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## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE By David W. Edwards

Permit me to briefly recap what appears to be a very good beginning to another very good year for **YOUR** Greenville County Bar Association.

First: Nearly 300 lawyers, some from adjoining counties, attended an outstanding CLE, organized by Adam Fisher. We were educated and entertained by judges (including The Hon. Jean Toal, Chief Justice of the SC Supreme Court), a local (and national) TV personality and our own members.

Second: Dean Jack Pratt, at the invitation of Program Committee Chair, Kris Strasser, presented us with insight and current status of the USC School of Law at our first luncheon of the year.

Third: We honored Retired Court of Appeals Judge, The Hon. Sam Stillwell, at our annual Judges Reception in March, attended by more than 200 of our members. Also in attendance was The Hon. Costa Pleicones, Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court. Kudos go to Chris Roberts, Chair of the Social Committee, for an outstanding evening of food and fellowship.

Fourth: High Fives and Props to Courtney Atkinson and her Law Week committee for an outstanding job in delivering another memorable Law Week. From blood drive to wills clinic to golf tournament, the week was highlighted by the Law Day luncheon where we honored Judy Steadman of the Solicitor's Office with the Liberty Bell award. We also honored seven of our members who had entered their 45<sup>th</sup> year of practicing law. Those honored were:

Theron G. Cochran  
Harry L. Edwards  
John A. Hagins  
William M. Hagood  
Eddie R Harbin  
O. Doyle Martin  
James D. McCoy

Our speaker, The Hon. John Kittredge, Judge of the SC Court of Appeals and soon to be Associate Justice of the SC supreme Court, gave us all reason to be proud of our profession with very appropriate remarks that began and ended with a simple statement, "Today is a

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 22: Summer Associate Luncheon**
- **September 23: Fall Luncheon**
- **December 5: Christmas Party**

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good day to be a lawyer".

As we enter the remainder of our year, we look forward to education and enlightenment from our Program Committee, festivities from the Social Committee, honoring one of our own with the Tommy Thomason Award and remembering those of our members who have gone to the great courtroom in the sky as we end the year with our annual Memorial Service.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Greenville County Bar Association, stay tuned! The best is yet to come! See you in the funny papers!

## Announcements

On May 7, one hundred **Ogletree Deakins** attorneys and firm clients rolled up their sleeves and strapped on their tool belts to help Habitat For Humanity rebuild four homes in New Orleans. The building event, which kicked off Ogletree Deakins' annual Workplace Strategies program in the Big Easy, took place in the city's Upper Ninth Ward. All of the homes in this area were destroyed or sustained heavy damage in 2005 after six feet of water flooded the region from levee breaches due to Hurricane Katrina.

**Rita M. McKinney** of **McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A.** has been selected for inclusion in *South Carolina Super Lawyers 2008*.

**Clarkson Walsh Terrell & Coulter, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Patrick L. "Trey" Still** has joined the firm as an associate attorney practicing in the area of general litigation. Mr. Still is a graduate of Limestone College and Florida Coastal School of Law.

*Southern Business & Development* magazine has named **Nexsen Pruet** one of the top law firms for economic development in the South – and the only one recognized in South Carolina. "Nexsen Pruet's economic development team earns a spot on our list for its experience in helping new and expanding business with capital investments in North and South Carolina," the publication writes in its winter 2008 edition. "The firm's attorneys have helped hundreds of companies establish manufacturing, tourism, distribution, healthcare, corporate office and other commercial facilities. Nexsen Pruet attorneys also excel in providing support to project coordinators and consultants in evaluating, negotiating, and documenting economic development incentives," it continued.

