



# The Citation

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## *A Message From the SBA President*

As I write this, we are enjoying the holiday season and approaching the end of the calendar year. It is hard to believe that the 2012-2013 bar year is half over. Looking back, we just completed the Annual Oyster Roast with good food, drink and fellowship. We are looking forward to our next luncheon on **January 10, 2013** at the Savannah Golf Club. Thereafter, the SBA will be hosting the **Annual Hot Topics Seminar** at the Savannah Golf Club on **February 8, 2013**. **Brad Stevens** has done a fine job along with co-chairs, **Paul Painter, III** and **Richard A. Sanders, Jr.**, in putting together a program of topics that should be of great interest. The seminar presents an easy opportunity for members to finish out their CLE requirements for last year or to get a head start on credits for 2013. A complete agenda and registration information will be available on the SBA website at [www.savannahbar.org](http://www.savannahbar.org).



*Attorney Shawn Kachmar shucks oysters at the annual SBA oyster roast in his pinstripe suit and*

The purposes of the Savannah Bar Association are defined by our by-laws. We are to cultivate good fellowship among our members, to encourage high ethical standards, to promote the best interests of the profession of law and to promote the administration of justice. Through programs such as the Hot Topics Seminar and speakers at our monthly meetings, we strive to remind ourselves of the high ethical standards to which we are called. Anyone who attends our annual barbecue, oyster roast or cocktail party knows the good fellowship of those gatherings. We have the opportunity to share our fellowship with guests from other parts of the state at our Annual Boat Ride. The Boat Ride will be held on April 12, 2013 this year and Admiral Harvey Weitz will again make sure that a good time is had by all.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the other officers of our association for their hard work. As you know, **Wendy Williamson** is our President-Elect and has taken the laboring oar in planning our monthly events. **Catherine Bowman** as Treasurer and **Colin McRae** as Secretary have made my job as your President very easy. I want to encourage the membership of our association to feel free to contact any of the officers or members of the Executive Committee with any questions or suggestions concerning this year's activities.

We understand that there have been some concerns relating to the increased utilization of the website as the primary means of communicating with members and as the primary means of handling membership renewals and

reservations for events. We have tried to take steps to remedy the problems that have been brought to our attention so that no member feels that his or her concerns are not being addressed. We are also aware that there have been significant reductions in funding for the Georgia Legal Services Program and **Wendy Williamson** and **Bill Broker** are chairing a pro bono committee to address ways through which SBA can attempt to fill in the gaps through concerted volunteer efforts. We are also trying to work with ICLE to provide increased accessibility here in Savannah to continuing legal education programs offered in the Atlanta area. We are working to arrange with ICLE to provide access to an expanded number of seminars for viewing in the Savannah satellite office.

As 2012 draws to a close and we look forward to the additional activities planned for the remainder of the bar year in 2013, I wish to express my appreciation to all members of the Savannah Bar Association for the steps that each of you take every day to promote the best interests of the profession of law and to promote the administration of justice. I also want to thank **Lindsey Lovingood Hobbs** and **Denton Hill** for all of their hard work on The Citation and the opportunity to submit this article. I look forward to our continued fellowship in 2013.

**Roy E. Paul**, *President, Savannah Bar Association*

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**January 10, 2013**

Monthly SBA Luncheon  
12 p.m., Savannah Golf Club

**February 8, 2013**

Hot Topics Seminar and  
Monthly SBA Luncheon

**February 9, 2013**

High School Mock Trial  
Competition  
Chatham Co. Courthouse

**March 14, 2013**

Monthly SBA Luncheon  
12 p.m., Savannah Golf Club

*Volunteers Needed for High School Mock Trial Competition*

By: John Manly

The Georgia High School Mock Trial competition is set to begin on February 9, 2013. The Savannah Region is expecting to have nine teams from Southeast Georgia. In part because of poor turn-out in other parts of the state, the Savannah Region has welcomed teams from the Brunswick Region.



In hopes of accommodating those teams and streamlining the competition, the tournament will not be limited to one day. All teams will compete in two rounds. A third, championship round will take place on Saturday afternoon. As always, the competition is looking for attorneys and judges that are willing to evaluate and judge the student participants. If you would like to volunteer to assist in cultivating the future attorneys of Georgia, please contact **John Manly**, Regional Coordinator, at (912) 644-5756 or [jbmanly@bouhan.com](mailto:jbmanly@bouhan.com).

