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Who Have We Inspired? by Debra J. Gammons

May is an exciting month because of Law Week and its potential across South Carolina and the United States of America. May is an exciting month because Mothers are celebrated for their hard work. May is an exciting month because of graduation ceremonies at high schools, undergraduate schools, Law Schools, Medical Schools. Promises of a bright future. Satisfaction of goals accomplished. Many people choose January as the time for reflection and self-evaluation. May too is an ideal time to take a look at ourselves, our families, our jobs, our communities, and evaluate our role in this adventure we call life.

Taking a look at these aspects of our lives, we ask, "What have I done?" "What more can I do?" "What more do I need to do?" Graduations are possible not only because of the graduate's hard work and determination but also because of the teachers and professors. Who were those teachers and professors who inspired you? I have had the fantastic fortune of having excellent teachers throughout my life. I still remember my first grade teacher, Ms. Spencer. She was tall (I guess all adults are tall to a first grader), beautiful, and stylish (think a young Diana Ross and prettier). Ms. Spencer was kind and she encouraged me to help my fellow students with their class work. My fourth grade teacher, Ms. Mitchell-Greene, was amazing. She was beautiful and tough; and she expected excellence from her fourth graders. Ms. Mitchell-Greene expected her students to succeed in life. The College of Charleston – the late Dr. Harry Lightsey was President; I learned about leadership, integrity, and forthrightness from him. Dr. Lightsey was exceptional. Our lives are shaped by those who motivated us to move forward – to climb higher.

We have at our core, a strong foundation built with education to sustain us as we practice law and live our lives. Who are we inspiring with the gifts and talents that we possess? We need not be teachers or parents to inspire others. As attorneys, inspiration should come relatively easy for us. We are often in the public eye; we are fighting for our clients' rights; we are resolving disputes; we are thinking creatively to zealously represent our clients – just doing our jobs. Inspiring others is an important part of our responsibility as human beings. We can remember that through the inspiration of others, we achieved our goals. We continued along our path because of that certain person even though sometimes we were tired and wanted to give up.

Marlon Brando played a boxer in an old movie; the name of the movie escapes me. Brando says, "I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody." His voice is full of desperation and hopelessness. All children probably have those beliefs in the beginning. They are confident and full of hope. They believe they can do anything. But as the child grows up, that hope is pummeled out of her and the pummeling continues throughout her life. This child gives up and, as an adult, thinks about what she might have been. What she could have been. Almost everyone needs words of encouragement. Everyone needs to have hope. Everyone needs to be inspired.

Will you be the person who will bring hope to someone? Will you be the person to in-

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200th edition

May 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 8: Views from the Bench CLE
- July 25: Summer Associate Luncheon
- July 25: Greenville Drive Baseball Game

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aspire through your work or good deeds? As we perform our jobs, we have the opportunity to remind others of the honorable profession of which we are a part. We have the opportunity to show South Carolina that we are the caretakers of the laws and the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of South Carolina. And in our caretaking of the laws, we also care about our fellow citizens. The opportunity exists every day. Be a light for those around you. Be a light for this profession.

**We have several new features this year.
Please submit your favorite quotes and memories to
gbarnews@charter.net**

PROBATE COURT BENCH/BAR MEETING

Probate Judge Debora Faulkner and Associate Judge Edward Sauvain invite bar members to a bench/bar meeting in the Probate Courtroom on Friday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m.

The Court will be discussing a new system for the appointment counsel and visitors in protective proceedings cases, the implementation of a new computer system, and a general update on estate proceedings.

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VIEWS FROM THE BENCH

Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Friday, June 8, 2007



Seminar Faculty

The Honorable Chief Justice Jean Hoefer Toal
 The Honorable G. Ross Anderson, Jr.
 The Honorable Diane D. Cagle
 The Honorable Debora Faulkner
 The Honorable John C. Few
 The Honorable Robert N. Jenkins, Sr.
 The Honorable Charles B. Simmons, Jr.



Embassy Suites-Greenville, 607 Verdae Boulevard

8:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast
 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Program
 3.75 MCLE hours and .5 LEPR hours

Registration Fees: \$50 for Greenville County Bar members
 \$75 for non-members

Sponsored by the Greenville County Bar Association and Legal Eagle

Register by June 4th at gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599
 Send registration fee to GCBA, PO Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603

Job Opportunities

McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC, a regional law firm with five locations across the Carolinas, seeks full-time Workers' Compensation Associates with 2-5 years of workers' compensation or similar litigation experience for our Columbia, Greenville and Charleston, SC offices. Our firm offers a dynamic work environment, competitive compensation, 100% paid family health and other lucrative fringe benefits. Potential signing bonus and allowances for moving expenses. Salary considerations consistent with experience. Contact Mundi George at PO Box 12519, Columbia, SC 29211 or email her at mgeorge@mgclaw.com.

