



# The Citation September

## Guardian Ad Litem Training

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Family Law Resource Center located at 5105 Paulsen Street, Suite 111-A, Savannah, GA 31405, on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 8:15-5:00. To sign up for the training, please contact Trish Murphy at: 912-354-6057 or [tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com](mailto:tmurphy@mediationsavannah.com).



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## Looking for a PT/FT Paralegal?

Interested in hosting a Paralegal Intern for the Spring/Fall (15-weeks) or Summer (8-weeks) Semesters?

If so, contact Debra R. Geiger, Esq., Paralegal Studies Department Head at Savannah Technical College at 912-443-5715 or [dgeiger@savannahtech.edu](mailto:dgeiger@savannahtech.edu).

Our students and recent graduates are eager to learn and work with you!



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## SBA Pro Bono Committee has Openings

The SBA Pro Bono Committee has openings for additional members. Please reach out to Committee Chair, Julia H. Sullivan, at (912)999-8255 or [julia@stonesullivanlaw.com](mailto:julia@stonesullivanlaw.com) to learn more about getting involved in supporting and promoting pro bono legal services and volunteer opportunities in Savannah and the surrounding region.



## Savannah Bar Association Attorneys Named to the The Best Lawyers in America 2019 ®

The Savannah Bar Association has been notified by Rubnitz, Thompson and Ziblut and Oliver Maner of the following members from their respective firms who have recently been selected for inclusion in the 2019 Best Lawyers in America publication. This publication honors those who have been selected by their peers for outstanding achievements in their respective practice areas." Underneath the list of names, please add "In addition to these members, The Savannah Bar Association would like to congratulate all of its members who were selected for the 2019 Best Lawyers in America designation!

**William P. Franklin, Jr.**

**David H. Dickey**

**I. Gregory Hodges**

**Robert W. Schivera**

**Patrick T. O'Connor**

**Patricia Tanzer Paul**

**James P. Gerard**

**Timothy D. Roberts**

**Lee A. Summerford**

**Christopher L. Ray**

**Douglas J. Giorgio, III**

**Andrew M. Wilkes**

**William J. Hunter**

**Julian R. Friedman**

**Liz Thompson**

**Jeff Rubnitz**

**Triece Ziblut**

### Jonathan V. Dunn Announces New Firm

Jonathan V. Dunn is pleased to announce the formation of Jonathan V. Dunn, P.C. Jonathan's practice areas will focus on Family family law and criminal defense.

Prior to establishing JVDPC, Jonathan was a partner with the firm of Johnson, Kraeuter & Dunn, LLC, worked as an attorney with McCorkle & Johnson, LLP, and served as a prosecutor in the Chatham County District Attorney's Office. Jonathan has handled cases at all stages of litigation, to include jury trials and appeals, and he represents clients in the counties of Chatham, Effingham, Bryan, Liberty, Bulloch, and Glynn.

Jonathan earned his law degree from the University of Georgian and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercer University. Jonathan is active in the Family Law section of the State Bar and currently serves on the Executive Committee. He has spoken at several CLE conferences on matters pertaining to venue, multi-state jurisdiction, and areas of developing law. Jonathan enjoys spending time with his family and volunteering at Benedictine Military School, Hancock Day School, and the Jenkins Athletic Club.



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### Savannah Young Lawyers Division Update

On September 20th the YLD hosted its annual Kickoff Party at Congress Street Social Club. This event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of ProLegal. Through this event YLD is able to meet and welcome many new young lawyers to the community. Please contact Amanda Kistler for membership information, [alk@mccorklejohnson.com](mailto:alk@mccorklejohnson.com).

Thanks to all who attended the YLD Alumni Happy Hour event held at Churchill's Gastropub and Taphouse and helped make it a success, it was great to see everyone. The YLD looks forward to its annual Swearing-In Ceremony with Judge Timothy R. Walmsley upon release of bar results...more details to come!



## 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 ([crcall@smaclegal.com](mailto:crcall@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](mailto:DombroskiB@saintschool.com)) or Islands High School Representative Amy Jessee ([amy.jessee@sccps.com](mailto:amy.jessee@sccps.com)) for more information.

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## 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.

Help is available. For a no-surprises flat fee, I will prepare briefs, medical chronologies, financial reviews, indices, and spreadsheets of all sorts. Get back to the parts of practicing law that you love. Call 912-541-3290 or email [mary@totlegal.com](mailto:mary@totlegal.com) for writing samples and price quotes.

