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Time by Debra J. Gammons

I read that Pablo Picasso said, "Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone." This admonition or advice, at first glance, appears to be abrasive and cruel. All of us would like to do more each day but we find that we have too many tasks and not enough hours in which to complete them. I, along with many others, often wish we had more hours in each day. Then, maybe, that feeling of being overwhelmed would leave us. We try and try to complete all of our work but we see no light at the end of the tunnel. A sense of trepidation grips us and almost strangles us as we work and work and work.

But, perhaps, a better way to read Picasso's advice is not as being critical but as a way to contemplate those responsibilities that are most important and complete those first. Then, if we die today, we will have left only the unimportant or insignificant tasks undone. My Grandmother used to sing a gospel song with the lyrics, "Don't let Him catch you with your work undone; Be ready when He comes." Picasso was not the only one urging people to not wait until tomorrow.

As we near the end of the year, we rush toward the new year hoping that good things will happen. Hoping that our families will be safe. Hoping that peace and good will come to everyone. Those of us carrying heavy burdens hope that the load will lighten. Those of us who struggle with sickness or pain hope that we will heal. Those of us struggling with adversities and addictions in our families hope that relief and sobriety will come. Those of us struggling with financial difficulties hope that wealth will come. And those of us struggling with depression or loneliness hope that happiness and companionship find us.

We are always hoping for things to get better. We always know as we hope that many others are in worse predicaments than we, yet, that knowledge may cause us to be grateful for what we do have but our pain and suffering is not alleviated. Some of us will end the year with disappointments because we did not reach all of our goals. Some of us will end the year grateful that we are still alive. Most of us will end the year with hope – hope for ourselves, our families, our friends, our country, our world. Hope gives us the strength to arise each morning, to work, to play, to smile.

And the wonderful thing about hope is that it keeps us moving even when we want to give up. It keeps us believing when pessimism hangs like a dark cloud around us. In contemplating Picasso's statement, let us act on those things that are most important. Let us help that acquaintance who is struggling; let us listen to that friend who is crying for help; let us hug our child or loved one. Let us call those who are dear to us

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 20:
Memorial
Service
- February 8:
"Year-End"
CLE

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but who live away. Let us send a card to those who are ill. Let us do those things that scream out to us; those things that we try to ignore because the insignificant seems more important. Write the letter; forgive that horrible backstabber; get outside and exercise; write that chapter of your book or even a page; write your song or even a line; paint your picture; tell those you love, "I love you," give people you like flowers while they live.

When we do the important things and close our eyes at the end of the day or at the end of our lives, we can feel content. We have only left undone those things that did not really matter.

LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD

The Committees worked diligently for a successful 2007. Congratulations to the Committee Chairpersons and everyone who served on a Committee.

Programs

Chairpersons: Carole M. Dennison, Rosalyn H. Mattingly
 Summer Associates/Law Clerks Luncheon held at the Poinsett Club with Judge Debora Faulkner delivering the address; Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon – Dewey Oxner received the Award; Anne Ellefson spoke in honor of Mr. Oxner's exemplary character and accomplishments; Tom Traxler spoke in memory of Tommy Thomason and presented the history of the Award

Law Week

Chairpersons: James F. Brehm, J. Bradley Bennett
 Theme: Liberty Under Law – Empowering Youth, Assuring Democracy; Wills Clinic; Law Week Run for Freedom – approximately 73 runners, \$2,502.50 raised and contributed to Greenville Rape Crisis and Child Abuse Center for the Child Abuse Center; Law Week Luncheon with Chief Terri Wilfong delivering the address; Judge Diane Cagle received the Liberty Bell Award; Senior Attorneys were recognized; High School Essay Contest; Judge Frank Eppes Memorial Law Week Golf Tournament - \$4,300 raised and contributed to Safe Harbor Women's and Children's Shelter; Law Week Blood Drive

Social

Chairpersons: Courtney Atkinson, Nicole Judd Buntin
 Bar Group Photograph and Reception at the Peace Center; Reception at Overlook Grill; co-sponsored Greenville Drive Game Family Outing; Christmas Party at Westin Poinsett

