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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring CLE— April 21
- Law Week: May 1-5
- Law Week Luncheon: May 3
- Circuit Court Judges Reception: May 10
- Lawyers Day at the Ball Park: May 11

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By: Jeffrey A. Merriam

COMING EVENTS

Although this is the March edition of the G-Bar News, I wanted to alert everyone to two events that will be held in early May.

LAW WEEK 2006

The Greenville Bar's Community Law Week 2006 will be celebrated May the 1st through May the 6th, and will again feature our Association's Annual Law Week Luncheon, the Run for Freedom, and the Judge Frank Eppes Golf Tournament. In addition to these fun activities, Law Week 2006 will include a Wills Clinic and a Blood Drive. A schedule of these events along with contact information for each is located inside this month's issue of the G-Bar News.

The theme for Law Week this year is **Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers**, which is a timely topic indeed. The Law week Luncheon will be May 3rd at the Westin Poinsett. Make your reservations today.

Law Week gives us an opportunity to give back to our community. Last year contributions by participants and sponsors in the Run for Freedom and the Frank Eppes Golf Tournament resulted in a donation of more than \$5,000 to local charities. We hope to give more this year and invite everyone to participate in this year's activities.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Again this year Greenville will host the South Carolina Circuit Judges Annual Conference. The Bar Association will host a reception for the judges at the Commerce Club on May the 10th.

This year the Conference will have a special added attraction. Judge John Few has arranged with the Greenville Drive to have **Lawyers Day at the Ball Park** on May 11th. The Drive's game will begin at twelve noon, and Chief Justice Toal will throw out the first pitch. Judge Few has arranged a special \$18 package for lawyers who want to attend the game. The package includes a ticket to the game and lunch. There will be a special seating section for lawyers and judges. This is wonderful opportunity for our members to socialize not only with their colleagues, but with judges from all over the state, while they enjoy an afternoon at the ball game.

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Announcements

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce that attorney **Jennifer Adamson Moorhead** has been named as a Board Member to the South Carolina Council on Economic Education. The Council promotes economic development through education in kindergarten through twelfth grade classrooms. Mrs. Moorhead practices law in the areas of Real Estate and Corporate & Business Transactions

Tom Creech announces the relocation of his office to 124 Edinburgh Court Suite 109 - off of Antrim Drive. His phone number will remain the same.

Thomas & Fisher, P.A. is pleased to announce that **Randy**

E. Fisher has been elected a Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. The Board of Regents of the College took this action at its Fall Meeting in Amelia Island, Florida. The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel is a national association of more than 2,600 lawyers who have made outstanding contributions to the field of trust and estate law.

Robert E. August, a shareholder in the firm of **Merline & Meacham, P.A.** has been certified by The Supreme Court of South Carolina as a specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law. Mr. August is also a certified specialist in Taxation Law.

Judge Frank Eppes Memorial Law Week Golf Tournament

Friday, May 5, 2006

12:00 noon - boxed lunch

1:00 p.m. shot gun start

Millstone Golf Village, 2959 New Easley Highway, Greenville, South Carolina

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Team Members: _____

Fee: \$60/person, \$240/team (includes lunch, post-Tournament cook-out, beverages, greens fees, cart fees, range balls). Prizes will be awarded! REGISTER NOW; SPACE IS LIMITED.

Send entry forms with fees to Jimmy Brehm, Attorney at Law, 722 East McBee Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina 29601. Make checks payable to Law Week Golf Tournament.

Questions or Directions? Contact Jimmy Brehm or Denise Thompson at 370-9777.

Proceeds benefit **Shepherd's Gate Women's and Family Shelter**.

BE A SPONSOR AT \$100/HOLE. Make sponsorship checks payable to Safe Harbor Women's and Family Shelter.

Law Week 2006 Schedule of Events

Liberty Under Law
**SEPARATE
BRANCHES,
BALANCED
P O W E R S**



**Law Day
May 1 2006**

Monday, May 1, 2006: TBD— check website for details
(www.greenvillecountybar.org)

Tuesday, May 2, 2006: WILLS CLINIC
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
Contact: Zandra Johnson-552.4504 or Jack Riordan-242.6440

Wednesday, May 3, 2006: LUNCHEON
Westin Poinsett at 12:00
Contact: Emily Whitney-242.4277
Essay Contest— Contact: Debra Gammons- 467.4420 or
Katie Fayssoux-467.5931
Liberty Bell Award— Contact: Sandi Wilson 255.5416
Senior Lawyers— Contact: Bill Wilson 242.8294

Thursday, May 4, 2006: BLOOD DRIVE
11:00am-3:00pm Parking Lot of Leatherwood
Contact: Zandra 552.4504

Friday, May 5, 2006: GOLF TOURNAMENT
Contact: Jimmy Brehm 370.9777
Place and Time: TBD

Saturday, May 6, 2006: RACE FOR THE LAW
Cleveland Park 8:30am
Contact: JJ Andrighetti 235.2600 or Debra Gammons 467.4420

**LAW WEEK LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 NOON
Westin Poinsett Hotel
\$23 per person**

**RSVP gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599
No later than April 26**

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.

Liberty Bell Award Nominees Needed

As one of our main activities in celebration of Law Week, the Greenville County Bar acknowledges outstanding community service by a non-lawyer through presentation of the Liberty Bell Award at the Law Day Luncheon. The award is presented to a person who has contributed to the community in one of the following broad areas:

- stimulated a sense of civic responsibility;
- contributed to the effective functioning of government in our community;
- encouraged greater respect and understanding of law and the courts;
- promoted a better understanding of our Constitution and the rule of law

For example, past award recipients have been recognized for their work with the Guardian ad Litem program or the homeless in Greenville County. Lawyers often come in contact with deserving nominees through service on various boards in the community. The Liberty Bell Award is a great way to recognize those people who make Greenville a better place to live. This award is the Bar's best opportunity to extend its appreciation to service by a non-lawyer. Anyone who has a nomination should contact Sandi Wilson at 255.5416. Deadline for nominations is Friday, April 14, 2006. The Law Week Committee will choose the award winner.

