



# The Citation

## Three Local Attorneys Honored for Community Impact

Three local attorneys were recognized for their outstanding pro bono contributions to the Greater Savannah Region on Thursday, March 24, at the 2021 Pro Bono Awards, presented by the Savannah Bar Association (SBA), in partnership with Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP). Speaking at the event was Will A. Gunn, General Counsel and Vice President of Legal Affairs at Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and former General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under President Barack Obama.

Pro bono service – when attorneys take on legal matters without the expectation of being paid – is one of the most impactful ways that attorneys choose to give back to their communities and meet their ethical obligations. In 2021, of the 1,400 cases accepted by GLSP’s Savannah office, nearly 170 were handled on a pro bono basis by 42 area attorneys with a commitment to service.

The honorees at this year’s Pro Bono Awards exemplify that commitment.

Joey Turner, recipient of the Pro Bono Champion Award, handled the highest number of pro bono cases in 2021. Turner, founder of The Turner Firm, LLC, handled 30 pro bono cases last year, representing clients seeking protective orders in domestic violence situations and drafting wills for Savannah seniors. Despite practicing law throughout southern Georgia for more than a decade, Turner wasn’t initially aware of the need for pro bono volunteers until he connected with GLSP in 2020.

"I never realized that Georgia Legal Services had such a need for attorney volunteers," said Turner. "As an attorney blessed with a thriving practice, I feel that it is my obligation to help any way I can. I continue to encourage all of my lawyer friends to give some of their time to this worthy cause."



Joey Turner

This year’s other honorees prove that Turner is not alone in his commitment to service.

Luke Bradley, recipient of the Pro Bono Advocate-Savannah Award for exceptional service to the underserved in the Savannah area, was able to apply his specialized expertise in representing a recent pro bono client. Bradley, a partner and primary appellate specialist at Bouhan Falligant LLP, learned that a protective order secured by



another pro bono attorney on behalf of a client in domestic violence case was being appealed by the opposing party. Because appeals can be complicated and time-consuming, pro bono attorneys are often unable to handle them. Bradley pursued the appeal and won the case at the Court of Appeals and allowing the order of protection to remain in place. He also consulted on appellate matters for GLSP throughout the year.

Matt Hube, recipient of the Pro Bono Advocate-Regional Award for exceptional service to the area's underserved residents outside of Chatham County, was one of GLSP's most consistent pro bono volunteers during 2021. Hube, attorney at The Hube Law Firm, has a broad range of expertise, developed during his more than 20 years of practice in the Statesboro area, prepared him to answer calls for assistance whenever there is a need – especially in protective order proceedings.

### Guest Speaker Will A. Gunn Underscores Importance of Pro Bono in Serving Most Vulnerable

As a key leader at LSC, the largest funder of civil aid programs in the U.S., guest speaker Will A. Gunn understands the impact that pro bono attorneys have in ensuring that low-income individuals and families have meaningful access to the legal process, particularly in rural areas in which few attorneys practice. His own history of service – as a former White House Fellow, a retired Air Force colonel, former General Counsel for the VA, and later as an attorney assisting military members facing adverse actions – gives him an understanding of the call to serve felt by attorneys like those who participate in the GLSP pro bono program.

In speaking about the importance of pro bono and the impact that this year's honorees had on their communities, Gunn said, "Justice for all is one of our nation's core values. However, many Americans go without legal representation because they simply can't afford to pay for the legal help that they need. For people in that situation, there's a gap between legal needs and access to justice. I'm excited that the Georgia Legal Services Program is recognizing legal professionals who are using their time and talent to bridge this justice gap through pro bono representation."

### About Georgia Legal Services Program

Georgia Legal Services Program is a statewide 501 (c)(3) nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal services for persons with low incomes, creating equal access to justice and opportunities out of poverty. Founded in 1971, GLSP serves eligible individuals in the 154 Georgia counties outside of Metro Atlanta. GLSP has offices in Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Brunswick, Columbus, Dalton, Gainesville, Macon, and Savannah. 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/>.