Continuing Legal Education

Chairpersons: Javiere Norris, Ryan L. Beasley
 Successful Continuing Legal Education Seminar held featuring Chief Justice Jean Hoefler Toal, Judge G. Ross Anderson, Jr., Judge John C. Few, Judge Robert N. Jenkins, Sr., Judge Debora Faulkner, Judge Diane Cagle

Public Relations/G-Bar News

Chairperson and Editor: Sandi R. Wilson
 Sent publicity notices to the media about Bar events; edited the *G-Bar News*

Judicial Relations

Chairpersons: Christine M. Howard, Patrick L. Mangrum, Ralph L. Gleaton, II
 Three meetings held for Family Court; Judge Alvin Johnson was the Administrative Judge

Client Relations

Chairpersons: James H. Price, III, V. Clark Price, Jason T. Elliott, Matthew K. Johnson
 Successfully handled complaints made against attorneys

Nominating

Chairperson: Jeffrey A. Merriam
 Nominations submitted: Dave Edwards – President, James I. Warren, III – Vice President, Chris Gantt-Sorenson – Secretary, Jack D. Griffeth - Treasurer

Tommy Thomason Award

Chairperson: Jeffrey A. Merriam
 Dewey Oxner selected as the recipient

Caring

Chairpersons: Frank L. Eppes, Leigh Booth Paoletti, William T. Clarke
 Notes of condolences and get-well wishes sent to over twenty-five people who suffered a loss or who were ill

Memorial Service

Chairperson: Jack D. Griffeth
 Memorial Service (December 20th) to celebrate the lives of eleven lawyers

Young Lawyers

Representative: Kimberly Boan Howard
 Co-sponsored the Greenville Drive Game Family Outing; Happy Hours held; reception for new Bar Admittees at Judge Gary Hill's house; Christmas Party (December 11th)

INVITATION TO ATTEND GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SERVICE

All Bar members are invited to attend this year's Memorial Service which will be held on December 20, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom #8 (with overflow into Courtroom #7). Presiding at this year's service will be The Honorable D. Garrison Hill, Judge of the Thirteen Judicial Circuit will preside. The Honorable Aphrodite K. Konduros, Judge of Family Court, and The Honorable Bruce H. Hendricks, U.S. District Court Magistrate, will join Judge Hill. The following will be presenting eulogies:

Julius B. Aiken's eulogy will be given by William T. Clarke, Esq.
Paul M. Carruthers' eulogy will be given by P. Matthew Carruthers, Jr., Esq.
Donald A. Harper's eulogy will be given by Cecil H. Nelson, Jr., Esq.
Judge Joe R. Hooper's eulogy will be given by Judge Thomas F. Batson
Fred N. McDonald's eulogy will be given by Stuart G. Anderson, Jr., Esq.
John B. McLeod's eulogy will be given by Judge Joseph F. Anderson
Thomas M. Patrick, Jr.'s eulogy will be given by C. Carlyle Steele, Esq.
Russell P. Reach's eulogy will be given by Daniel K. Hicks, Esq.
T. Preston Reid's eulogy will be given by Thomas W. Traxler, Esq.
David R. Wylie's eulogy will be given by D. Randle Moody, Esq. and Ellison F. McCoy, Esq.
Steven M. Wynkoop's eulogy will be given by L. Walter Tollison, III, Esq.

Over 70 family members and guests were invited; the seats closest to the front of the courtroom will be reserved for the families and friends.

This will be an upbeat service and you will want to be present to hear great lawyers make speeches about other great lawyers who have passed on from our presence.

Jack D. Griffeth, Chairperson
Memorial Service Committee

"Year-end" CLE

February 8, 2008

at Carolina First (formerly Palmetto Expo) Center

6.0 credit hours including 2 Ethics credit hours

**Cost is \$60 for members before 1/31/2008
\$85 for non-members and registration after 1/31/2008
...includes continental breakfast and lunch**

**Speakers include Chief Justice Jean H. Toal,
Jane Robelot, Clifford Gaddy, et al.**

**Topics include Baseball, Shoeless Joe
Jackson and Ethics, How to win your case with humor**

Announcements

The **McNair Law Firm**, P.A. announces the addition of **Jonathan P. Hammond** to its Greenville office. Mr. Hammond was graduated from Clemson University, B.S., Biosystems Engineering, *magna cum laude*, in 2004, and earned his J.D. degree from Duke University School of Law in 2007. Jon's early work experience was with the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) and later as a Research Assistant for Professor Christopher Schroeder at Duke University School of Law. Jon's practice area is environmental law.

