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Elizabeth D. Gobeil Reappointed by Governor Deal

Elizabeth D. Gobeil was reappointed in January 2016 by Governor Nathan Deal to serve a four-year term as a director and appellate court judge on the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation.



Previously, Judge Gobeil served as senior in house counsel to two pharmaceutical companies and as a partner at Thompson Hine LLP. Her prior experience also includes serving as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell and Finance Director to the Federalist Society of Law and Public Policy.

She and her husband have been supporters of the Ronald McDonald House Charities since 1999 and she is a long-term Board member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Recently, Judge Gobeil joined the Board of Holiday Helping Hands, a charity to help supply holiday gifts to children of injured workers.

She received her B.A. in 1991 from Emory University and her J.D. in 1995 from the University of Georgia School of Law. A native of Thomaston, Georgia, she and her husband, Bart, recently moved from Atlanta to Savannah (where she now splits her time between the Board's Atlanta and Savannah offices).

Savannah Law School Dedication Ceremony

Please join Savannah Law School for a Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Reception to follow. Savannah Law School is located at 516 Drayton Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

Georgia Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony

Attorneys who wish to be admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Georgia have an opportunity to do so on April 14, 2016. The admission ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Savannah Law School, at 516 Drayton St., Savannah, GA 31401.

Please follow the instructions below to submit an application for admission by April 8, 2016. If you have any questions, you may contact Joy Littlefield, Attorney Admissions Coordinator, at 404-463-1895 or email at littlefieldj@gasupreme.us.

GEORGIA SUPREME COURT ADMISSIONS

1. The application for admission to the Supreme Court of Georgia is available on-line at www.gasupreme.us. Under Court Information/Quick Links select option *Attorney Admissions*. On the Attorney Admissions page, there is a link to download the Admission Form. You will need Adobe Acrobat to download the application.
2. **TYPE** your Georgia Bar number and date you were admitted to the State Bar of Georgia on the top of the application, above the line "To the Honorable Supreme Court of Georgia." Your requested admission date will be April 14, 2016.
3. **TYPE** your full formal name, with signature following on the line beneath. [Incomplete if not signed.]
4. **TYPE** firm or home address. (Business address preferred) [Application incomplete if left blank.]
5. **TYPE** telephone number and email address. [Incomplete if left blank.]
6. **TYPE** the Georgia Bar numbers and names of the certifying attorneys on the application above their respective signatures and secure the endorser's original signature. Please note that the two endorsers must be admitted to the Supreme Court, and you may call the Clerk's office at (404) 656-3470 to verify the admission status of your sponsoring attorneys. [Applications will not be accepted and may be returned if the endorser is not in good standing.]
7. **PAY** your \$30.00 application fee by credit card through our website using PayPal link, also under the Attorney Admissions website. No checks/cash will be accepted on the day of your admission. Select **APRIL 14, 2016 SAVANNAH ADMISSION** option under the Attorney Admissions Payment drop down list. DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016.
8. Do not type in the box marked "For Clerk's Office Use Only".
9. Please scan and email your completed application to littlefieldj@gasupreme.us NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016.
10. Your Original Application with three original signatures from applicant and sponsors should be mailed to: **Supreme Court of Georgia, ATTN: Joy Littlefield, 244 Washington Street SW, Rm 572 Atlanta, Georgia, 30334**. No Payments or Applications will be received on the day of the admission. No applications or payments will be accepted after April 8, 2016.

Once your application has been verified, we will contact you with a confirmation e-mail.

Southern District of Georgia Swearing-In Ceremony

The next swearing-in ceremony in Savannah for the Southern District of Georgia will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Courtroom of the United States District Courthouse. Chief Judge Lisa Godbey-Wood will preside.

If you wish to be sworn in and have not already made arrangements to do so, please contact Walter Ballew's office at 912-233-9433 and ask to speak with Jessica Flanders. You can also email Jessica at jessica@barrowandballew.com. Walter will ask each attorney who is being sworn in to go by the Clerk's office on the date of the ceremony and at least forty-five minutes before it is to begin to file their application/petition and to pay the admission fee. This is different than the past procedure of going by the Clerk's office with the signed order after the ceremony.

