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Three Local Attorneys Honored for Community Impact at Annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon

*Sarah Anderson, Supervising Pro Bono Attorney at Georgia Legal Services Program,
Highlights Personal Connections of Pro Bono Service in Remarks*

Three local attorneys were recognized for their outstanding pro bono contributions to the Greater Savannah Region on Thursday, March 23, at the 2022 Pro Bono Awards, presented by the Savannah Bar Association, in partnership with Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP). Speaking at the event was Sarah Anderson, Supervising Attorney in GLSP's Pro Bono Program and staff member in the organization's Savannah office.

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 2022, of the 1,100 cases accepted by GLSP's Savannah office, nearly 170 were handled on a pro bono basis by 31 area attorneys with a commitment to service.

The honorees at this year's Pro Bono Awards exemplify that personal connection.

Anthony Burton, recipient of the Pro Bono Champion Award, handled the highest number of pro bono cases in 2022. Mr. Burton, who works for the Burton Law Offices, handled 26 pro bono cases last year, representing clients seeking protective orders in domestic violence situations.

Mr. Burton, a former prosecutor with the Chatham County District Attorney's Office, has always had a passion for helping victims of crime, especially those who suffer from domestic violence. "I greatly appreciate GLSP for allowing me to continue to serve victims of crime in private practice by working with GLSP and SAFE Shelter to help secure TPOs for survivors of domestic violence."

Benjamin C. Davidson is the recipient of the Pro Bono Advocate Award for exceptional service to the underserved in the Savannah area. Davidson, an associate with The Cornwell Firm, represented a domestic violence survivor at her 12-month hearing. Shortly after the Court granted the order, the respondent came to the client's home with a gun, shooting a bystander. While the county pursued a criminal action against the respondent, Mr. Davidson successfully pursued a contempt action to ensure the safety of his client and her family.



Gwendolyn Fortson Waring, recipient of the Pro Bono Service Award, was recognized for providing over 20 years of pro bono work for Georgia Legal Services Program and its clients. Since 1994, Fortson Waring, owner of The Waring Law Firm LLC, has practiced civil trial litigation in Savannah, concentrating in employment, family, and probate law. Her broad range of expertise has prepared her to answer the call for assistance whenever there is a need.

Guest Speaker Sarah Anderson Reflects on the Connection and Impact of Pro Bono Service

“Our volunteer attorneys take on pro bono cases not because of the promise of recognition, and it’s not because they feel as if it’s a forced obligation,” explains Anderson. “They do it for reasons that are personal to them – that are meaningful to them. It may be that they have a personal experience they see reflected in the challenge that a client is facing; perhaps a friend, colleague, or loved one has walked that path. Or they may just want to ensure that one less person feels powerless and unseen in our justice system. Whatever their connection may be, their service has meaning to them – and powerful impacts for their client.”



For more information about GLSP Pro Bono, 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 Georgians outside of Atlanta.







Savannah Bar Association Invites you to join us for the Admiral Harvey Weitz SBA Boat Ride

Friday, April 21, 2023

The boat leaves PROMPTLY at 10:00 AM from the dock directly in front of Spanky's River Street & travels down the Savannah River to Daufuskie Island

Boarding starts at 9:30 AM for the boat ride the boat should return to the dock on River Street at approximately 4:30 PM

Please review SBA's Guest Policy
carefully before registering

Specifically, a member may ONLY bring guests who are practicing attorneys in locales other than Savannah/Chatham County

Per the SBA Guest Policy, non-attorney guests are not allowed on the boat ride

The cost for this event is \$20 per member
and \$25 per out-of-town attorney guest

Due to expenses associated with this event,
refunds are NOT permitted

**Please note: online registration paid via credit card
is the only way to guarantee your boat ride RSVP**

RSVP by April 17, 2023,
To attend SBA's signature social event of the year!



The Young Lawyers Division Presents The Seventeenth Annual



Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament

PLAYER ENTRY FORM

- Event Date: June 23, 2023 (Friday)
- Event Time: Please arrive no later than 1:00 for a prompt 1:30 shotgun start.
The driving range will open and lunch will be available at 12:00.
- Location: Marshwood Course @ The Landings Club (Marshwood Clubhouse)
- Entry Fee: \$125.00 per player paid individually or \$500.00 per team, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, beer and other beverages.
Any entries received after the May 31st deadline will incur an additional charge of \$25 per individual and will be subject to availability.

