

Savannah YLD Offers Variety of Spring Events

The Savannah young lawyers began 2014 with a full schedule of events. In February, the Savannah YLD visited Savannah's first microbrewery, Southbound Brewing Company. Members and guests enjoyed a tour of the facility, learning about the brewing process, as well as tasting some of Southbound's various brews on tap.

In March, the YLD participated in the statewide YLD ethics CLE by video conference at the State Bar Coastal Georgia Office, followed by a happy hour for attendees. To kick-off spring, Savannah young lawyers enjoyed a happy hour, graciously hosted by Savannah attorney **Bryan Schivera**, and DJ'ed by Savannah YLD's own DJ Southpaw, **Zack Howard**.

The exciting events will continue in May as the YLD ties in a Tailgate in the Park with the Savannah College of Art and Design's spring commencement concert in Forsyth Park on Friday, May 30th. On June 6, 2014, the Savannah YLD will host its annual Golf Tournament at The Landings to benefit the Chatham County Guardian Ad Litem program. At the same time the golfers tee off, the other participants will take to the courts for the inaugural tennis tournament. Anyone interested in participating in this year's events, please contact **Bryan Schivera** (bschivera@olivermaner.com).

The Savannah YLD continues to make plans for summer events, including a happy hour to welcome summer associates. For more information about Savannah YLD events or to become a member, please contact Membership Co-Chairs, **Zach Thomas** (ZHThomas@aol.com) or **Carson Penney** (CPenney@HunterMaclean.com).

Dates to Remember

May 8, 2014 Law Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting (election of officers), at the Savannah Golf Club at 12:00 p.m.

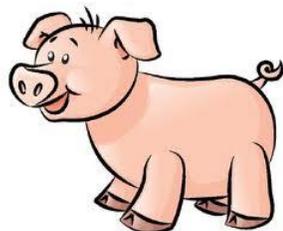
May 9, 2014 American Diabetes Association Lawyers Guns and Money Clay Shoot and after party.

June 12, 2014 SBA Cocktail Party at the Savannah Golf Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Support the American Diabetes Association and make SBA Members

Kiss the Pig – Again!

Each year, the "Savannah BOAR Association"—comprising members of the Savannah Bar Association—competes in the American Diabetes Association ("ADA") Kiss-a-Pig Campaign, the largest diabetes awareness and fundraising event in the area. The BOARS are fronted by their fearless



leader, **David Smith**, who has lived with Type 1 Diabetes for 57 years. Other members of the 2014 BOARS include **Ashleigh Madison**, **Robert Hughes**, **Helen Bacon**, **Quentin Marlin**, **Colby Longley**, **Thomas Gore**, **Billy Otto**, **Matt Toler**, **Sarah Doan** and **Michelle Keri**. Last year, the BOARS finally achieved the coveted honor of kissing the pig, raising over \$43,000.00 for the ADA to win the competition. The 2014 BOARS are looking to repeat as winners once again, but will need your support to do so!

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The BOARS' schedule of fundraising activities has included "Pints for Pigs." This event was a tour of the new Southbound Beer Brewery and reception with live music by Connellis, featuring attorneys

Patrick Connell and **Ben Ellis**. In addition, World of Beer on Broughton Street held promotional events and specials throughout the month of April to raise money for the BOARS. Highlighting the World of Beer events was a live auction and rock and roll performance by head BOAR **David Smith** and his band, "Call the Cops."

In their next event, on Friday, May 9, the BOARS will wrap up their campaign efforts with the 2nd Annual Lawyers, Guns & Money Sporting Clays Tournament and After Party, which will be held at the Forest City Gun Club in Sandfly. Tournament sponsorships are available, and law firms are encouraged to field teams (four shooters per team) in support of the BOARS. Following the clay shoot, shooters and non-shooters alike will convene for the After Party, featuring an auction, BBQ dinner and live music by Connellis and the Train Wrecks. Gerald's Pig & Shrimp is catering the BBQ and World of Beer is furnishing libations. Please contact **Robert Hughes** at (912) 234-8875 or rhughes@brannenlaw.com to obtain team registration and sponsorship details. Information can also be found at www.adaclaysshoot.org.

