



# The Citation

## October

### GREG SAPP TAKES HELM AT ROTARY

Judge Gregory V. Sapp was inducted on July 6th as the 20th president of the Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise. He was sworn in by Past District Governor Lynn Hadwin. Past President Carol Coppola presented Judge Sapp with the President's gavel. Sapp is the third Savannah Bar member to serve as the club's president. Both Clete Bergen and Bill Broker have led the club.

Judge Sapp, a native of Savannah and graduate of both the University of Georgia and the University of Georgia School of Law, has served as a judge on the State Court of Chatham County since 2011. Prior to going on the bench, Sapp practiced law in Savannah for 25 years. He is active in the community and serves on many local boards as well as having served two terms on the Savannah Chatham County School Board before taking the bench.



### Gun Law in Georgia

Your Complete Guide to Regulatory and Liability Concerns for Buying, Selling or Owning Firearms

**December 12, 2017 | Savannah, Georgia**

Presented by

Hilary L. Burns, Jennifer R. Burns, Patrick S. Ferris, Lynne M. Fleming and J. Maria Waters

Continuing Education: CLE—6.0 (Incl. 1.0 ethics)



# One by One; Savannah Attorneys Can Make a Big Difference

The Lawyer’s Division of United Way of the Coastal Empire has committed to raise \$86,000 for this year’s fund drive. Leading the effort are two SBA members, Bobo Mullens of Oliver Maner and Dave Burkoff of HunterMaclean.

Last month, more than 1,000 people gathered at the Civic Center to kick off the United Way annual fundraising campaign. Chaired by Dr. Todd Cellini of South University, United Way set a goal of \$8,251,641 to improve the lives of families and individuals in our community. United Way funds more than 100 programs, which represent 63 local non-profit organizations.

Last year, United Way and its partners jumped in to help after disaster struck by providing 8,000 meals at 19 canteen sites to first responders and disaster victims, and helping fill 612 empty refrigerators with grocery vouchers. Funds raised through United Way in this community also provided 14,000 hours of therapeutic services to children and adults, and found enriching employment for 88 adults with disabilities. With gifts from neighbors and community leaders, nearly 5,000 nights of safe shelter and support services were provided to 185 local children.

Thanks to the Herschel V. Jenkins Trust Fund and other revenue, administrative and fundraising costs are covered, which maximizes the power of your gift.

To make a difference in our community, your donation can be made at the United Way’s website ([www.uwce.org](http://www.uwce.org)), or by contacting the 2017 Lawyer’s Division Campaign Co-chairs, Bobo Mullens and Dave Burkoff.



**Dave Burkoff**  
HunterMaclean



**Bobo Mullens**  
Oliver Maner

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## HUGS! (Heads-Up Guidance Services) Holds Boo Bash

HUGS! is a local non-profit organization providing professional Mental & Behavioral Health Counseling & Addiction Recovery Services to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay; their volunteer staff fills a critical need in our community.

On October 20th, 2017 HUGS! held its third annual Boo Bash Halloween Party & Costume Contest at the Alee Temple. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

If you are interested in learning more about HUGS!, please come visit our Comprehensive Counseling Center at 706 Wheaton Street to see first hand what a difference HUGS is making in our community. Or, visit our webpage: [www.HeadsUpSavannah.org](http://www.HeadsUpSavannah.org)



Matthew R. Toler, Heads-Up Guidance Services, Board of Directors Vice Chairman, 912-200-4018



# Thomas A. Withers, Sr. inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers

Thomas A. Withers, Sr., a long time partner with Gillen Withers & Lake, LLC, was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers during the recent 2017 Annual Meeting of the College in Montreal, Quebec.

Membership in the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Membership is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds, who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Fellowship is limited to one percent of the lawyers in any individual state or province.

Mr. Withers is a trial lawyer and former federal prosecutor who concentrates his practice in State and Federal criminal defense, as well as complex civil litigation. Before entering private practice, Mr. Withers served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Savannah for the Southern District of Florida, where he was the Chief of the Criminal Division in that office from 1993 - 1998.

The American College of Trial Lawyers maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on important legal issues relating to its mission. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings.



**Thomas A. Withers**  
Gillen Withers & Lake, LLC

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# Bouhan Falligant Hires Ashley Henson as New Attorney

Falligant announced that it is expanding its practice, hiring Ashley Henson as a new associate attorney.

Henson graduated from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in political history. She earned her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2015.

At UGA, Henson served as articles editor for the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, where she published a note related to international trade and chemical regulation. Henson was also a member of the UGA Law Public Interest Practicum, Women’s Legal Society, and Christian Legal Society.

She served as a judicial intern for both the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Bouhan Falligant, Henson served as law clerk to the Hon. R. Stan Baker, United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.



**Ashley Henson**



Bouhan Falligant is a full-service Georgia law firm with experienced attorneys who can handle a broad range of complex legal issues for businesses, governmental entities, organizations, professionals, and individuals, both regionally and nationally. Through more than 135 years of practicing law, the firm has developed the deep knowledge base and sound judgment that delivers value to our clients.



