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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to the 2017-2018 bar year! I am honored to serve as the president of the SBA as we continue to celebrate our centennial year, and I look forward to seeing you all at our events.

Last year, we exceeded our membership goal of 500, and currently we have over 600 members! By now, you have received an annual membership renewal email and a reminder email. If you have not completed the renewal process, please log on to the [Savannah Bar Association website](#) before the September 29th deadline. It is the last day to renew before your membership lapses.

On September 28th, we kicked off our bar year with a luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club and were honored to have [Bo Rutledge](#), Dean of the University of Georgia School of Law, as the keynote speaker. Our next event will be the annual barbeque on October 19th under the new pavilion at the Forest City Gun Club. Barbeque details and instructions for registering will be emailed to all members next week. Please RSVP for this event, and all other events, and fulfill your RSVP so that we may provide enough food and drinks for everyone while also avoiding having to pay for more than the number of members who attend the events.

See you there!



Margaret "Maggie" Puccini
SBA President
2017-18



2017 SBA HOT TOPICS

Planning for the January 2018 Hot Topics Seminar is already underway. If you are interested in speaking at the Seminar, assisting with planning, sponsoring the event, or if you have any questions about Hot Topics, please contact the Hot Topics Committee Chair, Richard Sanders, at rsandersjr@bellsouth.net.



Meet Your Officers, 2017-2018



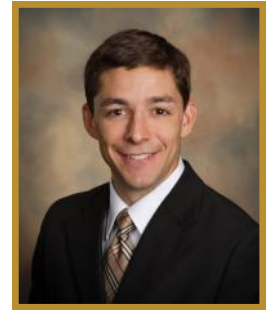
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SBA Selects Committee Members & Chairs

Executive Committee

- Mathew M. McCoy
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Committee Chairs

- Robert Hughes, Nominating Committee
- Chris Steinmetz, Lawyers In Crisis Committee
- Steve Beauvais, Grievance Committee
- Wade Herring, Resolutions Committee
- Richard Sanders, Hot Topics Committee
- Judge Michael Karpf, Courthouse Renovation Committee
- Matthew Mills, Scholarship Committee
- Julia Sullivan, Pro Bono Committee

The SBA would like to express its gratitude to the committee members and chairs for their service to the Bar.

Save the Dates

September 15, 2017
SBA Annual Membership Renewal Date

September 28, 2017
Bar Luncheon—12 noon

October 19, 2017
SBA BBQ from 6:30-8:30 pm

November 9, 2017
Bar Luncheon—12 noon

December 7, 2017
SBA Oyster Roast from 6:30-8:30 pm

January 26, 2018
HOT TOPICS Seminar
Bar Luncheon—12 noon

February 15, 2018
Bar Luncheon—12 noon

March 22, 2018
Bar Luncheon—12 noon

April 27, 2018
The Admiral Harvey Weitz Boat Ride

May 17, 2018
SBA Law Day Luncheon &
Annual SBA Meeting—12 noon

June 21, 2018
SBA Annual Cocktail Party
From 6:00-8:00 pm



Interested in Serving the Savannah Bar Association?

There are openings for a few additional members on the Pro Bono Committee and the Grievance Committee. If you are interested in serving on either of these important committees, please contact Pro Bono Committee Chair Julia Sullivan at julia@stonesullivanlaw.com or Grievance Committee Chair Steve Beauvais at sbeauvais@zlblaw.com.

CLE OPPORTUNITY: WHEN CRIMINAL LAW INTERSECTS IMMIGRATION LAW

**Thursday 12 October 2017
Noon to 5 pm**

AT: First Hispanic Baptist Church, Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, Host
One Gamble Road near Ogeechee Road-US 17, Savannah, GA 31405

3 CLE Hours (Optional, \$15 to GA Bar)

Registration Fee: \$25.00, includes Lunch

SPEAKER: HON. LISA GODBEY WOOD, JUDGE OF USDC, SDGA

**Sponsored by:
Savannah Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys**

Moderator: Gwendolyn Fortson Waring, Esq,
The Waring Law Firm LLC, Savannah, GA

AGENDA INCLUDES:

Grounds for Denial of Entry to the U.S.

