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## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE By Jim Warren

It's hard to believe, but by the time you read this, summer will be almost over and the first Saturday of September – the start of dove season – will be creeping closer. I don't get to hunt that much, but I do enjoy it, particularly dove shoots. There's something about being out in the early morning coolness, in the fields and the tree lines surrounding them, gazing up at the skies, with a good dog beside you. The dogs enjoy themselves more than we do, it seems. And as anyone who has watched a retriever grow up from puppy to mature dog, it is clear that they are simply made to scent and retrieve. It is in their nature, and they are fulfilling their vocation. [In case anyone is sad for the birds, let me hasten to assure you that at a dove shoot, there is often much "sound and fury" of shooting guns and few falling birds. It's the spirit of the gathering, not the actual results!]

In his essay of remembrance in *Dove Hunter Magazine* to a much beloved dog named Suzie, Dale Rollins drafted a dozen lessons that Suzie had taught him. Two of them struck me, and I thought I'd pass them on to you as you go about your work and play this summer.

"Be afield whenever possible. Don't sweat the little things, nor lose sight of the joys of life. Americana holds that "the dog in the kennel barks at his fleas, but the dog that is hunting does not notice them." Pursue your destiny with gusto."

"Always be thankful that your vocation and avocation are one and the same. Count your blessings if you enjoy your work."

Just reading the words "be afield" makes my heart stir. Being afield means doing what you're good at, leaving your comfort zone, and venturing outside into a wild and free world where there are risks yes, but much reward and opportunity. When you're pursuing the adventures of "being afield" –

at law, in relationships, in the community, and yes, outdoors – you don't have time to fret over the small stuff. You have bigger things to worry about, and enjoy too! And if you can "be afield" while you're working, building your practice, developing new practices, seeking new challenging matters, so much the better – so much the greater privilege. If your vocation and avocation are one and the same, count your blessings.

My friends and family know that one of my favorite movies is *Field of Dreams*, the great movie about childhood freedom, dreams and their recovery, fathers and sons, wistful longing for a past, and responsibility and duty, all within the context of that great American pastime, baseball. In the movie, Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella hears a voice in his corn field tell him, "If you build it, he will come." He interprets this message as an instruction to build a baseball field on his farm, upon which appear the ghosts of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the other seven Chicago White Sox players banned from the game in connection with the 1919 World Series scandal. When the voices continue, Ray seeks out a reclusive author, Terence Mann, to help him understand the meaning of the messages and the purpose for his field. At one point, Mann predicts that people from all over the country will travel to Ray's baseball field, and Mann reminds Ray of what baseball represents: "They'll pass over the money without even thinking about it: for it is money they have and peace they lack. And they'll walk out to the bleachers; sit in shirtsleeves on a perfect afternoon. They'll find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sat when they were children and cheered their heroes. And they'll watch the game and it'll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces."

Oh, don't we know that! But perhaps the most  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 13:**  
**BBQ**
- **September 24:**  
**Judges Reception**
- **December 11:**  
**Christmas Party**
- **February 12, 2010:** "Year-End" CLE

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intriguing character is that of Dr. Archibald “Moonlight” Graham, the baseball prodigy who only got to play one baseball game in the majors without getting a chance to bat, and who eventually became a doctor. In commenting about the stunning loss of his baseball career, Moonlight remarks “You know we just don’t recognize the most significant moments of our lives while they’re happening. Back then I thought, well, there’ll be other days. I didn’t realize that that was the only day.”

In sympathy, the main character, Ray, says “Fifty years ago, for five minutes you came within... you came this close.” He goes on to say that such a loss of a dream would kill many men -- “they’d consider it a tragedy.” But Moonlight says something so wise and so thoughtful in that moment of looking back on a long and fruitful life.

“Son, if I’d only gotten to be a doctor for five minutes... now that would have been a tragedy.”

