



# The Citation

## Mock Trial Announcement

The local Georgia High School Mock Trial Regional Competition begins on Tuesday evening, February 1, 2022. **There are still several spots left to fill for Rounds 1 and 2 and over 30 spots to fill for Saturday, February 12.** All rounds until further notice will be held virtually. You can participate from any location!

The upcoming competition dates are as follows:

- Region Round 1 – Tuesday, February 1, 2022 (6:00 pm)
- Region Round 2 – Monday, February 7, 2022 (6:00 pm)
- Region Round 3 – Saturday, February 12, 2022 (9:00 am)
- Region Round 4 – Saturday, February 12, 2022 (2:00 pm)
- District Round 1 – Saturday, March 5, 2022 (9:00 am)
- District Round 2 – Saturday, March 5, 2022 (2:00 pm)

Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile program and providing a memorable experience for local high school students. We are an invaluable resource to these hard-working students. ***And as a reminder, you may claim 1 CLE hour (general/trial) for volunteering at any level of the competition.***

If you are interested in volunteering, there is an online registration form which you can complete at: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/HighSchoolMockTrial/judgingpanelvolunteerregistration2022season>

Please do not hesitate to forward this email to anyone you think may want to volunteer. Thank you in advance, and please do not hesitate to contact me ([ccall@smaclegal.com](mailto:c_call@smaclegal.com)) if you would like more information or to volunteer.

Cordially yours,  
Craig A. Call, Esq.  
Georgia High School Mock Trial  
Region 14 / District VII Coordinator



## Recap of YLD Events in January 2022

On January 10, 2022, the Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association presented a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Guardian Ad Litem Program of The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire. These funds were raised at the YLD’s fifteenth annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament held on July 23, 2021, at The Landings Club’s Palmetto Course. On hand to receive the check were The Mediation Center’s Executive Director, Jill Weeks, and Director of Family Law Services and GAL Program, Trish Murphy. Thanks to all golf tournament participants for making this donation possible!

Additionally, on January 20, the YLD held its monthly networking event at Congress Street Social Club. The event was generously sponsored by Miles Mediation & Arbitration.



Check Presentation to Guardian Ad Litem Program of The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire

Happy Hour at Social Club





# THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION

## NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL FORM 2021-2022

### 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 Haley Allen at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Haley Allen at [heallen@chathamcounty.org](mailto:heallen@chathamcounty.org).

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### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2021-2022 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:

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Attn: Haley Allen  
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Savannah, Georgia 31401-3239

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## Leesa A. Bohler Joins Miles Mediation & Arbitration

Miles Mediation & Arbitration, the fastest growing ADR provider in the Southeast, is proud to announce the addition of Leesa A. Bohler to its panel in Savannah. Leesa received her mediation training while a judge in 1997 and mediated hundreds of cases for the state for 13 years. When she retired from the bench in 2010 to join Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rodgers to help open the firm's Savannah office, she began mediating cases in the private sector while defending clients in civil litigation for the firm.

After practicing law for more than 22 years specializing in insurance defense litigation, including personal injury and workers' compensation, with an additional 16 years as an Administrative Law Judge for the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation in Savannah, she decided to retire from her law practice to become a full-time mediator for Miles Mediation & Arbitration.



Leesa A. Bohler

"I'm thrilled Leesa has decided to join our panel in Savannah," says John Miles, CEO of Miles Mediation & Arbitration. "We continue to look for opportunities to expand our panel of talented neutrals. She is a well-respected attorney and has been mediating since 1997. She will be a great asset to our Savannah team."

Over the past 11 years, Leesa found a mixed practice of litigation and mediation to be very rewarding. However, her mediation experience has recently become more personally fulfilling than litigation – perhaps because it is rewarding and challenging to assist parties in working out a resolution for their issues instead of leaving it up to strangers. She has felt privileged to work with opposing parties toward a solution satisfactory to everyone involved without going into a courtroom. This realization led to her decision to give up the practice of law and focus solely on serving as a mediator.

"I joined Miles Mediation & Arbitration because they have an excellent team with great facilities right here in my hometown of Savannah," Leesa said.

View Leesa Bohler's bio and online scheduling calendar at <https://milesmediation.com/neutrals/leesa-a-bohler/>.