## David Wood presented CACJ's 2017 STAR Award as Georgia's Top Accountability Court Coordinator

At the 2017 Council of Accountability Court Judge's (CACJ) State Conference, the CAJC presented David Wood, the DUI Court Coordinator for the Savannah/Chatham DUI Court, with the CACJ's annual STAR Award in the category of "Coordinator." This award is presented to the outstanding coordinated among all accountability courts in the State of Georgia.

For the last 14 years David has served the Savannah/Chatham DUI Court and the participants of the DUI Court program with forthrightness, care, and an unparalleled commitment to ensuring participant success. Each and every person that passes through the program is an individual life that he treats as if it is his own family or close friend. His unassuming, quiet, caring, yet tough no-nonsense personality helps him connect well with participants. David is a participant encyclopedia, remembering not simply each person's name, but important details about them that contribute to their success. David keeps the ship afloat, managing many people and issues with precision. He also participated in the state-wide committee that created the standards for all accountability court coordinators and serves as a staff facilitator and liaison for the Chatham accountability courts coalition.



David Wood

The Savannah-Chatham Court has received countless letters over the years that specifically name and thank David for his hard work and help in getting their lives back on track. Many participants credit him with changing their lives for the better. Past participants have highlighted that he is tough and strict, but also caring. There are a number of people that enter into the DUI Court program that are not yet ready to make real changes and sometimes resent the process, not understanding the help that David is trying to provide. By the time they graduate, they appreciate David's candid and direct approach, embracing the value of it and encouraging other participants to follow his advice.

One participant that graduated from DUI Court 12 ½ years ago said,

*"12 ½ years ago I was addicted to drugs and alcohol. David Wood, my Coordinator, was one of the few people that never gave up on me. I am sober today because of him. He is hard working and dedicated. He operates by the book. His stability allowed me to follow his good example. I am now doing good things and involved heavily with my church. I could go on and on..."*

This participant acknowledges that David changed his life. This is merely one example of the impact that David Wood has had and continues to have on our participants. He is a vital part of this program and central to its continued success. He is certainly a STAR and deserving of this award.



## Julia Sullivan Selected for Pro Bono Award

Julia Sullivan of Stone & Sullivan, LLC has been selected by the State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee and the Pro Bono Resource Center as the 2017 recipient of the H. Sol Clark Pro Bono Award. Named for former Georgia Court of Appeals Judge H. Sol Clark of Savannah, the award honors an individual lawyer who has shown outstanding commitment to providing pro bono civil legal services to low-income citizens. Julia serves as chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the Savannah Bar Association and volunteers her time with Georgia Legal Services as a pro bono attorney. She has been a strong advocate for the provision of pro bono services and has worked hard to improve the operation of the pro bono project of the Savannah Bar and GLSP.

Sullivan will be recognized for her service at the State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono Awards Reception on November 15. The recognition will take place at the State Bar headquarters in Atlanta. Other members of the Savannah Bar who have been so honored include Judge Clark, Albert Mazo and Dolly Chisholm.

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## Erin Muldoon Joins Karen Dove Barr

Attorney Karen Dove Barr is pleased to announce that Erin Muldoon Haug has joined Karen Dove Barr’s law practice. Erin earned her Juris Doctor from University of North Dakota School of Law in 2004 and practiced law in Minnesota and North Dakota for 11 years prior to relocating with her family to Savannah, Georgia. Erin was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 2015 and maintains her law license in North Dakota and Minnesota. Dove Barr and Muldoon Haug have over 50 years of combined legal experience and provide legal services for family law, criminal defense, immigration, probate and estate planning.

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## 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.

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## Savannah High School Builds Mock Trial Team; Attorney Volunteers Needed

Robert Kicklighter, law academy instructor at Savannah High School, is working to build Savannah High's mock trial team. The team is currently being assisted by the Savannah Law School and the U.S. Attorney's Office, but desires to grow the program even more. Attorneys are encouraged to contact Mr. Kicklighter and join him in working with Savannah High's wonderful young aspiring lawyers.

Robert J. Kicklighter, Director, Savannah High School Law Academy  
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(912) 242-4959 (Cell)



## YLD Hosted Annual Haunted Trolley Tour

On October 26th, the YLD hosted it's annual Haunted Trolley Tour through downtown Savannah. This event was made possible by the generous support of Gilbert & Jones. Thank you to all who attended and helped make the event a success!



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## Thank You for Your Pro Bono Service

Georgia Legal Services Program thanks all the attorneys who accepted Pro Bono cases from July 1, 2017 through September 2017. If you would like to join this elite group of attorneys who are furthering GLSP's mission to provide quality representation to eligible clients, please contact GLSP Pro Bono Coordinator Ruth Ann Dutton at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2184 or [rdutton@glsp.org](mailto:rdutton@glsp.org).

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## Tools of the Trade Comes to Savannah

Tools of the Trade Legal is proud to announce that it is opening for business in the greater Savannah area. Tools of the Trade provides IT services, consulting and training for attorneys. We come to your office, on your schedule, tailor our services to your specific needs and equipment, and teach at your level. Whether you want to learn how to do it yourself, or just have it done for you, you get fast IT answers without a service contract.

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## 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](mailto:SBACitation@gmail.com) with submissions or inquiries.