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The Savannah Bar Association's ("SBA") Annual Bar-B-Que was held on October 23, 2014, at the Forest City Gun Club and was catered by Papa's Bar-B-Que. It was a wonderful affair with delicious food, melodious music, and fantastic company. The SBA gives thanks to David Smith for his magical tunes and Colin McRae for his efforts organizing this event.



Rob Brannen, Chris Miltiades, and Shar Miltiades



SBA also thanks those members who registered for the event and those who called or e-mailed to let us know that they were unable to attend after registering. SBA is able to better control its costs when attendance does not have to be over-guaranteed. Also, if SBA is informed of cancellations, additional members can be added after registration closes. It's a win/win for all.

Scott and Sallie Vaughn

The next SBA meeting will be a luncheon at the Savannah Golf

Club at noon on November 20th. Our speaker will be James W. "Jim" Allen, who is the new trial attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Savannah office. Mr. All will be speaking about the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. Hope to see you there!



Steve Harris and Keith Berry

## **Rachel Young Fields Named as HunterMaclean Partner**

HunterMaclean recently named Rachel Young Fields as a partner. Rachel, who joined the firm in 2007, primarily practices in the areas of business litigation, appellate prac-

tice, and intellectual property. In addition to handling all aspects of litigation, she counsels businesses and individuals on protecting and managing their intellectual property, including filing trademark and copyright applications.

Rachel is a member of the American Bar Association and the Savannah Bar Association. Rachel serves on the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia and is the co-chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia's Leadership Academy, from which she graduated in 2011. Rachel also serves on the board of directors and as resource development committee chair for Coastal Empire



Habitat for Humanity. She is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been named a Rising Star by Georgia Super Lawyers.

## 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.

- Chauncey Barnwell Robert Brannen, Jr. J. Stephen Lewis Quentin Marlin Shari Miltiades R. Nathaniel Rackett, III Kran Riddle \* Adam Walters
- James B. Blackburn, Jr. Dolly Chisholm\* Charles Loncon Kirsten McDonough\* Susannah Pedigo Francesca Rehal Chris Stastny

\*Denotes an attorney who accepted multiple cases.

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#### Local Attorneys Race Tricycles to Raise Funds for the Savannah Bicycle Campaign

On October 21, 2014, the Metropolitan Savannah Rotary held the Southcoast Health

Grand Prix to raise funds for the Savannah Bicycle Campaign at Coastal Empire Beer Company. **Robert L. McCorkle, III** (McCorkle & Johnson, LLP) currently serves as the Metropolitan Savannah Rotary's President and was seen throughout the Grand Prix racing a tricycle and a youth bike. Local attorneys **Adam Kirk** (HunterMaclean), **Julie Wade** (Wade Law Firm), **Colin McRae** (HunterMaclean), and **Colby Longley** also partook in the Grand Prix races.



Robert L. McCorkle, III



Colby L. Longley

The Savannah Bicycle Campaign is a nonprofit

membership based organization working to build a Savannah through better bicycling. The Savannah Bicycle Campaign works through advocacy with local government, education of drivers and cyclists, and encouragement of bicycling healthy means as а of



Colin McRae

transportation or recreation. Donations to the Savannah Bicycle Campaign can be made by visiting www.bicyclecampaign.org.

#### GLSP is Thankful for a Successful "Ask a Lawyer Day"

The General Practice and Trial Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia and the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) hosted "Ask a Lawyer Day" Friday, October 24th to commemorate the ABA National Pro Bono Celebration. GLSP offices across the state worked with section members to answer civil law questions for anyone who arrived seeking civil legal advice. **Paul Painter III** (Bowen Painter, LLC) helped coordinate the effort locally and recruited Savannah attorneys to donate their time and knowledge to the successful event.

Ask a Lawyer Day would not have been a success without the participation of the following attorneys: **Tracy O'Connell** (Ellis Painter), **Paul Painter III** (Bown Painter, LLC), **Kran Riddle** (Callaway, Braun, Riddle & Hughes), **William Ronning, Charles Snyder** (Charles Snyder Law); **Chris Stastny**, and **Arnold Young** (HunterMaclean). Thank you for helping GLSP celebrate Pro Bono in such an impactful way!



This past September, Savannah Law Review hosted a colloquium, [Re]Integrating Spaces, to cele-

brate the repurposing of the historic Candler Hospital into the new Savannah Law School. Professor Alfred Brophy of University of North Carolina School of Law keynoted the event, and a host of nationally acclaimed legal scholars and local practitioners discussed the parallel themes of historic preservation and transformation, as well as societal sense of place, space, and meaning within the law. *[Re]Integrating Spaces* featured provocative panel discussions with robust community attendance. *Savannah Law Review* is honored to have hosted the participants and attendees alike. *Savannah Law Review* would like to thank all those who helped make this historic event possible, including the Savannah Law School faculty and administration and our generous sponsors: **Wesley S. Woolf, P.C., HunterMaclean**, Barbri, and Savan-

nah Law School's Student Bar Association. **Savannah Law Review** is now editing articles from *[Re]Integrating Spaces* and is eager to publish the issue and advance the academic dialogue from *[Re]Integrating Spaces* into the larger legal community.

