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SBA's Admiral Harvey Weitz Boat Ride

The 2023 SBA Admiral Harvey Weitz Boat Ride took place Friday, April 21 and was enjoyed by all. The Savannah Bar Association would like to thank Vagabond Cruise for the smooth sailing and Chef Kirk Blaine of Castaways for the wonderful food. For those who missed this year's boat ride, please tentatively mark next year's calendar for Friday, April 19, 2024. Langston is already hard at work planning the 2024 boat ride.

We would also like to give special thanks to our generous sponsors:

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Please consider employing the services of our sponsors if you have the need. Their generosity helped pay for this wonderful event. Your support of our sponsors is greatly appreciated.







Law Day 2023 Recap

Every May, the American Bar Association holds Law Day to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. The ABA's theme for Law Day 2023 was "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration." At the Savannah Bar Association's Law Day luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club on May 11, 2023, the YLD presented the following awards:

Robbie Robinson Award: Presented to a member of the legal profession who has demonstrated dedication to the principles of service to individuals and of the advancement of the legal, political, social, and civil rights of the citizens of the Savannah community. The 2023 recipient of the Robinson Award was Nancy DeVetter of the DeVetter Law Firm.



Liberty Bell Award: Recognizes a non-lawyer for outstanding service in promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The recipient encourages greater respect for law in the courts, stimulates a more profound sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights, and fosters a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law. The 2023 recipient of the Liberty Bell Award was Chief Jeffrey M. Hadley of the Chatham County Police Department.



John B. Miller Award: Presented to a member of the Savannah Bar who is selflessly dedicated to making the Savannah area a better place to live through volunteer community service. The 2023 recipient of the Miller Award was Sarah J. Anderson of Georgia Legal Services.



Judge Edward Hester Award: Recognizes outstanding local courthouse personnel who have been of particular assistance to the members of the local bar. The 2023 recipient of the Hester Award was Tammie Mosley, Clerk of the Superior Court for the Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia. While Tammie was unable to attend the luncheon in person, she accepted her award via video.

The guest speaker was Dr. Christopher Brown, professor of political science and international studies at Georgia Southern University. Appropriately, Dr. Brown was born and raised in Philadelphia. He attended the University of Florida and Temple University and received a BA in political science. In 2009, he received his PhD from Florida International University's School of International and Public Affairs. He specializes in the study of democratization and democratic theory and has recently completed a manuscript entitled "Democratic Purgatory" about how democracies can break down through democratic means. He is also working on a monograph about "The Democratization of Cuba."

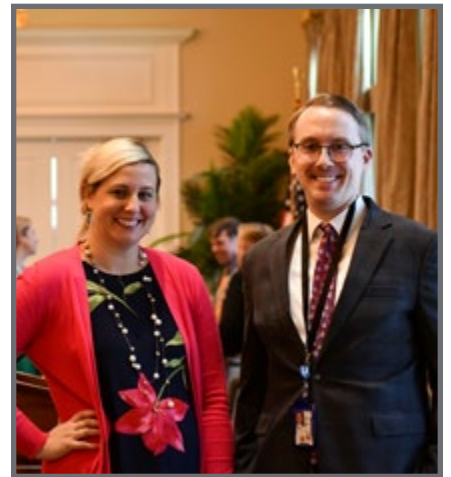




At the luncheon, the SBA approved the following slate of officers for 2023-24:

President—Richard A. Sanders, Jr.
President Elect—Leslie Cecil Keene
Secretary—Julia H. Sullivan
Treasurer—Bradley J. Stevens

The day after the luncheon, May 12, 2023, the Young Lawyers Division spoke to high school students at Savannah Early College about the law and the legal profession. YLD members Alec Chappell, Anthony Burton, Amber Robinson, and Harrison Pratt fielded incisive questions from the students about criminal defense, insurance defense, and bankruptcy law. Thanks to Law & Public Safety Teacher Wanda C. Early and to Assistant School Board Attorney D. Brian Dennison for making the event possible! The YLD intends to return to Ms. Early's classroom on a regular basis.





