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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Family Court Liaison Meeting: March 10
- Bar Bench Committee Meeting: March 24
- Spring CLE on Electronic Discovery
- Law Week: May 1-5
- Law Week Luncheon: May 3

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: Jeffrey A. Merriam

LEO H. HILL– DEAN OF THE BAR

Last month at the South Carolina Bar Convention, the South Carolina Bar Foundation names our own Leo H. Hill as the recipient of the DuRant Distinguished Public Service Award. This is considered the most prestigious statewide recognition that is bestowed upon an attorney by the Bar. Leo is well deserving of this honor. He is among the very best lawyers in our state and is recognized as preeminent in many fields. He has been a leader of the Bar having served as President of the State Bar and was instrumental in the formation of the legal services agencies and the South Carolina Public Defenders system.

Leo has been practicing law in Greenville for over 50 years. I first met him 30 years ago when I came to Greenville to begin my practice. From the first time I met him I have been struck by how much he enjoys the practice of law. That enthusiasm continues until this day. To Leo the practice of law is not just a way to earn a livelihood, it is an honorable and proud way of life. He is the ever zealous advocate, but has the wonderful ability to disagree without being disagreeable. I think any lawyer who has had a case with Leo will say that he or she learned something about the law, and maybe a little bit about themselves. We would all do well to try to emulate Leo's zest for the law and his love of life. Leo is truly a Dean of the Bar.

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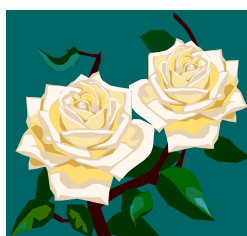
Announcements

Devlin & Parkinson, P.A. is pleased to announce that **Christopher R. Antley**, Esquire, has become a partner of the firm and that **Jeffrey M. Schilz**, Esquire has joined the firm as an associate. Mr. Schilz will concentrate in the areas of professional liability, commercial litigation and tort litigation.

The Greenville office of **Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Brian D. Black, John C. Glancy** and **Matthew K. Johnson** have been elected shareholders in the firm. With the addition of these three attorneys, the firm now has thirty shareholders in Greenville.

The attorneys with the Greenville, SC office of **Walker, Martin & Reibold, LLC** are now practicing as the law firm of **Bradford Neal Martin & Associates, PA** with the same address and telephone number. Please note that email addresses for each attorney will change.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. firm, is pleased to announce that **Fred W. Suggs, Jr.**, has been elected Secretary of the South Carolina Bar.



The Greenville County Bar Association wishes to extend its sympathies to the family and friends of Sharon Marshall.

Thanks to the 111 attorneys from Greenville who volunteered their time to Judge the Mock Trial Competition at Furman University!!

The ABA Washington Letter, a service of the American Bar Association Governmental Affairs Office, has been providing up-to-date information on federal legislative issues for more than 40 years. The publication is now produced exclusively in electronic form. You may access the online version at <http://www.abanet.org/poladv/letter/06feb/home.html>.

This month's newsletter includes articles on the State of the Union Address, upcoming legislation and the US Patriot Act. If you would like more information about the publication, contact editor Rhonda McMillion by e-mail or at ext. 1017.

Chair of the SC Bar House of Delegates

You should have received your ballot for the election of the Chair for the SC Bar House of Delegates. This year there are three candidates in this election. Please send your ballot back by March 15. Copied with permission from the SC Bar website, biographical information about each candidate can be found below.

Tim Bouch

Tim Bouch is a partner in the Charleston and Columbia firm of Leath, Bouch & Crawford and practices in the areas of environmental law, construction law and corporate litigation. He received his B.S. degree from Marquette University and his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina. He is admitted in South Carolina, North Carolina and Texas. Bouch has an active national trial practice. Currently he is chair of the S.C. Supreme Court Commission on the Rules of Professional Conduct and teaches Ethics and Professional Responsibility at the Charleston School of Law. He is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an elected member of the American Law Institute and is included in the publication *The Best Lawyers in America*. He represented the South Carolina Bar for four years in the ABA House of Delegates and has served in the S.C. Bar House of Delegates for more than nine years. Bouch served three years as chair of the ABA Litigation Section Environmental Litigation Committee. He is a past chair of the ABA/Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section Toxic and Hazardous Substances Committee and spent eight years on the ABA Standing Committee on Professional Discipline. He served three years on the Section Council of the Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, two terms on the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Publications Board and was chair of the Editorial Board of the ABA/BNA Lawyers Manual on Professional Responsibility.

Julianne Farnsworth

It would be a distinct honor to serve as chair of the House of Delegates and to continue my commitment to the Bar that commenced with my S.C. Bar admission in 1986. I would respectfully request your vote for Julianne Farnsworth for this important leadership position.

I have served our Bar in numerous and varied leadership roles during the past 20 years. I have been a member and chair of committees and task forces, a delegate to the S.C. Bar House, a S.C. Bar delegate

to the ABA House of Delegates and a member of the S.C. Bar Board of Governors. See www.juliannefarnsworth.com for a complete listing of my Bar involvement.

The S.C. Bar Constitution specifically directs the House to formulate policy and to supervise the Board, Officers, Divisions and Sections of the Bar. Of the three nominees for chair, I am the only one who has served on the S.C. Bar Board of Governors and in the S.C. Bar House of Delegates. Serving in both of these positions has provided me with unique insight and understanding about the governance of the Bar and the deliberative and parliamentary procedures of the House. The knowledge gained from these two positions, along with my overall background of involvement and leadership experience in the Bar, gives me the qualifications needed and required to serve as an effective and a productive chair.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote to allow me to continue my service to you and all members of the Bar.

William O. Pressley Jr.

William O. (Bill) Pressley Jr. is a partner in the Spartanburg law firm of Perrin, Mann, Patterson, Pressley and Mann, and practices in the areas of estate planning, wills, trusts, elder law and probate court litigation. He received his BS from the University of South Carolina School of Business and his JD from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He has been a member in good standing of the South Carolina Bar Association since 1977.

Pressley has been a member of the House of Delegates for more than 10 years and previously has served on the South Carolina Bar Nominating Committee and as Chairman of the South Carolina Bar Conventions Committee. He is married to the former Elizabeth Lee Melton of Spartanburg, South Carolina (Wofford, 1985) and is the father of two wonderful children, Samantha Lee Pressley and William Melton Pressley.

He is committed to seeing that the South Carolina Bar retains its preeminence among state bar associations. He also is committed to the idea that the South Carolina Bar must serve its members, and the general public, in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible. Only by doing so can dues increases be avoided. He would welcome your consideration and vote in his race for Chairman of the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates

Job Opportunities

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.

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.

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.

FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT**January 13, 2006**

Present:: Judge Aphrodite K. Konduros and Timothy L. Brown, Paul Wikensimer, Terry Reid, Shirley Bruce, Christine Howard, Jim Sarratt, Robert Clark, Vanessa Hartman, Chase Campbell, Amy Parker, Allison Dunham.

Attention Attorneys: Please note that the next meetings will be March 10, 2006 at 1:00 PM and May 12, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

Attention Attorneys: Please remember to visit www.greenvillegov.org and go to judicial -clerk of court- court support. You will be able to see all your cases for a two week period and do other searches as well.

Attention Attorneys: If you have a case that has settled and you would like to get a quick hearing and it is an emergency, for example, someone has to go into the military or it was a long trial that you were able to settle, then please call the Administrative Judge to see if your case can be heard.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be March 10, 2006 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: Christine M. Howard (282-8575).

SPRING CLE

This Spring the Greenville County Bar Association will host a half day CLE on electronic discovery. Look for more information on this opportunity soon!!

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