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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Electronic
Discovery
CLE—June 2**

President's Article By: Jeffrey A. Merriam

LAW WEEK

This year's Law Week was a huge success. Kudos to Courtney Atkinson this year's Community Law Week Committee Chairperson who coordinated the many events and activities of this year's Law Week. Thanks go to Law Week Committee members – J.J. Andrighetti, Jack Riordan, Jimmy Brehm, Emily Whitney, Debra Gammons, Bill Wilson, Zandra Johnson, and Sandy Wilson.

Thanks to the efforts of Zandra Johnson and Sandy Wilson participation in the Blood Drive increased significantly over past years.

Debra Gammons did her usual fine job of organizing the annual Law Week Run for Freedom – the 5K Race Judicata. Mark Moyer was the fastest male attorney and Erika Newson was the fastest female attorney. The race raised money for Bridges to a Brighter Future.

The golf tournament organized by Jimmy Brehm and his capable assistant Denise Thompson raised approximately \$5,500 for Safe Harbor. The foursome of Judge Gary Hill, Judge Ned Miller, John Mauldin, and Ron Clement had the low score of "all attorney" teams.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES RECEPTION

The statewide Circuit Judges Reception was a most enjoyable event. My thanks go to the sponsors who made it possible for our members to get to know judges throughout the State in a comfortable social setting. A number of judges have sent notes commenting on the event, including one judge who wrote "The members of Greenville County Bar outdid themselves again this year . . . I'm blessed, and grateful, to get to work . . . with such a terrific bar!" I couldn't have said it any better myself.

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Announcements

Family Court Judge Aphrodite Konduros announces that she will be seeking the seat of SC Court of Appeals Judge Sam Stilwell upon his retirement. The election will most likely be held in early 2007.

David A. Merline, a shareholder in the law firm of **Merline & Meacham, P.A.**, has been elected to the **Board of Governors of the South Carolina Bar** representing the Senior Lawyers Division. Mr. Merline is a former President of the South Carolina Bar

Thomas & Fisher, P.A. is pleased to announce that **Thomas G. Sinclair** has become an associate with the firm. He holds an LL.M. in Taxation from the New

York University School of Law and a juris doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. The firm's primary areas of practice are tax, business and corporate, employee benefits, wills, trusts and estates.

The Greenville office of **Ogletree Deakins** has just released the following announcements about attorneys **Merl F. Code** and **Charles E. McDonald, III**. Mr. Code was just named to Furman University's Board of Trustees, and Mr. McDonald was recently certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a specialist in Employment & Labor Law.

Heyward Clarkson's ad

The Greenville Bar invites you to attend its Spring CLE -- this is one no litigation lawyer can afford to miss!

ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY

Topics include a brief history of this growing trend in discovery, a summary of the new Federal Rules regarding electronic discovery requirements and lessons from attorneys who've learned the hard way what it means to comply with these rules and what happens if you don't!

Friday, June 2, 2006
8:45 am - 12:30 pm
County Council Chambers
300 University Ridge

\$30 Early Registration (by May 26, 2006), \$35 at the door
Contact Melinda at gbarnews@charter.net to register

SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The SC Upstate Paralegal Association will hold its monthly business meeting/luncheon on **Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.**, at the Poinsett Club, 807 East Washington Street, Greenville, South Carolina. The presentation this month will be given by Mr. Timothy Nanney, Greenville County Register of Deeds, on current and upcoming changes in the Register of Deeds Office.

Please **make your reservation by noon on Tuesday, June 6, 2006**, with Karen Smith by e-mail at [<mailto:ks_bklaw@bellsouth.net>](mailto:ks_bklaw@bellsouth.net) or in the event you do not have access to e-mail, you may phone Karen at (864) 232-2024 to make your reservation. Cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members, or \$13.50 for students, including gratuity.

NOTE: **If you make a reservation & are unable to attend, please remember you are still responsible for payment.**

**FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT
May 12, 2006**

Present: Judge Aphrodite K. Konduros, Stephen S. Bartlett, R. Kinard Johnson Jr., Paul Wickensimer, Saralyn Evans, Bobbie Hill and Shirley Bruce, Christine Howard, Tommy Hodges, Robert Clark, Vanessa Hartman and Chase Campbell

Attention Attorneys: Please note that the next meeting will be August 18, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that the new mediation rules are now in effect. One new change will require that a mediator be appointed at all temporary hearings where custody and visitation are contested. If no temporary hearing is held then a mediator must be appointed within 15 days upon joinder of the issues. It would be helpful to the judges if the parties are able to agree upon a mediator and provide a name to the judge at the temporary hearing etc... Also remember that the parties must still attend PACT prior to a final hearing if custody and visitation are contested.

