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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE By David W. Edwards

On October 15, 2008, approximately 180 judges, lawyers and guests attended the annual Greenville County Bar Association Barbeque at the Blind Horse Saloon. The very enjoyable evening was put together by our Social Committee Chairman, Chris Roberts. In addition to the fine "table" of barbeque, chicken, BBQ hash and rice, beans, slaw, etc. set by Wise's Barbeque from down Newberry way, we had the pleasure of celebrating (locally) the election of one of our own, the Hon. John Kittredge, to the bench of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. He continues to do the GCBA proud.

We have had an excellent turnout for our new Pictorial Directory. As of this writing, more than 600 members of the GCBA have been photographed for the directory- about 60% of our membership. For those whose photographs/portrait has not been made, it may not be too late. The photographer will return to Greenville to take make-up photos if enough attorneys request an appointment. Please call 1-800-693-2306 x 1 to be placed on this list.

Our Pictorial Directory will have its unveiling at the "Year-End" CLE on February 13, 2009. Stay tuned to the G-Bar Newsletter for upcoming details. If you thought our CLE in February of this year was good, 2009 will be even better!!!

While we are "coasting" toward the end of 2008 (where did it go?), we still have a few events in our future.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Greenville County Bar Association will be held at the Carolina First Center at 6:00 pm immediately prior to the Christmas Party on Friday, December 5th. The nominating committee will propose a slate of officers to be elected for the year 2009. In addition to the election of officers, other necessary business of the Association (if any) will be conducted.
2. The Annual Christmas Party of the GCBA will begin immediately after the Annual Meeting (again, December 5, 2008) at the Carolina First Center. A wonderful array of festive holiday food will be provided as will your favorite beverages. Music and entertainment will be provided by the Swinging Medallions featuring our own Brent Fortson. As you may noticed, the Christmas Party was moved to Friday evening so that the challenge of a work day the next morning could be avoided. Plan to come and celebrate the beginning of the Holidays with your fellow Bar members.
3. The Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon will be held on Wednesday December 10th at 12:30 at the Westin Poinsett Hotel where we will recognize this year's recipient- Jack Griffeth. Jack will be the first recipient that actually practiced law with Tommy Thomason and truly epitomizes the attributes of the award, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) compassionate and sensitive to all people regardless of their station in life
 - (b) friendly, unassuming, humble with a warm genuine and abiding faith in all people

Well, you get the picture. Come! Celebrate with us as we recognize Jack Griffeth as the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 5:
Annual Meeting
- December 5:
Christmas Party
- December 10:
Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon
- December 18:
Memorial Service
- February 13:
CLE

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recipient of the 2008 Tommy Thomason Award.

- (4) Lastly, the Annual Memorial Service will be held in Courtroom 8 at the Greenville County Courthouse at 4 pm the afternoon of December 18th. We will memorialize those of our members who died during 2008.

We look forward to a busy, but rewarding December.

See you at the Christmas Party!!

Announcements

Richard A. "Dick" Jones, Jr., Esq. of **Dobson, Jones, Ball, Phillips & Bridges, P.A.** was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in South Carolina Super Lawyers 2008, representing the top 5% of attorneys in South Carolina. The firm would also like to announce that three attorneys with the firm were selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2009: **Dick Jones** in the specialty of Tax Law and Trusts and Estates, **Michael B. Bridges** in the Elder Law and **Virginia M. "Ginger" Phillips** in Trusts and Estates.

Rosalyn H. Mattingly, Special Counsel at **Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.**, was re-elected to the National Bar Association's Board of Governors as an Affiliate Representative at the organization's 83rd annual convention. The Greenville, SC attorney and former Alabama judge also was elected Deputy Regional Director of Region IV, which comprises all the chapters in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. Mattingly, in addition, was elected to serve on the Healthcare Law Section Executive Board as an Advisor.

Six **Nexsen Pruet** attorneys will be included in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®: **E. Grantland Burns** in Labor and Employment Law, **Leon C. Harmon** in Environmental Law, **Russell T. Infinger** in Workers' Compensation Law, **Michael S. Pitts** in Labor and Employment Law, **Thomas L. Stephenson** in Alternative Dispute Resolution and in Labor and Employment Law, **B. Joel Stoudenmire** in Trusts and Estates. The publication also ranks Nexsen Pruet #1 in eleven practice areas in South Carolina.

Sheally Venus Poe and **Andrew D. Smith** would like to announce the opening of **Smith Poe, PA** located at 634 B Fairview Road, Suite 2 Simpsonville, South Carolina 29680 and 330 East Coffee Street Greenville, South Carolina 29601 (864) 963-0310. Smith Poe practices primarily in workers' compensation, personal injury and social security disability.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. announced that **John G. Creech**, co-managing shareholder of the firm's Greenville office, has been appointed to a seventh term as General Counsel for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. During previous terms, Mr. Creech has provided advice and representation to the State Chamber and has filed amicus briefs on behalf of the Chamber on

issues that have affected South Carolina.

