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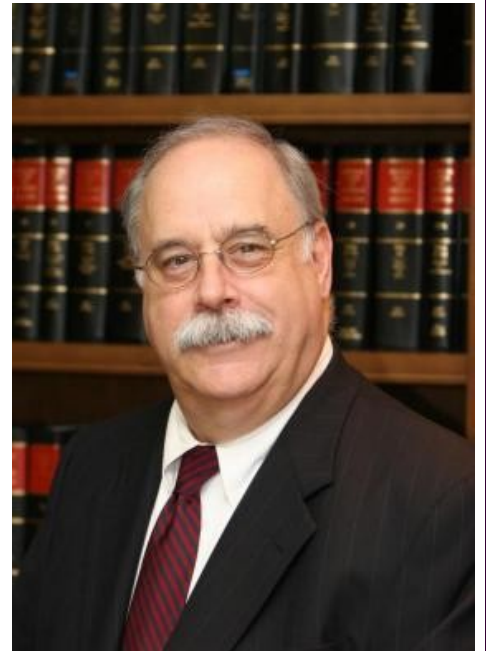
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The Commodore Will be Missed

N. Harvey Weitz passed away August 15, 2014, after a short illness. Weitz is remembered as a loyal friend, a brilliant lawyer who had an exemplary career, and the “Commodore” of the Savannah Bar Association’s Annual Boat Ride. A native of Savannah, Weitz earned his Bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Georgia and his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1965.



Weitz practiced law for 49 years and spent much of that time as a member and partner of Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg and Shawe.

Throughout his career, Weitz served as chair of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, as chair of the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency, as a member of the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors, as a member of the State Bar’s Executive Committee, and as chair of the Steering Committee for establishing the Coastal Georgia office of the State Bar of Georgia. Weitz was also a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, presented by the State Bar of Georgia, the Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award, presented by the State Bar of Georgia, and the Judge Frank Cheatham Professionalism Award, presented by the Savannah Bar Association.

Harvey Weitz will be greatly missed.

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Robert L. McCorkle, III, William J. Hunter, and Daniel R. Crook Named as 2014 Rising Stars

Robert L. McCorkle, III, William J. Hunter, and Daniel R. Crook were recently named as 2014 'On the Rise' attorneys by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. This honor is given annually to an elite group of Georgia attorneys who are under the age of 40.



Robert L. McCorkle, III, is a partner in the firm **McCorkle & Johnson, LLP** who focuses his practice in the areas of real estate, business, and association law. Robert is the President and a charter member of the Metropolitan Savannah Rotary Club, a member of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, the Realtors Commercial Alliance and the Home Builders Association of Greater Savannah. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Savannah Downtown Business Association.

William "Bill" J. Hunter is a partner in the firm **Oliver Maner LLP** who concentrates his practice in the areas of plaintiff's personal injury/wrongful death, business litigation, and medical malpractice defense. Bill is the former Chairman of the Professional Malpractice Substantive Law Committee for the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. Outside of his law practice, Bill has been active in First Tee Savannah, and served on both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.



Daniel R. Crook is a partner in the firm **HunterMaclean** who focuses his practice in the area of commercial transactions and corporate law. In addition, he has a niche practice representing organic farmers and ranchers in commercial, logistical, and regulatory issues. An active community volunteer, Crook currently serves as vice president for the board of Quantum, Inc., which creates high-quality, sustainable jobs for people with disabilities. He was a board member of CrimeStoppers of Savannah-Chatham County and a 2014 graduate of Leadership Savannah.

