



# The Citation August

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to the 2018–2019 bar year! I am honored to serve as President of the Savannah Bar Association as we continue into our 101st year of existence. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming luncheons and events.

We will kick off this year with a luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club on September 27th. Our keynote speaker will be Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr, who will provide us with an update on the State of Georgia's legal affairs. An email will soon go out with instructions for registering for that luncheon, and we ask that you please RSVP and fulfill the RSVP so that we have an accurate headcount by which we can gauge our lunch order and corresponding costs. A full calendar of this year's luncheons and events can be found at our website, [www.savannahbar.org](http://www.savannahbar.org).

Assuming we have your current e-mail address, you should have received an annual membership renewal email. If you have not completed the renewal process, please log on to the SBA website and do so before the September 28th deadline. By paying online via credit card, your membership will be renewed immediately, and you will greatly reduce the administrative work required by our volunteers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rhughes@rhp-law.com](mailto:rhughes@rhp-law.com) or our Treasurer, Blake Greco, at [bgreco@parkersav.com](mailto:bgreco@parkersav.com).

In the meantime, please enjoy this issue of the Citation, and I hope to see you at the Savannah Golf Club on September 27th!



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# Meet Your Officers, 2018-2019



**President**  
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## SBA Selects Committee Members & Chairs

### Executive Committee

Margaret "Maggie" Puccini (SBA Past-President)  
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### Committee Chairs

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The SBA would like to express its gratitude to the committee members and chairs for their service to the Bar.

## Save the Dates

**September 15, 2018**  
SBA Annual Membership Renewal Date

**September 27, 2018**  
Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ [SGC](#)

**October 25, 2018**  
SBA BBQ from 6:30-8:30 pm  
@[Forest City Gun Club](#)

**November 15, 2018**  
Bar Luncheon—12 noon @[SGC](#)

**December 13, 2018**  
SBA Oyster Roast from 6-8pm @[TBA](#)

**January 25, 2019**  
HOT TOPICS Seminar  
Bar Luncheon—12 noon @[SGC](#)

**February 21, 2019**  
Bar Luncheon—12 noon

**March 21, 2019**  
Bar Luncheon—12 noon @[SGC](#)

**April 5, 2019**  
The Admiral Harvey [Weitz](#) Boat Ride

**May 2, 2019**  
SBA Law Day Luncheon &  
Annual SBA Meeting—12 noon @[SGC](#)

**June 20, 2019**  
SBA Annual Cocktail Party  
From 6-8 pm @[TBD](#)

## Harris Lowry Manton LLP Awards Inaugural Civil Justice Scholarship to Georgia State Law School Student

Harris Lowry Manton LLP Partners Jeff Harris, Steve Lowry and Jed Manton presented the law firm's inaugural \$5,000 Civil Justice Scholarship to Georgia State University School of Law student John Hooven on August 14 at the firm's Atlanta office. The Harris Lowry Manton LLP Civil Justice Scholarship is designed to support aspiring attorneys with a commitment to justice.

A native of Evans, Ga., Hooven double-majored in Political Science and Spanish at the University of Georgia before enrolling at the Georgia State University School of Law. This second-year law school student stood out among a national pool of applicants with his research-supported essay on the importance of the United States' trial by jury system and his impressive application.



Harris Lowry Manton LLP partners Steve Lowry, Jed Manton and Jeff Harris (l-r), recently presented the Harris Lowry Manton LLP Civil Justice Scholarship to John Hooven, right, a second-year law school student at Georgia State University, at the firm's Atlanta office. The scholarship is designed to support aspiring attorneys with a commitment to civil justice.

"Our firm is delighted to recognize such an outstanding law school student at Georgia State University," said Steve Lowry, partner at Harris Lowry Manton LLP. "We're confident that John Hooven has a bright future as an attorney and are thrilled to support his efforts with the Harris Lowry Manton LLP Civil Justice Scholarship."

Hooven will use the scholarship to fund his second year of legal studies and to allocate more time to participating in Moot Court and Student Trial Lawyers Association competitions throughout the year. In fact, his experience as a member of the University of Georgia's Mock Trial team initially caused him to fall in love with litigation and to steer his political science-based interests toward a career as litigation attorney.

"I'm deeply honored to be selected as the recipient of this prestigious scholarship and am extremely grateful to earn recognition from such an inspiring group of attorneys," said Hooven. "This vote of confidence inspires me to continue to work hard in the classroom and beyond."

### ABOUT HARRIS LOWRY MANTON LLP:

is an award-winning, full-service trial law firm with offices in Atlanta and Savannah. The firm's attorneys have been recognized by leading rating associations, bar associations and other organizations as some of the top personal injury advocates in the United States. The firm brings together three partners — , , and — who are known for securing major verdicts and settlements for clients in complex personal injury, product liability and wrongful death cases. For more information, visit



## Savannah Bar Association Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2019

The Savannah Bar Association has been notified by Hunter Maclean, Bouhan Falligant, and Weinter Shearouse Weitz Greenberg & Shawe of the following members from their respective firms who have recently been selected for inclusion in the 2019 Best Lawyers in America publication. This publication honors those who have been selected by their peers for outstanding achievements in their respective practice areas.

