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Oliver Maner Lawyer David Bobo Mullens Named President of Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association

Oliver Maner, an award-winning law firm founded in Savannah, Ga., in 1897, is pleased to announce firm lawyer David Bobo Mullens was recently installed as the new president of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the Savannah Bar Association (SBA) for the 2019-2020 term. In this position, Mullens will oversee the organization's mission of enriching the lives of its members and the greater Savannah community by offering numerous fellowship and community service opportunities throughout the year.

A lawyer in the litigation section of the firm, Mullens regularly represents businesses, local governments, and individuals in all manner of civil disputes. His practice focuses on business litigation, county and municipal liability, transportation law, as well as select personal injury cases. In addition, he represents individuals or businesses in matters involving a breach of contract, trade secrets, employment agreements, fiduciary duties, and professional negligence.

"I'm looking forward to an exciting year," said Mullens. "The Savannah YLD will continue its tradition of holding an annual Kick-Off Party this September to welcome new and incoming attorneys, host monthly social meetings for its members, and strengthen community ties through community service and charitable fundraising."



David Bobo Mullens

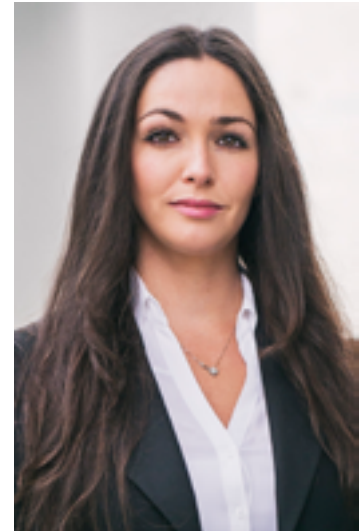
For more information about the Young Lawyers Division of the Savannah Bar Association, please visit <https://www.savannahbar.org/young-lawyers-division>.



Allison J. Marani Selected to GTLA LEAD Program

Allison J. Marani of Roden Law was selected by the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association for their 2019-2020 LEAD class.

The GTLA LEAD Program (“Leadership Education & Advanced Direction”) was founded in 2013 for the purpose of educating GTLA’s youngest and newest members on both the benefits and the expectations of membership, building strong relationships between young promising trial lawyers from all four corners of our state as well as diverse trial practice areas, and ultimately to better prepare tomorrow’s leaders today.



Allison J. Marani



Local Attorney Authors Book

Congratulations to Stanley Harris, Jr. on the publication of the second edition of THE PRACTICE --What They Don’t Teach in Law School. (Five new chapters are added.) Through the personal journey of Gordon Graham, the fictional main character, the text takes readers along as Gordon grows up, navigates the waters of his law education, makes life-directing choices about his career path, and embarks on a series of legal and personally rewarding adventures. It may be acquired at Amazon Books @ “stanley harris” & “the practice” [the 2019 edition].

Domestic Mediation Training

When: October 31 – November 4, 2019

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

Join The Mediation Center for our next Domestic Mediation Training, October 31-November 4, 2019.

The fee is \$1,500.00 for private mediators.

For more information or to register contact:

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COMPETITION CORNER By: Charles M. Dalziel, Jr., Dalziel Law Firm, Marietta GA

This month we leave the dull topics of the law library and talk about a real competition that the obvious winner on merit has apparently lost. As a child attending Juliette Low Elementary School, I never took my lunch, and I was always surprised that the cafeteria meals were pretty tasty. “Oven Fried Chicken” was a menu staple with lots of taste and crunch, but no grease, that a lot of today’s foodies would appreciate. Ice cream scoops were used to dole out our portions, and when I was about seven, I made my first taste of the ball of Red Rice on my plate. With lots of bacon, onion, bell pepper and tomato juice, all of it boiled down so that each rice kernel was separate, this was a dish for the ages, that you could serve with almost any meal.

Serve it I did after I moved to Atlanta to take my first law job, in 1980. I like to cook, and my mother showed me how to make a truly mean Red Rice using Mahatma. (Fun fact, the company selling the product uses a word that refers to “Superior”—the name is not referring to Mahatma Gandhi). I would have friends over and Red Rice was a staple of my menus. It was difficult to imagine a dish so versatile and yet so sublime. So it swept the country, right? Not exactly.

Look at the internet, and you’re treated to statements like Shrimp and Grits being “iconic.” In the regular vernacular, that would mean that the dish symbolizes something larger, like the entirety of Southern Cuisine. The promoters of Shrimp and Grits claim it is a historic classic of the Southern Table, and food writer Nathalie Dupree wrote a whole book about the dish, “Nathalie Dupree’s Shrimp and Grits.” The pitch these people offer is that the working class ate this as a breakfast staple using sweet- flavored immature “creek shrimp.” To somebody who lived in Savannah from 1959-1968, and then briefly at other later times, my reaction to this claim is “huh?”

One associates Shrimp and Grits with Charleston. So, the writer says, well maybe the dish was a breakfast staple in Charleston. But even a small bit of internet research reveals that Charleston was not the birthplace of the Shrimp and Grits craze. No, Crook’s Corner in Chapel Hill, North Carolina (obviously the home of UNC) started the trend. The owner/chef Bill Neal was admittedly from Gaffney, and claims to have spent time in Charleston before he launched shrimp and grits there in North Carolina, with the dish being 30% of sales. Food critics unified to push Shrimp and Grits as a fine dining choice, based on two central tenets. The Grits shouldn’t taste like Grits; they need to taste like cheese, bacon bits, weird species of onions, tomato and butter sauce etc. And the Shrimp shouldn’t taste like Shrimp; they need to be smothered with Italian sausage, tasso, thick gravy, fire roasted chiles, country ham, anything to mask the flavor of the Shrimp.

Red Rice is like Secretariat way out in front of all these crazy Shrimp and Grits pretenders, but it is nowhere near as popular, nor will it ever be. What a shame. But sometimes, friends, that’s how free market competition works.



Gov. Kemp Seeks Candidates for Court of Appeals

The Judicial Nominating Commission is now engaged in the process of receiving names of persons to fill a vacancy on the Court of Appeals of Georgia created by the passing of Hon. Stephen S. Goss.

You are invited to submit nominations for this vacancy. Members of the Bar may submit their own name or the names of others. The public is also invited to submit nominations. Nominations must be received by the Commission no later than Friday, Oct. 11. Please include a current email address for anyone you nominate.

By letter addressed to:
Judicial Nominating Commission
c/o Vincent Russo
500 14th St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

or by email to nominations@robbinsfirm.com

The application package is available for download on the Commission's website at www.jnc.georgia.gov. An application package will also be emailed to each nominee who supplies an email address to the Commission. Applications must be returned to the Commission on or before Oct. 25. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified of the date and time for their interview. All interviews will be held at the State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Commission will select and recommend to the governor a short list of up to three persons from those applicants interviewed and found to be "qualified" or "well qualified" for this position.

SBA 2020 Hot Topics CLE

The Annual SBA 2020 Hot Topics CLE Class will be presented Friday, January 24, 2020 at the Savannah Golf Club. Full details as well as registration forms will be published in the October Edition of the Citation. Breakfast as well as lunch will be provided by the Savannah Golf Club. A total of 7 Hours of CLE Credit will be presented. Please be sure register early.

Soliciting Speakers for the 2020 SBA Hot Topics CLE

Do you know of an interesting topic for this year's Hot Topics and want to present? Please contact the Hot Topics CLE Committee Member below.

For more information or to present a topic at the SBA 2020 Hot Topics CLE contact Mark Kelso at MKelsoLaw@gmail.com



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.