Thomas & Fisher, P.A. is pleased to announce that **John M. Hine** has become an associate with the firm. He holds an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida Levin School of Law and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Thomas & Fisher, P.A. is also pleased to announce that **John R. Thomas** and **Randy E. Fisher** have been named among South Carolina's "Super Lawyers" by the publication *Super Lawyers* and have been listed in "The Best Lawyers in America 2009."

Four **Turner Padgett** attorneys in the Greenville office have been chosen for inclusion in the 2009 *Best Lawyers in America* as follows: **Vernon F. Dunbar**, Workers' Compensation; **Eric K. Englehardt**, Alternative Dispute Resolution; **William E. Shaughnessy**, Workers' Compensation and **Timothy D. St. Clair**, Intellectual Property.

The law firm of **Devlin & Parkinson, PA** is pleased to announce that **Jennifer Lauren Breaux** has joined the firm as an associate. Ms. Breaux is a graduate of Clemson University and the Charleston School of Law and she served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable G. Edward Welmaker. She will be concentrating her civil litigation practice of medical negligence and other professional liability litigation.

McNair Law Firm, P.A. is pleased to announce that five of its Greenville attorneys have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®2009: **Ronald E. Cardwell** in Administrative Law and in Environmental Law, **Weyman C. Carter** in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law, **Phillip L. Conner** in Environmental Law, **Cort R. Flint** in Intellectual Property Law and **Rita M. McKinney** in Labor and Employment Law.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced that ten attorneys have been named to the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*: **W. Howard Boyd, Jr.** in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Litigation, **James D. Brice** in the area of Product Liability Litigation, **H. Mills Gallivan** in Alternative Dispute Resolution, **Arthur L. Howson, Jr.** in Real Estate Law, **C. Stuart Mauney** in Alterna-

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*You and a Guest are invited to the
Greenville County Bar Christmas Party
December 5, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina First Center*

*Dance to the music of The Swinging Medallions
\$45 per person on or before December 1
\$65 per person after December 1*

*Please make reservations no later than Monday, December 1 to
gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599 and send check to
PO Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603*

**TOMMY THOMASON AWARD LUNCHEON
Honoring
Jack Griffeth**

**December 10, 12:30 pm
Westin Poinsett Hotel, 120 South Main Street**

\$25 per person

Please select from (1) Rosemary Crusted Pork Loin with Apple Cranberry Chutney, (2) Sliced Stuffed Chicken Florentine with Che'vere Sauce or (3) Vegetarian Entree

**RSVP with entrée choice to Melinda at gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599
by Monday, December 8 at noon.**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE
December 18, 2008**

The 2008 Greenville County Bar Association Memorial Service will be held on December 18, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom #8 of the Greenville County Courthouse.

Those whose memory we will honor this year are Harry LaFoy Edwards and Harry C Walker.

Judges John Few, Bucky Catoe and Kinard Johnson will preside. All Greenville attorneys are invited to attend.

NBA Conference

Saturday, December 6

Please join us for the National Bar Association Region IV Conference here in Greenville. The registration fee is \$175 for the entire conference; \$100 for the Saturday morning session including the luncheon; \$100 for the Saturday afternoon session including the luncheon; and \$40 for the Saturday luncheon only.

For more information, please contact Deidre Richardson at (864) 458-5200 or Deidre.Richardson@us.michelin.com



Verdicts

Caption: Gerald W. Schultz vs. Britney D. Hall

Case No. 2007-CP-23-3749

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Attorney for the Plaintiff: Eugene C. Covington, Jr.

Attorney for the Defendant: Langdon Cheves, III

Verdict for the Defendant

Caption: Kenneth Jenkins vs. Benjamin Scott Few and Few Farms Inc.

Case No. 2007-CP-23-0779

Cause of Action: Unfair Trade

Attorney for the Plaintiff: Fred Suggs

Attorney for the Defendant: D. Roberts Childs III

Verdict: \$28,000 Actual Damages, \$100,000 Punitive Damages

Caption: Sharon Vaughan, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nellie Vaughan vs. SCI d/b/a Woodlawn Memorial Park

Case No. 2007-CP-23-1583

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Attorneys for the Plaintiff: Will Freeman, Karen Crane, Deborah Murdock

Attorney for the Defendant: Mott McDonald

Verdict for the Plaintiff, \$0 actual damages

Caption: Diana Tapp and Tapp & Associates, LLC vs. McAlister Company Real Estate, Inc. d/b/a McAlister Realty and Stan McAlister

Case No. 2007-CP-23-4753

Cause of Action: Employment

Attorneys for the Plaintiff: Andrew Arnold

Attorney for the Defendant: Jim Carpenter

Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$27,523

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

27 Cleveland Street. 1,600-1,700 sq. feet available. Perfect for a small law office. Contact Lora at 232-8670.

Office space for lease. 1306 South Church Street, Greenville, SC. Ideal for small firm or business. 5,000 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.

For Lease. 119 Manly Street across from Bilo Center, in Pettigru Historic District. 3198 square feet, 9 rooms, library conference room on totally renovated 1925 traditional residence ideal for a law office. Careful historic restoration. In excellent condition and up to date. Adjoining parking for nine cars. Kitchen area. Contact owner John M. Dillard 834-4415.