Savannah Bar Association

Invites you and a guest to celebrate the closing of our bar year at SBA's

Annual Cocktail Party

Thursday, June 15, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



The Charles H. Morris Center at Trustees' Garden

10 East Broad Street | Savannah, GA 31401

Business casual attire

In addition to the investiture of the 2023-2024 SBA Officers, SBA will present
the Judge Eugene Gadsden Scholarship &
the Judge Phyllis Kravitch Scholarship &
the Judge Frank S. Cheatham, Jr. Professionalism Award

This event is proudly sponsored by
Miles Mediation & Arbitration





YLD Alumni Happy Hour Recap

The Young Lawyers Division held its highly anticipated annual Alumni Happy Hour on May 18, 2023. Thanks to all lawyers, young and old(er), who attended. And special thanks to HunterMaclean for sponsoring and to YLD Social Chair Amelia C. Stevens of Oliver Maner for making our happy hours a success this year!

Also, congratulations to Virginia C. Josey of Macon, who spoke at the January 19, 2023 Savannah YLD trivia contest, for her election as State YLD Secretary! Virginia will succeed incumbent Secretary Veronica Rogusky Cox of Atlanta, who herself spoke to the Savannah YLD on March 31, 2022. Hint to future State YLD candidates—take a break from Atlanta and visit us!

Finally, the YLD's Seventeenth Annual Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity Golf Tournament will be held on June 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at The Landings Club's Marshwood Course. If you are interested in playing or sponsoring, please contact Greg Finch at 912-644-5788 for availability.





2023 Legal Food Frenzy Results

The results are in from the Legal Food Frenzy! 197 law firms and legal organizations across Georgia representing more than 14,000 individuals raised \$829,239.00 during the 12th Annual Georgia Legal Food Frenzy. This is the equivalent of over 3.2 million meals for kids, seniors, and families in Georgia.

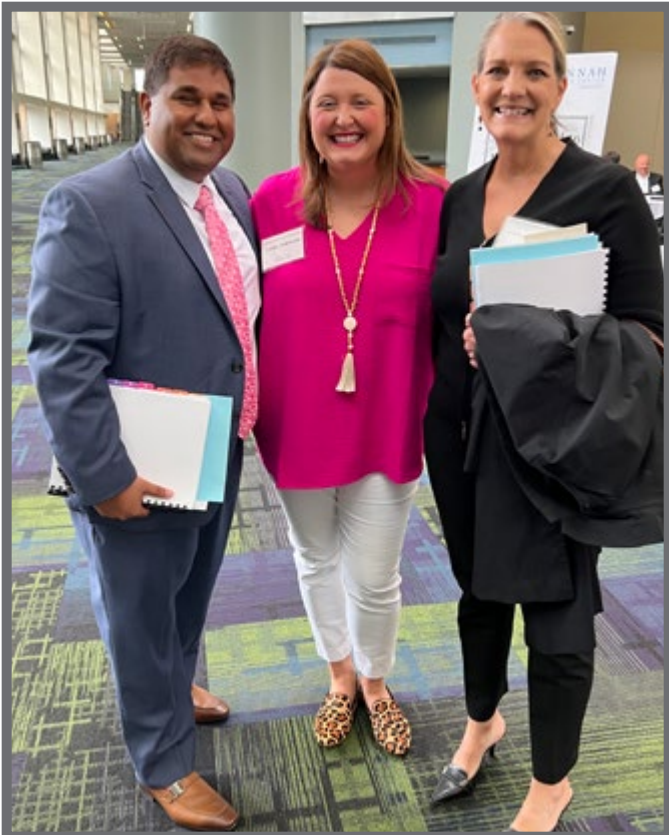


DeVetter Law Expungement Clinics

The DeVetter Law Firm is still partnering with DEEP Center and First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church to inform local residents of their options when it comes to clearing their criminal records through a monthly expungement clinic. The clinics are held the second Monday of every month at First Tabernacle Church in Savannah from 5 - 7 pm. The DeVetter Law team can walk individuals through the process of getting misdemeanors and some pardoned felony convictions cleared (expunged) from their criminal record. Further information about upcoming clinics on our Facebook page and the DeVetter Law website.

