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SBA, YLD Hold November 17 Events

On November 17, 2022, the Savannah Bar Association held its monthly luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club. Guest speaker Bob Ohrablo, President of Zawyer Sports/the Savannah Ghost Pirates, spoke about the process of bringing a professional ice hockey team to Savannah and encouraged SBA members to check out a Ghost Pirates game at Enmarket Arena.

At that same luncheon, Young Lawyers Division President Nicole Pope of Gulfstream Aerospace presented a check in the amount of \$3,500.00, proceeds from the YLD's sixteenth annual Charity Golf Tournament held on June 17, to The Mediation Center. Executive Director Jill Cheeks and Guardian Ad Litem Program Director Amanda Love were in attendance to receive the donation.

That evening, the YLD held its monthly happy hour at The Alida Hotel's Lost Square Rooftop Bar. Turnout exceeded expectations and included many new faces. Thanks to McKee Court Reporting, Inc., for sponsoring! Visit McKee's website at mckeecourtreporting.com.



Bob Ohrablo



YLD Social Chair Amelia Stevens, Jill Cheeks, Amanda Love, YLD President Nicole Pope



Alida Hotel Rooftop Bar



Mass Swearing-In Held

On November 7, 2022, Judge Benjamin W. Karpf of the Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia swore in the following new attorneys:

- Jenean Boyd Barker
- Matthew Richard
- Bryce Taylor
- Madison Taylor Hayes
- Madison Elizabeth Immel
- Felix Bernard Alfred Kloc
- Dejay Patel
- Wes Parker Rahn
- Benjamin Daly Summerlin
- Belen Maria Wilson
- Paige Medley



The Savannah Bar Association welcomes these new Savannah attorneys, all of whom are encouraged to join the SBA! Many thanks to Judge Karpf and Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court Tammie Mosley for making this event possible. And special thanks to YLD Membership Co-Chair Amber Robinson of the Chatham County Public Defender's Office for organizing the event!





THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL FORM 2022-2023

WHAT IS THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION (YLD)?

The Savannah YLD is a subgroup of the Savannah Bar Association, and any local attorney under the age of 35, or who has been admitted to practice less than 5 years, is invited to join. Local attorneys who are waiting on Georgia Bar Exam results are also invited to join. YLD hosts many social activities and service projects throughout the year. Upcoming events include regular happy hours at favorite establishments, the annual holiday party, and the annual charity golf event.

HOW DOES YLD SERVE THE COMMUNITY?

YLD participates in many service projects during the year including High School Mock Trial, Law Week, Over the Edge for Boy Scouts of America, and preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House.

WHAT CAN YLD DO FOR YOU?

YLD provides many opportunities for young lawyers to:

- Socialize and network with other young lawyers
- Meet and work with members of the “Big Bar” (the Savannah Bar Association)
- Learn more about the community through service projects
- Get involved with the State YLD

HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete and return the form below with your check to Sophia Karnegis at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia at skarnegis@ellispainter.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR ARE:

\$60.00 for private sector

\$30.00 for government/public sector including judicial clerks

Please complete and return this portion with your check made payable to Savannah Bar Association - YLD to:

Sophia E. Karnegis

Ellis Painter

7 East Congress Street, Second Floor

Savannah, Georgia 31401

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Mock Trial Volunteers and Coaches Needed

The 2022-2023 High School Mock Trial season is underway and volunteer evaluators are needed to host the regional competition here in Savannah. The mock trial competition is always a great experience for area high school students and volunteers alike. If you are interested in learning about the program in general or volunteering to help with the regional or district (or both) competition please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call (ccall@smaclegal.com), for more information.

If you are interested in mentoring/coaching students participating in the competition, St. Andrews and Savannah Arts Academy are looking for an attorney coach to assist with their Mock Trial teams this year. Each team must have an attorney coach to be eligible to participate in the competition; please consider volunteering for this worthwhile program.

Judging Panel Volunteers are needed for the Regional Competition date on Saturday, February 4 at the Chatham County Courthouse. There will be 1 morning round, 1 afternoon round, and 1 late afternoon round. The competition needs 28 volunteers for each round, so there are a total of 84 slots to fill! Please consider helping for this very worthwhile program.

Any judging panel volunteer is eligible to receive 1 CLE hour (general and trial) volunteering!

To sign up to volunteer or for more information, please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call (ccall@smaclegal.com).

