

SBA Law Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting

On May 2, 2019 the Savannah Bar Association proudly held its Law Day Luncheon & Annual Meeting at the Savannah Golf Club. The theme of this year's luncheon was "Free Speech, Free Press, and Free Society" and we were honored to welcome Professor Eric J. Segall of the Georgia State University College of Law as our keynote speaker.

The Savannah Young Lawyers Division was also in attendance to present the Judge Edward Hester Award, the Liberty Bell Award, the Robbie Robinson Award, and the John B. Miller Award. Thank you to all who attended!





GLSP Recognizes Fair Housing Month

April 11th marked the 51st anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, a federal law protecting against discrimination in most private and public housing based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

In recognition of this event, Georgia Legal Services Program's Equal Justice Works Georgia Housing Corps Fellow, Alison Slagowitz, dedicated a number of hours to community education on the subject of the Fair Housing Act.



Ms. Slagowitz presented at J.C. Vision & Associate's Fair Housing Event in Hinesville, along with Tracey McCracken, Director of Fair Housing at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition in Washington DC. Ms. Slagowitz served as the keynote speaker at the monthly meeting of the Savannah Area Realtors Association. Additionally, Georgia Legal Services Program partnered with 9to5 Georgia and Anointed Women's Ministry to host an event celebrating Black Women & Girls Awareness Day, at which Ms. Slagowitz presented along with GLSP Supervising Attorney Nancy DeVetter and GLSP Eviction Prevention Program Attorney Amanda Webb.

Additionally, Ms. Slagowitz published an essay about LGBTQ civil rights developments in housing (and employment) in a Federal Bar Association Division newsletter. For those interested, the newsletter can be downloaded here: http://www.fedbar.org/Image-Library/Sections-and-Divisions/LGBT/Newsletter-Spring-2019.aspx

CLE Training: Domestic Violence: TPO's and Stalking Orders

Friday, June 7, 2019 9:00 AM - Noon

Instructor: David Purvis Georgia Legal Services Program 6602 Abercorn Street, Suite 203 Savannah, GA 31405 Georgia Legal Services Pro Bono Program is offering the above CLE training free of charge. In addition, GLSP will report to and pay the required fees to the State Bar of Georgia directly for your CLE credit.

CLE's (pending approval):

(1 hour) General(1 hour) Ethics(1 hour) Trial

Contact: Ruth Ann Dutton at 912-651-2283 x 2184 or rdutton@glsp.org to schedule for the upcoming class. *The office is located on the 2nd floor of 6002 Abercorn St. (corner of Jackson and Abercorn). It is the large red brick building facing Abercorn, backing up to Habersham St. Free parking is available in front and on the north side of the building.*



Results of 8th Annual Legal Food Frenzy (LFF)

On May 20th Attorney General Christopher Carr announced that law firms and legal organizations across Georgia had raised a record breaking \$419,321 and collected 17,617 lbs of canned goods during the 8th Annual Georgia Legal Food Frenzy (LFF). The statewide food and fund drive competition was held from April 22 – May 3 in an effort to combat hunger across the state.

A total of 193 law firms and legal offices went head – to – head to raise food and funds for their regional food bank. The legal community of the Coastal Georgia region had 17 participating firms who were able to collect 2,002 lbs of food and \$9,790.83 in funds. With each \$1 donated, America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia can provide 5 meals to those in need.

1 in 4 children in Georgia are at risk for hunger and over 60% of them are eligible for free or reduced lunches during the school year. No school means no breakfast or lunch. The summer often carries additional stress for parents to put enough food on the table. The Legal Food Frenzy is perfectly timed to help food banks meet this increased demand and ensure that kids in Georgia won't worry about when their next meal is coming.

Attorney General Carr issued a challenge to individuals and firms to donate the equivalent of one billable hour during the competition. 144 individuals rose to the challenge statewide with five law firms in the Coastal Georgia region accepting the challenge. They were The Eichholz Law Firm, The Dunbar Harris Memorial Foundation, HunterMaclean; Jonathan Pannell, Gray Pannell & Woodward; Susannah Pedigo, The Pedigo Law Firm , P.C., and the Savannah Bar Association.

