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Savannah Bar Association Begins 2011–2012 Year

The SBA reconvened for the 2011 – 2012 Bar year at its September luncheon at the DeSoto Hilton. To begin the year, SBA Executive Committee member **Shawn A. Kachmar**, President–Elect **Roy E. Paul**, Secretary **Wendy W. Williamson**, and Treasurer **Catherine M. Bowman** introduced the SBA members to the new Savannah Bar Association website, www.savannahbar.org. The SBA appreciates all the time and hard work these attorneys have invested in the new website, which will benefit SBA members with a centralized source of information.

The SBA is preparing for the annual barbeque at Blowin' Smoke on **Thursday, October 13, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. All SBA members, spouses, and significant others are invited and encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

SBA Annual Bar-B-Que	October 13 th
Savannah Jaycees Mayoral Candidate Forum	October 17 th
Ask A Lawyer Day	October 21 st
YLD Halloween Party	October 21 st
SEALA Seminar	October 22 nd
New Attorney Swearing-In Ceremony	November 7 th
SBA Monthly Luncheon	November 17 th
SBA Annual Oyster Roast	December 8 th

Red Mass Held by Catholic Lawyers Guild

By Rob Brannen

The Red Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated at noon, September 23, 2011, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Mass, hosted each year by the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Savannah, dates back to Thirteenth Century Europe and traditionally coincided with the opening of the canonical courts. Its purpose is to invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit for lawyers and judges, as well as those who worked with the courts. Bishop Emeritus Kevin Boland was the main celebrant and delivered the homily. **Bishop-designate John Gregory Hartmayer** concelebrated the Mass, which was followed with a luncheon reception at which the Guild presented its 2011 St. Thomas More Award to **Bill Broker**. The St. Thomas More Award is given each year to an outstanding Catholic attorney that exemplifies the ideal of the Catholic lawyer, and who uses his or her position as an attorney to practice Catholic faith on a daily basis. Bill, as the managing attorney of Georgia Legal Services, has demonstrated unselfish dedication to the less fortunate members of society for many years.

Savannah Jaycees To Hold Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Savannah Jaycees, an affiliate Junior Chamber International chapter, will be hosting a mayoral candidate forum from 6–8 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011. All mayoral candidates' participation have been confirmed, and the forum will be held at the Armstrong Center located at 13040 Abercorn Street in Savannah. Admission is free and open to the public.

To ensure fairness for candidates, the forum format is the Equal Time Q&A. This format uses an impartial moderator while panelists question the candidates who are allowed equal response time. If a candidate's answer to a question presented directly addresses or clearly refers to another candidate, said candidate will be provided a brief opportunity to respond. The candidates will be unaware of the exact questions but will be privy to the chosen focus areas and topics prior to the program. Once panelists' questions have been asked, the forum will open to moderated questions from the audience.

“With the upcoming Mayoral election, the Jaycees believe we have an opportunity to fulfill our mandates of leadership and community development,” said Chris Play, J.C.I.S. Community Vice President. “This is an excellent chance to provide those individuals seeking to be the next face of our fair city a stage to enlighten and inspire their constituents.”

For additional information please visit www.savannahjaycees.com, e-mail savannahjaycees@gmail.com, or call J.C.I.S. Managing Vice President **Jessica Thiergart**, (318) 332-9329.

Volunteers Needed for Annual “Ask A Lawyer Day”

The State Bar General Practice and Trial Section is holding its annual “Ask A Lawyer Day” on **Friday, October 21, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. It will take place at the Georgia Legal Services office located at 6602 Abercorn Street, Suite 203. Volunteers are needed that have knowledge in the following areas: family law (such as divorce, custody, and child support), consumer law (such as debt collections and bankruptcy), and probate (such as estates, wills, and power of attorney). There may be people seeking advice in other areas of law. However, these are the areas that historically have the greatest demand.

Volunteer attorneys will offer their legal advice free of charge. However, attorneys are not expected to actually handle any cases pro bono. This is a free walk-in clinic offered on a first come, first serve basis to the community. Each session should not be more than 30 minutes.

If you are willing to volunteer for an hour or more, please contact **Paul Painter, III** at paul@painter-law.com.

Fall Events Planned for YLD

By Blake Greco

The YLD hosted a successful kick-off event and looks to build on that momentum for the fall.

