in announcing that **R. Matthew Schell** has become an associate of the firm located at 310 Mills Ave., Suite 103, Greenville, SC 29609 (864) 242-6461

David A. Merline, Jr. of **Merline & Meacham, P.A.** recently co-authored South Carolina Corporate Practice Manual (2nd Edition S.C. Bar). He was also a speaker at the South Carolina Bar sponsored seminar "South Carolina Corporate Law" where the new Manual was presented. He previously co-authored South Carolina Limited Liability Companies & Limited Liability Partnerships (3rd Edition S.C. Bar).

Christian and Davis Attorneys at Law are pleased to announce that **Joshua D. Christian** has joined the firm as an associate. Mr. Christian obtained a BA from Carson-Newman College and his JD from Samford University. Mr. Christian will concentrate on serious personal injury, products liability, and workers compensation.

Greenville attorney **J. Howard Daniel** of **Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart, P.C.** has been named Chairman-Elect of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce for 2006 and will serve as Chair in 2007. Daniel has held numerous positions with the Chamber in the past including General Counsel (1990 and 2002) and Vice Chair of Economic Development (2003-2004) and currently serves on the Board of Directors.

Thomas & Fisher, P.A. is pleased to announce that **John R. Thomas** and **Randy E. Fisher** have been listed in "The Best Lawyers in America 2006." John R.

Thomas is listed in the practice areas of Tax Law and Employee Benefits Law. Randy E. Fisher is listed in the practice areas of Tax Law and Trusts and Estates Law.

The **Harper Law Firm, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Kathryn Harper McCall** has joined the firm as an associate. Ms. McCall completed her undergraduate work at the University of Virginia and is a 2005 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. Ms. McCall will concentrate her primary practice on construction and contract law.

The law firm of **Babb and Brown, P.C.** is proud to announce that **Kelly Pope Karow** has joined the firm and will be focusing in the area of personal injury litigation.

Family Court Liaison Meeting will not be held in November and December. The next meetings will be January 13, 2006 and March 10, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

**Anthony
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GREENVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



**Greenville Country Club
December 8, 2005
7-10pm
\$25 per person**

Menu featuring Tequila Lime Chicken, Grilled Flank Steak with Chipotle Mayo, Bacon
Wrapped Scallops, Proscuitto and Dried Tomato Roulades on Garlic Rounds,
Clams Casino, Assorted Baquettes and a Plethora of Desserts



RSVP: Melinda Davidson at gbarnews@charter.net

Greenville County Bar Association's Memorial Service

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

GREENVILLE BAR'S ANNUAL END-OF-THE-YEAR CLE DECEMBER 16, 2005

6 Hours of Credit

Hosted by the Greenville County Bar Association and Legal Eagle, Inc.
County Council Chambers

\$50.00 Early Registration Fee (by December 12, 2005) \$55 at the door
Email Melinda at gbarnews@charter.net to register

TIMES

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

TOPICS

SC's New Ethics Rules

Break

Buried Alive in Probate

Lunch on your own

The Custody Resource Guide

Employment Law Update

Break

How Not To Commit Malpractice with Your PC

SPEAKER

Jack Griffeth
Debra Gammons

The Honorable
Deborah A. Faulkner
The Honorable
Edward M. Sauvain

The Honorable
Timothy L. Brown

Brian Murphy

Courtney Kennaday



Verdicts

Caption: Greenville County Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee vs. Frederick R. Kissling
Case No. 04-CP-23-3481

Attorney for Condemnor: Max Hyde

Attorney for Defendant: Pat Paschal

Cause of Action: Condemnation

Verdict for Landowner: \$96,000 just compensation

Caption: 3R Incorporated vs. Acme Logistics Incorporated
Case No. 04-CP-23-5936

Attorney for Plaintiff: Greg Morton

Attorney for Defendant: David Alexander

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict for Plaintiff: \$11,842.53 actual damages

Caption: Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority vs. Riddle Family Limited Partnership
Case No. 04-CP-23-5616

Attorney for Condemnor: Oscar W. Bannister

Attorney for Defendant: Ken Porter

Cause of Action: Condemnation

Verdict for Landowner: \$42,000 just compensation

Caption: Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority vs. Linda M. Handley
Case No. 04-CP-23-5618

Attorney for Condemnor: Oscar W. Bannister

Attorney for Defendant: James W. Fayssoux, Jr

Cause of Action: Condemnation

Verdict for Landowner: \$80,000 just compensation

Carolina Medical

The Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association will host a "Happy Hour" on December 15, 2005 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Devereaux's.

All attorneys are invited to enjoy a time for relaxing and having fun, while also supporting a good cause. We are asking everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for a woman or child to be donated to the Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter to be given to women and children at the shelter during the holiday season. For more information, please contact Kelly Pope Karow at 422-0022

2006 Officer Nominations

The nominating committee, consisting of the five most recent past presidents of the Greenville County Bar Association, met in accordance with the By-Laws and nominate the following slate of officers -

President	Jeffrey A. Merriam
Vice President/ President Elect	Debra Gammons
Secretary	David Edwards
Treasurer	James Warren

Officers will be elected at the **Annual Meeting on December 8**, prior to the Christmas Party at 6:45 p.m. at the Greenville Country Club. Any additional nominations may be submitted by fax to Grant Burns at 282-1177 prior to the Annual Meeting.

Scenes from the Social



**Oyster Roast
November 16**

**Co-Sponsored by the
Greenville Bar Association
And the
Young Lawyers**



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.

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.

Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

LSPG thanks the Womble Carlyle firm for their generous support and the use of their state of the art office for our recent Education and Certification Seminar, and Judge Matt Hawley and Municipal Court for assisting with our Day in Court in October.

Upcoming programs are:

December - Inspirational program

January - State officer visitation

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 at the Poinsett Club. Make reservations by contacting: Myra Culbertson at mculbertson@wcsr.com or 239-5959

For membership, contact Tara Prevatte: tara@davidgreeneattorney.com or 271-7940.

Serve One ad

Available Office Space

Office space for Sale, Lease or Lease w/Option to Buy. Approximately 2500 Square feet with ample parking at 514 and 516 East North Street (Across from the Bi-Lo Center). Call Susan Ingles at 234-7823

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.

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