Luke Bradley



Matt Hube

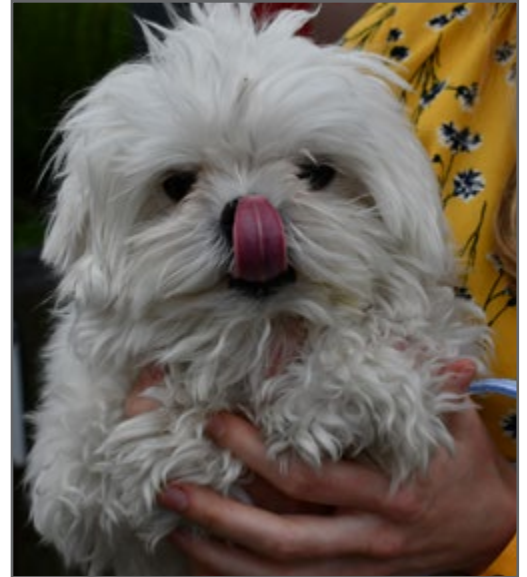


Will Gunn



## YLD Holds March Happy Hour

The Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association held its monthly networking event on March 31 at Starland Yard. Pizza was generously provided by special guest Veronica Rogusky, a 2018 graduate of Mercer Law School and EEOC trial attorney who is currently running for statewide YLD secretary. Veronica's full biography can be viewed at <https://www.gabar.org/newsandpublications/election/Rogusky-Veronica.cfm>.



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## A Special Note of Thanks

The Savannah Bar Association thanks Oliver Maner LLP for its generous gift of \$12,500 to the Judge Eugene Gadsden Scholarship Fund. The gift was made to commemorate the law firm's anniversary of 125 years!

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## To Savannah Attorneys:

On Monday, April 4, 2022, for both criminal and civil/domestic matters, the Superior Court began utilizing more and more in-person hearings. Members of the Bar should please check your notices carefully to ensure whether a matter has been scheduled via Webex or as an in-person matter.

Penny Haas Freeseemann, Chief Judge  
*Superior Court, E.J.C. of Georgia*



**CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

197 Carl Griffin Drive  
Savannah, GA 31405

(912) 652-6700

Juvenile Court Judges  
Hon. Thomas L. Cole, Presiding Judge  
Hon. Roxanne E. Formey  
Hon. Lindretta Grindle Kramer

Patricia Merritt, Court Administrator  
Rhonda Ancrum, Clerk of Court

March 25, 2022

Notice concerning In-person Court Hearings

**Beginning Monday, April 4, 2022, in line with the Superior Court of Chatham County, Juvenile Court will return to conducting hearings with participants being required to attend in-person at the courthouse, except as may be otherwise specifically ordered by the assigned judge on a case-by-case basis.** Should any attorney or party have special circumstances necessitating a request for exception to the in-person requirement, the request may be directed to the chambers of the assigned judge for consideration. All parties continue to have the ability to request telephone or video conferencing pursuant to Rule 12 as may be appropriate.

Please note that a facemask or face covering is required in each courtroom. Also, note that there are sanitizer stations located throughout the courthouse including the lobby.

Contact the Chatham County Juvenile Court at 912-652-6700 if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you





## A Special Note of Thanks

To all those volunteers who participated in the Regional or District Rounds of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition, thank you. The High School Mock Trial Competition is an incredible experience for students and volunteers alike. It teaches young people about the judicial process and allows members of the legal community to donate their time, knowledge, and skill to students. I would like to personally thank all those individuals who were able to assist with the Regional and District Competition this year:

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| Sally Akins      | Katie Fite         | Doug McManamy    |
| Doug Andrews     | Jacke Fortier      | Chris Middleton  |
| Latana Anthony   | Shaquan Gaither    | Skye Musson      |
| Michael Barker   | Katy Gathy         | Joe Newman       |
| Britt Beecher    | Molly Howard       | Glory Padgett    |
| JD Blevins       | Andrew Huffman     | Brittany Padgett |
| Candace Blyden   | Joe Huffman        | Ben Perkins      |
| Leesa Bohler     | Jennifer Juliano   | Robert Persse    |
| Katie Brewington | Sophia Karnegis    | Andre Pretorius  |
| Anthony Burton   | Benjamin Karpf     | Ann Searcy       |
| Melissa Calhoun  | Brian Kennedy      | Gracie Shepherd  |
| Alec Chappell    | Mickey Kicklighter | Kate Smith       |
| Tiffany Coleman  | Meredith Layman    | Lauren Tignor    |
| Denise Cooper    | Jess Lill          | Gary Tiller      |
| Cindy Delgado    | Colby Longley      | Drew Wilkes      |
| Brian Dennison   | John Manly         | Wendellyn Wright |
| Sam DeRocco      | Matthew McCoy      |                  |

