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Savannah Bar Association's End-of-Year Meeting

A fabulous end-of-year meeting was held on June 12, 2014, at the Savannah Golf Club. A large number of Savannah Bar Association ("SBA") members were able to attend. The food was delicious, and the Savannah Golf Club's bartenders were quite accommodating. Fun and fellowship were had!

William "Bill" P. Franklin, Jr. (Oliver Maner) was awarded the Judge Frank Cheatham Professionalism Award, and accepted with a talk that was as entertaining as expected! This award is presented annually to an attorney who best represents the high standard of conduct set by the



late Judge Cheatham, who served for more than three decades as a Chatham County Superior Court judge.

SBA also awarded scholarships to two deserving students. **Luke Emmoth** received the Gadsden Award, and **Danielle Cordova** received the Kravitch Award.

Wendy Williamson (The Mediation Center of Savannah) was thanked for her advancement of the SBA during her tenure as President and was recognized for her wisdom, good humor, and enthusiasm.

The formal portion of the end-of-year meeting concluded with the following individuals being sworn in as SBA officers for 2014 – 2015:

President – **Catherine M. Bowman** (The Bowman Law Office)

Vice President – **Colin A. McRae** (HunterMaclean)

Treasurer – **Mathew M. McCoy** (McCorkle & Johnson)

Secretary – **Margaret "Maggie" W.S. Puccini** (Bouhan Falligant)

SAVE THE DATE!

On July 17, 2014, the Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association is hosting an alumni happy hour at Hang Fire Bar.

Patrick T. O'Connor Sworn in as Secretary of the State Bar of Georgia

Patrick "Pat" T. O'Connor (Oliver Maner) was sworn in on June 7, 2014, as Secretary of the State Bar of Georgia during the State Bar of Georgia's Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, Florida. Mr. O'Connor served on the State Bar Board of Governors from 2004 until his swearing in as Secretary and is a past-President of both the Savannah Bar Association and the Savannah Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division. Mr. O'Connor is the first Savannah attorney to hold one of the four core offices of the State Bar of Georgia since 1973, which is the year that Frank "Sonny" Seiler served as President of the State Bar of Georgia.



Carson B. Penney and Zachary S. Howard Graduate from the State Bar's Leadership Academy

Carson B. Penney (HunterMaclean) and **Zachary "Zack" S. Howard** (Oliver Maner) graduated from the State Bar of Georgia's 2014 Leadership Academy on Friday, June 6, 2014, during the State Bar of Georgia's Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, Florida. The Leadership Academy, run by the State Bar's Young Lawyers Division, was founded in 2006 and is a program for young lawyers who are interested in developing their leadership skills in addition to learning more about their profession, their communities, and their state.

Carson and Zack were also elected during the State Bar's Annual Meeting to serve as representatives from the Southern District of Georgia to the Young Lawyer Division's Executive Council. Savannah attorneys **L. Rachel Wilson** (McCallar Law Firm), **Quentin L. Marlin** (Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams), and **Rachel Y. Fields** (HunterMaclean) were appointed as directors of the Young Lawyers Division's Executive Council.

Savannah Attorneys Elected as Officers and Board Members GDLA

The Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA) has announced that several Savannah attorneys have been elected as officers and board members for 2014-15: Kirby Mason, HunterMaclean, President; Peter Muller, Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson LLP, Secretary/Treasurer; Sally Akins, Ellis Painter Ratterree & Adams LLP, Vice President.

The GDLA, now with 800 members, was founded 47 years ago by a group of civil defense lawyers that included Savannah trial attorney Willis "Dick" Richardson, who served as its second President. Other Savannah attorneys who have served as president are Paul Painter, Jr., Morton "Salty" Forbes, Richard "Rick" Rominger, Johnny Foster, and Edward "Bubba" Hughes.

Savannah Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Update

The Savannah Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division ("Savannah YLD") began an eventful summer on May 30th with a well attended social event at Forsyth Park for the SCAD New Alumni Concert. Great camaraderie and music were enjoyed by all!

