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Newsletter of the Richland County Bar Association



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Judicial BBQ

Thursday, May 14, 2015

5:30 PM

Seibels House & Gardens

Memorial Service

Friday, June 12, 2015

12:00 PM

Judicial Center

Judicial Reception

Thursday, August 20, 2015

5:30 PM

Columbia Museum of Art

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Free Ethics CLE

Friday, November 6, 2015

Brookland Baptist Church

Holiday Party/Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Columbia Museum of Art



From the President, Ward Bradley

If you did not know Anne Kelly, you missed a wonderful person. She lit up every room she entered with her grace and charm. For six years she served as Chief Deputy Clerk of Court in the Richland County Clerk of Court's office. The word at our office was, "if you have a problem at the courthouse, call Anne."

She was also married to one of my role models and one of our community leaders, Mike Kelly. Mike served as president of the Richland County Bar from 1990-1992, as president of the South Carolina Bar from 1999-2000, and as president of the South Carolina Chapter of ABOTA from 2007-2009. He has led and participated in many professional and service organizations in our community. You will find Mike as a part of almost any important event in our community and our bar association.



Anne died suddenly on February 28, 2015 – unexpected and too young. As the rector said at her funeral, "Death broke in and stole her in an instant." She was so full of life, so full of love, and then she was gone.

Every gentle breeze, every smile, every hug, every kind word, and every sunset come to us through grace. There are no guarantees. Any one of us could be gone in an instant.

So, reach out to Mike, and tell him you care. Call your mom, kiss your spouse, hug your children, pet your dog, and say a kind word to your neighbor. None of us know how long we will be here for each other. Try to make your life and the lives of others a little brighter.

Greet every sunrise with the bold intent to seize the day. You never know when it might be your last.

Ward Bradley can be reached at ward@mttlaw.com.



Keeping Calm

“I think all right thinking people in this country are sick and tired of being told that ordinary, decent people are fed up in this country with being sick and tired. I’m certainly not! And I’m sick and tired of being told that I am.”
Graham Chapman, Monty Python, “Right Thinking People” 1973.

You know what I’m getting sick and tired of being told to do? I’m fed up with being told to “KEEP CALM and CARRY ON.” Surely you’ve seen that slogan everywhere lately – mugs, t-shirts, posters, beach towels, iPhone cases, pillows, defibrillators and farming implements. You probably also know that the catchphrase comes from a propaganda poster commissioned by the British Ministry of Information after the outbreak of World War II. The poster was meant to shore up the public’s morale in the face of the coming German attack. What you might not know, however, is that this poster was never actually used at all during the war, because it was to be issued only upon the actual invasion of Britain by the Germans which, as we know, never happened. The poster was not re-discovered until around the year 2000.

As with many things of noble origin, it was co-opted almost immediately. Here are some of the variants the British government would surely never have intended:

- “KEEP CALM and DO GYMNASTICS” (not safe during Luftwaffe air raid)
- “KEEP CALM and DRIVE BMW” (now that’s ironic)
- “KEEP CALM and TAKE CARE because YOLO.” (No. Just no.)

Why is this message so appealing to governments (or advertisers for that matter)? What’s so powerful about it that the British government wasn’t even going to use it, unless the Germans hit their beaches? It’s because that it implies – without actually saying – that there is a problem looming. Something is wrong. Something is missing. Something bad is coming. And such implications work wonders when governments

and advertisers want people to do (or not do) things.

Governments can use the implication to create not only fortitude – but inaction. Think of our own government’s Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS). Popularly called the “Terror Alert Level,” the HSAS was the color-coded five tiered warning system used from 2001-2011. Green meant the risk of terrorist attack was “low”; Blue was “guarded”; Yellow as “elevated”; Orange was “high” and Red was “severe.” This system was probably well-intended, at least initially. However, in its 10 year history, the HSAS never dipped below Yellow (risk of terrorist attack SIGNIFICANT) and was pushed up to Orange (risk of attack HIGH) on multiple occasions. [The HSAS was finally (and mercifully) replaced by the current National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) which simply advises whether or not a threat current exists].

My point is not that we didn’t need a system. My point is that a system that communicates continuous danger is paralyzing. If everyday before you got into your car, I told you that your risk of getting into an accident was “SIGNIFICANT,” would you ever put the key in the ignition? But such paralysis can be useful, no? People are more willing to accept things like privacy deprivations when on the apparent verge of “significant risk of terror attack.” Governments can get things passed in threatening conditions that a mobilized population would not accept.

