



# The Citation

## SBA Celebrates Annual Barbecue

On October 22, 2020, The Savannah Bar Association held its annual barbecue at Forest City Gun Club on Ferguson Avenue. The event was the SBA's first in-person gathering since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. In attendance was the family of the late Judge Tom A. Edenfield, Sr., who passed away on October 15, 2019. SBA Secretary Richard A. Sanders, Jr., presented the family with a resolution in honor of Judge Edenfield. Thanks to McKee Court Reporting, Inc. for sponsoring the event, to Sandfly Bar-B-Q for catering, and to Ben Ellis for providing live music!





## Lester B. Johnson, III, and Gwendolyn Fortson Waring Appointed to New State Bar Committee

Lester B. Johnson, III, and Gwendolyn Fortson Waring have been appointed to a new State Bar of Georgia standing committee, “Seeking Equal Justice and Addressing Racism & Racial Bias” created by State Bar President Dawn Jones for three-year terms.

“This standing committee shall consider, analyze, strategize, and recommend to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors how best to: (1) engage, listen and learn from all who are willing to share their experiences with bigotry and racism; (2) identify, address and eradicate bigotry, racism, and racial bias in the administration of justice in this State; (3) encourage, partner with and assist local Bar associations and other law-related organizations, entities and agencies to accomplish these goals state-wide; and (4) otherwise ensure an equal system of justice for all. In addition, this committee shall assist the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors in the execution and implementation of the above enumerated actions.”

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## Chatham County DUI Court to Serve as Model Court

This year the Council of Accountability Court Judges asked the Chatham County DUI Court to serve a three-year term as one of Georgia’s model DUI Courts. The court will assist other DUI Courts in Georgia with technical assistance, information sharing, and site visits. Criteria used in selecting model courts was the program’s age, judge tenure, coordinator tenure, certification scores, and peer review findings.

In May of 2003, Chief Judge H. Gregory Fowler oversaw the creation of the Chatham County DUI Court to provide a successful treatment model for multiple DUI offenders. The court’s goal is to reduce Driving Under the Influence recidivism by addressing the offender’s substance abuse. The court accomplishes this through substance abuse intervention and judicial review. The DUI Court monitors each participant/offender throughout his/her court participation. Additionally, probation supervises the participant throughout his/her probation period.

Another goal of the court is to facilitate the re-licensure of participants. Many current DUI offenders do not complete the re-licensure process and participation in the DUI Court will increase compliance with issues related to re-licensure. Drivers that are licensed are less likely to re-offend, increasing public safety in Chatham County.

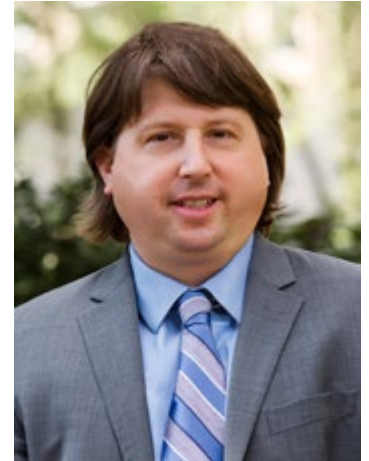
In recent years, the Council of Accountability Court Judges awarded the STAR award to both Judge Fowler and the Court’s coordinator, David Wood, for their prospective positions.



## Attorney Gary L. Redwine Joins HunterMaclean

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, recently welcomed Gary L. Redwine to the firm's Commercial Real Estate Practice Group.

Gary's practice focuses on commercial real estate, structured finance, and environmental law. His experience includes originating loans secured by real estate assets of all types, including office, retail, hotel, multifamily, condominium, and industrial properties. He also has extensive experience representing commercial banks, insurance companies, and real estate investment trusts.



Gary L. Redwine

Gary has served as an attorney-advisor to the Environment Protection Agency, where he focused on the enforcement and compliance regarding the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the Clean Air Act; and the Clean Water Act.

Gary received a B.S. from Western Carolina University and earned his J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

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## Harris Lowry Manton LLP Hosts 7th Annual First Responder Appreciation Event in Savannah, Ga., Serving 300+ Meals

Harris Lowry Manton LLP, an award-winning trial law firm with offices in Savannah and Atlanta, hosted the 7th Annual First Responder Appreciation Event at Daffin Park in Savannah, Ga. on Sept. 25, with attorneys and paralegals serving more than 300 hot meals, free of charge, to first responders from across the area. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event was drive-through only.

