



# The Citation

## Savannah Mayor Speaks at Bar Luncheon

On February 18, 2021, Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, spoke at the Savannah Bar Association's monthly luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club. Johnson, the 67th Mayor of the City of Savannah, reflected on the challenges faced by Savannah in 2020, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the George Floyd protests, and discussed his vision for the City's future. Thanks to Mayor Johnson for an insightful and engaging speech!



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## SBA's Admiral Harvey Weitz Boat Ride

We are changing the date for the annual boat ride. Due to current circumstances, and in an effort to allow a greater distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, we are moving the Admiral Harvey Weitz boat ride to Friday, September 24, 2021. In lieu of the boat ride, a luncheon will be held on April 22, 2021, at the Savannah Golf Club. Please mark your calendars. Thank you.



## 2021 SBA Scholarships Available

The Savannah Bar Association undertakes to award scholarships to deserving students each year. The 2021 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 also 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 for the Judge Eugene H. Gadsden Scholarship must be obtained from the high school's guidance counselor.*

### **Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship:**

The Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship was established by the Savannah Bar Association in tribute to this outstanding community leader known for her character, integrity, and compassion. The fairness, patience, and wisdom of Judge Kravitch served as an inspiration not only to all lawyers and judges but also the community at large. 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 \$2,500 is 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 granted 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 with the application. The scholarship award will be sent to the law school for the recipient's account. *For the application for the Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship, see below.*

**All completed applications must be received by  
Friday, March 26, 2021 at 12 Noon**

For your convenience, scholarship information and the fillable application for the Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship can be found at <https://www.savannahbar.org/scholarships>.



## YLD Holds Happy Hours

The Savannah Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division held its first two happy hours of 2021. The first took place on January 28 at Hop Atomica, and the second was held on February 16 at Moodright’s. Thanks to all who attended!

The Savannah YLD provides opportunities for young lawyers to socialize and network, meet members of “the Big Bar” (the Savannah Bar Association), participate in community service projects, and become involved with the State YLD. Any local attorney under the age of 35, or who has been admitted to practice fewer than 5 years, is invited to join. To do so, please complete and return the following form, along with your check, to Ellis Allen at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Ellis at (912) 232-6700 or [ellen@brennanwasden.com](mailto:ellen@brennanwasden.com). Yearly dues are \$60.00 for each private sector lawyer and \$30.00 for each public sector lawyer, including judicial clerks.



### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2020-2021 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 Young Lawyers Division to:

Ellis Allen  
Brennan, Wasden & Painter, LLC  
P.O. Box 8047  
Savannah, Georgia 31412

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Brennan, Wasden & Painter Attorneys Named Georgia Super Lawyers

Brennan, Wasden & Painter, a leading law firm based in Savannah, Georgia, is pleased to announce that Wiley A. Wasden, III and Travis D. Windsor have been recognized as 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers. The Super Lawyer recognition is based on independent research, peer review and professional achievement and is awarded annually to the top five percent of attorneys in the state.



Wiley A. Wasden, III



Travis D. Windsor

Brennan, Wasden & Painter LLC is a full-service law firm serving businesses, professionals, and individuals throughout Georgia and the Carolinas. For over 30 years, the firm has built a reputation for client service and results. At Brennan, Wasden & Painter, we strive to deliver effective representation through close collaboration and ongoing communication with the clients we serve. Please visit [www.brennanwasden.com](http://www.brennanwasden.com) or call (912) 232-6700 to learn more about Brennan, Wasden & Painter.

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## Fourteen HunterMaclean Attorneys Recognized as 2021 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

HunterMaclean, a business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, was recently honored with the selection of eleven attorneys as 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers and three attorneys as 2021 Rising Stars.

Attorneys are selected based upon peer review, professional achievements, and independent research. The process identifies attorneys from more than seventy practice areas who have achieved distinction in their respective practices of law.