**SPRING CLE
April 21, 2006**

**1/2 day CLE
Electronic Discovery**

**For more information,
Check our website www.greenvillecountybar.org
Or email
gbarnews@charter.net**

**JUDGES MAKE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR
HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION POSSIBLE**

Our attorneys and Judges gave their valuable time on a Saturday, February 25th, to help judge our Bar's High School Mock Trial Competition. The students tried the Shoeless Joe Jackson case. Joe Jackson was charged with betting on and throwing the 1919 World Series. Eight Teams from seven different High Schools in the Upstate competed. Three Teams won the Regional Competition and will compete at the State Competition, March 17th and 18th at the Marc Westbrook Judicial Center in Lexington, South Carolina. The three winning Teams are Wade Hampton High, Daniel High, and Strom Thurmond High.

Thank you to our attorneys and Judges:

Judge Matthew R. Hawley, Jr.	James H. Price, III
Pam McDonald	William T. Clarke
Jack Griffeth	Zandra Johnson
Susan Cobb Singleton	Derham Cole, Jr.
Monty Desai	Allen Fretwell
Ron Barbare	John Bell
Elizabeth Wiygul	Jason Chehoski
Steve Sumner	Ronald W. McKinney
Kimberly Boan	Elizabeth Tilley
Ryan Beasley	

Regional Coordinators: Debra J. Gammons, Aimee Davis, Sandi Wilson

FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

March 10, 2006

Present: Judge Aphrodite K. Konduros, Stephen S. Bartlett, R. Kinard Johnson Jr., Timothy L. Brown, Paul Wikensimer, Terry Reid, Saralyn Eevans, Bobbie Hill, Shirley Bruce, Christine Howard, Debbie Murdoch, Robert Clark, Vanessa Hartman, Chase Campbell, Amy Parker, Allison Dunham, Catherine Christopher, Bobby Rosenfeld, Tommy Rice and Tom Vingear

Attention Attorneys: Please note that the next meeting will be **May 12, 2006 at 1:00 PM.**

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that the correct spelling of Judge Konduros' name is K O N D U R O S. Please inform your staff.

Attention Attorneys: Please remember to ask for the correct amount of time especially for RTSC hearings, modification hearings etc... There has been a rash of hearings set without enough time requested. Be sure to communicate with opposing counsel about how much time will be needed and reschedule the hearing, if needed.

Attention Attorneys: Please remember that name change cases, divorce only cases and stricken cases may not be placed on the agreement docket.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that cases will not be stricken after March 1, 2006. There is no longer a 270 Rule. Motions to Restore will only be needed for cases already stricken prior to March 1, 2006..

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **May 12, 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).****

Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

Upcoming events: April 19, 2006 – Installation of Officers

April 21-23, 2006 – LSPSC Annual Meeting, Orangeburg, SC

New officers were elected at our regular meeting on March 15, 2006. The following will serve for 2006-07:

President: Lois Belle, ALS – Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC

President-Elect: Camilla Pittman – City of Greenville

Vice President: Myra Culbertson - Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC

Secretary – Margaret Hampe, CPS – Gallivan White & Boyd PA

Treasurer – Tara Prevatte – Greene Law Firm

LSPG wishes to thank the firms and businesses which supported our Fashion Show and Membership Drive in February. This event was a great success and many potential members attended. Sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Armstrong, who passed away in December. Ann was a founding member of our local and state chapters. A longtime employee of the U.S. Probation Office, she will be greatly missed in the legal community.

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.

Please visit our website, www.lspg.org for updates and additional information.

LSPG is your local one stop shop dedicated to the training and development of legal staff.

Pre-Law Students Available for Internships

A guest Article by Joanna Grisinger

Clemson University's Department of History is expanding its Prelaw Internship Program, and we're looking for lawyers in Greenville County who would be interested in hosting interns in their offices. The internship offers Clemson University undergraduates who are interested in pursuing legal careers the opportunity to learn about different areas of practice and to see a legal office in action; it also offers practicing lawyers the opportunity to introduce these students to their particular areas of legal practice, and to the practice of law as a whole. Students participating in this program in the past have worked in a variety of environments (including the offices of sole practitioners, small law firms, and public defender's offices), and have observed and performed a wide variety of tasks (ranging from routine clerical work to legal research and writing).

While the students' educational experience is overseen by a faculty member, the sponsoring attorney determines the actual assignments and duties of the students, and supervises the student's performance of those assigned tasks. Students are not paid and the internship does not require any financial obligation by the sponsoring attorney. Students are required to keep a journal of their activities, and, at the end of the semester, to write a paper

summarizing their experiences and their impressions of the legal profession. In addition, at the conclusion of the internship, the sponsoring attorney is asked to provide the faculty supervisor with a brief (1 page) report on the student's work. Upon successful completion of the internship, students receive college credit (on a pass/fail basis). Typically, internships are scheduled for the Fall or Spring semesters, but they may be scheduled during the summer as well. Internships are normally 15-16 weeks in duration, but shorter or longer periods may be arranged. In addition, students may repeat the internship for additional course credit in subsequent semesters.

If you would be interested in providing such an internship experience for Clemson University undergraduates during the upcoming summer or during the academic year, please contact Joanna Grisinger, Assistant Professor of History, at jgrisin@clemson.edu, or at (864) 656-1554. I look forward to working with you.



Heyward Clarkson's ad

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