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As Winston Churchill said, “Never waste a good crisis.”

More benignly, advertisers know the power of this type of message and use it all the time to get us to buy things, with their own version: KEEP CALM and JUST BUY THIS. Remember in the 70s when we were told sugar was evil? The market stepped in to save us with sugar free foods. When we learned that fat (not sugar) was the “real” problem in the 80s, we were sold on fat-free products. More recently, we were told that it’s artificial sweeteners that are really dangerous. Thus, I saw a Mountain Dew display the other day that proudly proclaimed “made with 100% real sugar.” I think my head is going to explode now.

But, since I’m supposed to KEEP CALM, I’ve resolved not to let my head explode. Because, maybe the dissatisfaction that the advertisers create is not real. And maybe the continuous threats of danger from elected officials are not quite what they appear. Maybe we are finally ready to get out of crisis mode and return to “normal,” whatever that means.

So when I do KEEP CALM it will be for no particular reason, and on the off-chance that there might not really be anything to freak out about at all. So keep calm, everyone. And take care. Because YOLO.

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Neat and Useful Features of the iPad/iPhone

by Bill Latham

Many of our modern devices have so many features that it is difficult to know all the really neat ones. Here are some iPad/iPhone features that I use every day that many folks have overlooked:

Did you know that as long as you are connected to the Internet, you can dictate your emails, documents, and virtually any text input where the on-screen virtual keyboard pops up. Simply push the microphone icon found in the bottom left-hand corner of the virtual keyboard, and dictate away. After you finish your dictation, push the “Done” and your dictated text will appear-- be careful to proofread before you send.

One truly basic feature that a surprising number of folks still do not know about is how to take a screenshot from your iPhone or iPad. Simply press the home button at the bottom of the touch screen at the same time as the power button on the top right hand corner- you will see a flash and hear click like a camera shutter- a picture of the screen will now be in your device’s camera roll.

If you have an iPhone5/iPad4 or later with Siri, if the device is plugged up to a power source you can voice activate Siri by simply saying “Hey Siri” and then after it is activated, give your instructions (e.g., “What

is the weather today?” or “what is my schedule for today” or “Play ‘Carolina on my Mind’ etc.”). This is freakishly cool, but somewhat disconcerting knowing that the device is listening to you when it is plugged in. If this feature does not work for you, it may not be turned on. To do so, go to “Settings” then select “General”, then select “Siri”, and then turn on “Hey Siri.” You can turn it off the same way.

You can change Siri’s gender, accent and even language [“Settings” – “General” – “Language”]

Useful Commands to try with Siri:

- “Set alarm for ____ AM)” - “Turn off all alarms”
- “Set timer for ____ Minutes”
- “Show me my calendar for [today]”
- “What is the weather for tomorrow?”
- “Where am I”
- “Remind me when I return to this location to put the roast in the oven” (iPhone only)
- “Calendar doctors appointment for Wednesday at 3 PM”
- “Send text message to [contact]”
- “Send email to [contact]”
- “Read my email”
- “Do not disturb” – “Turn off do not disturb”
- “Convert [125 feet to meters]”
- “What date is [30] days from [today]?”

Finally, if you have insomnia, ask Siri to tell you a bed time story. You will be amused.

Next Time – Microsoft Outlook Tips and Tricks.

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RCBA Transitions

The Executive Committee would like to announce two important changes to the RCBA staff. After 24 years as Executive Director of the Richland County Bar Association, Coleman Chambliss will be retiring at the end of 2015. Before she came aboard, the administrative work was handled by the staff in the president’s office. The bar membership grew quickly during the 1990s and Coleman was hired to start a “real” RCBA office. At the time Coleman began with the RBCA, we had approximately 800 members, today, our membership is close to 2000. Coleman has helped us plan events, brainstorm about our future and keep an open line of communication with our members so that they could enjoy all that the RCBA has to offer including social functions, CLE opportunities, committee meetings, and special events. Coleman has served tirelessly for many years and we sincerely appreciate her service and support. There is no question that the RCBA has been able to hold the position of largest local bar in South Carolina because of Coleman’s contributions. Upon her retirement, she looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren, exercising and gardening. We will miss Coleman, but we look forward to honoring her years of service at our Annual Meeting on December 10, 2015.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the Association is in good hands moving forward. Mandy Wren has been hired as the new Executive Director for the RCBA. A native of the Upstate, Mandy graduated from Wofford College with a BA in History and Government and the University of Georgia with a Masters of Public Administration. Mandy was most recently the Community Engagement Manager at EdVenture Children’s Museum. Prior to her moving to Columbia in 2003, she was a Planning Associate for the United Way of Greenville County. Mandy is actively involved in the Junior League of Columbia, currently serving as a Board Member and as Chair of the 90th Anniversary Committee. She also serves as Volunteer Coordinator and on the PTO Board at Brockman Elementary School. Mandy was a member of Leadership Columbia (Class of 2009) and is an active member of Shandon United Methodist Church. She is married to Michael Wren, an attorney at Davidson & Lindemann, PA, and they are the parents of two children, Sawyer and Mary Prater. We are delighted to welcome Mandy in this role. There will be several months of overlap from her arrival to Coleman’s departure allowing for a strong transition. We will build on the great foundation of Coleman’s hard work and look ahead to continued ways to serve our members through the activities of the RCBA.