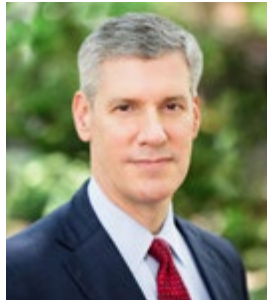




The following HunterMaclean attorneys were recognized as 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers:



David M. Burkoff  
Business Litigation



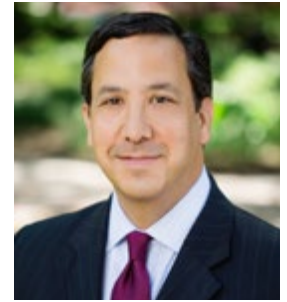
T. Mills Fleming  
Health Care



Bradley M. Harmon  
Business Litigation



Wade W. Herring, II  
Employment Litigation



Shawn A. Kachmar  
Employment Litigation



Sarah H. Lamar  
Employment & Labor



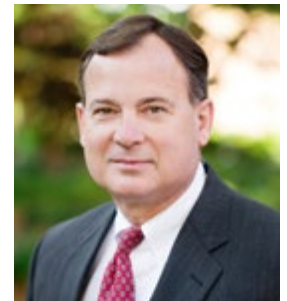
Frank S. Macgill  
Estate Planning & Probate



Kirby G. Mason  
Medical Malpractice



Colin A. McRae  
Transportation/Maritime



Christopher W. Phillips  
Construction Litigation



Arnold C. Young  
Civil Litigation

Georgia Rising Stars are selected according to the same criteria as Super Lawyers but include individuals who are forty years old or younger or who have been in practice for less than ten years. According to SuperLawyers.com, “while up to five percent of the lawyers in the state are named to Super Lawyers, no more than 2.5 percent are named to the Rising Stars list.”

HunterMaclean Rising Stars include:



Patrick L. Barkley  
Business Litigation



Allan C. Galis  
Business Litigation



Nicole L. Pope  
Technology Transactions

Super Lawyers Magazine features the list and profiles of the selected attorneys and is distributed to attorneys in the region and in ABA-accredited law school libraries. In addition, the list is published as a special section in leading city and regional magazines across the country.



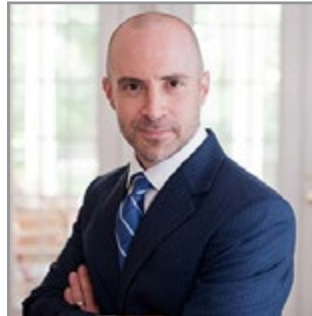
## Harris Lowry Manton LLP Stands Apart as the Only Savannah, Ga. Law Firm With Two Attorneys on the 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers Top 100 List

Harris Lowry Manton LLP founding partners Jeff Harris and Steve Lowry are featured on the prestigious 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers Top 100 list, which spotlights the state’s leading attorneys and was released earlier today. For the fourth consecutive year, Harris Lowry Manton LLP is the only Savannah law firm with two attorneys on the Top 100 List. Harris is a four-time Top 100 honoree, and Lowry is a five-time Top 100 honoree.

Jeff Harris, Steve Lowry and founding partner Jed Manton are also recognized as 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers in the Personal Injury General: Plaintiff category for their exceptional work advocating on behalf of clients in a wide range of practice areas.



Jeff Harris



Steve Lowry



Jed Manton

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree professional achievement. The Super Lawyers designation is awarded annually to the top five percent of attorneys in the state, using a multi-phase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area. The results are currently posted online at SuperLawyers.com and will be published in the March 2021 issue of Super Lawyers Magazine and in the March 2021 issue of Atlanta magazine.

“We’re deeply honored that our peers across Georgia consider us to be among the best lawyers in the state,” said Steve Lowry, an accomplished trial lawyer and 10-time Georgia Super Lawyer honoree. “We know that Georgia’s judicial system has been impacted by the pandemic over the past year and continue to work hard on behalf of our clients to help them secure justice in tragic wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases.”

In addition, Harris Lowry Manton LLP partner Yvonne S. Godfrey and associate attorney Andrew J. Conn are recognized as 2021 Rising Stars. The Rising Star honor is a designation awarded to 2.5 percent of Georgia attorneys who meet the Super Lawyer qualifications and are either under the age of 40 or have been practicing law for a decade or less. Conn is a five-time Rising Star honoree; Godfrey is a three-time honoree.

Named the Georgia Legal Awards Litigation Department of the Year - Small Firm, Harris Lowry Manton LLP is the only Georgia law firm to secure six annual #1 verdicts in the state in six different categories. The firm, which has offices in Savannah and Atlanta has a strong record of handling complex cases and has secured more multi-million dollar verdicts over the past decade than any other law firm in Georgia.