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## Catholic Lawyers to Host Two Activities in October

The Notre Dame Club of Savannah and the Catholic Lawyers Guild will host the Honorable Amy Coney Barrett, United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Thursday, October 18, at 8:00 PM. She will deliver the Hesburgh Lecture in Boland Hall at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory Drive.

The 10TH Annual Red Mass will be held in St. Mary's Chapel at the Pastoral Center, 2170 E. Victory Drive, Wednesday, October 24, 5:00 PM. A reception will follow during which the St. Thomas More Award will be presented. If you plan to attend, contact Bill Broker at [bbroker@glsp.org](mailto:bbroker@glsp.org).

All events are open to 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.

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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](mailto:lrobbins@mediationsavannah.com)



## Attorneys Zachary B. Harris and Amy D. Mitchell Join HunterMaclean

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and Brunswick, recently welcomed Zachary B. Harris as an associate in HunterMaclean's real estate group in Brunswick and Amy D. Mitchell as an associate in the firm's employment and business litigation groups.

"Both Zach and Amy are a welcome addition to our team at HunterMaclean," said Brad Harmon, HunterMaclean's managing partner. "Their experience and expertise will certainly be an asset to our firm."

Zach recently practiced as an associate with a civil litigation firm in St. Simons Island and served as assistant counsel for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Zach has experience with government procurement and contracting, government affairs and administrative law, coastal permitting, condominium and homeowners' associations, and civil rights laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act. Zach earned his B.S. in political science and religion from Emory University and his Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law. During his time in law school, he worked as a legislative and legal aide for members of the Georgia House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Zach is a member of the Georgia Coastal Marshlands Protection and Shore Protection Committees and serves on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Brunswick Area Transportation Study. He is a graduate of Leadership Glynn and an active member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Glynn County Bar Association, the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Simons Land Trust.

Amy Mitchell will concentrate her practice in HunterMaclean's employment and business litigation groups. Prior to joining HunterMaclean, Amy served as a clerk for the Honorable Kathleen Tafoya, the U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado. Amy graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in international affairs. She earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Mississippi, where she served as a student advocate for the University of Mississippi Low-Income Housing Clinic. During her time in law school, Amy also completed a volunteer legal internship with the Georgia Legal Services Program in Athens, Georgia.



**Zachary B. Harris**



**Amy D. Mitchell**



## Due Justice: Georgia Legal Services' Pro Bono Program

The foundation of Georgia Legal Services' mission is to provide civil legal representation to low-income folks who would not be able to afford it otherwise, and our Pro Bono Program plays a crucial part. Each Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) office houses attorneys who specialize in various areas of the law — like housing, domestic violence, and estate matters — and every office offers something a little bit different. Not every office practices in the same areas of law, and sometimes we get cases that we just do not have resources to cover in our service area (eleven counties in southeast Georgia).

There are numerous incentives for working with GLSP's Pro Bono Program. Every year, the State Bar of Georgia gives out awards to attorneys and law students who provide outstanding Pro Bono services. The Institute of Continuing Legal Education distributes certificates valued at \$150 to any lawyer who takes three or more Pro Bono cases from our program. Additionally, the Georgia Bar Journal recognizes these attorneys in its June edition. The Savannah Bar also recognizes its Pro Bono volunteers — and will do so again in early 2019.

If attorneys do decide that they want to participate in our Pro Bono Program, they will never go it alone. Our program involves a comprehensive process before we ever make a referral. First, we screen the case for income eligibility — whether this client qualifies for free legal services. Then we review the merits of the case. After we complete the intake determinations, we begin the Pro Bono referral process.

We continue to provide our volunteer attorneys with resources throughout the duration of the case. We give them access to sample pleadings, training seminars, and a volunteer support website, [www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org](http://www.GeorgiaAdvocates.org). We have back-up attorneys on hand in case any Pro Bono attorney needs assistance. GLSP also offers every Pro Bono attorney professional liability insurance for each case undertaken.

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering for GLSP's Pro Bono Program, please do not hesitate to contact GLSP. Give our Pro Bono Coordinator, Ms. Ruth Ann Dutton, a call at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2184, or send her an email at [rdutton@glsp.org](mailto:rdutton@glsp.org). We have a new housing department, so volunteer attorneys with experience in public housing and/or private landlord/tenant disputes are definitely welcome.

As we like to say in our program: Due justice. Do Pro Bono.

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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.