



The Citation

SBA Holds October Luncheon

On October 14, 2021, the Savannah Bar Association held its monthly luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club. Attendees heard from several guest speakers. Kate Strain of Strain Law, LLC introduced Brynn Grant, President and CEO of United Way of the Coastal Empire, who spoke about the organization’s activities in the community and encouraged SBA members to get involved.

Chief Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann of the Superior Court of Chatham County explained the emergency measures undertaken by the court during the pandemic, including use of plexiglass in courtrooms and virtual hearings. And Judge Timothy R. Walmsley, also of the Superior Court of Chatham County, provided an update on the construction of the new courthouse, which is expected to be completed by December of 2023.

Finally, resolutions were presented in honor of the late Tyler Lee Randolph, who passed away on August 5, 2021, and James “Jim” Webster Krembs, who passed away on September 2, 2020.

The next SBA luncheon will take place at noon on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at the Savannah Golf Club. Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth L. Fite, President of the State Bar of Georgia.



Tyler Lee Randolph

James “Jim” Webster Krembs



SBA Annual BBQ Held at Forest City Gun Club

The SBA held its annual barbeque on October 21, 2021, at the Forest City Gun Club. Catered by Silk Road catering, attendees enjoyed good food, drinks, and live music by Ben Ellis. Many thanks to our sponsor, McKee Court Reporting. Please be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming SBA Oyster Roast, scheduled for December 9, 2021.





YLD Trolley Ride

On October 28, 2021, the Savannah YLD held its annual October Trolley Ride with Old Town Trolley Tours. In true Halloween spirit, the event combined merriment and scares, as we heard chilling tales from early Savannah history, including the notorious story of Alice Riley's 1735 hanging in Wright Square for murdering her abusive master, William Wise. We also "learned" that Revolutionary War hero Nathanael Greene cursed Johnson Square, his burial place, which even today remains devoid of Savannah's otherwise ubiquitous Spanish moss.

This year's trolley ride was generously sponsored by Tom Crites & Associates International, a professional association of stenotype reporters and legal videographers. We appreciate their support!





THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL FORM 2021-2022

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 Haley Allen at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Haley Allen at (912) 421-9988 or savannahyld@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2021-2022 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 Young Lawyers Division to:

Rahimi, Hughes & Padgett, LLC

Attn: Haley Allen

33 Bull Street, Suite 590

Savannah, Georgia 31401

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Attorney Jennifer Davenport Joins the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce as Vice President of Community Affairs and In house Counsel

Jennifer joins the Community Affairs department from the Chatham County Attorney’s Office, serving as Assistant County Attorney since 2012. She handled litigation, taxation, land use, and other governmental areas of law in addition to being legal counsel for the Chatham Emergency Management Agency.

Before her time in the County Attorney’s Office, Jen was an assistant public defender with the Eastern Judicial Circuit. Jen’s early career focused on representing indigent individuals facing criminal charges within Chatham County.

In her new role as VP of community affairs and In-House counsel, Jen will work to implement the Chamber’s strategic planning initiative. This effort will examine programs and activities that focus on our area business community’s role in making the Coastal Region a “business healthy” environment.



Jennifer Davenport

With her strong background in public safety, Jen’s experiences are well-suited to her role to assist the Chamber with issues surrounding homelessness, education and workforce development, community transportation, and public safety. Jen will also direct the Chamber’s Leadership Savannah program, celebrating its 60th year in 2022.

A native of Greenville, North Carolina, Jen attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she majored in Russian History and Women’s Studies. She was a member of the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University class of 1999. She is married to Leon Davenport, owner of Thunderbolt Consultants.



Attorney Robert Hurst Joins HunterMaclean

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, recently welcomed Robert Hurst as an associate in the firm’s Business Litigation Group.

A native of Morgantown, West Virginia, Robert graduated from St. John’s College with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. He earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of South Carolina School of Law. During law school, he was a member of the Order of Wig and Robe and the student works editor for the South Carolina Law Review. He also served as a summer law clerk for the CHAMPS Law Clinic, which takes on legal cases on behalf of low-income children and families struggling with medical issues.

Robert worked for several years as a freelance writer and publisher of tourist magazines prior to pursuing a legal career. He was a participant in the 2020 HunterMaclean summer associate program.

Robert and his wife, Sarah, live in Bluffton with their daughter.



Robert Hurst

GLSP Thanks Volunteer Attorneys

Georgia Legal Services Program thanks the following attorneys who volunteered their legal expertise to the clients of the Pro Bono Program during the third quarter of 2021. With the help of these volunteers, we were able to serve 53 people who might not otherwise have received assistance. Our volunteers also provided advice on landlord-tenant matters through the GLSP Landlord-Tenant State Signature Project. We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of lawyers in our community willing to give their time and expertise to help those in need. We truly appreciate your contribution to serving those who otherwise cannot afford legal services.

- Solomon Amusan, The Amusan Law Firm PC
- Richard Barid, Smith Barid, LLC
- Cam Bowman, The Bowman Law Office
- Kristin Cerbone, Attorney at Law
- Dolly Chisholm, Bouhan Falligant LLP
- Ben Davidson, The Cornwell Firm
- Charles Grile, Attorney at Law
- Stephen Harris, Stephen Harris Attorney at Law LLC
- Kathy Horne, Bouhan Falligant LLP
- Matt Hube, The Hube Law Firm, PC
- Andrew Lohn, Meyer & Sayers LLP
- Jerold Murray, Law Office of Jerold L. Murray, LLC
- Skye Musson, Musson Law Offices
- Janice Powell, Attorney-Mediator

- Francesca Rehal, Attorney at Law
- Amber Seymour, The Lerch Law Firm
- Sandra Saseen Smith, GLSP In-House Volunteer Attorney
- Joey Turner, The Turner Law Firm, LLC
- Ashley Yellin, GLSP In-House Volunteer Attorney



Georgia Legal Services Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit law firm. We provide free, civil legal services to low-income or senior-aged Georgians outside of Atlanta.



