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GLSP Seeking Attorneys to Handle TPO Matters

The local GLSP office handles over 100 Temporary Protective Orders each year. There is a constant need for attorneys to handle these cases and the cases present an excellent opportunity for newer lawyers to get into court. GLSP is hosting a TPO training event on March 3rd from 9 am to Noon. Francesca Rehal will be the presenter. The class offers attorneys CLE's (1 Professionalism, 1 Trial, 1 Ethics/pending) and is provided at no charge. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Ann Dutton at (912) 651-2283 ext. 2184 or rdutton@glsp.org to reserve your spot. The event will be held at Georgia Legal Services, 6602

Gearing-up for the Sixth Annual Legal Food Frenzy

the statewide competition, Georgia Legal Food Frenzy. The Legal Food Frenzy, a friendly competition within the legal community to gather food and funds, will run April 17-28, 2017, with registration opening March 1.

The first five years of competition brought in over 5 million pounds of food for the eight regional food banks in the state. America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia depends on the additional pounds of food and money as we prepare for Summer Feeding and the significant increase in food insecure children during those months. There are nearly 57,000 children in our 21 county service area that experience food insecurity. Food insecurity is particularly devastating to children. According to the National Scientific Council on Developing Children, "the foundation for cognitive functioning is laid in early childhood. This foundation can be greatly compromised by food insecurity. Inadequate nutrition can permanently alter a child's brain architecture and stunt their intellectual capacity affecting their ability to learn, function in a social capacity or be productive."

Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director of America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, is delighted that Quentin L. Marlin,

2017 marks the 6th year of a most successful partnership between the Georgia Food Bank Association, the Office of the Attorney General and the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division of hosting



L to R: Quentin L. Marlin, Mary Jane Crouch, Meg Heap, Sam Olens



Gearing-up for the Sixth Annual Legal Food Frenzy (Continued)

Esquire of Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, and past-president of the Board at America's Second Harvest, has accepted the role of Chair for the Coastal Georgia region of the Legal Food Frenzy. Mr. Marlin stated, "The Legal Food Frenzy is a great campaign to collect much needed funds and food products for our community. It is always great to see the members of the Savannah Bar step up for this worthy cause and competition." For more information or to register to participate, please visit galegalfoodfrenzy.org.

1 in 4 children in Georgia are at risk for hunger. Second Harvest can provide 5 meals with every \$1 donated.

Savannah Law School Hosts Various Discussion Panels

The Savannah Law School is hosting several events featuring members of the SBA. All SBA members are encouraged to

attend. Please RSVP to: rwilson@savannahlawschool.org

On February 27th, the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted a panel discussion on "Promoting Diversity in the Legal Community," which was moderated by Professor Marc Roark, Savannah Law School.

If you missed the former event, please join us on March 8th, as Savannah Law School's Office of Career Development will host a panel discussion on "How a Clerkship Can Benefit Your Career." Panelists will discuss how they obtained a judicial clerkship, what can be expected in a clerkship, how a clerkship benefited their legal career, and other aspects of judicial clerkships.

Panelists include:

Honorable Lisa Colbert, Chatham County Juvenile Judge

John Harper, Law Clerk to the Honorable William T. Moore, Jr., U.S. Dist. Ct. Judge

Tammie Mosley, Chatham County Superior Court Clerk

Alison Kennickell, Senior Staff Attorney for Judge Hermann Coolidge, State Court Judge

Orlando Pearson, Associate with Oliver Maner, LLP (moderator)

Event will be held on March 8th, 2017, at 12:20PM – 1:30PM, at Savannah Law School, 516 Drayton Street, in Room 207. Lunch provided with RSVP.



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Ronald McDonald House Young Lawyers Division



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HOUSE CHARITIES
OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE

On the evening of Sunday, March 5th, members of Savannah's Young Lawyers Division (YLD) will provide dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House. The exact time and place of the meal

preparation are to be determined, but YLD members will serve dinner at 6 pm. If you are a YLD member interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact Sam Mikell at smikell@olivermaner.com.



YLD Update

The Young Lawyers Division hosted a fun-filled trivia event at World of Beer on February 16th at 5:30pm. Members and their guests enjoyed competing with each other and showing off their knowledge of obscure trivia. By the end of the night, the undisputed champions were Kate Lawson, Edgar Smith, and Jeff Fitzpatrick. This event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Collision Specialists Inc.

Members should be on the lookout for an event next month at The Perch. That

event will tentatively be held on March 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

The 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament has been set for June 2nd (Friday) at the Landings. The YLD encourages all members and alumni to field or join a team, as the tournament is always a good time and the proceeds directly go to the Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity.

All Savannah young lawyers are encouraged renew their membership for the Bar year, or if applicable, join for the first time. If interested, please contact Sam Mikell at smikell@olivermaner.com.

12th Annual Conference

12th Annual Leadership Institute Conference Presents Leadership and Development Strategies for Women of Color Attorneys in Firms, Corporate Law Departments, and the Public Sector

Women attorneys from across the country will attend this year's 12th Annual Conference of the Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys on March 22-23, 2017, at the Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta (Downtown).

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The Conference will address a range of topics relevant to women of color attorneys as lawyers, as women, as minorities, and as professionals practicing law in an increasingly competitive and often homogenous environment. The 2017 conference will focus on technology as a growth industry for women of color and address specific strategies aimed to increase opportunities for visibility and leadership, within their organizations.

