

## Dates to Remember:

- January 25, 2013  
YLD Trivia Night at Satisfied (5:30 p.m.)
- February 8, 2013  
Hot Topics Seminar at Savannah Golf Club
- February 8, 2013  
Monthly Luncheon at Savannah Golf Club (12:00 p.m.)
- February 9, 2013  
High School Mock Trial Competition, Chatham Co. Courthouse
- April 12, 2013  
SBA Boat Ride

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## Don't Miss the Boat! Savannah Bar Association to Hold Annual Boat Ride on Friday, April 12, 2013!

The SBA will set sail on the *Spirit of Harbour Town* down the Savannah River to Daufuskie Island on **Friday, April 12, 2013**. The boat boards at 9:30 a.m. and leaves at 10:00 a.m. from the dock directly in front of Spanky's Restaurant on River Street. The boat is expected to return around 4:00/4:30 p.m. that afternoon. The cost is \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of for SBA members, and \$16 in advance and \$20 the day of for guests. The deadline for the advance registration is Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Remember, you must have paid your 2012-2013 SBA dues in full in order to board the boat. A special thanks to the sponsors: Coastal Court Reporting and Video Services, Inc., Investors Title Insurance Company, Pro-Legal Copies, The Savannah Law School, and West, a Thomson Reuters Business.

## SBA Prepares for Annual Hot Topics Seminar

The SBA will hold its annual Hot Topics Seminar along with the SBA monthly luncheon on **Friday, February 8, 2013** at the Savannah Golf Club. This year's topics include:

- *Municipal Court Practice* by Judge Rick Gnann, Municipal Court of Pooler
- *VA Pension/Aid & Attendance Benefits* by Richard S. Barid and Michael H. Smith
- *Protecting the Elderly – Nursing Home Malpractice from the Plaintiff's Perspective* by Brian E. Krapf
- *Healthcare Subrogation* by Ben Price
- *The Well-Rounded Attorney: Ethics, Mediation, and Public Service* by Wendy Williamson and Bill Broker
- *Professionalism – A View from the Bench* by Judge Timothy R. Walmsley, Chatham County Superior Court
- *Family Law Tips for the General Practitioner* by Jonathan V. Dunn
- *The New Evidence Code* by Richard A. Sanders, Jr.
- *Trends in Insurance Defense* by G. Mason White
- *Marketing for Lawyers – Panel Discussion* by Derek J. White, Paul Painter, III, Sarah Brown Akins, and Wade W. Herring, II
- *Representing the City of Savannah* by James Blackburn, Sr.

Members are encouraged to take this opportunity to listen, learn and obtain CLE credit. Members can register online at [www.savannahbar.org](http://www.savannahbar.org). A special thanks to Chair **Brad Stevens** and Co-Chairs **Paul Painter, III** and **Richard A. Sanders, Jr.** for their hard work in organizing this event.

### *Volunteers Needed for High School Mock Trial Competition*

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 now 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).

## **Area Attorneys Pitch In On Pro Bono**

By Bill Broker

Local attorneys have “gone the extra mile” to be involved in the Pro Bono Project of Georgia Legal Services (GLS) and the Savannah Bar Association. With the reduction in staff at the GLS office, more and more attorneys are being asked to help out with the work. Area attorneys know that access to our courts is more often an empty guarantee without the assistance of an attorney. The following attorneys have taken at least one case during the last half of 2012. Cases have run the gamut from domestic violence, insurance issues and probate to wills, pension questions, Social Security, and housing issues.

Kathleen Aderhold  
 Nazish Ahmed  
 Charles H. Andrew  
 Randy Bart  
 Tom Bateski  
 Clete Bergen  
 John Paul Berlon  
 Nichole Bergeron  
 Keith Berry  
 Vincent Bick  
 Jay Blackburn  
 Tom Bordeaux  
 Marc Bruce  
 Melissa Calhoun  
 Tony Center  
 Adam Cerbone  
 Kristin Cerbone  
 Will Claiborne  
 Dorothy Courington  
 Harold Cronk  
 Will Cubbedge  
 Brian Daly  
 DuAnn Davis

David Dickey  
 Bruce Daniel Dubberly, Jr.  
 Doug Giorgio  
 Blake Greco  
 Lindsey Lovingood Hobbs  
 Tom Hudson  
 Patrick Jarrett  
 John Lientz  
 Amanda Love  
 Jonathan Maire  
 Jim Nadeau  
 Janice Powell  
 Dean Phillips  
 Francesca Rehal  
 Kran Riddle  
 Mark Schaefer  
 Bryan Schivera  
 Robert Schivera  
 Channell Singh  
 Chris Smith  
 Elizabeth Thompson

Special thanks to those who have helped out. If you can, be sure to do your part when asked to help out. If you can't help then, let the Pro Bono Project know and we'll catch you the next time.

