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CLE Accessibility Project

The Savannah Bar Association Executive Committee has been working with ICLEGA to increase CLE opportunities for members in Savannah and the surrounding area. As you may have noticed, ICLEGA now offers (2) taped CLE's per month rather than just (1) for viewing at the state-wide satellite offices and has agreed to make every effort to further increase the number of taped CLE's. If six weeks prior to the scheduled CLE, there are (10) members interested, the seminar will be taped for viewing the following week at the state-wide satellite locations.

SBA members will be able to register for a particular CLE on the SBA website, similar to the registration process for other events. Attorneys will be responsible for checking CLE's offered, which are posted at least three months in advance. Six weeks prior to each CLE, if there are at least 10 interested members, ICLEGA will be duly notified. We hope this project will be an added benefit to our members, insofar as they will not have to take off an additional day of travel to take advantage of CLE's offered in Atlanta. Check the website as additional information will be posted in the coming weeks.

Expungment Seminar to be Held

Georgia Legal Services, the Georgia Justice Project, and Step Up Savannah will present a 2-hour seminar **July 23**, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00

a.m. at the Georgia Bar Center on Factors Walk. The seminar will focus on changes to the expungment law which will go into effect July 1, 2013.

2.6 million Georgians have criminal records and many face a daunting array of legal barriers that make it difficult for them to succeed in important aspects of life. Lack of access to employment, housing, civic life, state IDs, and food assistance present major obstacles for individuals seeking to escape the cycle of poverty and crime.

Now there is a real opportunity to effect positive change for millions of Georgians. Georgia recently passed HB 1176, which included groundbreaking legislation that will allow more people to get the jobs they are qualified for because their arrest records will be kept private during pre-employment background checks.

The seminar will be eligible for CLE credits. For more information and to register for the seminar, contact **Nazish Ahmed** at nahmed@glsp.org.

Savannah Law School Open House

Savannah Law School invites the Savannah Bar Association to join them for an **Open House** on **June 18, 2013** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at 516 Drayton Street. We will conduct tours of the completed portions of the facilities, provide appetizers, wine and beer, and give you the opportunity to meet our faculty, staff, students, and current Board Members. We hope you can join us.

Child Welfare Legal Specialist Attorneys Hold First Meeting

On June 6th and 7th, twenty-three Child Welfare Legal Specialist (CWLS) attorneys met in Blue Ridge, Georgia to review and comment on the current state plan for the Supreme Court of Georgia's Committee on Justice for Children. The plan is a requirement for the application process for the federal Court Improvement Grant; this grant comes to the state of Georgia through the Supreme Court solely for improving the process of civil child abuse and neglect cases. The CWLS attorneys were invited to review the plan as a group and give suggestions for improvement for the upcoming years remaining on the plan and the grant. Local CWLS attorney **Wendy Furey** from **Beckmann & Lewis, LLC** represented the region at the conference and participated in the review. Ms. Furey serves as an Associate Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Department of Human Services.

Georgia has 39 attorneys who are CWLS certified. The certification program, sponsored by the National Association of Counsel for Children, was created and sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau and is accredited by the American Bar Association. Each local state bar must authorize the CWLS certification availability in its state. The very difficult test to become a CWLS attorney has been authorized for Georgia for approximately five years.

A second meeting for the CWLS attorneys has been scheduled for December 2013 and will focus on improving educational outcomes for children known to the court and agency.

Court of Appeals Amends Rule 16

Effective June 14, 2013, the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia amended Rule 16 – Extension of Time for Filing, as follows:

“(c) No extension of time shall be granted to file an interlocutory application or a response thereto. An extension of time may be granted pursuant to Rule 31(g) to file a discretionary application, but no extension of time may be granted for filing a response to such application.”

Savannah YLD Hosts June Happy Hour

The Savannah YLD will host a happy hour on **Thursday, June 20th** at **Congress Street Social Club**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend! For more information about upcoming events and how to become involved with the Savannah Bar YLD, please email Amanda Love at alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com.

Savannah Bar Association Wraps Up 2012-2013 Year

On June 6, 2013, the SBA held its annual Cocktail Reception at the Savannah Golf Club, closing out the 2012-2013 Bar year. At the event, the SBA recognized the winners of the SBA scholarships, the Judge Cheatham Award, and incoming SBA officers for the 2013-2014 year. Next year's Savannah Bar Executive Board is: **Wendy Williamson**, President; **Catherine Bowman**, President-Elect; **Colin McRae**, Secretary; and **Mat McCoy**, Treasurer.

The Judge Eugene H. Gasden Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a Savannah-area high school student each year based on merit to assist in attendance at an accredited college or university, was presented to **Mary Falls Kennedy**. Ms. Kennedy is the 2013 Salutatorian at Savannah Arts Academy, and will be attending Barnard College in the fall.

The Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship, which assists a rising second or third year law school student from Chatham County in continuing his/her education, was presented to **Jaime Withers**. Ms. Withers is a rising second year law student at Savannah Law School, where she serves as the Student Bar Association President and a member of the Law Review.

Bouhan + Falligant attorney **Lea Holliday** was awarded the Judgment Cheatham Award. The Cheatham Award is presented annually to an attorney within the legal community who best exemplifies professionalism in the manner in which he or she engages clients and other members of the profession and the community as a whole. Lea, a practicing attorney for over 30 years who serves as the managing partner of Bouhan + Falligant, also serves as the attorney for the Savannah-Chatham Board of Public Education. Mr. Holliday was recognized by his peers as an exemplary model of the professional lawyer, who distinguishes himself as a leader among lawyers.