Regional Highlights for Coastal Georgia: Total Points Winner - HunterMaclean with 18,619 points Points Per Capita Winner - The Pedigo Law Firm, P.C. with 1,570 points per person.

We would also like to thank the following firms for their participation and support:

Belzer PC Bouhan Falligant LLP Cornwell & Stevens, LLP Edenfield Law, LLC Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Edenfield Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP Franklin Law LLC Georgia Southern University Office of Legal Affairs Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C. Hunter Maclean **Oliver Maner LLP** The Bowman Law Office The Eichholz Law Firm The Johnson Firm P.C. The Law Office of Jennifer Wittich The Pedigo Law Firm, P.C. U.S. Bankruptcy Court





Southern District of Georgia Attorney Admissions Ceremony

We are excited to announce the next Southern District of Georgia Attorney Admissions Ceremony scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm before the Honorable R. Stan Baker in the Savannah Federal Courthouse. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony to afford everyone the opportunity to welcome and meet new Bar members.

We welcome you to attend both the ceremony and reception. If you or any other attorneys you know are not already a member and are interested in becoming a member of the Southern District of Georgia Bar, please review the information below regarding the Savannah Admission Procedures. This information is also located on our Court's website at: www.gasd.uscourts.gov/Attorney-Admission-Procedures.



Attorneys seeking to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia must be active members in good standing with the Georgia State Bar. All attorneys seeking admission are required to submit a Petition for Bar Admission and must have two sponsoring attorneys sign their petition. Sponsoring attorneys must be members in good standing with the Georgia State Bar and the Bar of the Southern District of Georgia.

Upon completion of the Petition for Bar Admission, please email it, along with your preferred ceremony date to: attyadmissionssavannah@gas.uscourts.gov

You will receive a confirmation email indicating that you have been included in the next ceremony (or other date if you have indicated) along with any other instructions. For Savannah Attorney Admissions Ceremonies, sponsoring attorneys are welcome to attend, but are not required to attend your scheduled ceremony.

Please make note that all requests for admission and to participate in the June 17th ceremony must be received by the Clerk's office by close of business on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

If you plan to attend the ceremony as a guest, please check in with the Court's Security Officer before the start of the ceremony, as we will have reserved seating available for local bar members.

We look forward to seeing you then, The Clerk's Office of the Southern District of Georgia



Congratulations to New Attorneys

Wade W. Herring, III received his J.D. degree from the University of Georgia School of Law on May 18, 2019. Wade will be a staff attorney at the 11th Circuit Court Appeals. He is the son of Wade and Susan Herring.



Kathleen Herring, Wade Herring II, Wade Herring III, and Susan Herring.

Stephen Mulherin received his J.D. degree from the University of Georgia School of Law on May 18, 2019. He will be a federal law clerk for Emily C. Marks, chief judge, USDC, Middle District of Alabama, in Montgomery, AL. Stephen is the son of Joe and Lisa Mulherin.



Lisa Mulherin, Stephen Mulherin, Elizabeth Mulherin, and Joe Mulherin.



Jonathan M.C. Johnston founds Johnston Law Firm, LLC

Attorney Jonathan M.C. Johnston is pleased the announce the founding of Johnston Law Firm, LLC, a boutique law firm dedicated to helping Georgians injured on the job. Although Jonathan lives in Savannah and most of his clients are from the greater Savannah area, he represents injured workers in their workers' compensation claims all across Georgia.

Jonathan graduated from the University of Montana in 2003 and Stetson University College of Law in 2008. Jonathan began his legal career working at one of the largest workers' compensation insurance defense firms in Georgia. In late 2011, Jonathan "switched sides" and started representing injured workers at a small workers' compensation/personal injury firm based out of Atlanta. Jonathan moved to Savannah in 2015 to run the firm's Savannah office, and in April 2019, left the firm to found Johnston Law Firm, LLC.