The new year officially began on September 29 with a happy hour event at the Perch, a rooftop bar located at Local 11 Ten, which was sponsored by McKee Court Reporting. This event was a huge success for the YLD as it was well attended and enabled both its new and existing members a chance to meet or reconnect after the summer months. The kick-off event is particularly important as it provides an introduction of the YLD to recent law school graduates and attorneys who have recently moved to the Savannah area. Those who were not able to attend this event and would like to sign up for the new year should contact **Lindsey Lovingood**, Membership Chair, at Lindsey@tmlawpc.com.

At the kick-off event, the following upcoming events were announced:



This month, the YLD will host its Halloween party on Friday, October 21, at the Crypt Pub. In the Halloween spirit, attendees are encouraged, but not required, to wear costumes to this event. Like last year, there will be a costume contest. If you would like more information about this event, please contact **Zach Thomas** at 912-233-6600 or **Colby Longley** at 912-232-6000 (Social Chairs).

In November, this year's annual Swearing-In Ceremony by the Chatham County Superior Court will be presided over by Judge Karpf. It will take place on November 7th at 2:00 p.m. All newly admitted attorneys are encouraged to contact **Lindsey Lovingood** (information provided above) for more information.

Also in November, the YLD will host a traditional happy hour with date and time to be announced as the details are finalized. This first event following bar results and the swearing-in of the newly admitted lawyers is always filled with excitement and relief, and this year should be no exception. The Savannah YLD looks forward to welcoming our newest peers as the traditional Guests of Honor at this event.

Please also keep in mind that the upcoming annual "tacky sweater" Christmas party will be held in December.

Southeastern Association of Legal Assistants to Hold Annual Seminar

The Southeastern Association of Legal Assistants (SEALA) will be holding its annual seminar on Saturday, **October 22, 2011** at the State Bar of Georgia's Coastal Office. Topics covered will include: Landlord & Tenant Relations; ERISA; Medicare/Medicaid liens and planning; Client Communication; Bankruptcy Law; US Customs and Border Protection's role as an organization; and Personal Safety, Workplace Safety, and Terrorism Awareness.

This seminar meets the requirements of the Certifying Board of Legal Assistants and National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. for a maximum of 7.0 hours of continuing legal assistant education credit required for maintain the Certified Paralegal requirements through NALA. It is also approved for 6.0 hours of CE credit for court reporters through the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE).

For more information, contact **Crystal L. Nichols, C.P.** at (912) 508-1200 or crystal.nichols.seala@gmail.com.

Continuing Legal Education Available in Savannah

The following CLEs will be offered at the State Bar of Georgia's Coastal Georgia Office.

October 20 th	Beginning Lawyers Replay
October 21 st	VC - Technology Law Institute
October 26 th	Intro to New Georgia Rules of Evidence
October 27 th	VC - Employment Law
November 3 rd	Labor & Employment Seminar/Reception
November 4 th	Real Property Foreclosure Law
November 9 th	Real Property Foreclosure Law Replay
November 10 th	Keep It Short and Simple
November 11 th	Immigration Removal Law
November 17 th	Keep It Short and Simple Replay
November 18 th	Recent Developments
December 1 st	Recent Developments Replay
December 1 st	VC - Commercial Real Estate
December 2 nd	Professionalism, Ethics & Malpractice
December 8 th	Professionalism, Ethics & Malpractice Replay
December 9 th	Trial Advocacy
December 15 th	Trial Advocacy Replay
December 16 th	VC - Dealing with the IRS

"VC" denote video conference CLEs.

This schedule is subject to change. Visit www.iclega.org for more information and to register.

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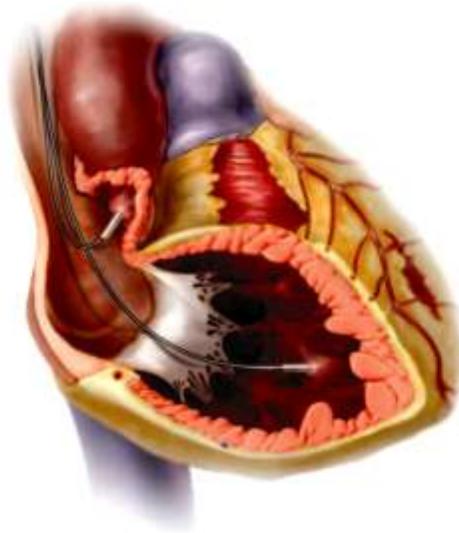
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