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## SBA Starts New Bar Year

### Monthly Luncheon at New Location

The Savannah Bar Association will begin the new 2012-2013 year with a new location for the monthly lunches and meetings. Beginning on **Thursday, September 13, 2012**, the SBA will hold its monthly luncheons at **12:00 p.m. at the Savannah Golf Club**. Following the September lunch, the SBA will hold its **annual Bar-B-Que on October 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Blowin' Smoke**. The monthly lunches will continue at noon on **November 8, 2012** at the **Savannah Golf Club** again. The Savannah Golf Club is located at 1661 President Street, Savannah, Georgia 31404.

For more information, to renew annual memberships, and to register for SBA events, please visit [www.savannahbar.org](http://www.savannahbar.org).

### New Courthouse Project

Plans for the new Chatham County Courthouse facilities continue to move forward. An important component of the project involves the design and layout of the new and renovated courtrooms, including courtroom technology capabilities. **Shawn Kachmar** has been appointed to serve as a liaison between the Savannah Bar Association and the courthouse renovation committee and design team. If you are interested in serving on a committee of local attorneys to provide input into this important project, please contact Shawn at [skachmar@huntermaclean.com](mailto:skachmar@huntermaclean.com) or (912) 944-1642.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Sept. 13</b>	Luncheon, Savannah Golf Club
<b>Sept. 20</b>	YLD Kick-Off, Congress St. Social Club
<b>Sept. 27</b>	GAWL Luncheon, Tapas
<b>Oct. 11</b>	Annual BBQ, Blowin' Smoke
<b>Nov. 8</b>	Luncheon, Savannah Golf Club

#### Savannah Bar Association Members Donate to Scholarship Fund

The SBA would like to recognize Savannah attorneys **Carl Pedigo** and **Kathy Horne** for their donations to the scholarship fund in memory of Robert Barker, in memory of Bill DeLoach, and in memory of Malberry Smith.

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## Wanda Andrews Chosen as Woman of Distinction



By Bill Broker

Wanda Andrews, a Senior Staff Attorney at Georgia Legal Services, has been chosen as one of four Women of Distinction for 2013 by the Girl Scouts of Historic Savannah. Awardees are area women who, through their service to others and their community, have set an example of excellence for girls in southeast Georgia. The Women of Distinction recognition pays tribute to women who have demonstrated extraordinary accomplishment and leadership, been innovators of unique programs and services, and have a lifelong commitment to the development of opportunity for women and girls everywhere.

Honorees will be presented at the fifth annual Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Luncheon on March 8, 2013 at the Morris Center, Trustees Garden, Savannah.

Ms. Andrews is known throughout southeast Georgia for her legal advocacy on behalf of victims of domestic violence. As an attorney with Georgia Legal Services for almost 30 years, she has been tireless in her work with victims, their families, advocates, the courts and the bar, seeking to ensure the protections that the law provides are available to those least able to access help.

## SEALA to Hold Fundraiser for Christmas Wish Program

The Southeastern Association of Legal Assistants will be selling tickets for lunch at Carrabba's on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012**. All proceeds from the ticket sales will be given to the Christmas Wish Program held in December in conjunction with 98.7 The River – Mark Robertson and the Backus Children's Hospital. Last year, SEALA raised \$2,300.00 for this worthwhile project. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and the meal will consist of chicken marsala, caesar salad, and penne pomodoro. Those unable to dine in for lunch can have the meal delivered with a minimum of 5 meals ordered. SEALA members will be contacting law firms directly, or those interested in purchasing tickets can contact Executive Committee Members **Eunice Bolen** (660-4921), **Donna Gilliland, C.P.** (236-3311), **Crystal Nichols, C.P.** (335-1909), **Angie Porter, C.P.** (231-2730), or **Lisa Shinaberry, A.C.P.** (651-9967).

### Local Attorney Graduates

#### ***Leadership Savannah Class of 2012***

**Howard E. Spiva** was one of forty-three people in the latest *Leadership Savannah* class. The class was recognized on June 21, 2012 during a graduation ceremony at the Savannah Yacht Club. Leadership Savannah was established in 1961 to inform future leaders in the Savannah area of issues confronting the community on a variety of subjects. It provides the opportunity for participants to develop an awareness of community successes and problems, as well as knowledge to help meet challenges of the future.

