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Recap: SBA Annual Cocktail Party



The SBA Annual Cocktail Party, held at the Morris Center, was a great success. Members of the Savannah Bar Association took advantage of the opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues, while enjoying the delicious catered fare. By popular vote, Thomas S. Gray, Jr., received the Judge Cheatham Professionalism Award, which is presented annually to the attorney within our legal community who best exemplifies professionalism in the manner in which he or she engages clients and other members of the profession and community as a whole. Please congratulate Mr. Gray as you have the opportunity.



In addition, the Savannah Bar Association Website received the State Bar of Georgia Award for "Best Website" for the 2016-2017 Bar year, and many thanks are due and owing to the Bar Association's website administrator, Kris Taylor.

YLD Update

The Savannah YLD hosted the 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on June 2, 2017. It was an unqualified success, with twenty teams competing and thousands of dollars raised for charity. Congratulations to Bryan Schivera, Doug Giorgio, Scott Weeks, and David Kennedy for winning the tournament for the fourth straight year. The remaining nineteen teams took solace in good company and fun times.



Members and alumni alike are preparing for the **Alumni Happy Hour**, to be held **July 13th at El-Rocko Lounge** in downtown Savannah. The YLD encourages Savannah attorneys of all ages to attend. The event is always well attended and provides a great opportunity for younger and older lawyers to socialize and share thoughts on their practices and the community.

The Savannah YLD will next host a kickoff party to welcome all new attorneys to the area and to begin the new membership year. It will be held in September of 2017, so please be on the lookout for further information later this summer. For more information about Savannah YLD events or to become a member, please contact Membership Chair Sam Mikell at smikell@olivermaner.com.



Georgia Legal Services Offering CLE Training

Georgia Legal Services is offering a CLE training opportunity on July 21, 2017 (Friday) from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The training will take place at the Savannah GLSP office located at 6602 Abercorn Street, Suite 203. Jamie Clark, local attorney and long-time pro bono volunteer, will be the instructor and she will discuss Wills, Probate and Guardianships. The program is free, though attendees will need to pay the CLE fees. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for the following credit: 1 Ethics, 1 Professionalism, and 1 General. If you need more information or wish to attend, contact the Pro Bono Coordinator, Ruth Ann Dutton, at 912-651-2283 ext. 2184 or rdutton@glsp.org in order to register. Note that pre-registration is required.

HunterMaclean Listed in Prestigious Chambers USA 2017 Guide

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and Brunswick, was recently ranked in the exclusive Chambers USA 2017. Chambers guides are the result of thousands of in-depth interviews by the largest research team of its kind and are trusted across the globe to objectively rank the world's best lawyers and law firms. HunterMaclean is the only Savannah law firm to be ranked by Chambers USA.

HunterMaclean received rankings in Environmental Law, Labor and Employment, and Litigation: General Commercial. Attorneys highlighted for their work within these practices include Drew Ernst (Environmental Law), Wade Herring (Labor and Employment), Shawn Kachmar (Labor and Employment), and Sarah Lamar (Labor and Employment). In this year's edition, clients commented that HunterMaclean attorneys are "*thorough and responsive to our requests*" and "*excellent in managing risk and knowing what we want to accomplish*."

"Listing in Chambers USA is a significant honor," said Brad Harmon, HunterMaclean's managing partner. "Recognition in this elite publication is a reflection of the high level of legal work that the firm strives to provide to every client." Considered the most trusted law resource guide worldwide, Chambers USA is compiled through an extremely rigorous and research-based review, evaluating the multiple practice areas of hundreds of law firms through investigative research and interviews with attorneys and their clients.





John M. Tatum Recipient of The Daily Report's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award



HunterMaclean is pleased to announce that partner John M. Tatum has been recognized by The Daily Report as the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Daily Report is a primary source for news about the courts and the profession of law for the state of Georgia.

Tatum joined HunterMaclean in 1995 and served as managing partner from 1998 through 2009. He concentrates his practice on business litigation including business torts, contractual and commercial disputes, fraud cases, RICO, ERISA, business governance and financial disputes, intellectual property disputes, and class actions.

He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, ERISA Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, and Trusts & Estates Litigation. Tatum was named Lawyer of the Year for 2012 in Bet-the-Company Litigation for Savannah. He has been recognized as one of *Georgia Trend's* Legal Elite and as a Georgia Super Lawyer for Business Litigation. He is also AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Tatum is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits; the U.S. Court of Claims; the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia; and all Georgia courts. He served as a member of the Lawyer Advisory Committee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from 1998 to 2002.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Bar Foundation, and Georgia Bar Foundation; a member of the American Judicature Society and the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association; and an associate member of the American Association for Justice.

Tatum has played an instrumental role within the community. He served on the board of directors of SunTrust Bank of Savannah from 1988 to 2012. His many civic commitments include serving on the CEO Council for the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, as chairman of the board of directors for Union Mission, and as Clerk of Session for First Presbyterian Church. In addition, he serves on the board of directors for the Savannah Community Foundation and the Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity, as an elected member of the Savannah Benevolent Association, and as the treasurer of the Eleventh Circuit Historical Society. He is also a past member of the National Moot Court Competition Committee. Tatum and his wife, Ann, recently served as chairs of Union Mission's annual fundraising event, Raising Hope, which raised record amounts for the organization.