A group of expert panelists and workshop facilitators from all over the country, will share their invaluable expertise and inspiring biographies of trials and tribulations. It promises to be an excellent opportunity for networking and mentoring in a welcoming and collegial environment.

The Conference begins on March 22, 2017, with the Georgia-Pacific and Nelson Mullins Networking Reception, with speaker Aisha Christian, Founder of Bigtooth Ventures and former General Counsel of Rent the Runway. On March 23rd, the Leadership Institute will award \$15,000 in scholarships to five outstanding law students during its scholarship luncheon, and Carletta Higginson, Director of Music Partnerships, YouTube at Google will deliver the keynote address.

Marian Cover Dockery founded the Leadership Institute in 2004, after a study revealed a startling rate of attrition from law firms by African-, Asian-, and Hispanic-American women attorneys. Since then, the organization has been on a mission to provide women of color attorneys with the leadership, navigation, and business development skills necessary for success.

For more information regarding the 2017 Conference, our generous sponsors, or to register or become a sponsor, log on to www.leadingwomenofcolor.org.

February Bar Luncheon

Honored guests, Justice Keith Blackwell and Justice Nels Peterson, graciously shared with members of the Bar the riveting details of Georgia's "slow march toward a modern appellate judicial system." The fascinating history lesson, delivered by Justice Blackwell, culminated in Justice Peterson's thorough report on the many changes the appellate courts have embraced, particularly with respect to the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.



Amanda Kistler with State Bar President Pat O'Connor.



L-R: Robert Hughes, Matthew McCoy, Maggie Puccini, Justice Nels Peterson, Justice Keith Blackwell

In addition, the Bar welcomed and swore in three new members at the luncheon: Evan Barker, Amanda Kistler, and Joshua Yellin. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members as you have opportunity.

DENIS COOPER RECEIVES THE JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ms. Denise M. Cooper receives the Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Since 1998, these awards have been presented to honor lawyers and judges in Georgia who have made significant contributions to their communities and demonstrate the positive contributions of members of the Bar beyond their legal or official work.

This award recognizes the commitment of Georgia lawyers to volunteerism, encourages all lawyers to become involved in community service, improves the quality of lawyers' lives through the satisfaction they derive from helping others, and raises the public image of lawyers.

The Awards Presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the State Bar of Georgia Headquarters, 104 Marietta Street N.W., Third Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, and a reception will follow. Awards will be presented by Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham. Chief Justice Harris Hines and State Bar President Patrick T. O'Connor will bring special remarks and Bill Liss, Business Editor with WXIA Television News in Atlanta, will join in the ceremony. The Selection Committee is chaired by Janet G. Watts of Watts & Watts, Fayetteville, Georgia. The program is free and open to the public, but registration by February 24, 2017 is required. For more information and to register, contact: Nneka Harris-Daniel, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism at (404) 225-5040.

Bouhan Falligant Attorneys Named Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

Ten attorneys with Bouhan Falligant were recognized as 2017 Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Both awards recognize the best of the best -- defined by a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement -- within their individual practice areas.

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 2017 issue.

The following Bouhan Falligant attorneys were named 2017 Georgia Super Lawyers:

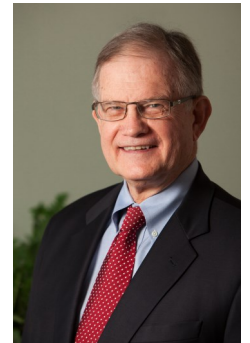
- Todd M. Baiad: Transportation Litigation, Business Litigation
- Glen M. Darbyshire: Personal Injury - Products, Business Litigation, Personal Injury - General
- Leamon R. Holliday, III: Schools & Education, Employment & Labor, Business Litigation
- Kathleen Horne: Bankruptcy, Business Litigation
- Carlton E. Joyce: Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice, Aviation and Aerospace, Personal Injury - General
- Dennis B. Keene: Personal Injury, Products, Transportation/Maritime, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Margaret "Maggie" W.S. Puccini: Bankruptcy, Construction Litigation, Creditor Debtor Rights, Bankruptcy, Business Litigation, Civil Litigation
- Frank "Sonny" Seiler: Personal Injury - General, Family Law, Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice



Joyce



Kathy



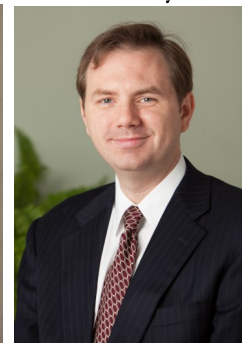
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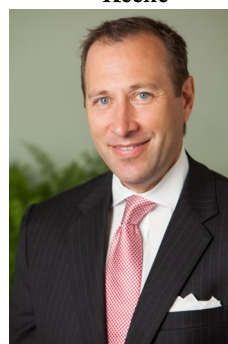
Puccini



Dekle



Sewell



Baiad



Darbyshire



Seiler

In addition, Bouhan Falligant associate Andrew H. Dekle and partner Gregory G. Sewell were selected as Rising Stars in the practice areas of civil litigation defense and medical malpractice defense, respectively. 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.



The Honorable Patricia P. Stone and Julia H. Sullivan
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Tricia and Julia are both members of the Savannah Bar Association. Julia currently serves as the Chair of the SBA's Pro Bono Committee.

Tricia continues to be available to meet your Mediation and Arbitration needs.



Now Open for Submissions

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 regarding your preferred philanthropies
- other written submissions

Suggestions for improving *The Citation* are also always welcome. Finally, we love to receive photographs and video 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.

Please contact us at SBACitation@gmail.com with submissions or inquiries.
