

THE CITATION

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Statue of James Oglethorpe,
Founder of the Georgia Colony, 1733

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 24th and 25th – Georgia Legal History Foundation Seminar
- May 31st to June 1st - State Bar Annual meeting is being held in Savannah, May at the Westin Hotel
- June 7th – SBA Annual cocktail reception at Savannah History Museum (6:30 p.m.)
- June 15th – YLD Golf Tournament

Oglethorpe's Nightmare: Lawyers in Savannah

The Georgia Legal History Foundation is presenting a seminar entitled "Oglethorpe's Nightmare: Lawyers in Savannah" on May 24th and 25th.

The seminar, sponsored in part by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, will provide 9.5 total CLE hours (1 Ethics, 1 Professionalism, and 3 Trial).

Speakers include: Judge B. Avant Edenfield, Judge William H. Moore, Chief Judge Michael Karpf, Walter Hartridge, Colin McRae, John Lientz, Wade Herring, Bill Franklin, and many others.

Registration includes membership in the Georgia Legal History Foundation and a subscription to the Journal of Southern Legal History.

Please consider attending and hearing stories about the "Cradle of Georgia Legal History," Savannah and Coastal Georgia. If you have any questions, please contact **John Manly** at jbmanly@bouhan.com.

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YLD Executive Board Members Lindsey Lovingood (Left) and Jennifer Mock (far right), with Leigh Anne Landis and Rachel Wilson.

At Right:
Ann Searcy,
Meg Daly Heap,
Councilman
Tom Bordeaux,
Judge Penny
Haas
Freeseemann,



2012 SBA ANNUAL BOAT RIDE

Langston Bass would like to remind everyone that we need to thank Vagabond Cruise for the smooth sailing and Drift Away Café for the wonderful food on the boat ride on Friday, April 20. For those who missed this year's boat ride, please mark your calendar for next year for Friday, April 19, 2013. Harvey and Langston are already hard at work planning next year's ride.

We would also like to give special thanks to our generous sponsors:

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Daufuskie Island

By: Karen Dove Barr

Colonel Oglethorpe's prohibition against lawyers in Georgia is celebrated on an April Friday each year. The Savannah Bar Association loads as many attorneys as River Street's largest party boat can hold and hauls them out of Georgia for a Daufuskie Island picnic.

South Carolina's history unfolded so differently from Georgia's, the short voyage is almost like going to another country.

Daufuskie, less than half the size of Skidaway, has been a population center for Muskegeon Indians, Spanish explorers, French Huguenots, Yemassee Indians, English settlers sixty years before Oglethorpe, Tory loyalists during the American revolution, Angolan nationals, and black and white Americans, although no bridge has ever connected it to the mainland .

Long before Colonel Oglethorpe set foot on Skidaway Island, Daufuskie lay in the crosshairs between England and Spain. Spain hired Yemassee warriors to attack English traders in retribution for English pirates who drove the Spanish out of South Carolina. The southeastern tip of Daufuskie is still known as Bloody Point in memory of a massacre of English scouts and Yemassee warriors.

Oglethorpe's foresight in enlisting the aid of Tomochichi and Mary Musgrove meant coastal Georgia's most serious Indian conflict was a lawsuit filed by Mary Musgrove against the English in a London court of law.

During the American Revolution, despite being greatly out-numbered by nests of patriots on Skidaway Island and Hilton Head, Daufuskie Tories attacked American rebels on Hilton Head. In return South Carolinians formed the "Bloody Legion" to burn homes and kill Daufuskie residents.

Except for a random ship sighting during the Revolutionary War, Skidaway remained at peace until the advent of tee-time central.

Sea Island cotton brought prosperity to Daufuskie Island for absentee landowners until the War Between the States. Slaves, mostly from Angola, and a few white overseers resided on Daufuskie, creating their own unique culture.

South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union and the first to be captured by Union soldiers. While Skidaway residents remained at home, relatively undisturbed, during the War Between the States, the Gullah sought refuge with Union troops headquartered in Beaufort County, abandoning Daufuskie.

After the war Gullah residents returned to Daufuskie and took up logging and oystering. They farmed sea island cotton until the rise of the boll weevil. An internationally successful oyster business repopulated Daufuskie until pollution of the Savannah River by Union Bag killed the oyster beds. Daufuskie residents moved to Savannah to find work.

When Pat Conroy's 1969 hit movie *Conrack!* about the author's time as a Peace Corps volunteer on Daufuskie Island debuted, only about sixty residents remained.

Fast forward to 2012, as dozens of lawyers disembark at the Beaufort County dock, off-load half-rubber balls, broomstick bats, and a keg of beer, and play volleyball in the sand. Georgia's judges stroll up recently asphalted Haig Point Road past rotting, vine-covered cabins, and rusting remains of mobile homes.

An occasional golf cart, glimpses of inhabited cabins, and dirt paths leading to waterfront homes obscured by jungle hinted the twenty-first century is reaching out to Daufuskie Island. But at the end of the day happy, tired lawyers sailed home to Georgia.

HENRY W. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM RUNNER-UP AT 2012 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The **Mock Trial Team** from **Henry W. Grady High School** in Atlanta (Atlanta Public Schools) represented Georgia against 46 other champion mock trial teams from around the U.S., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and South Korea in the 28th Annual **National High School Mock Trial Championship** (www.nationalmocktrial.org) in **Albuquerque, New Mexico** (www.2012nationalmocktrial.org) on **May 5th and 6th** and **came in 2nd** in the tournament standings. The mock trial team from Albuquerque Academy in Albuquerque, NM won the 2012 national title.