Patricia P. Stone Now Providing Mediation & Arbitration Services at Stone & Sullivan, LLC

Patricia P. Stone is now available to perform mediations and arbitrations at Stone & Sullivan's new office. Conveniently located in downtown Savannah, the firm is able to accommodate even the most complex multi-party disputes. Tricia specializes in all civil litigation cases including personal injury, wrongful death, employment, medical malpractice, premises liability, construction, banking, corporate matters and contracts. She also performs domestic mediations.

Stone & Sullivan provides a full complement of amenities, including meals and refreshments, without charging an administrative fee. To learn more about our mediation and arbitration practice, visit our website at www.stonesullivanlaw.com. To schedule time with Tricia, please call (912) 999-8255 or email her at tricia@stonesullivanlaw.com.



Mediator Roy Paul Joins Miles Mediation & Arbitration Services in Savannah



Miles is pleased to announce the addition of Mediator Roy Paul. He is based in our Savannah office and is the newest member of Team Leader Danny Cohen's group.

Roy has served as a mediator for more than a decade and handles primarily business dissolution and business disputes, as well as estate & probate, construction, and personal injury matters. He is also a registered arbitrator.

"Roy has been a well-respected litigator in the Coastal Empire for over 30 years," said Team Leader Danny Cohen. "For the last decade, he has married his litigation practice with a successful mediation practice. Roy certainly understands the litigation process, but undoubtedly his expertise in the area of complex business disputes and in the contested estate and probate arena make him a perfect fit for the Miles- Savannah office. We are so pleased to have him on board, giving the Coastal office more options in the alternative dispute resolution area."

For more information, call 912-417-2879 or visit :

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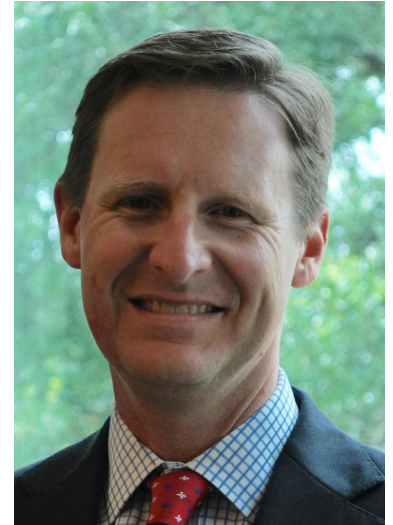


John Northup Joins Bouhan Falligant as New Attorney

Bouhan Falligant LLP announced that John Northup has become an attorney with the firm. Northup's practice will focus on commercial real estate, banking, corporate and litigation.

Prior to joining Bouhan Falligant, Northup worked as an attorney at Morris, Manning and Martin, LLP. He has extensive experience handling a wide range of matters for commercial banks and non-depository lenders, and also represents real estate developers in all aspects of their practice, including acquisition and development, zoning and land use, economic development, and commercial litigation. Prior to entering into private law practice, he was a vice president of a financial services-focused investment bank in Tampa, Fla., where he specialized in capital offerings and mergers and acquisitions for community banks and thrifts.

Northup earned his law degree and an M.B.A. from the University of Georgia, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia. Admitted to practice law in both Georgia and South Carolina, he is a founding member of the Metropolitan Savannah Rotary, a board member and past president of the University of Virginia Club of Savannah, and a board member of the Alumni Board of Savannah Country Day School.



Fleming Law Welcomes New Associate

Fleming Law is excited to welcome Lianna Grissom as the firm's new associate.

Lianna was drawn to the practice of law because of the opportunities it offers for continued learning and public service, both in and out of the courtroom. Her desire to tackle complex legal issues, along with her empathy, make her well-suited for both her legal practice and for making a difference in the community.

A native of Lubbock, Texas, Lianna received her B.A. from Texas A&M University at College Station, where she majored in communication, and earned her J.D. at the Texas A&M University School of Law. During her undergraduate career, she studied abroad in Valencia, Spain, where she became conversational in Spanish.

She is currently practicing criminal defense law, and handles traffic, juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony cases.



White House Proposes Elimination of Legal Services Corporation

The budget recently released by the White House proposes the elimination of the Legal Services Corporation. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC), an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans, funds independent non-profit legal aid programs. LSC is the single largest source of funding for legal aid and legal services programs around the country. Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP), which provides civil legal assistance in 154 of Georgia's 159 counties, is one of 133 LSC-funded programs nationwide.

Any loss of LSC funding will directly impact the services GLSP provides here in Chatham County, as well as each of the communities served by our local GLSP office. In the first quarter of 2017, staff in the Savannah GLSP office closed 512 cases. Of those cases, 54, or 10.5% were Pro bono cases handled by in-house volunteers or members of our local legal community. About 50% of the support for our local GLSP office comes from LSC. The remainder comes from your contributions, grants, contracts and other gifts.

There is reason to think that complete dissolution is unlikely. Bi-partisan support for LSC emerged from the House of Representatives in the form of a "Dear Colleague" letter containing 148 signatures, including 11 Republicans. The Senate generated a similar letter supported by 43 Senators, including 3 Republicans. Further, there has been significant support for LSC's continued existence by the American Bar Association and others. But, the process from proposal to passage is a long one and it is unclear whether and to what extent Congress will go along with the proposed cuts.

GLSP and the Savannah Bar's Pro Bono Committee will be watching this situation closely over the next few months as budget details begin to emerge. If successful, dissolving LSC (or even reducing its funding) will fundamentally change how the low-income people in our area not only access legal services, but also our courts, administrative agencies and other services so important to them.


Julia H. Sullivan
Chair, SBA Pro Bono Committee





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