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SAVANNAH TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The Savannah Trial Lawyers Association welcomed Stacey Evans, Candidate for Governor of Georgia, as a speaker on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at the Savannah Golf Club at noon with Chief Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard of the Court of Appeals of Georgia as speaker.

The Association meets on the last Tuesday of every month through May, 2018, with the exception of December. Meetings are open to active members of the Association, prospective members, and all Judges. To join the Association, or if you are a member of the Judiciary and would like to attend, contact Richard Sanders, President, at (912) 236-3020 , RSandersJr@Bellsouth.net, or Gini Lynn Jenkins, Secretary, at (912) 234-0411, gjenkins@kklegal.com



Left to right- Daniel Justus, Stacey Evans, Gini Lynn Jenkins, Richard Sanders ; Savannah Golf Club

THOMAS MORE AWARD PRESENTED TO BILL LEWIS

The Catholic Lawyers Guild hosted its annual Red Mass and reception on October 26 in St. Mary's Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The purpose of the Mass is to recognize the intersection of faith and the administration of justice.

Following the Mass, the St. Thomas More Award was presented to Bill Lewis, Chief Assistant Circuit Public Defender. The award is presented to the attorney who best exemplifies the intellect, integrity and courage More, the patron saint of attorneys.

Immediately preceding the Mass, new officers were elected.



David Castronovo will serve as President, Joe Berrigan as Treasurer, Bill Broker as Secretary, and Chuck Loncon and Dennis Keene as members at large. Birney Bull will serve as Immediate Past President.

The Guild will meet for Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center, December 8. A brown bag lunch will follow. The Guild is also updating its email list. If you've not been getting the emails, have recently changed your email address, or simply want to be on the email list, contact Bill Broker at bbroker@glsp.org.



Savannah YLD Update

On Tuesday, November 14, the Savannah YLD, in conjunction with the Savannah Bar Association, hosted a swearing-in ceremony for new members of the Georgia Bar. Savannah Bar President Maggie Puccini, YLD President Philip Thompson, and YLD Membership Chair Sam Mikell presented the new members to the court. Per tradition, donuts and coffee were provided for the new members in celebration of their achievements.

To continue the celebrations, members of the YLD enjoyed the fall weather on the back patio of Cuoco Pazza at the YLD's November 16 happy hour, made possible by the generous sponsorship of Hawk Professional Investigations.

On Friday, November 17, members of the YLD Executive Board proudly presented a check to Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) in the amount of \$1,000, representing funds raised by the YLD in support of GLSP's Justice Campaign.



By way of reminder, the YLD requests that all members take a moment to renew their membership and remit annual dues. Please contact Sam Mikell (smikell@olivermaner.com) to obtain the membership renewal form.

Finally, please save the date for the YLD's upcoming Christmas Party, to be held on December 16 at the home of Eric Roden. The YLD is grateful for the generosity of Roden + Love, LLC for sponsoring and hosting this favored event. More details regarding the Christmas Party will be forthcoming.



SAVE THE DATE: SBA Hot Topics Seminar

Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Savannah Golf Club, to coincide with SBA luncheon.

AGENDA

Family Law- Q & A

Hon. Michael L. Karpf, *Chief Judge Superior Court*
Hon. Timothy R. Walmsley, *Judge Superior Court*
Amanda Love, Esq.

Criminal Law- DUI Update - The basics

Doug Andrews, Esq.

Dispossessory- Landlord Tenant

Hon. Michael H. Barker, *Judge Magistrate Court*

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Casey Martinez, Esq., *Director of ADR Chatham County*

Professionalism

Hon. Lisa Godbey Wood, *Judge USDC SDGA*

Probate Court Update

Hon. Thomas C. Bordeaux, Jr., *Judge Probate Court*
Wendy Williamson, Esq., *Chief Clerk of Probate Court*

Juvenile Court update

Hon. Thomas L. Cole, *Judge Juvenile Court*
Diane McLeod, Esq.
Wendy Furey, Esq.

Evidence- Evolution of New Evidence Code

Joseph D'Agostino, Esq., *Asst. Professor Savannah Law School*

Ethics –The Ethical Implementation of Using and Defending Against the Reptilian Trial Strategy

Dennis Keene, Esq.

Personal Injury- Deposition and Trial Tactics

John Manly, Esq.
Meagan Manly, Esq.



**SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION
HOT TOPICS SEMINAR**

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Friday, January 26, 2018
Time: Registration begins at 7:45 A.M.
Program begins at 8:20 A.M.
Place: The Savannah Golf Club, 1661 East President Street, Savannah, GA 31404

Name (Print): _____

Georgia Bar No: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Tuition: [Lunch is included in tuition]

- \$180.00 Savannah Bar Association Members Early Registration (by January 10, 2018)
- \$210.00 Savannah Bar Association Members Late Registration
- \$205.00 Non-Savannah Bar Association Members Early Registration (by January 10, 2018)
- \$235.00 Non-Savannah Bar Association Members Late Registration
- \$140.00 Government / Student

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION" AND RETURN WITH THIS FORM TO:

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**7.00 TOTAL HOURS OF CLE CREDIT (PENDING APPROVAL) INCLUDING: 4.25 HOURS OF TRIAL PRACTICE,
1 HOUR OF ETHICS, &
1 HOUR OF PROFESSIONALISM**



Oliver Maner Recognized in Nine Practice Areas, Included in 2018 “Best Law Firms” List by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers

U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers, for the eighth consecutive year, announced today the “Best Law Firms” rankings. Oliver Maner, an award-winning law firm based in Savannah, Ga., is pleased to announce nine of the firm’s practice areas are included in the first-tier rankings of the 2018 “Best Law Firms” list.