Coastal Bankruptcy Law Institute Returns

After a four-year hiatus due to COVID, the Coastal Bankruptcy Law Institute held its annual seminar on May 19, 2023, at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center on Hutchinson Island. Facilitators included C. James McCallar, Jr., James L. Drake, Jr., Leon S. Jones of Atlanta, Francesca Macchiaverna of HunterMaclean, Jon Levis of Swainsboro, and Professor Michael Toma of Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus. Also in attendance were Bankruptcy Judges Edward J. Coleman, III, of Savannah, Susan D. Barrett of Augusta, Michele J. Kim of Brunswick, and Paul W. Bonapfel of Atlanta. Topics covered included the new Subchapter V of Chapter 11, current trends in Chapter 13, recent local decisions, and a review of the disposable income test.





This article is the first in a series on famous lawyers and their pro bono work.

Giants of Law Who Did Cases Pro Bono

Part I: Early American Presidents

By Sarah J. Anderson

Pop quiz: How many U.S. presidents were lawyers?

Did you say 27? That's correct! Of our 46 presidents, 27 have been lawyers.

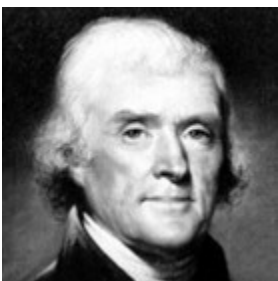
There is a lot written about each president's administration, but little is written about the legal careers that preceded those administrations. Several of those 27 lawyer-presidents practiced law for more than 10 years, and some more than 20, before becoming president of the United States. Along with paid legal work, many lawyer-presidents did pro bono as well. In this first installment, we will look at the pro bono work of some of our early lawyer-presidents.



Each individual of the society has a right to be protected by it in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property, according to standing laws.

-- John Adams

John Adams (1735-1826, 2nd president of the United States) was our first lawyer-president. He practiced law for over 20 years and provided a lot of pro bono work for needy members of his community. Though a Patriot, he agreed to represent, pro bono, the British soldiers accused of murder in the Boston Massacre of 1770. Adams took the case, because he believed that the cause for self-government would be hurt if Boston law was nothing more than a propaganda campaign leading to lynching. Adams zealously advocated for his clients and won acquittals for five of the eight soldiers.^[1]



May I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others with kindness and compassion.

-- Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826, 3rd president of the United States), John Adams' friend and rival, practiced law for less than ten years, mainly working on "land business" legal issues. However, he took on at least two pro bono cases. Ironically, Jefferson, a slave owner, represented enslaved minors seeking freedom. He represented Samuel Howell in the 1770

¹ *Pro Bono in the United States*, Louis O'Neill, White & Case LLP, May 22, 2015, available at <https://news.trust.org/item/20150522111741-j3r8i/>. Last accessed May 10, 2023.

Today in History – March 5: The Boston Massacre, Library of Congress, available at <https://www.loc.gov/item/to-day-in-history/march-05#:~:text=The%20Boston%20Massacre%20helped%20galvanize%20Boston%20and%20the,5%20incident%20as%20a%20battle%20for%20American%20liberty>. Last accessed May 10, 2023.



trial of Samuel Howell v. Wade Netherland. Howell was a young man of mixed race held in servitude in Virginia. Jefferson argued, “Under the law of nature, all men are born free, everyone comes into the world with a right to his own person . . .” Although Jefferson’s defense did not win Howell’s freedom, some have argued that the defense carried over into the preamble of the Declaration of Independence that Jefferson would draft a few years later.^[2]



