

THE CITATION

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Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Savannah Bar Association

The Savannah Bar welcomed Georgia Bar Association President Lester Tate as its speaker at the February luncheon. Mr. Tate gave the SBA an update on the recent activities of the State Bar and an outlook for the coming months.

All members are invited to join the SBA for the March luncheon on **March 10, 2011** at the DeSoto Hilton.

Mark Your Calendars

Much like St. Patrick's Day celebrations, the SBA eagerly looks forward to the SBA's annual boat ride. The boat departs on **Friday, April 22, 2011**, so mark your calendars and save the date. Admiral Harvey Weitz and Skipper Langston Bass are already hard at work preparing for us. More details to follow.

Upcoming SBA Events:

May 12, 2011	Law Day luncheon Desoto Hilton
June 9, 2011	Annual Cocktail Party Savannah Visitors Center



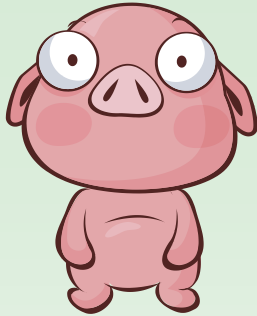
Savannah Bar Boat Ride, Dafuskie Island

In this Photo: **John Ranitz** (Ranitz Mahoney); **Ed Maner** (Oliver, Maner & Gray); **Honorable Herman Coolidge** (Bankruptcy Court); **Honorable George Oliver** (Superior Court); **Honorable Shelby Myrick** (Probate Court); and other distinguished members of the Savannah Bar Association

2011 State of the Judiciary Address

The Honorable Chief Justice Carol Hunstein of the Supreme Court of Georgia presented the State of the Judiciary Address on February 16, 2011. Chief Justice Hunstein focused on sentencing reform, drug and specialty courts, jury composition, and the investigations of the Judicial Qualification Commission. A complete transcript of Chief Justice Hunstein's speech is available at the Supreme Court of Georgia website, www.gasupreme.us.

Support the American Diabetes Association—Make SBA Members



The Savannah BOAR Association has put forth a team to participate in the Savannah Chapter of the American Diabetes Association's Kiss-A-Pig Campaign. Savannah Bar Association members **Dave Smith**, **Ashleigh Madison**, **Nick Bruce** and **Quentin Marlin** have all volunteered to take the risk of kissing a pig on behalf of the SBA if our team wins the fundraising competition.

Kiss-a-Pig is the largest awareness and fund-raising event of the ADA in Southeast Georgia and Coastal South Carolina. Kiss-a-Pig is a contest between community leaders to raise money for the mission of ADA. At the end of the campaign, the individual or team with the most cash kisses a live pig, honored by ADA as the original source of insulin. The American Diabetes Association's funds research for types 1 and 2 diabetes as well as provides information and education to the public and advocates on behalf of all people living with diabetes.

On **March 16, 2010, starting at 5:00 PM**, the law firm of **Brannen, Searcy & Smith, LLP** will be having its **3rd Semi-Annual Pre-St. Patrick's Day Party** at its office located at 22 E. 34th Street (Corner of 34th and Drayton). A "Blessing of the Party" by Father O'Brien shall commence the festivities around 5:00 pm. The live entertainment will feature an Irish music set from partner Dave Smith, followed up with a performance by his rock-and-roll band, "Call the Cops." Barnes is catering and complimentary food, beer, wine and other beverages will be provided. The party will support the Savannah BOAR Association's campaign, and to support this great cause, the firm suggests that each guest donate at least \$10 to the American Diabetes Association at the door. Come as you are, preferably in green. Cead Mile Failte! (One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!)

SEALA Membership Social

The Southeastern Association of Legal Assistants, "SEALA" will be hosting a Membership Social on April 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. at Lulu's Chocolate Bar located at 42 MLK Boulevard. If you are interested in having your Legal Assistant/Paralegal attend, please have them contact Crystal Nichols, C.P. at Harris Penn Lowry, LLP at 651-9967 or email crystal@hpllegal.com.

FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The law firm of Inglesby Falligant is pleased to announce that

Margaret “Maggie” S. Puccini

and

Susannah R. Pedigo

have become partners in the firm

and that **Kadi A. Davis**

has joined the firm as an associate.

Congratulations **Howard E. Spiva** of Spiva Law Group for receiving the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service. This award is presented to lawyers and judges in Georgia who have made significant contributions to their communities and demonstrate the positive contributions of members of the Bar beyond their legal or official work. Mr. Spiva is recognized for his significant work in the Savannah community, including founding the Justice For Children Foundation which promotes community awareness of child safety issue.

The SBA congratulates Mr. Spiva on his accomplishments and the well-deserved recognition of the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service.

We are very proud to announce that the Savannah office of **Claiborne & Surmay, P.C.** has relocated. Our new office location and contact information are as follows:



Address: 410 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

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We continue to offer high quality legal representation in the areas of: Domestic Relations Litigation; Assisted Reproductive Technology; Adoption; and Civil Litigation.

I have had several colleagues ask me about Assisted Reproductive Technology aspect of my practice. This area of law encompasses Surrogacy, Embryo Adoption or Donation, Egg or Sperm Donation, and other related areas of law. If you have a friend or client with infertility issues of any sort, then we would be happy to assist them in building a family.

We are excited with the new changes that 2011 will bring and we look forward to seeing you at our new office.

Very truly yours, William R. Claiborne

Bart, Meyer & Company would like to recognize that **Amy Henderson** and **Tom Sayers** are the Firm's newest partners. Amy previously served as the law clerk to the Honorable Joel F. Dubina, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and is currently serving on the Board of The Ronald McDonald House. Tom is also a Certified Public Accountant and is involved with the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island.

Roy Paul is associated with the Firm as a Partner as well. Roy previously was a Partner at Bouhan, Williams & Levy and brings to the Firm more than 25 years of trial experience. Roy was recently named again as a "Georgia Super Lawyer" in business litigation and is a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation only consortium of the top 3,500 lawyers in the country. Roy also is certified by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution as a mediator and arbitrator. He volunteers with the Kairos Prison Ministry of Georgia.

Lastly, **Andy Lohn** has joined the Firm in the capacity of "Of Counsel." Andy has extensive experience in wealth management, and domestic, international estate planning, and works with early stage companies and alternative asset investments. He has worked in the Trust & Estates group of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, and Deloitte & Touche where his practice focused on Business Succession Planning for family businesses throughout the Southeast. He is a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Council for Georgia State University and the Public Policy Advisory Committee of the Angel Capital Association.

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Savannah Bar Membership Directory

We are pleased to announce that we will be producing a Membership Directory this year! The Directory is scheduled for distribution to all members this spring and will be free. We will be working with Nationwide Focused Publications and Richard Burg on this project. NFP is the same firm that handles advertising for the State Bar of Georgia's ANNUAL Membership Directory and The Georgia Bar Journal Magazine. They also produce Directories for Macon, Gwinnett and DeKalb Bar Associations.

Each Member's name and contact information will be included in the directory for free; however, Members, Member Firms and Vendors will be able to purchase very affordable ad placements. For as little as \$145.00 you can lend your support to the Directory effort while making your unique area of law (e.g., immigration or tax law) or specialty (e.g., Guardian ad Litem and mediation services) known and available to all of the other members. Cover positions are also available. Please contact Richard Burg directly at 800.517.6484 or richburg@nfpub.com or Lynsay Hancock, our local liaison, at 234-1000 or lynsay.hancock@howardandwhatley.com with any questions or for more details about special member rates.

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.

For more information on both events, please contact Nancy D. Roberson at (912) 352-8404 or Francesca Macchiaverna at (912) 790-7778. You may also register for the Kiddie Run online at Active.com.

Race For The Cure

Join Susan G. Komen for the Cure Coastal Georgia for the Komen Race for the Cure on April 16, 2011.

The Race for the Cure Series is the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, and raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. Up to 75% of the net proceeds from the Savannah Race are used for local programs in the Coastal Georgia region.

For more information, to register, or to donate visit komencoastalgeorgia.org.

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, articles or announcements about particular philanthropies you are involved in, and other written submissions. 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!