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NEXT BAR MEETING— HOT TOPICS ON JANUARY 13, 2011



Happy new year to our members! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. This **Thursday, January 13, 2011** is our next meeting. It is our annual Hot Topics seminar held at the DeSoto Hilton. Registration for Hot Topics starts at 8:00 a.m. (you can still register on-site) and the presentations begin at 8:30 a.m. By now you should have received the itinerary and registration form. A copy is also attached to the newsletter. Many thanks to Rob Kelly for his hard work in organizing this event and for all the terrific CLE presentations he lined up. The agenda is varied and promises to be interesting for everyone, no matter what your area(s) of practice.

In the event you can't commit to attend the full day seminar, or else you already have sufficient CLE credits, you can still join us for the monthly luncheon meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

As a reminder, our February luncheon meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 24, 2011**, also at the DeSoto Hilton.

STATE BAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sally Akins was recently appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's 2011 Finance Committee. Sally is one of ten new members appointed to the committee by the State Bar's President-elect Kenneth Shigley. Congratulations Sally!

The State Bar has advised that unlimited FDIC insurance coverage is continuing on all IOLTA accounts for the next two years. The unlimited coverage previously was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010, but the situation has been remedied under a new federal law. Unlike the prior situation, all banks are now mandated to offer this coverage beginning on January 1, 2011.

SAVANNAH YLD ANNOUNCEMENTS

All current and prospective Savannah YLD members are invited to attend the next YLD event: happy hour at Hang Fire. The event takes place on **Thursday, January 20, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m.** Hang Fire is located at 37 Whitaker Street. We hope you can attend this fun event. As always, it is a great opportunity to network and meet other YLD members.

COURT OF APPEALS NEWS

On January 5, 2011, Judge John J. Ellington was sworn in as the 25th Chief Judge of the Court of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. Judge Ellington has been on the court since 1999, when he was appointed by former Governor Roy Barnes.

On January 6, 2011, Christopher J. McFadden was also sworn in as a judge for the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Do you have arguments scheduled before the Court of Appeals? If your arguments are scheduled during the legislative session, please be aware that parking will be considerably more difficult!

The Court of Appeals will have furlough days on **Friday, January 14, 2011** and **Friday, February 18, 2011**. Please bear this in mind when considering your filing deadlines.

SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective January 31, 2011, please be advised that a Certificate of Good Standing will cost **\$10.00**.

At this time, it appears that the price increase only applies to the Supreme Court of Georgia. Although there is no indication that the Court of Appeals certificate is going up in price, it might be beneficial check with the Court before making any requests.

NEW GENERAL ORDER IN THE U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

On December 22, 2010, General Order No. 2010-3 was signed into effect in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia. A copy of the order is available on the Bankruptcy Court's website, www.gasb.uscourts.gov. Pursuant to this General Order, the Court has reviewed the relevant factors supporting fees awards in Chapter 13 cases. Based on the evidence, the Court vacated General Order 2007-6 and made the following determination:

Effective in all Chapter 13 cases filed on or after January 1, 2011, a claim for attorney's fees for services rendered and expenses advanced to a Chapter 13 debtor will be deemed automatically approved by the Court, in the absence of an objection, so long as said claim does not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). The \$3,000.00 fee contemplates appearance by counsel of record for the debtor at the sec. 341 meeting and all hearings... In the event a debtor's attorney subsequently determines that an award of \$3,000.00 does not adequately compensate the attorney for legal services rendered, the attorney may petition for reasonable attorney's fees....

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT UPDATES ONLINE

Please be advised that recent changes to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Eleventh Circuit Rules and Internal Operating Procedures are available online at www.ca11.uscourts.gov.

GAWL ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is time to renew your Georgia Association of Women Lawyers (GAWL) membership or become a member for the first time! GAWL supports and promotes women lawyers throughout Georgia by providing networking opportunities, personal and professional development programs, leadership training, and community outreach. Please visit www.gawl.org to join or renew your GAWL membership online.

Also, the Savannah Chapter of GAWL will hold its next monthly meeting on **Monday, February 7, 2011** at Soho South Café from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. An Evite for this event will follow.

For more information about the upcoming meeting or the Savannah Chapter of GAWL, please contact Kara K. Clements at kara@rubnitzlaw.com.

TIME FOR MAGGIE'S FIFTH ANNUAL 5K KIDDIE RUN

Maggie's Morning School is seeking sponsors and participants for its 5th Annual 5k Kiddie Run in Lake Mayer Park on Friday, April 1, 2011! Remember, sponsorships are tax deductible.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Kiddie Run and Maggie's Morning School, or would like to participate, please contact Nancy D. Roberson at (912) 352-8404 or Francesca Macchiaverna at (912) 790-7778. You may also register for this fun event online at Active.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL SEACREST RACE FOR PRESERVATION

The Historic Savannah Foundation will hold its annual Race for Preservation 10k/5k through historic Savannah on February 26, 2011. For more information or to register, visit www.myhsf.org.

LEGAL JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Thomerson & Macchiaverna P.C. is currently seeking a Full-time Paralegal and a Part-Time File Clerk. Please direct all inquires to Jennifer Scogin, Office Manager, at (912) 790-7778 or jennifer@tmlawpc.com.

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR EDITORS....

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; and other written submissions. Articles or announcements about particular philanthropies you are involved in are welcome. 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 with submissions or questions. Thanks!

THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



HOT TOPICS SEMINAR

JANUARY 13, 2011

Desoto Hilton Savannah
15 East Liberty Street
Savannah, GA 31401

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| 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. | Registration | |
| 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. | Welcome | Rob Kelly, Chair |
| 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. | Representing Veteran's Claims Before the V.A. | Quentin Martin |
| 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. | Avoiding Violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act | Maggie Puccini |
| 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. | Recent Developments in Real Estate Litigation | Timothy Walmsley |
| 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. | BREAK | |
| 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | Family Law Update | Susannah Pedigo |
| 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. | Ethics and Professionalism | Edward Tarver, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Savannah Bar Luncheon | Maryellon Bumer Chatham County Chief Appraiser |
| 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. | Condominium Construction Litigation | Mathew McCoy |
| 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. | Reforming SB3 - The Effect of Recent Opinions on the 2005 Tort Reform Legislation | Paul Painter, III |
| 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. | Creative Demonstrative Evidence: "Adding the Midas Touch" | Jeffrey Lasky |
| 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. | BREAK | |
| 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. | Important Considerations for the Initial Meeting with a Personal Injury Client | Brad Stevens |
| 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. | Imperial Sugar Cases | Jeremy McKenzie, Attorney for several plaintiffs |
| 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. | Craig Heidt Murder Trial | W. Dow Bonds, Defense Attorney for Craig Heidt |

**SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION
HOT TOPICS SEMINAR**

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Thursday, January 13, 2011

Time: Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.
Program begins at 8:30 A.M.

Place: Desoto Hilton Savannah, 15 E. Liberty Street

Name (Print): _____

Georgia Bar No: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Tuition:

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| \$160.00 | Savannah Bar Association Members |
| \$180.00 | Non-Savannah Bar Association Members |
| \$ 90.00 | Student Government |

** THE PROGRAM MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED ON A DISK. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINTED COPY OF THE MATERIALS AT THE CLE, PLEASE NOTIFY ROB KELLY BY JANUARY 6, 2011.*

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION" AND RETURN WITH THIS FORM TO:

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6.5 TOTAL HOURS OF CLE CREDIT (PENDING APPROVAL) INCLUDING: 3.5 HOURS OF TRIAL PRACTICE
1 HOUR OF ETHICS