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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By Jim Warren

Baseball season has passed – “the thinking man’s sport” – and football has at last arrived, and with it the turning of the leaves. There is something about baseball that is methodical, and calculating, and slow, and artistic, almost leisurely, like the summer. But football is crackling with energy and movement and speed and effort; I think of it as a hard man’s sport.

Last month I mentioned that I wanted to offer a few reflections on the character of a great lawyer, and I began with what Judge Verdin noted as a central characteristic of greatness – kindness. This month I want to note a second attribute of great lawyers, and that is one that is suitable for this season of football and fall . . . that of simply *hard work*.

Our society is understandably quite intrigued with talent and skill, perhaps because genius is rarely seen and so breathtaking to behold. But in my experience, greatness in one’s vocation does not spring from being a prodigy, but from working hard to bring to fruition one’s existing talent, no matter how great or small. Indeed, nearly all great sports talents [with rare exceptions] are known for the work that went on behind the scenes to hone a talent that appeared, publicly, to be simple, natural, and effortless. I think in particular of the brutal off-season regimen of Jerry Rice. Who could know, watching his smooth acceleration into the open field during the season, the suffering and work that he had put his body through during the summer months. He worked very, very hard for his work to look that easy.

In order to put in that kind of work behind the

scenes – without glory or public affirmation – one has to have a host of other characteristics: patience, discipline, focus, determination, a sense of duty and responsibility to the process of *the work*. And in that way, a lawyer can have some empathy and even identification with Jerry Rice, as he toiled up the hills out in the woods, and as we grind away, for days and weeks in our offices, preparing for “the season”: the closing, the trial, the deposition. Real estate attorneys like me know of the hours of pre-closing work that are spent examining title, working with lenders, buyers, sellers, brokers and title insurance companies, drafting closing documents, preparing closing statements, ordering and reviewing surveys, preparing legal descriptions, coordinating with the hazard insurance carrier, conducting legal due diligence, obtaining payoff letters and the list goes on -- all with the goal of being able to conduct an organized and smooth closing. Our clients, and even our peers, may not recognize the hours of discipline that we put into our work. But it’s what we are called to do, in order to be great at serving them.

The Romans valued hard work, so much so that many of their myths and heroes embodied that quality. We all know of the “Labors of Hercules.” And then there was Cincinnatus, the dictator who saved Rome from her enemies, and then calmly returned to his plow and farm. The great Roman poet Ovid, too, who started out appropriately enough as a lawyer, wrote something profound – ancient, and yet something that we all know intuitively in the 21st century -- *Gutta cavat lapidem*: “Dripping hollows out rock.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 22:** Tommy Thomason Award Luncheon
- **December 11:** Christmas Party
- **December 17:** Memorial Service
- **February 12, 2010:** “Year-End” CLE

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Dripping hollows out rock.

Day after day and week after week, that is what we do. We work, and we persist, and we focus, and we maybe even sweat a little. And sometimes, the rocks disappear, or at least move, for clients and peers. And we have achieved greatness.

On October 22, we will honor Tom Traxler with the Tommy Thomason award. The luncheon will be held at the Poinsett Club, and I hope you will be able to attend the function as we recognize an outstanding Greenville lawyer who embodies the characteristics (including kindness and hard work) that made Tommy a great lawyer and person.

See you around Greenville!

PS: For the record, I wasn't that good at Latin in high school – I didn't work hard enough. I simply know enough to appreciate it. But if you're a Latin fan, I'd love to hear your favorite myth, hero, or quotation, so drop me a line by email at jwarren@wyche.com.

The Greenville Bar is strongly considering emailing rather than mailing its Newsletters beginning January 2010.

So many of you have already asked us about this and, for those of you who like to read the newsletter on paper, we will format it so that you can easily print it out and read it in that manner. We welcome any comments or thoughts you may have on this issue: please call Chris Gantt-Sorenson at 864.240.3282 or you can email at csorenson@hsblawfirm.com.



Verdicts

Caption: Deborah McDonald, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kathryn Lloyd vs. Jeffrey C. Craddock, M.D. and Hillcrest Behavioral Medicine, P.A.

Case No. 2007-CP-23-57

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Attorneys for Plaintiff: Kent Brown, August G. Swarat II

Attorney for Defendant: Pat Paschal

Verdict for the Defendant

Caption: Denise Moss vs. Jason P. Henderson

Case No. 2008-CP-23-4821

Cause of Action: Wreck

Attorney for Plaintiff: Chad Bacon

Attorney for Defendant: Robert Davis

Verdict for the Defendant

Caption: David C. Rader vs. Anthony Johnson d/b/a Johnson's Towing

Case No. 2008-CP-23-4886

Cause of Action: Personla Injury

Attorney for Plaintiff: Joe Armstrong

Attorney for Defendant: Andrea Williams

Verdict for the Defendant: \$100 Actual Damages

Caption: Brenda Dianne Richardson vs. Brock C. Putman

Case No. 2008-CP-23-793

Cause of Action: Wreck

Attorney for Plaintiff: Randy Chambers

Attorney for Defendant: Marc McGarr

Verdict for the Defendant

Caption: Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative Inc. vs. Kathleen J. Gresham and Steve Gresham

Case No. 2008-CP-23-5245

Cause of Action: Debt Collection

Attorneys for Plaintiff: Larry Brandt

Attorney for Defendant: pro se

Verdict for the Defendant on the complaint and on the Counterclaim the jury found for the defendant 1 cent actual damages.