Volunteer Opportunity

GLSP Pro Se Record Restriction Clinic, Friday, November 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The GLSP Pro Se Record Restriction Clinic educates people on how they can take the first steps in restricting their nonconviction criminal records on their own.

GLSP Record Restriction Signature Project will be holding the next clinic on November 19, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Savannah Technical College.

At the clinic, clinic clients will attend a short presentation on record restriction and then complete petitions to restrict nonconviction records. They will then meet with a volunteer attorney to review their paperwork before filing the paperwork on their own with the arresting agency.

The clinic is limited to 20 preregistered participants. This is a hybrid clinic. Volunteers can participate in person or by video call.

How can you help?

- Volunteer for this one-day clinic.
- Participate in person or by video.
- Meet with clients for a 30-minute consultation to review criminal records and completed petitions.
- Training provided, so no need to worry if you have never practiced criminal law.
- GLSP staff will be on hand to answer questions during the clinic.

For more information or to volunteer, contact:

Sarah J. Anderson
Pro Bono Program Staff Attorney
(912) 963-1883



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Do Justice. Do 50.

The State Bar of Georgia encourages lawyers to provide **at least 50 hours of pro bono** services each year and contribute financially to pro bono programs.

How will you make a difference in our community?

The Mediation Center has numerous ways for you to achieve the Georgia Bar’s suggestion of 50 hours of pro bono service and contribute financially to pro bono programs.

1. Guardian Ad Litem: Make a difference in a child’s life - Train to become a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL). GALs are an arm of the court and are appointed to investigate the case and report on the best interest of the children. To be on The Mediation Center roster to receive GAL cases you commit to taking at least two pro bono cases after you’re trained. Pursuant to the Georgia Bar’s recommendations, you can take a pro bono GAL case (or more) every year to meet their suggestion of 50 pro bono hours per year. In addition to the pro bono GAL cases, we have GAL cases that pay up to \$2,000/case.

Next GAL training: April 8th (9:00 - 5:00) and April 9th (9:00 - 12:00)

Fee: \$600.00

Registration Link: <https://mediationsavannah.com/application-for-gal-training/>

To make a donation, scan the code or request an invoice via this link:

<https://mediationsavannah.com/request-an-invoice/>



2. Donate Today to Family Law Resource Center (FLRC). The FLRC provides family law services at an affordable rate and on a sliding fee scale, including providing services for free. FLRC provides access to justice to those who cannot afford an attorney by providing family law forms, guidance, and education.

3. Donate to The Mediation Center. The Mediation Center is powered by volunteers who are committed to our mission of empowering parties to resolve their conflict through mediation. The Mediation Center charges a flat rate of \$300 per party for domestic mediations. TMC provides domestic mediation services for self-represented parties on a sliding scale, including no fee. The more self-represented cases settled = the more court time allotted for attorneys. Donate Today!

Have questions? Email Trish Murphy at: tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com



Upcoming Mediation Trainings

Virtual Specialized Domestic Violence Training (14 hours) via Zoom:

Must be a registered domestic mediator

When: November 18-19, 2021 or May 12-13, 2022, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$600

Register: <https://mediationsavannah.com/application-for-sdv-mediation-training/>

Virtual Domestic Mediation Training (42 hours) via Zoom:

Must be a registered civil mediator first

When: December 7-11, 2021 OR March 8-12, 2022, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$1,500

Register: <https://mediationsavannah.com/application-domestic-mediation-training/>

Virtual Civil Mediation Training (28 hours) via Zoom:

When: Jan. 19- 22, 2022, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$ 1,250

Register: <https://mediationsavannah.com/application-for-civil-mediator-training/>

Virtual Guardian Ad Litem Training via Zoom:

Must be an attorney

When: April 8-9, 2022

Fee: \$ 600

Register: <https://mediationsavannah.com/application-for-gal-training/>



Social Apostolate Seeks Immigration Assistance

Social Apostolate is a division of Catholic Charities here in Savannah. The agency is seeking to contract with a local attorney experienced in immigration work on a per case basis. The refugees for whom assistance is sought are from Afghanistan and Haiti. Staff at Catholic Charities have basic immigration certification training. For further information, contact Latacia Avila at 912-233-1877.

Opportunity Spotlight: Drew Eckl & Farnham is Hiring!

We are growing fast, and searching for Associates to work alongside established and experienced teams in our Atlanta office!

You must have:

- Demonstrated General Liability or Workers' Compensation experience (depositions, court appearances, prepared and argued motions)
- Juris Doctor
- Active license to practice law in the state of Georgia

Ideal candidates will have the following:

- Strong writing and speaking skills
- Proven ability to manage complex cases
- Outstanding analytical skills
- Ability to conduct depositions and manage discovery
- Passion for litigation

If you believe you are a competitive candidate for this position, please send your resume to Careers@deflaw.com

With over 30 years of experience, Drew Eckl & Farnham offers uncompromising legal service to our clients while striving to implement innovative solutions to complex problems. We are looking for experienced associates who are ready to join a law firm where they can take their careers to the next level.

At Drew Eckl & Farnham, we foster an environment that values collaboration and encourages you to invest in your professional development. Associates receive award-winning training as they transition to partnership, as well as unique opportunities for coaching and mentoring from colleagues across the firm.



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.