## Savannah Law Firm Oliver Maner Names David Bobo Mullens, III, as Partner

Oliver Maner LLP has named David Bobo Mullens, III, as a Partner of the leading law firm in Savannah. Mullens regularly represents businesses, local governments and individuals in all manner of civil disputes. He joined Oliver Maner as an associate in 2014.

“Bobo Mullens is a smart, hard-working and energetic young lawyer who fits in well with Oliver Maner’s litigation practice. We are proud and fortunate to have him join our firm as a partner and we are confident his leadership and expertise will serve the Firm and our clients well for years to come,” said Partner Patrick T. O’Connor.

Mullens’ practice focuses on business litigation, county and municipal liability, transportation law and select personal injury cases. He has authored a number of professional and scholarly articles relevant to Georgia and the Georgia Ports, published by the Georgia Bar Journal, the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law and the Savannah Morning News. Additionally, Mullens has been recognized by his peers and colleagues in SuperLawyers® as a “Rising Star” in the field of litigation.

“This is the highest honor of my career,” Mullens said. “I am humbled by this recognition from a firm that is so dedicated to this community. I’ll work harder than ever to earn this position every day.”

Mullens is admitted to practice before state trial and appellate courts in Georgia, U.S. District Courts of Georgia, the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the State Bar of Georgia’s Young Lawyers Division and is a graduate of the State Bar of Georgia’s YLD Leadership Academy. He is also a past President of the Savannah Bar Association Young Lawyer Division.

He is also a mediator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Mullens enjoys serving in this role in cases involving personal injury, debt collection and commercial disputes. Additionally, he serves as an assistant city attorney for two municipalities in the Savannah area.

Mullens earned his B.A. in history at the University of Virginia in 2011. He completed his studies for his J.D. at the University of Georgia School of Law, cum laude, in 2014. During law school, Mullens served on the editorial board of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law. He was also an active member of the Prosecutorial Clinic, gaining valuable courtroom experience winning bench and jury trials while working in the Rockdale County DA Office. In his third year of law school, Mullens was recognized for his involvement in trial advocacy and was chosen as a pupil at the Orr Inn of Court.

Outside of his practice, Mullens enjoys shooting sporting clays, hunting, reading, and exploring the waterways of Chatham County with his wife, Stuart Elizabeth, and two daughters.



David Bobo Mullens

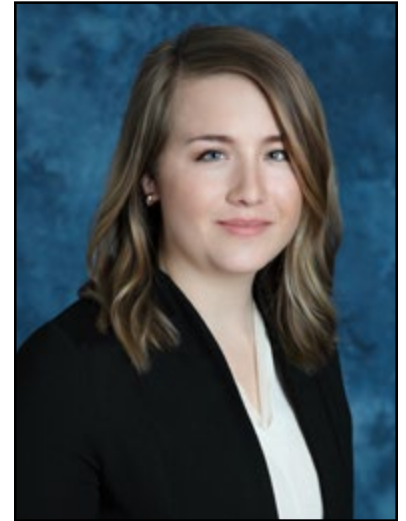


## Attorney Jess Lill promoted to Managing Attorney of The Manely Firm P.C.'s Savannah Office

The Manely Firm P.C. is proud to announce that Attorney Jess Lill has been promoted to lead the powerhouse Savannah Office team as the Managing Attorney. The Firm proudly practices family law throughout the state of Georgia and has the unique expertise of handling international family law cases all over the world. The Manely Firm also has attorneys that specialize in estate planning and probate needs. The Firm has offices located in Atlanta, Forsyth, Marietta, Lawrenceville and Savannah, now with twelve attorneys fluent in a combined ten languages to serve clients.

Ms. Lill has been with the Firm since 2017, serving as an Associate Attorney, having previously held positions as a Client Care Coordinator and Law Clerk. As a Law Clerk, her research and drafting of documents made her an integral part of the firm's appellate successes! She is a proud graduate of Mercer University School of Law and received her undergraduate B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in Philosophy from Oglethorpe University. Ms. Lill is active in her community and volunteers regularly as a hospital advocate for Coastal Empire's Rape Crisis Center and Georgia State Bar's High School Mock Trial Competition. She was also proudly named the "Most Domestic Cases Settled in 2019" by the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire.

Ms. Lill has a focus on International and Domestic Family Law and excels in crafting complex legal strategies. We are thrilled to have her serving as Managing Attorney for the Savannah Office and look forward to great things under Ms. Lill's leadership. To read her full bio, please visit the Firm's website at [www.allfamilylaw.com](http://www.allfamilylaw.com) or at <https://www.allfamilylaw.com/attorney/jess-a-lill/>.