Jonathan specifically founded Johnston Law Firm, LLC, to be a workers' compensation-focused law firm, and he takes immense pride in helping those Georgians who have unfortunately been injured at work. He has spoken at multiple legal education seminars on issues related to workers' compensation settlements, effective case strategies in both litigated and non-litigated workers' compensation claims, and significant developments in Georgia workers' compensation case law.

Jonathan lives in The Landings with his wife, Courtney, and their two wonderful yet frequently mischievous rescue dogs, Bonnie and Lucy. In Jonathan's spare time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, cooking, and traveling.

Jonathan's office is located in downtown Savannah at 2 East Bryan Street, Suite 424. He can be reached directly at 404-693-2895 and/or at Jonathan@YourWorkCompLawyer.com.



Jonathan M. C. Johnston





Bouhan Falligant Partner One of Nation's Top One Percent

Bouhan Falligant announced Partner J. Daniel Falligant has again been recognized as a member of the "Top One Percent" of the attorneys in the nation by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel (NADC), an organization dedicated to promoting the highest standards of legal excellence.

By virtue of the selectivity of NADC's research process, less than 1% of practicing attorneys in the United States are members of the "Nation's Top Attorneys." The recipients of this prestigious award, who are selected by a blue ribbon panel of attorneys and a judicial review board, have demonstrated the highest ideals of the legal profession.

In addition to commercial and residential real estate, Falligant's practice focuses on business and corporate law. He has been named a Georgia "Super Lawyer" and "Legal Elite" by Georgia Trend and a "Best Lawyer in America" by U.S. News & World Report. He is a member of the Real Estate Section of the Georgia State Bar, a fellow in the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, and served on the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors for 24 years.

Falligant, who earned his L.L.B. degree from Mercer University and his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia, has been practicing law in the Savannah community for more than 50 years.



J. Daniel Falligant



HunterMaclean Hires Nationally Recognized Estate Planning Attorney

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and Brunswick, is pleased to announce that Alan C. Brown has recently joined the firm's Estates and Trusts Practice Group.

Alan has received national recognition for developing innovative estate planning and business strategies for familyowned companies and high net worth individuals with substantial interests throughout the country. He is well-known for his expertise in structuring the acquisition, ownership, and financing of life insurance policies by individuals, businesses, and multiple-generation trusts.

"Alan brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to our Estates and Trusts Practice Group," said HunterMaclean Managing Partner Brad Harmon. "His unique and innovative approach to estate planning has garnered the attention of nationally recognized corporations and business leaders. His addition to our team will certainly be an asset to our firm and our community."

Alan graduated magna cum laude from the Miami University of Ohio and earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Chicago Law School.



Alan C. Brown





The Kimpton Brice Hotel 601 East Bay Street | Savannah, GA 31401 | 912-238-1200 Early Bird Registration:



Early Bird Registration: Plaintiff and Criminal Defense Attorneys - \$249 | Paralegals - \$125 Prices will increase after May 29th.

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Seminar Agenda

Friday, June 21, 2019 Session Theme: Maximizing Results in Your Spinal Cord and TBI Trial! Moderators: Attorneys Chad Mance and Eric Hertz. Registration and Breakfast: 7:00am – 8:00am



8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.

Spinal and Traumatic Brain Injuries, Educating the Public. **Howard Spiva** - Savannah, GA *Speaker, Esquire and Founder of Spiva Law Group; Former President of the Savannah Trial Lawyers Assoc. and STLA. Life & Champion Member of GTLA. Martindale-Hubbell AV.*



8:45 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Voir Dire: Tips & Strategies for Picking Jurors Who Understand the Severity of Spinal Injuries.

John F. Romano - West Palm Beach, FL Speaker, Esquire and Founder of Romano Law Firm, Former President of the National Trial Lawyers, Southern Trial Lawyers Association and the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (now FJA); Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers.



9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Opening Statements in Traumatic Brain Injury Cases: Laying the Foundation for Your Client's Case.

Eric J. Hertz - Atlanta, GA

Speaker, Esquire and Founder of Hertz Law Firm, Double Board-Certified Trial Attorney, SuperLawyer, America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators, Published Author and National Lecturer.

10:15 A.M. – **10:30 A.M.** Refreshments & Networking with Exhibitors.



