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From the President, Dave Maxfield

What are we running toward?

At the new gym I've been going to, there is a long row of treadmills. The treadmills face a wall of mirrors. This means you get to watch yourself suffer. If you look to the left or right, you can watch other runners suffer too. You know what? Looking at yourself in the mirror when your heart rate hits 170 is not always pretty.

So sometimes I steal a glance to the left or right to see if (as bad as I look) others are holding up even worse than me. Or I look at the speed readout on their treadmill to see if I'm running faster. If so, I have a little private "mwhahahaha" moment. If not, I feel a little sting of envy.

How interesting it is that, when the suffering of others occurs right next to us, our first reaction is to use it as a yardstick to measure our own condition. But that's human nature, right? That habit of comparison is part of our hard-wired human survival instinct. We can move beyond it to altruism and even self-sacrifice. But at our most basic level we're pretty much concerned with looking out for number one.

That's not totally a bad thing, by the way. As Adam Smith wrote famously in *The Wealth of Nations*: "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest." Smith called self-interest the "invisible hand" that guides the economy — and to some extent the whole of society. But unfettered self-interest can be a problem too. As John Adams wrote: "Power naturally grows...because human passions are insatiable. [T]hat power alone can grow which already is too great; that which is unchecked; that which has no equal power to control it." Put more succinctly by Richard Hofstadter in *The Founding Fathers: An Age of Realism*: "To them a human being was an atom of self-interest. They did not believe in man, but they did believe in the power of a good political constitution to control him."



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From the Editors, Mike Polk and Van Horger

Hockey and the Practice of Law

By Michael J. Polk, Esquire

I am a hockey fan. As most of you are aware, the Pittsburgh Penguins have just won their second Stanley Cup in a row. As a Penguins fan, it has been an enjoyable summer. I feel like I played my part by consistently wearing my lucky hat at the appropriate times.

As I watched the teams battle it out, I started thinking that attorneys can learn a lot from hockey.

- Hockey is known for the toughness of its players. Unfortunately, when hockey grabs the headlines it is often because of some random act of goonsmanship, which has led to the famous Rodney Dangerfield joke: “I went to a fight the other night, and a hockey game broke out.” However, there is another side of hockey, as well. The Lady Byng Memorial Trophy is awarded to the “player adjudged to have exhibited the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct combined with a high standard of playing ability.” Many of the players that receive this award are hockey hall of famers - the best that have ever played the game. Through study of the game, positioning, and hard work, they excel without resorting to taking dumb or lazy penalties. It is the same in the legal field. Holding yourself to a higher standard does not signal weakness - it signals confidence, maturity, and professionalism.
- Wayne Gretzky famously said, “You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” Likewise, one of my lawyer friends once told me that it was the things he didn’t say in court that bothered him more than the things he did say. My friend is right. It is amazing how many times a question is asked that changes the course of a meeting or hearing, and it turns out no one wanted to ask it for fear of looking stupid.
- Herb Brooks, the coach of the Miracle on Ice US Olympic Team in 1980, has several great quotes: “And maybe I’m a little smarter now than I was before for all the stupid things I’ve done.” “Nine out of ten times we play this team, they would beat us. But not tonight, because tonight is our night, tonight we win.” “Great moments are born from great opportunities.” One of the greatest moments in American sports is the US victory over the heavily-favored Russians at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics - a feat many thought was impossible. (If you haven’t seen the movie *Miracle*, I encourage you to do so). As attorneys, we have all seen a weaker argument



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win over a stronger argument, an ungrantable motion that is granted, or a can't miss case that missed. I guess the lesson to be drawn from hockey is that in the practice of law, some days you are the Americans, some days you are the Russians.

- The teams that win the Stanley Cup usually have a superstar or two leading the way. However, success is a team effort, and it takes not only high-flying flashy scorers but also fourth line grinders who take on the thankless assignments. Legal organizations require the same diversity to succeed and thrive. Additionally, the game is played shift by shift, and commentators are always talking about the players who do the little things. In the practice of law, attention to detail is mandatory. The little things matter. You had a bad shift? Learn from it and get back out there. Just try not to make the same mistake twice.
- Hockey is constantly evolving. The equipment gets better, the rules change, and tactics are constantly updated. If you stay still, the game can pass you by. As lawyers, we can't depend on the way we have always done things. We need to adapt constantly and continue to learn just to keep up. (Jack Pringle's article in this issue addresses this directly.)

So the next time you see a hockey game on, watch the game it a few minutes. You might learn something.

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Richland County Common Pleas Jury Verdicts

15-CP-40-0026

Nancy W. Cobb and G. Thomas Cobb v. Richland County

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: David Fedor; Harry Swagart

Defense: Michael B. Wren

Cause of Action: Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defense

Defense: N.A. Ham

Cause of Action: Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$200,075

16-CP-40-3504

E. Belton, Jr. v. K. Hancock

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: B.D. Hewett

Defense: B. Baine

Cause of Action: Automobile, Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$50,000

16-CP-40-3757

Ashley Vaughn v. Paige Lloyd and Cindy McCoy

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Jason Reynolds

Defense: Trey Jones

Cause of Action: Automobile, Combination

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$2,162.24

16-CP-40-0910

D. Harris v. City of Columbia

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: P. Reeves



Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)



If national studies are any indicator, you - like most lawyers - don't get enough sleep or sleep well enough, and you don't know how to fix it. Well, with apologies to the Eurythmics, there's no need to travel the world and the seven seas to find the elusive secret to sweet dreams. And while it can sometimes be difficult (read: impossible) to find time to get the *quantity* of sleep recommended by experts, a few adjustments to your nighttime routine and environment can at least improve the *quality* of your sleep.

Limit (or at least adjust) evening screen time

Your ability to fall asleep and stay asleep is controlled primarily by your body's internal clock or circadian rhythm. The proper functioning of that rhythm is primarily a result of the production of the hormone melatonin, which, in turn, is controlled by external cues such as sunlight and temperature.

Light from television or phone screens around bedtime can mislead the brain by suggesting it is still daytime, which delays or prevents the production of melatonin, which contributes to difficulty falling or staying asleep. The simple (though not necessarily easy) solution is to eliminate screen time during the hour or two before bedtime to give your brain a rest and the correct signal that it's time for sleep.

If that's not possible, at least adjust the coloring of your displays. The effect of light on the circadian rhythm is particularly pronounced for certain colors or wavelengths that, it so happens, are the same white and blueish wavelengths emitted by most computers, smartphones, iPads, and TVs. Shifting the color scheme to warmer hues in the evening hours mitigates the melatonin-suppressing effects of the screen time. This "night shift" is a simple setting change in iOS devices (iPhones and iPads), and can be done on the computer using the program available at www.justgetflux.com.