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Noteworthy News & Announcements



David A. Anderson of Richardson Plowden & Robinson has been elected treasurer of the SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association.

Almand J. Barron of Shea and Barron Law Offices has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Richland County Solicitor’s Office announces **Joseph B. Berry** has joined the office in the 5th circuit located at 1701 Main St. Phone: 576-1476.

Bruner Powell Wall & Mullins announces that **Benjamin C. Bruner** has been become a member in the firm, **James L. Bruner** has been named “of counsel” to the firm, **Ann Allison Lee** has become an associate in the firm and **E. Wade Mullins III** has been named managing member of the firm located at 1735 St. Julian Place #200. 29204. Phone: 252-7693.

Robert Bethea of Adams and Reese has been appointed to the S.C. Venture Capital Authority by Governor Nicki Haley.

Lourie Law Firm announces that **Robert G. Chambers** has become an associate of the firm located at 1450 Harden Sr. Ext., 29201. Phone: 799-9805

Eleanor Duffy Cleary announces that Cleary Law LLC has relocated to 1116 Blanding St. Ste. 2B, 29201.

Sarah L. Clingman announces the relocation

of Clingman Law Firm to 1522 Richland St. 29201. Phone: 787-0557.

Nexen Pruet announces that **Bob Coble** has received the Martin Luther King Social Justice Award for community service frkom the University of South Carolina.

Collins and Lacy announces that **Joel Collins** has been named President of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Matthew E. Cox announces the opening of **Matthew E. Cox LLC** located at 1320 Main St. #300, 29201. Phone: 724-1320.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **John E. Cuttino** has been elected First Vice President of DRI–The Voice of the Defense Bar.

Harris & Graves announces that **S. Hampton Eadon III** has been named a partner in the firm located at 1518 Richland St. 29201.

Pennington Law Firm announces that **Jake C. Fling** has become an associate of the firm located at 1501 Main St. #600, 20201. Phone: 929-1070.

Pope Zeigler announces that **Lawrence Flynn** has been selected for Leadership South Carolina

Howser Newman & Besley announces that **Kyliene L. Keesley** and **Jennifer E. Thomas** have been named as partners in the firm and that **Trevor P. Eddy** has joined the firm located at 1508 Washington St. 29201.

Phone: 758-6000.

Gallivan White and Boyd announces the opening of a new office in Charleston. Address: PO Box 22768. Charleston 29413. Phone: 843-735-7600.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Carmen V. Ganjehsani** has joined the firm’s Columbia office located at 1900 Barnwell St. 29201. Phone 576-3737.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Nicolas L. Haigler** and **Michael Montgomery** have been named members of the firm. The firm also announces that **Betsy Gray**, a founding member, has been awarded the Palmetto Center for Women’s “Tribute to Women and Industry“ award.

Cofield Law Firm announces that **Jeffrey Haladay** has become an associate of the firm located at 809 S. Lake Dr. Lexington, SC. 59072. Phone : 951-0389.

Hugh McAngus of McAngus Goudelock & Courie, has received the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Association’s Hemphill Award.

Turner Padget announces that **Thomas M. Kennaday** has been elected Chairman of the Advisory Board of the First Tee of Columbia, an initiative of the World Golf Foundation.

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Noteworthy News & Announcements (...continued from page 6)

Compleat Lawyer Awards from Richland County – PLATINUM award: **Stuart M Andrews Jr.**, GOLD award: **Mark D. Chappell** and **Kirby D. Shealy III**, SILVER awards: **Blake A. Hewitt**.

