

# The Citation

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## Dates to Remember:

- September 15<sup>th</sup>  
SBA Monthly Luncheon, DeSoto Hilton
- September 29<sup>th</sup>  
YLD Kick-Off Event, The Perch at Local 11 Ten
- October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Annual SBA Barbeque
- November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chatham County Swearing-In Ceremony

## The Savannah Bar Association Launches Website

By Shawn Kachmar

The Savannah Bar Association is pleased to announce the launch of its new website – [www.SavannahBar.org](http://www.SavannahBar.org). The SBA's Executive Committee decided to launch a website for the SBA to provide easy access to directory information for members and the public, serve as a centralized location for SBA information, and provide enhanced membership management capabilities. Mindful of the responsibility to be good stewards of the SBA's funds, the Executive Committee chose to launch a basic, functional site utilizing pre-existing templates and software packages. While we hope that all of the typical issues that arise with a new website have been addressed, please be patient with your volunteer Executive Committee as the website becomes functional. If you have ideas or comments regarding any aspect of the site, please contact any Executive Committee member.

## Annual Chatham County Swearing-In Ceremony

Calling all new attorneys! The SBA and the Young Lawyers Division will hold the annual Swearing-In Ceremony for all new admittees to the State Bar of Georgia on **Monday, November 7, 2011**. All those who are awaiting Bar Exam results and are interested in participating, or who know of a potential new attorney that may need to be sworn-in, please contact **Lindsey Lovingood** at [lindsey@tmlawpc.com](mailto:lindsey@tmlawpc.com) or (912) 790-7778.



Meet Alister, Ellen Schoolar's  
Barrister Buddy

## Barrister Buddies

The September Barrister Buddy is Alister, adopted by **Ellen Schoolar** this past July from the Chatham County Humane Society. Alister, who originally came from an abusive home, has found all the love and attention he needs. Alister recently graduated from beginners dog school, and is excited to begin advanced classes in October.

Congratulations to both Alister and Ellen!

The Citation would love to include a picture and story about your furry friends! Please submit any Barrister Buddies for consideration to [SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com).

## The Savannah YLD Gets Ready to Kick-Off the New Year

By Blake Greco

The Savannah Young Lawyers Division is set to begin the 2011-2012 bar year. On **Thursday, September 29, at 5:30 p.m.**, the YLD will officially begin the new bar year with its annual **Kick-Off Event at Local 11 Ten**. This event gives the members of the YLD a chance to get together for a few drinks after the long hot summer and also provides an opportunity for the new lawyers in town to meet their peers and learn about the YLD. If you are a new attorney in Savannah, or if you know of an attorney new to the area, please contact **Lindsey Lovingood** at 912-790-7778 (membership chair), **Zach Thomas** at 912-233-6600, or **Colby Longley** at 912-232-6000 (social chairs). All new and young attorneys are encouraged to get involved with the YLD and start benefiting from all that it has to offer.

As a conclusion to the previous bar year, the Board of the YLD donated the \$6,100 raised at this past year's golf tournament to the Chatham County Guardian Ad Litem program at a ceremony presided over by Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann on August 18th.

This record-setting donation was made possible by the generous support of the participants of the tournament, including the players and the following sponsors:

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Presenting the Golf Tournament Proceeds to Guardian Ad Litem (L to R): Lindsey Lovingood, Quentin Marlin, Maria Hunt, Patrick Connell, Susan Hoover, Amanda Love, Jennifer Campbell, Blake Greco, Hon. Penny Haas Freeseemann, Nick Bruce, Jacob Masee, Colby Longley, and Zach Thomas

The YLD is also excited to announce that it has almost finished planning this year's Halloween party, so go ahead and start getting your costumes together and plan on attending this great event! The details will be sent out as soon as they have been finalized.

Now that the bar year is officially underway, monthly meetings of the YLD Executive Committee have resumed. The meetings will take place at Oliver Maner LLP, 218 West State Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All YLD members are invited and encouraged to attend.