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2023 (all player entries must be submitted before this date)

Team Captain/Player 1: _____ Handicap: _____
Email Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____

TEAM (please list teammates, if applicable)

Player 2: _____ Handicap: _____
Player 3: _____ Handicap: _____
Player 4: _____ Handicap: _____

Make checks payable to: *SBA Young Lawyers Division*
Please mail or deliver to: *Greg Finch– Tournament Chairman*
Bouhan Falligant LLP
One West Park Ave Savannah, Georgia 31401

Thank you. If you have any additional questions, please contact Greg Finch at (912) 644-5788 or by email at gfinch@bouhan.com



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Legal Food Frenzy Competition

This year's Legal Food Frenzy Competition is quickly approaching. Teams can register to participate in the competition beginning February 15, 2023. The competition will take place from April 17 – 28, 2023.

The competition directly impacts our neighbors, as funds raised from firms in our region go directly to the Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Food Bank.

Since starting the Legal Food Frenzy Competition, Georgia lawyers have raised more than 4.2 million dollars to combat food insecurity – the equivalent of over 16 million meals! Every \$1 raised provides \$8 worth of groceries for the food bank to distribute to the community.



You may find additional information on the Georgia Legal Food Frenzy Website: <https://galegalfoodfrenzy.org/>
If you have any questions about Legal Food Frenzy, please feel free to reach out to your fellow SBA members and Georgia Legal Food Frenzy Regional Representatives listed below:

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YLD Update

The Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association held its March happy hour at Zunzi's on Drayton Street on March 30, 2023. Thanks to Gilbert and Jones Certified Court Reporters for sponsoring the event!

On May 13, the State Bar of Georgia's YLD will be holding "Build a Better Georgia Day." YLD members will participate in Habitat for Humanity home builds in Atlanta, Augusta, and (pertinent to us) Guyton. Exact times vary between location, but volunteers should expect to arrive at their respective build site at approximately 7:30 a.m., and participate until approximately 3:30 p.m. To RSVP, email Brittanie Browning at Brittanie.Browning@akerman.com and indicate at which build location you will be volunteering. Once your spot has been reserved, you will be provided information for the build site you have selected. Volunteer spots are limited, so you are encouraged to sign up early.

The calendar of YLD-related events for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- April 17-28: Legal Food Frenzy
- April 19: Happy hour at Susannah Pedigo's house
- April 21: Savannah Bar Association Boat Ride
- May 9: Executive Board Meeting
- May 11: Law Day Luncheon
- May 13: Build a Better Georgia Day
- May 18: Alumni Happy Hour at Vici Rooftop
- June 8-11: State Bar of Georgia meeting in Savannah
- June 13: Executive Board Meeting
- June 15: Savannah Bar Association Cocktail Party
- June 23: 17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Attorney Zachary H. Thomas Recognized as 2023 Super Lawyer

Attorney Zachary H. Thomas was recently recognized as a 2023 Georgia Super Lawyer. Attorneys are selected for Super Lawyer based upon peer review, independent research, and professional achievements. Only 5% of attorneys throughout the state are selected from more than seventy practice areas. Zach was previously recognized by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star, an honor reserved for 2.5% of attorneys in the state who have exhibited excellence in their practice.

Zach is the founder of Zachary H. Thomas Law, P.C. With over 18 years of experience in the legal field, his practice areas include medical malpractice, personal injury, and wrongful death. A native of Savannah, Zach graduated from Mercer University School of Law and received his undergraduate degree from New York University's College of Arts and Sciences.



Zachary H. Thomas



Zach has received numerous recognitions during his professional career including an AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer rating given to attorneys. Additionally, he has been recognized as a Top 25 Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers. Zach currently serves on the Executive Committee and on the board of the Civil Justice Political Action Committee of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. He is a graduate of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association leadership program and is the past president of the Savannah Trial Lawyers Association.

Zach is an active member of the community and involved with various non-profits including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Savannah, where he has served on the Man & Woman of Year Leadership Team since 2018. Zach was named the LLS Savannah Man of the Year in 2018 and was the chair of the 2022 Light the Night Executive Challenge. He is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Savannah and has also served on the United Way of the Coastal Empire Campaign Committee.

For additional information about Zachary H. Thomas Law, P.C., please visit <https://zhtlawpc.com/>.

Attorney L. Kittredge Johnson Joins HunterMaclean

[HunterMaclean](#), a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, recently welcomed [L. Kittredge Johnson](#) as an associate in the firm's Corporate Practice Group.

Kitt has experience representing private companies and financial sponsors on both buy-side and sell-side in private and public, domestic, and cross-border transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, SPAC transactions, take-private transactions, carve-outs, and corporate reorganizations.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in History of Art from Vanderbilt University in 2017 and her J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 2021. During law school, she served as the symposium editor of the Washington and Lee Law Review and as co-president of the Women Law Students' Organization.



