

Don't Miss the Boat! Savannah Bar Association to Hold Annual Boat Ride on Friday, April 25, 2014!

Langston Bass would like to remind all SBA members that missed the 2013 boat ride to mark your calendar for next year on **Friday, April 25, 2014**. 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.

SBA Scholarships and Guidelines

The Savannah Bar Association undertakes to award scholarships to deserving students each year. The guidelines for the scholarships are as follows:

The Judge Eugene H. Gadsden Memorial Scholarship was established by the Savannah Bar Association in tribute to the memory and legacy of Judge Gadsden as an outstanding community leader known for his character, integrity and compassion. His fairness, patience and wisdom served as an inspiration not only to all lawyers and judges but to the community at large. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a graduating senior from a high school in Savannah in attending an accredited college or university. The award is based on merit and it provides an annual amount of \$1,000 for four years. The award may be used for tuition and fees, books, and other academic expenses. All applicants who have applied for or will be receiving other financial support must reveal that information and include it with the application. Applicants must meet entrance requirements of the institution and maintain grades in keeping with the standards of the Hope Scholarship.

The Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship was established by her former law clerks in tribute this outstanding community leader known for her character, integrity and compassion. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a rising second or third year law school student from Chatham County in continuing his/her education at an accredited school of law. The scholarship award of \$1,000 will be given to one student based on merit for the second or third year of study in law school. A second year law student who receives an award may apply for an additional award for his/her third year. The award may be used for tuition and fees, books, and other academic expenses. All applicants who have applied for or will be receiving other financial support must reveal that information in the application.

The scholarships are administered by The Savannah Community Foundation, Inc. located at 7393 Hodgson Memorial Drive, Suite 204, Savannah, GA 31406. Completed applications must be received by 3:00 PM on March 31, 2014.

Young Lawyers End 2013 By Giving Back

The Savannah YLD ended 2013 by raising money for two of Savannah's worthy causes. In a competition to see which YLD Executive Board member would go "Over the Edge" by donating to the Boy Scouts of America Coastal Empire Council. Executive members gathered donations for two months, and the member with the most donations repelled down the Manger Building in downtown Savannah on Friday, December 13th. With a significant number of votes, YLD President **Blake Greco** had the honor of representing the organization and taking the leap at the Boy Scouts' event. The YLD raised over \$1,100 for the Boy Scouts as part of the Over the Edge fundraiser.

At the annual Tacky Sweater Christmas Party, local young lawyers reached into their pockets again and donated money towards the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire. For the second year in a row, YLD will take the donations and prepare a meal at the Ronald McDonald House for the families in residence. Those YLD members who are interested in participating in this event which will take place on **February 23, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.**, should contact Philanthropy Chair **Kate Lawson** at klawson@huntermaclean.com.

For the first social event of 2014, the YLD gathered at Flip Flop Tiki Bar for trivia and socializing. This event was generously sponsored by Hancock Askew & Co., LLP, whose team also took first place.

The Savannah Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division, and Atlanta Bar Association Council of Younger Lawyers will host "Ethical Considerations in Cloud Based Computing and Other Modern Technologies," a one-hour Ethics CLE with panelists Jenny Mittelman, Alex Khoury, and Kellyn McGee. The CLE will begin at **5:30 p.m. at the State Bar Coastal Georgia Office** (18 E. Bay Street). The cost will be \$5 to cover the cost of the CLE credit. Please RSVP to Raj Shah at rs@phrd.com by Monday, March 3, 2014 if you plan to attend the CLE. Immediately following the CLE, the Savannah YLD will host a happy hour at **Moon River Brewery** on Bay Street. This happy hour is generously sponsored by Brantley C. Rowlen, candidate for State YLD Secretary.



As a reminder, all Savannah young lawyers are encouraged to renew their membership. Our membership base allows the YLD to continue having the monthly events that we all enjoy. Those who have not renewed their membership for the Bar year, or who want to join for the first time, should contact Zach Thomas (zthomas@aol.com) or Carson Penney (cpenney@huntermaclean.com).

Photo: Savannah YLD President Blake Greco, shown here with his biggest cheerleader, daughter Sloan, is all business in his suit as he repels down the Manger Building to raise money for the Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulations to the 2013 Savannah Legal Elite!