The American Intellectual Property Law Association sent a delegation of IP professionals to Tokyo, Japan for presentations to various Japanese Intellectual Property Groups. Among the presenters was **John Hardaway** of **Nexsen Pruet, LLC**, whose presentation related to Patent Revival and Restoration Practices under U.S. Law. This presentation was made to the Japanese Patent Attorneys Association on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

**SEANN PATRICK LAHEY** has become a Shareholder of **McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A.** Seann was graduated from St. Louis University with a B.A. degree in 1996 and earned his J.D. degree, with Distinction, from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1999. Seann's practice concentration is in the INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY dealing with all aspects of intellectual property law, with a primary focus on United States and international patent protection and designing around competitors patents.

**Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Carl Hicks** has been re-elected, and **Zandra Johnson** has been elected for the first time to serve as 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Delegates in the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates. The House of Delegates serves as the policy-making body for the South Carolina Bar's 11,500 members. Terms of office are held for two years, beginning July 1, 2008.

**Nexsen Pruet** is proud to announce that **Thomas L. Stephenson** was named among South Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in a *Law & Politics* publication survey. Super Lawyers is a peer-nominated recognition list based on practice work completed throughout 2007.

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## Law Week Wrap-Up

Thanks to the 2008 Law Week Committee:

Courtney C. Atkinson, Chairperson  
J.J. Andrighetti  
Kimberly Howard  
Zandra Johnson  
Seth Swan  
Emily T. Whitney  
William M. Wilson, III

Thanks to the following firms for sponsoring the Golf Tournament:

The Dick James Law Firm, LLC  
Price Ashmore and Beasley, P.A.  
Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham  
Eppes & Plumblee, PA  
Brian Murphy Law Firm, PC

and last, but not least, thanks to all the Bar Members who attended the Law Week events

## Announcements Continued

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The law firm of **McAngus Goudelock & Courle, LLC** is pleased to announce that founding member **Hugh McAngus** and member **Erroll Anne Hodges** have been selected for inclusion on the 2008 South Carolina Super Lawyers list. Only five percent of attorneys in the state are chosen each year based on Law & Politics rigorous multi-step selection process.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced today that five Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2008 inaugural edition of *South Carolina Super Lawyers*. The attorneys are **W. Howard Boyd, Jr.**, **H. Mills Gallivan**, **C. Stuart Mauney**, **Phillip E. Reeves**, and **Daniel B. White**.

**Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Jason M. Nutzman** has joined the firm as an associate working with the Transportation and Insurance & Tort Litigation teams. Mr. Nutzman is a graduate of the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and the West Vir-

ginia University College of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *West Virginia Law Review*.

The Greenville office of **Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.** is pleased to announce **Sallie S. Holder** has returned to the firm as an associate limiting her practice to labor and employment law. Ms. Holder concentrates her practice in management-side employment litigation, including defending against employee claims of employment discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wrongful discharge, and breach of employment contracts.

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## Verdicts

**Caption:** Patricia Stephens vs. Amanda Harvey  
**Case No.** 2007-CP-23-335  
**Cause of Action:** Wreck  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Jimmy Segura  
**Attorneys for Defendant:** Langdon Cheves  
**Verdict for the Defendant**

**Caption:** Frances E. Johnson vs. Shady Grove Baptist Church  
**Case No.** 2006-CP-23-6910  
**Cause of Action:** Premise Liability  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** T.S. Stern  
**Attorneys for Defendant:** Gerald Thomas Chase  
**Verdict for the Defendant**

**Caption:** Delia Olmstead vs. Lee Andrew Neely III, Gordon Thomas Methvin  
**Case No.** 2006-CP-23-959  
**Cause of Action:** Wreck  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Randy Chambers  
**Attorneys for Defendant:** David Rheney, Kyle Thompson  
**Verdict for the Plaintiff:** \$7,950 actual damages

**Caption:** Janice Jenkins vs. Rita J. Yerden  
**Case No.** 2007-CP-23-1638  
**Cause of Action:** Wreck  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Jon Newlon  
**Attorneys for Defendant:** Robert Davis  
**Verdict for the Defendant**

