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## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By Jim Warren



One of my favorite types of reading is a good biography – and Benjamin Franklin is at the top of my list of great men. Most of us learned his story as children. We learned about his interest in developing good character, especially traits like hard work, thrift, initiative and innovation – traits that would serve all of us well in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We learned about all he did to help form this country – his diplomatic initiatives with France and his leadership in connection with the adoption of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. And of course, we learned about his many inventions. He invented the Franklin Stove, helped chart the Gulf Stream of the Atlantic Ocean, and developed bifocals.

One of the interesting aspects of Franklin that is not as apparent, however, is his love for associations and groups. He appears to have formed as many groups as he developed inventions. There was the American Philosophical Society. There was a discussion group for tradesmen, called the “Junto.” There was the first “subscription library” – Franklin’s own idea. Everywhere Franklin went, there seems to have sprung up some new association. For all of his personal genius and independent spirit, Franklin recognized that people of like interests and goals needed to group together.

In Greenville, the legal profession is blessed with an incredible association called the Greenville County Bar Association. People of like interests and goals have grouped together and have achieved a warm, socially active, friendly community, that works hard but enjoys one another’s company as well. Someone asked me recently what my vision for change was for the Greenville County Bar – and my response was “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”. We hope to continue with the good efforts and tremendous leadership of the past years. We will offer the programs that we’ve all come to know and depend on – the annual CLE in February, the social events and luncheons, our law week celebration of democracy, and more. Our judicial relations committee, client relationship committee and caring committee will continue their fine work. The G-Bar newsletter will highlight upcoming events, provide information of interest to our members and promote the goals of our organization. Of course, if there are areas we can tweak to improve slightly, we’ll do that too. Your Executive Committee will welcome your thoughts and ideas. My email box is “always open” – [jwarren@wyche.com](mailto:jwarren@wyche.com) – or you can give me a ring at 864-242-8320. You can also contact the appropriate member of the Executive Committee, which we’ve listed in this edition of the newsletter, concerning any area of the Greenville Bar in which you are interested or have ideas.

I hope to see you around Greenville!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 16:**  
Family Court  
Liaison Meet-  
ing
- **February 13:**  
CLE

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## Announcements

**Willson, Jones, Carter & Baxley, P.A.**, is pleased to announce the **Dick Kale, Hal Willson and Jeff Jones** of the firm's Greenville office have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Workers' Compensation.

**Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.** is pleased to announce that 4 of the firm's Greenville attorneys have been named by for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2009 guide. Listed from the firm's Greenville office: **Vernon F. Dunbar** (Workers' Compensation), **Eric K. Englehardt** (Alternative Dispute Resolution), **William E. Shaughnessy** (Workers' Compensation) and **Timothy D. St. Clair** (Intellectual Property).

**Nexsen Pruet** announced today that **Chris King** has joined the firm as an associate in the Greenville office and will work with the corporate banking and finance group.

The firm of **Devlin & Parkinson, P.A.**, is pleased to announce the election of **E. Brown Parkinson, Jr.**, into membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Four lawyers from **Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason, PA**, were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2009. The attorneys and the areas they were recognized for are: **David Moore**, Appellate Law, Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation; **Andy Goldsmith**, Commercial Litigation; **Bill Hagood**, Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation); and **Theron Cochran**, Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation).

The law firm of **Nelson Galbreath, LLC** announces that **Cecil H. Nelson, Jr.** has been named to the 2009 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" in real estate law.

The law firm of **McAngus Goudelock & Courle, LLC** is pleased to announce that member **Doc Morgan** has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Mr. Morgan graduated from The Citadel and received his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He practices in the areas of insurance law, personal injury, arson and insurance fraud, bad faith, premises liability, products liability, and health care law.

**Hammack Law Firm, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **J. Alex Timmons** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Mr. Timmons is a graduate of Bob Jones University and the Charleston School of Law. His main practice areas will be insurance defense, insurance coverage issues, and general business litigation.

**Hammack Law Firm, P.A.** announces the relocation of its

offices to 9 Caledon Court, Suite A, Greenville, SC 29615, Post Office Box 1446, Greenville, SC 29602. (864) 331-8940; (864)232-2921 (fax).

### THE GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE YOUR 2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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## LEGAL DIRECTORIES AD

### **2009 “Year-End” CLE**

**Friday, February 13, 2009**

**Carolina First Center**

**8:45 am**

**Presenters include:**

**Honorable Jean H. Toal**

**Honorable John W. Kittredge**

**Honorable Aphrodite Konduros**

**Honorable Debora Faulkner**

**And others.**

**Projecting 7 hours of credit including 2 hours of ethics**

**\$60 early registration (on or before February 5)**

**\$85 after February 5 or at the door**

**Includes breakfast, lunch and a snack**

**Register to Melinda at [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net) or 297-1599  
and send check payable to Greenville County Bar to PO Box 10145, Greenville, SC 29603**

**Case Lode Ad  
(Morning star)**

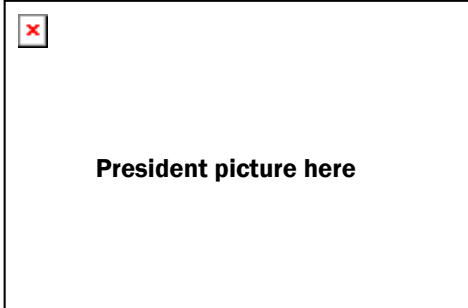
**Job Opportunities**

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, by fax to 864/271-7502 or by email to [recruiting@gwblawfirm.com](mailto:recruiting@gwblawfirm.com).