If you cannot attend this event, you are invited to support the BOARS by donating online at http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/KissAPig/KissaPig?pg=team@fr_id+9870&team_id=667664. No amount is too small!

All funds raised by the Savannah BOAR Association during the Kiss-a-Pig campaign benefit the American Diabetes Association, the nation's leading organization dedicated to curing diabetes and improving the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Diabetes is the nation's fifth deadliest disease, killing more than 220,000 Americans each year. It is the leading cause of heart disease and stroke, adult blindness, kidney failure and non-traumatic amputations.

Annual Real Property Law Institute is Being Held in Savannah

Don't miss the 36th Annual Real Property Law Institute in Savannah, May 15 – 17 at the beautiful Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. Registration is underway, and rooms are booking fast. Local attorney and Chair Elect of the Real Property Law Section, **Rob Brannen** has planned a great program with top notch speakers, including a national panel of experts to explain the latest on CFPB Compliance and ALTA Best Practices. The two and half day event also features the annual Raiford Memorial Golf Tournament, the Feat for McFee Run/Walk, and tennis tournament.

As a special treat this year, the Section organized a Family Riverboat Cruise where everyone will enjoy a tour of the vibrant Savannah harbor on Friday, May 16 from 3 – 4:30 pm. Sponsors for that event include GRECCA and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. Thank you sponsors!

Let's support our City and sign up for the seminar.

Law Day - May 8, 2014

By: Colby Longley

The Savannah Bar Association's Law Day Luncheon Meeting and Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 8th at the Savannah Golf Club beginning at 12:00 noon. Georgia Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp will be our speaker. The Savannah Bar Association's Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held just prior to the law day program.

As the President-Elect of the SBA YLD, it will be my privilege to present four awards at this year's annual SBA Law Day luncheon: the Judge Edward Hester Award; the Liberty Bell Award; the Robbie Robinson Award; and the John B. Miller Award.

For your information, the following are brief descriptions of the criteria for each award:

Judge Edward Hester Award: recognizes outstanding local courthouse personnel who have been of particular assistance to the members of the local bar.

Liberty Bell Award: recognizes a non-lawyer for outstanding service in promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The recipient encourages a greater respect for law in the courts, stimulates a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights, and fosters a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

Robbie Robinson Award: presented to a member of the legal profession who has demonstrated dedication to the principles of service to individuals and of advancement of the legal, political, social and civil rights of the citizens of the Savannah community.

John B. Miller Award: presented to a member of the Savannah Bar who is selflessly dedicated to making the Savannah area a better place to live through volunteer community service.

The SBA YLD is proud to continue the tradition of recognizing individuals for outstanding service to the Savannah legal community through the presentation of the Law Day awards.

Announcements from Georgia Legal Services Program

New Pro Bono Coordinator at GLSP

Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) Savannah Regional Office has recently hired Joni Lukes to be its new Pro Bono & Community Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Lukes will be responsible for overseeing the Pro Bono program at this office as well as all community events and development work for GLSP Savannah. Attorneys in the GLSP Savannah region (especially those in Savannah) can expect to hear from her as she builds the Pro Bono program to expand civil legal services to low-income Georgians. If you would like more information about or to volunteer for the Pro Bono Program, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail Ms. Lukes at 912-651-2283 ext. 2184 or jlukes@glsp.org.

United Way Funds GLSP

GLSP is proud to announce it has received just over \$63,000 in support from United Way of the Coastal Empire (UWCE) in support of its Family Financial Stabilization, Home Ownership Protection, and its newly created Records Restriction and Reentry programs. United Way has supported GLSP's work in the Chatham, Effingham, Bryan, and Liberty county areas for many years, and this year's contribution makes UWCE the largest local funder of GLSP programs. We are proud to be working together to provide access to justice and opportunities out of poverty.