The Greenville County Bar Association
will present the
2009 Tommy Thomason Award
to
Thomas Traxler
at a luncheon on **October 22, 2009**
Poinsett Club, 12 noon
\$25 per person

Please make reservations no later than **October 19** to
gbarnews@charter.net or **757-1550** and mail payment to **P0 Box**
10145, Greenville, SC 29603.

GREENVILLE COUNTY BAR
PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!!!

If you did not pick up your pictorial directory at the Judicial Reception, you may pick up
a copy at one of three convenient locations:

1. The Clerk of Courts Office located in the Greenville County Courthouse
2. Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A. located at 44 E. Camperdown Way
3. Roe Cassidy Coates & Price, P.A. located at 1052 N. Church Street

SWINE FLU: 26 BULLET IDEAS FOR
MEMBERS OF THE GREENVILLE BAR
TO DEFLECT SWINE FLU

It's coming to town. Every year we have flu, but this year is a double whammy year, with the onset of Swine Flu. There is a lot of material out on this flu, but two Greenville attorneys took a few moments of their time to sort through the information available and write an article as it relates to the ongoing practice of law during this season. Go to our website (www.greenvillecountnybar.org) to read this article.

Announcements

Tom Creech has been appointed to the Judicial Qualifications Committee of the SC Bar.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced the acceptance of **Nicole J. Buntin** as a member of *Greenville Magazine's Class of 2009 Best & Brightest Under 35*. Buntin is an Associate with Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A., where she practices in the areas of Business and Commercial Litigation, concentrating on ERISA and insurance coverage matters.

Nexsen Pruet is pleased to announce that **John Haraway** has been elected President of the U.S. Section of The International Federation of Intellectual Property. Haraway practices in the Intellectual Property group out of the firm's Greenville offices.

L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore of **Elmore & Wall, P.A.**, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2010. Elmore focuses his practice on construction and surety matters for clients throughout the South-east.

Thomas B. Outlaw is pleased to announce the opening of the **Law Office of Thomas B. Outlaw** located at 11 N. Irvine St. Suite 2 Greenville 29601. Tom's practice will focus on personal injury, family law and criminal law and he can be contacted at 232-0003.

Experienced business litigation attorney **Michael Cashman** has joined **Womble Carlyle's** Greenville office. Mike has represented numerous business clients in consumer financial and insurance defense matters, as well as appellate, government contracting and general business litigation matters. He previously practiced in Columbia and in Minneapolis. He also is a former law clerk for the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina and the Fourth Judicial District Court in Minneapolis.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A. is pleased to announce that four of its Greenville shareholders have been listed in the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America. In addition, the firm is ranked as the top law firm in South Carolina in the areas of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Municipal Law and is highly ranked in 14 other practice areas. Listed from the firm's Greenville office are: **Vernon F. Dunbar**, Workers' Compensation Law; **Eric K. Englehardt**, Alternative Dispute Resolution; **William E. Shaughnessy**, Workers' Compensation Law; and **Timothy D. St. Clair**, Intellectual Property Law.

South Carolina House Representative Garry R. Smith introduced a resolution to the South Carolina House of Representatives commending **Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.** for its inclusion on *The National Law Journal's* "Midsize Hot List." Rep. Smith presented Turner Padgett's Greenville office managing shareholder Vernon F. Dunbar with the

resolution during the office's fifth anniversary celebration on August 6. The resolution was signed by Speaker of the House Robert W. Harrell, Jr. and Clerk of the House Charles Reid.

Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason, P.A., is pleased to announce that **William M. Hagood, III**, **Theron G. Cochran**, **Mason A. Goldsmith**, **S. Gray Walsh**, **David L. Moore, Jr.**, and **Carole Spainhour** have been selected to be in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*. Hagood, Cochran, and Goldsmith have now been selected for ten straight years.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A. is pleased to announce that it has been recognized in the 2010 edition of Benchmark: A Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys as a recommended litigation firm in South Carolina.

Save the date for . . .



The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit:
Its Tradition, Its Jurisprudence, and Its Future

October 15-16, 2009

University of South Carolina School of Law Auditorium
Columbia, SC

6.0 CLE credit hours

For the schedule and more details, please go to:
www.sclawreview.org/symposium

Available Office Space

1619 East North Street: Large office space with private bathroom. All other amenities are shared, i.e., furnished conference room, waiting area, kitchen, public bathroom, parking. Other amenities may include shared phone system and high speed internet if leasee so chooses. Rent is negotiable. This space is perfect for a solo practitioner. For more information please contact Tesa at 242.0282.

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.

Office space for lease. 1306 S. Church Street 5,000 sq. ft. available; will subdivide. Large furnished conference room available. On-site parking; 2 restrooms, large break room. One mile from downtown, approx. ½ mile from County Square. \$7/SF plus share of utilities for upstairs space; \$6/SF 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.

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 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.

Office Space for rent: 310 The Parkway, Greer, SC 29650 call: 848-9370, 3 administrative offices (8 X 12) for \$300 each and 2 executive offices (13 X 20) for \$500 each. Monthly rent includes utilities, use of conference room, kitchen/break room, internet and ample parking.

Office Space for Rent at 1425 Augusta Street. First floor. Approximately 2,000-sq. ft. Space includes 5 rooms, 2 bath-

rooms, kitchen area and use of conference room. Ample parking. Contact Gina at 235-0019.

3 administrative offices (8 x 12) for \$300 each and 2 executive offices (13 x 20) for \$500 each. Monthly rent includes utilities, use of conference room, kitchen/break room, internet and ample parking.

707 East North Street (between LEC and the Bi-Lo Center) - several size offices available with option to access conference rooms, break room and work room. Contact Manning Culbertson for additional information 233-8282.