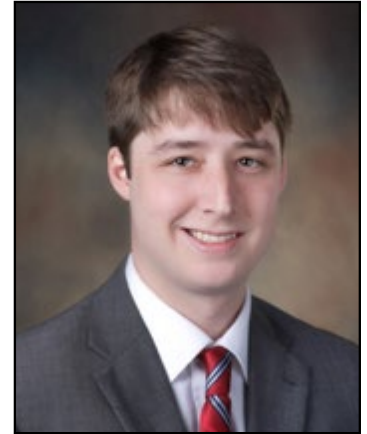
As the success of the Mock Trial Program as a whole depends on members of the legal community, I hope to see local involvement grow in the coming years. We have a wonderful and diverse bar association which can be an invaluable resource to students in the program. Thank you again to all volunteers who participated in the competition this year!

Craig A. Call  
Georgia High School Mock Trial  
Region 14 / District VII Coordinator



## Matthew D. Morelli Announced as Partner

Rubnitz Thompson Ziblut, LLC is pleased to announce that Matthew D. Morelli has been made a partner in the firm. Matt is a native of Savannah and an alumnus of Benedictine Military School. He obtained both his undergraduate degree and law degree from the University of Georgia. Matt focuses on probate work, estate planning and real estate law.



Matthew Morelli

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## Job Announcement

The Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee, Southern District of Georgia, Savannah, Georgia is accepting applications for the position of Legal Assistant/Paralegal.

The person selected will be expected to perform legal-related functions to include, but not limited to: preparation and processing of pleadings, assisting the Trustee and staff attorneys in court, review of cases, preparation of orders, and preparing various files and documents for court. The incumbent may be required to perform certain executive secretary functions for the Trustee and or staff attorneys.

Applicants must possess the following:

- A High School Diploma or GED required. Associates Degree or Bachelor's degree (B.A.) from a four-year college or university preferred.
- One year of bankruptcy experience preferred, but not required
- Where permitted by law, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the date of hire.

All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and three references. Qualified applicants will undergo background checks and pre-employment drug testing. Applications are due in the Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee by November 27, 2021. Applications arriving after the appointed day will not be accepted.

All applications should be sent by e-mail to [employment@ch13sav.com](mailto:employment@ch13sav.com) or by mail to:

Human Resource Manager  
Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee  
P.O. Box 10556  
Savannah, GA 31412

*Office Mission Statement: Our mission is to protect the interests of the bankruptcy estate, to serve the interests of debtors and creditors, and to preserve the integrity of the bankruptcy system. We accomplish this mission by providing professional and efficient administrative services to those we serve.*

*The Office is committed to equal employment opportunity regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, gender identity or Veteran status.*

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF GEORGIA  
SHALENA COOK JONES

POSITION: ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN IV  
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney  
SALARY RANGE: \$40,090-\$64,144  
APPLY BY: April 6, 2022

The District Attorney’s Office of the Eastern Judicial Circuit has an opening for Accounting Technician IV. We encourage you to apply if you have at least three (3) years of experience in general accounting, preferably in a government environment.

**Job Summary:** Under general supervision, you will perform various administrative support, technical accounts processing, and financial recording duties. You will generate comprehensive financial reports related to accounts receivable and payables, grants, cash, budgetary, financial statistics, and corresponding month and year-end reports. You will process accounts payables for goods received and/or services rendered, including preparing invoices, verifying receipt and amount charged, and submitting requests for payments. You will collect departmental revenues, reconcile funds and maintain complete and accurate records of all transactions, and generate related financial reports at specified time intervals. Using your knowledge of accounts payable, payroll, and budget preparation, you will maintain the daily financial records and perform data entry according to prescribed guidelines. You will analyze accounting data to interpret and prepare accounting reports and records, maintain and reconcile petty cash funds, and process payroll, travel requests, and reimbursements. You may supervise the work of others. Outstanding communication and customer service skills are needed as you respond to citizens’ inquiries and/or comments. Your job requires you to perform multiple duties simultaneously under time constraints. Other duties may be assigned.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Associate Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, or a related field, and at least three (3) years’ experience in general accounting; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Experience in a government environment is preferred. You must be proficient in the use of accounting-related software and hardware.