Legal Food Frenzy

April 21, 2014 was the start of the Legal Food Frenzy kickoff to collect non-perishable food items for America's Second Harvest food bank. Georgia Legal Services program will be accepting food donations for this event at their regional office location at 6602 Abercorn Street, Suite 203 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm or look for the donation barrel located at the Publix Super Market at 117 Abercorn St. The Legal Food Frenzy event concludes on May 2, 2014 so join us in contributing to this worthy endeavor.

Bar Campaign for Legal Services Kicks Off

The State Bar of Georgia is, once again, sponsoring its annual campaign for Georgia Legal Services. This is the one time every year that every lawyer in Georgia is asked to contribute to support the work of their local legal services office. Please remember that all funds contributed by attorneys in the Savannah service area are returned to the GLSP Savannah Area Office for its operations. It is important that all of our attorneys participate as best they can. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by Georgia Legal Services.

Nominations for the Cheatham Award

Nominations are now being taken for this year's Cheatham Award. The award is presented to the attorney within our legal community who best exemplifies professionalism in the manner in which he or she engages clients and other members of the profession and the community as a whole. Named after Judge Cheatham, who exemplified professionalism in his career, the award seeks to acknowledge that individual who pursues work on behalf of clients, as well as on behalf of the community, as a public servant to promote justice and the public good. The award will be presented at the Savannah Bar Association's Annual Cocktail Reception on June 12, 2014. You may forward nominations to wendyw3@comcast.net or catherine@thebowmanlawoffice.com.

Next Generation Courts Commission Releases Final Report

The Next Generation Courts Commission is pleased to announce the release of its final report. After more than two years of hard work to envision what the courts in Georgia will look like in 20 years, the Commission's report makes recommendations in the areas of education, program improvement, technology, business process and funding for the courts. The Judicial Council approved the report on Sept. 13, 2013, and the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia approved the report on March 22, 2014. For more information and to view the full report, please visit the website at <http://gabar.org/newsandpublications/announcement/announcementdetail.cfm?id=32931>.

State Board of Workers' Compensation 2014 Regional Educational Series

The Honorable Judge Frank McKay, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation, along with Executive Director Delece Brooks, and Board Directors, Judge Elizabeth Gobeil and Judge Hal Dawkins, will visit Savannah on **May 8th** as the last stop on a six city tour for the 2014 regional educational series on workers' compensation. The Board conducts seminars throughout Georgia annually to educate those who work within Georgia's workers' compensation system. This educational training program will provide valuable information for employers and self-insured employers, human resource and risk managers, claims adjusters, rehabilitation specialists, medical service providers and workers' compensation attorneys, paralegals and other system participants.

Local presenters are **Judge Nicole Tifverman**, Claimant's Counsel **Chris Daly**, and Employer/Insurer Counsel **Leesa Bohler**.

The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street, Savannah. Registration fee: \$85. CLE credits are available.

For information and registration go to <http://sbwc.georgia.gov/regional-educational-seminars> or telephone Hilary Williams at [404-656-5656](tel:404-656-5656).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP is pleased to welcome **Mareesa L. Torres** as an associate in the firm's litigation department. Ms. Torres obtained her undergraduate degree from Central Connecticut State University and her law degree from Quinnipiac University School of Law. She was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 2005 and to the Georgia Bar in 2011. Prior to moving to Savannah, Ms. Torres was employed by two Fortune 500 insurance companies as staff counsel handling a wide variety of insurance defense litigation across Connecticut. Ms. Torres' work at EPRA will focus primarily on insurance defense litigation. Since relocating to Savannah, Ms. Torres has become an active member of the community and is involved with a variety of non-profit and civic organizations.

Brennan, Wasden & Painter LLC is seeking attorneys with 3+ years of experience to assist with its professional liability and business litigation practice groups in both the Savannah and Augusta offices. Those with deposition and courtroom experience will receive preference. Georgia Bar required. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Wiley Wasden III at wwasden@brennanwasden.com.

The Wade Law Firm is pleased to announce that **Lauren Nicole Tignor** has joined the firm as an Associate. Lauren practices in the areas of criminal defense, landlord/tenant, and domestic law. She graduated from Georgia State University College of Law, *magna cum laude* and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia.

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