## Drew Ernst Honored by Armstrong State University

Andrew H. Ernst (HunterMaclean) was recently recognized by Armstrong State Univer-

sity with its Distinguished Alumni Award for excellence in professional, community or public service. Ernst has practiced law for more than 30 years in the areas of environmental law, land use, commercial real estate development and industrial development. In addition to his professional work, Ernst serves on the board of directors of the Savannah Harbor Foundation, which supports local children's charities. He developed coastal ecology programs for the Leadership Savannah Youth Program, a leadership development program for outstanding public and private high school students sponsored by the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. In



addition, Ernst is a past trustee and current advisory board member for the Georgia Conservancy, the state's oldest organization addressing environmental concerns in Coastal Georgia.

Ernst has been recognized for his work by Chambers USA, Best Lawyers of America, Georgia Trend Legal Elite, and Super Lawyers. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and is a fellow in the American College of Environmental Lawyers. A proud alumnus of Armstrong State University, he continues his work for Armstrong, serving as a trustee for the university's Foundation.

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#### Savannah Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division Update

The Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association started the 2014-2015 year

on September 18th with it Kick-Off Happy Hour at Congress Street Social Club, generously sponsored by ProLegal Copies. The YLD welcomed lawyers new to the State Bar of Georgia, those awaiting Bar Exam results, and those new to Savannah. On October 17th, the Savannah YLD held a happy hour at Service Brewing Company, hosted by Coastal Court Reporting. A large turn-



out of young lawyers sampled the numerous beers on tap and took a tour of the new brewery from owner Kevin Ryan.

On Friday, October 31st, the YLD will send its President, Colby Longley, "Over the Edge" to raise money for the Boy Scouts of America Coastal Empire Council. At 2:10pm, Colby will repel off of the Manger Building at Johnson Square, boldly confronting a lifetime fear of heights. If you have not already, please donate to the YLD's fundraising efforts at http://www.otesavannah.org/edgers/. We hope to see everyone at the Manger building on Friday to support the YLD and its President!

The social calendar continues on Thursday, November 13th with a trolley ride and ghost tour of downtown Savannah. The trolley will depart at 8:00 p.m. from the Hunter Maclean parking garage on Lincoln. Space is limited, and RSVPs are on a first come, first serve basis. Those interested in attending should contact Thomas Gore (thomas@gore-law.com). The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members and guests.

Finally, the YLD will be holding its annual Swearing-In Ceremony for newly admitted Georgia lawyers on November 14th at 9:30 am. The Honorable Timothy R. Walmsley will preside. Anyone interested in participating in the Ceremony should notify Kate Lawson (klawson@huntermaclean.com).

## **GLSP Pro Bono Awards Ceremony**

The Savannah Regional Office of the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) will host its 2014 Pro Bono Awards Ceremony Friday, December 12th at the historic Charles H. Morris Center in Savannah from Noon – 2 p.m., featuring Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Hugh Thompson as the keynote speaker and honored guest.

In his State of the Judiciary Address on February 6, 2014, Thompson said, "The state must do more to make sure 'justice for all' is not an empty promise for Georgians who can't afford to hire a lawyer." Thompson stated further, "I am very proud of the many attorneys in our state who offer their services pro bono, or at no cost."

The event includes lunch and special presentations to celebrate local volunteer attorneys who have given their time and talents to handle GLSP case referrals. Tickets are \$50 and sponsor-ship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Jamie Rush at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2183 or jrush@glsp.org.

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### Savannah Law School to Host Regional Mock Trial Competition



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On November 14-15, 2014, Savannah Law School will host a regional scrimmage with teams competing from the following schools: Charleston Law School, Interamerican University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Savannah Law School, and the University of Louisville Brandeis

School of Law. Savannah Law School cordially invites you to participate as a judge for this debut mock trial competition.

The competition will take place at Savannah Law School, 516 Drayton Street, and it will consist of three preliminary rounds and one championship round, as follows:

#### Friday, November 14, 2014

Round 1: 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Round 2: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Round 3: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Championship: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Reception and Awards Ceremony immediately following (open to all competitors and judges)

Your participation and feedback to the student competitors is vital to their development as advocates, and we would be most appreciative of your contribution to make this a successful competition. If you are available to judge the competition, please email Michael Kelley at <u>mfkelley@savannahlawschool.org</u> by <u>November 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.</u> As a judge, you can expect to receive additional information about judging by November 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

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#### **One Room Office for Rent**

One room office for rent 5859 Abercorn. Exterior door. All utilities included. \$350 per month. Contact Karen Dove Barr 912-352-8053

#### Savannah Law School Faculty Openings

<u>Adjunct Professor</u> – Winter Intersession (2015) Date: January 5, 2015 through January 9, 2015; 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Course:

Depositions

<u>Adjunct Professor</u> – Spring Semester (2015) Date: January 12, 2015 through April 27, 2015 Courses:

Family Law

Federal Taxation

Please send resumes to **rnespica@savannahlawschool.org**.