Grounds for Removal from the U.S.

Professor Chris Ogolla, Savannah Law School

Criminal Law Consequences on Immigration Status and
How the Defense and the Immigration Attorney can mesh for success

Anna Shirazi, Shirazi Law Offices

Profiling, Muslim Ban and Other Constitutional Issues

Azadeh N. Shahshakani, Project South, Atlanta, GA

Combating Islamophobia

Manzoor Cheema, Regional Organizer, Project South

Registration due NLT Monday 2 Oct 2017 (Late fee: \$10)

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Probate Court Announcement

Chatham County Probate Court Judge Tom Bordeaux is putting together an email list of lawyers who practice in Probate Court who would like to receive notices about the Court and its administrative or policy changes.

If you're not already on it, please email Judge Bordeaux at tbordeaux@prodigy.net requesting to be added.

Notice of Publication Policy Change in Chatham County Probate Court

Commencing October 1, 2017, Chatham County Probate Court will no longer make arrangements with the Savannah Morning News for the publication of probate-related legal notices, nor will we accept any funds or documents for such publication. As of that date, the responsibility for arranging for such publication shall rest with whomever Georgia law requires provide the notice. (If, however, prior to that date we have already accepted your funds and information for publication, we will still handle the arrangements with the newspaper regardless of when the actual publication takes place.) The Savannah Morning News will continue to send the proof of publication directly to the Court to facilitate the filing of it in your case.

I regret that this change has become necessary. For as long as I can remember, the Probate Court assumed this responsibility as a courtesy to the Bar and the public. This change is contrary to my goal of increasing the helpfulness of the Court.

Unfortunately, the size of our staff and the number of hours in the day have not grown at the same pace as has our caseload. Our handling of the posting of the notices with the newspaper and the reconciliation of payments and charges for those notices have become quite time-consuming, and, frankly, our staff need the time to address other matters which the Court is legally obligated to perform. We will be pleased to provide to you with the name and address where payments and information are to be submitted, as well as with any other about format, etc. to assist you in making sure that the publication will properly take place.

Tom Bordeaux
Judge, Chatham County Probate Court

Attorney Announcement

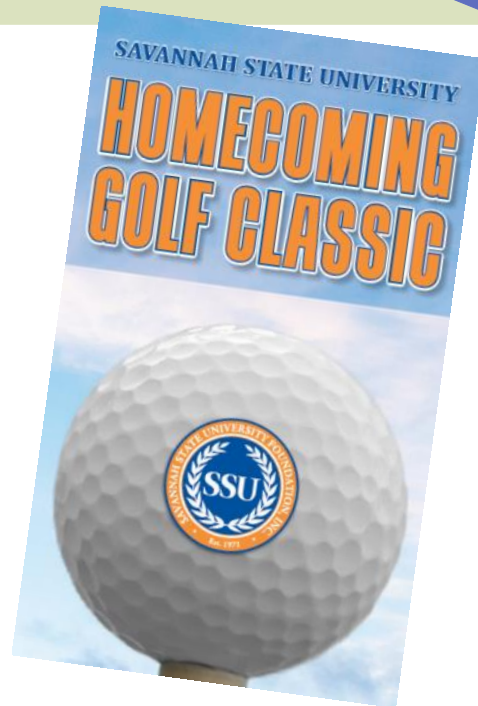
The law firm of Brannen, Searcy & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce that Katie Croghan has joined the firm as an associate. Katie earned her Juris Doctor magna cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2013, where she was a member of the Moot Court Team, the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, and the Appellate Litigation Clinic. As a member of that clinic, she argued in front of a panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. After graduation, she joined the Washington DC office of Paul Hastings LLP, where she practiced in the Global Banking and Payments Systems Group. Prior to joining Brannen, Searcy & Smith, LLP, she served as a judicial law clerk in the chambers of the Honorable Judge William T. Moore Jr. in the Southern District of Georgia. Brannen, Searcy & Smith, LLP, an AV-rated firm, was organized as a partnership by Perry Brannen in 1937 and is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.