*Supreme Court of Georgia Justice Seeking Law Clerk*

Justice David E. Nahmias of the Georgia Supreme Court will be hiring a law clerk (staff attorney) to begin work in July or August 2013. Job responsibilities include drafting opinions, memoranda on applications to appeal, and summaries of records and briefs; reviewing opinions and memoranda circulated by other Justices and the Court's Central Staff; conducting legal research; supervising law school interns; and advising Justice Nahmias on all matters before the Court. Justice Nahmias treats his law clerks as colleagues and confidants and relies on their judgment, integrity, writing and analytical ability, and attention to detail. Law clerks must be able to work independently and meet strict deadlines while also being amenable to substantial direction and editing. Applicants must commit to service for at least two years.

O.C.G.A. § 15-2-19 requires Supreme Court law clerks to be admitted to the State Bar of Georgia; because the results of the July 2013 Georgia Bar Exam will not be announced until the fall, 2013 law school graduates are not eligible to apply. Other minimum requirements include law school graduation in the top 20% of the class, service on a law review or moot court team, outstanding performance in undergraduate studies, and demonstrated writing and analytical ability. Prior experience as a law clerk or in a law practice is favored.

The application deadline is **January 31, 2013**. Applicants should submit a cover letter explaining why they are interested in the position and specifying when they would be available to start work, a resume that includes law school and undergraduate grade point average, class rank, activities, and a description of work experience, a law school transcript, two to four recommendation letters, preferably from persons familiar with the applicant's legal writing and analytical abilities, and a writing sample, preferably one that was not heavily edited by others. Applications should be sent to: Justice David E. Nahmias, Supreme Court of Georgia, State Judicial Building, 244 Washington Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30334. Selected applicants will be interviewed in February or March 2013.

Background information about the Georgia Supreme Court and Justice Nahmias may be found at [www.gasupreme.us](http://www.gasupreme.us).

## *YLD 2012-2013 Year in Full Swing*

by Heather Hammonds

As 2012 draws to a close, the Savannah Bar Young Lawyers Division is not slowing down. In November, YLD members gathered at Billy's Place to enjoy happy hour before heading downstairs to McDonough's for karaoke. What was lacked in singing ability was made up for in confidence and volume.

On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, YLD members donned their favorite tacky Christmas sweaters and gathered at YLD President **Quentin Marlin's** home to enjoy delicious food, cocktails and great company. **Blake and Lindsay Greco** took the prize for best couple's costume, while **Daniel Jenkins** won the title of best individual costume. Always one of the favorite events of the year, this year's Christmas party was no different.



*YLD Members at the Tacky Sweater Christmas Party*

On January 19, 2013, the YLD Executive Board will have the opportunity to plan, shop for and cook a meal at the Savannah Ronald McDonald House. For those who may be unfamiliar with the mission of the Ronald McDonald House, it serves as a "home away from home" for families who have critically ill or injured children receiving treatment at Savannah area hospitals. The YLD Exec Board would like to thank all YLD members who made generous donations to cover the cost of the food.

If anyone would like information about our other upcoming events and is not currently receiving YLD emails, please contact **Amanda Love** at [alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com](mailto:alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com).

## *2013 SBA Annual Boat Ride*



**Langston Bass** would like to remind all SBA members that missed the 2012 boat ride to mark your calendar for next year on **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Langston and **Harvey Weitz** are already hard at work finishing the planning for this trip, and encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the day.

## *Chatham County Board of Commissioners Declares December “Impaired Driving Prevention Month”*

On December 7, 2012, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners proclaimed the month of December 2012 as **Impaired Driving Prevention Month**. The Commissioners, in their proclamation, recognized the significant contributions of the DUI Court Program of the State Court of Chatham County in reducing substance abuse and impaired driving while saving valuable resources.

The **Honorable H. Gregory Fowler** presides over the Chatham County DUI Court, which has been in operation for almost 10 years. The DUI Court is a collaborative effort of the Court, the City of Savannah, and Chatham County. The Commissioners further recognized that the DUI Court is “the most effective tool in the criminal justice system for saving money, and reducing impaired driving of the repeat drunk driver by addressing the underlying addiction.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lester B. Johnson, III**, who, along with **Leamon R. Holliday, III**, represents the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education, was recently re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Georgia School Board Association’s County of School Attorneys.

**J. L Williamson Law Group, LLC** would like to announce the opening of its satellite office at 100 Commercial Court, Suite A, Savannah, GA 31405. Additionally, **Mr. Williamson** will be speaking to the Savannah Trial Lawyers Association on **January 29, 2013**, located at Savannah Golf Club, at 12:00 p.m. The title of the presentation will be “Tax Consequences of Litigation Settlements.”

*The SBA Citation is always seeking submissions for upcoming editions. 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 also 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.*