Keri M. Martin Publishes Article in Seton Hall Circuit Review

Keri M. Martin of Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rodgers, P.C., was published in the Seton Hall Circuit Review this month. Her article, *What Remains of Vicarious Jurisdiction for Establishing General Jurisdiction over Corporate Defendants After DaimlerAG v. Bauman*, is an essential resource to litigants navigating personal jurisdiction issues in actions against parent corporations based on the activities of subsidiaries. The article can be found at 12 SETON HALL CIR. REV. 1 (2016). A full text .PDF version of the article can also be accessed [here](#). Keri is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, where she served as the Executive Notes Editor of the Georgia Law Review. She practices complex business dispute litigation with Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rodgers in the firm's Savannah office, which is located on Telfair Square.

Savannah Bar Association Luncheon to be Held on March 24th

Please save the date for the SBA's March luncheon, which will take place on March 24, 2016, at the Savannah Golf Club. The luncheon will feature presentations by two SBA members detailing new initiatives in the local legal community. Trish Murphy will speak first on the Family Law Resource Center, which provides education and assistance to self-represented individuals who need help preparing for and filing divorce, legitimation, modification and name change pleadings in Chatham County. Glen Darbyshire will then bring the Membership up to speed on the recent efforts of the SBA's Bench and Bar Committee, and in particular the study that the Committee has undertaken over the last several years regarding the duration of time that civil motions remain pending in Chatham State and Superior Court cases.

Savannah Bar Association Scholarship Opportunities

Each year the Savannah Bar Association ("SBA") undertakes to award scholarships to deserving students. The SBA is now accepting nominations for scholarships to be awarded later this year. The 2015 guidelines for the scholarships are as follows:

Judge Eugene H. Gadsden Scholarship:

The Judge Eugene H. Gadsden Memorial Scholarship was established by the Savannah Bar Association in tribute to the memory and legacy of Judge Gadsden as an outstanding community leader known for his character, integrity and compassion. His fairness, patience and wisdom served as an inspiration not only to all lawyers and judges but to the community at large. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a graduating senior from a high school in Savannah in attending an accredited college or university. The award is based on merit and it provides an annual amount of \$1,000 for four years. The award may be used for tuition and fees, books, and other academic expenses. All applicants who have applied for or will be receiving other financial support must reveal that information and include it with the application. Applicants must meet entrance requirements of the institution and maintain grades in keeping with the standards of the Hope Scholarship. *Applications must be obtained from the high school's guidance counselor.*

Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship:

The Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship was established by her former law clerks in tribute to this outstanding community leader known for her character, integrity and compassion. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a rising second or third year law school student from Chatham County in continuing his/her education at an accredited school of law. The scholarship award of \$1,000 will be given to one student based on merit for the second or third year of study in law school. A second year law student who receives an award may apply for an additional award for his/her third year. The award may be used for tuition and fees, books, and other academic expenses. All applicants who have applied for or will be receiving other financial support must reveal that information in the application. *Applications for the Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship may be downloaded [here](#).*

The scholarships are administered by The Savannah Community Foundation, Inc. located at 2225 Norwood Avenue, Suite B, Savannah, GA 31406.

All completed applications must be received by 3:00 PM on March 31, 2016.

GLSP Thanks Pro Bono Attorneys

Georgia Legal Services Program thanks all the attorneys who accepted Pro Bono cases during December 2015. If you would like to join this elite group of attorneys who are furthering GLSP's mission to provide quality representation to eligible clients, please contact GLSP Pro Bono Coordinator Ruth Ann Dutton at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2184 or rdutton@glsp.org.

Kran R. Riddle
*Francesca Rehal
Julie Wade
Angelyn Tinsman
*Jerold Murray

*Denotes an attorney who accepted multiple cases

Save the Date for The Admiral Harvey Weitz SBA Boat Ride

Mark your calendar for **Friday, April 15, 2016**. Langston Bass is hard at work finishing the planning for **The Admiral Harvey Weitz SBA Boat Ride**, and the SBA encourages everyone to come out and enjoy the day.

Announcements from Carellas Law Firm

CHRISTOPHER MURPHY has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Chris, a Savannah native, is a Savannah Country Day School graduate, a University of Georgia cum laude graduate in English, and a University of Mississippi law graduate. Chris has a background in commercial real estate but will focus on general small business representation with an emphasis on real estate matters. Chris has also been elected Vice-President of the Effingham County Bar Association. Welcome Chris!

CATRENA KLOS has joined the firm as a legal assistant. Catrena, a native of Michigan, makes her home in Effingham County with her husband. She will specialize in real estate matters. Welcome Catrena!