Chatham County, GA Government, offers a competitive compensation and benefits package and the opportunity to work for a leader in the public sector. Some of our key benefits include generous vacation and sick leave, medical, dental, and vision coverage, company-paid life and disability insurance, Employee Health Center, pension plan, 457(b) retirement plan, flexible spending accounts (FSA), professional development, and employee appreciation events. Chatham County, GA Government, is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

**Note:** During emergencies and disasters affecting Chatham County, you may be required to report to work as part of a disaster operations team.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

<https://employee.chathamcounty.org/ess/EmploymentOpportunities/>

Recruiter: Nathanael E. Wright, Deputy Chief Assistant of Communications, Diversity, and Inclusion  
nwright@chathamcounty.org  
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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
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POSITION: CRISIS INTERVENTION COORDINATOR  
DEPARTMENT: Victim Witness Program  
SALARY RANGE: \$54,275 - \$86,839  
APPLY BY: April 6, 2022

Do you hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Health, Criminal Justice, Public Administration, or Social Work and have at least one (1) year of experience? Are you motivated to help victims of violence? Consider applying for Crisis Intervention Coordinator with the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Job Summary: Under the supervision of the Director of the Victim Witness Assistance Program, you will oversee the Violence Intervention Program, manage program planning, strategic planning, policy, and research development, and plan training programs for staff and partner organizations. Using your outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, you will oversee program staffing and coordination, including management of Community Intervention Specialists and volunteers. You will address the physical, emotional, and social needs of violence victims after release from the Emergency Department. You will coordinate with non-profit organizations and governmental agencies. You will work collaboratively with community partners and develop relationships with new partners and should be familiar with local government, Emergency Department procedures, and data management. Your work requires you to use project management and time management skillsets daily. Other duties may be assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s Degree in Public Health, Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Social Work, or a related field, and one (1) year of experience in a Public Health, Social Services, or related medical or administrative research setting; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Supervisory experience is preferred. Experience preparing and writing grants and funding proposals is highly preferred, as is strong technology and computer experience.

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# THE PRO BONO ROADSHOW

A FREE 1 HOUR PROFESSIONALISM CLE

The State Bar of Georgia's Access to Justice Committee is on the road with its message about access to justice and pro bono! The Glynn County Bar Association invites you to attend the Pro Bono Roadshow, a one-hour Professionalism CLE Program.

Panelists will discuss how attorneys can ethically and professionally incorporate pro bono work into their current practices, and highlight local initiatives in our area.

Panel members include Eleventh Circuit Judge Jill Pryor, U.S. Magistrate Judge Catherina Salinas, and Doree Avera, Attorney at Georgia Legal Services Program, Brunswick Office.

The panel will be moderated by Judge Lisa Godbey Wood of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

A lunch buffet will be provided.

## April 11, 2022 12-1 p.m.

Brunswick Country Club  
4041 Darien Highway | Brunswick, GA 31525

Free for Glynn County Bar Association members, \$25 per person for non-members.

Please visit [glynncountybar.org](http://glynncountybar.org) to RSVP by April 3, 2022.



## The Mediation Center Receives Grant from the Chief Justice Commission on Professionalism

The Mediation Center is proud to announce receiving a grant from the Chief Justice Commission on Professionalism (“CJCP”) to develop a CLE on professionalism. Trish Murphy, Director of Family Law Services, at The Mediation Center, has created the program “*Mindful Conflict Management*” pursuant to this grant.

*Mindful Conflict Management* is a professionalism CLE program that intersects attorney wellness with socio-emotional competence while honoring the tenets of legal professionalism. The core objective of this program is to highlight and honor the Lawyer’s Creed as well as the Aspirational Ideals.

Mindful Conflict Management is a three-module course designed to address the challenges of a high-stress, high conflict profession while following the Lawyer’s Creed. The modules are (1) Mindfulness; (2) Conflict Management and; (3) Trauma-Informed Lawyering. Each session is independent of the others so you can attend one, two, or all three sessions.

Trish will be delivering this program across the State of Georgia throughout the year. There will be opportunities to attend sessions in-person or via Zoom. The first stop is in-person right here in Savannah at the Kennesaw State Summer Institute.

Mindful Conflict Management dates:

Thursday, June 23rd from 12:15-3:30 &

Friday, June 24th from 8:30-1:00

Link to register for Mindful Conflict Management at Kennesaw State’s Summer Institute:

<https://radow.kennesaw.edu/ccm/training-workshops/summer-institute.php>

For more information please contact Trish Murphy at [tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com](mailto:tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com)





## 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.