Thank you,
Craig A. Call
Region 14 Coordinator
Georgia High School Mock Trial Program



Bouhan Falligant Honored with Eight First-Tier Rankings in 2023 Edition of *U.S. News - Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”*®

[Bouhan Falligant](#) was recently recognized by the 2023 edition of *U.S. News-Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”*® with prestigious first-tier rankings in eight practice areas:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Elder Law
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Real Estate Law

Firms honored with a first-tier “Best Law Firms” ranking are selected based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process.

In addition, Bouhan Falligant was also recognized nationally for the firm’s work in Education Law, Insurance Law, Litigation-Real Estate, Trusts & Estates Law, Workers’ Compensation Law-Employers, and Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants. The final rankings are published on the [U.S. News website](#).



HunterMaclean Honored with Thirteen First-Tier Rankings in *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® 2023 “Best Law Firms”

[HunterMaclean](#), a business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, was honored to be recognized with thirteen first-tier rankings in the 2023 edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms.” The complete list of rankings is published on the [U.S. News website](#).

First published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* is recognized as one of the oldest and most esteemed peer review guides in the legal profession worldwide. Thousands of firms nationwide are considered through a detailed evaluation process before *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers* make selections for a first-tier “Best Law Firms” ranking.

HunterMaclean received first-tier rankings in the following practice areas:

- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Corporate Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Construction
- Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Railroad/Transportation Law
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

HunterMaclean also received rankings in Health Care Law, Tax Law, and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants. In addition to these rankings, twenty-eight HunterMaclean attorneys were selected earlier this year for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2023.

Best Lawyers is compiled based on extensive peer review evaluations from well-respected attorneys in similar practice areas, client and lawyer evaluations, and additional information included in the formal submission process. Reviews are based on several factors including expertise, integrity, responsiveness, understanding of a business and its needs, cost-effectiveness, civility, and the rate of referrals.



Oliver Maner Recognized on U.S. News' "Best Law Firms" Rankings for 2023

Prestigious law firm adds more honors during its 125th year

Oliver Maner, one of Savannah's most prestigious law firms, was honored by U.S. News & World Report. The Best Lawyers rating entity named the firm to its 2023 list of "Best Law Firms." Earlier this year, 17 attorneys were named to the 2023 Best Lawyers list and three received "Ones to Watch" recognition.

Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected lawyer-ranking service in the world. Available only in select markets, "Best Law Firm" winners are specific to practice areas. They are determined based on several factors, including feedback from lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers on individual lawyer and firm-wide work, the size and coverage of the firm in a specific practice area, historical analysis of the firm's "Lawyer of the Year" awards in this area, and research surrounding the firm's overall scope and areas of expertise.

"This honor is a testament to the personal service our attorneys give our clients and the level of professionalism they are committed to," said Patrick T. O'Connor, Managing Partner of Oliver Maner. "We'll keep at it and work just as hard in the future to earn the respect of our clients and our peers."

The Best Lawyers recognition is based solely on peer review. The methodology captures, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers regarding the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice area. It is a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services.

Oliver Maner achieved Tier 1, the highest ranking, for 10 out of 13 categories:

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Real Estate
- Mediation
- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law
- Workers' Compensation Law – Employers

Oliver Maner also received recognition in Bet-the-Company Litigation, Family Law and Corporate Law.

For more than 40 years, Best Lawyers has assisted those in need of legal services in identifying the lawyers best qualified to represent them in distant jurisdictions or unfamiliar specialties. Best Lawyers awards are published in leading local, regional and national publications across the globe. Greenberg and Shawe, LLP.

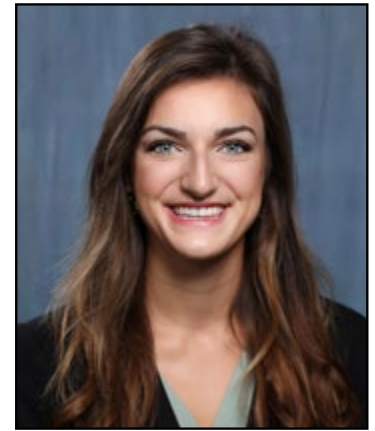


Brennan & Wasden, LLC Hires Attorney Jenny B. Summerlin

Brennan & Wasden, LLC is pleased to announce the hiring of Jenny B. Summerlin as an associate attorney with a focus on medical malpractice defense.