2017 Savannah State Homecoming Golf Outing Friday, October 6

The 2017 Savannah State University Homecoming Golf Outing is Friday, October 6 at the Crosswinds Golf Club! Attached is the brochure. All proceeds support scholarships. Please sign up for this great event! Registration includes lunch and a golf shirt. Mulligans and raffle tickets for great prizes on sale at the event!

Please contact Virginia Richardson at 912-358-3053 with any questions.



Sponsorship Opportunities

All sponsors giving at the \$600 or higher level will be named in the event program. Sponsors at the \$5,000 or higher level will receive a publicity photograph on our social media outlets. All sponsors will be recognized on our website.

\$5,000 Presenting Sponsor (16 golfers)

- Recognition as the outing sponsor
- Top naming on tournament welcome banner
- Name on all tournament items
- Full-page ad in tournament luncheon program
- Name on four tee markers & two hole markers
- Name in pre-event & post-event publicity

\$3,500 Title Sponsor (12 golfers)

- Recognition as luncheon sponsor
- Prominent naming on tournament welcome banner
- Name on signs at registration tables
- Prominent recognition in event program
- Name on two tee markers & one hole marker
- Name in pre-event & post-event publicity

\$2,500 Eagle Sponsor (8 golfers)

- Recognition at luncheon as an Eagle sponsor
- Name on tournament welcome banner
- Prominent recognition in event program
- Name on one tee marker & one hole marker
- Name in pre-event & post-event publicity

\$1,500 Birdie Sponsor (6 golfers)

- Recognition at luncheon as a Birdie sponsor
- Name on tournament welcome banner
- Prominent recognition in event program
- Name on one tee marker
- Name in pre-event & post-event publicity

\$1,000 Silver Par Sponsor (4 golfers)

- Name on tournament welcome banner
- Name on one hole marker
- Name in pre-event & post-event publicity
- Recognition in event program

\$600 Bronze Par Sponsor (2 golfers)

- Recognition in event program

\$200 Hole Sponsor (0 golfers)

- Name on one hole marker

I support the 2017 SSU Homecoming Golf Classic at the following sponsorship level:

____ \$5,000 Presenting Sponsorship (16 golfers)

____ \$3,500 Title Sponsorship (12 golfers)

____ \$2,500 Eagle Sponsorship (8 golfers)

____ \$1,500 Birdie Sponsorship (6 golfers)

____ \$1,000 Silver Par Sponsorship (4 golfers)

____ \$600 Bronze Par Sponsorship (2 golfers)

____ \$200 Hole Sponsor (0 golfers)

____ \$125 Per Individual Golfer

Sponsor/Business Name:

Contact Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Payment enclosed Send invoice We are unable to participate, but enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____

You may also charge your sponsorship/contribution to (check one) Mastercard Visa AmEx Discover

Card Number _____ CVV# _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please list the name of the primary contact person regarding golf reservations.

Contact Name _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

If available, please list the name of each golfer. Be sure to include the handicap or index for each golfer as a part of your sponsorship:

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For driving directions, please visit
www.crosswindsgolfclub.com

232 James B. Blackburn Drive, Savannah, GA 31408

The SSU Foundation is a not-for-profit organization. Our Tax ID number is 23-7305890.

Please make checks payable and mail to:

SSU Foundation, Box 20439, 3219 College Street, Gardner Hall, Savannah, GA 31404

Return via fax: 912-358-3665 or scan and email to ua@savannahstate.edu



Thank You Bouhan Falligant for the Generous Donation!

The Family Law Resource Center would like to thank Bouhan Falligant for the generous donation of the reception desk to the Family Law Resource Center. The reception desk is a wonderful addition to our space and allows for a smooth check-in process for the citizens we serve in Savannah and surrounding counties.