Diana Holt, of The Holt Firm, has been named a recipient of the ABA Section of Litigation’s John Minor Wisdom Public Interest and Professionalism Award.

Reginald P. Corley and **Ronald C. Scott** announce that Scott Law Firm PA has been renamed Scott and Corley, PA.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Amanda Kitts** has been selected to participate as a Fellow in the 2015 class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, which identifies, trains and advances the next generation of leaders in the legal profession.

The McKay Firm announces that **Charles Kinney** has become an associate of the firm located at 1303 Blanding St. Phone: 256-4645.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Meghan Hazelwood Hall** has joined the Columbia office located at 1330 Lady St. 6th floor. 29201. Phone: 256-2660.

Anthony W. Livoti has been elected secretary of the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association.

Fisher & Phillips announces that **Reyburn Lominack III** has earned certification from the SC Supreme Court as a specialist in

employment and labor law.

John Nichols of Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado has been honored as one of five Mentors of the Year by the Supreme Court of South Carolina Chief Justice’s Commission.

Blair Cato Pickren Casterline announces that **Gary Pickren** has won the REGAL Award for real estate Closing Attorney of the Year. **Cynthia Durham Blair** earned the National Title Professional designation from the American Land Title Association. She is the only person in SC so honored.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Tommy Preston, Jr.** has been honored with the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award by the USC College of Arts and Sciences.

David Shea has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Murphy & Grantland announces **Hannah Stetson** has become an associate in the firm located at 4406- Forest Dr. 29206. Phone:782-4100. **Kelli Sullivan** has been names a Leadership in Law honoree by *SC Lawyers Weekly*.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Breon C. M. Walker** has been elected to the Board of Directors for the 701 Center for Contemporary Art, a visual center that promotes understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of contemporary art, the creative process and the role of art and artists in the community.

David N. “Chip” Truitt announces the opening of the **Truitt Law Firm LLC** located at 925 Calhoun St. 2920l. Phone: 814-1556.

Willson Jones Carter & Baxley announces that **Candy Hindersman** and **Leanne McCormack** have been names shareholders in the firm.

Marguerite Willis of Nexsen Pruet has been elected president of the S.C. Women Lawyers Association.

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John Hearn went to the store to buy some more joke and will return this summer.

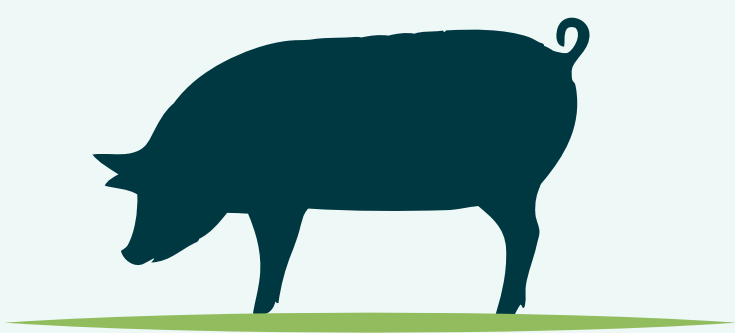
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Additionally, we post the listings on the RCBA Facebook and LinkedIn pages. To submit a listing, please email it to rcba@richbar.org.

Judicial BBQ - Thursday, May 14th

It is that time of year again when we honor the local members of the judiciary with a fabulous BBQ. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 PM. This year's the event will be held at the Seibels House & Gardens. The Callison Tighe chefs will spend all day cooking the pigs. Everyone has come to appreciate their expertise in preparing a delicious feast for members and their guests. You are encouraged to go home and change into casual clothing. We also encourage you to bring your family to the event.



It is VERY IMPORTANT to let us know in advance if you are coming. We do not like to run out of food. We have live music for your listening entertainment. The cost will be \$20 per person, children under four are free, and children ages 5-10 are half price. You can register online at <https://2015judicialbbq.eventbrite.com>.

Memorial Services - Friday, June 12th

The Richland County Bar Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 12 at 12:00 PM on the second floor of the Judicial Center. The Honorable Casey Manning will be the presiding judge. Reece Williams and Catherine Mubarak, chairs of the RCBA Memorial Committee, will organize and plan the ceremony. All business in the other courtrooms ceases for the hour in honor of those being memorialized. The ceremony is dedicated to the memory of recently deceased members of the Richland County Bar Association and allows friends and family members to remember them as members of our collegium. It is equally important that we honor their service to the Bar and that we uphold the dignity of our great profession. The committee encourages you to participate by attending this special event and honoring our past members.