A character in a movie about baseball and childhood dreams points out it’s not all about baseball, and not all about trying to hold onto lost dreams. It’s about destiny and vocation and forging something good and honorable out of hard times and derailed hopes. It’s about catching hold of the joys of life, counting our blessings, not barking at the fleas – and being afield whenever possible.

As summer draws to an end, I hope we can all enjoy another great local G-Bar summer tradition – barbecue at the Blind Horse Saloon on August 13. It is not a formal function - no speakers, no announcements and no programs. Rather, it’s just a time for us to get together, eat some delicious food and catch-up with each other. “Barbecue at the Blind Horse Saloon” . . . now that’s a movie title in itself.

See you at the Blind Horse!

**Greenville County Bar  
NEW Phone Number:**

**757-1550**



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**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 thirty 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:** Email the Bar at [GBarNews@charter.net](mailto:GBarNews@charter.net) and confirm you have gotten your first colonoscopy and the Executive Secretary will send you your certificate.

**ONLY 2 GIFT CERTIFICATES REMAINING!!!!**

**Greenville Bar Association  
BBQ**

**Thursday, August 13**

**5:30-8:30pm**

**Blind Horse Saloon**

**\$18 per person**

**Spouses/guests welcome**

**RSVP to [gbarnews@charter.net](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net) or 757-1550 by Monday, August 10**

**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](mailto:gbarnews@charter.net) or Greenville County Bar Association, Post Office Box 10145, Greenville, South Carolina 29603.

**Deadline for submissions: September 1, 2009.**

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## Announcements

**Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.** announces that **Baker Wyche** has been named one of "The Nation's 100 Most Powerful Employment Attorneys" by the prestigious *Human Resource Executive* magazine. Mr. Wyche has practiced labor and employment law for more than 25 years and is co-editor of *Labor and Employment Law for South Carolina Lawyers*, published in 1999 and 2007 by the South Carolina Bar Association.

**Shane P. Raley**, Attorney at Law, is pleased to announce the opening of his practice in appellate litigation, located at 201 West Stone Avenue in Greenville. More information about Raley's practice can be found at [www.raleylaw.com](http://www.raleylaw.com).

**Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.** is pleased to announce that the firm has once again been selected as a "recommended insurance defense firm" by *Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters*.

**Nexsen Pruet** announces that **Rusty Infinger** has been appointed to serve a term on the board of South Carolina Legal Services. The statewide non-profit organization provides free legal assistance to eligible low income people across South Carolina.

**Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.** is proud to announce that the firm has been ranked as one of South Carolina's best law firms in the 2009 edition of *Chambers USA*. Rated "number one" in labor and employment law, Ogletree Deakins was recognized in the publication by peers and clients for its outstanding performance in the legal field. In addition, four attorneys from the firm's Greenville office were named "Leaders in their Field" in the area of labor and employment law. The four attorneys were **L. Gray Geddie, Jr.** (Labor and Employment), **Lewis T. Smoak** (Labor and Employment), **J. Hamilton Stewart, III** (Labor and Employment) and **Fred W. Suggs, Jr.** (Labor and Employment).

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced the acceptance of **Jennifer E. Johnsen** as a member of the Riley Institute's Diversity Leadership Initiative Class of 2009. The Riley Institute's Diversity Leadership Initiative (DLI) participants hold leadership positions in business, government, and community organizations. Classes are shaped to reflect the diverse demographic characteristics of South Carolina.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced that the firm has been selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *Chambers USA, Leading Lawyers for Business*. In addition, two of the firm's attorneys, **Daniel B. White** and **Arthur L. Howson, Jr.** were chosen as leading business attorneys based upon independent research from clients, peers and members of the business community.

The Law Firm of **Mooneyham, Berry and Karow, LLC**, is

pleased to announce that **John M. Mussetto**, former law clerk to the Honorable D. Garrison Hill, has become an associate of the firm located at 1225 South Church Street, Greenville, SC 29605. (864) 421-0036.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announces the appointment of **Scott J. Bradley** as General Counsel of the Greenville Home Builders Association. The Home Builders Association of Greenville is a professional, non-profit association committed to promoting housing for people of all income levels and the production of quality homes.

**Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.** is pleased to announce that it has been selected by The National Law Journal as one of 20 law firms included in "The Midsize Hot List."

**By order of June 29, 2009, Hon. D. Garrison Hill** will now have jurisdiction in all circuits to dispose of all pretrial matters and motions, as well as trials, arising out of asbestosis and asbestos litigation filed within the state court system due to the retirement of Hon. Larry R. Patterson on June 30, 2009. Copies of all motions must be mailed by the clerk of court receiving them to Judge Hill within five days of filing.

**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 2009, representing the top 5% of attorneys in South Carolina. Mr. Jones is a co-founder of the firm, Dobson, Jones, Ball, Phillips & Bridges, P.A. and practices from its Greenville office. His practice areas are taxation, business formations and maintenance, and estate planning matters.

**Ryan S. Montgomery**, a Partner in the law firm **Black, Black & Montgomery, LLC**, has been selected by Greenville Magazine as one of Greenville's Best & Brightest 35 & Under for 2009. Best & Brightest is a program that recognizes local men and women who are making strides in business and in our community. Class members are nominated by peers and then selected by a third-party company based on their professional achievements and participation in community and volunteer organizations.

**Roe Cassidy Coates & Price, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Fred W. "Trey" Suggs III** began his term as president of the Young Lawyer's Division of the South Carolina Bar (YLD) on Wednesday, July 1, 2009.



## Verdicts

**Caption: Matthew Campbell vs. Ashley Robinson**  
**Case No. 2009-CP-23-3128**  
**Cause of Action: Contract**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: David Alexander**  
**Attorney for Defendant: Ken Porter**  
**Verdict for the Defendant**

**Caption: Charlecia Downs vs. Kelly Owens and Patti Owens**  
**Case No. 2008-CP-23-2667**  
**Cause of Action: Wreck**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: David Harman and Hunter Morris**  
**Attorney for Defendant: Geoff Gibbon**  
**Verdict for the Defendant**

**Caption: Marcia Howard Corn vs. Timothy Walter Handford**  
**Case No. 2008-CP-23-3544**  
**Cause of Action: Wreck**  
**Attorney for Plaintiff: Alan Clardy and Hunter Morris**  
**Attorney for Defendant: Fredric Marcinak and Kurt Rozelsky**  
**Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$5,228.27 actual damages**

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## Available Office Space

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**Office Space Available in Fully Renovated House at 114 Whitsett Street.** Large Office and Secretarial Office with use of two conference rooms. Also included: Waiting and reception services, Avaya Phone System, Networked High Speed Copier/Fax/Scanner, Networked Encrypted Server, High Speed Internet, Stocked Refrigerator and parking. Please call 467-9595 for more details.

**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 S. Church Street 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. \$7.00 per sq. ft. plus share of utilities for upstairs space; \$6.00 per sq. ft. plus share of utilities for downstairs space. Call 864-271-8171 ext. 206.

**For Lease.** 119 Manly Street across from Bilo Center, in Pettigru Historic District. 3198 square feet, 9 rooms, library conference room in carefully historic restored 1925 residence ideal for a law office. 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 1527 Wade Hampton Blvd. 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. Contact John Abdalla at 864-232-5444 or [abdallalaw@yahoo.com](mailto:abdallalaw@yahoo.com) for additional information.

**For Rent:** New suites \$1,000-1,200 monthly or singles \$450/225 ft up. Reception, kitchenette, bath, covered and front porch, parking, ground level or main. Location: W. Stone Avenue at Wilton Street near to Downtown Greenville. 864-303-4378 or 864-906-8366.

**Second Floor Suite located at 204 Lavina Ave.** Space includes 4 rooms and a bathroom. Call 787-2824 for more information.

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publication.***