EDWARD L. ("Lee") NEWBERRY has been selected as attorney for Effingham County and has relocated to Springfield, which necessitated the firm name change from Carellas & Newberry, P.C. to the Carellas Law Firm. Congratulations Lee!

THEODORE T. ("Ted") CARELLAS has been reappointed as attorney for the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority. Congratulations Ted!

The firm continues to maintain its office headquarters at 440 Silverwood Centre Drive (P.O. Box 2599) in Rincon.

YLD Update

The YLD welcomed February with a happy hour at **Service Brewing Co.**, graciously co-sponsored by **Will Davis for State YLD Secretary** and **Ron Daniels for State YLD Secretary**. The candidates expressed their visions for a better YLD, while the attorneys enjoyed high-quality craft beer at one of Savannah's local breweries. The next happy hour is currently scheduled for March 31st at a location to be announced.

February marked the beginning of a very busy calendar for philanthropic events. The YLD Board volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House on Super Bowl Sunday to cook a dinner for the residents. The Fifth Annual Georgia Legal Food Frenzy, in which lawyers and others from across the state will work to collect food and raise money for local food banks, is on the horizon. For more information and to register your firm or organization, please see the Georgia Legal Food Frenzy website at <http://galegalfoodfrenzy.org>. Additionally, we would like to remind everyone that the 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament has been set for June 3rd at the Landings.



All Savannah young lawyers are encouraged to renew their membership if they have not done so already. Our membership base allows the YLD to continue having the monthly events that we all enjoy. Those who have not renewed their membership for the Bar year, or who want to join for the first time, should contact Kate Lawson (klawson@huntermaclean.com).

Bates Lovett Now Offering Arbitration Services

Bates Lovett is now certified by the State of Georgia as an approved Arbitrator. If you have arbitration needs, please contact him at bates.lovett@fisherbroyles.com or (912) 335-4467.

Lester B Johnson, III has Relocated

The Law Firm of Lester B. Johnson, III, P.C. has relocated its offices to 200 East Saint Julian Street, Suite 502 effective February 1, 2016. The mailing address and phone number remain the same.

The Value of Diversity in the Legal Profession

Accredited for 2 CLE hours, including 1 professionalism hour
Registration fee: \$25 for Georgia attorneys attending for MCLE credit
(Open and free to the public)

Date: March 26, 2016

Time: 9:00 - 12:00 **Place:** Savannah Law School - Room 307

Address: 516 Drayton St. Savannah, GA 31401

Description:

Greetings: *Patrick O'Connor*, president-elect/treasurer, State Bar of Georgia; partner, Oliver Maner, LLP, Savannah

9-10 a.m.

Diversity in Majority Firms: Is it valued? What are the challenges?

Panelists: *Wade Herring*, partner, Hunter Maclean, Savannah; *Quentin Marlin*, partner, Ellis, Painter, Savannah; *Anandhi Rajan*, partner, Swift Currie, Atlanta

10-11 a.m.

Diversity in the Judiciary: Does it Matter?

Moderator: *Gwendolyn Waring, Esq.*, Savannah

Panelists: *Hon. Louisa Abbott*, Superior Court Chatham County; *Hon. Lisa Colbert*, Juvenile Court, Savannah; *Suzy Ockleberry, Esq.*, Advocacy for Action, Atlanta; *Orlando Pearson, Esq.*, Oliver Maner, Savannah

11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Diversity in In-house Counsel: Is it valued? What are the challenges?

Moderator: *C. Elisia Frazier, Esq.*, Savannah

Panelists: *Karen Edwards*, International Paper; *Joseph Steffen, Esq.*, Savannah State University; *Debra Geiger, Esq.*

Closing Remarks: *Derrick Pope*, *Joyce Gist Lewis*, co-chairs, Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession, State Bar of Georgia

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Fifteen HunterMaclean Attorneys Recognized by Atlanta Magazine

HunterMaclean was recently honored with the selection of ten HunterMaclean attorneys as 2016 Georgia Super Lawyers and five attorneys as 2016 Rising Stars.

The prestigious Super Lawyers honor is awarded annually, representing the top five percent of attorneys from throughout each state in the nation. Those recognized with this distinct honor are selected based upon independent research, professional achievements, and peer review. Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars are featured in the February issue of *Atlanta Magazine*.