The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.
-- John Quincy Adams

John Quincy Adams (1767-1848, 6th president of the United States) followed in his father’s footsteps, taking pro bono cases throughout his legal career. Most well known of his pro bono cases was *US v. Amistad*, 40 US 518 (1841). The *Amistad* was a Spanish ship illegally transporting Africans to Cuba in violation of the ban on international slave trade. Adams was 73 and serving in the US House of Representatives when he was persuaded to represent the Africans fighting to regain their freedom. This was Adams fifth and final appearance before the high court. It was also his only appearance in any court in 30 years. He argued for eight hours over two days to a packed courtroom, showing why his fellow members of Congress referred to him as “Old Man Eloquent”. The Court agreed with his argument and ordered the Africans returned to their home in Sierra Leone.^[3]

Watch for Part II of this series to read about the pro bono work of Millard Filmore, Abraham Lincoln, Rutherford B. Hayes, and James Garfield.



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We provide free, civil legal services to low-income or senior-aged
Georgians outside of the five metro Atlanta counties
To volunteer, contact Sarah J. Anderson at sjanderson@glsp.org
or sign up online at <https://www.glsp.org/volunteer-2/>.

² *Pro Bono gets Presidential*, Kristen Sunday, Feb. 21, 2017, available at <https://medium.com/join-paladin/pro-bono-gets-presidential-afc578f29b9f>. Last accessed May 10, 2023.

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John Quincy Adams: Pro Bono Lawyer, Russell Fowler, TBA Law Blog, Oct. 1, 2015, available at <https://www.tba.org/index.cfm?pg=LawBlog&blAction=showEntry&blogEntry=22600>. Last accessed May 10, 2023.



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

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STANDING ORDER REGARDING POLICY ON PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is the finding of the judges of the Superior Court of Chatham County that court proceedings are continually disrupted due to the use of portable electronic devices, particularly cellular phones. Maintaining decorum, good order and respect for the legal process demands that all electronic devices be silenced prior to entry into any courtroom when court is in session and prior to entry into a judge's chambers for any hearing or other proceeding. Accordingly, the following Portable Electronic Device Policy shall be in effect:

Definitions.

- (1) **"Portable Electronic Devices"** are mobile devices capable of electronically storing, accessing, or transmitting information and is defined to include personal computers, tablet computers, mobile telephones (including cell phones and any form of telephone with cameras and audio and video recording and transmission capabilities), electronic calendars, e-book readers, smartwatches, or similar devices.
- (2) **"Court Visitor"** means any individual present in the Chatham County Courthouse, except court employees. Employees with official business in the courthouse may bring electronic devices such as cellular phones, pagers, laptop computers and personal digital assistants (PDAs) into the Chatham County Courthouse.

Portable Electronic Device Policy.

- (1) **Use in Common Areas:** All Court Visitors may use Portable Electronic Devices in the common areas of the courthouse, such as lobbies and hallways. Further restrictions, including restricting mobile telephone conversations to designated areas, may be imposed as needed to maintain safety, security, proper behavior, order, and the administration of justice. All Portable Electronic Devices must be placed in "silent" mode at all times within the courthouse.
- (2) **Use in Courtrooms:** Case participants including lawyers, parties (including self-represented litigants), and witnesses may use a Portable Electronic Device inside a courtroom to check calendars or present case-related information with permission of the Court. All other uses of Portable Electronic Devices inside courtrooms (especially the use of Portable Electronic Devices to take photographs and/or video) are prohibited, unless



specifically authorized by the judge presiding in the courtroom. All Portable Electronic Devices must remain in "silent" mode at all times in courtrooms.

(3) Prohibited Uses in Common Areas and Courtrooms: The taking of photographs, audio and video recordings are generally prohibited without prior approval of a judge or as governed by Uniform Superior Court Rule 22. No Court Visitor may use a Portable Electronic Device to communicate or attempt to communicate with any potential juror or juror at any time. No Court Visitor may use a Portable Electronic Device to harass, intimidate, or communicate about given testimony with any witness at any time.

