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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 16:**
Judge William W. Wilkins Reception
- **October 25:**
Oyster Roast
- **November:**
Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon
- **December 14:**
Memorial Service

President's Article

By: Jeffrey A. Merriam

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Every December a special term of Court is convened to honor and fondly remember Greenville attorneys who have died during the year. This year the Memorial Service will be held on December 14th, and I urge each of you to consider attending. The service is unique to Greenville County; no other bar association in the state remembers its members in this fashion. The Bar Association began holding the service in the 1930s, but it was discontinued sometime in the 1950s. It was reinstated in the mid-1980s by the late Tommy Thomason. It has been held ever since.

For those of you who are not familiar with our tradition, I assure you that it is not a somber, maudlin event rather, it is an inspiring and uplifting service. Each deceased member is eulogized by a close friend of the Bar. We learn about the lives and careers of those who have preceded us, and the contributions that each made to our community and our profession.

Since the Memorial Service comes during the height of the holiday season, it is often overlooked, so that is why I am alerting each of you to this in October.

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Announcements

Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce the addition of **Thomas E. Vanderbloemen** to the firm as an of counsel attorney. Prior to joining GWB, Mr. Vanderbloemen practiced intellectual property law in Atlanta, Georgia, and served as a law clerk to Judge William B. Traxler, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Mr. Vanderbloemen will continue his practice in Intellectual Property Law and handle matters related to patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets, as well as business litigation and appeals.

McNair Law Firm, P.A. is pleased to announce that **John R. Perkins, Jr.** has joined our firm as an Associate in its Greenville office and member of the Intellectual Property Group. John's areas of practice include all aspects of Intellectual Property Law, with particular emphasis on Complex Litigation. He handles disputes regarding patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and antitrust violations. John also handles transactional matters, including the acquisition of patent rights and opinion work relating to patent validity, enforceability and infringement. His technical proficiency spans a variety of disciplines in the electrical and mechanical arts including, fiber optics, power systems, semiconductors, software, hardware, and telecommunications.

Nine attorneys at **Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C.** have been named "Best Lawyers in America" and will be listed in the 2007 Directory. Those attorneys are: **William L. Dennis** (Employee Benefits Law, Trusts and Estates), **Steven E. Farrar** (Commercial Litigation and Legal Malpractice), **Michael J. Giese** (Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation), **Mark R. Holmes** (Real Estate), **F. Marion Hughes** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights), **J. Tod Hyche** (Trusts and Estates), **John E. Johnston** (Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation), **Natalma M.**

McKnew (Franchise Law), and **A. Marvin Quattlebaum** (Real Estate).

The Greenville office of Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) has moved to a new location. We now have a conference room and are in search of reasonably priced or donated conference table and chairs. P&A is a 501(c)(3) organization so any donations are tax deductible. Contact Stephanie at 864-235-0273. Please visit our website at www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org for more information about our agency.

McNair Law Firm, P.A. is pleased to announce that four of its attorneys in the Greenville office have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Those attorneys are **Ronald E. Cardwell** (Administrative Law; Environmental Law), **Phillip L. Conner** (Environmental Law), **Cort R. Flint** (Intellectual Property Law) and **Rita M. McKinney** (Labor and Employment Law)

Kenison, Dudley & Crawford, LLC is pleased to announce that **James . Blakely, Jr.** Has joined the firm Of Counsel. Mr. Blakely will continue to concentrate his practice in business transactions and real estate. The firm is also pleased to announce that **M. Stokely Holder** will join the firm as an associate. Mr. Holder was the Honorable Edward W. Miller's Law Clerk for the past year. Mr. Holder will concentrate his practice in construction and commercial litigation.

Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason, PA, is pleased to announce that **Anderson M. Horne** and **Daniel R. Hughes** have joined their firm as associates. Mr. Horne will be located in the Greenville office, while Mr. Hughes will join the Greer office.

Available Office Space

Office space available for rent. 406 Pettigru Steet. Good location. Off street parking available. Basement file storage. Utilities included. Good spot for sole practitioner. Call 232-9700 for more information.

Office Suite For Lease, Downtown Greenville. 900 East North Street. Approximately 700 square feet, three offices, plus reception area. High visibility location. Excellent access to I-385. Ample parking. Contact Jeff Merriam or Tom Traxler at 242-3566.

Newly remodeled three room office suite with private entrance and onsite parking in downtown Greenville. 101 W. Park Avenue Call Leah at 864-232-5800

Tommy Thomason Award Nominations Requested

The Tommy Thomason Award was established by the Greenville County Bar Association in 1993 to honor a Greenville lawyer whom best exemplifies the wonderful qualities of Tommy Thomason:

- compassionate and sensitive to all people regardless of their station in life;
- friendly, unassuming, humble with a warm, genuine and abiding faith in all people;
- strong personal values, optimism and faith;
- positive diplomacy that works to minimize conflict and resolve disputes in the least hostile manner;
- unshakable integrity, coupled with an instinct for fairness;
- dedicated to community interest, public service and improvement of the community;
- loves the practice of law and pursues the practice as a service to people;
- dedicated to the improvement of the legal system and justice for all people;
- widely respected and admired by peers for personal and professional achievement.