Sleep in a bat cave

Screen time isn't the only culprit that disrupts your circadian rhythm. The presence of ambient light in your bedroom can also have a significant impact on your ability to fall asleep and to sleep well. Ambient light includes light sources in your bedroom (*e.g.*, night lights, the glow from a digital alarm clock, or the LED power indicator on your TV) as well as light that "leaks in" from outside sources (*e.g.*, street lights or porch lights that intrude through your windows).

With a little observation and creativity, you can eliminate or at least minimize the sleep-disrupting effects of bedroom light pollution. For example, get room-darkening curtains and cover or block the bright screen or power buttons on alarm clocks



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Health Hacks *by Miles Coleman*

and TVs. If you need to make a trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night, navigate using only the glow from your smartphone screen rather than turning on a bright overhead light.

Make some noise

Even while asleep, the brain registers and processes sounds. Some sounds can wake you, but even softer or less intrusive sounds can disturb sleep by causing you to shift from a deep phase of sleep to a less restful phase. Realistically, it can be difficult or impossible to create a perfectly silent sleep environment. Honking horns, a party next door, the neighbor's barking dog, or a snoring spouse can interrupt your slumber or diminish its quality. The easy solution: earplugs and/or white noise, which can be generated by a noisemaker, air purifier, or fan, and which provides a consistent, bland, and steady sound that masks the sporadic noises that would otherwise disturb your sleep.

Chill out

The circadian rhythm is affected by temperature, and falling temperatures at night signal your internal clock to begin winding down for the day. An unnecessarily warm room can interfere with the sleep/wake cycle and inhibit your ability to fall asleep and stay asleep. Many experts recommend nighttime temperatures in your bedroom be 70 degrees or cooler, and some research suggest nighttime temperatures of 65 degrees make for the best sleep. Experiment with cooler nighttime temperatures to find what works best for you.

Conclusion

Regardless of whether you are able to consistently sleep the 7+ hours per night recommended by experts, make the most of the sleep you get. Take control of environmental factors like light, sound, and temperature to help cue your internal clock and, hopefully, fall asleep faster and wake up more rested.

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Here Lies a Captive Heart Busted? *by John Hearn*



Unto a Foolish Heart

So let's cut to the chase, or more correctly, to the crawl. When we left off, I was wrestling with chest pain during my yoga class the day after the Presidential election. (*Res ipsa?* Unsure.) After much dithering on my part, the pain grew steadily worse and my yoga instructor Nicole drove me to the urgent care. After all, why waste an \$800 ER visit, right?

The pain grew much worse as we drove over - cussing the endless red light at a major intersection that must have lasted seven minutes. When we arrived, I didn't check in—I just headed straight for the nearest exam room and promptly vomited. They hooked up the EKG and immediately called the ambulance to take me to the ER. (So much for pennywise.) "Mr. Hearn, you are having a major heart

attack." Thanks. I'm aware of that fact.

Less than three hours later, I'm in the ICU, two shiny new stents in my LAD-1, aka the widowmaker. They look kind of like the springs you find in ballpoint pens, albeit at fifty Franklins apiece. A week later, I was back in the same yoga class after my doctor cleared it. "How is that possible?" I asked. "Welcome to modern medicine," she said.

Now it is eight months later. Over the winter I embraced cardiac rehab, dropping a little more weight. Heart attacks are great for weight loss short-term, but I can't really recommend that strategy. I went back to work. I did yoga. Like Jack Spratt, I ate no fat. For a while, anyway.

Then the frozen yogurt mysteriously returned to our freezer at home. A little butter here and there, maybe. Nabs in the afternoon. The weight came back as the cardio went away. The pants are uncomfortable again. And frankly, I'm rattled. Already this year, at least two of my local barrister brethren had their turn at the myocardial infarction wheel of fortune. They didn't make it, and I will never understand why.

So for today, this column is therapy. It is a reminder that the gym is still there at lunch even after hitting the snooze button at 4:45 a.m. and rolling over this morning. It is the knowledge that I have choices, and the realization that those daily choices - those small decisions that confront me all day - accrue and amalgamate and ultimately define me.

In yoga teacher training, we studied various yogic philosophies and concepts. High on the list of those principles is *ahimsa*, or roughly translated, compassion - non-harm to others and especially to oneself. After all, I will continue to stumble on the path, but I don't have to berate myself endlessly when I falter. Likewise, during those rare moments when I am atop the mountain instead of the valley, I need to turn my attention and *ahimsa* outward, where it is most needed.

One takes stock. While I'm not sure of the dates, I figure I've been hacking out these columns for nigh on twenty years now, preaching health and peaches and yoga to those who most need it, right? Well, no. Turns out I needed it more. Not with brute force, not with social media self-shaming and blaming, but with compassion. With non-injury. With self-care. And ultimately, with acceptance. *Namaste.*

John can be found staring at the freezers in area supermarkets, because that Cool Mint Cookie froyo is calling him by name. He can be reached (gently, now, gently) at john.hearn@rtt-law.com.



RCBA Night with the Fireflies

RCBA Night with the Fireflies was held on Thursday, June 22nd. RCBA members enjoyed a buffet meal, seating in the Palmetto Pavilion and a great game against the Kannapolis Intimidators. A good time was had by all! #LetsGlow



Toyya Brawley Gray *by Amy Hill*



I first met Toyya Brawley Gray at Brockman roughly 7 years ago at one of the first elementary school parent/teacher nights I attended when my oldest son was in 4K at Brockman Elementary. My son and Toyya's third son were in the same class. I remember few details from that night (there have been many parent/teacher conferences since then as well as two more boys in my life), but I vividly remember Toyya breezing in wearing a formal dress with her husband in a tuxedo. Toyya had to go from parent/teacher night and attend the Bar Foundation Gala because she was serving as President that year. I remember being in awe that she could manage serving as President of the Bar Foundation, a solo law practice and the role of mom to three boys. Since I was starting this whole elementary school experience, I looked up to Toyya, a much more experienced mom. Toyya seemed to have it all together both as a parent and as an attorney. So, when I was preparing a list of Richland County Bar attorneys this year to interview for this column, Toyya was high on my list.