(4) Other Electronic Devices: Cameras, video cameras, video recording equipment and recording devices not classified as Portable Electronic Devices are not allowed in the courthouse, unless permitted under Uniform Superior Court Rule 22, or authorized by a presiding judge, and on such conditions as ordered.

(5) Confiscation of Equipment and Ejection: Court Visitors using a Portable Electronic Device, or possessing other electronic devices, in violation of this or any other court order or policy may be removed from the courthouse, found in contempt of court, or subject to penalties as provided by law. Any Portable Electronic Device used in violation of an order may be confiscated and held until the possessor leaves the courthouse. Court personnel shall not be responsible or liable for any damage to or loss of a confiscated Portable Electronic Device.

(6) Restrictions on Portable Electronic Devices: If a presiding judge determines that Portable Electronic Devices interfere with the administration of justice in their courtroom, or cause a threat to safety or security, they may prohibit Portable Electronic Devices from being carried into specific courtrooms.

(7) Suspension or Modification of This Rule During Heightened Security: The privileges conferred by this order shall be subject to suspension or modification without notice in the event that the Sheriff or the Chief Judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit declares a need for a heightened level of security at the courthouse.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that failure to silence all Portable Electronic Devices constitutes direct contempt of court and an interference with the administration of justice and is punishable summarily. The Sheriff's Department may immediately confiscate any device which makes any sound in a court proceeding and shall be disposed of as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff's Department. Other sanctions may include a fine up to \$1,000 or a sentence of confinement not to exceed twenty (20) days in jail or both.



This order shall not apply to the official communication equipment in the possession of employees of the Sheriff's Department. A copy of this Order shall be prominently posted in each Courtroom.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of May, 2023.


PENNY FREESEMAN, CHIEF JUDGE


TIMOTHY WALMSLEY, JUDGE


LISA COLBERT, JUDGE


JOHN MORSE, JUDGE


BENJAMIN KARPf, JUDGE


TAMMY STOKES, JUDGE



In Memoriam: Judge Faye Sanders Martin

Honorable Faye Sanders Martin, retired Superior Court Judge for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Ogeechee Area Hospice Inpatient Facility. She was born on February 6, 1934 in Brooklet, Georgia. She is preceded in death by her husband, John Hollis Martin; her mother and father, Addie Louise Prosser Sanders and Elder C.E. Sanders; seven brothers, John Willie Sanders, Lehman Sanders, Sidney Sanders, Aubrey Sanders, Theo Sanders, L.E. Sanders, Benjamin Sanders; two sisters, Addie Jean Driggers and Tommie Mort; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is survived by two daughters, Janna Martin (Stan Friedman) and Jenny Lynn Anderson and Mark Anderson; two granddaughters, Morgan Sonnier (Tyler) and Allison Anderson; two step grandchildren, Brad Friedman (Nhu-Mai) and Laura Crane (Judson); great-grandchild, Kensie Sonnier; step great-grandchildren, Stella and Claire Crane, and Balin, Sullivan and Milo Friedman; sister-in-law, Carolyn Sanders; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

Faith was foremost in Faye's life, and during her childhood attended and was a member of Lanes Primitive Baptist Church in Stilson, Georgia, baptized by her father, Elder Carol Eugene Sanders at age fourteen. After moving to Statesboro, she transferred her membership to Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church, where she was a lifelong member.

She was born and reared in Bulloch County, graduated from Stilson High School in 1952, attended Georgia Teachers College (now Georgia Southern University), and Woodrow Wilson College of Law. She was awarded an honorary Juris Doctorate degree from Woodrow Wilson School of Law in October 1981. She was admitted to the Georgia Bar Association in 1956, and practiced law in Statesboro with the firm Anderson & Sanders until 1978, when she was appointed as Superior Court Judge for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit by Governor George Busbee to fill a newly created judgeship for the Ogeechee Circuit. She was elected and served five consecutive four-year terms until her retirement and was appointed as a Senior Judge in 2000. She served as Chief Judge of the Ogeechee Circuit for many years from 1984 to 2000.