There is no requirement that a recipient be selected each year; however, if you have someone to nominate please send a written nomination by October 20 to gba-news@charter.net or GCBA, PO Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603. The Tommy Thomason Award, if awarded this year, will be presented at a luncheon in November.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

This year's Memorial Service has been set for December 14, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. So far this year, the following lawyers will be remembered in our service: Thomas Johnstone, James B. Jacobsen, Sidney Lanier Jay, Harry T. Waikart, Julius B. Aiken, and E. Randolph Stone. Please contact Jack Griffeth if you know of any other lawyer who needs to be included in this year's service. Jack can be reached at 298-2688 or jgriffeth@ltatlaw.com



Verdicts

Caption: The Wood Floor Specialists, INC vs. Wendy Blanehard vs. Don Mattice and Popo Mattice

Case No. 2005-CP-23-3748

Attorney for Plaintiff: Jeff Phillips

Attorney for Defendants: Doug Churdar

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

**Verdict for the Wood Floor Specialist;
\$4500 Actual Damages**

Caption: Amanda Boyd vs. Orié Wenger

Case No. 2005-CP-23-1369

Attorney for Plaintiff: Joel Bonderant

Attorney for Defendants: Marcus McGarr

Cause of Action: Damages

Verdict for the Defendant

**Verdicts provided by the office of
Paul Wickensimer, Clerk of Court**

The Greenville County
Bar Association
and the Young Lawyers
are cohosting an

Oyster Roast

October 25th (Wednesday)
at the Blockhouse on Augusta Road
Details to follow in an email.

**Everyone is invited to hear
Chief Judge William W. Wilkins
of the United States Court of Appeals
for the Fourth Circuit
deliver a major address for the
Riley Institute at Furman University titled
"Legal, Political and Social
Implications of the Death Penalty"
Wednesday October 11 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Younts Conference Center.
A reception will follow.**

**For more information,
contact Furman's Riley Institute at 864-294-3251 or
visit Furman's website at www.rileyinstitute.org**

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SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

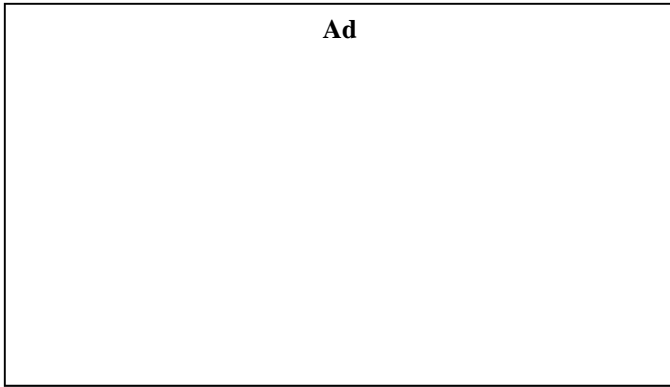
The SC Upstate Paralegal Association will hold its monthly business meeting/luncheon on **Thursday, October 12, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.**, at the Poinsett Club, 807 East Washington Street. The presentation this month will be given by the Honorable Gary Clary on the effective utilization of paralegals. Judge Clary will present eye-opening information regarding the economics of utilizing paralegals in a legal practice. All attorneys are invited to attend this informative luncheon. Please **make your reservation by noon on Tuesday, October 10, 2006**, with Karen Smith by e-mail at 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.**

SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION (SCUPA)
11TH ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS
RECENT CHANGES AND TRENDS AFFECTING SOUTH CAROLINA
LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Please join us on Friday, November 3, 2006, for The 11th Annual Seminar For Legal Professionals. Topics include: Recent Changes in the Tax Law, Copyright Basics, Employment Trends, Civil Conspiracy, Ethical Considerations in Real Estate Transactions, Worker's Compensation, and Wills, Trusts, Estates & Probate. This seminar meets the requirements for .6 CLAE credits through the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA). Application to the Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization of The South Carolina Supreme Court for CLE is pending. SCUPA's seminars have previously met requirements for accreditation. Please contact

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Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

Upcoming events:

Speakers: October 18 – Sallie Holder, Esq., Ogletree Deakins
 November 15 – Boyd B. Nicholson, Esq., Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd
Friday, September 29, 2006 - Probate Court Overview Seminar
October 26-29, 2006 - NALS Annual Meeting, Reno, Nevada

Welcome to new members Beth Long and Lois Ward from the Dick James Law Firm.

At our September meeting, we welcomed Alison Bost, attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, who spoke to us about ethics. We especially appreciate her efforts to come from out of town to speak to our group.