Jess Lill



## Attorney Sean Callahan Joins HunterMaclean

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, recently welcomed [Sean Callahan](#) as an associate in the firm's Real Estate Group.

Sean has significant experience with transactional, compliance, and business organizational matters within residential and commercial real estate practice. Prior to joining HunterMaclean, Sean represented lenders and worked closely with residential builders and investors in acquisition development, construction, purchase-sale, and 1031 exchange transactions.

Sean received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he double majored in Political Science and Sociology. He earned his J.D. from North Carolina Central University School of Law. During law school, he was a student volunteer for the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics. Through a law school study-abroad program, Sean was also able to study at Queen Mary University School of Law's Centre for Commercial Law Studies in London, England, where he earned a Certificate in Global Arbitration Law and Practice. Sean earned his LL.M. in 2016 from the Center for Transactional Law and Practice at Emory University School of Law.

Sean is originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



**Sean Callahan**



# Georgia Trend Names Seven Partners of Savannah’s Oliver Maner LLP as “Legal Elite”

Seven partners of the Savannah law firm Oliver Maner LLP were recently named to Georgia Trend’s 2021 Legal Elite list. Robert W. Schivera, Timothy D. Roberts, Lee Summerford, Andrew M. Wilkes, Benjamin M. Perkins, Paul H. Threlkeld and George T. Major Jr. were recognized by their peers as being outstanding in their fields of practice.

This is the 19th time the magazine has recognized attorneys considered the best in their field.

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 following partners at Oliver Maner were recognized:

- [Robert W. Schivera](#) in Taxes, Estates & Trusts
- [Timothy D. Roberts](#) in Business Law
- [Lee Summerford](#) in Corporate Law
- [Andrew M. Wilkes](#) in Family Law
- [Benjamin M. Perkins](#) and [Paul H. Threlkeld](#) in General Practice/Trial Law
- [George T. Major Jr.](#) in Personal Injury

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.

*Georgia’s top attorneys were chosen by their peers to be ranked in the 19th-annual listing in the statewide magazine*



Robert W. Schivera



Timothy D. Roberts



Lee Summerford



Andrew M. Wilkes



Benjamin M. Perkins



Paul H. Threlkeld



George T. Major, Jr.





## Oliver Maner Presents Donations from Women’s Emergency Housing Center Supply Drive

In recognition of National Homelessness Awareness Month in November, Oliver Maner LLP, a leading law firm in Savannah, issued a challenge to the community to raise supplies and support for Union Mission’s newest project, Parker’s House: A Home For Women.

Oliver Maner attorneys Amelia Stevens and Victoria Nease led the efforts and the law firm’s office is overflowing with the results of the generosity of the Savannah community.

Representatives of Oliver Maner presented the donations collected during the charity drive at their downtown offices on Dec. 8 and loaded up Union Mission’s van. The items, ranging from soap and toothpaste to sheets and blankets, will stock the shelves of the program for unaccompanied homeless women, set to launch in early 2022.



“We want to thank the Savannah community for their incredible generosity. We expected a strong response, but what happened exceeded our expectations,” Stevens said. “We had to continue to make room in our storage area to accommodate all of the items.”

One large donation exemplified the spirit of giving that the challenge sought to foster. Savannah resident Victoria White and her daughter Alethia Edwards brought an entire carload of supplies for the women’s shelter. It was such a tremendous amount, the Oliver Maner team couldn’t let them leave without finding out more about their family and the story behind their gift. It was a revelation.

As a young mother of seven children, White was tragically widowed. Her family struggled but worked together and with help of the community, they were able to remain intact. Now that her seven children are grown with families of their own, they began a family tradition to pool their resources and make a donation to a local charity rather than buy gifts for each other.

“My daughter saw this organization for homeless women on the news and she asked me, ‘Mom, why don’t we do something for them?’” White explained. The family talked it over and decided that Parker’s House: A Home For Women was the right choice for their annual gift. “I always said, if it wasn’t for someone else reaching out to help us, we wouldn’t be where we are today, able to help others. It is such a blessing,” White added.

Victoria White and her daughter Alethia Edwards joined the Oliver Maner team during the donation presentation to Union Mission.