In December 2013, GeorgiaTrend Magazine published its 11th Annual Legal Elite, a listing of Georgia's top attorneys, selected by their peers, in 10 different practice areas. The following Savannah attorneys were recognized:

Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights

Margaret Clark
Cole, Fleming & Clark P.C.

Lindsey Lovingood Hobbs
Thomerson Macchiaverna Smith & Freeman P.C.

Kathleen Horne
Bouhan Falligant LLP

Edgar M. Smith
Hunter Maclean Exley & Dunn P.C.

Business Law

Kristen W. Goodman
Goodman Law Firm, LLC

Paul D. Meyer
Bart Meyer & Company, LLP

Patrick T. O'Connor
Oliver Maner LLP

Paul W. Painter Jr.
Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, LLP

Christopher H. Smith
Thomerson Macchiaverna Smith & Freeman P.C.

Corporate Law

Thomas S. Cullen
Hunter Maclean Exley & Dunn, P.C.

David H. Johnson
McCorkle & Johnson, LLP

John G. Lientz
Bouhan Falligant LLP

Matthew M. McCoy
McCorkle & Johnson, LLP

Robert W. Schivera
Oliver Maner LLP

Kate D. Strain
Belzer PC

Julia H. Sullivan
The Law Offices of Julia H. Sullivan, LLC

Criminal Law

Steven L. Beauvais
Zipperer Lorberbaum & Beauvais

Amy Lee Copeland
Rouse + Copeland LLC

Courtney R. Lerch
The Wade Law Firm

Julie M. Wade
The Wade Law Firm

Tom Withers
Gillen Withers & Lake LLC

Family Law

William R. Claiborne
The Claiborne Firm, P.C.

George M. Hubbard III
The Law Office of George M. Hubbard, PC

K. Paul Johnson
Johnson, Kraeuter & Dunn, LLC

Amanda J. Love
The Bowman Law Office, LLC

Susannah Rogers Pedigo
Bouhan Falligant, LLP

Jenni F. Swan
Swan Law Firm, LLC

Andrew M. Wilkes
Oliver Maner LLP

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Oliver Maner LLP

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Bart Meyer & Company LLP

Jonah L. Pine
Williams & Pine LLC

Christopher H. Smith
Thomerson Macchiaverna Smith & Freeman P.C.

John M. Tatum
Hunter Maclean Exley & Dunn, PC

Wiley A. Wasden III
Brennan & Wasden LLP

Kristen W. Goodman
Goodman Law Firm, LLC

Patricia T. Paul
Oliver Maner LLP

Personal Injury

Frederick S. Bergen
Bergen & Bergen, PC

I. Gregory Hodges
Oliver Maner LLP

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William J. Hunter
Oliver Maner LLP

Jeffrey W. Lasky
Lasky Cooper Law

Brent J. Savage
Savage Turner Pinckney & Madison

Brad Stevens
Friedman, Martin & Stevens LLP

John E. Suthers
Suthers Law Firm

Arnold C. Young
Hunter Maclean Exley & Dunn, PC

Public Finance/Bonds

Thomas S. Gray Jr.
Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP

Jonathan B. Pannell
Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP

Taxes/Estates/Trusts

David Herschel Dickey
Oliver Maner LLP

Amy R. Henderson
Bart Meyer & Company LLP

Melanie L. Marks
Bouhan Falligant LLP

Thomas B. Sayers
Bart Meyer & Company LLP

Robert W. Schivera
Oliver Maner LLP

Lee A. Summerford
Oliver Maner LLP

Eliminating Barriers to Justice: Addressing Ethical Obligations, Cultural Competency, and Best Practices for Ensuring Meaningful Language Access in Georgia Courts

February 20, 2014 ~ Atlanta's John Marshall Law School ~ Blackburn Conference Center ~ 1:30 pm-5:30 pm

Do you represent clients whose primary language is not English or who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH)? Do you preside over cases where the litigant's or witness' primary language is not English or who is DHH? Have you faced challenges in obtaining a court-provided interpreter for a limited English proficient (LEP) client? Need more information on the requirement that LEP clients have court-provided interpreters in criminal *and civil* cases per the Supreme Court of Georgia rule governing the use of interpreters? Need more information on your ethical obligations when representing an LEP or DHH client? Do you still need to earn that elusive 1 Hour Ethics continuing education credit before March 31, 2014? If so, please join language access experts and stakeholders for a FREE CLE seminar which will provide information on how to ensure LEP and DHH individuals have meaningful access to Georgia courts.