Each month, LSPG collects toiletries, tote bags, socks, and other supplies for our local women's shelters. Members, please don't forget your contributions for this project. Visitors are also welcome to participate.

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 239-5959 or mculbertson@wcsr.com.

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.

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Legal Auxillary Fundraiser for 2006-2007–Interactive Murder Mystery Event

Friday, the Thirteenth of October, 7pm
Greenville’s Commerce Club
\$75 per person

Everybody loves a mystery! Lawyers, regardless of their professional specialty—tax lawyers, real estate, insurance, patent, and bankruptcy lawyers, perhaps even more than those who specialize in criminal law—all seem to love solving a murder mystery. John Grisham, James Patterson, PD James, and John Mortimer (*Rumpole of the Bailey*) owe a large segment of their book sales to attorneys and their families. So..., how perfect is Greenville County Legal Auxiliary’s idea for the year’s major fundraiser? It’s an interactive Murder Mystery Gala, to be held on Friday the 13th of October.

The event will begin at 7:00 pm with cocktails. A cast from The Creative Edge, out of Atlanta, will present the evening’s murder mystery for guests to solve. Participants will enjoy hearty appetizers, a martini bar, coffee, desserts, and of course, wicked spirits! Also included will be a Premier Wine Auction, a “Wine Toss” (You toss carnival rings over the wine bottles—you don’t toss the wine bottles!), and a Silent Auction.

Invite your friends. Come dressed “fit to kill” (cocktail attire)! Plan to hold a friendly “Who done it?” competition with your legal rivals. And know that the cost of your evening’s entertainment will benefit three very worthwhile charities: Housewise Streetwise, the Friends of *Guardian ad Litem*, and the Greenville County Schools (Peer) Youth Court. Even if you cannot attend, please reply to the invitation with a generous check. This is Legal Auxiliary’s fundraiser for the year—we aren’t going to hit you for more money next spring.

For more information about the Mystery Gala, call Ways and Means Chair, Michelle Ingram—675-0252, or GCLA President Amy Cassidy—676-0755.

Greenville County Legal Auxiliary is the service and social organization through which attorneys’ wives and female attorneys of Greenville County meet and serve the Greenville community. The GCLA Social and Supper, for members, potential members, and spouses, will be held Thursday evening, September 14. If you would like more information about joining or attending the Membership Supper, please call Membership Vice President Carole Lyles—294-9196. GCLA dues of \$30 (\$25 for new members or current members who rejoin before Sept. 1) may be mailed to Betsy Farry, GCLA Treasurer, PO Box 116, Greenville SC 29602.

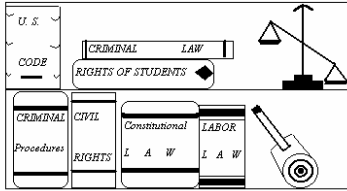
Job Opportunities

Growing Upstate litigation firm seeks attorneys with 5-7 years litigation experience. Qualified candidates must have excellent writing and communication skills, good academic record and be prepared for primary and secondary roles in complex litigation practice. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits including Profit Sharing/401k, flexible spending/cafeteria plan, life, long & short term disability, medical and dental. Send inquiries to: Recruiting Coordinator, PO Box 1448, Greenville, SC 29602, facsimile 706/413-6040, or e-mail recruiting@scupstatelaw.com

Growing Upstate litigation firm seeks attorneys with 3-5 years litigation experience. Qualified candidates must have excellent writing and communication skills, good academic record and be prepared for primary and secondary roles in complex litigation practice. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits including Profit Sharing/401k, flexible spending/cafeteria plan, life, long & short term disability, medical and dental. Send inquiries to: Recruiting Coordinator, PO Box 1448, Greenville, SC 29602, facsimile 706/413-6040, or e-mail recruiting@scupstatelaw.com

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Seeking Litigation Associates in Greenville, SC
McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC, a regional law firm with five locations across the Carolinas, seeks full-time Litigation Associates with 3-5 years of experience for our Greenville, SC office. Generous relocation assistance is available. Trial experience is required. Our firm offers competitive compensation, excellent benefits, and a positive work environment. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Submit resumes to Jay Courie, Managing Partner, at PO Box 12519, Columbia, SC 29211 or email jcourie@mgclaw.com



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JAIL PROJECT
Director Steve Henry



A book drive for the jail? Why?
 Because every day over 1,000 inmates have...

TIME TO READ

The library at the Greenville County Jail is small by any standard, but considering the jail's population of over 1,000 inmates, the library is under-stocked. The Law in Action Jail Project with the help of a generous grant from the South Carolina Bar Foundation has launched the TIME TO READ initiative in an effort to bolster the jail's collection of books.

The Jail Project is accepting donations of new or used paperback books. Donated books should be in good condition and not contain any obscenity or extreme violence. Books can be dropped off at the Law In Action office at 406 Pettigru Street in Greenville.

For questions contact Regina Hinson at 232-9700 or at sjhlaw@charter.net.

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