Yvonne S. Godfrey



Andrew J. Conn



## Ryan Beasley Named Partner at Oliver Maner

Oliver Maner, one of Georgia’s highest-rated law firms, is pleased to announce that Ryan Beasley was named partner on January 1, 2021. Mr. Beasley joins the firm’s distinguished list of partners who demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and excellence in their practices.



Ryan Beasley

Mr. Beasley joined Oliver Maner in 2017 after serving two years in private practice following a two year judicial clerkship with the Honorable Lamar W. Davis, Jr. (retired) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia. Mr. Beasley focuses on complex business and commercial contracts and transactions as well as advanced estate planning strategies and techniques. He has become an integral part of the firm’s well-known and accomplished Business, Tax and Estate Planning Department where he represents many closely-held businesses and families.

Originally from Sylvania, Ga., Beasley graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Georgia. He went on to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in thermal sciences, fluid flow, and energy systems.

Prior to attending law school, Beasley worked for Southern Nuclear, Southern Company’s nuclear energy operating company. At Southern Nuclear’s Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, he held various positions including systems and operations engineer before being selected for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s 18-month senior reactor operator licensed training program. After obtaining his Senior Reactor Operator’s License, Beasley worked as an on-shift supervisor, supervising control room and field operations. After working with Southern Nuclear, Ryan attended the University of Georgia School of Law where he graduated, cum laude, with a J.D.

“Ryan is an incredibly talented lawyer and we are proud to recognize and honor his work with a promotion to partner,” said Oliver Maner Managing Partner Patrick T. O’Connor. “We look forward to working with him for many years to come.”

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## Fleming Law Hires Cassie Hartpence

Fleming Law, P.C., a preeminent Savannah criminal defense firm, is pleased to welcome Attorney Cassie N. Hartpence. Prior to joining Fleming Law, Ms. Hartpence interned with Lloyd D. Murray, Sr. at the Murray Firm in Richmond Hill, GA in college. During her law school years, Ms. Hartpence interned with the Cobb County District Attorney’s office. She is a recent graduate of Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School with a certificate of concentration in Criminal Law. Ms. Hartpence earned her Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies with a minor in Philosophy at Georgia Southern University. She is currently working at Fleming Law as a trial attorney with a focus on Criminal Law, Traffic Offenses, Juvenile Delinquency, and Appeals.





## How Pro Bono Benefits You

Pro Bono Publico – “for the public good” – We all know the good that pro bono work is: representation for those who could otherwise not afford an attorney, better resolutions for low-income clients, improving the flow of court cases, feeling good knowing that you helped someone out, and builds a more just society.

There are other lesser-known benefits from pro bono, both professional and personal. Instead of focusing on the benefits of pro bono work to the clients, let's look at the benefits to the pro bono attorney.

There is much to be gained professionally from doing pro bono work. Pro bono cases allow attorneys to sharpen their litigation skills. A new attorney will have direct contact with a client, perfect interview skills, learn how to speak in plain English to clients, and learn how to manage client expectations. A new attorney can gain experience investigating facts, taking depositions, interviewing witnesses, and reviewing exhibits that may end up in evidence. A new attorney can also gain trial skills through pro bono, getting the opportunity to appear before a variety of judges in a variety of cases. The skills will build an attorney's confidence as he or she gets more comfortable with client-case management.

Experienced attorneys can brush up on legal skills. A transactional attorney can go to court to advocate for a tenant or a TPO petitioner. A litigator can take a case that can be completed in the office, such as advice and counsel on a housing issue or drafting a will. Pro bono also allows many attorneys the chance to build skill in mediating and negotiating settlements.

Attorneys can also learn a new area of the law through pro bono work. GLSP offers online resources, trainings, and assistance from experienced staff attorneys to support pro bono attorneys in areas in which they don't regularly practice. GLSP provides malpractice insurance for any case that it assigns to a pro bono attorney.

Pro bono work also allows attorneys networking opportunities, building business contacts, and becoming better known to the judges before whom they appear. It also helps to build an attorney's reputation in the legal community. Networking and reputation may open doors both professionally and personally as people learn about your commitment to help those in need. GLSP volunteers are regularly recognized to show the good work that attorneys continue to do throughout the community. Strong networking and good reputations built through pro bono work can help to build paid work for a law firm.

There is no doubt that pro bono work helps GLSP clients, but it can also help you develop skills crucial to the practice of law.