John B. Hardaway, III, a Member (partner) in **Nexsen Pruet's** Greenville office, joined speakers from Europe, Asia and

China at the first ever FICPI Symposium in Beijing, China. Mr. Hardaway spoke on *Current Trademark Issues and Their Worldwide Significance*, including dilution and protection of non-traditional trademarks. Approximately 300 Chinese intellectual property practitioners attended the sessions.

Willson, Jones, Carter & Baxley, P.A., is pleased to announce that **Dick Kale**, **Jeff Jones** and **Hal Willson** have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Workers' Compensation.

DID YOU KNOW??

Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female to sit on the United States Supreme Court, was born in Texas and grew up on a cattle ranch in Arizona. Justice Day O'Connor found it difficult to find a job as an attorney, but one firm did offer her a position as a legal secretary. President Ronald Reagan, honoring his pledge during his 1980 presidential campaign to appoint the first female to the Supreme Court, nominated Justice Day O'Connor July 7, 1981.

- Wikipedia

Ed Blackburn ad

**Case Lode Ad
(Morning star)**

Ed Blackburn Ad #2

Greenville County Probate Court Launches Wills for Heroes by Probate Judge Debora Faulkner

The loss of nine firefighters in Charleston was a tragedy of immense proportion. The fire at the Sofa Super Store in Charleston on Monday, June 18, was the nation's deadliest single disaster for firefighters since the September 11 terrorist attacks. The ages of the firefighters ranged from 27 to 56.

Much too soon after the deaths, the families had to begin taking steps to settle the estates of their loved ones. Only two of those who perished had a Will. Those with no Wills left loved ones who, in addition to having to cope with this tragedy, now have to endure the anxiety inherent in intestate administration. One of those firefighters without a Will was Mark Kelsey. Mark had an ongoing loving relationship with Patty. She shared a home with Mark; she was his confidante and companion. Because Mark did not have a Will and the two were not married, Patty was left without any legal right to arrange his burial or retain any of his belongings. Friends are raising money to help her pay the bills that the two of them used to pay together.

Because this situation is all too common, I am launching a Wills for Heroes program consisting of a series of educational seminars for our Greenville County First Responders (EMS, firefighters, law enforcement), emphasizing the importance of having a properly drafted and executed Will and Power of Attorney. I am asking members of the Bar to donate one simple Will or basic Power of Attorney to a Greenville County First Responder. To sign up, please go to www.greenvillecounty.org/probate; then go to "First Responder" link. At my seminars, I will direct the First Responders to this website, where they will choose one of the volunteer attorneys for a basic Will or Power of Attorney. After you have donated your time for this effort, you can take your name off of our volunteer list by following the instructions on the website; or, if you wish to donate more than once, just leave your name on the list. This program will be in effect until October 1, 2008.

Mark Kelsey probably never anticipated the legal consequences of his decision not to have a Will. I hope you will join me in this effort to educate and prepare our First Responders for what we all hope never happens.

Job Opportunities

The Greenville office of **Turner, Padget, Graham & Laney P.A.**, South Carolina's 5th largest law firm, is seeking an Associate for our Torts and Insurance team. Ideal candidate will have 1-5 years experience in insurance defense and possess a strong litigation background, excellent academic credentials, and superior written and oral communication skills. Experience in a judicial clerkship is a plus. Please send cover letter and resume to: Turner Padget, Attn: Recruiter, PO Box 1473, Columbia, SC 29202. E-mail: Ldankmyer@turnerpadget.com, Fax: 803-400-1538.

Bradford Neal Martin & Associates, PA, in Greenville 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.

P.A., South Carolina's 5th largest law firm, is seeking an Associate for our Workers' Compensation team. Ideal candidate will have 1-5 years Workers' Compensation defense experience, strong litigation background, and possess excellent academic credentials, and superior written and oral communication skills. Please send cover letter and resume to: Turner Padget, Attn: Recruiter, PO Box 1473, Columbia, SC 29202. Fax: 803-400-1538, or email: Ldankmyer@turnerpadget.com.