Clarkson, Walsh, Rheney & Terrell, P.A. in Greenville, SC is seeking an attorney with three to five years experience in litigation. Send resume to Managing Partner, CWR&T, P.O. Box 6728, Greenville, SC 29606.

Upstate office of Carolinas construction and litigation firm seeks mid level associate with litigation/discovery experience and superior academic credentials. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Hiring Manager P.O. Box 534, Greenville, SC 29602

Bradford Neal Martin & Associates, PA in Greenville, SC is seeking a full-time litigation associate with 3 - 5 years of experience. The firm has a diverse litigation practice including business litigation, construction litigation, employment law and commercial insurance defense. Strong courtroom skills are required and applicants must have excellent academic credentials. Salary and benefits will be based on experience. All inquires will be kept confidential Please send resume and cover letter to Bradford N. Martin at bmartin@bnmlaw.com.

LIFE IN THE LAW

“The Way We Were”

After 2 years with JAG in Korea and Japan, I returned to Greenville and in January of 1955 and “I hung out my shingle” on the 5th floor of the Masonic Temple, which was replaced by our City Hall. My office was one room that was divided for a reception area and equipped with a \$25 Royal typewriter, first sheet, carbon and onion skins.

The new courthouse hadn't been open long, so a lot of law offices were still around the old courthouse on Main Street. Tom Wofford, Henry Townes and his son, George, were among those with offices below mine. Across Main Street you went up those iron outside steps along Soby's wall to where Granville and Tommy Wyche were practicing with their son/brother-in-law, Al Burgess. If you walked in the front entrance of the Westin Poinsett, down the hall on the left you could look through the glass wall and see all of Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann - Dennis and Wesley.

Lawyers must have been in a little greater repute back then. At least we tried to dress the part. In a picture of the Bar (about 80 of us) taken about 1955 in front of the new courthouse I noticed a lot of felt hats, including one in my hand. Don't think there were many like J. Wiley Brown who went across Court Street into the side of the Westin Poinsett and got a shave and then went up to Drake's Florist for a boutonniere.

James H. Price was the epitome of a gentleman lawyer. He practiced with his sons and Pete Poag in the Lawyers Building on the ground floor (the Lawyer's Building stood right where the new courtroom wing is now. It ran parallel to the Courthouse). We were astounded to see him one day with his back to the window with a law book in his hands and a paperback western inside of it.

Submitted by Pete Partee, Attorney at Law

Available Office Space

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

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.

WALK TO COURTHOUSE. 2 OFFICES FOR RENT. Approx. 200 sq. ft each. Access to reception area, conf. room/library, kitchen, etc. Other amenities including ample parking. 408 N. Church St. Call 242-3271.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE, 512 East North Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, Across from Bi-Lo Center, \$600.00 per month, All utilities paid, Copier and Fax available, Attractive for sole practitioner and secretary, Call 233-6224 or 233-0663

Office space for rent, 638 E. Washington Street. Share common reception area, conference room, and kitchen (all fully furnished) with one attorney. Separate large office (with private bath) and separate staff office for individual use. Security system, telephone, computer networking, and internet lines installed. Good visibility. Ample parking. Rent and utilities split. Contact 271-1389.

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE

Made by Some Friends of Preston Reid

The Premise: Detected early, colon cancer is almost always curable. Detected late, it is not. Earlier this year that point was made personally to many of us when we lost our friend and colleague Preston Reid. In all likelihood Preston would still be with us if he had gotten a colonoscopy. As a tribute to Preston, and in hopes of encouraging members of the Greenville County Bar to get colonoscopies when they should, some friends of Preston are making members of the Greenville Bar an offer that cannot be refused.

The Offer: The first twenty-five Greenville County lawyers who gets his or her first colonoscopy this year will receive a \$75 dinner certificate for dinner at one of Greenville's finest restaurants.

The Details: The dinner certificates have been delivered to the Greenville County Bar office. Email the Bar at GBarNews@charter.net and confirm you have gotten your first colonoscopy and the Executive Secretary will send you your certificate.

CLE Credit: This program qualifies for 0 hours of CLE credit, however, it will improve your chances of reaching age 60 when you become exempt from the mandatory CLE requirement.

Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

The following officers were installed on April 18, 2007, at the Poinsett Club:

- President - Camilla Pitman, PLS, of Greenville Municipal Court
- President-Elect - Tara Prevatte of The Greene Law Firm
- Vice President - Myra Culbertson of Womble Carlyle
- Secretary – Martha Crampton of Gallivan White Boyd
- Treasurer – Julie Curll of 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 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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9th Annual Law Week RUN FOR FREEDOM – RACE JUDICATA 5k

Greenville, South Carolina, May 5, 2007

“The small race through Cleveland Park with 8 bridges to cross; a fun and intimate race.”