Summerlin graduated with honors from the University of Georgia School of Law in May 2022. In addition, she has earned a Master of Arts in Teaching and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Covenant College.

Prior to completing her law degree, Summerlin completed an internship with the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and was a summer associate with James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP in Macon, GA. She was also an AP English Teacher with Mount de Sales Academy in Macon, GA and started an English program for teenage girls in Costa Rica.



Jenny B. Summerlin

Georgia Trend Recognizes Bouhan Falligant Attorneys as “Legal Elite”

Bouhan Falligant attorneys Shayna A. Bowen, Harris G. Martin, and Margaret W.S. Puccini were recently recognized in the December 2022 issue of Georgia Trend as part of the publication’s prestigious “Legal Elite” designation. Legal Elite recognizes the top attorneys in the state of Georgia as selected by their peers.

Bowen was recognized for her work in healthcare law, Harris in the area of real estate construction law, and Puccini in the area of bankruptcy rights.

Georgia Trend’s Legal Elite issue honors the state’s most effective attorneys in a number of practice areas, including bankruptcy/creditors’ rights, business law, corporate law, criminal law, family law, general practice, labor & employment, personal injury, public finance/bonds, and taxes/estates/trusts. Recipients, who must be a member of the State Bar and live and practice in Georgia, are nominated and selected by their peers.



Shayna Bowen



Harris Martin



Margaret Puccini



Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe welcomes attorney Belen Wilson

The law firm of Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe has welcomed Belen M. Wilson as an attorney with the firm.

Ms. Wilson was raised in Savannah and earned a J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Before attending law school, she attended Emory University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Spanish.

While in law school, Ms. Wilson, who is a native Spanish speaker, was a member of the Wake Forest Law Review, which selected two of her comments for publication. During final year, she was honored with the “Best 3L Publication” and she participated annually in the Wake Forest Law Transactional Law Competition.



Belen Wilson

Please go to www.wswgs.com to learn more about Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg and Shawe, LLP.

Lasky Cooper Law Congratulates Danny Justus

Lasky Cooper Law wants to congratulate attorney Danny Justus on his recent graduation from the Trial Lawyers College. Danny spent three and a half weeks of October in Estes Park, Colorado learning and training under a faculty and staff committed to representing individuals in need and the power of our jury system. Throughout this process he spent days diving into the intricacies of jury perception, client understanding, and trial techniques.

Chartered in 1994, Trial Lawyers College is dedicated to training and educating lawyers and judges who are committed to the jury system and to representing and obtaining justice for individuals. The goal of the program is to foster and nourish an open atmosphere of caring for people regardless of their race, age, creed, religion, national origin, physical abilities, gender, or sexual orientation.

Danny endured an extremely difficult curriculum and flourished in the process. As always, we are very proud of Danny’s accomplishments. Being chosen for and successfully completing this program is no different.





Maria Justus Has Clothes for Your Clients

Attorney Maria Justus of Lasky Cooper Law is excited to announce the availability of her closet primarily to serve indigent defendants in coastal Georgia. She currently serves as a CJA Panel attorney in the Southern District and found herself personally purchasing clothing for her client's court appearances. At that time, she realized she was likely not the only person in that situation and wanted to do something to help. She has been able to collect a variety of items for both men and women to wear for their court appearances if they are out on pre-trial release or bond and for those who are currently detained. She hopes that many attorneys take advantage of this service for their clients. While the primary focus is to serve indigent defendants, this can be utilized by any person in need regardless of whether they are in private practice, work in public defense, or court appointed work. There are different guidelines for those who are detained so please make sure to reach directly with any questions you may have about utilizing this service so that you are not hindered by any time constraint. If you have a client in need, be it for a court appearance, a job interview post release, or any other time a person may need these items but cannot afford them, the goal is to help all persons in need.



If you are interested in using items for your client, want to know how the process works, contribute by donating work appropriate clothing and accessories, donate monetarily, or donate your time please reach out to Maria Justus directly at mjustus@laskycooperlaw.com.

A tremendous thank you to those who have contributed in some way, big or small that have made this possible.

Specific thanks to:

Attorney Richard Sanders, Andrews & Sanders Law Offices

The Savannah Jaycees

Jo Hannah Burch, Hunter Maclean

Attorney Amy Lee Copeland, Rouse & Copeland, LLC

The Judicial Staff of the Southern District of Georgia

Lite Foot Company

Attorney Lynne Fleming, Fleming Law PC

And everyone at Lasky Cooper Law for their patience, contributions, and support.



