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# G-Bar News



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## **PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE**

**By: Jeffrey A. Merriam**

### **A JOB WELL DONE**

Chip Price did an outstanding job as Greenville County Bar President last year. When he assumed office in January he learned that all of the circuit judges in the state would be attending the Circuit Court Judicial Conference in May in Greenville, and that it is customary for the Bar Association in the host city to sponsor a reception for all of the judges and their spouses. There were no funds available in the Bar Association's budget for such an event, and Chip set out to secure contributions from members of the Bar so that we could host a top quality event at a price which would be affordable to most members. Thanks to the generous support of the Bar members who chose to sponsor the event, it was a wonderful affair and a good time was had by all. A number of judges commented that it was the best reception in memory, and apparently they were not exaggerating. The judges had such a good time last year that they have decided to hold their Judicial Conference here in Greenville again this year.

We are honored that the judges have chosen to visit Greenville once again as this will give us another opportunity to meet with the judges outside of the courtroom and to socialize with fellow members. **The reception will be held on May the 10th.** Once again, we will be calling on law firms and individual attorneys to sponsor the event and we hope that their responses will be as generous as last year.

**Congratulations to Chip Price on a job well done.**



Chip Price and Jeff Merriam at the Annual Meeting where Jeff took over as President

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## Announcements

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**McNair Law Firm, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Brandon T. Norris** has joined the Firm. He will focus on *Corporate, Commercial Real Estate and Economic Development*.

**Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.** is pleased to announce that they have the greatest number of labor and employment law attorneys recognized in the 2006 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* with 43 from the firm and 10 from Greenville. The firm also moved up seventeen notches from 159 in 2004 to 142 in 2005 on this year's *NLJ 250* – which lists the largest firms in the United States.

**Kenison & Dudley, LLC** is pleased to announce that **John T. Crawford, Jr.** has become a member of the firm, and the new name of the firm is **Kenison, Dudley & Crawford, LLC**. Also joining the firm is **James F. Carter, III**. Mr. Carter was the Honorable R. Markley Dennis, Jr.'s Law Clerk for the past year. Mr. Carter will concentrate his practice in construction and commercial litigation.

**Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Michelle R. DeLuca, J. Andrew Smith**, and **Gregory P. Sloan** have become Partners with the Firm and that the firm has added four attorneys to serve their clients. The new attorneys are **M. Allison Moon, W. Duffie Powers, J. Matthew Whitehead** and **Frances G. Zacher**. Moon received a J.D. from The University of South Carolina School of Law and will focus her practice in Torts and Insurance Practice. Powers received a J.D. from The University of South Carolina School of Law and will practice in Construction Law and Products Liability. Whitehead received a J.D. from The University of South Carolina School of Law and will practice in the areas of Business Litigation and Torts and Insurance Practice. Zacher received a J.D. from Emory University School of Law and will practice in the areas of Business Litigation and Torts and Insurance Practice.

**Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C.** is proud to announce that shareholder **Thomas W. Epting** was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserves.

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# 2005 Christmas Party





## Verdicts

**Caption: Mattie L Williams vs. Trisha Ann Stinson**  
**Case No. 04-CP-23-5839**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: Theo Mitchell**  
**Attorney for Defendant: Jason Imhoff**  
**Cause of Action: Auto Accident**  
**Verdict for Defendant**

**Caption: Bradford N. Martin vs. Philip Rhodes**  
**Case No. 04-CP-23-3422**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: Dana Mitchell**  
**Attorney for Defendant: David Rheney**  
**Cause of Action: Auto Accident**  
**Verdict for Defendant**

**Caption: Dawn Renee Greene vs. Jane Corley Bogue**  
**Case No. 04-CP-23-6194**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: James Segura**  
**Attorney for Defendant: David Rheney**  
**Cause of Action: Auto Accident**  
**Verdict for Defendant**

**Caption: John D. Phillips vs. Michael Eugene Pennington**  
**Case No. 04-CP-23-5355**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: Ken Porter**  
**Attorney for Defendant: William Duncan**  
**Cause of Action: Auto Accident**  
**Verdict for Plaintiff: \$535.70**

**Caption: Karen Choice vs. Jared Locke**  
**Case No. 04-CP-23-5936**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: John R. Peace**  
**Attorney for Defendant: Eric K. Englehardt**  
**Cause of Action: Damages**  
**Verdict for Defendant**