Admitted to the Georgia Bar Association at the age of 22, she was the first woman attorney in Bulloch County, the first woman appointed to the Georgia Superior Court bench, the first woman chief superior court judge in Georgia, and the first mother to swear in her daughter as an attorney in Georgia.

A biography of her life, "Judge Faye Sanders: Head Full of Sense, Heart Full of Gold," was written by Drs. Rebecca Davis and Sandra Peacock and published in 2004 by Mercer University Press.

She received numerous honors and awards during her lifetime, the Amicus Curae award from the Supreme Court of Georgia for distinguished service and contribution to the administration of justice; Tradition of Excellence Award from the State Bar of Georgia for service to the public and bar; Woman of Achievement by the Statesboro Business and Professional Women's Club; Certificate of Merit from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Georgia Chapter for service to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; Distinguished Alumni Award



from Georgia Southern College; “Famous Bulloch Countian” in celebration of Georgia’s 250th Birthday; Who’s Who of Women of the World, of American Women, of the South and Southeast, of American Law, America and Georgia. She served on the Bulloch County Committee for construction of the Judicial Complex in Statesboro; served as Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia in absence of Justice Charles L. Weltner; served on the Superior Court Sentence Review Panel; appointed to the Commission on Certainty in Sentencing by Governor Roy Barnes. She served as Judge Pro-Tem for the Office of Justice of the Peace in Bulloch County during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

She was a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Bulloch County Bar Association, Georgia Council of Superior Court Judges, Statesboro Business & Professional Women’s Club, Georgia Southern University Alumni Association, Georgia Association of Women Lawyers.

Beyond the bench, Faye was an excellent cook, and often prepared her famous roasted goat for the Bulloch County Bar Association. She loved to fish in the Ogeechee River, the intracoastal waterways and St. Catherines Island Sound. She and her family enjoyed weekends at Yellow Bluff Fishing Camp and Colonels Island in Liberty County, Ga. Her pride and joy were her brothers and sisters, husband, children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. Once asked if rearing children or practicing law was harder, she replied, “both,” which she did

Assistant Public Defender – Liberty County, potentially Bryan County

The Atlantic Circuit Public Defender’s Office is hiring an Assistant Public Defender. The chosen candidates will represent clients in Liberty County Superior Court. Applicants must have the necessary skills to perform the responsibilities for the position. Strong work ethic and commitment to indigent defense required. There is the potential for the position to be based in our Bryan County office (Pembroke, GA) and cover Bryan County Superior Court.

The Atlantic Judicial Circuit covers six counties, McIntosh, Long, Liberty, Tattnall, Evans, and Bryan. The position will be based in our Hinesville office (approximately 40 minutes from Savannah / Pooler), or in our Bryan County office in Pembroke, GA.

All experience levels are encouraged to apply.

For new lawyers, this is a great opportunity to get trial experience / training. Funding permitting, and it usually does, I send new lawyers to trial skills training, i.e, NCDC (National Criminal Defense College), etc., in addition to the training provided by the agency.

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Email cover letter, resume, and writing sample to bclark@gapublicdefender.com.



Georgia Legal Services Program Seeks Savannah Office Managing Attorney

Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) has announced that William (Bill) Broker, long-time Managing Attorney of the organization's Savannah Regional Office and dedicated community advocate, will step down from the Managing Attorney role as of June 30, 2023.

In preparation for this transition, GLSP has begun this search for the next Managing Attorney of its Savannah Regional Office. The Savannah Office – one of 10 regional offices throughout the state - serves individuals with low incomes and eligible seniors in 11 counties around Savannah. Interested individuals can find more information at bit.ly/SavannahManagingAtty.

Bryan County Juvenile Court Job Posting

The Bryan County Juvenile Court is in need of court appointed attorneys for juveniles and parents, as well as GAL. We are a great group to work with and would love to grow our number of attorneys. Judge Balbo has formed a great team and we look forward to hearing from you!

Jessica West
Juvenile Clerk Bryan County
912-653-5656
Jessica.West@gsccca.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.