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# G-Bar News

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November:** Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon
- **December 8:** CLE
- **December 14:** Memorial Service
- **December 14:** Christmas Party

## President's Article

**By: Jeffrey A. Merriam**

### QUESTION TIME.

Questions and answers are by yours truly.

**Question 1.** The Greenville County Bar Association used to put out a telephone directory listing the telephone numbers of members as well as frequently called numbers such as courts, county and state offices, etc. Does the Bar Association have any plans to put out a directory?

**Answer.** The Greenville County Bar Association plans to put out a telephone directory including telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, and email addresses of Greenville lawyers as well as phone numbers for county, state, and federal offices. We expect to have the telephone directory into members' hands by the end of the year.

**Question 2.** Speaking of directories, several times in the past the Greenville County Bar Association has put out a pictorial directory, and many members found that to be very helpful to associate a name with a face. Are there any plans for a new pictorial directory?

**Answer.** The Greenville County Bar Association is looking into the possibility of putting out a new pictorial directory. We are having discussions with the company that publishes these directories for churches, professional organizations, etc., and we believe this can be done at no cost to the Bar Association. If we decide to go ahead with this project, pictures will probably be taken during the first quarter of next year and the directory will be published by mid-year.

**Question 3.** Over the past two years the Greenville County Bar Association has sponsored three very large receptions. Was dues money used to fund these receptions?

**Answer.** Greenville hosted the Statewide Circuit Judges Conference in 2005 and 2006 and the Greenville County Bar Association hosted a reception for the judges and the members of the Bar in both years. Last month the Greenville County Bar Association hosted a large reception for Chief Judge Billy Wilkins. Dues money was not used to fund any of these events. The two Circuit Judge receptions were funded by generous contributions from members of the Greenville Bar, and the reception for Judge

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Wilkins was funded by generous donations from lawyers and business leaders from throughout the state.

**Question 4. Will the Greenville County Bar Association have a year end CLE in December?**

**Answer.** Yes. The CLE co-chairs Nicole Buntin and Rosalyn Mattingly are planning a comprehensive year end CLE. It will be held on December the 8<sup>th</sup>. This year the seminar will be FREE for members of the Greenville County Bar Association, so lawyers who still need to get CLE credits, can get them at no cost and without leaving Greenville.

## Announcements

**Thomas & Fisher, P.A.**, announces that John R. Thomas and Randy E. Fisher have been listed in "The Best Lawyers in America 2007." John R. Thomas is listed in the practice areas of Tax Law, Trusts and Estates, and Employee Benefits Law. Randy E. Fisher is listed in the practice areas of Tax Law and Trusts and Estates.

**Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.** is pleased to announce the addition of Peter B. Murphy and John T. Merrell to the firm's Greenville office. Both attorneys will hold associate positions with the firm. Mr. Murphy earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Georgia School of Law. He previously practiced for four years in Atlanta, Georgia, in the areas of labor and employment law and commercial litigation. Mr. Merrell earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of South Carolina School of Law. During his time there, he received three CALI Awards for scoring the highest grade in Constitutional Law, Torts and Agency, Partnerships, and LLCs and served as a staff member for the *South Carolina Law Review* and a

member of the Order of the Coif. Mr. Merrell sat for the bar earlier this summer.

**Merline & Meacham, P.A.**, is pleased to announce that the following attorneys have been listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" 2007 edition for their practice areas: David A. Merline (tax law, and trusts and estates law), David A. Merline, Jr. (tax law, trusts and estates law, and employee benefits law), Keith G. Meacham (trusts and estates law) and Robert E. August (tax law, and trusts and estates law).

**Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart** is pleased to announce that Thomas A. Bright has joined the firm's Greenville office as a shareholder. He brings over 25 years of labor and employment law experience to the firm. Mr. Bright has extensive experience in litigating cases under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## 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

**114 Whitsett Street- Large Office, secretarial station, reception and waiting area, two conference rooms, full kitchen and plenty of parking.** Contact 467-9595.