Toyya grew up in Hopkins, South Carolina and is a proud graduate of Lower Richland High School. She had the benefit of growing up with a large family (four sisters) and extended family nearby. After she graduated from USC in journalism, Toyya held a number of positions before deciding to attend law school. She worked at what is now Bank of America, WNOK, and later, at Blue Cross Blue Shield. As WNOK's weekend anchor of the nationally syndicated Rick Dees show, Toyya gave news and weather updates during breaks in the show. Four years after college graduation, Toyya began to rethink her career goals, and decided there had to be something more exciting than her technical writing job at BCBS, which just didn't fit her outgoing personality. She decided to follow in the footsteps of her uncle, who served as Dean of Temple Law School, and become a lawyer. She applied and was accepted at USC Law School.

Toyya initially was going to move with her husband Raymond to Philadelphia to work in her uncle's law firm right after law school graduation. However, when she and her husband found out she was pregnant the summer after graduation, they both decided to put off the move for a year or so. Once their first son Tyler was born, Raymond and Toyya decided to put off the move to Pennsylvania even longer and then forever. Toyya wanted her son to grow up around the large family that they enjoyed in Columbia, including her parents, sisters and both sets of her grandparents, who were still living at that time. Toyya spent the first two years of her legal career clerking for former Administrative Law Judge and current Court of Appeals Judge John Geathers. From there, she went to work for the Attorney General's office handling criminal appeals, something she enjoyed very much.

In 2001, Toyya, along with Tameika Isaac Devine and Gail Jabber, opened Columbia's first all-female African-American law firm, Jabber, Gray & Isaac, where they practiced primarily real estate law. While, Toyya enjoyed the camaraderie of her law firm, she eventually found herself longing to get into the courtroom, which was hard to do during the real estate boom in the early 2000s. She ultimately made the leap in April 2007 to her own law

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firm as a solo practitioner with a personal injury practice. Although it was hard to leave her firm, Toyya didn't think she would ever build a successful personal injury practice as long as she was working in a real estate firm.

So, she took a leap of faith. At the time she opened the doors of the Law Office of Toyya Brawley Gray, LLC, her "practice" consisted of three personal injury cases. It was scary, but she received a lot of advice and support from resources at the South Carolina Bar, as well as the ABA. She enjoys being a solo practitioner and has continued with this structure until the present time, with the exception of having had a part-time attorney help out from time to time.

I asked Toyya what advice she would give to a lawyer considering opening his or her own law firm today. Her response was to research and plan well ahead of time and keep overhead costs as low as possible, especially at the beginning. She also recommended choosing an office location and style based on the type practice you want to establish, hiring good staff, establishing a relationship with an experienced CPA, taking advantage of the many benefits of modern technology, joining the solo and small firm section of the Bar, and using the resources available through the Bar. Toyya said solos should be prepared for the many administrative tasks that come along with a solo practice and know that there are some decisions and tasks you just simply cannot outsource to others.

I also asked Toyya if she had a mentor that had helped her along the way. She responded that she was lucky to have many mentors. People made themselves available to her to ask questions, and she appreciated the sage advice she received. She found that when she called to ask a question, these more experienced lawyers did not mind taking the call and giving her advice.

Toyya's husband, Raymond, who works as an IT Project Director, has also been a big source of support during her legal career. Toyya said they have always considered themselves a team when it comes to their family, something I witnessed firsthand at Brockman Elementary. Toyya and Raymond work hard together to parent their three boys: Tyler, who is 20 and a rising junior at Harvard; Garrison, who is 16 and a rising junior at AC Flora High School; and Jackson, who is 11 and a rising sixth grader at Crayton Middle School. I asked Toyya what advice as a parent to three children and a successful attorney, would she give to a younger attorney seeking a work/life balance. Toyya responded that even though it sometimes seems impossible, attorneys should try to leave work at work and be present in their family's lives. It hit her how fast children grow up when her son Tyler graduated high school two years ago and she realized that their immediate family would never be the same once he left for college. Toyya said, "It sounds cliché, but it really does go by so fast. Family truly is the most important thing."

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Ah, summer. We look forward to all the outdoor activities, baseball games, and popsicles, and then June arrives and reminds us how terrible humidity can be. Suddenly, happy hours, enjoying air conditioning, and going to the beach are the only “summer activities” we’re interested in. If you’re looking for some good reads or tv to get you through the end of the summer, we’ve got you covered. If you’re looking for a good happy hour, try The Casual Pint. You can choose from a wide selection of beers on tap (displayed on a big screen), grab a beer out of the cooler for onsite or offsite consumption, and take a six pack with you when you leave. Another great option is The Public House on Main. The pizza is delicious, and they have an upstairs lounge where you can put your feet up while you enjoy a beer or cocktail.

Believe it or not, football season will be upon us before we know it. Is your tailgate ready? I’m going to share one of my favorite appetizer/ tailgating recipes, which we refer to as “tailgate caviar.” Also known as cowboy caviar, bean salsa, or corn and bean dip, this recipe is easy to throw together and take to a party at any time of year. It’s great because it can be easily modified. Have two cans of black beans? Throw them both in. Big fan of onion? Add extra. It’s a very flexible recipe. The parsley is an addition that stemmed from my husband and I planting parsley in our garden and not knowing what to do with it all! If you don’t have it, skip it. This dip is very filling and dairy free, which is great if you have a family member with a dairy allergy or sensitivity - cheese is hard to avoid in appetizers!

Tailgate Caviar

- 1 can black beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 can black eye peas, drained & rinsed
- 1 can corn, drained
- 1 can Ro*Tel®, partially drained
- ½ sweet onion, finely chopped
- ½ green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 TBS fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 ½ TBS italian dressing
- ½ TBS lime juice

Mix all ingredients together. If possible, allow to chill in fridge for one hour or up to two days. Serve with tortilla chips. (Scoops are great!)

Below are some suggestions from other RCBA members. If you’ve enjoyed a bar, restaurant, activity, podcast, concert, book, movie, etc., tell us about it! Please email jgooding@goingslawfirm.com.



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What We're Reading

I just finished reading *The Last Days of Night: A Novel*, by Graham Moore. It is a historical-fiction novel chronicling the legal fight between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse and their companies in the late 1800s centering around “the current wars” to determine whether A/C or D/C would become the electrical standard. A recent Columbia University law school graduate by the name of Paul Cravath takes on Westinghouse’s case and develops a strategy for winning his client’s case against Edison. The book also touches on Nikola Tesla and his role in some of the development of many things we take for granted today. It’s a face-paced novel and highly entertaining. The depictions of the legal wrangling between the companies and the men that founded them is very interesting, especially for lawyers. And reading about how Cravath solved this legal problem and gave birth to the modern-day law firm is fascinating. I loved the book. Although it is a novel, the author discusses at the end how he developed the story and the real-life sources he drew on to develop the book. An absolutely great read.