Gulfstream Aerospace Job Posting

Gulfstream seeks to hire a Contract Manager 1. The job requirements and duties are set forth below. Resumes can be sent to kristin.painter@gulfstream.com.

Contract Manager I

Education and Experience Requirements

Bachelor's Degree Business, Finance, Marketing or related curriculum or equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. 4 years relevant experience.

Position Purpose:

With occasional but minimal direction, assist senior department members in the performance of all assigned activities related to the development, negotiation, and administration of routine contracts, where moderate latitude and developmental judgment is involved, ensuring adherence to Gulfstream's overall business strategy and corporate policies. The job incumbent is considered a technical expert in the administration of contracts.

Essential Functions:

- In accordance with approved business strategies, prepare assigned letters of intent, agreements and related contractual documents, and negotiate contractual commitments as directed with the customer and/or supplier or serve as a member of a negotiating team when assigned.
- Serve as a consultant to management and internal/external customers and/or suppliers on matters pertaining to policies, plans and objectives related to contracts and assist as directed in the development of strategies and of the resulting agreements, special considerations, schedule requirements, etc.
- Initiate and manage the preparation of documents necessary to fulfill contract requirements. Analyze customer and/or supplier company requirements for contract amendments, responses to internal/external customer and/or supplier identified issues, and similar items.
- Develop, implement, and maintain controls to anticipate/identify and monitor contractual performance and ensure accuracy and completeness of all work-products related to contract performance.
- Maintain continuous surveillance of status and progress of the contract and potential areas of difficulty; recommend corrective actions to be taken to ensure conformance with contract obligations.
- Proactively ensure that agreements and related documents are performed by appropriate personnel within the company and within the established operating schedules, government regulations, and company policies and objectives.
- Interact in a timely manner with internal/external customers, suppliers, and their applicable representatives to identify, recommend, and implement solutions for potential contractual issues and requirements.
- Provide subject-matter expertise and assistance to prepare documentation and checklists and coordinate with internal/external customers and outside parties (e.g. attorneys, escrow agents, and financing companies) as necessary.
- Ensure internal/external customer and/or supplier satisfaction with the contracting process, contract performance, and delivery.



- Proactively assist in developing and implementing new/improving existing policies and practices to address changing internal and external contracting requirements.

Additional Functions:

- Ensure departmental maintenance of accurate computer generated records and preparation of various reports as required.
- Provide technical leadership and training to other department employees and other organizations.
- Perform other duties as assigned.
- Other Requirements:
 - Must have a thorough knowledge of applicable regulations.
 - Must have basic negotiating skills.
 - Working knowledge of contracts pricing and finance. .
 - Where applicable, ability to obtain and maintain security clearance.
 - Strong leadership, team skills and problem solving ability required.
 - Must have excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills.
 - Must a high level of proven computer literacy.

Harris Lowry Manton Job Posting

Harris Lowry Manton LLP is seeking a trial attorney who is highly motivated and a self-starter to handle an active caseload. The candidate will also assist senior partner in developing, handling, and preparing cases for trial. Must have excellent research and writing skills. Medical malpractice, product liability and/or trial experience is preferred. Ideal candidate will have at least 5 years of practice and be located in or around the Savannah area. Compensation includes competitive salary ranging from \$100k-\$125k, comprehensive benefits package, and opportunities for bonuses based on production. Please send resumes directly to benita@hlmlawfirm.com.

The Manely Firm's Savannah Holiday Open House

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season and support America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia! Please bring one or more of the following items to support those in need: peanut butter, jelly, canned proteins and meats (tuna, chicken, beef stew), soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta, and rice.

128 Habersham St. Savannah 31401
Thursday, December 8
5-7pm

Please RSVP to melissa.pike@allfamilylaw.com.

We hope to see you there!



Billy Norse's Novel "The Divorce Lawyer" Now Available

Billy Norse, local Savannah attorney, is proud to announce the release of his debut novel – *The Divorce Lawyer*. *The Divorce Lawyer* is a fictional, romantic legal thriller that contains elements familiar to most attorneys: drama, both inside and outside the courtroom, comedy and suspense. It is the story of a young professional and how her life gets completely upended following a consultation with a divorce attorney. *The Divorce Lawyer* is available for purchase on Amazon in paperback and Kindle formats.

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.