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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE By Christine Gantt-Sorenson



With the coming of January brings another year and the Changing of the Guard at the Greenville Bar. President Jim Warren will be missed for his good leadership of the Greenville Bar in 2009, his affability and constancy, and most of all

the pieces of literary genius that he wrote each month for the President's Article. If following in his shoes was not daunting enough as I read his expertly-written articles month after month, as I feared, every member of the Greenville Bar, young and old, were avid readers of Jim's President's Article, and could recall bits and pieces of their content. Congratulations made to me have been coupled with kind queries as to whether the substance of my Articles would meet that of Jim's. Two things:

1. please email Jim and urge him on to write books, stories, etc. for publishing as I (and likely many others) have done; and
2. consider lowering your expectations for 2010's President's Articles.

All kidding aside, thank you, Jim, for a year of wonderfully entertaining, engaging and anecdotal pieces.

The good news is I have a bit of housekeeping to communicate this month so at least that's something. The year-end CLE is February 12, 2010 at the Carolina First Center from 8:00 am to 5:15 pm and Zandra Johnson has put together a schedule that is informative to corporate and

litigation practitioners alike, scheduling two tracts of presentations geared to each area of law for the afternoon, two and a half hours of MCLE, and other presentations that you will find helpful. Please plan on attending.

This year we will hold a Family Social based upon comments made to me by spouses at the bar events. Please plan on attending and supporting this effort in its infancy. More details to follow. Also, we will send the GBar Newsletter via electronic mail rather than U.S. mail beginning in January. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or inconveniences you may be experiencing with our new distribution plan.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Greenville Bar, I'd like to introduce you to the committee chairpersons and a brief description of the purpose of their committee so you can contact those overseeing your area of interest. Frank Eppes is our judicial liaison, Kimberly Howard will be planning our luncheons, Emily Whitney will be planning Law Week, Zandra Johnson will be planning the Year-End and all other CLEs, Courtney Atkinson will be planning all social events, Travis Olmert is in charge of the GBar News and Public Relations, and Jack Griffeth continues to plan the Memorial Service. Please let Jeanne Howard know of any health or other problems effecting our members and their families or any other matter you'd like to share with the Caring Committee. Chip Price continues to help us all by communicating with dissatisfied clients when their complaints are informal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 12, 2010: "Year-End" CLE

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in hopes of resolving their issues before their complaints become formal. We thank the Honorable Paul B. Wickensimer for his continued support. We appreciate Melinda Davidson's devotion to the GBar as its executive secretary. As always, you can contact any of the officers named above, as well.

And, always, I welcome your input. What do you want to see in your newsletter? What GBar events do you like best? What events would you like to see hosted? Which ones do you think should be scratched? What topics do you want covered at this year's CLEs? What speakers would you like to hear from at our luncheons? What else do you think we should be doing that we are not? Please send any comments to me at csorenson@hsblawfirm.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our Bar.



Verdicts

Caption: Mary Ellen Cooper vs. Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, doing business as St. Francis Hospital

Case No. 1008-CP-23-5965

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Attorneys for Plaintiff: Joe Mooneyham, Kim Berry, John Musetto

Attorneys for Defendant: Ashby Davis, David Williford
Verdict for the Defendant

“YEAR-END” CLE

**Carolina First Center
February 12, 2010**

**Registration and Breakfast 8:00 am, CLE at 8:30 am
Breakfast, lunch and snacks included!**

**Earn at least 6.5 hours of credit with 2.5 of that in ethics
Litigation and Transactional Tracks**

**Speakers include Justice Donald W. Beatty, Judge Alex Kinlaw,
Judge Aphrodite Konduros, and Lee Coggiola**

Registration Fee:

By February 5: \$65 members, \$75 nonmembers

Between February 6 and February 11: \$85

Day of the Event: \$100

**To register, please email Melinda Davidson with your name and SC Bar # at
gbarnews@charter.net or call 757-1550**

Announcements

Willson Jones Carter and Baxley, P.A. announces that **Zachary M. Smith** has become an associate in the firm's Greenville office at 872 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, 29607, (864) 527-3297.

Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham, P.A. announces that **Maurle Lawrence** has been made a member of the firm. Ms. Lawrence concentrates her practice in commercial real estate development, including horizontal and vertical mixed-use projects, retail and office parks, resort developments, residential subdivisions, and other planned communities.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced the election of **T. David Rheney** as President of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association (SCDTAA). In addition, **Ronald K. Wray, II** was elected to the SCDTAA Executive Committee. **Paul D. Greene** remains President of the SCDTAA Young Lawyers Committee. The SCDTAA works to promote justice, professionalism and integrity in the civil justice system by bringing together attorneys dedicated to the defense of civil actions.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A. is pleased to announce that **Stephanie R. Lamb** has joined the firm as an associate in the Greenville office practicing in the area of workers' compensation. Stephanie graduated from the University of South Carolina, *cum laude*, in 2000 with a degree in French and received a subsequent degree from the University of North Carolina-Pembroke, *magna cum laude*, in elementary education. Prior to law school, Ms. Lamb worked as an elementary teacher for the Department of Defense Schools in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She received her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May of 2009. While in law school, she was a member of the South Carolina Law Review Editorial Board, Order of the Wig and Robe, The Order of the Coif, Pro Bono Board, and a tort law tutor with the Academic Assistance Program.

Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP is pleased to announce that **Tynetra Evans** has joined the firm's Litigation group in the Greenville, SC office. Her practice focuses on litigation matters related to transportation and insurance. Tynetra graduated from the University of Virginia and received a degree in English Literature. As a law student at the University of South Carolina, she served on the Pro Bono Board and was actively involved in the Lexington County Juvenile Arbitration program, Women In Law, and the Black Law Students Association.

Kelly Pope Karow has been named to the Board of Governors of the New Lawyers Division of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) for the 2009-2010 year. The Mission of AAJ is to promote a fair and effective justice system—and to support the work of attorneys in their efforts to ensure that any person who is injured by the misconduct or negligence of others can obtain justice in America's courtrooms, even when taking on the most powerful interests. AAJ is the world's largest trial bar, providing trial attorneys with information, professional support and a nationwide network that enables them to most effectively and expertly represent clients.

Travis V. Olmert was appointed as a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness per Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated December 16, 2009. Mr. Olmert will serve a five year term beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending on March 1, 2015.

Save the date for **South Carolina Women Lawyers luncheon** on Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. The **Honorable Bruce Hendricks**, U.S. Magistrate Judge, will be hosting us in her chambers for lunch at 300 East Washington Street. Please contact Jennifer Breaux at (864) 242-4050 or Jennifer.breaux@devlinparkinson.com with any questions or to get on the SCWLA e-mail list. If you are interested in joining the SCWLA please visit www.scwla.org.

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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 Court's 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

Preparation for the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers annual trip to the U.S. Supreme Court for the "swearing in" ceremony is underway. Thus far we will be staying at the Phoenix Park Hotel on North Capital Street. Our journey begins on May 1, 2010 with dinner at the Old Ebbitt Grill. On May 3rd we will have the swearing in ceremony, but first we will have breakfast at the Supreme Court Café. We will have special guests that will join us at the café: Justice Thomas and Ginsberg. There is a \$200.00 fee for the swearing in and a \$75.00 application fee which will pay for our reception and breakfast. The application deadline is January 15, 2010. Please call or email me if you are interested or have any questions.

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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 at 1425 Augusta Street. First floor. Approximately 2,000-sq. ft. Space includes 5 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 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.

South Carolina Women Lawyers Association Greenville Upstate Chapter Proudly Presents

Barbara M. Seymour
Deputy Disciplinary Counsel
2- Hour Ethics CLE
**Title: Ethics Update- 8 Easy Ways
To Lose Your Bar License with E-Mail**

February 17, 2010
12-2:30 PM
Poinsett Club

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