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# G-Bar News



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Law Week: May 1-5
- Law Week Luncheon: May 3
- Circuit Court Judges Reception: May 10
- Lawyers Day at the Ball Park: May 11
- Bar/Bench Committee: May 19
- Electronic Discovery CLE: June 2

## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

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#### **LAW WEEK 2006**

Law Week 2006 will be celebrated May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>. Courtney Atkinson and her Law Week Committee have planned and coordinated a full slate of activities for members of the Bar and the Greenville community.

The Bar Association's Annual Law Week Luncheon will be held on May the 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Westin Poinsett. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William B. Traxler, Jr., will be the speaker. At the luncheon the Liberty Bell Award will be presented. This award is presented to a non-lawyer who has contributed to the community by encouraging greater understanding of the law and the court, and who has promoted a better understanding of the rule of law.

The Greenville County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers will conduct the Frank Eppes Memorial Law Week Golf Tournament on May the 5<sup>th</sup> at Verdae Greens. Verdae Greens is a wonderful golf course and should be a great venue for the tournament. Jimmy Brehm has coordinated the golf tournament for a number of years. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Safe Harbor Women's and Family Shelter, and last year over \$5,000 were donated to Safe Harbor. In addition, funds from the golf tournament are also being used to establish a scholarship in memory of Judge Eppes at the University of South Carolina Law School. They are well on the way to reaching the \$15,000 threshold necessary for the establishment of a scholarship.

Debra Gammons and her committee will conduct the Eighth Annual Run for Freedom on March the 6<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland Park. Proceeds from this race benefit Bridges for a Brighter Future, which is a Furman University program which identifies bright, but disadvantaged high school students and helps get them on track for admission to college.

Members of the Bar Association will be holding a Will's Clinic for senior citizens of modest means. This is a way that members of the Bar Association can assist seniors with their estate planning. Jack Riordan and Zandra Johnson are in charge of the clinic.

This year there will be a Law Week Blood Drive. It will be held on May the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Leatherwood parking lot where there will be a blood mobile. This will give members an opportunity to literally bleed for our community. Zandra Johnson is in charge of the Blood Drive.

We hope that as many members as possible will participate in and enjoy the Law Week activities.

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## Announcements

**Cecil H. Nelson, Jr., LLC**, is pleased to announce that **Erlin Culbertson** has become a partner of the firm, which will now be known as **Nelson & Culbertson, LLC**. Ms. Culbertson has practiced with the firm for six years and specializes in commercial and residential real estate transactions and litigation

**McNair Law Firm, P.A.** announces that **Michael W. Burns** has become a Shareholder in its Greenville, South Carolina office. Mike's practice areas include Municipal Finance, Economic Development Incentives, Commercial Loans, Commercial Real Estate, Secured Transactions, and Business Formation and Organization.

**Carter, Smith, Merriam, Rogers & Traxler, P.A.**, is pleased to announce that **Katherine H. Tiffany** has become a shareholder of the firm, and that **Travis V. Olmert** has joined the firm as an associate.

### Judge Frank Eppes Memorial Law Week Golf Tournament

Friday, May 5, 2006

12:00 noon - boxed lunch

1:00 p.m. shot gun start

Verdae Greens Golf Course, 650 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fee: \$75/person, \$300/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.

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

**LAW WEEK LUNCHEON**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 NOON**  
**Westin Poinsett Hotel**  
**\$23 per person**  
**Speaker: Judge William B. Traxler, Jr.,**

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

### Law Week 2006 Schedule of Events

Liberty Under Law  
**SEPARATE  
 BRANCHES,  
 BALANCED  
 POWERS**



**Law Day**  
**May 1 2006**

**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 , Judge Traxler Speaking  
 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**  
 Vardae Golf Course, Boxed Lunch- !2:00, Shot Gun Start- 1:00  
 Contact: Jimmy Brehm 370.9777

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

## 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.

### **SPRING CLE Rescheduled for June 2**

**1/2 day CLE  
Electronic Discovery**

**For more information,  
Check our website [www.greenvillecountybar.org](http://www.greenvillecountybar.org)  
Or email  
[gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net)**

## **GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION STATEWIDE JUDGES RECEPTION**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2006  
Commerce Club, Downtown Greenville  
Drop in 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar**

**Come and join the Greenville County Bar Association in welcoming to Greenville the Circuit Judges from South Carolina, and honoring our local, state and federal judges.**

**Cost: \$25 per person before May 3  
\$50 per person after May 3  
Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend!**

**Send your check made payable to Greenville County Bar Association, Post Office Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603, or email Melinda Davidson at [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net) for more details.**

