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A Monthly Newsletter of the Savannah Bar Association

The SBA Observes Law Day

Law Day is an annual observance in the United States on May 1st, and is meant to promote public understanding of the law. The Savannah Bar Association will recognize Law Day with the annual award luncheon on May 12, 2011, 12:00 p.m. at the Desoto Hilton. Please join the SBA as we recognize this year's deserving award recipients.

Continuing another tradition of Law Day, the Young Lawyers Division of the SBA will be visiting local schools to lead classroom discussions. This year's theme is "The Legacy of John Adams: From Boston to Guantanamo" and will focus on the achievements and impact of the nation's first lawyer-president. The SBA thanks all the YLD members who take the time to represent the legal profession in the Savannah

Dates To Remember:

May 12, 2011 - Law Day Luncheon

May 18, 2011 - TPO Training,
Claiborne & Surmay, P.C.

May 31, 2011 - Reception for State
Court Judge Ginsberg, Chatham
Co. Courthouse

June 9, 2011 - Cocktail Party,
Savannah Visitors Center Museum

June 24, 2011 - YLD Golf
Tournament

Reception for the Honorable Ronald E. Ginsberg

As many of you know, State Court Judge Ginsberg is retiring from the bench, effective June 1, 2011. Please join us in wishing him well on his "new" career: as a senior judge!

A reception will take place on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room (2nd floor) at the Chatham County Courthouse. All members of the Savannah Bar Association are invited to attend.

Volunteers Wanted!

In conjunction with YLD and GLSP, on May 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. **Claiborne & Surmay, P.C.** will host a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) training session at its office, located at 410 E. Bay Street. Food and beverage will be provided.

A TPO is an invaluable tool to help the victims of domestic abuse get the protection they need. Cases are initiated by Safe Shelter, and volunteer attorneys handle the hearing where the victim requests a 12 month protective order. Each case takes about 2 to 5 hours in total, and it's a rewarding way to help a victim of domestic abuse.

Please contact **Will Claiborne** with any questions. (912) 236-9559.

The SBA Sets Sail On Annual Boat Ride

On April 22nd, the Savannah Bar Association enjoyed the springtime weather with the annual boat ride to Dafuskie Island. A special thanks to **Harvey Weitz** and **Langston Bass** for organizing a great trip.

Thank you to Vagabond Cruise for the smooth sailing and Drift Away Café for the wonderful food provided. For those who missed this year's boat ride, please mark your calendar for next year's trip on **Friday, April 20, 2012**. Harvey and Langston are already hard at work planning for

Right: A group of lawyers socialize aboard the Spirit of Harbour Town. Pictured: Andrew Johnson, Beth Hough, Larry Evans, Nick Bruce, George Major, Jacob Masee, Jason Cerbone, Quentin Marlin, Heather Hammonds, Jennifer Campbell, Megan Manly, John Bell Manly, Colby Langley, Blake Greco, Daniel Jenkins, Susannah Pedigo, Stephanie Kirijan, and Beverly Carson.



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Your support of these sponsors is greatly appreciated. Their generosity helped pay for this wonderful event. Please consider using their services when you have the need.

Finally, Langston has a green sweater/wrap that was left on the boat. Please contact him (tlb@bhrlegal.com) if you believe it may be yours.



Attorneys gather for a volleyball game on Dafuskie Island.

Young Lawyers' Division Finishes Out The Bar Year

By Nick Bruce

As the 2010-2011 Bar year comes to a close, the Young Lawyers Division continues to look for ways to help our community.

On May 3, 2011, the YLD got together with the Savannah Young Accountants for some friendly competition at a trivia happy hour at Locos Grill & Pub. **Jacob Masee** and **Thomas Gore** returned to provide the questions, and their hard work ensured that everyone had a great time.

The night was not all about trivia, though. The evening centered around a clothing drive promoted by the YLD and the Young Accountants to benefit the Savannah City Mission. And help we did! Through the generosity of this community, the Mission received dozens and dozens of new suits, shirts, jackets, and skirts (many of which looked practically new) to help Mission residents.

Update on the Savannah Boar Association - **Dave Smith, Quentin Marlin, Ashleigh Madison,** and myself represented the legal community in the 2011 Kiss-A-Pig fundraiser to benefit the American Diabetes Association. The team, despite being rookies, was very competitive and came in fourth place in our division! The "Boars" raised over ten thousand dollars for diabetes research and education, with much of that coming from the legal community.