The following HunterMaclean attorneys were recognized as 2016 Georgia Super Lawyers:

- T. Mills Fleming - Health Care
- Wade W. Herring, II - Employment & Labor
- Shawn A. Kachmar - Employment & Labor
- Frank S. Macgill - Tax Law
- Kirby G. Mason - Business Litigation
- Colin A. McRae - Transportation/Maritime
- Christopher W. Phillips - Construction Litigation
- John M. Tatum - Business Litigation
- Harold B. Yellin - Real Estate
- Arnold C. Young - Civil Litigation Defense

Georgia Rising Stars are selected based upon the same criteria as Super Lawyers but include individuals who are 40 years old or younger or have been in practice for less than ten years. This honor is presented to no more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state. HunterMaclean Rising Stars include:

- David M. Burkoff - Business Litigation
- Rachel Young Fields - Business Litigation
- Bradley M. Harmon - Business Litigation
- Nicholas J. Laybourn - Business Litigation
- Edgar M. Smith - Transportation/Maritime

Super Lawyers identifies attorneys from more than 70 practice areas who have achieved distinction in the practice of law. Honorees included in Super Lawyers and Rising Stars are also featured in *Super Lawyers Magazine*, which is published in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. and reaches more than 13 million readers.

Eight Bouhan Falligant Attorneys Recognized by Atlanta Magazine

Seven attorneys with Bouhan Falligant were recently recognized as 2016 Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. In addition, partner Kathy Horne was named one of the top 50 women practicing law in the state of Georgia.

“Accolades like this confirm we are providing our clients with the best legal services possible,” said Lea Holliday, Bouhan Falligant’s managing partner. “We are honored so many of our peers have recognized our attorneys.”

The Georgia Super Lawyer recognition is awarded annually to the top five percent of attorneys in the state. The honor is based on independent research, peer review and professional achievement. *Atlanta Magazine* features the attorneys in its February 2016 issue.

The following Bouhan Falligant attorneys were named 2016 Georgia Super Lawyers:

- Glen Darbyshire: Personal Injury Products Defense
- Leamon R. Holliday, III: Schools & Education
- Kathy Horne: Bankruptcy; Top 50 Women
- Carlton Joyce: Personal Injury Medical Malpractice Defense
- Dennis Keene: Personal Injury Products Defense
- Frank "Sonny" Seiler: Personal Injury General Plaintiff

In addition, Bouhan Falligant partner Gregory G. Sewell was selected as a Rising Star in the practice area of personal injury medical malpractice defense. This award is presented to no more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state who meet the same criteria as Super Lawyers. Rising Stars are either 40 years old or younger or have been in practice 10 or fewer years.

Super Lawyers is a rating service that identifies outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The multi-phased selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Bignault and Carter Seeks Associate Attorney

Bignault & Carter is seeking an associate attorney with some general practice and courtroom experience, strong research abilities and writing skills. Strong ties to the geographical area as well as having an interest in labor law, bargaining unit benefits and multi-employer pension & welfare ERISA funds. Bignault & Carter is a small firm of six attorneys located in Savannah, Ga. The practice is comprised of representation of labor unions before the NLRB, EEOC and in Federal & State courts as well as of ERISA pension and welfare funds. Please send your Resume to lcarter@bc-laws.com.

City of Savannah Seeks Assistant City Attorney

The City of Savannah is seeking an Assistant City Attorney to assist the City Attorney by providing legal services and advice to City of Savannah officials and employees. More information regarding this application can be obtained by visiting <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/savannah/default.cfm>.

Savannah Law School Teaching Position

Savannah Law School seeks applications for a full-time, one-year non-tenure track position to teach in the legal writing program or upper level electives. The law school has both a day and evening division. Applicants should have practice or clerkship experience. Electronic applications should be sent by email to Dean Malcolm L. Morris, mmorris@savannahlawschool.org. Hard copy submissions may be sent to Ms. Erika Bass, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, 1422 West Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

High Visibility Office Space Available on Oglethorpe Avenue

First floor office space available now, downtown, corner of Lincoln Street and Oglethorpe Ave, ground floor, approximately 1,600 square feet, four offices, plus lobby/reception area, with direct office street entrance, conference room, 2 bathrooms, and parking for 2 behind building. Rent \$1,700.00 per month with utilities.

Contact: Elizabeth at 233-8585