The Greenville office of **Turner, Padget, Graham & Laney**

QUOTATIONS THAT INSPIRE

The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.

- Harriet Beecher Stowe

Submitted by Debra J. Gammons, Attorney at Law

Available Office Space

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.

For rent- Office space in the historic Davenport Apartments, corner of Church and Washington Streets and 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, rate, to view the office space, etc.

Office space available for lease. 1306 South Church Street. Ideal for solos or small firms. Up to 5,000 square feet available and will subdivide. Plenty of parking with two baths and large break room. Only one mile from downtown and less than ½ mile from County Square. Call 271-8171 ext 206 for information.

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.

COUNTERPOINT IN A MINOR KEY

Becoming, winning, gaining, doing, organizing ...

Our lives as lawyers in the 21st century are filled with demands for these externals. The world "out there" is clamoring for our attention. There are awards to be won, there is money to be made, there are status symbols to acquire; and, more positively, there are clients to be helped, problems to solve, and promises to keep.

But what about the other world, the world "in here"? If the inner world is to be fed and attended to—and it should be! It is the source of all our energy and dreams—we have to care about interior values and protect our vast interior spaces from the outer demands that would crush our inner life.

Give yourself some space and time.

Carve a half-hour out of your day and don't "do" anything. No exercise. No goal-setting. No planning. If you read, choose something deep and rich and timeless: your scriptures, the mystics of your tradition, the deep philosophers and moralists of an earlier time.

Still your body long enough and gently enough to feel your heart—your physical heart—doing its patient work whether you plan or not, whether you ask it to or not, whether you set goals for it or not.

You have permission to choose against a frenetic pace. There

is an "off" button or key—if you look for it!—on your computer, cellphone, PDA, television, radio, Ipod ... they all can be powered off. Likewise, with a little planning and determination, the demands of your life can also be "powered off" for periods of respite.

The best life combines these two worlds of action and stillness.

The stillness is very powerful, for out of it comes vision, joy, peace, renewal. But the stillness is also very fragile: a word can break it... these words are breaking it, words meant to call you to it.

And, so, to have space and time for silence you must intend it, create it, and protect it. This is another of those many paradoxes of a well-lived life: to have time for silence ... emptiness ... formlessness, you must decide on it, plan for it, and use your will to protect it. To touch this deeper reality, you must create a container in space and time – a physical place and a few minutes of your day – which you leave empty. And out of that empty container will pour meaning, purpose, a deep connectedness.

This time is a "counterpoint" to the noise and demands of our usual life- "in a minor key" because it takes so little to get so much.

Submitted by Theresa A. Horton

Greenville Technical College Paralegal Department

by Gary Clary

For over thirty-three years, Greenville Technical College's Paralegal Department has provided quality paralegal education to Greenville and the Upstate area. It is one of the oldest in the country and has been approved by the American Bar Association since 1987. In addition to being the only ABA-approved program in the Upstate, our Paralegal Department is an institutional member of the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) and is a sustaining member of the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association (SCUPA).

Greenville Technical College's Paralegal Department offers an Associate Degree in Public Service as well as Certificates in Litigation and Business Transactions. Students are enrolled in courses such as legal research; litigation; family law; wills, trusts and probate; business law; ethics; anatomy and physiology; public speaking; property law; worker's compensation; legal software applications; constitutional law; and title examination procedures. An elective internship course is offered to students in the final semester to acquaint students with real life experience in various areas of the law, and a prep course is offered to assist graduates wanting to sit for the Certified Paralegal examination offered by the National Association of Legal Assistants. Courses are offered during the day and evening, providing a flexible schedule for any student.

The faculty consists solely of lawyers, judges and paralegals who offer broad experience and the most up-to-date training

available. GTC's paralegal graduates are employed in Greenville area law firms, corporate legal departments, government offices, public legal agencies, insurance companies and financial institutions. Almost forty percent of the graduates of Greenville Technical College's Paralegal Department possess bachelor's degrees earned prior to enrollment and even more complete a BA after this degree.