- Anthony Livoti, Murphy & Grantland, P.A.

Whether you are reading it or watching it, check out *American Gods*! Neil Gaiman’s 2001 writing won both a Hugo and Nebula award and is a spellbinding read. The Starz TV adaptation features Ian McShane. After *Deadwood* ended abruptly and his time on *Game of Thrones* was painfully short, I’m so glad to see McShane in such an amazing role.

- Rebecca P. Creel, Lester & Hendrix, LLC

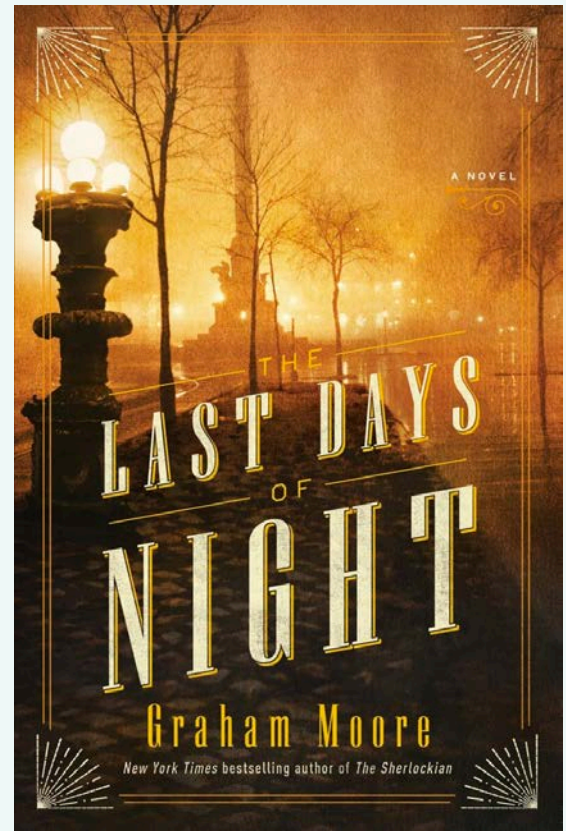
What We're Watching

We have enjoyed the Netflix series *The Fall*, which is now into Season 3. Gillian Anderson (“X-Files”) stars as a detective chasing a serial killer in Belfast, Northern Ireland. This show is gritty (probably “R” rated) and well-written (and the accents are great).

- Reg Belcher, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.

For an underrated movie, watch *Lost in Florence* on Amazon Prime. This movie had a limited release and was not shown in our local theaters. An American football player visits his cousin in Florence, Italy, and he falls in love with Florence and a beautiful young Florentine. The story is good, but the movie is worth watching for the many great scenes filmed in and around historic Florence.

- Reg Belcher, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.



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So, on one side, we have the invisible hand of self-interest. On the other we have the hand of control. And, in a country where “Freedom! (TM)” headlines our travel brochures, it’s the arm-wrestling match between the two that frames nearly every societal issue. Take guns for example. Second Amendment advocates have been extraordinarily successful in framing the issue as the citizen’s “inalienable right to self-defense” pitted against the government’s attempt to limit that right. The frame is so persuasive that, following mass shootings, gun sales go up (See? It’s a dangerous world out there - arm while you still can!).

Yes, the Second Amendment is doing just fine these days. But what about a citizen’s right to a more basic, less extreme kind of self-protection? Like under the Seventh Amendment: “In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, then according to the rules of the common law.” Well, apparently citizens can’t be trusted with that kind of weapon.

If you buy in to what our elected Congress appears to want, we citizens (lawyers, judges, litigants and jurors) are too greedy or easily misled to be trusted with something as dangerous as MONEY. So, some “control” is clearly in order. Whether that means substituting government judgment for our own in deciding that no citizen’s non-economic harm in a medical malpractice could *ever* be more than \$250,000 (PAPCA), or limiting police liability under Section 1983 for unjustified force to out-of-pocket losses (like funeral expenses, see Back the Blue Act S1134), or trying to take down the CFPB before it can stop arbitration from undermining our jury rights completely: when it comes to your basic right to access the justice system to protect yourself - according to Congress - there’s no such thing as “too much” government control.

Ironically, the same members of Congress who oppose gun limits are the ones seeking to limit our more basic, useful, and civil form of self-protection under the rule of law. As of yet at least, the citizens who voted for them don’t realize they’re being disarmed by those who’ve pledged to protect their rights. By the time they do, we may be left with a well-armed populace blocked from fair, meaningful, or peaceful means of redressing harm. Like countries disarmed of all conventional weapons and left with only nuclear ones, it’s an explosive recipe.

Take all this with a grain of salt, of course. Just as the members of Congress proposing these bills have a self-interest in pleasing the lobbies and corporations that contributed to them, as a Consumer Protection lawyer, it’s in *my* self-interest that people be allowed to have judges or juries - not congressmen or private arbitrators - decide their cases.

But I would submit that it’s in *your* self-interest too. Not just as a lawyer, but as a citizen in a society where “freedom” - not the brochure tagline kind but the real thing - still has the potential to mean something.

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Dave Maxfield, the Honorable Rosalyn Frierson-Smith, and the Honorable Milton Kimpson at their joint Investiture reception

What is a Surface Pro Tablet and Why Should I Care? *by Bill Booth*



A Surface Pro tablet is a Microsoft hardware device that first came out in 2013. The latest version is called the Surface Pro. Unlike the previous three Pro models, it does not have a version. It runs Windows 10 Pro and can use the software most lawyers are familiar with, while being lighter and more portable than a laptop. This makes it a great all-in-one device, and if you are a Windows user, the interface is already familiar and intuitive. Microsoft also has a Surface Book and a Surface Laptop.

The Surface Pro tablet comes in several configurations of processors and hard drive capacities, but all versions allow the use of an SD card and have a USB port. The actual weight of the device depends upon the configuration chosen, but the heaviest is 1.73 pounds. Attaching the keyboard adds about .68 pounds. By comparison, the weight of a Surface Pro tablet with the attached keyboard is almost the same as a file folder with a one-inch stack of copy paper. The latest version has up to 13.5 hours of

battery life while playing video (versus 9 hours for the Surface Pro 4 tablet). For the first time, the latest version will include an option for 4G LTE service for internet access (available later this year).