Those being honored include John B. Allen, George I. Alley, Brian Bluestein, Claude Chandler, Allan Fulmer, Sr., Melton Kligman, Martin H. Kiser, Benjamin Mabry, William J. Quirk, Henry F. Sherrill, Michael G. Sullivan, and David H. Whitener.

The ceremony will begin promptly at noon and last for one hour. You are urged to arrive on time so as not to interrupt the proceeding. Please remember that parking spaces are limited and allow time to walk. The service will be followed by a reception with refreshments that will be served in the lobby, where you will have an opportunity to speak with the families and friends of those remembered. No reservations are necessary.

HELPFUL INFORMATION		
Legal Staff Professionals/ Midlands Meeting: 2nd Tuesday 1:00 Call Laura Foster at 803-799-9800 ext 338 or e-mail lfoster@mcnair.net	Palmetto Paralegal Association Call Adrith D. Schrauger at 803-217-7557	S.C. Women Lawyers Association Call Angel Warren at 803-788-4114

Noteworthy News & Announcements

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Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Cal Watson** has been named “Lawyer of the Year” by South Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

Merritt Webb Wilson & Caruso PLLC announces that its office has relocated to 8910 Two Notch Rd. #400, 29223. Phone: 255-0655.

Gaffney Lewis & Edwards announces the relocation of its Columbia office to 3700 Forest Dr. #400, 29204.

Pope Zeigler announces that the firm has been renamed **Pope Flynn LLC** located at the same address as before 1411 Gervais St. #300, 29201. Phone 354-4900.

Callison Tighe announces **Kathleen McDaniel**, a veteran attorney who focuses on environmental and administrative law, has become the newest member of Callison Tighe located at 1812 Lincoln St, 29201. Phone: 256-2371.

Sweeney Wingate & Barrow announces that **Ryan Holt** has been appointed to a second term on the Board of the Lexington County Health Services District which operated the Lexington

Medical Center, several community medical centers and a network of 60 physician practices.

McAngus Goudlock & Courie announces **Rhonda Smith** has become an associate of the firm located at 700 Gervais St. #300, 29201. Phone: 779-2300.

Fisher & Phillips LLP announces the addition of attorney **Michael C. Greene** to its Columbia office located at 1320 Main St. #7750, 29201. Phone: 255-0000.

Nelson Mullins announces **Cory E. Manning** has been elected into The American Law Institute which produces scholarly work to clarify, modernize and otherwise improve the law.

Collins and Lacy announces that **Laura Robinson** has joined the firm Columbia office as special counsel.

Shumaker Loop & Kendrick announces that **Samuel “Alex” Long Jr.** has been names a partner of the firm located at 128 South Tryon St., Charlotte, NC. Phone: 704-375-0057.

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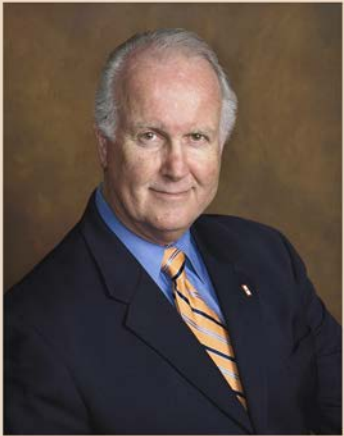


Richland County Common Pleas
Jury Verdicts

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Jeffrey Kennedy vs. Richland Two School District
Chuck Earles, Eric Barnes
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Rachel Peavy, Jeff Goodwin
Defendant: Tom Barlow, Kathryn Mahoney
Cause of Action: Defamation
Verdict: For Plaintiff
Actual Damages: Chuck Earles for \$100,000, Eric Barnes for \$100,000
Punative Damages: Chuck Earles for \$200,000, Eric Barnes for \$150,000

13-CP-40-0785
Sarah Reynolds, et al vs. Norma M. Khoury MD,
SC Heart Center
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Robert B. Ransom
Defendant: Ashby Davis, Keith Knowlton, Gary Lovell, Andrew Countyrman
Actual Damages: \$1,000,000.00
Defense Verdict for Norma Khoury
Plaintiff Verdict for SC Heart Center

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ference room; conference room/library; break area; support staff space; parking lot. Call (803) 779-6365.

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OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: beautiful office directly across from Richland Co. Courthouse. \$500 rent includes utilities. Call (803) 376-0075.