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New Phone: 912-354-6057
FLRC Email: frc@mediationsavannah.com
Trish Murphy, Director: tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com

GLSP Welcomes New Housing Attorney

The Georgia Bar Foundation has recently awarded the Savannah Office of Georgia Legal Services special grant funds to hire Amanda Webb as its newest law assistant. She will be working as part of a state-wide Eviction Protection Project and provide legal assistance to low-income renters in private housing. Areas to be considered will be evictions, security deposits, household repairs, and other housing issues.

A native of Calhoun, she graduated from the University of Georgia in 2010. While there, she was able to study Literature and English History at Oxford University. Upon graduation, Amanda served with the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2016, where she was a Toll Public Interest Scholar as well as Managing Editor of the Journal of Law and Social Change. She has previously worked with Bronx Legal Services, assisting in housing court and administrative hearings. During her time in law school, she worked at the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Community Legal Services, Penn Law Transnational Legal Clinic, Women's Law Project, and Philadelphia Legal Assistance.



Georgia Legal Services Releases Annual Report

GLSP has released its Annual Report for 2016. The report includes important information regarding the program and its work throughout Georgia. Several of the cases featured in the report were handled by local Savannah staff and Pro Bono attorneys. It also features an Honor Roll of Contributors for individuals and law firms who contributed to GLSP's "And Justice for All" State Bar Campaign.

As part of a statewide organization, the Savannah Office of GLSP handles legal work for low-income people in civil matters in an 11-county area in southeast Georgia.

To read the report, please visit <http://www.glsp.org/news-and-media/publications/>

Catholic Lawyers Guild to Host Annual Red Mass

The Annual Red Mass will be held in St. Mary's Chapel at the Pastoral Center Thursday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow during which the St. Thomas More Award will be presented. Immediately prior to the Mass, a short business meeting will be held at 5:00.

This event is open to all attorneys, judges, clerks, law students and others engaged in the legal profession. One does not need to be a member of the Guild, nor Catholic, to attend.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

Originating in Europe during the High Middle Ages, the Red Mass is so-called from the red vestments traditionally worn in symbolism of the tongues of fire (the Holy Spirit) that descended on the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Its name also exemplifies the scarlet robes worn by royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago.

There is a fair amount of parking, though limited, in front of the Pastoral Center. Overflow can be accommodated in the Bi-Low parking lot next door. Kindly RSVP to bbroker@glsp so the Guild we will know how many to expect.



Savannah YLD Update

The Savannah YLD is excited to announce its new slate of officers for the 2017-2018 year, as follows:



President
Phillip Thompson



Vice President
Kate Lawson



Treasurer
Bobo Mullens



Secretary
Keri Martin

In addition, the following individuals have joined the board as Chairpersons:



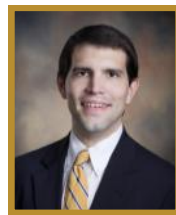
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Taylor Dove



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Amanda
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**Membership
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Sam Mikell



**Co-Social
Chair**
Jay Thaw



**Co-Social
Chair**
Josh Dorminy



**Philanthropy
Chair**
Jill Jenkins

On September 21, the Savannah YLD hosted its annual Kickoff Party at Congress Street Social Club at 5:30 p.m. This event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Pro Legal. Through this event, the YLD is able to meet and welcome many new, young lawyers to the community.

Finally, the YLD proudly notes that through various philanthropic efforts, its members have been able to support the Guardian Ad Litem program as well as Georgia Legal Services Program. The YLD looks forward to continue its service in the community.

Sarah Lamar and the Komen Race for the Cure



Breast cancer affects so many amazing women. I have known these women. We all know them. They are our friends and our family members. They are the current warriors, the current survivors,

and the women who fought bravely but are no longer with us, to include my fabulous sister who passed away in 2006. She is missed every day.



I am participating to honor all of these women. I have run (slowly) the Komen Race for the Cure in the spring, but I'm taking a huge step out of my comfort zone: I'm going to wear this awesome Big Wig, raise money, and raise awareness! It is my hope that breast cancer is completely diminished by the time my three sons are adults. With your generosity, we will be that much closer to that reality. Thank you for helping fund local breast health services and national research.

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.