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Announcements

Jeffrey W. Lasky (Lasky Cooper Law) was designated as a Komen BigWig by Komen Coastal Georgia and is participating in the 2014 BigWig Campaign, which seeks to increase awareness of breast cancer and raise funds for breast cancer research. As a Savannah BigWig, Lasky intends to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. Lasky's sister is a seven-year-survivor and his mother-in-law lost her battle with this dreaded disease last August. They are both his inspiration for agreeing to be a BigWig. You can help Lasky reach and exceed his fundraising goal by making a tax deductible donation here:



http://coastalgeorgia.info-komen.org/goto/jeffreylaskybigwig.

Savannah lawyer and City alderman **Tom Bordeaux** will help raise funds for CASA by participating in the "Dancing With Savannah Stars" event. CASA -- the Court Appointed Special Advocates -- seeks to protect



abused or neglected children involved in juvenile court proceedings.

Bordeaux and others will dance in the finale to be held Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Lucas Theatre, 32 Abercorn Street. Tickets are \$45 for general admission, while VIP tickets, which include admittance to the After Party, are \$115. You may purchase these from Tom by contacting him at 233-7180 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Flat out donations are also appreciated for this 501(c)(3) corporation.

"It's a cause we lawyers should jump to support. My jumping will just be set to music," says Bordeaux. "I hope you can help the children."

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The State Bar of Georgia's iCivics Committee Needs Your Help

Dear Members of the Savannah Bar,

Calling all members with a heart for service and a dedication to teaching students about civic engagement. The State Bar of Georgia's iCivics Committee is in need of your time and talents! This year's President of the State Bar of Georgia, Patrise Perkins-Hooker in conjunction with YLD President Sharri Edenfield have worked tirelessly to bring the iCivics program to Georgia middle and high schools. iCivics is a non-profit organization, founded and championed by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, that is designed to (1) teach students about American government and civil society, (2) invigorate students' civic learning through interactive and engaging learning resources, and (3) inspire students to be active participants in our democracy. The iCivics software program also provides students with the tools they need for active participation and democratic action and it provides teachers with the materials and support to achieve these goals. To find out more information about the iCivics program, please visit the following website: <u>https://www.icivics.org</u>.

The inaugural year of Georgia's iCivics program will be launched in various eighth and ninth grade classes in the following Georgia school districts during the Fall 2014 school year: Atlanta Public Schools; Muscogee County schools; Savannah-Chatham County schools; Liberty County schools; Wilkinson County and Tift County (Fall 2015). In order to make Georgia's iCivics program a success and implement the iCivics curriculum, we need lawyers who are willing to work hands-on with local teachers, who have previously been trained on the iCivics curriculum, in the above-referenced Georgia school systems. Volunteers will serve as presenters to the students (1-2 sessions a month as needed) on various legal and governmental topics as determined by the respective teacher in the classroom in which the volunteer is placed. By way of example, such topics could include discussing the importance of the constitution, the differences between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government, presenting pivotal cases on any of the topics presented in the curriculum, or talking to the students about the path to being a lawyer, judge, legislator, etc.

The iCivics mission is to "envision a nation where all young Americans are prepared for active and intelligent citizenship." Won't you join us in fulfilling this mission for students in Georgia? To participate as a volunteer for the Savannah/Chatham County School System, please send an email to Shiriki Cavitt, <u>shiriki8@gmail.com</u>, by Friday, October 3, 2014, that includes the following information: your name, email address, contact number and please specify your interest in the Chatham school system. You will receive a confirmation email and additional information regarding upcoming volunteer training and contact information for the specific school and teacher with which you will work. Also, feel free to share this email with other attorneys within your network/firm/organization/ office that may be interested in volunteering.

Let's ensure that Georgia's iCivics program is a great success for the students and teachers. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Kind regards,

Shiriki Cavitt iCivics Committee Co-Chair and Volunteer Coordinator

Georgia Legal Services Program Acknowledges Pro Bono Attorneys

GLSP thanks all the attorneys who accepted pro bono cases during September 2014. If you would like to join this elite group of attorneys who are furthering GLSP's mission to provide quality representation to eligible clients, please contact GLSP Office Manager Heidi Behnke at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2752 or hbehnke@glsp.org or contact GLSP Program Outreach and Development Associate Jamie Rush at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2183 or jrush@glsp.org.

