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## The Savannah Bar Association Celebrates the Holidays

On Thursday, December 8, 2011, members of the SBA came together at the Georgia State Railroad Museum to celebrate the holidays with the annual Oyster Roast. With plenty of oysters, food, and drinks, the SBA enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and music by the duo Cynergy (Bob and Judy Williams). Special thanks to **Roy Paul** for organizing the night!

To start 2012, the SBA has prepared another interesting **Hot Topics Seminar** to be held on **January 5, 2012** at the DeSoto Hilton. To register, please contact **Brad Stevens** at [jstevens@laskylaw.com](mailto:jstevens@laskylaw.com). Coinciding with the Seminar is the monthly SBA luncheon at the DeSoto Hilton from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. All SBA members are encouraged to attend, and reminded to register for the monthly luncheons on the SBA website at [www.savannahbar.org](http://www.savannahbar.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

Our **SBA Annual Boat Ride** will take place **Friday, April 20, 2012** down the Savannah River to Daufuskie Island. The boat leaves at **10:00 a.m.** from the dock directly in front of Spanky's Restaurant on River Street. The boat should return around 4:00/4:30 p.m. that afternoon. We hope you can make it! The cost is \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the boat. Remember, you must have paid your 2011-2012 dues in full in order to board the boat! For further questions or to make payments, please contact **Catherine Bowman** at (912) 401-0121, [Catherine@TheBowmanLawOffice.com](mailto:Catherine@TheBowmanLawOffice.com).

## John Marshall Law School Approved for Savannah Branch

On December 8, 2011, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School announced the approval of the American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education and Admissions for a branch of the law school in Savannah. John Marshall previously operated a branch campus in Savannah in the 1970s and 1980s. Now it is starting a new Savannah location, the Savannah Law School ("SLS").

John Marshall anticipates classes to begin at SLS in August 2012, and will offer traditional and non-traditional students the opportunity to earn a Juris Doctor on a full-time and part-time basis. SLS also plans to offer a part-time evening program. For its first year, SLS anticipates a total enrollment of 95 students.

SLS will begin hiring faculty and staff in the spring. Student applications will be accepted beginning December 15, 2011 at [www.savannahlawschool.org/apply](http://www.savannahlawschool.org/apply).

## Savannah YLD Updates

By Jennifer Campbell Mock

The Savannah YLD has been busy this fall with several events to help local young attorneys network and have fun together.



**Blake Greco, Heather Hammonds, and Jacob Masee** show off their costumes at the Halloween party.

In October, the Savannah YLD held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Costume Party at the Crypt Pub. Donations were taken at the door with all of the proceeds going to benefit The First Tee of Savannah, a local charity that provides learning facilities and enrichment programs that promote literacy, character development, and life-enhancing values of Savannah's youth taught through the game of golf. Combined with the donations from our November event at Bonna Bella Yacht Club, we were able to raise over \$350.00 for The First Tee of Savannah.

In December, the Savannah YLD held its annual Tacky Sweater Christmas Party at the home of **Jennifer Mock**. The event was sponsored by Deemer, Dana, and Froehle LLP, and everyone showed up in their tackiest Christmas attire. In the tacky sweater contest, **Quentin Marlin** and **Jessica Lyons** won best couple, and **Lindsey Lovingood** won best individual. Donations were collected to benefit TeensHOPE. The money collected will go towards setting up and furnishing a room for terminally ill teenagers at Memorial Hospital to use and enjoy while they are in the hospital.



Savannah's young lawyers wear their tackiest Christmas outfits to support TeensHOPE.

If you are attending the State Bar of Georgia Mid-Year Meeting, please consider attending the YLD's Signature Fundraiser – Black Tie and Black Jack. The event will be held Saturday, January 7, 2011 at the Capital City Club in Atlanta. All proceeds will go to benefit Georgia Legal Services, and the popular event is always widely attended by members of the legal community across the state. To purchase tickets, please go to [www.glsp.org](http://www.glsp.org).

## COURT NEWS

### ***Supreme Court of Georgia Amends Rule 13 and Rule 27***

The Supreme Court of Georgia announced amendments to Supreme Court Rules 13 and 27, which will take effect on January 1, 2012.

Under the current Rule 13, a document sent by regular mail is considered filed the date it is received by the Clerk's office. If a document is sent by registered or certified mail, or overnight delivery, it is considered filed on the date a litigant gave it to the USPS or commercial delivery company for delivery to the Court.

The changes to Rule 13 will consider documents sent by regular mail as filed the date they are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS"), regardless of when they arrive. Documents sent through a commercial carrier for delivery within three days will be considered filed on the date they are delivered to the carrier.

The amendment to Rule 27 will require motions for reconsideration to be physically received by the Court within 10 days of the Court's decision to be considered timely. Previously a motion for reconsideration sent by certified or registered mail or overnight delivery was considered filed on the date of transmission.

Attorneys should be aware of these changes started January 1, 2012, and plan filings accordingly to timely meet the Court's requirements.

### ***Georgia Court of Appeals Terminates Record Appendix Rule***

Effective December 16, 2011, the Court of Appeals of Georgia will no longer accept a Record Appendix in an appeal to the Court in lieu of the trial court clerk preparing the record for appeal.

Rule 17 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals of Georgia will be revised to state:

#### **Rule 17. Duty of Trial Court Clerks**

The clerk of the trial court shall certify and transmit to the Clerk of this Court the original transcript and copies of all records as required within the time prescribed by statute. Trial court orders included in the record must contain the signature of the trial court judge. Conformed signatures, stamped signatures, and signatures with permission shall not be permitted. Transmittal shall be made by the clerk or deputy clerk personally or by first class United States mail, express mail, or commercial courier or delivery service, charges prepaid. Transmittal by a party of attorney is prohibited.

The Court will still consider a Record Appendix properly filed with the Supreme Court of Georgia as an official part of the trial record for any appeal transferred by the Supreme Court of Georgia to the Court of Appeals.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

After December 2011, **Lauren Blatt** will officially retire as Editor of The Citation. The SBA thanks Lauren for her many years of service in preparing and distributing to the SBA the news each month.

The Citation is seeking a new co-editor to assist in the monthly distribution of the Citation beginning in January 2012. Any SBA member who is interested, please contact Lindsey Lovingood at [lindsey@tmlawpc.com](mailto:lindsey@tmlawpc.com)

**Francesca A. Rehal, Esq.** is pleased to announce the relocation of her office to 223 West York Street. Francesca may be contacted at the same telephone number, or her new email address at [francescafights4u@rehalattorney.com](mailto:francescafights4u@rehalattorney.com).

*Just as a reminder, The Citation is always seeking submissions for the newsletter. We encourage you to submit your professional and personal announcements, law-related advertisements, articles, or announcements about particular philanthropies you are involved in, and other written submissions. Suggestions about ways to improve are always welcome. And, of course, we love to receive photographs to share with our readers! Bear in mind that our readers include not only current SBA members, but also many judges and law school students as well. Please contact us at [SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com) with submissions or questions. Thanks!*