Current data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates employment opportunities for paralegals will increase at a greater pace than average for all occupations through 2014. Our strong graduates have consistently found rewarding jobs, partly as a result of job placement assistance offered by the Paralegal Department for students and graduates. If you have a full-time paralegal position and would like it filled with a highly trained paralegal graduate or part-time student, contact Gary Clary @ 250-8053 or Gary.Clary@gvltec.edu.

With the new semester beginning in January, now is an excellent time for new students to enroll in the Paralegal Program at Greenville Technical College. Tuition is a fraction of the cost of other universities; so, the cost of a paralegal degree is very affordable, and the future benefits are priceless.

For more information, call Elizabeth Mann at 250-8491 or go to www.greenvilletech.com and search "paralegal."

RUMINATIONS

by Debra J. Gammons

JAMES C. PARHAM, Jr.
Attorney at Law



Mr. Jim, How long have you been practicing law?

Since 1957, but only for a few months while I was waiting to go on active duty with the Air Force.

Where did you begin practicing?

I worked for those few months at a Law Office in Sumter. Werber Bryan, a wonderful man, a great citizen, graciously allowed me to examine real estate titles and draft contracts and wills.

What stands out about your working with Mr. Bryant?

He was an outstanding lawyer; a model of civic responsibility and service; and a wonderful example and role model. He generously gave me the broadest experience possible in a short time. I had my first Trial; my first case to try was a bastardy case. Can you believe that? I won, I guess.

What was the verdict?

He was found to be the father and was ordered to support the child.

Where were you born?

I was born and raised in Sumter.

How did you get to Greenville?

After two years in the Air Force, I clerked for a Federal Judge, Ashton H. Williams, in Charleston. Mr. Granville Wyche and Mr. Alfred Burgess attended a Hearing before Judge Williams in Charleston while I was still clerking for him. I met them during the Hearing and again when Judge Williams held a Term of Court in Greenville. I met Tommy Wyche in Greenville. They immediately won my admiration and trust. Judge Williams gave me some helpful advice. He said, "You better take a good look at these fellows. I have never decided a case against Alfred Burgess, and I doubt I ever will." I gratefully accepted the position.

What was your new job like?

The firm was Mr. Wyche, Mr. Burgess, and Tommy. They had the whole second floor above Jones Furniture, what is now Soby's on Main Street. You took those iron stairs that are still on the side of the building to the firm. The office was busy! Lots of freedom, re-

sponsibility, and variety. I always felt left behind and worked most evenings for several years. There was never any mention of office hours or billable time. Everyone worked hard and had fun doing so. You know I didn't even know what the salary was until I got my first paycheck.

What was the office like?

Unusual, to say the least. The office had old wooden floors that sagged and the bookcases leaned forward a little bit. Mr. Wyche and Mr. Burgess had coal-burning fireplaces in their offices. My office was in the breezeway between the reception area and the library. And Tommy's desk was the library table piled high with files waiting for me. It was really quaint; I thought it was great.

Were you married when you moved to Greenville?

Yes.

Where did you guys meet?

Peggy is from San Antonio, Texas. I met her while I was stationed at Hondo Air Force Base near San Antonio. We were married while I was in the Air Force.

What was your motivation for choosing the Air Force?

I always loved airplanes. I actually joined the South Carolina Air National Guard and was assigned to the Air Force for two years of flight training. To join the Air National Guard was the best arrangement anyone could want to fly fighter planes.

How did you enjoy the training?

The experience was unforgettable. Military training was taxing but instructive. I wouldn't take anything for having done it. I believe we should have compulsory universal military training. Flying included all the good stuff I had expected. I was probably the oldest aviation cadet in the Air Force at the time. Before going to active duty I attended one of the annual summer camps of the Air Guard as an Airman Basic - the lowest form of humanity in the Air Force except for an aviation cadet. At that summer camp, I was a garbage collector, did KP - cleaned pots and pans, and I cleaned latrines. Then, I was promoted to fueling airplanes; at that time we had the F-80, the first U.S. jet fighter.

What were your summers like when you were not in training?

I assume you mean while I was in school. I worked most summers like most people. One summer my

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friends and I wanted to go to Oregon to make money as lumberjacks. We didn't have any money but we had this one friend who had a lot of money and a car.

Did you guys make money?