**Rob Brannen**

**Dolly Chisholm**

**Dorothy W. Courington**

**J. Daniel Falligant**

**Leamon R. Holliday**

**Kathleen Horne**

**Carlton E. Joyce**

**Dennis B. Keene**

**John G. Lientz**

**Melanie L. Marks**

**Gregory G. Sewell**

**Saunders Aldridge**

**Thomas S. Cullen**

**Andrew H. Ernst**

**T. Mills Fleming**

**Bradley M. Harmon**

**Edward O. Henneman, Jr.**

**Wade W. Herring, II**

**John M. Hewson, III**

**Christopher Jordan**

**Shawn A. Kachmar**

**Sarah H. Lamar**

**Frank S. Macgill**

**Kirby G. Mason**

**Diana J.P. McKenzie**

**Colin A. McRae**

**M. Lane Morrison**

**Christopher W. Phillips**

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**Christopher H. Smith**

**Ron D. Talley**

**John M. Tatum**

**Harold B. Yellin**

**Arnold C. Young**

**William W. Shearouse, Jr.**

**Malcom McKenzie, III**

**Mark T. Shawe**

**Edwin Byck**

**Williams G. Glass**

**Stephen F. Greenberg**

In addition to these members, The Savannah Bar Association would like to congratulate all of its members who were selected for the 2019 Best Lawyers in America designation!





## Guardian Ad Litem Training

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Family Law Resource Center located at 5105 Paulsen Street, Suite 111-A, Savannah, GA 31405, on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 8:15-5:00. To sign up for the training, please contact Trish Murphy at: 912-354-6057 or [tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com](mailto:tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com).



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## Mock Trial Volunteers and Coach Needed

The 2018-2019 High School Mock Trial season is approaching quickly and volunteer evaluators/coordinators are needed to host the regional competition here in Savannah. The Savannah Regional Competition will be held in late January or early February 2019, at the Chatham County Courthouse. The mock trial competition is always a great experience for area high school students and volunteers alike. If you are interested in learning about the program in general or volunteering to help with the regional competition please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call ([ccall@smaclegal.com](mailto:ccall@smaclegal.com)), for more information.

If you are interested in mentoring/coaching students participating in the competition, Islands High School is looking for an attorney coach to assist with its Mock Trial team this year. Please contact Islands High School Representative Amy Jessee ([amy.jessee@sccpss.com](mailto:amy.jessee@sccpss.com)) for more information.

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## Rouse + Copeland LLC has moved

Rouse + Copeland LLC has moved its office to 602 Montgomery Street. That building, which was constructed in 1871, was a prominent fixture on the list of Savannah's 100 Worst Eyesores for a number of years until the firm purchased it and did a complete renovation. At 602 Montgomery, Chris Rouse will continue his practice serving disabled and injured persons, and Amy Lee Copeland will continue her practice in federal criminal defense and appellate representation.



## GLSP Expungement and Record Restriction Class

Criminal records can reduce employment call-backs by up to 50%, but employment obstacles are not the only hindrance applicants with a criminal history face. Renting a home, obtaining a driver's license, voting, receiving public benefits, and joining the military can all be difficult tasks someone with a criminal record might encounter. Georgia Legal Services Program addressed these issues in an Expungement/Record Restriction Training class on Friday, August 10, at the local office. Over twenty attendees were taught procedures for obtaining expungements including record restriction requests, Retroactive First Offender motions, youthful offender petitions, and other expungement petitions. Topics included pardons, record correction, The Fair Credit Reporting Act, EEOC Referrals and GCIC reports.

Attorneys were able to receive CLE credits for this training. GLSP offered the class at no cost and covered the CLE fees. GLSP's Record Restriction Project is supported by United Way of the Coastal Empire and led by Nancy DeVetter. This program was presented not only to identify attorneys who may be interested in providing Pro Bono assistance to the program, but to also make the legal community more aware of issues involving criminal records. Nancy DeVetter graduated from Washington and Lee University with a degree in Spanish and earned her J.D. from Georgia State University. Nancy's practice concentrates in public benefits and expungements. Ms. DeVetter also works with the Governor's Office of Transition Support, Step Up Savannah, and the Statewide Food Stamps Workgroup to tackle re-entry issues and public benefits access across the state.

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## Danny Justus accepts position with GTLA - LEAD



**Danny Justus**

Lasky Cooper Law is proud to announce Danny Justus has accepted a position with the 2018 Georgia Trial Lawyer Association's Leadership Education & Advanced Direction Program. LEAD was founded in 2013 and admission to the program is highly competitive with stringent requirements. The program's purpose is to educate GTLA's youngest and newest members on both the benefits and expectations of membership, to build strong relationships between young promising trial lawyers from all four corners of our state, and ultimately to better prepare tomorrow's leaders today.

Danny has also been added to the faculty at Savannah Law School as an adjunct professor and coach of the Mock Trial Team. He has been acknowledged as a "Personal Injury Rising Star" by the American Institute of Legal Advocates and recently selected as Top 40 Under 40 by The National Trial Lawyers. Danny also serves on the Executive Board of the Savannah Trial Lawyers Association as Treasurer. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments, Danny!