Do you pack up and carry your files in a banker's box when you leave for a mediation conference or trial? Are the files organized to allow quick access if you need to review a document? What happens when you need to look at a discovery response? Do you dig through your banker's box and hope the response is in there?

By using the Surface Pro tablet at a client meeting outside the office, at a mediation conference, or at a trial, and using OneNote as a digital trial notebook and for note taking, you can have an organized file for quick reference and adding new information. For a lawyer, the combination of a lightweight device with the optional self-attaching keyboard and the full power to run the software you need for productivity makes it a perfect device for use on the go or in the courtroom. You can quickly send or copy a digital file on the office local area network to the Surface Pro tablet or place on a thumb drive before you leave the office. As the counties adopt e-filing, documents filed in a case will be accessible online for viewing or downloading.

As observed by Jeff Bennion, a San Diego trial lawyer and frequent writer on technology in the law office, "they are making software that is making it easier to work on the go, and hardware that lets us pack up our entire desktop and fit it under our arm, and work from home or at the beach."

The bottom line is that the Surface Pro tablet is superior to "old school" methods of transporting your files in a rolling cart or having to carry a legal pad for taking notes.



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In Search of the Next Small Office Printer *by Derrick Jackson*



(Mini review of the Brother MFC L6700DW)

Our workhorse small office printer (a Brother 8890dw) finally was put out to pasture after several years of faithful service. It didn't exactly stop working, but needed a fuser and some other part that Brother no longer sold. So we embarked on the journey to find a replacement. What follows are some of the decisions we considered in selecting a new workhorse printer.

First, you need to consider what your office needs for this printer to do. How much printing will it do in a month? Do you need it to copy as well as print? If you do need it to copy, what size(s)? Is color important? Do you need it to scan? What about paper types? Do you need trays for bond and letterhead, for example? What about envelopes? Do you need an envelope feeder? Will it be

networked? If so, will it be connected by ethernet or wireless? Can it be expanded? What options are available?

In our office, we use some basic personal laser printers (Brother 2270dw & Samsung 28300w) for small print jobs and checks. Our paralegal also uses a ScanSnap S1500 (highly recommended, newer model available) for quick scanning projects on his desk. We use the "Office Printer" for everything else - larger print jobs, scanning, copying in different sizes, sorting, and envelopes. We don't print in color that often. When we need color prints, we use Office Depot down the street. We do print on letterhead and bond, but don't bulk mail letters that often so an envelope feeder is not a necessity. Our office environment is primarily secured wireless.

Once you have assessed your needs, how do you decide among all the printers which meet those needs? One primary criterion is costs. Don't measure costs based on the initial cost of the printer, but rather based on the per page costs of consumables (ink or toner, and drum.) You will pay the purchase price once, but the consumables over and over. We selected the Brother MFC L6700DW printer. Its initial costs were somewhat higher than other options (\$479, now \$529), but its per page costs were significantly lower. The Brother 6700DW can use a super high-yield toner cartridge capable of 12,000 pages. The toner costs about \$80 on Amazon. Therefore, its per page costs is \$80/12,000 pages or .006 per page. For comparison, the "high yield" cartridge for a cheap desktop Brother printer costs about \$55 and yields only 2,600 pages.



Another factor, of course, is quality. To assess this, I typically google the product choices and check out the Amazon reviews. For the Brother 6700DW, since it's fairly new, it only had 41 reviews, but averaged four stars. Another good source is online reviews, like PCMag, where the Brother 6700DW received an Editor's Choice award and overall rating of "Excellent." Your own experience is also a good guide; our previous Brother printer performed reliably for years.

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Finally, you can compare the feature sets. The biggest difference I noticed with the new printer is speed. It is rated at 48ppm. I also really like its scanning features. It has a 70 sheet capacity auto document feeder (essential) that easily scans a stack of papers to whatever destination you choose. The glass size will accommodate up to legal size pages. It features a color 4.85 touchscreen to make it easy to setup and operate. This works well with its scanning capabilities because you can create shortcuts. We set up one for each person in the office so everyone can scan to their own folder with two taps. You can also scan directly to Dropbox, email, OneNote, etc., as well as a mobile device with their free app.

We added the optional 250 sheet tray (for our letterhead) (\$129) to the existing 520 sheet standard tray. We print envelopes using the 50 sheet multipurpose tray. The MFC-L6700DW has several other nice features. It has advanced duplexing which means it can print on both sides of a page saving paper, and it can also scan a two-sided document in a single pass. It has a USB port on front in case your client wants to give you a document on a USB key that may be too large or not secure to email (or if your daughter has a school project that just has to be printed before school starts). It is also compatible with Apple AirPrint, Google Cloud Print, etc.

We are really pleased with the Brother MFC L6700DW. I hope this helps if you are looking for your own office workhorse.

Derrick practices with Toby Ward in their office in Five Points. You can reach him at dj@tobywardlaw.com

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Learning the Lessons of John Henry

The Importance for Attorneys of Embracing Automation *by Jack Pringle*



We've all heard stories of Human v. Machine. Perhaps the most memorable is that of John Henry, the "steel-driving man" who (legend has it) won a race with a steam-powered hammer, only to die from exhaustion soon after with his hammer in his hand. The late great Johnny Cash memorialized Henry's feats in the "The Legend of John Henry's Hammer":

*John Henry said to his captain said "A man ain't nothin' but a man
But if you'll bring that steamdrill 'round I'll beat it fair and honest.
I'll die with that hammer in my hand but, I'll be laughin',
Cause you can't replace a steel-drivin' man."*

In this age of ubiquitous computer technology, there is no shortage of opinions regarding the effects that automation may have on many occupations and professions, including the proposition that computers may replace certain jobs entirely. Once again the human is seemingly pitted against a machine.

Time of Potential Transformation (and Perhaps not Extinction)

So I am relatively encouraged to read some views suggesting that attorneys and law firms (and other businesses) are not necessarily in a death match with high-powered computers. As *The New York Times* article "The End of Lawyers? Not So Fast" suggested, citing a McKinsey & Company study, technology is "likely to transform, rather than eliminate, jobs." As the McKinsey study put it:

...few occupations will be automated in their entirety in the near or medium term. Rather, certain activities are more likely to be automated, requiring entire business processes to be transformed, and jobs performed by people to be redefined, much like the bank teller's job was redefined with the advent of ATMs.

In other words, the existence of one set of tools (computer technology) requires an organization to figure out how to use those tools in concert with its other tools (people and business processes).