When we got to Oregon, the lumberjacks were on strike! We stayed at the Y for \$2 a day. We found a job working in a plywood mill from 5:00 in the evening until midnight. Then we picked string beans in the morning. Another summer, I worked as a deckhand on a military transport that sailed from New York to San Juan to Guantanamo to Panama to Trinidad and back to New York, three times over that summer.

What did you enjoy the most about serving in the Air Force?

Meeting Peggy, of course. Beyond that good fortune, the airplanes. Flying military airplanes, and, particularly, the fighters, is a rare and incredible opportunity. The most fun came later after reassignment to the South Carolina National Guard; it is considered to be one of the best fighter squadrons in the country. It was the first Air Guard Squadron in the country to get the F-104. I enjoyed meeting new friends; a special kind of friendship develops when you are in the service.

Where were you stationed?

While in the Air Force, Pre-flight at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio; Primary Flight Training was in Hondo, Texas; Basic Flight Training was in Greenville, Mississippi; and Advanced Flight Training in Sherman, Texas at Perrin Air Force Base. While I was in the Air Guard, in 1962, we were deployed to Moron Air Force Base in Spain for eight months during the Cuban Missile Crisis or the Berlin Crisis, as it was also called. By the way, our F-104s were an early model that did not have air-to-air refueling capacity. We had to take the wings off and winch them into transport airplanes to fly them over. Brantley Phillips [lawyer at Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann] was a pilot in the Reserve Transport Squadron at Donaldson Air Force Base, C-124. This Squadron was also activated and deployed and flew many of our supplies to Spain.

My husband is a commercial pilot and flight instructor. What did you fly?

In training, I flew the T-34, T-28, T-33, and F86-L. In the Air National Guard, I flew the F86-L, F-102, and the F-104. The F-104 was the world's first Mach 2 fighter. Its wingspan is eighteen feet.

What did you like the most about flying these fighter jets?

For anyone that is hooked on flying, you like just about everything about it. There is nothing like being in a single-seat jet flying high in the sky, all alone or in close formation, or performing acrobatics; or taking off in a 104 and going straight up.

Did your parents express any concern about your flying - about the risk involved or that you would love it too much

and not return to practicing law?

No, they were very tolerant. They were very understanding about it. My younger brother was a career Army pilot. I know they worried about us.

What was your primary area of practice when you started at Wyche, Burgess, Wyche?

General practice. I did litigation, business and corporate law, real estate, claims and delivery, workers' comp, wills and trusts, domestic relations, taxes, collections, tax planning, and criminal defense. Before a Public Defender came to Greenville, attorneys were appointed to defend criminal cases. I enjoyed the benefit of learning to do a little of almost everything. At that time, I believe most lawyers did a variety of things.

Were you in the courtroom often?

Yes, many of my Trials were in County Court. Judge Frank McGowan's uncle was the first County Court Judge that I came to know here. He was followed by Judge James H. Price, Jr.

Chip Price's Daddy?

Yes. Judge Price was a very good Judge; he was very able and dedicated. He kept things moving. I remember trying two jury cases on the same day before Judge Price.

What do you recall about those early years practicing law?

Good people, good lawyers, deadlines, preparing for Trials in panic when the roster suddenly disappears, waiting for verdicts, stories by attorney and, later, Judge Frank Eppes. I remember Sol Abrams and I would tangle in Court. Sol was a bomber pilot; he was captured by the Germans during World War II and survived.

What do you like the most about practicing law?

Lawyers have one of the greatest opportunities of all professions to influence the course of events. That includes the opportunity to do harm as well as good, but it is the responsibility of lawyers to do good things. We have access to the system of justice and that is a kind of trust. Practicing law also requires you to put your name on the line in a real contest and take the risks of winning or losing, knowing that you may lose even when you're right. That is a maturing process hopefully leading to some humility - not always. Generally, the practice of law is exhilarating and daunting. The interplay among lawyers, Judges, and clients to resolve issues and the opportunity to use communication to solve problems is rewarding. I enjoy being with lawyers, and I believe that going through these contests makes lawyers good companions.

What would you say is the primary responsibility of an attorney?

As for everyone, accept responsibility to be a person of integrity and good will and recognize important goals

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and work toward them. For lawyers, in particular, we are in a special position and have a responsibility to set examples of high moral standards. And to understand your job and do your best.