Keith Barber Tracy O'Connell Laura Marsh* Robert Mock, Jr. John Pirkle* Kran Riddle Lauren Tignor Kristin Cerbone* Stanley Harris* Kelly Miller Susannah Pedigo* Francesca Rehal Chris Stastny*

*Denotes an attorney who accepted multiple cases.

Attorney Coaches Needed for the 2015 Mock Trial Season

High Schools in the Savannah Region are in need of attorney coaches to help with the 2015 Georgia Mock Trial Competition. Attorneys coaching a Georgia High School Mock Trial team are eligible to receive CLE credit if they spend a minimum of 10 hours in face-to-face coaching activities from the case release date (1 Oct 2014) through the end of the State Finals tournament (15 March 2015). To insure that students get the most out of this academic activity, it is important that at least one attorney coach be present for each scheduled team rehearsal and that teacher coaches are active in all aspects of team preparation. Most teams rehearse two to three times per week for 2 to 3 hours each session during the competition season. The team's coaching staff, teacher and attorney coaches together, will determine the team's rehearsal schedule and should take into account student activities and work schedules, in addition to attorney coach work schedules and the teacher sponsor's other duties.

Anyone who would like to volunteer an attorney coach should contact **John Manly at jbmanly@boudan.com or 912-644-5756**.

Kathleen Horne Appointed to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Legal Services Foundation

Kathleen Horne (Bouhan Falligant) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Legal Services Foundation Inc. As a board member, Kathy will provide direction and assistance to continue to build out the Foundation's endowment fund which serves as the permanent stable source of support for the Georgia Legal Services Program. Established in 1996, the Georgia Legal Services Foundation has provided support for critical needs and unique opportunities for the Georgia Legal Services Program when funding is not available from other sources.

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Savannah Bar Association Annual Bar-B-Que

The Savannah Bar Association will host its annual Bar-B-Que at the Forest City Gun Club on Thursday, October 23, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Musical accompaniment will be provided by David Smith, and the event will be catered by Papa's BBQ. Members are allowed to bring one (1) permitted guest under the SBA Guest Policy, which is reproduced below and is available on the SBA website here - <u>SBA Guest Policy</u>.

Savannah Bar Association Guest Policy

EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS

Each member of the Bar may bring ONE free guest to each of the following evening social gatherings (unless notification is given that children are also invited, in which case they too will be free):

- a) The Oyster Roast
- b) The Barbeque
- c) The End of the Year Cocktail Party

The guest may be anyone of the member's choosing, other than a practicing lawyer in Savannah (unless the guest is married to the member).

If the member wishes to bring a lawyer who practices in Savannah, or more than one guest, then the member must pay the per person cost of the event for each added person. The treasurer will be able to inform the member of that cost prior to the event.

All guests must be registered in advance.

LUNCHEONS

A member may register a guest for a luncheon, including an attorney who practices in Savannah (who has never been a member of the SBA), but the member must pay the per person cost of the luncheon. This will allow non-member attorneys to "sample" the Savannah Bar to decide if they would like to join. Once someone has joined the Savannah Bar then he or she may attend the luncheons only if they continue to be active.

BOAT RIDE

A member may only bring guests who are practicing attorneys in locales other than Savannah/ Chatham County, and should register and pay the guest fee (much reduced from the per person cost of the boat ride).

Cruser & Mitchell to Sponsor Professional Mixer and Networking Event

Former Assistant District Attorney **Shalena Cook Jones** cordially invites you to a Professional Mixer and Networking Event sponsored by Cruser & Mitchell, LLP (Savannah) on Friday, October 3, 2014, at 6:00p.m. This event will take place at Bryson Hall, which is located at 5 East Perry Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to sjones@cmlawfirm.com or 912-501-3434.