YLD Prepares for Annual Golf Tournament

With the beginning of summertime and the end of the Bar year, the Young Lawyers' Division prepares for its annual Golf Tournament. This year, the YLD will host the Tournament on **June 24, 2011** at the Savannah Harbor Golf Club (1:30 p.m. shotgun start). Proceeds benefit the Savannah Guardian Ad Litem program.



The YLD is seeking support from the legal community to raise money for this worthy cause. Law firms, businesses, and organizations may field a four-person team to play in the Tournament (individuals may also register) or may agree to sponsor a hole. The entry fee includes greens fees, cart fees, range balls, lunch, snacks, beverages, and the opportunity to win Tournament prizes.

For more information and to register, please contact **Blake Greco**, Tournament Chairman, at (912) 236-3311 or by email at bgreco@olivermaner.com.

State Bar of Georgia YLD Leadership Academies Visits Savannah

On April 14th and 15th Savannah welcomed the YLD Leadership Academy, a program designed to foster leadership in the State Bar of Georgia. Local attorneys **John Bell Manly** (Bouhan, Williams & Levy LLP), **William Norse, Jr.** (Duffy & Freemster, LLC), and **Rachel Young** (Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, P.C.) represents Savannah and the SBA in the 2011 Leadership Academy class. SBA members **Jon Pannell** (Gray & Pannell, LLP), **Robert Hughes** (Brannen Searcy & Smith), **Jennifer Campbell** (Thomerson & Macchiverna P.C.), and **Lindsey Lovingood** (Thomerson & Macchiverna P.C.) joined the Leadership Academy for lunch at Vic's on the River. After lunch, the Leadership Academy visited the Broad Street YMCA and donated their time and



Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire looking for the next "Chef of the House"

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire will host the 3rd annual Chef of the House Challenge June 26-July 1, July 25-July 29, and August 22-August 26 at the Ronald McDonald House, 4710 Waters Avenue. Chefs arrive at 2:30 p.m., the secret ingredient is revealed at 3:00 p.m., and cooking begins, then dinner is served and judged at 6:00 p.m. All funds (raised by the chefs themselves) benefit RMHC. Chef of the House features amateurs with a passion for cooking and helping, as well as Culinary Masters with a skill for grilling and giving bank.

Once a Chef registers and choses a challenger, they plan a meal for 30 people. The second component is to gain support from family, friends, and the community by fundraising for the Share A Night fund, which makes it possible for families in need to have a place to stay while their children are in the hospital.

For more information on the Chef of the House Challenge or to Adopt a Meal throughout the year, please contact **Mindy Nash**, (912) 350-7641, mindy@rmhccoastalempire.org for more information.



Attorney Michael H. Smith Appointed to DocuBank Advisory Board

Congratulations to **Michael H. Smith**, of **Smith Baird, LLC**, who has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the DocuBank Electronic Healthcare Directives Registry, the largest and oldest national registry for advance medical directives in the United States. DocuBank provides physicians, hospitals, and members' loved ones with immediate access to healthcare directives and vital medical information.

As a Board Member, Mr. Smith will work with DocuBank and other board members to review existing DocuBank programs and educational materials, provide feedback and insight about them, and offer counsel on what additional programs might be of service to DocuBank members.

Mr. Smith has practiced law in Savannah for 14 years, focusing in elder law, estate planning, and

Associate Position Available

Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson, LLP, is seeking an attorney to handle growing practice needs in the area of Workers' Compensation in the firm's Savannah Office. Candidates must have a minimum of 1-3 years experience in the area of law. (GA Bar license required - other southeastern state licensing helpful). Competitive compensation and benefits with total compensation incentive based. Firm provides significant and early responsibility in dealing with all aspects of litigation. Send resume and cover letter to Executive Director, Will Lee, at:

Fields Law Firm is pleased to announce that **Jennifer Leigh Ozer** has become an associate in the firm. Ms. Ozer is a graduate of the University of Florida and a 2010 graduate of the University of Florida Levin School of Law. She will concentrate in the firm's DUI defense specialty area and joins the other firm members as members of the National College of DUI Defense, the Savannah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Just as a reminder, the Citation is always seeking submissions for the newsletter. We encourage you to submit your profession and personal announcements, law-related advertisements, articles or announcements about your 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 students. Please contact us at **SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com** with submissions!