## Catholic Lawyers Guild to Host Annual Red Mass

The 10th annual Red Mass will be held in St. Mary's Chapel at the Pastoral Center, Wednesday, October 24 at 5:00 PM. A reception will follow during which the St. Thomas More Award will be presented.

This event is open to all attorneys, judges, clerks, law students and others engaged in the legal profession. One does not need to be a member of the Guild, nor Catholic, to attend.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

Originating in Europe during the High Middle Ages, the Red Mass is so-called from the red vestments traditionally worn in symbolism of the tongues of fire (the Holy Spirit) that descended on the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Its name also exemplifies the scarlet robes worn by royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago.

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## Heather Lundy Joins Bouhan Falligant as Partner

Bouhan Falligant LLP is pleased to announce Heather Lundy has joined the firm as a new partner. Lundy's practice will focus on residential and commercial real estate transactional work.

Prior to joining Bouhan Falligant, Lundy worked as a partner at HunterMaclean in Savannah. She has represented clients in all stages of litigation and has represented taxpayers in Chatham, Glynn, Liberty and Bryan Counties in ad valorem property tax appeals.

Lundy earned her law degree from Georgia State University and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia. She is past president of the Savannah Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, member and past president for the Savannah Chapter of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, secretary of the Susan G. Komen Coastal Georgia Affiliate Board of Directors, and an executive committee member of the Savannah Bar Association. A graduate of Leadership Savannah, Lundy was recognized by Business in Savannah as a GenerationNEXT in 2017 and was named by Georgia Super Lawyers as a Rising Star this year.



**Heather Lundy**



## United Way Campaign Kicks Off September 6th!

As lawyers we are valuable leaders in our community, beacons who improve lives for generations to come by guiding our clients to their goals, upholding the law, allowing for the growth of businesses and jobs, serving on boards, and giving in a myriad of other ways. United Way appreciates all that lawyers already do for our community as well as the generous support it has received from many members of the Savannah Bar Association.

Lawyers do not always have time to vet each community organization's needs, evaluate the organization's viability, nor determine that the funds requested are the best use of our donations. Fortunately, United Way of the Coastal Empire does all of this important work for us. When you give to United Way of the Coastal Empire, specifically to the Community Fund, you can trust that your money is making the most effective impact in our community.

In 2017, United Way funded the following legal support and advocacy in our community:

- 687 children were assisted by a court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem
- 1,691 court appearances made on behalf of child and adult victims of violence, assault and or abuse
- 240 domestic mediations resulting in successful agreements
- 331 forensic interviews conducted when child abuse is suspected or reported
- 220 forensic medical exams provided to child and adult victims of sexual assault
- 921 domestic petitions completed
- 6 job-seekers with a criminal history received counseling about restricting or correcting their records
- 22 successfully restricted or corrected their criminal record to obtain housing and/or employment.

Another huge potential benefit for recipients of United Way funds is the ability to have these funds matched or expanded by another foundation as these other foundations rely on United Way's rigorous application process to ensure that their dollars are also creating the highest impact.

Please give to United Way this year and know that its tough scrutiny will give your donations the greatest impact possible. While we welcome gifts of any size, we encourage you to become a Beacon member of the United Way (\$100/month) if at all possible. Our community needs your financial support. Please click on this link and give.

Shayna A. Bowen of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP  
David M. Burkoff of HunterMaclean  
Kate Dodson Strain of Belzer PC  
2018 United Way Campaign Attorney Cabinet Team Members

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## 2018-2019 Executive Board for the Savannah YLD

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Board for the Savannah Bar Association Young Lawyers Division!

**President:** Kate Lawson Smith

**President-Elect:** Bobo Mullens

**Treasurer:** Sam Mikell

**Secretary:** Joshua Dorminy

**Membership Chair:** Amanda Hinchey

**Social Chair:** Patrick Barkley

**Sponsorship Co-Chairs:** Jay Thaw, Britt Beecher

**Philanthropy/Golf Tournament Chair:** Taylor Dove

**Citation Editor:** Allison Marani

**Logistics Chair/Beer Czar:** Dustin Hamilton

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## Notre Dame Club & Catholic Lawyers Guild Present Hesburgh Lecture 2018

Judge Amy Coney Barrett, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, will present the Hesburgh Lecture, Thursday, October 18, 2018, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory Drive, Savannah. The topic of the lecture, beginning at 8:00 PM, will be “From John Marshall to John Roberts: The Evolution of the Supreme Court.”

Judge Barrett has been considered for appointment to the Supreme Court by the current administration for both the vacancies of the late Justice Scalia, for whom she clerked, and that of Justice Kennedy. She also clerked for Judge Laurence Silberman of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Prior to moving to the Seventh Circuit, she was a law professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Inspired by the late Father Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame for 35 years, the Hesburgh Lecture Series has brought University faculty to Notre Dame clubs and their local communities since 1986. The lectures showcase the depth and breadth of Notre Dame’s academic expertise in research and teaching.



## 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](mailto:SBACitation@gmail.com) with submissions or inquiries.