Firms included in the 2018 “Best Law Firms” list are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise.

“U.S. News has decades of experience evaluating key institutions in society—from colleges to hospitals,” says Tim Smart, executive editor at U.S. News. “Law firms perform a vital role in American life, and ranking them is a key extension of our overall mission to help individuals and companies alike make important life decisions.”

The following practice areas at Oliver Maner were included in this year’s first-tier rankings of the 2018 “Best Law Firms” list:

- Commercial Litigation
- Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Mediation
- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

To be eligible for a ranking, a firm must have a lawyer listed in The Best Lawyers in America, which recognizes the top 4 percent of practicing attorneys in the U.S. Ranked firms, presented in tiers, are listed on a national and/or metropolitan scale. Receiving a tier designation reflects the high level of respect a firm has earned among other leading lawyers and clients in the same communities and the same practice areas for its abilities, its professionalism, and its integrity.

ABOUT OLIVER MANER LLP:

An award-winning, full service law firm, Oliver Maner has been providing superior and cost-effective legal services since 1897. With more than 25 lawyers providing elite legal expertise across a broad and diverse list of practice areas, including a variety of civil litigation and transactional work, Oliver Maner’s record of success and commitment to professionalism and ethics is second to none. For more information, please visit www.olivermaner.com. Located at 218 W. State St. in historic downtown Savannah, Ga., Oliver Maner can also be reached by phone at 912.236.3311 or email at firm@olivermaner.com.

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Oliver Maner Welcomes Three New Associates to the Firm: Kathryn T. Gathy, J. Ryan Beasley and Tayah Woodard

Oliver Maner, an award-winning law firm providing complex and diverse legal services since 1897, is pleased to welcome three new associates to the firm: Kathryn T. Gathy, J. Ryan Beasley and Tayah Woodard. Gathy will serve as an associate in the firm's litigation department and specifically focus her expertise in the areas of serious personal injury and medical malpractice defense. Beasley will serve as an associate in the firm's business, estate planning and tax department and specifically focus his expertise in the areas of estate planning, probate and corporate law. Woodard will also serve as an associate in the firm's litigation department and specifically focus her expertise in the areas of business litigation and personal injury defense.



KATHRYN T. GATHY

Originally from N.C., Gathy earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of North Carolina in 2010 and a Juris Doctor from Western New England University, School of Law, graduating cum laude with a business concentration in May 2016. During law school, Gathy was a member of the Western New England Law Review, where she was the assistant managing editor of Volume 38. Upon completion of law school, Gathy completed a clerkship with the honorable judges of the Superior Court of Connecticut. Her experience includes personal injury, business, property, foreclosure, environment, and intellectual property law. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and is seeking admission to both Connecticut and South Carolina under the Uniform Bar. In addition, Gathy is currently completing her master's in business administration from Western New England University.



J. RYAN BEASLEY

Prior to joining Oliver Maner, Beasley spent two-years in private practice following a two-year judicial clerkship with the Honorable Lamar W. Davis, Jr., in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia. During law school, Beasley interned in the general counsel's office of EnergySolutions, an international nuclear services company, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to attending law school, he worked seven years for Southern Nuclear, Southern Company's nuclear energy operating company. Originally from Sylvania, Ga., Beasley graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Georgia. He went on to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in thermal sciences, fluid flow, and energy systems. After his stint with Southern Nuclear, he returned to the University of Georgia where he graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctor.



TAYAH WOODARD

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Woodard is rejoining Oliver Maner after clerking with the firm in the summer of 2016. She earned her Juris Doctor from The University of Georgia School of Law this past May 2017, graduating cum laude. Prior to attending law school, Woodard graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Tennessee. While in law school, she served on the Moot Court Board as competitions chair, winning first place and best brief at the 39th Annual J. Braxton Craven National Moot Court Competition in Chapel Hill, N.C. She was later awarded the Kerry Harike Joedecke Award for Excellence – Outstanding Moot Court Board Member. Woodard was also a notes editor for the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and served as treasurer of the Student Bar Association while completing externships at The Home Depot and The Coca-Cola Company.



GLSP Seeks Attorney

Georgia Legal Services, in partnership with Equal Justice Works, is seeking a licensed attorney for a two-year Legal Fellowship for the Savannah office. The Fellow will be a part of the Equal Justice Works' Georgia Housing Corps and seek to preserve affordable housing by representing tenants, primarily subsidized housing tenants, facing eviction or termination of their housing assistance throughout the 11-county area served by the local office. Applicants can apply online at www.glsp.org.

For more information, please contact Amanda Webb, awebb@glsp.org or 912.651.2283x2754.

Office Space Available at 1909 Abercorn Street

Bernard Williams & Company, LLC has quality office space at 1909 Abercorn Street that would be ideal for a small law firm, approximately 1200 Square Feet, that is currently available. This space was most recently occupied by Digi-Doc and was used previously by Calhoun & Calhoun law firm.

Please contact Alan Williams with any inquiries, (912) 944-6036.

CLE FOR JUDGING HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Judging panel members may now claim CLE credit hours for serving as a panel member during rounds of the high school mock trial tournament. Panel members may claim 1 CLE Hour (may be applied as credit for both a Trial and Professionalism hour) for serving during any round of the Regional, District, or State Final round(s) of competition. If you are interested in serving on a panel for rounds held in Savannah, please contact Craig Call (ccall@sampclaw.com) or John Manly (john@jbmlawpc.com) for more information.

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.