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2008 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A recent e-mail announced plans to produce the 2008 Greenville County Bar Association Pictorial Directory. This project has been in the planning stages for some time and we are pleased it has finally come to fruition. A number of years have passed since our last pictorial directory and your Bar Association has grown significantly.

The photographs will be taken from September 1-12th at the Greenville County Courthouse in room 116. You need to call 1-800-693-2306 ext 1 to make an appointment as soon as possible with the Photograph Company. The photographs will be taken for the directory at no cost for Greenville County Bar Association use. The portraits will be taken with high quality digital cameras, with full studio lighting in a professional executive setting. Each sitting should take about 15 minutes. You will be able to view proofs immediately on the computer to select the desired pose for the directory as well as others for personal use. You will be able to purchase selected images for your own purposes (to update a website, family use, etc.)

This will be a professional executive portrait setting. Therefore, it is suggested that men wear dark, solid colored coats with a favorite tie. Bold colors with long sleeves are recommended for women. Herringbones and plaids tend to photograph poorly as do whites and pastels unless under a jacket.

We encourage your participation in this new Pictorial Directory. Many years have passed since the last one. Our numbers have grown significantly. There is no cost to you (unless you wish to purchase pictures) or to the Bar Association. We hope to have 100% participation. Please call and schedule your appointment as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to two of our members on their ascending to higher courts- the Honorable John W. Kittredge to the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the Honorable Aphrodite Konduros to the Court of Appeals of South Carolina. I had the honor of attending the Investiture of John Kittredge as a Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and I can truly say it was an impressive ceremony. Justice Kittredge did us proud!! Your Bar Association joined with others from around the state to sponsor a reception for Justice Kittredge following the ceremony (see letter from Justice Kittredge).

Speaking of receptions (and Judge Konduros), the August 14 poolside "cookout", in addition to being a regularly scheduled social function for the GCBA, will be an opportunity to celebrate her election to the Court of Appeals for South Carolina. The evening will feature cocktails from 5:30 to 6:30 with dinner featuring a low-country boil beginning at 6:30. It will be held poolside at the Greenville Country Club. Come! Enjoy the fellowship of your fellow bar members with food and drink and celebrate with Judge Konduros.

This month's issue could not end without a hearty congratulations to Judge Letitia Verdin upon her election to the Family Court. We wish her much success.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 14:
Summer
Social
- September 5:
Family Court
Liaison
Meeting
- September
23: Fall
Luncheon
- December 5:
Christmas
Party

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Announcements

The **Law Offices of Leroy J. Dubre, PLLC** are now located at 1619 East North Street, Greenville, SC 29607.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC kicked off its Green Initiative in all five office locations last week. The firm is the first large firm in South Carolina and North Carolina to be recognized as an ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge Partner by the American Bar Association. To view MG&C's Green Policy, visit <http://mgclaw.com/our-culture/green-policy.cfm>

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced that **Daniel B. Eller** has joined the firm as an Associate. Eller received a B.A. from Erskine College in 2000 and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 2003 after receiving a J.D. from Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. Eller will practice in the firm's Litigation Practice Group where he will bring five years experience to GWB's Transportation Litigation Team.

Michael W. Barcroft PC is pleased to announce the relocation of his office to 702 Laurens Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29607 (864) 242-0081 Fax (864) 242-0890.

John B. Hardaway, III, a Member (partner) in **Nexsen Pruet's** Greenville office, served as program Chair for the U.S. Section of Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI) meeting in Charleston, S.C. Approximately 100 representatives from the U.S., U.K., Canada, Mexico and China participated in continuing education sessions that covered international intellectual property rights.