**Caption:** Leo E. Noble & Shirley Noble vs. William W. Brown Jr.  
**Case No.** 2006-CP-23-6638  
**Cause of Action:** Dental Malpractice  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Bill Jordan  
**Attorney for Defendant:** Rusty Harter  
**Verdict for the Defendant**

**Caption:** John Ronk vs. Jose Estrada dba JNA Drywall & Betty Ronk vs. Jose Estrada dba JNA Drywall  
**Case No.** 2007-CP-23-173 & 174  
**Cause of Action:** Personal Injury  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Andrew Barr  
**Attorneys for Defendant:** Matt Carruthers  
**Verdict for the Defendant in both cases**

**Caption:** Dean Aldrich vs. James E. Carroll and Florence L. Jackson  
**Case No.** 2006-CP-23-6721  
**Cause of Action:** Wreck  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff:** Ken Porter  
**Attorney for Defendant:** David Moore, Jack Riordan  
**Verdict for the Plaintiff:** \$38,651.35 actual damages

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

Want to make sure your verdict appears here?  
 Send info to [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net) or fax to 297-1599

### 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 [GBa-rNews@charter.net](mailto:GBa-rNews@charter.net) and confirm you have gotten your first colonoscopy and the Executive Secretary will send you your certificate.

**ONLY 4 GIFT CERTIFICATES REMAINING!!!!**

## **Forensic Research Group, Inc. Opens Computer Forensics Lab**

**The company will offer computer forensic services commencing Nov 1, 2007.**

**Offered services include:**

**Evidence analysis:**

**Files (spreadsheets, text/MS Word documents)**

**Email**

**Graphics**

**Databases**

**Multimedia files**

**Windows Registry Examination**

**Locating remnants of deleted and temporary files**

**Decryption of Encrypted Files**

**Investigation of Intellectual Property Theft**

**Securing and storage of computer media**

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**Forensic Research Group (License # 2090) has appointed Frank Beal as Director of Computer Forensics. For further information please contact Forensic Research at 864-228-2222.**

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## Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville

LSPG installed new officers for 2008-2009 at the April meeting. Those installed are:

**President – Tara Prevatte, Certified PLS (The Greene Law Firm)**  
**President-Elect – Myra Culbertson (Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice)**  
**Vice President – Laura Harling (John W. Howard, III, Attorney at Law)**  
**Secretary – Margaret Hampe CPS/CAP (Gallivan White & Boyd PA)**  
**Treasurer – Mary Beth Morgan (Gallivan White & Boyd PA)**

Congratulations to the new officers.

LSPG is celebrating 50 years of legal training, education, and assistance to the legal professionals of Greenville and its surrounding areas. If your firm has been established in the Greenville area for 50 years or more or if you are any attorney who has been practicing for 50 years or more, please contact Tara Prevatte at 271-7940 or Tara@davidgreeneattorney.com. We would like to include your firm in our celebration activities.

For membership inquiries contact **Laura Harling at 232-8722 or laurabharling@yahoo.com**. Please visit our website, [www.lspg.org](http://www.lspg.org) for updates and additional information.

**Celebrating 50 years of Service . . . 1958-2008.**

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

## 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 for lease.** 1306 South Church Street, Greenville, SC. Ideal for small firm or solos. 5,000 plus sq. ft. available; will subdivide. Large furnished conference room available. Ample on-site parking; 2 restrooms,

large break room. One mile from downtown, approximately ½ mile from County Square. \$7.50 per sq. ft. plus share of utilities Call 271-8171 ext 206.

**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.

**Single office available**, Access to reception area, kitchen, etc. Other amenities including ample parking. 116 Renaissance Circle, Mauldin, South Carolina. Call 213-1097.

**OFFICE FOR RENT.** 204 Lavinia Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601. Remodeled and ready to occupy. Entire second floor containing 2 secretary area, attorneys office, conference room, and bath. \$1200 per month. Call 787-2824.

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