Sarah J. Anderson is the Pro Bono Project Staff Attorney with GLSP Savannah Regional Office. She can be contacted by phone, (912) 651-2283 ext. 2184, or by email, [sjanderson@glsp.org](mailto:sjanderson@glsp.org). To become a volunteer, sign up online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAProBono>.





## Are you the next Pro Bono Champion?

Legal aid programs can serve only a small fraction of the persons who meet their eligibility standards and who need legal assistance. Private attorney participation is absolutely critical.

Georgia Legal Services Program provides you with pro bono service opportunities across the state. Stay in your office and offer brief services and advice via telephone. Drop in to one of our pro bono legal clinics. Take a case and go to court.

Sign up online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAProbono>

Sign up in March to be entered into a special drawing for new volunteers.



## Georgia Legal Services Program

For more information, contact:

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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.



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA POSITION VACANCY NOTICE

Position Title: Pro Se Law Clerk  
Vacancy Announcement No. 21-01  
Location: Savannah, GA



Opening date: 02/02/2021  
Closing date: 03/31/2021  
**Anticipated Start Spring/Summer 2021**

### STARTING SALARY:

JSP 11 – JSP 14 \$64,649 - \$141,548 (Salary determined by qualifications and federal court experience as set in the Qualifications section of this Notice.)

### POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Pro Se Clerk provides direct assistance and support to the magistrate judge, in chambers, regarding substantive legal and procedural review of cases pending before him, predominantly prisoner civil litigation, including state and federal habeas corpus petitions and civil rights complaints, social security disability appeals, non-dispositive civil motions, and pretrial criminal motions. Within the scope of the cases assigned, the Pro Se Clerk’s primary responsibility will be to review complaints, petitions, motions, and pleadings to identify and analyze the issues and basis for relief; perform legal research; and draft appropriate recommendations and orders. This position is a two-year term-limited position. Although the position is term-limited, the position is not subject to, and shall not be credited against, the four-year limitation on federal term law clerk appointments. Although applications from graduating third-year students are accepted for this position, the anticipated start date necessitates that preference will be given to applicants who do not anticipate, or are willing to forego, sitting for a state bar exam in the Summer of 2021.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

#### Required

- Graduated in the top 25% of the class from an ABA-accredited law school
- Exceptional legal research and writing skills
- Computer literacy; including established proficiency in computer assisted legal research, Microsoft Word and Outlook, and Adobe Acrobat, proficiency with Microsoft TEAMS and CM/ECF preferred
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to adapt quickly to new tasks and develop new skills
- Ability to work independently and as a team player, with a positive attitude
- Maturity, good judgment, and high ethical standards
- Ability to work harmoniously in a highly collaborative office

#### Preferred

- Experience on the editorial board of a law review and/or membership on a moot court team that represented the law school in competition with other law schools



- Bar membership
- Prior clerkship experience, with prior federal clerkship experience favorably considered
- No less than two years of legal work experience after graduation from law school. Prior clerkship experience will be considered legal work experience
- Prior experience or a demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas: constitutional law, federal habeas corpus law, civil rights law, social security law
- Prior litigation experience or significant motion practice at a private law firm or public agency, with experience in federal court favorably considered
- Prior experience reviewing and analyzing legal submissions from *pro se* parties

**BENEFITS:**

This is a full-time position which is eligible for the Federal Judiciary’s comprehensive benefits package which includes ten paid federal holidays, annual and sick leave, health and life insurance, dental and vision insurance, retirement plan, matching, tax-deferred and/or Roth Thrift Savings Plan, flexible spending accounts for health and dependent care and long-term care insurance.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

To apply for this position, please submit the following items combined into a single, pdf document titled Pro Se Law Clerk 21-01: a cover letter, a resumé, two writing samples, three letters of recommendation or professional references, and the Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment (this form can be found our website, [www.gasd.uscourts.gov](http://www.gasd.uscourts.gov)).

- Complete applications should be submitted by email to Mr. Matthew G. Traut, Career Law Clerk to United States Magistrate Judge Christopher L. Ray at: [matthew\\_traut@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:matthew_traut@gas.uscourts.gov) or through OSCAR at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov/>.

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*The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement or to withdraw the job announcement, any of which actions may occur without any prior written notice. This position is subject to mandatory favorable background checks. The U.S. Courts require employees to adhere to a Code of Ethics and Conduct. Due to the volume of applications received, the Court may only communicate to those individuals who will be interviewed for open positions. Travel and relocation expenses will not be paid. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work for the United States Government.*



## 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.