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Savannah Bar Association and Young Lawyers Division Hold December Events

The Savannah Bar Association celebrated its annual Oyster Roast on December 15, 2022, at the Pin Point Heritage Museum. Located in the former A.S. Varn & Son Oyster and Crab Factory just off Diamond Causeway, the Museum explores the history and culture of the Gullah/Geechee people. Attendees at the roast enjoyed delicious oysters from Virginia prepared by Silk Road Catering and live music performed by The Fractions. Many thanks to Collision Specialists, Inc. for sponsoring the event.



The following day, December 16, the Young Lawyers Division held its annual Holiday Party at the Wilmington Island home of YLD President Nicole Pope of Gulfstream Aerospace. After an evening of fellowship, tacky sweaters, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and table tennis, attendees moved the party to Bogeys Sports Bar for some late-night miniature golf. The YLD thanks Nicole and her husband Kevin for welcoming us into their home.



Save the Date: YLD Golf Tournament 2023

The Young Lawyers Division will hold its Seventeenth Annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament at The Landings Club's Marshwood Course on Friday, June 23, 2023. Be on the lookout for more information in the new year.



THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL FORM 2022-2023

WHAT IS THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION (YLD)?

The Savannah YLD is a subgroup of the Savannah Bar Association, and any local attorney under the age of 35, or who has been admitted to practice less than 5 years, is invited to join. Local attorneys who are waiting on Georgia Bar Exam results are also invited to join. YLD hosts many social activities and service projects throughout the year. Upcoming events include regular happy hours at favorite establishments, the annual holiday party, and the annual charity golf event.

HOW DOES YLD SERVE THE COMMUNITY?

YLD participates in many service projects during the year including High School Mock Trial, Law Week, Over the Edge for Boy Scouts of America, and preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House.

WHAT CAN YLD DO FOR YOU?

YLD provides many opportunities for young lawyers to:

- Socialize and network with other young lawyers
- Meet and work with members of the “Big Bar” (the Savannah Bar Association)
- Learn more about the community through service projects
- Get involved with the State YLD

HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete and return the form below with your check to Sophia Karnegis at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia at skarnegis@ellispainter.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR ARE:

\$60.00 for private sector

\$30.00 for government/public sector including judicial clerks

Please complete and return this portion with your check made payable to Savannah Bar Association - YLD to:

Sophia E. Karnegis

Ellis Painter

7 East Congress Street, Second Floor

Savannah, Georgia 31401

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Mock Trial Volunteers and Coaches Needed

The 2022-2023 High School Mock Trial season is underway and volunteer evaluators are needed to host the regional competition here in Savannah. 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 or district (or both) competition please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call (ccall@smaclegal.com), for more information.

If you are interested in mentoring/coaching students participating in the competition, St. Andrews and Savannah Arts Academy are looking for an attorney coach to assist with their Mock Trial teams this year. Each team must have an attorney coach to be eligible to participate in the competition; please consider volunteering for this worthwhile program.

Judging Panel Volunteers are needed for the Regional Competition date on Saturday, February 4 at the Chatham County Courthouse. There will be 1 morning round, 1 afternoon round, and 1 late afternoon round. The competition needs 28 volunteers for each round, so there are a total of 84 slots to fill! Please consider helping for this very worthwhile program.

Any judging panel volunteer is eligible to receive 1 CLE hour (general and trial) volunteering!

To sign up to volunteer or for more information, please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call (ccall@smaclegal.com).

Thank you,
Craig A. Call
Region 14 Coordinator
Georgia High School Mock Trial Program



SBA 2023 Hot Topics Seminar Announced

The SBA 2023 Hot Topics Seminar will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023, at the Savannah Golf Club. This seminar is a great chance to earn CLE hours locally, quickly, and efficiently. This seminar is an **SBA Member Only Event**. If you have not renewed your membership for this bar year, you may do so at <https://www.savannahbar.org/renew-membership>.

Please return all registration forms to this year's chairperson, Mark Kelso, via email or USPS mail. Check payments must be mailed to Mark at the PO Box listed.

The agenda and registration PDF links are at the bottom of this email for your convenience. Hot Topics Seminar information may also be located through the SBA website at https://www.savannahbar.org/hot_topics. Please be aware seminar registration is not available online. To register for the seminar, you must access the registration form and submit it to this year's seminar chair.

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Friday, January 20, 2023

Time: Registration begins at 7:45 A.M. Program begins at 8:20 A.M.

