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Harris Lowry Manton LLP Hosts 5th Annual First Responder Appreciation Celebration in Savannah

The law firm of Harris Lowry Manton LLP recently hosted the 5th Annual First Responder Appreciation Luncheon at Daffin Park in Savannah, Ga. The event attracted more than 200 first responders from across the area and featured a picnic-style lunch catered by Chef Kirk Blaine, live music by Junkyard Angel, free giveaways and a special memorial tribute to fallen first responders.

“This event originally started five years ago as a way to express our gratitude to local first responders, who work hard to keep everyone in our community safe,” said Harris Lowry Manton LLP partner Steve Lowry. “At Harris Lowry Manton, we work with first responders throughout the year, and we thought it was important to take a day to honor them for their dedication, bravery and service to the community.”

This free event, which took place on September 25, united attorneys and staff from the law firm’s offices in Atlanta and Savannah. Local police officers, firefighters and paramedics came out to enjoy lunch and camaraderie with other first responders at picnic tables set up beneath a canopy of live oak trees.

“It’s cool to see all the first responders at one place at one time for a good reason,” said Deputy Steven Davis with the K-9 unit at the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office. “We all work together, and it’s great to be able to mingle in such a relaxed atmosphere.”

Lt. Commander Linda Conley with Central EMS agreed, adding: “I like the camaraderie between the different groups of first responders. This is my third time attending this event, and I’m already looking forward to next year.”



Attorneys and staff from Harris Lowry Manton LLP’s Atlanta and Savannah offices recently hosted the firm’s 5th Annual First Responder Appreciation Luncheon in Savannah, Ga., offering the opportunity to thank local police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other first responders for their service to the community.

Attorney Maria D. Sayers Joins Harris Lowry Manton LLP as an Associate

Accomplished attorney Maria D. Sayers recently joined the law firm of Harris Lowry Manton, LLP as an Associate. In her new position, Sayers focuses primarily on business tort cases and plaintiff's litigation at the firm's Savannah office.

Before joining Harris Lowry Manton LLP, Sayers owned her own law firm and, most recently, worked as a contractor for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Savannah. She also served as the coordinator for Chatham County's Indigent Defense Unit, where she collaborated with judiciary, executives and attorneys to ensure timely appointment of counsel in indigent criminal cases.

Sayers previously served as Staff Attorney to Chatham County Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann and worked for all six Superior Court judges under the direction of former Chief Judge Perry Brannen, Jr. Earlier in her career, she worked as an Associate Attorney at a major law firm in Savannah.

"We're delighted to welcome Maria to our growing team at Harris Lowry Manton LLP," said firm partner Jeff Harris. "Maria brings an impressive range of legal experience to her new position with the firm as well as a strong commitment to securing justice for our clients."

Born in California and raised in Gwinnett County, Ga., Sayers earned a B.A. in Journalism and Spanish, magna cum laude, from Georgia State University and a J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.



Maria D. Sayers

Before attending law school, Sayers worked as a staff writer for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, production assistant for NBC's Today show during the 1996 Olympic Games and international flight attendant with Delta Air Lines.

A longtime member of the Georgia Bar Association and the Savannah Bar Association, Sayers has a strong commitment to public service. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Savannah Bar Association and previously served as President of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, board member for the Junior League of Savannah and board member for the Truancy Intervention Project in Savannah.

Over the years, Sayers also coordinated Georgia child support seminars for the Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia, organized Guardian ad Litem training in Savannah and coached students in the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition. She currently resides with her husband and two children on Skidaway Island, Ga.



Mock Trial Volunteers and Coaches Needed

The 2018-2019 High School Mock Trial season is approaching quickly and volunteer evaluators/coordinators are needed to host the regional competition here in Savannah. The Savannah Regional Competition will be held on February 2, 2019, at the Chatham County Courthouse. 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 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, Saint Andrews School and Islands High School are looking for an attorney coach to assist with their Mock Trial teams this year. Please contact Saint Andrews School Representative Ben Dombroski (DombroskiB@saintschool.com) or Islands High School Representative Amy Jessee (amy.jessee@sccps.com) for more information.

New Location for Nash Law

Tom Nash is pleased to announce the relocation of the offices of Nash Law Firm, P. C. to 340 Eisenhower Drive, Bldg 800, Savannah GA 31406. Please visit us at our new address.

Briefing and Analysis Services Available

Solos and small firm practitioners, have you got a big project demanding more time than you can spare? Writing that brief is not going to get easier if you leave it to the last minute. That 400-page stack of records on your desk is not going to analyze and organize itself.