To put a finer point on the importance of effective computer technology use, the authors of the McKinsey study asked "How Many of Your Daily Tasks Could be Automated?" and posited two principal benefits of automating tasks: 1) investments in automation generate benefits worth three to ten times the cost; and 2) businesses derive value from activities that employees do instead of the work that is now automated.

In other words, as tasks are automated, lawyers and law firm employees are freed up to do other work, and must determine how to use that time most productively. As the McKinsey Automation potential and wages for US jobs interactive graphic shows, 23% of a lawyer's time could be automated with the use of current technology, and fully 69% of time currently spent by paralegals and legal assistants could be automated. Of course, those statistics also suggest that if law firms do not automate those tasks, someone else

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will. In other words, the outlook is not so good for those attorneys continuing to swing a steel hammer when they could be operating a steam-powered hammer.

Make Sure You Are Using the Right Hammer

The good news for attorneys is that there are a great many “steam-powered hammers” sitting (quite literally) at our fingertips, in the form of available computer tools. Automation in the law office context doesn’t necessarily mean “big data” algorithms and writing software code. Think of computer technology tools helping out with any task that you do over and over again (words, sentences, paragraphs, contacts, pleadings, briefs).

As described in a recent issue of the ABA’s Law Technology Today, automation may involve using your current tools more effectively (email rules, automatic renumbering of sections, spellcheckers, QuickParts, templates), or exploring new automation tools (like voice recognition software or document creation software).

Render Unto the Lawyers...

Other studies cited in “The End of Lawyers: Not So Fast” show how automation complements labor in the workplace, especially in the law office. Significantly, lawyers do a great many tasks that are less structured and not subject to being automated:

As it turns out, being a lawyer involves performing a range of tasks, from reading and analyzing documents, to counseling, appearing in court and persuading juries. Indeed, reading documents accounts for a relatively modest portion of a lawyer’s activities.

Additionally, software programs employed for e-discovery require a great deal of human involvement. The trick is figuring out those tasks that are better suited to automation, rethinking processes to incorporate appropriate automation, and then doing more of the things—like counseling and advocacy, and the client development to have more of that work to do—that the machines don’t do so well.

Conclusion: You Are Smarter Than You Think

Attorneys have the opportunity to transform their practices by working with—and not against—computer technology. As author Clive Thompson wrote, in his book *Smarter Than You Think: How Technology is Changing Our Brains for the Better*:

Which is smarter at chess—humans or computers? Neither. It’s the two together, working side by side.

Unlike John Henry, lawyers are in the position to continue to be relevant, as long as we identify and utilize the strengths of both Human and Machine.

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Law School Update

by Robert M. Wilcox, Dean, USC School of Law

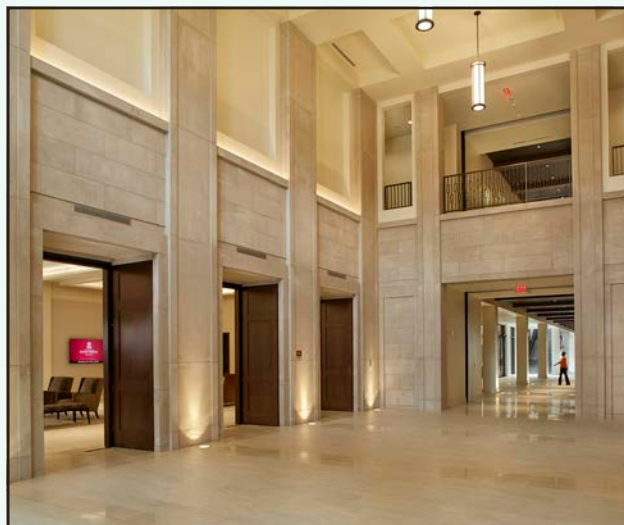
The University of South Carolina School of Law has moved into its new home at 1525 Senate Street, two blocks from the State House and state courts. Although some details are still being completed, summer school classes started in the new building in late May. If you have not yet had a chance to experience the building, please stop by and look around its courtrooms, classrooms, and library. From the moment you walk past the limestone columns at the main entrance, you will feel a part of a significant addition to the legal community.

When the Class of 2020 arrives in August, students will enter a building filled with natural light and high ceilings and a welcoming courtyard that offers places for casual study, conversation, and relaxation. They will also discover many new amenities, such as a student commons area with 24/7 access, group study rooms with special paint that literally allows students to write on the walls, and classrooms located close to faculty offices to facilitate conversation and learning outside of the classroom.

In fact, that strong spirit of collaboration permeates the building and doesn't apply just to law students. The new building has plenty to offer South Carolina's legal community, and we invite you to come by and experience it for yourself. Check out the Korn Lawyer's Room on the first floor of the library at the corner of Bull and Gervais Streets. It offers lawyers a place to work while researching at the library, as well as a place to take a private call if needed. You will also want to experience the quiet and more formal ambiance of the library's magnificent two-story Coleman Karesh Reading Room overlooking the courtyard.

Our library staff still offers the same outstanding research assistance as before. We also kept most of our books, and we remain the most comprehensive law library in the state. We placed about 60 percent of our collection on compact shelving in the basement, to give the library a more open and inviting feel, while keeping every source within easy reach.

There are also convenient spaces to mentor law students as you pass on your knowledge and expertise to a new generation of future lawyers. A new café—offering a light breakfast, as well as soups, sandwiches, and a daily hot entrée for lunch - is a great way to grab lunch with colleagues, meet with your mentees, or catch up with a former professor. There is ample seating inside the café area, or you can enjoy lunch in the beautiful and spacious



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courtyard, which offers a variety of conversation areas.

The new School of Law features a 300-seat working courtroom, which is as elegant as its namesake, the late Judge Karen Williams. The courtroom perfectly blends South Carolina's legal history with a modern look and the latest technology. It features the state's original Supreme Court bench dating back to the 1870s, floor to ceiling windows, and ample video screens for events held in the courtroom.

A second courtroom incorporates the original woodwork taken from a courtroom in the old Richland County Courthouse before it was demolished in 1980. This smaller courtroom was specially designed to accommodate the old woodwork, and the resulting space has captured accurately the feel of a courthouse. Both courtrooms will be used for trial courses and for mock trial and moot court competitions.

Other important spaces in the new building reflect an emphasis on experiential learning, including the Richland County Bar Association Pro Bono Office and a much larger and improved space for the school's clinics program, both located on the third floor, overlooking Gervais Street and the Columbia legal community.