Place: The Savannah Golf Club, 1661 East President Street, Savannah, GA 31404

Name: _____ Georgia Bar No. _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

FOR SBA MEMBERS ONLY

Tuition: \$150.00 [Breakfast and Lunch is included in tuition]

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION" AND RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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NOTE: REGISTRATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS

7.00 total hours of CLE credit (pending approval) including:
4 hours of Trial Practice, 1 hour of Ethics, and 1 hour of Professionalism



THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:
HOT TOPICS SEMINAR

January 20, 2023

SAVANNAH GOLF CLUB

Mark Kelso, Chair
Committee:
Evan Miller, Jennifer
Wittich, Jay Johnson,
Megan Ebert, Marlene Mader

8:20 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome by Chair & SBA President	
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Pitfalls of Personal Injury Litigation	Maria and Danny Justus Lasky Cooper Law
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Family Law: Case Law Update and Real World Applications	Dave Purvis/Jess Lill The Manely Law Firm
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Professionalism: Conflict Management	Amanda Love Chatham County Mediation Center
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Changing the Narrative: Expediting Permanency and Improving Outcomes for Children in Juvenile Court	Kathy Davis/Wendellyn Wright Chatham County Juvenile Court Child’s Advocacy Office
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH: Ethics	Hon. Andrew Pinson GA Supreme Court
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Probate Court Guardian Ad Litem and Doubtful Claims	Wendy Williamson Associate Judge, Chatham County Probate Court
1:45- 2:30 p.m.	Research and Writing Strategies to Improve Pretrial, Trial, and Post-Trial Litigation Outcomes	Elizabeth Berenguer Johnson/Kraeuter, LLC
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	BREAK	
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Insurance Bad Faith: What Defense (and Plaintiff) Lawyers Need To Know	Paul Painter Bowen Painter Trail Lawyers
3:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Probate, Trust and Estates Update for 2023	Adam Walters Walters Law, PC

Adjourn



Lasky Cooper Law Donates Computers to CCDC

Earlier this fall Lasky Cooper Law replaced the computers throughout their office. Instead of discarding them, Partner Jeff Lasky along with his staff worked to determine a way they could be donated and put to good use. The firm reached out to various entities and found that they could greatly benefit the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for use in the Detention Center. This donation will be used in the literacy program at CCDC. Many detainees that set out to complete their GED program lack basic literacy skills. These computers will assist the dedicated staff in working with the detainees on advancing their reading levels which inevitably helps their everyday life skills. Once completed, the technology also helps the staff assist detainees in creating and improving their resumes to prepare them for transition back into society. A big thank you to Cory Archer and his team at ArchTech Computers in helping us clear the computers for use, Major Terry Boyles of the CCSO, Patricia Fraps of the CCSO, and Transitional Specialist Richard Summers of the CCSO for helping facilitate this donation. We are grateful for the dedicated staff at the Sheriff's Office who commit their time to programs like this that better our community

Oliver Maner achieved Tier 1, the highest ranking, for 10 out of 13 categories:



Pictured: Richard Summers, Attorneys Danny and Maria Justus



Georgia Trend Names George T. Major, Jr. of Savannah's Oliver Maner LLP as "Legal Elite"

Major chosen by his peers to be ranked in the 20th-annual listing in the regional magazine

George T. Major Jr. of the Savannah law firm Oliver Maner LLP has been named as one of Georgia Trend's 2022 "Legal Elite" for Personal Injury. Major has now received this honor for three consecutive years.

This is the 20th annual publication of Georgia Trend's "Legal Elite" issue, which recognizes attorneys considered the best in their field. To compile this listing, attorneys submitted hundreds of nominations to Georgia Trend's website. Anyone who is a member of the State Bar and lives and practices in Georgia was eligible to vote and to be voted onto this list. Respondents were not allowed to vote for themselves.



George T. Major, Jr.

The lawyers selected this year practice throughout Georgia in markets ranging from large metro areas to smaller rural towns and represent 15 distinct legal practice areas: Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights, Business, Corporate, Criminal, Entertainment & Sports, Family, General Practice/Trial, Healthcare, Immigration, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, Personal Injury, Public Finance/Bonds, Real Estate/Construction and Taxes, Estates & Trusts.

The recognition appears in the December 2022 issue of Georgia Trend.