**Caption: Jamie L. Reeves vs. Lauren E. Moody and Manuel J. Dominquez**  
**Case No. 04-CP-23-6656**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: Clifford Gaddy**  
**Attorney for Defendant: Marcus McGarr**  
**Cause of Action: Auto Accident**  
**Verdict for Defendant**

**Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville** will host its bi-annual SPRING FASHION SHOW and MEMBERSHIP DRIVE on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Congaree Road. Clothing will be provided by Coldwater Creek. Admission of \$12.50 includes: Heavy hors d'oeuvres, 1 free raffle ticket, and a free lunch pass to all first time guests for attendance at any LSPG general meeting. Raffle tickets (\$1 each) sold separately for lots of great prizes and you need not be present to win. For more information, contact Audrey Glacken 239.5991 or Margaret Hampe 271.5376 or visit [www.lspg.org](http://www.lspg.org). LSPG is the local organization for training, educating, and developing professional legal staff.

### **Bench/Bar Committee Meeting**

Judge G. Edward Welmaker will be holding the first meeting of the Bench/Bar Committee for 2006 on Friday, February 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 6. Please plan on being present to discuss issues relevant to the Greenville docket, judicial relations, planning for future meetings, and more. If you are interested in attending, please let Matt Johnson know by e-mail at [matthew.johnson@ogletreedeakins.com](mailto:matthew.johnson@ogletreedeakins.com).

**GCLA Fun(d)raiser: "Another Sporting Chance"  
February 24, 7-10pm**

On February 24, 2006 the Greenville County Legal Auxiliary (GCLA) will host its annual fundraiser benefiting children in Greenville. Last year our event, which was called "A Sporting Chance...for Greenville's Children," raised \$32,000 for three very worthy programs:

*Guardian ad Litem Program*—a voice and protection for abused children in Family Court.  
*Housewise Streetwise*—a personal safety program for third graders.  
*Youth Court*—a peer sentencing court within Greenville County Public Schools.

Funds from "A Sporting Chance" enabled the Guardian ad Litem Program to supplement the salary of a full-time attorney. Donations to Housewise Streetwise paid for printing free materials provided to approximately 3000 Greenville County 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and teachers who used the personal safety program. Youth Court used its portion of GCLA funding to train participants in trial procedure and to expand the Youth Court into more high schools and middle schools.

This year marks Legal Auxiliary's 30<sup>th</sup> year of service to Greenville—to the area's children and to its legal community. The 2006 fundraiser will offer "Another Sporting Chance" to Greenville's children through the the *Guardian ad Litem Program*, *Housewise Streetwise*, and the Youth Court of Greenville County Schools. The event will be held in the center courtyard of McAllister Square where there will be plenty of room to display the multitude of auction items and to socialize. For \$50 per person, "Another Sporting Chance" will feature cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Caesar's Restaurant, and *auction items that will appeal to both men and women, both luxury-lovers and sports enthusiasts.*

In addition to the event itself, the success of the fundraiser depends on donations from law firms, from individuals, from businesses, and from the Bar Association. The Greenville Bar has generously donated \$1000 per year for several years. Any contributors (whose donations are received before February 1) are listed in the program, and everyone who attends the event is given a copy. *All* donors will receive a tax statement, and GCLA is registered as a non-profit organization. Attorneys who have an association with Legal Auxiliary have already received a letter, requesting a donation, from GCLA President Anna Foster and Ways and Means Chairperson Meta Armstrong. Checks should be made out to GCLA for "Another Sporting Chance." They may be mailed to GCLA, PO Box 116, Greenville, 29602. In past years, several law firms have matched the Greenville Bar in generosity. Part of Legal Auxiliary's stated purpose is to promote "public understanding and appreciation of the law and the American legal system...." This is an important goal in these times when lawyers frequently receive bad press. Help us improve the image of Greenville's legal community by showing—through your generous donations—how much you care about the children of Greenville. And come to the party!

**For more information about "Another Sporting Chance,"  
contact Meta Armstrong 268-7213 or arms@bellsouth.net**



**The Greenville County Bar  
Association wishes to extend it  
sympathies to the family and  
friends of Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.**

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## Job Opportunities

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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.

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## 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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