[L. Kittredge Johnson](#)

Kitt completed an internship with the Honorable Barry R. Ostrager in the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York during the summer of 2019 and an externship with the Honorable Elizabeth K. Dillon in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia during 2020.

Prior to joining HunterMaclean in Savannah, Kitt practiced law in New York.



Attorneys Information Exchange Group (AIEG) Presents Harris Lowry Manton LLP Paralegal Korinne R. Morris, ACP with the Sharon T. Russell Paralegal of the Year Award

[Attorneys Information Exchange Group](#) (AIEG), a leading national organization dedicated to sharing information and ideas among member attorneys, recently presented [Korinne R. Morris](#), ACP, an Advanced Certified Paralegal in Product Liability and eDiscovery at [Harris Lowry Manton LLP](#)'s Savannah, Ga. office, with the 2023 Sharon T. Russell Paralegal of the Year Award. The award was announced at AIEG's 2023 Paralegal Seminar on March 3 in San Diego, Calif.

The AIEG Paralegal of the Year Award embodies the spirit of paralegal Sharon T. Russell, including a willingness to share, teach and support members in representing individuals who have been harmed through no fault of their own. Selection criteria include leadership, mentoring, teaching and sharing best practices.

"We are honored to be able to present Korinne with the Sharon T. Russell Paralegal of the Year for her unwavering willingness to teach and lead within our organization," said AIEG Paralegal Chairperson Tamara Brininger. "Helping clients and colleagues every day comes naturally for Korinne. She is dedicated to her profession and has a thirst for knowledge that makes her an excellent mentor to so many other paralegals across the country."

Morris has worked in the legal field for nearly 25 years and also spent more than a decade in transactional real estate prior to entering the civil litigation arena. She joined Harris Lowry Manton LLP in 2009 and works on a variety of personal injury cases including product liability, medical malpractice and other complex litigation.

"Korinne is a stellar professional with an unwavering commitment to the paralegal field, the law and our clients," said Steve Lowry, a partner with Harris Lowry Manton LLP, an award-winning trial law firm with offices in Savannah and Atlanta. "Her mastery of the paralegal field and her commitment to continuing education and to sharing her knowledge with other paralegals across the country is truly exceptional."

Morris currently serves on the Continuing Education Council at NALA | The Paralegal Association and is President of the Southeastern Association of Legal Assistants, a NALA Affiliate (SEALA). She is a Charter Member of the Paralegal Board at Attorneys Information Exchange Group and an Advisory Committee Member for the Paralegal Studies Program at Savannah Technical College.

She also founded and leads NALA's task force on Advanced Paralegal Certification in Personal Injury, which is comprised of current and former AIEG members, and is a former NALA Ethics Chair, past Professional Development



Korinne R. Morris



Committee Member and member of NALA's Paralegal Educator and School Relations task force.

In addition, Morris contributes a regular column in the APEX award-winning paralegal magazine Facts & Findings and is a recurring contributor to AIEG's ParalegalVoice and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA)'s Verdict magazine.

In 2017, Morris became the first paralegal in the state of Georgia to earn an advanced certification in product liability. In 2020, she founded a Certified Paralegal Program at Harris Lowry Manton LLP to encourage her co-workers to grow their knowledge base and advance themselves professionally.

Through her volunteer work, she actively promotes paralegal certification and encourages other firms to adopt similar programs. In support of this effort, Morris created and led an East Coast remote study group open to all interested in becoming a Certified Paralegal. For more than a year and a half, she volunteered her time and knowledge hosting weekly study and providing educational materials to participants across the country at no cost.

In addition to her active membership in AIEG, GTLA, NALA and SEALA, Morris is also a member of the American Bar Association, American Association for Justice, Association of Certified eDiscovery Specialists and Women in eDiscovery.

Bankruptcy Judge Speaks at SBLI

Chief Judge Edward J. Coleman, III, of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia, spoke at the 49th annual Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute ("SBLI") Conference in Atlanta on March 24, 2023. Speaking alongside Paul J. Labov of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, Judge Coleman's talk was entitled "Getting Hired and Getting Paid – An Overview of Recent Issues in Chapter 11 Retention and Compensation." Their paper, co-written with Benjamin L. Wallen (also of PSZJ) and Alec Chappell (career law clerk for Judge Coleman), was entitled "Recent Case Law Developments Concerning the Retention and Compensation of Professionals in Chapter 11 Cases" and appeared in the SBLI conference materials.

For those interested in bankruptcy, the Coastal Bankruptcy Law Institute ("CBLI") will be held in Savannah on May 19, 2023. Due to COVID-19, CBLI has been on hiatus since April of 2019.