Savannah Bar Association Selects Committee Members and Chairs

The Savannah Bar Association Committees have been established. Savannah Bar Association members should feel free to contact any committee member or chair to discuss any issues you may have. with any one of us. Here is the executive committee and the committee chairs:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Catherine Bowman, President
Colin McRae, President Elect
Mathew McCoy, Treasurer
Margaret "Maggie" Puccini, Secretary

Colby Longley, YLD President
Wendy Williamson, Past President

Christy Barker
Leesa Bohler
Jamie Clark
Blake Grecco
Steve Greenberg
Steve Harris
Robert Hughes
Paul Johnson
Marie Waters

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Langston Bass, chair of the Annual Boat Ride
Steve Beauvais, chair of the Grievance Committee
Craig Call, chair of Hot Topics
Richard Sanders, co-chair of Hot Topics
Joe Cronk, co-chair of Hot Topics
Glen Darbyshire, chair of the Bench and Bar Committee
Colin McRae, chair of the Nominating Committee
Matt Mills, chair of the Scholarship Committee
Shari Miltiades, chair of the Pro Bono Committee
Tawny Mack, Citation Editor

The Savannah Bar Association thanks each committee member and chair for devoting their time and energy to making our association stronger and more effective!

Hot Topics Seminar Planning is Underway

Planning for the 2015 SBA Hot Topics Seminar is underway and any assistance is appreciated. If you are interested in speaking at the Hot Topics Seminar, in assisting with planning/sponsorships, or have any other questions about Hot Topics, please contact the 2015 Hot Topics Chair Craig Call (ccall@sampclaw.com), or Co-Chair Joe Cronk

Savannah YLD Update

After a busy summer, including a successful golf tournament benefiting the Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Program and happy hours to introduce summer law clerks to the local young lawyers as well as reunite YLD Alumni, the Savannah YLD is excitedly preparing for the 2014-2015 year. On Thursday, September 18, 2014, the YLD will hold its annual Kick-Off Happy Hour at Congress Street Social Club (411 West Congress St.) at 5:30 p.m. All young lawyers are invited to attend along with spouses and significant others. Any questions regarding membership for the new year should be directed to Membership Chair Kate Lawson at KLawson@huntermaclean.com. The Kick-Off is generously sponsored by ProLegal Copies.



On June 6th, the Ninth Annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament was held, with seventy-two players participating. The tournament raised \$7,600 for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, which was happily accepted by Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann (pictured).

Savannah-Chatham County Recorder's Court Amnesty Program

The Savannah-Chatham County Recorder's Court will hold an Amnesty Program from August 15, to September 15, 2014. During this time, individuals having **Contempt Fees** on traffic citations will be given the opportunity to pay the base fine plus court cost, thus waiving the **Contempt Fees**. Also during this time all mandatory court appearances will be rescheduled at no cost. Any citation not requiring a court appearance must be paid in full, no payment plans will be given without a court appearance. Citations will not be rescheduled or paid via phone or internet. All interested parties must visit the Savannah-Chatham County Recorder's Court, Mon-Fri, 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

Citations include, but are not limited to:

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| *No Driver's License | *Racing |
| *Driving While Suspended | *Speeding-35 Over the Limit |
| *Driving On Restricted License | *Fleeing to Elude |
| *Unlawful Use of License | *Hit and Run |
| *No Insurance/No Proof of Insurance | *Re-valid Decal/Unable to Provide Proof |

Savannah Law School Increases Diversity in its Third Year

Savannah Law School is pleased to welcome its third entering class! With applications shrinking nationally at a rate of 8.2%, Savannah Law School bucked the trend again this year as applications to the law school increased by 18%. With a gender distribution of 71% female and 29% male, 21% minority representation, 17% military veterans, and a median age of 26, the 2014 entering class is Savannah Law School's most diverse; thus reinforcing the school's mission of providing the opportunity for legal education to both traditional and non-traditional students who show promise of making positive contributions to the profession, legal system or society.



Savannah Law School Day Students

Students joining the Savannah Law School community exemplify a variety of different backgrounds. 64% of incoming students come to Savannah from states other than Georgia, such as, Alaska, Arizona, California, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Maryland, South Dakota, Tennessee, and West Virginia. 33 different undergraduate institutions are represented, such as, Michigan State University, Texas Tech University, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and the Universities of Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Georgia, Florida, Minnesota, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Students have also spent years serving throughout the world as Army and Naval Officers, business owners, teachers, kayak guides, musicians, athletes, and parents.