“Ms. White and her family are the personifications of what Oliver Maner set out to do when it first made the challenge to others to join in and support the fight against homelessness,” said Stevens. “While many local law firms and citizens answered the call, a family joining together to make a difference in lieu of giving each other gifts is a remarkable testament to the generosity of our community. Their heartwarming tale of perseverance, gratitude, love and selflessness is inspiring, and a lesson that extends beyond the spirit of the holiday season.”



Statistics show more than 180 women each night are homeless in Chatham County. The Parker’s House: A Home For Women’s renovated space will have 16 bedrooms and eight bathrooms. It’s designed to provide emergency housing and supportive services to 32 unaccompanied, homeless women for up to 90-days at a time, or roughly 100 women annually.

Once completed, Parker’s House: A Home For Women will be the only facility along the I-95 corridor from Florida to South Carolina dedicated solely to unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness.

Union Mission provides basic human needs for the residents, including food, clothing, transportation, access to mental healthcare, employment support and more. The goal of this program is to help residents maintain stable housing and become independent members of the community.

### ABOUT UNION MISSION

Union Mission has cared for Savannah’s homeless community for more than 80 years offering emergency, transitional and permanent housing solutions to those in need. Union Mission also collaborates with the community’s network of service providers to make comprehensive, wrap-around supportive services, such as mental health counseling and culinary arts job training available to all homeless persons in the community. The mission of Union Mission is to partner with people to end their homelessness through housing and supportive services. For more information, call (912) 238-2777 or visit [www.unionmission.org](http://www.unionmission.org).





## A Brief History of Federal Funding of Legal Services Programs

Prior to the 1960s, there was not a coordinated federal effort to combat poverty. In the early 1960s, the federal government began to consider poverty and how to combat it.

In 1963, Social Security Administration economist, Mollie Orshansky, developed the first poverty thresholds. The purpose of developing these thresholds was to “develop a measure to assess the relative risks of low economic status [...] among different demographic groups of families with children.”<sup>[1]</sup>

In his January 8, 1964 State of the Union address, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared an “unconditional war on poverty.”<sup>[2]</sup> President Johnson went on to say that “Poverty is a national problem, requiring improved national organization and support. But this attack, to be effective, must also be organized at the State and the local level, and must be supported and directed by State and local efforts.”<sup>[3]</sup>

In response to Johnson’s call to action, the US Congress passed the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.<sup>[4]</sup> The policy initiatives created by the Act included Head Start, VISTA, and Job Corps.<sup>[5]</sup> The Act also established the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) naming Sargent Shriver as the head of the new agency.<sup>[6]</sup> OEO was a federal agency charged with coordinating the antipoverty programs.

During that same year, the Yale Law Journal published an article, “The War on Poverty: A Civilian Perspective,” authored by Edgar and Jean Cahn.<sup>[7]</sup> The Cahns’ article argued that any war on poverty must include the work of lawyers in the neighborhoods where the need was greatest.<sup>[8]</sup>

In 1965, OEO launched the Legal Services Program. The program garnered the support of the American Bar Association and its president, and future US Supreme Court Justice, Lewis Powell, Jr. The OEO Legal Services Program began funding legal services for the poor and, within nine months, were funding 130 programs across the country.<sup>[9]</sup>

At that time, state governors had the right to veto an OEO legal services grant. As OEO-funded legal aid programs began initiating litigation that challenged local and state power structures, OEO Legal Services Program came under great political pressures to defund local programs.<sup>[10]</sup> Several legal aid programs did lose funding after challenging those power structures.<sup>[11]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Soc. Sec. Admin. Bull., Vol. 55, No. 4, Winter 1992, pg. 3.

<sup>2</sup> President Lyndon B. Johnson, State of the Union Address (Jan. 8, 1964).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Civil Rights Act of 1964, P.L. 88-452 (1964). The Act declares that “[a]lthough the economic well-being and prosperity of the United States have progressed to a level surpassing any achieved in world history, and although these benefits are widely shared throughout the Nation, poverty continues to be the lot of a substantial number of our people. The United States can achieve its full economic and social potential as a nation only if every individual has the opportunity to contribute to the full extent of his capabilities and to participate in the workings of our society. It is, therefore, the policy of the United States to eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this Nation by opening to everyone the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity. It is the purpose of this Act to strengthen, supplement, and coordinate efforts in furtherance of that policy.”

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> LSC: Our History, <https://www.lsc.gov/about-lsc/who-we-are/our-history> (last visited Jan. 18, 2022).