Georgia NAACP to Host Young Professionals University

The Georgia NAACP is hosting a Young Professionals University during its 72nd Annual State Convention & Civil Rights Conference scheduled for October 9-12, 2014, at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia. The Young Professionals University portion of the convention is a sample of the NAACP Leadership 500 Symposium. Leadership 500 is the creation of NAACP Chairman Roslyn Brock and is designed to facilitate discussion of the current health, religious, political and economic issues facing the NAACP's constituency of young leaders. During the Young Professionals University, there will be panel discussions on diversity, career readiness, and graduate school. This event also includes a Leadership Development Luncheon, during which Mr. David Johns, the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African-Americans, will deliver a keynote address. Anyone interested in attending may register at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/young-professionals-university-tickets-13012423509.

"And Justice for All" State Bar Campaign for the Georgia Legal Services Program

"I am grateful for this service. I am retired living on social security and could never afford legal service otherwise. I felt I was alone up against a huge machine." – Ethel Pritchett, a GLSP Savannah client*

Unfortunately, many Georgians lack resources for quality legal representation. By participating in the State Bar Campaign for the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP), you help individuals like Ms. Pritchett receive access to legal assistance and vital representation in a variety of civil law matters.

A gift to GLSP allows low-income families and individuals access to quality legal services to solve critical problems. GLSP advocates for domestic violence victims, victims of consumer fraud, children with special needs, the elderly, veterans, and low income families trying to receive the public benefits and resources they need to get back on their feet. GLSP also serves indigent clients in rural areas where legal resources are less available. Staff attorneys and paralegals visit rural counties in our service area meeting clients at courthouses, shelters, and social service agencies.

Everyone should have access to valuable legal services, especially when they are most vulnerable. As an attorney in Savannah, your donation will directly benefit your local GLSP Savannah Regional Office. Gifts to GLSP are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and gifts of \$250 or more will be recognized in the Georgia Bar Journal. Please donate and help us as we advocate for low-income clients and provide access to justice for all Georgians.

*Client's name has been changed to protect her confidentiality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catherine Bowman and Amanda Love are pleased to announce that Donald Campbell (Cam) Bowman, Jr.

has joined

B The Bowman Law Office

to enhance its employment and litigation practice.

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Dennis B. Keene and Lucas D. Bradley Join Bouhan Falligant

Attorney **Dennis B. Keene** joined Bouhan Falligant as a Partner. Dennis Keene's broad experience representing international corporations and individuals in tort-based litigation will deepen Bouhan Falligant's Commercial Litigation, Products Liability and Transportation & Logistics practice areas. He is a member of the State Bars of Florida and Georgia as well as the American Bar Association, where he serves as a vice chair on its Trial Techniques Committee; the Savannah Bar Association, where he serves on the Bar Grievance and Bench & Bar Committee; and the Defense Research Institute, where he is a member of the Product Liability Committee. Dennis received his B.A. in Economics, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University in 1990 and his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Miami School of Law in 1993. After law school, Dennis completed the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Officer Basic Course and the Army's Airborne School, and served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1993 to 1999.

Lucas D. Bradley joined Bouhan Falligant Law Firm as an Associate Attorney where he will focus primarily on civil litigation. Lucas briefed and argued an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit as a member of the Appellate Litigation Clinic. He is published in the forthcoming volume of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, Vol. 41 with a note titled Regulating Weaponized Nanotechnology: How the International Criminal Court Offers a Way Forward. Lucas earned two degrees in history and political science from Duke University. He graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law. Luke previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable B. Avant Edenfield.

Garrett R. Greiner Joins Gannam, Gnann & Steinmetz, LLC

GANNAM, GNANN & STEINMETZ, LLC is pleased to announce that **Garrett R. Greiner** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Many may know Garrett from his having spent the past year as a law clerk to the Honorable H. Gregory Fowler in Chatham County State Court. Licensed in both Georgia and Virginia, Garrett attended law school at Washington & Lee University where he was a member of the Moot Court Board. He graduated magna cum laude from Indiana University and, while there, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Conversant in both Spanish and Italian, Garrett will assist the firm partners in a diversified range of general practice areas, as well as individual specialties.

Charles H. Raley, Jr. Named Among Best Lawyers in America

Charles H. Raley, Jr. (Raley & Raley, P.C.) was named the *Best Lawyers*[©] 2015 Admiralty and Maritime "Lawyer of the Year" in Savannah.