WINNERS

Females

First Place Kelly Cook (Marietta, Georgia) 18:54
 Second Carmen Zimeri (Greenville) 20:34
 Third Janice Wilkins (Greenville) 25:28

Males

First Place Pierre Page 18:30
 Second John Boyanoski (Piedmont) 19:03
 Third Ryan Montgomery (Greenville) 20:01

Age 14 & younger

First Place Tanner Corley (Greenville) 19:55 (10 years old)
 Second John B. Daniel (Greenville) 25:51 (8 years old)
 Third Tabatha Zimeri (Greenville) _____ (7 years old)

Fastest Lawyer

Female Jennifer Tessitore (Greer) 27:21
 Male Ryan Montgomery (Greenville) 20:01

Fastest 4-person Team

Defense Team: Jimmy Brehm, Wally Fayssoux,
 William Foster & Tom Mobley

Most Team Members: Skip n' Recess (Simpsonville Team)

TOP 20 FINISHERS

1. Pierre Page 18:30	11. Anthony Kent (Greenville) 21:50
2. Kelly Cook (Marietta, Georgia) 18:54	12. William Buchheit (Greer) 21:59
3. John Boyanoski (Piedmont) 19:03	13. Jimmy Brehm (Greenville) 22:01
4. Tanner Corley (Greenville) 19:55	14. Ben Corley (Greenville) 22:19
5. Ryan Montgomery (Greenville) 20:01	15. William Foster (Greenville) 22:28
6. Vince Herran (Greenville) 20:05	16. Tom Mobley (Greenville) 22:29
7. Carmen Zimeri (Greenville) 20:34	17. John Newkirk (Greer) 23:32
8. Ricky Floyd (Greenville) 21:36	18. Doug Webb (Greenville) 23:35
9. Mark Moyer (Greenville) 21:42	19. Frank Auerhamer (Mauldin) 24:20
10. Wally Fayssoux (Greenville) 21:49	20. Bryan McAvoy (Mauldin) 24:28

Debra J. Gammons, Attorney at Law; President of the Greenville Bar Association; Race Director

Announcements

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Olivia T. Rowe** has joined the firm as an associate attorney practicing in the area of Real Estate. Ms. Rowe is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Mississippi College School of Law. Prior to joining Leatherwood, she practiced law at Roe, Cassidy, Coates & Price, P.A. in Greenville.

Nexsen Pruet today announced the establishment of an **Innovation Team** that combines the capabilities of four key practice areas vital to start-up and emerging businesses. The Innovation Team brings together attorneys from the firm's Corporate, Intellectual Property, Employment & Labor and Economic Development practices. It includes attorneys who have been recognized as among the leaders in

their respective areas, and will provide representation in matters that range from business formation and negotiations with venture capitalists to employee benefits and patent protection.

Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. is pleased to announce that shareholder **Steve Farrar** has been appointed as chairman of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Committee. The South Carolina Bar established the fund to compensate clients who suffer economic loss as a result of the dishonest actions of state lawyers. As head of the committee, Steve is charged with proper review and distribution of funds

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 Friday, August 31 to GCBA, PO Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603 or gbarnews@charter.net. The Tommy Thomason Award, if awarded this year, will be presented at a luncheon in November.



Verdicts

Caption: Sandra Buie vs. Belk Simpson Co. Greenville SC

Case No. 2006-CP-23-394

Attorney for the Plaintiff: Bryan Ramey

Attorney for the Defendant: Langdon Cheves

Cause of Action: Premise of Liability

Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$81,600 actual damages

Caption: Milliken & Co. vs. Brian Morin

Case No. 2005-CP-23-7135

Attorneys for the Plaintiff: Phillip Kilgore, John Glancy, Greg Geddie

Attorneys for the Defendant: William Brown, Giles Schanen

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$25,324

Caption: 1010 East North Street vs. SCDOT

Case No. 2005-CP-23-6252

Attorney for the Plaintiff: Douglas Churdar

Attorney for the Defendant: Max Hyde & John White

Cause of Action: Condemnation

Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$524,033.15

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

MR Investigations Ad

LAW IN ACTION

Law in Action's Student Defense Project, in conjunction with South Carolina Legal Services, provides free legal help to indigent parents whose children face expulsion from school.

Recently the board of the Greenville County Schools decided to provide parents the contact number for LIA's free lawyer program in the expulsion notice letter.

This development could increase the number of requests for legal assistance in expulsion cases dramatically.