The School of Law will celebrate its 150th anniversary along with the building's formal dedication on the morning of September 14. Richland Bar members are invited also to the Richland Bar CLE at the school on October 27 and a November 2-3 symposium co-sponsored by the School of Law, the American Bar Association, and the South Carolina Bar, focusing on the 25th anniversary of *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council*. Before then, you may just want to stop by to enjoy the magnificent Chihuly chandelier, which is the gift of a graduate from another college within the University and will be installed in late August. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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AgFirst Farm Credit Bank announces that **Frances S. Griggs** has been promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of the company located at 1901 Main St., Columbia 29201.

Atkins Law Firm announces that **Dewana Looper** has joined the firm and that the firm is relocating to 1931 Bull St., Ste. C, Columbia 29201.

Barnes Alford is pleased to announce that **Emily Collins Brown** has become a partner in the firm. Emily graduated *cum laude* from Wofford College in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance. In 2011, she graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Following law school, Emily served as a judicial law clerk for

the Honorable James R. Barber, III, before joining the firm as an associate in 2012. She focuses her practice on hospital and medical malpractice defense.

Three skilled and experienced attorneys have come together to create **Burnette Shutt & McDaniel**, a new law firm in Columbia's Vista District that will focus on employment law, environmental law, privacy issues, and litigation. Founders **M. Malissa Burnette**, **Nekki Shutt**, and **Kathleen McDaniel** practiced together for nearly seven years before forming the firm. They're joined by **Janet Rhodes** and **Jacqueline "Jax" Pavlicek**. McDaniel noted that the firm's location at historic 912 Lady St. is appropriate considering the attorneys' track records of ground-breaking litigation. "Our offices blend the best of the modern era with a respect for tradition. The same could be said of our firm."

Clawson and Staubes, LLC announces that **Barbara Seymour** has joined the firm's Columbia office located at 1612 Marion St., 29201. (800) 774-8242.

Gallivan White Boyd, is pleased to announce that attorney **Lindsay Joyner** has ascended to the office of President of the South Carolina Bar's Young Lawyers Division. Joyner had previously served as President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and iCivics Chair and Co-Chair. During her presidency, Joyner will also continue in her role as Co-Chair of both the South Carolina Bar's Wellness Committee and the Young Lawyers Division's Social Media Committee. The Young Lawyers Division, which has a membership of more than 4,000 lawyers, includes all members of the SC Bar under age 36 and those with less than five years membership. Joyner's practice places an emphasis on financial institution, business and commercial, professional negligence, and trust litigation. A significant portion of Joyner's legal practice is devoted to lender liability. She handles a wide variety of financial institution issues, including advising bankers on policy and customer issues that arise as well as litigating matters from an offensive and defensive perspective. Additionally, Joyner represents corporate and individual clients in business and commercial litigation matters.

Presented by **McAngus Goudelock & Courie**, the MGC Long Run raised \$23,233 for USO South Carolina. The USO South Carolina is a nonprofit organization that strengthens America's military service members by connecting them to family, home and country throughout their service to the nation. The donation is a result of the 2017 MGC Long Run 15k, 15k Relay, 5k, and Kids' Fun Run that took place on February 4, 2017. This year's race had over 750 runners and walkers and over 125 volunteers. "MGC is proud to bring the Long Run to Columbia each year as an effort to recognize and support our troops," said Rusty Goudelock, one of MGC's founding members. "Our service men and women protect us each and every day, and we are honored to give this donation to the USO South Carolina." The MGC Long Run has raised nearly \$100,000 for nonprofits since it began in 2014. The 2018 race will take place on February 3rd and will feature a 15k, 5k and Kids' Fun Run.

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McDonnell and Associates, PA announces the opening of its northeast Columbia office located at 1034 Wildwood Centre Dr., 29229. (866) 931-8793.

Stuart Nickles has joined the **State Fiscal Accountability Authority's** Office of General Counsel as assistant general counsel. The office is located at 1201 Main St., Ste. 420, Columbia 29201.

McNair Law Firm, P.A. is pleased to announce **Wm. Grayson Lambert** has joined the Firm as an associate focused on business litigation. Prior to joining McNair, Lambert worked with McGuireWoods in Charlotte and clerked for the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He has experience representing individual and corporate clients in complex commercial litigation, appeals, and government investigations.

McNair Law Firm, P.A. attorney **Erik Doerring** has been elected as a Director for the Central South Carolina Alliance Committee of 100. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017. The Committee is a volunteer marketing group that promotes economic development in a nine-county region in Central South Carolina. Its purpose is to provide private-sector resources to the Central South Carolina Alliance's mission to recruit capital investment and jobs to the area. Doerring serves as Tax Practice Group Leader at McNair. He has represented domestic and international clients in the negotiation and finalization of economic development incentives for projects involving over \$2 billion in capital investment and thousands of jobs in the Southeast.

Pope Flynn, a South Carolina-based law firm concentrating in public finance, governmental law, and procurement and construction, has launched a new website. The new website features a representative selection of projects where the firm's attorneys have served as bond counsel or special counsel to help cities, counties, universities, and special purpose districts meet their vital capital needs. The new website also offers an extensive resources section, including articles and downloadable presentations the firm's attorneys have offered on capital financing, economic development programs and incentives, and other governmental law matters. The resources section also includes an array of outside links to government and legal resources, as well as outside links to information on bond market news, associations and regulators, agencies, and national industry organizations.

Rogers Lewis Jackson Mann & Quinn, LLC announces its relocation to 1901 Main St., Ste. 1200, Columbia 29201. (803) 256-1268.

The **South Carolina Department of Revenue** announces that **Jason P. Luther** has joined the Office of General Counsel as the General Counsel for Litigation, located at 300A Outlet Pointe Blvd., Columbia 29210. (803) 898-5000.

Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC is pleased to announce **Betsy Gray** has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees for the Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community. Gray is a practicing attorney and past president of the South Carolina Bar. She has been

recognized by many groups for her contributions to the legal profession and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation, and the Litigation Counsel of America. Betsy has served on the Still Hopes Board of Trustees for a total of 7 years. Her interest in serving the retirement community is personal as well as community-minded. Betsy's father was a distinguished resident of Still Hopes for 12 years.



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Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, is pleased to announce **Jasmine Smith** has been named a recipient of the President's Award from the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division. This award honors service and leadership in the legal profession. Jasmine currently serves as co-chair of the Young Lawyers Division Voices Against Violence Committee, where she received the "Outstanding Volunteer Group" Award for a shelter refurbishment project she helped to implement. She also serves as co-chair of the SC Bar Leadership Academy Committee, chair of the Resource Assembly and Website Development committee for the SC Bar Living Above the Bar Wellness Committee, and is a member of the Young Lawyers Division Color of Justice Committee. In addition to her efforts with the SC Bar, Jasmine devotes time to the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. She is slated to serve as vice-director of the Member Resources Team and as a board member of the Membership Board for 2017-2018. Jasmine has twice received the SC Bar Young Lawyers Division "Star of the Quarter" Award and was an American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Scholar.

Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC is pleased to announce that **Meredith Ross** has joined the firm as a new attorney. Meredith graduated from the USC Honors College with a B.A. in political science. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Arizona State University and her J.D. from the USC School of Law. She was the winner of the J. Lewis Moot Court Competition, served as Chief Justice of the Moot Court Bar, and a member of the John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court. Meredith served as USC student body president from 2009 to 2010 and was awarded the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Meredith was a member of Teach for America, a national corps of leaders who commit to teaching in low-income schools to increase students' opportunities in life. Meredith has served as law clerk to the Honorable Aphrodite K. Konduros and staff attorney for the South Carolina Court of Appeals. She volunteers with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

Callison Tighe announces that **George A. Taylor**, an experienced attorney whose practice includes construction litigation and complex business disputes, has become the firm's newest partner. Taylor joined the firm in 2011, shortly after graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Before attending law school, he served in the U.S. Air Force as an intelligence officer. He was deployed overseas several times during his service, including tours in Iraq and Qatar. He earned numerous commendations, including Army and Air Force Commendation Medals. A skilled litigator who's licensed to appear in all levels of state and federal courts in South Carolina, Taylor's practice also includes professional negligence and medical malpractice. Taylor also offers his legal skills to the community, serving as a guardian ad litem for displaced children and providing pro bono legal services to the homeless.

Legal directory publisher *The Legal 500* has recognized **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP** for its national M&A/corporate and commercial - M&A: middle-market (sub-\$500m) practice and Columbia partner **Gus M. Dixon** as a "recommended" practitioner in the practice. Selections for the publication are based on *Legal 500's* research into the legal market, including interviews with law firm commercial clients and attorney peers, according to the organization. The UK-based reference guide has been published annually for more than 25 years.

D. Reece Williams III, partner at **Callison Tighe**, and his wife Nancy were presented with honorary life memberships in the Thomas Cooper Society at the society's Annual Dinner. They were honored for their many years of dedicated support for the University Libraries, the Irvin Department, the Thomas Cooper Society, and the Ex Libris Society. The Awards Committee and the Board voted unanimously to award honorary life membership to Reece & Nancy Williams for their many years of volunteer service, leadership, generous donations, and support. Williams is a past president of the Thomas Cooper Society, and has also served as president of the Ex Libris Society. A William Faulkner enthusiast and collector, Williams was in the news last year for having donated the most valuable portions of his collection to the libraries. The gift included first editions of all of Faulkner's novels, plus an eclectic assortment of other rare books by and about the legendary Mississippian. The gift led to an exhibit titled, "Interpreting Faulkner: Selections from the

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Nancy and Reece Williams Collection of William Faulkner.”

The S.C. Office of the Attorney General announces that **W. Joseph Maye** has joined the agency as an assistant attorney general located at 1000 Assembly St., Rembert C. Dennis Bldg., Columbia 29201. (803) 734-3970.

The **SC Bar Foundation** announces the following have been elected as officers and members of the Board - **Christopher R. Koon, The Electric Cooperatives of S.C., Inc.** as Treasurer; **Sidney J. Evering II, Parker Poe** as Immediate Past President and **Roy F. Laney, Riley Pope & Laney**, as ex officio. **George Cauthen, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough; Lisa Cotten, Mike Kelly Law Group; and Byron Gipson, Johnson Toal & Battiste** are serving as Board members.

Thomas Law Firm, LLC announces that **Brent M. Takach** has joined the firm as an associate located at 3007 Millwood Ave., Columbia 29205. (803) 799-0705

Womble Carlyle announces the relocation of its Columbia office to 1221 Main St., Ste. 1600, 29201. (803) 454-6504.

Wyche was honored to host a panel event on May 18th featuring Mayor Joe Riley, Jennifer Pinckney, Senator Gerald Malloy, and Matthew Richardson to discuss the nature of resilience, starting with the otherworldly courage shown in the aftermath of the Mother Emanuel shooting in Charleston, SC. Moderator and Wyche attorney Meliah Bowers Jefferson engaged with panelists Jennifer Pinckney – survivor of the Mother Emanuel tragedy and widow of The Honorable Clementa C. Pinckney; Mayor Joe Riley – nationally acclaimed Mayor of Charleston, S.C. from 1975-2016; Senator Gerald Malloy – Senator for S.C. District 29; and **Wyche attorney Matthew Richardson** – a state leader on access to justice – in discussion of the fortitude required to make our communities and businesses stronger. Wyche’s Resilience Event is part of the firm’s Storytellers initiative. Wyche launched <http://wyche.com/storytellers> in April of 2017 as a platform for sharing ideas and igniting conversation about topics outside of the practice of law. Storytellers events create live forums for discussing topics that encourage new connections, and examination of the world from unique points of view.

The **9th SC Bar Leadership Academy** has concluded. The SC Bar will begin soliciting applications for the next class at the end of the summer. Please share names of potential candidates with Caitlin Watson (cwatson@sbar.org). In addition to completing the application, applicants must provide two letters of reference and submit a brief essay. Applicants must have practiced law for not less than **three years and for not more than 15 years** as of January 1, 2018 (based upon first admission to any state bar). Participants are expected to attend each of the sessions and the graduation in their entirety. At least one session may require overnight travel and/or a group dinner. Sessions are typically held in Columbia, Greenville and Charleston but may be located elsewhere.

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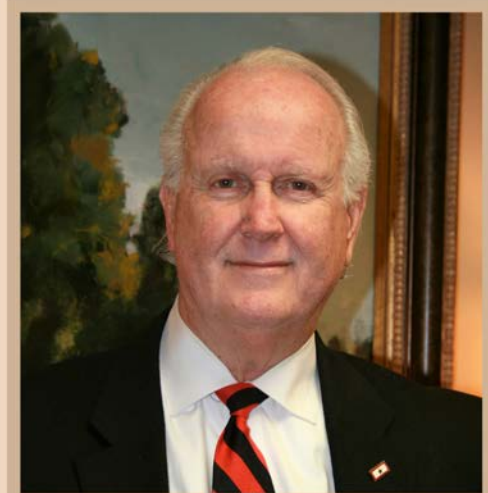
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