This year, the Georgia team from Grady High School competed against the state champion teams from Massachusetts, South Carolina, Indiana and Washington during the four preliminary tournament rounds on Friday and Saturday. The 2012 season marked the Grady team's 6th time representing the Georgia High School Mock Trial program at the national level and the team's fourth top ten finish. The Grady team placed 13th nationally in 2000, 16th in 2005, 8th in 2009, 3rd in 2010 and 4th in 2011.

During the 2012 national tournament, team members played the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a criminal court case. Judges and attorneys from New Mexico and all over the United States made up the judging panel in each competition round. Teams were evaluated on their ability to make a logical, cohesive and persuasive presentation, rather than on the legal merits of the case. There were no verdicts handed down during mock trial competition rounds.

The Georgia Mock Trial Competition has gained a national reputation for excellence due to the outstanding performance of its teams at the National High School Mock Trial Championship. **Georgia's previous national titles** were won in **1995, 1999, 2007** and **2008**. The objectives of the Georgia mock trial program is to further students' understanding of the legal system and court procedure; to improve proficiency in life skills such as listening, speaking, reading and reasoning; to promote better communication and cooperation between the educational and legal communities; to provide a competitive event in an academic atmosphere; and to promote cooperation among you people of various abilities and interests.

The **Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition** is a project of the **Young Lawyers Division** of the **State Bar of Georgia**, with primary financial support from the **State Bar of Georgia**, the **Young Lawyers Division** and other generous individual donors.

The State Bar of Georgia, with offices in Atlanta, Savannah and Tifton, was established in 1964 by Georgia's Supreme Court as the successor to the voluntary Georgia Bar Association, founded in 1884. All lawyers licensed to practice in Georgia belong to the State Bar. Its more than 38,000 members work together to strengthen the constitutional promise of justice for all, promote principles of duty and public service among Georgia's lawyers, and administer a strict code of legal ethics.

YLD 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Young Lawyers' Division of the Savannah Bar Association is proud to announce that it will host its 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 15, 2012, at The Landings Club's Plantation Course (**prompt 1:30 p.m. shotgun start**). As always, all proceeds will benefit the Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Program, a local and very worthy charitable endeavor which relies primarily on community volunteers and charitable donations to support its operations.

Guardian Ad Litem is a public program which appoints local attorneys to represent the interests of a child or children in legal disputes involving their custody or welfare, as well as the interests of incapacitated adults. The Chatham County Guardian Ad Litem Program relies primarily on community volunteers and charitable donations of this nature to support its operations.

There are two ways that you can assist us in our mission. First, you may field a four-person team to play in the Tournament. Second, you may agree to sponsor a hole, which will entitle you to a tee box sign and inclusion of your firm's name on any Tournament promotional materials. A Sponsorship Form and Player Entry Form are attached to this email for your consideration. We hope that you will join the other firms, businesses and organizations which have already committed their support to this event.

The entry fee includes greens fees, cart fees, range balls, lunch, snacks, beer, soft drinks, and the opportunity to win Tournament prizes. This represents a great value for the chance to play a world class golf course, while also benefiting a wonderful cause.

If you decide to contribute to this worthy cause, please make all checks payable to: "SBA - Young Lawyers Division" and submit it along with a completed form to me. If you have questions about the Tournament, please feel free to contact **Colby Longley** at (912) 232-6000 or by email at cel@mccorklejohnson.com. We sincerely hope that you will choose to participate in the Tournament in one or both of the ways outlined above. Thank you in advance for your consideration and anticipated support.



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Legal Services Escapes Elimination

The U.S. House of Representatives defeated two amendments to deeply cut or eliminate funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) on Tuesday evening, May 8. The first attempt was by Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA) and would have applied a \$128 million reduction in LSC funding, a reduction of about one-third of the current allocation. Among those voting in favor of the amendment was Rep. Jack Kingston. Opposing the amendment was Rep. John Barrow.

A second amendment was offered by Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA) that would have completely eliminated funding for LSC. Both Representatives Kingston and Barrow opposed the amendment.

LSC is the primary funder of civil legal assistance for low-income people in Georgia. The LSC appropriation provides about 50% of the funding for the local office of Georgia Legal Services. The office is currently operating with about 60% of the staff it had one year ago in light of substantial cuts enacted by Congress in 2011.

- William Broker

REMINDER:

SBA Annual Cocktail Reception

The Annual Cocktail Reception will be at the Savannah History Museum, located at 303 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401, and will start at 6:30pm.

Hope to see everyone there!

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 Young Lawyers Division Presents

The Seventh Annual



*Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity
Golf Tournament*

PLAYER ENTRY FORM

Event Date: June 15, 2012 (Friday)

Event Time: Please arrive no later than 1:00 for a prompt 1:30 shotgun start.
The driving range will open and lunch will be available at 12:00.

Location: The Plantation Course @ The Landings Club.

Entry Fee: \$125.00 per player paid individually or \$450.00 per team, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, beer and other beverages.
Any entries received after the June 1st deadline will incur an additional charge of \$25 per individual and will be subject to availability.

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2012 (*all player entries must be submitted before this date*)

Prizes for 1st and 2nd net and gross winners, the closest to the pin and the longest drive on select holes, and a raffle.

Team Captain/Player 1: _____
Email Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Handicap: _____

TEAM (please list teammates, if applicable)

Player 2: _____

Handicap: _____

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Handicap: _____

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Handicap: _____

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