Robin B. Stilwell has returned from a sixteen month deployment to Afghanistan with the SC National Guard and is pleased to announce the re-opening of his law practice. He would greatly appreciate any referrals from fellow members of the Bar. He will handle General Representation of Small Businesses and Business Formations, Commercial Litigation including Real Property disputes and Business Torts and Commercial Real Estate. He has been a certified Circuit Court mediator for 6 years and is available for mediations of civil matters. The offices remain at 2 Whitsett Street, Greenville, S.C., and he can be reached by telephone at (894)232-5000 or (864)907-7770. He can be reached by email at robinstilwell@yahoo.com.

Kirsten Small, special counsel in **Nexsen Pruet's** Greenville office, has been appointed to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeal's Criminal Justice Appellate Panel Committee for the Fourth Circuit. Small focuses her practice in appellate law in state and federal courts. As part of the committee, Small will help develop standards of eligibility for attorneys to gain membership on the court's panel of attorneys. The lawyers that meet the requirements are qualified to represent indigent criminal defendants on appeal and in capital cases. The committee also plays a role in approving panel members and will develop training opportunities for the attorneys on the panel.

The Fisher Law Firm has moved to 531 South Main Street, Suite RL 100, Greenville, SC 29601. We can be reached by phone at (864)242-1114 and by fax at (864) 242-0162.

June 25, 2008

**Mr. David W. Edwards
President, Greenville County Bar
1425 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605**

Dear Dave,

Following my swearing in as Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, the South Carolina Bar hosted a wonderful reception at the Convention Center in Columbia. I am informed that the Greenville County Bar contributed to the reception. As president of my home bar association, I want to extend my heart felt appreciation to you and my fellow members of the Greenville County Bar. Having the support of the home crowd is especially meaningful. I thank you and my friends at the bar for making the reception, and indeed the entire day, a special occasion for me and my family. Please convey to the Greenville County Bar my sincere gratitude and best wishes.

With warm and personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John W. Kittredge

*You are invited to the
Greenville County Bar Association Summer Social
Celebrating the election of Judge Aphrodite Konduros
to the Court of Appeals*

*Thursday, August 14
Cocktails begin at 5:30, Dinner served from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.
Greenville Country Club Poolside
\$40 per person, Spouses/guests welcome
Make your reservations to gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599
by Monday, August 11*

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Please call toll free
1- 800-693-2306 ext 1
to make an appointment as soon as possible.

TOMMY THOMASON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Tommy Thomason was an amazing lawyer. During his lifetime, he inspired many people. And after his death, the Greenville Bar Association commemorates his life with the Award in his name. The qualities emulated by Tommy Thomason are the qualities sought by the Award Committee.

If you know a lawyer who is

- ★ compassionate and sensitive to all people regardless of their station in life
- ★ friendly, unassuming, humble with a warm, genuine, and abiding faith in people
- ★ dedicated to community interest, public service, and improvement of the community
- ★ dedicated to the improvement of the legal system and justice for all people
- ★ widely respected and admired by peers for personal and professional achievement

If you know a lawyer who has

- ★ strong personal values, optimism, and faith
- ★ positive diplomacy that works to minimize conflict and to resolve disputes in the least hostile manner
- ★ unshakeable integrity, coupled with an instinct for fairness

If you know a lawyer who

- ★ loves the practice of law and pursues the practice as a service to people

Please submit your nominations with a description of ways your nominee exemplifies these ideals of the late Tommy Thomason. Please submit your information to gbarnews@charter.net or Greenville County Bar Association, Post Office Box 10145, Greenville, South Carolina 29603.

Deadline for submissions: October 17, 2008.