Office Space for Rent at 310 The Parkway, Greer, SC. Three Administrative offices approximately 8 x 10 feet furnished and 2 executive corner offices approximately 13 x 18 feet furnished. Use of conference room. Call 848-9370.

East Washington Street. Large office in beautiful historic home. Rent covers utilities, weekly cleaning and use of conference. \$750 per month. Contact Doug Churdar at 233-0203.

Job Opportunities

GWB is currently looking for attorneys with 3-7 years of litigation experience. Qualified candidates must have excellent research, writing, and communication skills and an outstanding academic record. Candidates should have sufficient experience to assume both primary and secondary roles in a complex litigation practice. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits including a Profit Sharing/401k plan, flexible spending/cafeteria plan, life insurance, long & short term disability insurance, health insurance, and optional dental insurance. Send resume with cover letter to: Recruiting Coordinator, PO Box 10589, Greenville, SC 29603, recruiting@gwblawfirm.com or fax 864/271-7502.

GWB is currently seeking a staff attorney for our Workers Compensation practice. Qualified candidate must have excellent research, writing, and communication skills and an outstanding academic record. This position requires 2 plus years of SC workers' compensation experience. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits including health insurance, cafeteria plan, life insurance, long & short term disability, and profit sharing/401k. Send resume with cover letter to: Recruiting Coordinator, PO Box 10589, Greenville, SC 29603 or by email to recruiting@gwblawfirm.com or fax 864/271-7502.

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tive Dispute Resolution, **C. William McGee** in Product Liability Litigation, **Phillip E. Reeves** in Personal Injury Litigation and Product Liability Litigation, **T. David Rhene**y in Personal Injury Litigation, **Daniel B. White** in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation and Railroad Law, and **Ronald K. Wray II** in Commercial Litigation.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, and P.A.** announced the election of **T. David Rhene**y to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Ogletree Deakins is pleased to announce **Heath Martin** and **H. Ellis Fisher** have joined the firm as associates. Ms. Martin's and Mr. Fisher's practices will focus on labor and employment law.

The **Law Offices of Richard N. Tapp** will be moving as of December 1 to the Carter, Smith, Merriam & Traxler building located at 900 East North Street, Suite 200. The phone number will remain 232-4883 and fax remain 232-5049.

The **Thirteen Circuit Solicitor's Office** is pleased to announce the following appointments of assistant solicitors in

the Greenville office: **Alex R. Stalvey**, **Lauren C. Davis**, **Samantha S. Adair**, **Lisa A. Bentley**, **Tracy S. Triplett**, and **George A. Campbell**.

Guest Article **By: Stephen J. Henry**

In June of this year, Judge Patterson ruled that when a criminal defendant has been found not guilty at trial or has his charges dismissed his arrest record can be destroyed for free. The judge's interpretation of §17-1-40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws correctly interprets the statute and makes good common sense. A defendant who has successfully defended a criminal charge should not have to pay to have his record cleared.

For attorneys interested in the full decision, they can find it in the clerk's office (Indictment #05-GS-23-5162) or I will fax/email a copy upon request.

FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

October 10, 2008

Attention Attorneys: Judge Conits will be the Administrative Judge through February of 2008 and then Judge Jenkins will be the Administrative Judge

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that Judge Conits new secretary will be Christy Johnston. Judge Conits will have a new court reporter assigned shortly. Carla Jones will be Judge Verdin's secretary. Please be patient during this transition time.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that the "PACT" order is still in effect. If custody is at issue the parties must attend a co-parenting class similar to the PACT classes prior to the final hearing. Similar classes are being held at the Phoenix Center and Compass of Carolina. Compass of Carolina is offering a four hour co-parenting class on Saturdays. Please contact them for further information.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that 608 credits are now available to **certified family court mediators** who volunteer to mediate for the "pilot" DSS mediation program. If you are interested in being a volunteer mediator for the first 6 months of 2009 (Friday mornings), please call Judge Conits.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that if you request a hearing and have an interpreter as-

signed by the Clerk of Court, it is your duty to notify Valerie Clay with the Clerk's office that you no longer need the interpreter. You may be billed for the interpreter's services if you fail to notify the Clerk in time. Further, please notify the interpreter and the Clerk with the amount of time the interpreter is needed.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that any Orders of Transport need to be delivered to the appropriate personnel at the Courthouse **3** days prior to any hearing. Further, if you no longer need the person transported please notify the same personnel as soon as possible so the person is not transported needlessly.

Attention Attorneys: Please be advised that Safe Harbor is now responsible for coordinating, filing and filling out the Orders of Protection. Please contact Rita Wearborn at 467-3636 or 467-1177 for further information

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **December 12, 2008 at 12:00 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).**

**GREENVILLE COUNTY
BAR ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL MEETING

**December 5, 2008
6:00 pm**

Carolina First Center

**Immediately prior to the
Christmas Party**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

"End of the Year" CLE

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