Mark Your Calendars!

The LWVCGA is holding a panel to discuss how our criminal system works—or doesn't—and what to do about it.

Justice for All? Our Criminal Legal System in Georgia

April 25, 2023, 6:30 - 8:30

Coastal Georgia Center

305 Fahm Street at 6:30PM

The panelists include:

Chatham County District Attorney Shalena Jones

Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

Defense Attorney Michael Schwartz

Returned Citizen and Rights Restoration Advocate: Page Dukes

Moderator: Attorney and Rights Restoration Advocate Nancy DeVetter

Chatham County has the highest rate of recidivism in the State. There will be a lot of interesting topics and questions answered. You have an opportunity to submit questions of your own that may be presented to the panelists.

If you'd like to submit a question to be included, write to questions@LWVCGA.org.

All questions must be submitted by April 14.

The event is free, but attendees must register at LWVCGA.org

WJCL TV will be streaming the event live at WJCL.com

The 101-year-old League of Women Voters has been called the most respected and influential grassroots organization in the country. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.

Learn more at LWVCGA.org or the League's Facebook page.

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In Memoriam: Bill Pinson

William H. “Bill” Pinson, Jr., born December 12, 1946 in Newnan, GA, died at Candler Hospital on March 20, 2023 in Savannah, GA, following an extended illness. He was 76-years-old and predeceased by his oldest daughter, Celia Pinson Iskandar.

A graduate of Mercer University, Bill graduated cum laude from Mercer’s Walter F. George School of Law where he served as Georgia Survey Editor of The Mercer Law Review, a member of The Moot Court Team, and president of his legal fraternity. The year prior to his senior year in law school, Bill was selected to participate in an exchange student program (sponsored by the College of William and Mary) and spent the summer studying law at The University of Exeter Law School in Exeter, England. This experience was a highlight of his life, as well as traveling throughout Europe with his wife Maxine during their time abroad. This experience provided the impetus for a lifetime of travel in other countries, as well as throughout the U.S., for Bill and Maxine.



Bill Pinson

Following graduation from law school, Bill and Maxine moved to Savannah in 1972, where Bill had a distinguished legal career specializing in civil litigation for forty years. During that time, he served as City Attorney and Recorder’s Court Judge at Tybee Island, named to Who’s Who in American Law and The Best Lawyers in America, selected as a Georgia “Super Lawyer,” and he consistently received Martindale and Hubbell’s top “AV” rating. In addition, Bill served as Chairman of the Savannah Bar Association’s Ethics Committee, and he was a member of the Georgia State Bar’s Professionalism Committee. Bill was a proud fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers, The Georgia Defense Lawyer’s Association, The Savannah Bar, The State Bar of Georgia, and a member of the Endowment Board of Historic Savannah Foundation. Bill was also a long-time member of The Oglethorpe Club in Savannah.

A man of a deep faith and strong Christian convictions, Bill was a student of the Bible and faithfully taught an adult Sunday School for almost forty-five years. He and Maxine became members of Skidaway Island’s United Methodist Church, a few years ago, in order to worship with their daughter and grandchildren.

Bill Pinson was the quintessential Southern gentleman. In addition to being well-rounded and well-mannered, Bill was a gifted speaker. He was also a fervent reader and an engaging conversationalist with a rich sense of humor. Most of all, Bill enjoyed relaxing, laughing, and sharing special times with his family. After living in Savannah’s Historic District for over fifty years, in a 19th century home they fully restored, Bill and Maxine had just moved into a quieter neighborhood when he became ill.

Bill is survived by Maxine, his wife of almost 55 years, his daughter Malyssa Pinson Ashbaugh, and two grandchildren: Ayele Pinson Ashbaugh and Celia Blair Ashbaugh. According to Bill’s wishes, his graveside service will be a private one, and his cremains will be interred in Skidaway Island United Methodist Church’s Memory Garden. Online condolences may be expressed through www.foxandweeks.com, and memorial donations may be made in Bill’s honor and mailed to: The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation/230 E. Ohio St.-Ste. 500/Chicago, IL 60611 or online at: www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org



Savannah Tech Offers Career Connections

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

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

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



Now Open for Submissions

The Savannah Bar Association is always seeking content for upcoming editions of The Citation. Members are encouraged to submit:

- Your professional and personal announcements
- Law-related advertisements,
- Articles or announcements regarding your preferred philanthropies
- Other written submissions.

Suggestions for improving The Citation are also always welcome.

Finally, we love to receive photographs and video to share with our readers!

Bear in mind that our readers include not only current SBA members, but also many judges and law school students.

Please contact us at SBACitation@gmail.com with submissions or inquiries.