

# THE CITATION

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*Important  
Dates to  
Remember:*

- October 18<sup>th</sup> –  
YLD Happy  
Hour /  
Cornhole  
Tournament @  
Bonna Bella  
Yacht Club
- October 19<sup>th</sup> –  
Red Mass at St.  
John the  
Baptist  
Cathedral,  
Noon.
- November 8<sup>th</sup>-  
Bar Luncheon  
@ Savannah  
Golf Club,  
Noon.
- December 13<sup>th</sup>-  
Annual Oyster  
Roast, 6 PM.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> –  
Bar Luncheon  
@ Savannah  
Golf Club,  
Noon.

## *Savannah Bar Association Kicks off 2011-*

The SBA reconvened for the 2012-2013 Bar year with its September luncheon at its new location, the Savannah Golf Club. Along with the new location, the luncheon is now served buffet style, so as to provide attendees with more dining options. The speaker for the event was **Dr. Stan Deaton**, Senior Historian with the Georgia Historical Society, who provided the assembly with an inspiring lecture on the love of reading, books, and the written word. Dr. Deaton serves as managing editor and book review editor for the organization's award-winning publication, *The Georgia History Quarterly*. Dr. Deaton has written articles and book reviews for such publications as *The New Georgia Encyclopedia*, the *Journal of Southern History*, and the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. He is a frequent lecturer on a wide variety of historical subjects. Dr. Deaton is also host of [Today in Georgia History](#), a joint collaboration of the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Public Broadcasting.

### *November's Speaker:*

**Leonard Witt** holds the Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication at Kennesaw State University and was named an Eminent Scholar by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in 2008. Also in that year he received the university's Distinguished Service Award. In 2009, with \$1.5 million in new funding from the Harnisch Foundation, he founded the [Center for Sustainable Journalism](#) at Kennesaw State University, [which recently launched the Juvenile Justice Information Exchange, JJIE.org](#), a trial project in community supported journalism. The Center's mission is aimed at discovering innovative ways to produce financially sustainable, high quality and ethically sound journalism. Witt was a journalist for more than 25 years, including being editor of *Sunday Magazine* at the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and *Minnesota Monthly* magazine. Before entering academia in 2002, he was the executive director of the Minnesota Public Radio Civic Journalism Initiative. He conceived and edited *The Complete Book of Feature Writing* (Writer's Digest Books, 1991) and has an M.A. in nonfiction writing from the University of New Hampshire.

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## ***Five Family Drug Courts Receive Peer Learning Courts of Excellence Awards***

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and Children and Family Futures (CFF) announced the selection of five Family Drug Court (FDC) Peer Learning Courts during *Family Drug Courts: A National Symposium to Improve Family Recovery, Safety and Stability*. Recognizing the need to highlight national best practice models for FDCs and to further the exchange of learning through peer-to-peer technical assistance (TA), the mentorship sites are:



**Attorney J. Michael Love, Judge Stone, Jean Cottier (FDTC Coordinator), and SAAG Leo Beckmann, Jr.**

- Baltimore City Circuit Court, Juvenile Division (Baltimore City, Maryland)
- **Chatham County Juvenile Court, Family Dependency Treatment Court (Chatham County, Georgia)**
- Hillsdale County Family Drug Court (Hillsdale County, Michigan)
- Jackson County Family Drug Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Jackson County, Missouri)
- Pima County Juvenile Court (Pima County, Arizona)

As part of the program, the selected Peer Learning Courts will host visiting FDC professionals to view their court in action, share policies and practices, and lessons learned.

“We are excited to be working with these Family Drug Courts. They have a lot to offer the field as Peer Learning Courts,” said Dr. Nancy K. Young, Director of CCF. “Awardees represent courts throughout the U.S. that demonstrate the use of sound evidence-supported practices and policies, as well as strong collaboration among the courts, child welfare, substance abuse treatment agencies and other key partners.”

FDCs oversee cases of child abuse and neglect involving parental substance use disorders have greatly expanded in the last decade. Approximately 36,000 children are served in the 360 courts across the country each year. The purpose of a FDC is to protect child safety, ensure a permanent care-giving environment and promote the well-being of children through family recovery. The courts operate collaboratively, drawing on community partners’ expertise in child welfare, substance abuse treatment and other community services to address the needs and build on the strengths of each family member. Partners ensure timely access to substance abuse treatment and other needed services for parents, children and families through better communication and efficiencies across service systems. They promote long-term stabilized recovery to enhance the possibility of family reunification within mandatory legal timeframes.

The FDC Peer Learning Court Program is part of a range of TA opportunities that is available through CFF, a non-profit based in Irvine, CA that specializes in the design, implementation and evaluation of innovative human services programs and policies, as well as the delivery of TA. For additional information about the FDC Training and Technical Assistance or Peer Learning Court Programs, contact Phil Breitenbucher or visit the Children and Family Futures website.

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## *New Year for Savannah YLD*

On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Savannah YLD held its annual Kick Off Event at Congress Street Social Club. The event was well-attended, and a good time was had by all.

The next event of the year will take place at Bonna Bella Yacht Club on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for happy hour and a cornhole tournament, which will feature a prize for the winning team! The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bonna Bella Yacht Club is located at 2740 Livingston Avenue.

For November, this year's annual Swearing-In Ceremony at the Chatham County Superior Court will be presided over by Judge Walmsley. It will take place at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom E on the second floor. All newly admitted attorneys are encouraged to contact Amanda Love (information provided below) for more information.

Also, the YLD will be hosting a November Happy Hour that is tentatively planned for mid-November, but with a firmer date and time to be announced as the details are finalized. If anyone would like information about our upcoming events and is not currently receiving YLD emails, please contact Amanda Love at [alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com](mailto:alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com).

## *Red Mass Sponsored by Catholic Lawyers Guild*

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Savannah invites you to attend the annual Red Mass on Friday, the 19th of October 2012 at noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer is the main celebrant. A reception will follow immediately in Lafayette Square (Cathedral Parish Hall, in case of rain) with the presentation of the St. Thomas More Award.

The solemn votive Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit is celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year. The "Red Mass" is offered to invoke divine guidance and strength during the coming term of Court. It is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit (hence the moniker "red" representing the tongues of fire) as the source of wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude, gifts which shine forth preeminently in the dispensing of justice in the courtroom as well as in the individual lawyer's office.

Please RSVP to Mark A. Bandy tel:912-507-9873 or [markbandyattorney@gmail.com](mailto:markbandyattorney@gmail.com).

*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!*