# Law Library to be Relocated

By: Bill Clarke

Law Library Committee Chairperson

Members of the Greenville bar need to be aware that at some point in the not too distant future the Greenville County Law Library will be moved to the main Library. This is an issue that has come up before, when it was rumored that the space was needed for county magistrates. Presently, however, the space is needed by the solicitor's office. While the removal of the law library from the courthouse may well be seen by some in a negative light, at least perhaps by those within walking distance of the courthouse, it should probably be viewed as a win-win situation for the most part. The main library already has Westlaw access, and the possibility of being able to do old-fashioned research in the evenings and on weekends with more than adequate parking should make up for any perceived shortcomings from no longer having a law library in the courthouse itself. For that matter, with technology being what it is today, for many people this may be pretty much of a non-issue anyway. Solicitor Bob Ariail has said that if he uses the space, he will make arrangements for our computer needs at the courthouse, probably in the attorneys' lounge. A suggestion was made that perhaps a set or two of books, such as, for example, the South Carolina code, might be left in the attorney's lounge, although with no one there to monitor usage it might simply be a matter of time before they all disappeared.

At any rate, the proposed plan calls for the more heavily utilized treatises and reporters to be moved to the Hughes main library. Exactly what is to be done with the remaining treatises and reporters, is yet to be decided. Some of the possibilities are resale, or perhaps donation to an educational institution. The problem is

apparently simply storage space. Below are two lists indicating which books are to be moved to the main library, and which are to be "left behind". If you have any strong feelings about the book choices for moving/deletion, please let us hear from you. Any members of the Bar with questions or comments about any of this may contact Gwen Johnson with the Greenville County main library at 242-5000 ext. 2257, or at [gjohnson@greenvillelibrary.org](mailto:gjohnson@greenvillelibrary.org), or you may call me at 271-4100 or e-mail me at [william.clarke@scbar.org](mailto:william.clarke@scbar.org).

### Titles moving to the main library:

A.L.R., Am.Jur.Pleading and Practice, Am. Jur., C.J.S., S.C. Jurisprudence, Federal Jury Practice and Instructions, Federal Practice and Procedure, Federal Reporter, Insurance Law and Practice, Restatement of the Law, S.C. Law Review, S.C. Code, S.C. Digest, Southeastern Digest, Southeastern Reporter, U. S. Supreme Court Reporter, U.S.C.A. ,and Words and Phrases

### Titles to be "left behind":

ALR Fed., American Digest, Am. Jur. Proof of Facts, Atlantic Reporter, Decennial Digests, California Reporter., Northeastern reporter, Northwestern reporter, Federal Rules Decisions, Southern Reporter , Fed. Supp., New York reporter, Pacific Reporter Southwestern reporter , Shepherd's Citations, West Federal practice Digest, West's General Digest, Wharton's Criminal Law, Federal Tax Regulations, Acts and Joint Resolutions, Bender's tax manual, Modern Federal Practice, US Cong. & Admin. News, and a handful of others .



## Membership Directory

Has your phone number or email changed in the last year?  
Make sure the Greenville County Bar has your updated information  
**BEFORE** we print the directory in November.

Email updates to Melinda at [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net)



## Verdicts

**Caption: Phyllis A. Owens vs. Simpsonville Chevrolet Inc.**

**Case No. 2005-CP-23-2912**

**Attorney for Plaintiff: Russell Harter**

**Attorney for Defendants: William Grant**

**Cause of Action:**

**Verdict for Simpsonville Chevrolet Inc.**

**Caption: Jason Manasco vs. Monekka Rashea Kelly**

**Case No. 2005-CP-23-844**

**Attorney for Plaintiff: R. Trippett Boineau III and James Emerson, Jr.**

**Attorney for Defendants: Alex N. McClanahan**

**Cause of Action: Damages**

**Verdict for Plaintiff, \$15,170.24 Actual Damages**

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

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**Tommy Thomason Award**

**Luncheon**

**November 14  
Hyatt Regency  
12 noon  
\$15\***

**RSVP no later than November 8 to  
gbarnews@charter.net**

**December CLE  
December 8, 2006**

**Civil and Criminal Law Updates  
County Square**

**FREE for Greenville County Bar Members  
\$50 for non-members**

**Mark you calendar- more information to follow**

**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**

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## Job Opportunities

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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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## Want pictures from the Judge Wilkins reception?

Proofs can be viewed and ordered from the photographers website.

Go to: [www.ernestrawlins.com](http://www.ernestrawlins.com)

Click: Gallery

Click: Weddings/Events

Click: Wilkins Reception

Click on the images to enlarge

Call (864) 217-0002 with questions

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### SAVE THE DATE!!!

## Greenville County Bar CHRISTMAS PARTY

### December 14



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