The Savannah Bar Association would also like to recognize outgoing SBA President, **Roy Paul**, for his hard work and dedication to the organization during the last year.

Extraordinarily Average Gentlemen Win Triathlon

The League of Extraordinarily Average Gentlemen, a three-man team consisting of **Colby Longley**, **Zach Thomas**, and **John Harper**, competed in the 2013 Tybee Island Sprint Triathlon, taking the first place prize for the relay category with a time of 1:12:02. The event is a sprint triathlon which includes a 750 meter swim, 20K bike, and 5K run. Colby handled the swimming, John the running, and Zach the biking.

Other SBA participants included **Julie Wade** and **John Manly**, who both competed in the individual division, performing all events themselves.

Barrister Babies

Amelia Grace Longley was born on May 31, 2013. She was 8lbs and 8oz. She is **Beth and Colby Longley's** first child. The two are very excited to welcome her into the world.



Please submit any Barrister Buddies or Barrister Babies for consideration to SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com.

Lindsey Hobbs Is Leaving the Citation

Lindsey Hobbs, co-editor of the Citation for the past three years, is hanging up her editing shoes and leaving the citation. We thank her for her hard work and dedicated service. Due to Lindsey's departure, the citation is in need of a new co-editor. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact **Thomas Gore** at thomas@gore-law.com.

Savannah YLD Hosts Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Eighth Annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament took place on June 7th at the Plantation Course at The Landings. With eighty players participating, the tournament set a record for attendance. Thanks to the players and the sixteen sponsors, the tournament also raised a record amount of money - \$7,800 – for the Guardian Ad Litem Program. The Savannah YLD would like to recognize **Colby Longley** and **Bryan Schivera** for helping to make this year's tournament a success. The Savannah YLD would also like to extend a sincere "thank you" to everyone who participated in the tournament, whether by playing or sponsoring. The YLD would like to thank its tournament sponsors:

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 Brannen Searcy & Smith, LLP
 The Eicholz Law Firm
 Ellis Painter Ratteree & Adams, LLP
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 Habersham Beverage Warehouse
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 Savannah Law School

Former GLSP Attorney Takes District Court Bench in San Francisco

By Bill Broker

Bill Orrick, who came to Savannah in 1979 after graduating from Boston College Law School to work for Georgia Legal Services, had his nomination to the bench of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May.

After leaving GLSP in 1984, Orrick practiced in San Francisco with Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass where he remained for 25 years. From June 2009 to June 2010, he served as counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. He then became a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division.

During his tenure with Legal Services, Orrick was involved in broad array of civil cases in both Savannah and in surrounding counties. He was also worked extensively in federal court on special education issues and jail conditions litigation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Space Available! 4 rooms plus a reception area and bath, upstairs. 7805 Waters Ave., Unit 9-B, \$750 per month, utilities not included. Contact Karen Dove Barr, (912) 352-8053.

James B. Blackburn formally retired as the City of Savannah attorney on December 31, 2012, after over fifty years of public service. He served as an assistant city attorney from 1957 through 1961. In 1961 he became the city attorney until a change in city administrations in late 1966. In 1970 he once again was appointed city attorney by the city council and he remained in that position until he announced his retirement as city attorney at the end of 2012. He was named City Attorney Emeritus at that time. Although officially retired as the city attorney, Mr. Blackburn has not retired from the practice of law and service with the City of Savannah. He still keeps office hours at his firm, **Wiseman, Blackburn and Futrell**, and after so many years in service to the city, he is often called upon and consulted by city personnel.

Wiseman, Blackburn and Futrell, is pleased to announce that **R. Nathaniel Rackett, III**, (Nat) has returned to the practice of law and joined the firm. Nat began his legal career as an attorney with the Georgia Legal Services Program in the Conyers and Savannah offices. Before entering private practice as a litigator with Hunter Maclean and Kent and Rackett, he was an Assistant Chatham County District Attorney. Most recently he has been employed as the Vice President and General Counsel of an export trading company that exported building and plumbing supplies to customers in the Caribbean and Central America. Nat's general practice at Wiseman, Blackburn and Futrell concentrates on civil litigation, criminal law, mental health law and probate work.

Attorneys **Patrick Jarrett** and **Ben Price** are pleased to announce the formation of **Jarrett & Price, LLC** in January 2013. Jarrett & Price is a general practice law firm representing clients in immigration, criminal defense, family law, personal injury, and health insurance subrogation. Additionally, the firm is moving to a new Southside location in July. Formerly located in the Waters Professional Square on Waters Avenue, their new office is located at 327 Eisenhower Drive. The firm's telephone and facsimile numbers will remain the same.

Elizabeth "Liz" F. Thompson announces that she has moved her office to 315 Commercial Drive, Unit D-7, Savannah, GA. She focuses her practice on residential real estate law. **Jamie F. Clark** also shares office space at the same location, and concentrates on elder law. Both are licensed mediators.

Office Space for Sale – 317 Tattnall Street
\$699,900



Historic, 3-story, fully renovated brick building currently occupied by a law firm. 6 offices, large reception area, 2 kitchen areas, a bath on each floor, the upper bath complete with shower facilities. Large conference room on the main floor, and additional conference room on the ground floor for easy access. The ground floor of this building contains 2 of the spacious offices, a conference room, kitchen, bath & a storage area. Access to this floor, as well as utilities, are separate from the main and upper floors. This floor has the potential to be rented out apart from the main building. Fantastic location across from a parking garage and within walking distance to the courthouse. Contact **Carey Shore 912-713-4213**, CBGYShore@Bellsouth.net, www.SECOastal.com. Information herein deemed reliable but not guaranteed.