<sup>7</sup> 73 Yale L.J. 1317 (1964). Edgar Cahn worked as Sargent Shriver’s executive assistant, and Jean Cahn was a consultant to OEO.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 1334. The article recommends a neighborhood law firm that would supply “impoverished communities the means with which to represent the felt needs of its member.”

<sup>9</sup> LSC: Our History

<sup>10</sup> Interview with Hulett “Bucky” Askew, former director of the Civil Div. for the Nat’l Legal Aid & Defender Ass’n, July 22, 1991, National Equal Justice Library Oral History Collection, National Equal Justice Library at the Georgetown Law Library. Transcript pg. 6.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*



An advisory group to President Nixon recommended creating an independent corporation to distribute Congressional funds to local legal aid programs.<sup>[12]</sup>

In May 1971, the president sent a message to Congress proposing the establishment of the Legal Services Corporation.<sup>[13]</sup> The president stated that to ensure the program immune from political pressure, it should be taken out of the OEO and made into its own independent corporation.<sup>[14]</sup>

A large package of legislation that included the creation of the Legal Services Corporation was introduced in 1971. It was debated for several months, but by the end of the year, the president vetoed the package.<sup>[15]</sup> Legislation to create the Corporation was reintroduced in both 1972 and 1973. By summer of 1974, the bill was ready for a vote. President Richard Nixon signed the LSC Act on July 25, 1974.<sup>[16]</sup>

The new law declared that “there is a need to provide equal access to the system of justice in our Nation”, “there is a need to provide high quality legal assistance to those who would be otherwise unable to afford adequate legal counsel”, and “providing legal assistance to those who face an economic barrier to adequate legal counsel will serve best the ends of justice and assist in improving opportunities for low-income persons”.<sup>[17]</sup>

Today, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides grants to 132 legal aid programs. There are LSC-grantees in all fifty states, four territories, and the District of Columbia. LSC grantees provide civil legal assistance in cases most often involving family law, income maintenance, public benefits, veterans’ issues, natural disasters, and housing.<sup>[18]</sup> LSC grantees represent clients who are within 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.<sup>[19]</sup>

Georgia has two LSC grantees: the Atlanta Legal Aid Society covers the five-county metro-Atlanta region, and Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) covers the remaining 154 counties outside of metro-Atlanta. In GLSP’s coverage area, it is estimated that 20% of the population is eligible for services.<sup>[20]</sup>



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.

To volunteer, contact Sarah J. Anderson at [sjanderson@glsp.org](mailto:sjanderson@glsp.org) or sign up online at <https://www.glsp.org/volunteer-2/>

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> President Richard Nixon, Special Message to the Congress Proposing Establishment of a Legal Services Corporation (May 5, 1971). Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project, <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/239934> (last visited Jan. 14, 2022).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> President Richard Nixon, Special Message to the Congress Proposing Establishment of a Legal Services Corporation (May 5, 1971). Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project, <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/239934> (last visited Jan. 14, 2022).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 2996 (1)-(3). The congressional findings echo many of the sentiments stated in the Cahns’ 1964 article, “The War on Poverty: A Civilian Perspective”.

<sup>18</sup> What is LSC? <https://www.lsc.gov/our-impact/publications/other-publications-and-reports/what-legal-services-corporation> (last visited Jan. 14, 2022).

<sup>19</sup> LSC income eligibility thresholds are 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines set by the US Department of Health & Human Services. In 2021, the income level for a single person was \$16,100. For a family of four the income level was \$33,125.

<sup>20</sup> Population with household income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, based on 2018 1-year American Community Survey estimates provided to LSC by the US Census Bureau.



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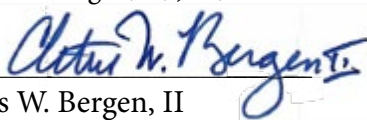
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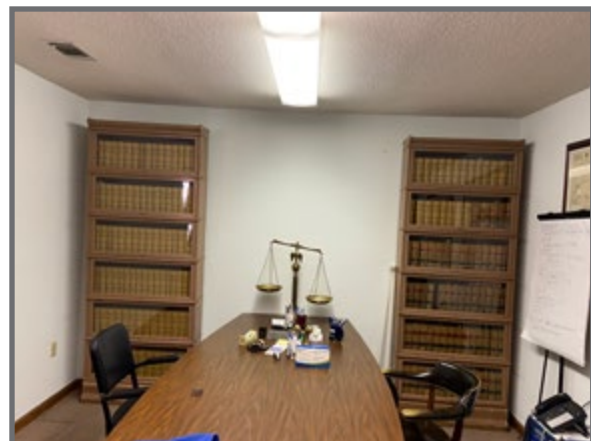
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**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of Georgia**