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Domestic Mediation Training Available

When: November 7-11, 2018

Where: The Mediation Center, 5105 Paulsen Street, Suite 125D, Savannah, GA 31405

Cost: \$1,500

Register: Contact Lee Robbins at 912-354-6686 or lrobbins@mediationsavannah.com





Nikki Smith Joins Huff, Powell & Bailey, LLC

Huff, Powell & Bailey, LLC is pleased to announce that long time medical malpractice defense attorney, Nikki Smith has joined their firm. Nikki will focus on the defense of physicians, hospitals, and other medical providers in Savannah and South Georgia.

Most recently, Nikki was a claims analyst at MAG Mutual Insurance Company managing pre-suit claims and active litigation on behalf of insured physicians and hospitals in Savannah, South Georgia and Alabama. She has been practicing medical malpractice defense since 2001, with Brennan & Wasden locally, and Carlock Copeland in Atlanta. Nikki has handled the defense of malpractice and personal injury at all stages of the litigation, including jury trials, arbitrations, mediations and appellate work. She was voted Super Lawyers Rising Star by her peers from 2006-2015.

Nikki earned her law degree in 2000 from the University of Georgia School of Law and her Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia. Nikki is the mother to twin 10 year old boys and wife to fellow Savannah Bar Member, Christopher "Smitty" Smith. She enjoys spending time with her family, her dog Gussie, and volunteering for the Telfair, Savannah Country Day School and Oatland Island.



Nikki Smith

Kennesaw State University CLE Program

KSU | Center for Conflict Management - Training & Workshops

Kennesaw State University is offering CLE programs designed for attorneys and mediators through its Center for Conflict Management. All are approved for CLE as well as mediator CE. Upcoming program topics include:

November 9, 2018: Managing Generational Conflict in the Workplace - 11:00am-1:00pm

November 16, 2018: Organizational Change in a Diverse World- 8:30am - 4:30pm

December 10-13, 2018: Restorative Justice Practices 8:30-5:00pm

January 4-6 & 18-19, 2019: 42-Hour Domestic Relations Training - 8:30-5:30pm

February 6-10, 2019: 40 Hour General Mediation Training & Practicum - 8:30pm - 5:30pm

Additional information can be found on our website:

<http://chss.kennesaw.edu/ccm/training-workshops/index.php>



SAVANNAH YLD UPDATE

The Savannah YLD would like to thank LexisNexis for sponsoring the YLD October Trolley Ride event with Old Town Trolley Tours. Our generous sponsors are key to our continuing efforts to foster a vibrant community and sense of camaraderie among our newest members of the Bar. We appreciate the support of LexisNexis and all who attended this spooky event!

The Savannah YLD is looking forward to its Bar Swearing-In Ceremony, to be held on **Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Grand Jury Room of the Chatham County Courthouse. Chief Judge Michael L. Karpf will preside. If you have recently passed the Georgia Bar Examination, congratulations! If you would like to participate in this year's Swearing-In Ceremony, please do the following:

1. **RSVP** to Amanda Kistler at alk@mccorklejohnson.com. Please let Amanda know if a member of the Bar will be joining you to introduce you to the Court. If not, a member of the YLD will be happy to make the introduction.
2. **FAX** a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility to the Superior Court Clerk, Tammie Mosley, by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018**. The fax number is 912-652-7523.
3. **BRING** the original Certificate of Eligibility with you on Thursday, November 8th.

If you are interested in joining the Savannah Young Lawyers Division, please contact Amanda Kistler for membership information, alk@mccorklejohnson.com.





Thank You for Your Pro Bono Service

Georgia Legal Services Program thanks all the attorneys who accepted Pro Bono cases during the third quarter of 2018 (7/1/18-9/30/18). These individuals make access to our courts a reality. If you would like to join this elite group of attorneys who are not only helping GLSP accomplish its mission, but fulfilling the bar's role as a profession, contact GLSP's Pro Bono Coordinator, Ruth Ann Dutton, at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2184 or rdutton@glsp.org.

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Georgia Legal Services Seeks to Update Social Security Referral List

Georgia Legal Services does not handle most Social Security cases. The reason for this is most of the Social Security cases for which assistance is sought involve initial determinations of disability. Because these cases can result in the generation of fees for private attorneys, GLSP does not handle them.

Traditionally Georgia Legal Services has maintained a list of attorneys interested in having clients referred to them who are interested in representing clients in disability determinations. The list the office currently maintains needs to be updated. If you would like to have your name included on the list that is provided to those seeking disability determinations with Social Security, please contact Ruth Ann Dutton, Pro Bono coordinator, at rdutton@glsp.org. Your name will be added to the list that is provided to those seeking assistance.

Should you have any questions, Ms. Dutton can be reached at 912.651.2283x2184.

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.