On June 6, 2014, the Ninth Annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Oakridge Course at The Landings. Seventy-two players participated and the tournament raised \$7,600.00 for the Guardian Ad Litem Program. The Savannah YLD would like to thank Colby Longley and Bryan Schivera for their efforts in making this year's tournament a success. The Oliver Maner team featuring attorneys Bryan Schivera and Doug Giorgio took home the First Place Gross prize. The Eichholz Law Firm team captained by Daniel Eichholz took home the First Place Net prize. The Savannah YLD would also like to extend a sincere "thank you" to everyone who participated in the tournament, whether by playing or sponsoring.



On June 10, 2014, the following young lawyers were selected to serve on the Savannah YLD's 2014 – 2015 Executive Board:

President – **Colby E. Longley** (McCorkle & Johnson)

President Elect – **Heather H. Lundy** (HunterMaclean)

Treasurer – **Lindsey L. Hobbs** (Thomerson Macchiaverna Smith & Freeman)

Secretary – **Bryan A. Schivera** (Oliver Maner)

Membership Chair – **Kate C. Lawson** (HunterMaclean)

Philanthropy Chair – **Carson B. Penny** (HunterMaclean)

Sponsorship Chair – **Philip Thompson** (Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams)

Social Co-Chair – **Thomas M. Gore** (Gore Law Firm)

Social Co-Chair – **Zachary S. Howard** (Oliver Maner)

Citation Chair – **Tawny D. Mack** (McCorkle & Johnson)

Logistics Chair – **Ruari J. O'Sullivan** (McCorkle & Johnson)

The Savannah YLD thanks **Blake L. Greco** for his service as President during 2013 – 2014.

In July, the Savannah YLD will host a special "alumni happy hour" on Thursday, the 17th at Hang Fire on Whitaker Street, starting at 5:30 p.m. All YLD alumni are welcome, as well as any summer associates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen C. Herring received her B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH on June 8, 2014. Founded in 1769, Dartmouth is a member of the Ivy League and consistently ranks among the world's greatest academic institutions. Kathleen majored in neuroscience and minored in Spanish. A 2010 graduate of Savannah Country Day School, Kathleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Herring. Wade, a member of the Dartmouth Class of 1980, is a partner at HunterMaclean where he practices employment law.



Scheer & Montgomery, P.C. is pleased to announce Craig Call will be joining the firm as partner beginning July 1, 2014. Craig gained admission to the Florida Bar in 2009 followed by Georgia in 2010, and started with Scheer & Montgomery in June 2010. Craig practices civil litigation, local government law, corporate law, and DUI defense.



Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe, LLP is seeking an attorney with 1-3 years of experience in commercial and/or real estate transactions, and in business representation. Applicants with strong academic credentials and experience in drafting contracts will receive preference. Georgia Bar membership is required. Please submit cover letters and resumes to Bill Glass at bglass@wswgs.com.

Georgia Legal Services Needs You!

It is the goal of GLSP to provide "equal access" to the Georgia Court System for qualifying individuals. Economic hardships and family dynamics have increased the demand for legal assistance. Due to this demand, we are seeking to expand the base of pro bono attorneys who voluntarily accept cases as their schedule permits. Join this elite group of attorneys who impact the future by investing in the lives of those who are currently at risk. Contact GLSP Pro Bono Coordinator, Joni Lukes at (912) 651-2283, Ext. 2184 or jlukes@glsp.org and indicate your area of interest in volunteering.



OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

2-3 offices available on the 10th floor of the Realty Building. Corner office overlooking the Savannah River plus 2 connecting offices ideal for an associate, paralegal or legal assistant. Sublease includes use of the lobby, large conference room and kitchen. For more information, please contact Jon Pannell at [912-443-4040](tel:912-443-4040) or jonpannell@gpwlawfirm.com.