**Vacancy Announcement 22-04**

**Position:** Pro Se Law Clerk, Full-Time  
**Location:** Augusta, Brunswick or Savannah, Georgia  
**Grade/Salary Range:** JSP 11-14 (\$66,214 - \$111,521)  
**Closing Date:** Open until Filled

**POSITION OVERVIEW**

The United States District Court of the Southern District of Georgia is seeking highly qualified applicants for a Pro Se Law Clerk position. The duty station for the Pro Se Law Clerk will be the federal courthouse in either Augusta, Savannah, or Brunswick, depending on the chosen applicants' residence. The Pro Se Law Clerk provides the court with procedural and substantive legal advice and assistance in connection with prisoner petitions and complaints. The Pro Se Law Clerk independently conducts legal research; reviews case records/filings; and drafts proposed opinions, memorandum decisions, and orders. The Pro Se Law Clerk provides objective advice to Judges, chambers, and court staff and provides information to litigants and attorneys.

**Representative Duties:**

- Prepares research memoranda and draft orders in pro se cases including initial screens and rulings on all motions. Types of pro se cases include, without limitation, prisoner civil rights, habeas petitions, and social security appeals.
- Manages and tracks pro se cases.
- Provides information, guidance, and advice regarding best practices in pro se litigation.
- Provides updates regarding developments in the law.
- Compiles case statistics and periodic reports.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

To qualify for the position of Pro Se Law Clerk, an individual must have excellent legal research, analytical, and writing skills, along with interpersonal skills for working closely with Judges and court personnel. Qualified applicants must be law school graduates from a law school of recognized standing and be admitted to practice by a state bar association. Preferred experience includes prior experience as a Pro Se Law Clerk; having standing within the upper third of graduates from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools; and, experience on the editorial board of a law review or journal and moot court. Legal experience in one or more of the



following area will be favorably considered: civil rights, habeas corpus, social security disability, and criminal appellate law.

#### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND BENEFITS**

Employees of the United States District Courts serve under excepted appointments and are “At Will” employees and are required to adhere to a Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the United States and will be subject to a background check.

Compensation and grade will be set based on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate, subject to the policies and guidelines set forth in the Judiciary Salary Plan. Judiciary benefits for this position include paid vacation, sick leave and paid holidays.

The location of the position, hours and schedule will be determined once a candidate is selected. Employees are required to use the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit.

#### **APPLICANT PROCESS**

Qualified applicants should email the following materials in one pdf form to [gas\\_permgr@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:gas_permgr@gas.uscourts.gov).

1. Cover letter addressed to the Chief U.S. Judge J. Randal Hall
2. Chronological resume;
3. AO78, Application For Judicial Branch Federal Employment;
4. A list of 3 professional references; and
5. A writing sample, not to exceed eight pages

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## Associate Litigation Attorney Opportunity

Looking for a trial lawyer who is highly motivated and a self-starter to handle an active caseload, as well as assisting a partner in developing, handling, and preparing cases for trial. Must have excellent research and writing skills. Medical Malpractice, Products Liability and/or trial experience is preferred. Must have 4-7 years of practice. Please send Resume to [associateapplicants1@gmail.com](mailto:associateapplicants1@gmail.com).

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## Johnson Kraeuter, LLC Seeking Associate

Savannah family law firm looking for an associate. 2-4 years of prior litigation experience preferred. Prior trial experience a plus. Looking for an attorney who wants to try cases. If interested, please contact:

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## Beckmann & Furey Seeking Associate

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## In Memoriam: Andrew Lohn

With great sadness, the Savannah Bar Association shares the news that Andrew Lohn has passed away. From Denver Colorado, Andy earned an undergraduate Humanities degree from Bob Jones University, a JD from Georgia State University College of Law, and an LLM from The University of Alabama School of Law. He practiced at Meyer & Sayers in Savannah. On January 18, 2022, Andy passed away after battling leukemia. His full obituary may be viewed at <https://www.savannahnow.com/obituaries/p0184656>.



Andy Lohn





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