Savannah Law School Evening Students

Savannah Law School welcomes all its new students to asks them to take advantage of everything our boutique law school offers. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions to learn more about how Savannah Law School's small classes and expert faculty foster great lawyers.

Lester B. Johnson Elected President of the Georgia School Board Association's Council of School Attorneys

Lester B. Johnson, III, who is on the Executive Committee of the Georgia School Board Association's Council of School Attorneys, has been elected its President. As President, he will preside over all Georgia School Board Association's annual school law conferences and the executive committee meetings.

Catholic Lawyers Guild Red Mass

CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD

Dioceses of Savannah

Pastoral Center

601 East Liberty Street

Savannah, Georgia 31401

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At Large: William Broker

TO: All Attorneys

RE: Red Mass & Luncheon

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You are cordially invited to attend the annual Red Mass to be held this year on **Friday, October 10, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist** and the St. Thomas More Award luncheon in Lafayette Square immediately following the Mass.

The Red Mass is an historic tradition of the Catholic Church dating back to the 13th century when it officially opened the term of Court for most European countries. The celebrants, which included lawyers, judges and government officials, would proceed into a church clothed in red garments to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit to all who pursue justice in their daily lives.

St. Thomas More (1478-1535) is recognized as the Patron Saint of lawyers and is best remembered in secular society as the humanist who authored *Utopia* in 1516. As a youth he wrote bawdy poetry; as a statesman and lawyer he was brilliant, pragmatic and shrewd; as a father he favored a well-rounded education for all of his children, his daughters as well as his sons. As Lord Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More was executed by order of King Henry VIII when he refused to support the King's break with the Catholic Church. St. Thomas More loved literature, philosophy, mathematics, music and art. He had a keen sense of humor and provided a joyful home environment, welcoming friends to join his family in songfests and games. A Renaissance man, he had progressive views that he did not find in contradiction to his loyalty to the Church.

Each year the Lawyer's Guild presents the St. Thomas More Award to honor a person who exemplifies the qualities of St. Thomas More. The Red Mass is held to invoke divine guidance and strength for all who seek justice. The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OSF, Bishop of Savannah will be this year's main celebrant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Savannah Bar Association September Luncheon

The Savannah Bar Association's September luncheon meeting will be held September 11, 2014. An *In Memoriam* service honoring the life of Harvey Weitz will take place during the luncheon. In addition, State Bar of Georgia President Patrise Perkins-Hooker will be giving a presentation.

GLSP Acknowledges Pro Bono Attorneys

GLSP thanks all the attorneys who accepted pro bono cases during August 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 Pro Bono Coordinator Joni Lukes at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2184 or jlukes@glsp.org or contact GLSP Program Outreach and Development Associate Jamie Rush at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2183 or jrush@glsp.org.

Molly Adams, Langston Bass, Marc M. Bruce, Tom Bateski, Harry Dixon III, Kimberly Harris*, Amy Henderson, Melanie Marks*, Megan Manly, Jerold Murray*, Mark Schaefer, Chris Stastny*, Julia Sullivan.

*Denotes an attorney who accepted multiple cases.

Wiseman Blackburn and Futrell has Moved

Wiseman Blackburn and Futrell announces that it has Moved its offices to 1510 Drayton Street after more than 30 years on Broughton Street. Its phone number will remain [\(912\) 232-2136](tel:9122322136). The members of the firm are: James B. Blackburn, James B. Blackburn, Jr., Jonathan J. Hunt, and R. Nathaniel Rackett.

Francesca A. Rehal has Moved

Francesca Rehal announces that she has moved her office to a new location at 11 East Perry Street.

Office Furniture for Sale

Like new. 6' x 3' Conference table and 4 chairs \$300. Legal size file cabinets, \$50 each. Contact Karen Dove Barr at 912-352-8053.