Be a part of history and compete in the annual Law Week Run for Freedom! Run 5 kilometers through beautiful Cleveland Park and possibly you will be named the "Fastest Lawyer" or win the "Most Team Members" prize. You can add your name to these outstanding winners:

2005: Fastest Female Lawyer – Elizabeth Tilley  
Fastest Male Lawyer – Marc Smith  
Most Team Members – Easley NJROTC  
2004: Fastest Female Lawyer – Maureen White  
Fastest Male Lawyer – Jimmy Brehm, Mark Moyer (tie)  
Most Team Members – 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office

Walkers are also welcome. Bring the entire family (pets included) for fun and exercise! This year's net proceeds will benefit Bridges to a Brighter Future. Call Debra J. Gammons (386-0005 or 467-5758) for more information.



## Verdicts

**Caption: Charles V. Belding and Kathleen Wall vs. Griffith Builders & Realty Inc.**

**Case No. 04-CP-23-6536**

**Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel Draisen**

**Attorney for Defendant: Joshua Kendrick**

**Cause of Action: Construction**

**Verdict for Plaintiff: \$6,200**

**Caption: Carlos Aranda vs. Wild Wing Café**

**Case No. 04-CP-23-7314**

**Attorney for Plaintiff: Theo Mitchell**

**Attorney for Defendant: John Riordan**

**Cause of Action: Assault/SLDR/LIB**

**Verdict for Defendant**

## PLEASE NOTE

**Changes of Address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses must be received by June 1 to be reflected in the 2006-2007 edition of the Lawyers Desk Book. The Court considers the Bar to be the primary source of attorney information, and any address changes made only with the Supreme Court or Commission on CLE are not reflected in the South Carolina Bar database. Send changes to Membership Services, South Carolina Bar, P.O. Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202 or to [paul.stjohn@scbar.org](mailto:paul.stjohn@scbar.org)**

## Bench/Bar Committee

The Bench/Bar Committee will be meeting with Judge Welmaker on May 19, 2006 at 3:00pm in Courtroom 6 at the courthouse. All interested parties are welcomed to attend. Please contact Matt Johnson's secretary, Robin Holder, at 864.271.1300 if you are interested in attending.



## South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association ("SCUPA")

Is pleased to announce the induction of the following officers to serve for 2006:

President	Dorothy Sizemore, McAngus Goudelock & Courie
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Programs	Gayle Miller, Gallivan White & Boyd
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Membership	Lee Mcfadden, Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Publications	Phyllis M. Mitchell, E.A., Dobson, Jones, Ball, Phillips & Bridges
Secretary	Barbara Galerno, Love Thornton Arnold & Thomason
Treasurer	Karen Smith, Office Of Randy A. Skinner,
NALA Liaison	Rebecca Maxson, CLAS, Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham

The Officers of SCUPA would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to the following committee chairmen and members: Karen Smith, Charities and Pro Bono; Phyllis M. Mitchell, E.A., Public Relations; Barbara Galerno, Seminar; Rebecca Maxson, CLAS, Sc Alliance Of Legal Assistant Associations (SCALAA) President; Elizabeth (Liz) Scharf, SCALAA Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> Voting Delegate; Charlotte Johnson, SCALAA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Voting Delegate; and our Advisory Committee Members: Cindy D. Parks, ALS, PLS, CLA, Peggy B. Payne, and Gail Vieth, PLS, CLA.

## Understanding the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2005 in South Carolina

**Columbia, SC  
April 26, 2006  
SC CLE 6.67**

**For more information:  
(866)352-9539 or [customerservice@lorman.com](mailto:customerservice@lorman.com)**

## **Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville**

Upcoming events:      April 19, 2006 – Installation of Officers  
                                 April 21-23, 2006 – LSPSC Annual Meeting, Orangeburg, SC

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**

**PROBATE COURT OVERVIEW**

**9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

This seminar is an overview of the Probate Court rules and procedures for the Greenville County Probate Court and provides an opportunity to interact with the staff of the Probate Court. We encourage attendance by any attorney, paralegal, legal assistant, legal secretary, and all other support staff who handle Probate Court cases and want to expand their knowledge of court procedures, recent rule changes that have been enacted, and new technology being implemented by the Court. Additional information is available on our website at [www.lspg.org](http://www.lspg.org). Space may be limited, so save the date and make your plans to attend now.

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](mailto:mculbertson@wcsr.com) or **239-5959**.

For membership, contact Tara Prevatte: [tara@davidgreeneattorney.com](mailto:tara@davidgreeneattorney.com) or **271-7940**.

Please visit our website, [www.lspg.org](http://www.lspg.org) for updates and additional information.

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