“We started this event seven years ago as a way to express our gratitude to local first responders, who work hard every day to keep our community safe,” said Harris Lowry Manton LLP partner Steve Lowry. “This has been a tough year for a lot of people and especially for our first responders, so we wanted to make sure we still carry on this annual tradition in a safe, responsible way, despite the pandemic. This event is a small way to honor the brave men and women who put their lives on the line in emergency situations, each and every day.”

Savannah Mayor Van Johnson, Savannah Police Department Chief Roy Minter, Alderman Nick Palumbo and Alderman Kurtis Purtee attended the event and helped serve meals to local first responders. The popular annual event attracted police officers, firefighters and paramedics from across Chatham County and the surrounding area.



“It seems that the only time a firefighter is appreciated is when something bad happens,” said Deputy Fire Chief Keith Hardin of Chatham Emergency Services. “It’s nice to be recognized for just doing our jobs. Thank you to Harris Lowry Manton LLP for your appreciation.”

The event, which took place on Chatham County’s official First Responder Appreciation Day, included free hamburgers and BBQ pork sandwiches catered by Chef Kirk Blaine and complimentary giveaways for all first responders, including t-shirts, face masks and items donated by Byrd Cookie Company, Nine Line and other local companies.



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## Brennan, Wasden & Painter LLC Seeking Attorneys

Brennan, Wasden & Painter LLC is seeking attorneys to assist with its professional liability and business litigation practice groups in both the Savannah and Augusta offices. Those with deposition and courtroom experience will receive preference. Georgia Bar required. Please contact Matthew Repella, [MRepella@BrennanWasden.com](mailto:MRepella@BrennanWasden.com).

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## Vacant Positions in Augusta-Richmond County

Augusta, Georgia, currently has vacancies for the following positions:

- Paralegal
- Staff Attorney (2)
- Senior Staff Attorney

To view the job postings and apply, please visit [https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/augustaga?department\[0\]=ARC%20LAW%20DEPARTMENT&sort=PositionTitle%7CAscending](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/augustaga?department[0]=ARC%20LAW%20DEPARTMENT&sort=PositionTitle%7CAscending)



“CONFESSIONS OF A SOUTH GEORGIA LAWYER” is a colorful and engaging story of the life and career of a ninety-two-old, retired Savannah attorney. James McAleer, through anecdotes, stories, and revelations of his personal experiences, comments, sometimes in hilarious fashion, on judges and lawyers whom he has known. He also describes the impact of the mass of black and female lawyers to the Bar of Georgia and on events occurring in courtrooms.

The book is available through the author, James Edward McAleer, at 1312 Lavon Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406, phone 912-354-8497. If you purchase the book directly from the author, the price will be only \$30.00. The book is also available at Barnes & Noble, E. Shaver Bookstore, on Ebay, and on Amazon.

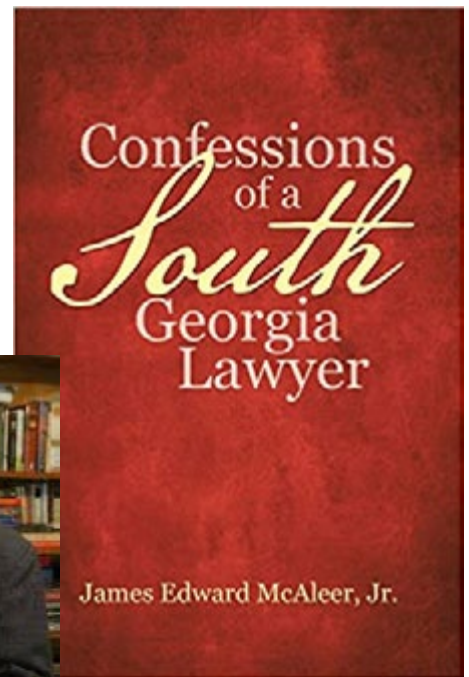
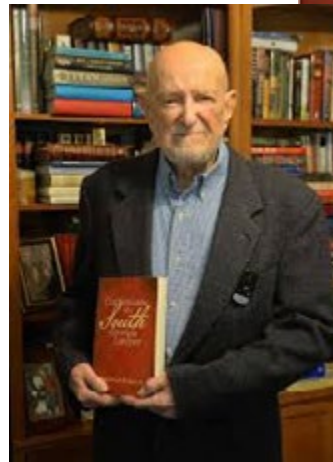


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- Law-related advertisements,
- Articles or announcements regarding your preferred philanthropies
- Other written submissions.

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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.

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