1 hour of Ethics and 3.5 hours of General continuing education credits for attorneys and judges applied for. This CLE is self-reporting. Credits must be paid for by attendees seeking credit. Reporting forms will be provided on-site.

NO FEE TO ATTEND! Register now at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LEPAccess> (Paper copies of training materials may not be available to attendees who register after February 15, 2014; however all materials will be made available on the internet.)

Savannah Bar Association Officers Nomination Committee

Catherine Bowman, president-elect of the Savannah Bar Association has been appointed by the President to lead the Nominating Committee which is charged with nominating officers for 2014-2015. The slate of officers proposed by the Committee will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for May 8, 2014. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact Catherine Bowman at catherine@thebowmanlawoffice.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bates Lovett recently left Hunter Maclean to join **Fisher Broyles**. Fisher Broyles is an internet based law firm headquartered in Atlanta with almost 100 attorneys practicing across the United States. Bates will continue to focus on civil litigation. His office is located in the ThincSavannah space on Ellis Square. He may be contacted at blovett@fisherbroyles.com or 912-335-4467.

Attorneys **Clark Nash** and **Chad Mance** recently opened **Nash and Mance, LLP**. The firm practices in the areas of personal injury and workers' compensation. They are located at 2 E. Bryan Street, Suite 601, and may be contacted at 912-200-5292. You may find out more about firm at www.nashandmance.com.

Brennan and Wasden LLC, is pleased to announce Robert S.D. Pace has joined the firm. Robert joins with an 11 year practice in general business matters, real estate matters including residential and commercial real estate closings, wills, estate and probate matters, corporations, partnerships, contracts, and banking.

Savannah Law School has an exciting and challenging opportunity as an **Associate Director of Career Development**. The Associate Director of Career Development is responsible for assisting the Director in all operations of the career services function. Primary duties will include counseling law students and alumni regarding school-year and summer internships and career options upon graduation (e.g. attorney positions, graduate programs, fellowships, judicial clerkships, alternative careers). The Associate Director of Career Development will also assist with implementing and coordinating career services and placement programs in order to provide comprehensive job placement services for Savannah Law School law students and alumni.

Interested candidates may mail or email their letter of interest, along with a current professional resume, and the names of three references to: Lauren Knight, Director of Career Development and Externships, Savannah Law School, 516 Drayton Street, Savannah, GA 31401, lknight@savannahlawschool.org.

Bart, Meyer & Company, LLP is pleased to announce that **Ansley Bell Threlkeld** has joined the Firm focusing her practice in the areas of real estate, estate planning and related litigation. Ansley is a native of Augusta, Georgia and is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. Ansley has practiced law in Atlanta, Savannah, and Vidalia before returning in 2013 to Savannah. Ansley is actively involved with Leadership Georgia. She and her husband Paul are proud parents of three children.

Former prosecutor **J. Maria Waters** has joined Attorney **Lester B. Johnson III** and his law firm as an Associate. Waters formerly was an Assistant District Attorney in Chatham and Athens-Clarke-Oconee counties and most recently served as an Assistant United States Attorney (U.S. Attorney's Office).

She graduated summa cum laude from Spelman College in 1996 and earned her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1999.

A native of Montezuma, Maria has strong connections to Savannah. She is the niece of educators Dr. Annette and Otis J. Brock II and the cousin of Donna Brock and the late Otis J. Brock III.

Cletus Bergen has a law office for rent, located at 223 West York Street, one block from the Chatham County courthouse. If interested, please call Cletus Bergen at 912-223-8001.

Former legal space for rent at 7805 Waters Avenue, upstairs. Rent a one room-office, or the entire floor. Four offices are available, plus a reception area and a bathroom. If interested, call **Karen Dove Barr** at 912-352-8053.

LOCAL CLE OPPORTUNITIES: With six-weeks notice and a minimum number of interested attorneys, ICLE will tape the seminar for later broadcast at the Georgia Bar Satellite Office on Bay Street. Please check the SBA website for more information, <http://savannahbar.org/>.

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 with submissions or questions.