Law in Action is seeking lawyers to volunteer to handle expulsion cases one day per year for its Student Defense Project. LIA will provide an information packet, case review and other assistance to volunteer attorneys.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Steve Henry, Director of Law in Action at 232-9700. Also please visit the Law in Action website for information about all of the LIA projects: www.sclia.org

QUOTATIONS THAT INSPIRE

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is a beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is life, fight for it!

- Mother Teresa

Submitted by Christine Gantt-Sorenson, Attorney at Law

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RUMINATIONS

by Debra J. Gammons

G. ROSS ANDERSON, Jr. **United States District Court Judge**



PART I

Judge Anderson,
How long have you
been practicing
law?

**26 years
practicing
law; 27**

years serving as a Judge this month.

What did you want to be when you were 8 years old?

I wanted to be a fireman.

What made you want to be a firefighter?

My Daddy, Mom, and grandparents worked in cotton mills. My Daddy told me, "If you ever put your foot in a textile mill, I will break your neck."

Did you grow up in Anderson?

Yes.

Is the town named after someone in your family?

Yes; when I was born, the name of the town changed to Anderson. No; it was named after Robert Anderson, a Revolutionary War surveyor, who later returned to Virginia. He had no ties to my family.

You're funny.

In my business, if you don't have a sense of humor, you won't survive.

Have you always had a sense of humor?

I have been the same way all of my life.

What did you do right after high school?

I went to Washington in 1945. The FBI was looking for people to do clerical work. That was the greatest thing in the world!

What did you do?

I worked as a fingerprint technician. I identified fingerprints of felons. After two years, I got tired of it.

What did you do next?

I applied with the Internal Revenue Service because I could not become an FBI agent until I was 21 years old.

Did you ever become an FBI agent?

When I was 18 or 19 years old, I passed the FBI Agent's exam. I was told when I became 21, I would have a job.

Washington, D.C. is a little bit different than Anderson, South Carolina. Did you enjoy living there?

I had a great time. I worked in Senator Olin Johnston's office. This was in 1947.

How did you know Senator Johnston?

I knew him from working on his campaign. I asked him for help to get a job with the Internal Revenue Service.

What was your job?

I was Assistant Legislative Secretary. I emptied trash cans and escorted VIPs on tours of the Capitol. I also went to the Senate as a "Doorkeeper." Two boys stood at each door.

Who were some of the people you met?

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Alvin Barkley was Vice President. He was a most delightful person. I met a lot of people - Senator Robert Taft, Senator Lyndon Johnson. Senator Joe McCarthy - he was a delightful human being.

Senator McCarthy - the UnAmerican Activities Committee Joe McCarthy?

Yes; he was different then. There were three sisters that Joe, Congressman Bryan Dorn and I dated. I made \$15,000 a year. Life was good. Joe bought a Chevrolet and the three of us and the three sisters went out together every Friday night. The world was different then than it is today - not all this animosity between Republicans and Democrats.

What were your days like?

I went to school at 7:00 a.m. at George Washington. I took the streetcar to the Senate. I then went to school in the evenings until 9:00 p.m. I studied about two to three hours; then I would go to bed.

Where did you live?

In a boardinghouse across the street from the Senate.

What did you do after working for Senator Johnston?

I was activated in the Air National Guard in D.C.; I served in the Korean War. After the War, I was admitted to the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Did anyone influence you in deciding to go to Law School?

Olin Johnston was a lawyer and he had a great influence on my decision to go to Law School. When I was a senior in Law School, I was elected to the House.

Why did you run for office while you were in Law

School?

I thought it was a good time to run. After school, I would drive back to Anderson to campaign. My Daddy was the County Commissioner; like a County Councilmember.

I find it amazing that you would run for office while in Law School. Henry Floyd did that.

It was not unusual. Frank Eppes was in the Legislature with me. There were about three or four of us who were in Law School and in the Legislature.

How was Law School?

We spent two years in Law School. We didn't have any summer breaks. And we graduated in December.

After graduation?

I loaded the truck and moved back to Anderson. I began practicing law that January after graduation.

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2007 Judge Frank Eppes Memorial Golf Tournament
(Benefiting Safe Harbor)

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Winners

1st Place: Greg Sloan, Danny White, Eric Tonnsen, Paul Greene
2nd Place: Beattie Ashmore, Sam Outten, Doc Morgan, BJ Ryan
3rd Place: Jimmy Brehm, Dan Farnsworth, Jr., Joey Stronkowsky, Wally Fayssoux

Closest to Pin: Doc Morgan
Longest Drive: Doc Morgan
Law Team: Gallivan, White & Boyd

SAVE THE DATE

July 25, 2007:
Luncheon honoring Summer Associates
&
A Social at the Greenville Drive Game

More details to follow about both events

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