10:30 A.M. – 11:15 P.M.

The Plaintiff's Examination at Trial: Conducting the Direct Examination & Defending Your Client on Cross Exam. **Chad Mance** - Savannah, GA *Speaker, Esquire and Founder of Mance Law Group, Past President of the Port City Bar Association.*



11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. The Power of Lay Witnesses: Proving Pain & Suffering Associated with Spinal and Brain Injuries. Natalie Woodward - Atlanta, GA Speaker, Esquire and Partner at Shamp Jordan Woodward.

12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M. Box Lunch, Networking and Sponsor Introductions.



12:30 P.M. – 12:45 P.M. Objectively Evaluating Head Injuries from Post-Concussive Syndrome to Catastrophic TBI. Kimberly S. White - Atlanta, GA Speaker, Co-Founder and Senior VP of Business Development, CaseMetrix, LLC.



12:45 P.M. – 1:15 P.M. The Camera Never Blinks - Demonstrating Damages with Video. Michaela V. Miller - Jacksonville, FL Speaker, President and CEO of Video Law Services, Inc.



1:15 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. Closings in Spinal-Injury Cases: Arguments that Work. Jeff Harris - Atlanta & Savannah, GA Speaker, Esquire, Partner at Harris Lowry Manton LLP.



Psychology, Presenting and Persuading - Using Technology to Maximize Case Value.

Justin S. Kahn - Charleston, SC Speaker, Esquire at Kahn Law Firm, LLP, Triple Board Certified (Civil Pre-Trial, Civil and Medical Malpractice) Trial Attorney, AV Rated, SuperLawyer, National Lecturer, Published Author, Adjunct Professor Charleston School of Law.



2:45 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Demonstrative Aids to make the "Invisible" Brain Injury "Visible." Bob Shepherd - Richmond, VA Speaker, MS, CMI, FAMI; CEO and President of MediVisuals.

3:15 P.M. – **3:30 P.M.** Refreshments & Networking with Exhibitors.



3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. More than a Law Firm, Defining your Brand in the Digital Space. Mia Mance - Savannah, GA Speaker, Owner of Mia Talks Media & Marketing.



3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

Ethics of Settlement & Mediation in Spinal-Injury Cases. **Douglas R. Beam** - Melbourne, FL Speaker, Esquire, Douglas R. Beam, P.A. Named Top 100 Lawyers in State of Florida; Named Annually to: Super Lawyers; National Author and Lecturer.

4:45 P.M. Seminar Adjourns.

Please Note: While Speakers Have Confirmed; They Are Always Subject to Being Called to Trial.

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Schell & Hogan, LLP Announces Certified Valuation Services

St. Simons Island, GA. – The Certified Public Accounting firm of Schell & Hogan, LLP announces that forensic specialist Stephen C. Rowland has received certification from the National Association of Certified Valuators & Analysts as a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) Candidate. This credential qualifies Stephen to perform business valuations as well as testify to such results. Stephen is also credentialed as a Certified Fraud Examiner and Master Analyst in Financial Forensics. Stephen is currently earning a Master of Accountancy from the University of Illinois.

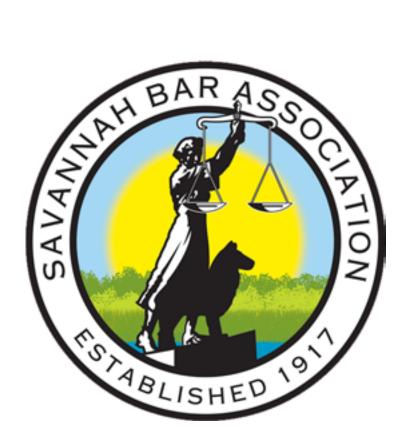
We are pleased to offer Stephen's expertise in business valuations and forensic analysis as additional services provided by our firm. Schell & Hogan, LLP will continue to provide services such as tax management & preparation, estate & trust planning, IRS representation, accounting, financial & retirement planning, bookkeeping, payroll, audit, review, compilation, 1031 exchange intermediary services and other accounting services.

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- -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.

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