## Announcements

The **Chatham County Juvenile Court** is pleased to welcome our new **Court Administrator, Adam Kennedy**. Mr. Kennedy oversees the fiscal and personnel management of the Court, and administrative operations. He comes to the Court after a long tenure at the Department of Juvenile Justice, where he most recently served as Regional Administrator for the Southeast Region of Georgia. He has worked with youth for over 25 years, and has previously served on the Evans County Board of Education. Mr. Kennedy was born and raised in Claxton, Georgia and is a proud co-host of the annual Rattlesnake Roundup Parade along with Sonny Dixon. We look forward to working with Mr. Kennedy, where he will oversee the many programs the Court offers for children and families.

**Claiborne & Surmay, P.C.** is proud to announce the **T. Buckley Levins** has joined the firm as an Associate.

Please join us at an open house and welcoming reception for Buck on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the firm's offices located at 410 E. Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Buck is an honors graduate of the University of Georgia and a 2005 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. Buck will be practicing in the areas of Family Law, Civil/Plaintiff's Litigation, Appellate Litigation, and Criminal Defense. Buck is a native of Perry, Georgia and has previously served as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit and been in private practice in Americus, Georgia.

**Wade Herring**, a partner at **HunterMaclean**, completed eight years of service on the Board of Trustees at Savannah County Day School on June 30, 2011. Wade served the last two years as Board chair. During his time on the Board, he at various times also held the positions of chair of the Diversity Committee, Board secretary, and Board vice chair. Wade observed, "I am grateful to HunterMaclean for the opportunity to engage in community service. Because of the experience on the Country Day Board, I am a better businessman, lawyer, and person. But I'm glad to have more time now for other interests, including HunterMaclean and our clients."

Since February of 2009, Wade helped oversee a complete change in Country Day's management team, including head of school, all three division heads, CFO, development director, athletic director, and head football coach. With new leadership in place, the Board and the School's administration focused on more frequent and effective communications with faculty and parents. "My first year as Board chair was extremely challenging," Wade remembered. "We were responding to both macro and microeconomic challenges and with a completely new leadership team, but I am proud of what a lot of hard work, from a lot of dedicated people, was able to accomplish over the last two years."

During Wade's service on the Country Day Board, Country Day's enrollment has stabilized at approximately 900 students. The School reduced its debt while increasing cash reserves to meet industry benchmarks for independent schools. For both 2010 and 2011, the School surpassed its Annual Fund goals. In the spring of this year, the Board refocused its attention on long-range planning as it adopted a five-year strategic plan.

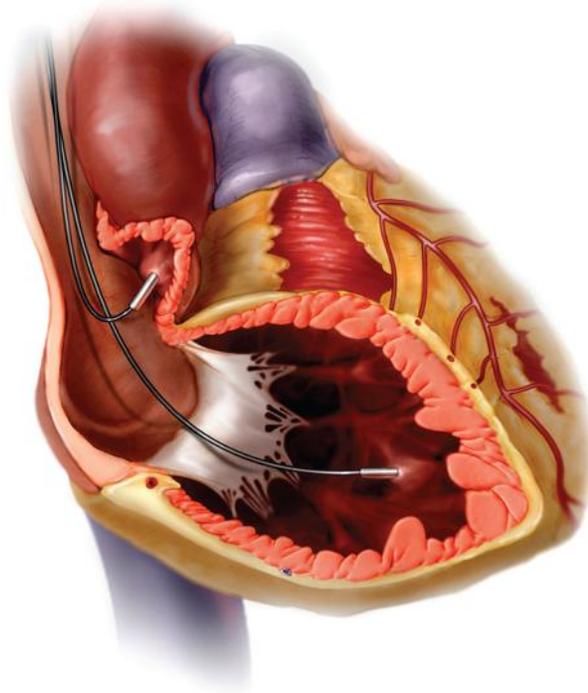
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