## Local Attorneys Selected for Legal Elite

In December 2012, *Georgia Trend's* released its annual list of "Legal Elite." The list is based on the votes of attorneys who are licensed to practice and live in Georgia. The 2012 Legal Elite expanded recognition from eight practice areas to twenty. The following Savannah attorneys are congratulated on being named 2012 Legal Elite:

### Appellate Law

Amy Lee Copeland, *Amy Lee Copeland, LLC*  
Andrew H. Dekle, *Bouhan + Falligant*

### Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights

Margaret K. Clark, *Cole, Fleming & Clark, PC*  
Thomas M. Gore, *McCorkle & Johnson, LLP*  
Kathleen Horne, *Bouhan + Falligant*

### Business Law

Todd M. Baiad, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
John M. Hewson III, *HunterMaclean*

### Corporate Law

Thomas S. Cullen, *HunterMaclean*  
John G. Lientz, *Bouhan + Falligant*

### Criminal Law

Julie M. Wade, *The Wade Law Firm*  
Tom Withers, *Gillen Withers & Lake, LLC*  
Alex L. Zipperer, *Zipperer Lorbenbaum & Beauvais, PC*

### Elder Law

Jamie F. Clark, *Mediation Solutions, LLC*  
Aron G. Weiner, *Weiner Shearouse Weitz Greenberg & Shawe, LLP*

### Environmental Law

Andrew H. Ernst, *HunterMaclean*

### Family Law

George M. Hubbard III, *The Law Office of George M. Hubbard, PC*  
K. Paul Johnson, *Johnson, Kraeuter & Dunn, LLC*  
Susannah Rogers Pedigo, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Jenni F. Swan, *Swan Law Firm, LLC*  
Andrew M. Wilkes, *Oliver Maner, LLP*

### General Practice/Trial Law

Glen M. Darbyshire, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
I Gregory Hodges, *Oliver Maner, LLP*  
Leamon R. Holliday III, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Carlton E. Joyce, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Mathew M. McCoy, *McCorkle & Johnson, LLP*  
Patrick T. O'Connor, *Oliver Maner, LLP*  
Roy E. Paul, *Bart, Meyer & Company, LLP*  
Christopher W. Phillips, *HunterMaclean*  
John M. Tatum, *HunterMaclean*

### Healthcare Law

T. Mills Fleming, *HunterMaclean*  
Gregory G. Sewell, *Bouhan + Falligant*

### Intellectual Property

Nathan C. Belzer, *Belzer PC*  
Matthew C. Henderson, *HunterMaclean*  
Benjamin W. Karpf, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Kate D. Strain, *Belzer PC*

### Labor & Employment

Catherine M. Bowman, *The Bowman Law Office, LLC*  
Wade W. Herring II, *HunterMaclean*

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### Personal Injury

Fredrick S. Bergen, *Bergen & Bergen, PC*  
Ashleigh R. Madison, *Savage Turner Pinckney & Madison*  
John B. Manly, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Arnold C. Young, *HunterMaclean*

### Pro Bono & Nonprofits

Frank Macgill, *HunterMaclean*

### Real Estate Law

J. Daniel Falligant, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Robert L. McCorkle III, *McCorkle & Johnson, LLP*  
John H. Oldfield Jr., *Bart Meyer & Company, LLP*  
William W. Shearouse Jr., *Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe, LLP*  
Elizabeth Flournoy Thompson, *Elizabeth F. Thompson, Attorney at Law*  
Harold B. Yellin, *HunterMaclean*

### Taxes/Estates/Trusts

Frank S. Macgill, *HunterMaclean*  
Melanie L. Marks, *Bouhan + Falligant*  
Paul D. Meyer, *Bart, Meyer & Company, LLP*  
Thomas B. Sayers, *Bart, Meyer & Company, LLP*  
K. Russell Simpson, *Simpson Law, PC*

### Technology Law

Diana J.P. McKenzie, *HunterMaclean*

### Court of Appeals of Georgia Announcement: Exhibits to E-Filings

Please do not attach the following types of exhibits to pleadings such as briefs and motions (including motions for reconsideration) which are e-filed:

- A copy of the Petition to the Supreme Court of Georgia for a Writ of Certiorari to the Notice of Filing the Petition
- Copies of the Georgia Court of Appeal's opinions or orders (you should provide citations to opinions you reference and the date and type of order you reference)
- Exhibits which are in the trial court record where were filed with the Court by the trial court clerk for a direct appeal (you should reference these documents by the record volume number and page number in the official record).