Savannah Trial Lawyers Association Happy Hour

Savannah Trial Lawyers Association is hosting a happy hour at The Grove Savannah on January 12th at 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. This event is open to all members of STLA and all who are interested in joining. The Savannah Trial Lawyers Association is a tremendous resource for attorneys in our area. We are comprised of predominantly plaintiff civil litigators and our local chapter and state organization, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association is committed to protecting the constitutional promise of justice for all by guaranteeing the right to trial by jury, preserving an independent judiciary, and providing access to the courts. Locally you will be connected with a large number of attorneys who are always willing to help and provide guidance or assistance in any way they can. We look forward to spending time with our members and getting to know our future members.

If you would like more information, please contact recruitment chairs Ben Davidson bdavidson@cornwelllaw.org or [Maria Justus mjustus@laskycooperlaw.com](mailto:Maria.Justus@laskycooperlaw.com).

Savannah Trial Lawyers Association Raises \$7,500 for Children

Every year the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association New Lawyers Division participates in “Clarks Christmas Kids” which is a program in the state of Georgia that benefits the thousands of children in the foster care system in the state. The hope is that every child has at least one present to open during the holiday season. The children range from newborn to 17 years old. We are so proud of our chapter as both firms and individual members donated over \$7,500 in contributions sponsoring a minimum of 75 children. It is a wonderful cause, and we are exceedingly proud of the generosity shown from members of local bar association.

Savannah Tech Offers Career Connections

Attention All Attorneys: Are you looking to hire legal support staff? Do you have a job description/job listing for the position to share? Well, the Paralegal students at Savannah Technical College are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to learn, grow and advance in the legal services industry. No need to pay to post ads. You can simply submit your job notices on Savannah Technical College's online portal, Career Connections, which will allow you to easily reach our students and graduates. This user-friendly system allows you to provide an overview of your company, post ads, manage the dates the ads will run as well as view resumes and directly contact job seekers.

We invite you to use this link to post any openings you may currently have: <https://savannahtech-csm.symplicity.com/employers/>

Periodically, Savannah Technical College, hosts events throughout the year that will also give you an opportunity to directly connect with its students. By enrolling in Career Connections, you will be added to the distribution list for those events. Thank you for your consideration of our students and programs!



The History of New Year’s Resolutions^[1]

Setting a New Year’s resolution is something humans have been doing for 4,000 years. The Babylonians are thought to be the first people to make New Year’s resolutions. Although it took a different form from what we do today, the Babylonians’ resolutions, made at the time of the spring planting, included making promises to pay their debts and return any borrowed objects. They believed that if they kept those promises, they would be favored by the gods.

Romans followed a similar practice but made those promises on January 1. January was named for the Roman god Janus. Romans thought that Janus looked backwards into the old year and ahead into the new year. Therefore, Romans promised good conduct for the new year.

For early Christians, the dawning of the new year became a time for thinking about past mistakes and resolving to do better in the new year. In 1740, John Wesley, three years after leaving Georgia, created the Covenant Renewal Service. The service was held on New Year’s Eve or New Year’s Day and was a time for the reading of Scripture, singing of hymns, praying, and making resolutions for the new year.

Even though setting resolutions arose out of religious traditions, today it is mostly a secular practice. Instead of making promises to the gods, people make resolutions to themselves, focusing on self-improvement. It’s said about 45% of Americans make a resolution, with only 8% successfully achieving goals.

Achieving a resolution goal is easiest when you have support. That’s where the Georgia Legal Services Program Pro Bono Program comes in. If your New Year’s Resolution is to provide pro bono legal services to Georgians of limited means, GLSP can provide you with the support to achieve your goal.

GLSP Pro Bono pairs up eligible clients with lawyers looking for pro bono opportunities. Our clients need assistance with wills, powers of attorney, domestic violence protective orders, record restriction, and much more. We have opportunities for transactional work, court appearances, and clinic settings. We also provide training, mentoring, and malpractice insurance.

Contact GLSP today to find out how you can achieve your New Year’s Resolution goals. To volunteer, contact Sarah J. Anderson at sjanderson@glsp.org or sign up online at <https://www.glsp.org/volunteer-2/>.

¹ Based on the article “The History of New Year’s Resolutions” that appeared originally on the History Channel’s website on December 30, 2015, updated on December 21, 2020. The article is available at <https://www.history.com/news/the-history-of-new-years-resolutions>, last accessed on December 19, 2022.



Georgia Legal Services Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit law firm.

We provide free, civil legal services to low-income or senior-aged Georgians outside of Atlanta.

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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.