**AgSouth Farm ad**

## THANKS TO DAVE EDWARDS!!

Thanks to Dave Edwards for the amazing job he did as the President of the Greenville County Bar Association in 2008. Under his leadership, the GCBA held many luncheons, a judicial reception, a summer social which honored Judge Konduros's election to the SC Court of Appeals and a Fall BBQ honoring Justice Kittredge's appointment to the SC Supreme Court. We had a wonderful CLE, a fantastic Christmas Party and a tremendous Law Week. Thank you Dave for your dedication to the Greenville County Bar Association!!!!



Jim Warren, 2009 President, and Dave Edwards, 2008 President, at the Christmas Party

## MEMBERS: Make sure your contact information is correct BEFORE the Photo Directory is printed

Please go to:

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your contact information. Use:

**ID: gbar**

**Password: gbarmember**

**Information incorrect or missing?**

**Email corrections to [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net)**

## 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.

**Office Space for Rent** at 1527 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greenville, SC. Corner office approximately 12 x 14, furnished with secretarial space. \$750 monthly rent includes utilities, use of conference room, kitchen. Contact Becky at 241-2883.

**For Rent: 522 N. Church St., DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE.** One story building with ample office space and parking conveniently located behind Bi-Lo Center. \$1300 /month. Includes cleaning, utilities, telephone system with receptionist and conference rooms. Frontage on Church Street. Contact John Abdalla at 864-232-5444 or [abdalla-law@yahoo.com](mailto:abdalla-law@yahoo.com) for additional information.

## Burgess & Henderson AD

### Family Court Liaison Minutes

December 12, 2008

**Attention Attorneys:** Judge Jenkins will be the Chief Administrative Judge beginning January 1, 2009. His secretary is Linda Sullivan. Judge Jenkins' phone number is 467-5854 and his fax number is 467-5966. Please send all appropriate administrative matters to him and not to Judge Conits.

**Attention Attorneys:** Please be advised that the new DHEC form should be used beginning January 1, 2009 when submitting all divorce orders to the clerk of court.

**Attention Attorneys:** Please be advised that if you deal with middle school children who are at risk for social or academic failure there is a new resource available, *Redemption Outreach, Operation Go*. Please contact Rodney Johnson at 281-1520 Ext 1285 at 635 Haywood Road, Greenville, SC 29607. *Lead Academy* is petitioning to open as a public charter school in the fall of 2010.

**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.

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **January 16, 2009 at 1:00 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)**.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK GRIFFETH

On December 10, 2008, Jack Griffeth was awarded the Tommy Thomason Award at a well attended luncheon at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. Each year this award is presented to an attorney who exhibits characteristics of the late Tommy Thomason including integrity, compassion, dedication to the community, and love of the practice of law. Congratulations Jack!!!



## Verdicts

**Caption:** James D. Henson and Leigh Ann Henson vs. Horace Mann Insurance Company  
**Case No.** 2007-CP-23-2955  
**Cause of Action:** Bad Faith  
**Attorneys for the Plaintiff:** Frankie Marion and Josh Howard  
**Attorneys for the Defendant:** Karl Brehmer and David Moore  
**Verdict for the Plaintiff:** \$60,000

**Caption:** Joann Ridgeway vs. Hannah N. Crawford and Diane B. Pittman  
**Case No.** 2007-CP-23-5631  
**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident  
**Attorneys for the Plaintiff:** Ryan Beasley  
**Attorneys for the Defendant:** Sam Weldon  
**Verdict for the Plaintiff:** \$3,000

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

## A LETTER FROM DAVID W. EDWARDS

Dear Friends,  
 Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your President for 2008. It is a year that I will long remember. We accomplished much and we had some fun, a lot of fun.

As many of the 2008 Executive Committee members will continue into 2009, I will not thank them individually but as a group, thank them for countless hours of work in making the GCBA the best local bar association in our great state.

To my fellow officers– thank you for your camaraderie and support. The year was a true team effort and you are to be commended for your hard work and unswerving leadership.

Lastly, a special thank you to Melinda Davidson, my right arm for the year. She continues to do yeoman work for our bar association.

Thank you again. See you in the funny papers.

Dave

## JUDGES NEEDED!!!!

On March 27 & 28, 2009, Furman University will host the 2009 National Mock Trial Championship Series-Southeast Tournament. Attorneys are needed to serve as judges and non-attorneys are needed to serve as jurors. To register for this event please visit [www.furmanmocktrial.org](http://www.furmanmocktrial.org)

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