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John Miles and Tricia Stone Bring Miles Mediation And Arbitration Services to the Coast

Senior Judge Patricia P. Stone of Miles Mediation is available for mediations in the Savannah area. She is trained and registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution as a mediator and arbitrator of all civil and domestic matters. Founder John Miles, Hon. Susan Forsling and Joe Murphey (recently selected as Georgia's top mediator by the National Law Journal) are also available. For two consecutive years, Miles Mediation has been recognized as "Georgia's #1 Mediation Company" by the Daily Report and is committed to providing the highest level of excellence to the entire Savannah region. For more information, visit milesmediation.com and call 678-320-9228.



Inaugural Street Law Adjournment Ceremony

The U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Georgia is proud to partner with Savannah Law School to present the first Street Law Program at Savannah High School. We invite everyone in the legal community to join us as we celebrate and honor the students and the volunteers at the Inaugural Street Law Adjournment Ceremony, Thursday April 21st from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Savannah High School Auditorium. We want to have a large audience to show everyone involved how proud the community is of their participation. RSVP by April 15th to Katie Guardino (katherine.guardino@usdoj.gov or 912-201-2522). This event is funded and supported by the American Bar Association, Law Student Division.

Supreme Court of Georgia to Hold Oral Arguments at Savannah Law School

The Supreme Court of Georgia will hold oral arguments at Savannah Law School on Thursday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. Court will be held in the 4th-floor courtroom of the new law school, which graduated its first class of law students last year and is located at 516 Drayton Street in Savannah.

The court will hear appeals in two cases – one criminal and one civil. In the first case, state prosecutors are appealing a Georgia Court of Appeals ruling that upheld a Bryan County superior court’s decision transferring to juvenile court the case of a 16-year-old who was arrested for aggravated sexual battery. The appeal in the second case stems from a dispute between the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Clerk of Superior Court over whether in addition to state cost of living increases; the court clerk is also entitled to local cost of living increases.

Following oral arguments, Savannah Law School invites all attendees to join them at a 5:00 p.m. building dedication ceremony and reception celebrating the recent facility renovations.

As always, media are welcome. Due to limited capacity, any media planning to attend – print or broadcast – should complete and submit by April 12 the media request form located on the court’s website: www.gasupreme.us. Depending on how many are received, photographers and television stations may need to work out a pool among themselves. Also, please familiarize yourself beforehand with the court’s Media Rules, which are also located on their website.

Volunteers Needed for Savannah Law School 1L Oral Arguments

Savannah Law School invites you to judge the Spring 2016 1L Oral Arguments. We are seeking at least one attorney or judge for each 30-minute round. The schedule runs April 16, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and April 17, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. We welcome your participation in as many or as few rounds as you like. As always, we appreciate your contribution to our community and the 1L experience.

Additionally, we are seeking judges for the 1L Competition to take place on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The 1L rounds and competition rounds are based on the same problem, and judges will be provided a bench brief and problem materials via email.

To volunteer, please contact Ylana Abbott at yabbott@savannahlawschool.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Harris Penn Lowry Celebrates 10th Anniversary and Welcomes Yvonne Godfrey to Savannah

Harris Penn Lowry this year celebrates the 10th anniversary of its founding. Jeff Harris, Darren Penn and Steve Lowry, already veteran litigators, formed the full-service law firm with offices in Atlanta and Savannah. Since then, HPL has added Jed Manton as partner. The firm has secured numerous record-setting verdicts in nursing home abuse, business torts, medical malpractice and product and premises liability cases. Besides their casework, partners and associates remain active in the legal community, advocating for the civil justice system at the Capitol, giving CLE presentations and publishing articles.

HPL associate Yvonne Godfrey has transferred to the firm's Savannah office on Broughton Street. Godfrey, a cum laude graduate of University of Georgia School of Law, was a securities analyst before becoming a staff attorney for the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Godfrey joined HPL in Atlanta in May 2013. Her expertise includes product liability, personal injury and whistleblower litigation. She serves on the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association's Executive Committee.



Of the move to Savannah, Yvonne says she is "really enjoying living and working way way WAY 'outside the perimeter' of Atlanta, among the beautiful scenery and friendly people of Savannah."

Brad Harmon Elected to Serve as Managing Partner of HunterMaclean

The partners at HunterMaclean have elected Brad Harmon to serve as managing partner. He succeeds Frank Macgill, who has served on the firm's management committee since 2005 and as its managing partner since 2010.

As managing partner, Harmon will lead the HunterMaclean management committee, which guides firm strategy, sets long-term vision, and directs firm operations. Harold Yellin and Tom Cullen form the balance of the management team. Harmon has served on the management committee for two years, ensuring a smooth transition of firm management.



Harmon joined HunterMaclean in 2006 and has built a strong practice in business litigation and logistics law. In addition to his service on the management committee, Harmon has held other leadership positions within the firm, including deputy general counsel and chairperson of the logistics practice. Harmon was recognized by Georgia Trend as one of 2015's 40 Under 40 Outstanding Georgians, and the Fulton Daily Report has honored him as a Georgia lawyer under 40 making an impact in the state. He has repeatedly been named a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star and has been recognized by Business in Savannah as a GenerationNEXT Rising Star of Business.

YLD Update

In March, the YLD hosted a happy hour at Perch. The event was graciously sponsored by Collision Specialists, Inc. YLD members, Savannah Law School students, and candidates for Statewide YLD offices all enjoyed the outdoor venue and great weather. The YLD's next happy hour is scheduled for April 21st at a location to be determined.

The YLD would like to announce that the 11th annual Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament has been set for June 3rd at The Landings (Palmetto Course). Lunch and beverages will be provided. The range opens at noon, and the tournament will start promptly at 1:30. If you have any questions about entry, sponsorship, or other tournament details, please email either Bobo Mullens (dbmullens@olivermaner.com) or Bryan Schivera (bschivera@olivermaner.com).

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).

Save the Date for Lawyers, Guns, and Money

The Savannah Boar Association will host the 4th Annual Lawyers, Guns, and Money Sporting Clays Tournament on May 6, 2016. For more information, contact Robert Hughes at rhughes@luederlaw.com

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.

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*Denotes an attorney who accepted multiple cases

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.