What message would you like to leave attorneys to help them be the best they can be?

The kind of attorney you become does not depend on where you went to Law School. The obvious qualities are necessary - to work hard, to be willing to consider all points of view and the possibility that you might be wrong. Absolute candor is very important especially when you have to admit a mistake. I have a special preference for lawyers who don't brag about themselves. Find yourself a hero, or some heroes. Learn from them what you can and, then, try to improve on what you have learned.

How many children do you have?

Five. Jim, III and his wife are Lutheran ministers; Bradley and his wife are Assistant U.S. Attorneys; Tally is an attorney and pilot with the rank of major in the South Carolina Air National Guard; Maggie is a 3L at USC Law School; and Greg is a waiter and doing some schooling.

What is your favorite movie?

I would have to say, *Mary Poppins* with several competing for second place - *Secondhand Lion*, *Dave*, and *King Ralph*.

What makes it your favorite?

It is a happy, funny movie and it involves a great cast, artistry, imagination, and sound philosophy.

What is one philosophical lesson from *Mary Poppins*?

I will suggest two. The first is a good, honest laugh can be a profound and valuable thing. The second is unselfishness and kindness.

What is your favorite book?

Wow, Can't choose just one. I will tell you what I think is the most important book - the Bible, especially, the New Testament. A current very relevant, short read is *Crisis of Islam* by Bernard Lewis.

Do you still fly?

Yes, occasionally, I fly a Citabria - a small acrobatic sport plane. I don't fly it as much as I would like to but I plan to do better.

Besides flying, what do you like to do for fun?

Being with family; we have twelve grandchildren. And exercise for health, pleasure, and relaxation. Occasionally, fly fishing. And reading; I have a desperation to read non-fiction. Since I can't read everything, I have resolved myself to read book reviews most of the time.

What would you like to do that you have not yet done?

That's a tough one. I would like to live long enough to see us come to our senses and regain our moral decency and direction at home and abroad and hope for a better world for our families and others. And I would like to make whatever contribution I can to hasten the coming of peace and justice in the world. Otherwise, I borrow Judge Alex Sanders' response to a similar question: "If I can retire without disgracing the family, I will consider myself a success."

JUSTICE DONALD BEATTY RECEIVES INAUGURAL "VISION OF HOPE" AWARD

The Inaugural "*Vision of Hope*" Gala was held on **December 8, 2007**, at the Allen Temple Community Development Center located in Greenville. The Gala will become an annual event with the purpose of celebrating community successes achieved by individuals and neighborhood associations. During the Gala, Justice Donald Beatty of the SC State Supreme Court received the Inaugural "Vision of Hope" Award. Justice Beatty is a native of Spartanburg who received his Bachelor's Degree from SC State University in Orangeburg and his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia. Justice Beatty has held numerous positions in the judicial and legislative arenas since he began practicing law in 1979.

Dear Colleagues of the Bar and Bench:

I am personally touched over the expressions of care and concern about a recent brief illness I encountered. But I assure you that there is nothing to the rumor that I am seriously ill. I was attending an Access To Justice Conference at Harvard Law School along with four other representatives from the judiciary of SC when I came down with a non-life threatening illness. I went to Mass General Hospital to have a series of tests done to determine the origin of the illness. All is well, and I am back on the job. Thank God, and thank you for the warm expressions of concern.

Sincerely yours,

Judge Robert N. Jenkins, Sr.

Burgess & Henderson AD

Notes from the Executive Secretary:

This has been a wonderful year and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with you and for this organization. As we end this year and begin to look toward 2008, I wanted to take a moment to mention a few things:

1. The event policy of the Greenville Bar Association is that anyone making a reservation to an event who has not canceled 48 hours prior to that event is responsible for paying for the reservation. This policy is necessary because the Greenville Bar must pay the venue based on the number of reservations.
2. Beginning in January, the deadline for submissions to the *G-Bar News* will be the 1st of each month. This will allow you to receive your newsletter by the middle of the month.
3. We would love for more people to get involved with the Greenville Bar Association. If you ever have a question, concern or suggestion, please let me know. I can be reached at gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599.

- Melinda Davidson

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