Attention Attorneys: Please remember that you must properly motion the court to be relieved as counsel due to non-cooperation and properly serve your client if you wish to be relieved of a 608 appointment.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be August 18, 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: Christlne M. Howard (282-8575).

Serve One ad

Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

Up coming events:

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 – Monthly meeting
Saturday, July 22, 2006 – LSPSC Membership Meeting, Columbia, SC
Friday, September 29, 2006 - Probate Court Overview Seminar

We have an exciting group of speakers lined up for this summer. Thanks to our May speaker **Brian Murphy** (Brian Murphy Law firm, PA) who spoke on Employment Law. We look forward to these speakers providing the CLE presentations for our group and welcome anyone who has an interest in the following topics to join us:

June 21- **Allson Bost** (Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC) - Ethics
July 19 - **Kleron Campbell** (US District Court) - ECF Court Filing
August 16 - **Sandra Miller** (Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC) – Healthcare

LSPG has four officers serving on the board of Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina for 2006/07. The following were installed at the Annual Meeting on April 22, 2006:

President Elect: Deborah Reynolds, PP/PLS (Nelson Mullins)
Secretary: Lois Belle, ALS (Womble Carlyle)
Treasurer: Jimi Bullard, ALS (Ogletree Deakins)
Immediate Past President: Yvonne Fortner, PLS (Womble Carlyle)

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 at the Poinsett Club. For reservations or membership inquiries contact: **Myra Culbertson** at mculbertson@wcsr.com or 239-5959.

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

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

**Anthony
Proietta ad**



Verdicts

Caption: Scott Cook vs. EBSCO Industries, Inc and Chuck McCurry vs. Todd King

Case No. 04-CP-23-4580

Attorney for Plaintiff: William Herlong

Attorneys for Defendant: Bernard Tisdale, Kyle Dillard

Cause of Action: Intentional Interference with Existing & Prospective Contract, Unfair Trade Practices, Defamation

Verdicts-

Intentional Interference with Existing & Prospective Contract:

Cook vs EBSCO: For Scott Cook: \$217,000 actual damages and \$425,000 punitive damages

King vs EBSCO: For Todd King: \$5,000 actual damages and \$10,000 punitive damages

EBSCO vs Cook: For Scott Cook

EBSCO vs King: For Todd King

Unfair Trade Practices:

Cook vs EBSCO: For Scott Cook: \$100,000 actual damages

King vs EBSCO: For EBSCO

EBSCO vs Cook: For Scott Cook

EBSCO vs King: For Todd King

Defamation:

Cook vs EBSCO: For Scott Cook: \$1,200 actual damages and \$425,000 punitive damages

King vs EBSCO: For EBSCO

EBSCO vs King: For King

Caption: Durham-Greene, Inc. vs. Performance Concrete Craftsmen, Inc.

Case No. 05-CP-23-394

Attorney for Plaintiff: Ronald Tate, Jamey Ackerman

Attorney for Defendant: Heyward Clarkson

Cause of Action: Construction

Verdict 1 on breach of implied warranty of workmanlike services as to Performance Concrete Craftsmen, Inc: for the Plaintiff damages of \$35,000

Verdict 2 on breach of contract counterclaim: for Durham-Greene, Inc.

Caption: John and Charlotte Tripoli vs. Eastergard Builders

Case No. 04-CP-23-8007

Attorney for Plaintiff: Richard Stewart

Attorney for Defendant: Gregory Morton

Cause of Action: Debt Collection

Verdict for Eastergard Builders, \$22,131.63 actual damages

Legal Secretary/Assistant

Downtown litigation-oriented firm has immediate opening for a legal secretary. Applicant should possess typing 70-75 wpm, familiarity with Microsoft Word and transcription. Some legal experience preferred but not required. Benefits include: salary based on experience; Simple IRA plan; long-term disability insurance; and paid annual leave. Interested person should send cover letter and resume to Legal Secretary, Post Office Box 10828, Greenville, S.C. 29603

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..

Downtown Property for Sale



Downtown Greenville area. Zoned OD in City of Greenville, this never before offered property offers much potential for office use. Very convenient & visible location at 701 E McBee Ave near planned Publix Shop Ctr. Built in 1912, it's a real fixer upper with much 'value added' upside potential. Needs much work, but has good 'bones', inc. - sprinkler system, updated wiring & plumbing (all done to commercial code), fire rated commercial sheet rock. Little 'tear out' would be required & there are numerous large rooms. 5700+sf main building + free standing apartment on .66 acres w/ ample parking. Could be a showplace, signature office. Priced for 'as is' sale at \$650,000. Call Bo Matheny, RE/MAX Advantage Team, 331-3120 or 616-4081.

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