Verdicts

Caption: Sylvester Wright vs. Ruby Tuesday Inc.
Case No. 2007-CP-23-2186
Cause of Action: Personal Injury
Attorneys for Plaintiff: Tom Creech
Attorneys for Defendant: Catharine Griffin
Verdict: \$3500 actual damages

Caption: Madcar Construction Inc vs JMZ Masonry Inc
Case No. 2007-CP-23-2680
Cause of Action: Breach of Contract
Attorneys for Plaintiff: John O'Rourke and Harold Threlkeld
Attorney for Defendant: Bill Wilson
Verdict: \$12,600 actual damages

Caption: Dennis Lockhart and Verona Lockhart vs. City of Simpsonville
Case No. 2007-CP-23-1556
Cause of Action: Condemnation
Attorney for Plaintiff: Wally Fayssoux
Attorneys for Defendant: Kate Rice, Andrew Lindemann
Verdict: \$135,000 actual damages

Caption: Phyllis Hathmaker vs. Barbara Ringler
Case No. 2006-CP-23-6495
Cause of Action: Malicious Prosecution
Attorneys for Plaintiff: Mills Ariail
Attorneys for Defendant: Joe Lyles
Verdict: \$6,000 actual damages, \$1,000 punitive damages

Caption: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company vs. Rodney L. Greer, et al
Case No. 2007-CP-23-4076
Cause of Action: Declaratory Judgment
Attorney for the Plaintiff: David Rheney
Attorney for the Defendant: David Yokel, Josh Christian
Verdict for the Plaintiff- Declaratory Judgment

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 or fax to 297-1599**

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.

1619 East North Street, Greenville, SC. One-Two-or Three offices for rent. Shared conference room and other amenities. Very close to downtown. Perfect for solo practitioner. Rent is negotiable including grace period for attorneys going out on their own. Contact Tesa at 864.242.0282.

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION UPSTATE REGION- GREENVILLE AREA CHAPTER MEETING NOTICE:

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 - 12:30 Luncheon - \$17.00

COMMERCE CLUB
55 BEATTIE PLACE, SUITE 1700
GREENVILLE, SC 29602
(Parking is available in the garage on Beattie Street)

Guest Speaker: State Representative Nikki Haley

Topic: Life in the Legislator

Nikki will be discussing the roles of women in the legislature and how to get women more involved in the process.

Please visit her website at <http://www.nikkihaley.com/>

You must RSVP to 283-6040 or by email Karen Crane at kranelaw@yahoo.com

NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. on August 25, 2008 so that we can give the caterer an exact headcount.

Please make checks available to Karen R. Crane and mail to 522 N. Church Street, Greenville, SC 29601 or bring with you to the luncheon.

***NOTE*YOU MUST CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION BY 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25 OR YOU WILL BE BILLED \$17.00.**

FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT- June 8, 2008

Present: Judges Rochelle Conits, Robert N. Jenkins, Sr., R. Kinard Johnson Jr., and Timothy L. Brown. Paul Wickensimer, Saralyn Evans, Shirley Bruce, Christine Howard, Tommy Hodges, Robert Clark, Jim Sarratt, Dianne Riley, Amy Parker, Kimberly Montanari, Chase Campbell, Elaine Chiles and Captain Terrence Brooks

Attention Attorneys: Please note that the next meeting will be **September 5, 2008** at 12:30 PM.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that when requesting a continuance you must do so by letter to the chief administrative judge and **you must state the position of the opposing counsel on the issue of the continuance.** This is to avoid having to make calls to the opposing attorney to determine his or her position.

Attention Attorneys: Please do not fax and mail (or e-mail) the same order to the chief administrative judge. The judge will only sign a hard copy of the order not a faxed or e-mailed version. Receiving the same document is burdensome.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that you must request a **30 day extension in writing with the reasons for the extension or the issues to be addressed at a status conference stated in the letter.** The chief administrative judge will then decide if an extension will be granted or status conference is warranted.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that there is a new agency in town. Carolina Family Services, Inc. This agency provides therapy to families in need. Please call 283-0638 for more information.

Attention Attorneys: Any attorney with 30 or more years of service is exempt from the **Rule 608 appointments.** Please contact the SC Bar Association to get your name off the 608 appointment list. You will continue to be appointed until your name is removed from the list.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **September 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Judge's Hallway.** Anyone who is unable to attend these meetings but has issues they would like addressed may contact: **Christine M. Howard** (282-8575).

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