### GAWL Holds First

#### **Luncheon of 2012-2013**

The Savannah Chapter of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers will hold its first luncheon of the new bar year on **September 27, 2012** at Tapas by Anna. The cost of lunch is \$15.00. Those interested in attending the luncheon or learning more about membership in GAWL, may contact Carson Bacon at [CBacon@huntermaclean.com](mailto:CBacon@huntermaclean.com).

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## Savannah YLD Makes Donation to Guardian Ad Litem Program

By Heather Hammonds

On Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the Savannah YLD Executive Board presented the Savannah Guardian Ad Litem program with a check for \$5,300.00. The money was raised through the YLD's Seventh Annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament, which took place in June of this year. Judge Karpf and Suzie Hoover, the Court Services Director, accepted the check on behalf of the Guardian Ad Litem program, and thanked the board for the contribution to a worthy program that operates on a tight budget. Judge Karpf explained that the Guardian Ad Litem program often deals with "the worst of the worst domestic cases," and aids in the bar in addressing the real issues that are important to many domestic law clients.

The Savannah YLD is less than a month away from the start of a new year. This year's kick-off event will be held on **Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.** at **Congress Street Social Club**, and will be sponsored by Pro-Legal Copies. All young lawyers in the Savannah area are invited and encouraged to attend.

If anyone would like information about our other upcoming events and is not currently received YLD emails, please contact **Amanda Love** at [alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com](mailto:alove@thebowmanlawoffice.com).



Pictured from left to right: Heather Hammonds, Blake Greco, Colby Longley, Quentin Marlin, Susie Hoover, Judge Karpf, Zach Thomas, Bryan Schivera, Amanda Love, and Lindsey Lovingood.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Claiborne & Surmay, P.C.** is proud to announce that **Casey L. Reichanadter** has joined the firm as an Associate. Casey's practice primarily focuses on family law, adoption, and surrogacy. Casey is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana and an alumna of Purdue University where she majored in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. She is a graduate of New York Law School and a founding associate of the Diane Abbey Law Center for Families and Children. Casey previously worked for Justice Paul Feinman of the New York State Supreme Court and the firm of Howard B. Felcher, PLLC. Casey is serving as the treasurer for the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers Savannah Chapter, and plays on the Savannah Area Tennis Association's Saturday league.

**Chris Colson** is pleased to announce the opening of his new law office at 224 Stephenson Avenue, Suite B, Savannah, GA 31405, (912) 655-9850. Chris represents clients in all types of domestic cases, Georgia ID card cases, juvenile court, landlord-tenant, child support, name changes, and others. He established the **Savannah Justice Law Center**, focusing on anti-discrimination in which he reviews discrimination cases of age, school, fair housing and Title VII harassment cases. The Savannah Justice Law Center may be reached at (912) 655-9850.

**Gwendolyn Fortson Waring** is pleased to announce the relocation of her office to 221 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Savannah, GA 31401 as of September 1, 2012. Ms. Waring's telephone and facsimile numbers will remain the same.

**Thomas R. Bateski** is pleased to announce the relocation of his office from 311 West Harris Street to 420 West Broughton Street, Savannah, GA 31401 effective July 1, 2012. (912) 233-0026, facsimile (912) 234-0103.

Cole, Fleming and Clark, PC is pleased to announce that **JENNIFER L. OZER** joined the firm as an Associate Attorney in June. Ms. Ozer has practiced law for several years in Savannah, and specializes in criminal defense with an emphasis on DUI defense as well as personal injury and general litigation. She holds a B.A. in English from University of Florida. and J.D from Levin College of Law. University of Florida.

### SUBMISSIONS TO THE CITATION

The Savannah Bar Association is always seeking content for upcoming editions of *The Citation*. Members are encouraged to submit your professional and personal announcements; law-related advertisements; articles or announcements about particular philanthropies you are involved in; and other written submissions. Suggestions about ways to improve our publication are also 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](mailto:SavannahBarNewsletter@gmail.com) with submissions or questions.