## ***The Citation* Advertisement Policy**

The SBA Executive Committee would like to remind readers that *The Citation* will accept advertising subject to the following guidelines:

### A. Advertisement Subject Matter

Advertisements in *The Citation* shall be limited to legal-related/professional subject matter. Examples of permissible advertisements include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Professional meetings, events and other activities, as well as those of other minority or special interest bar associations, and of the judiciary;
2. Law-related volunteer needs, e.g. Armstrong Moot Court, Young Lawyers Section, Truancy Intervention Project, Georgia Legal Services, etc.;
3. Sale or lease of professional items, including office equipment, office space, etc.
4. Information about programs of interest to the membership;
5. Information from the State Bar of Georgia and other bars or law-related entities that might be of interest to the SBA membership;
6. Information about legal job openings in the immediate area;
7. Professional announcements from members, including promotions, additions to a firm or office, notices of professional accomplishments, awards, honors, etc.; and
8. Personal announcements from members, including personal accomplishments, birth announcements, etc.

Non permissible uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. Political notices or campaign notices;
- ii. General solicitations for funds; and
- iii. Items not germane to the practice of law.

### B. Placing an Advertisement

All requests for advertisements shall be made to the Editor of *The Citation*. Requests for any SBA members or non-members falling in the above permissible categories will be included in *The Citation* without additional approval. For any request the Editor might consider questionable or inappropriate for circulation, the permission of the SBA Executive Committee will be sought. Once permission is obtained, the information will be published in *The Citation*.

### C. Advertising Costs

SBA members may place qualifying advertisements in *The Citation* at no charge. Non-SBA members may place qualifying advertisements in *The Citation*. A non-member will be charged an advertisement fee of \$25.00 for each month the advertisement is placed in *The Citation*. It will be the responsibility of the Editor of *The Citation* to inform the non-member of the cost and to obtain billing information for the non-member. The Editor will have the responsibility of obtaining payment from the non-member prior to the publication of the advertisement.

### D. Advertising Appearance

The overall design, appearance and content included in the advertisement shall be at the discretion of the Editor of *The Citation*.

Adopted as Savannah Bar Association policy on May 11, 2009, and reaffirmed by the Savannah Bar Association Executive Committee on January 2, 2013.

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## Announcements

Attorney **Nicholas J. Laybourn** has been named a partner at **HunterMaclean**. Laybourn joined HunterMaclean in 2008 and is an experienced litigator who has successfully represented business and individuals in Georgia's state and federal courts. His practice areas include medical malpractice, business litigation, transportation law, and products liability. Honored as a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star, Laybourn is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Georgia trial courts and the Georgia Court of Appeals. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Georgia Defense Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Savannah Bar Association.

Attorney **Will Gallagher** recently joined **HunterMaclean** as an associate with the firm's Corporate and Tax Practice Group, with a focus on Estates and Trusts. He will be based at the firm's Brunswick office, serving clients throughout the Southeast. Gallagher earned a J.D., *cum laude*, from Villanova University School of Law with a distinction as a member of the Order of the Coif in 2012, an LL.M. in Taxation in 2012 from Villanova University School of Law, and a B.B.A. in Accounting, with distinction, in 2009 from Emory University.

**Brennan & Wasden LLP** is seeking attorneys with 4+ years of experience to assist with its professional liability and business litigation practice groups. Those with deposition and courtroom experience will receive preference. Georgia Bar required. Please submit cover letter and resume to **Wiley Wasden III** at [wwasden@brennanandwasden.com](mailto:wwasden@brennanandwasden.com).

The **Honorable Perry Brannen, Jr.** is happy to announce his completion of mediation training. Judge Brannen is available to serve as the mediator in cases where his experience would be of value. He may be contacted at [pbrannenjr@aol.com](mailto:pbrannenjr@aol.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; 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](mailto:SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com) with submissions or questions. Thanks!