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Family Night at the Zoo
Thursday, April 27, 2017

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Thursday, May 11, 2017

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Friday, June 09, 2017

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Thursday, June 22, 2017

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Thursday, August 17, 2017

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Friday, October 27, 2017

**Annual Meeting/
Holiday Party**
Thursday, December 7, 2017



From the President, Dave Maxfield

Somthing's on the Floor

My oldest son, now a senior in high school, has grown into an amazing young man. Getting there was not always easy, and frequently characterized by moments like this:

Me: "Don't dump cereal onto the floor."

Him: "I'm not!"

Me: "I'm watching you do it **RIGHT NOW!**"

Him: "No you aren't."



His favorite (and still sometimes go-to) tactic was to reframe things in front of my very eyes in real time and try to neurologically reprogram me into thinking I was hallucinating. While never fully convinced, I'll admit that the fatigue produced from having to constantly debate the very fabric of reality disarmed me into giving up (or giving in) more than I should.

Little did I know I was being conditioned for life in 2017.

You are no doubt aware of U.S. Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway's now infamous use of the term *alternative facts* in defense of Press Secretary Sean Spicer's exaggeration of Trump's inauguration attendance. Within a few hours, the phrase had its own Wikipedia page as part of a series on "Misinformation and Disinformation." According to that page, within three days of Conway's statement, sales of George Orwell's *1984* increased by 9,500%.

Journalists exploded with indignation. Spicer's original statement, that the inauguration had drawn the "largest audience to ever witness an inauguration - period - both in person and around the globe" had been aimed at "the media" whom he accused of deliberately underestimating the size of the crowd. The battle lines between the White House and the media were thus drawn on day one.

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From the Editors, Mike Polk and Van Horger

You Can Learn a Lot from a Martian

There's a starman waiting in the sky
He'd like to come and meet us
But he thinks he'd blow our minds
- *Starman*, David Bowie.

The Martian has quickly become one of my favorite movies. The story follows both Mark Watney (played by Matt Damon), an astronaut who is stranded on Mars, and the team on earth working to rescue him. Because only 7 or 8 people are probably going to read this, I am not too

worried about spoiling anything.¹ The more I thought about the story, the more I realized how much its lessons can be applied to the practice of law:

1. *Start with what you have.* After discovering he is alone on Mars, Watney realizes he must survive for several years before the next mission to Mars. Watney immediately starts going through all the equipment, food, and other material left on Mars to figure out what he can use to stay alive. As lawyers we should periodically pause to take stock of what we have on hand and how we can use it to do what we need to do. Sometimes you don't need to buy new equipment or invest in expensive software. You may discover that you already have the tools you need, and it is more a matter of learning how to use and becoming proficient with the tools at hand than starting from scratch.
2. *Sometimes you need to take time to appreciate the little things.* About midway through the movie, Watney runs out of ketchup. Even in my earthbound household of ketchup lovers, that would be a disaster. I started thinking how much I take for granted on a daily basis. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that to achieve contentment, one should "cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously." Good advice for lawyers, for whom looking on the bright side and counting blessings is often hard and counter to what we have been trained to do. For more information, check out *The Happiness Project* at gretchenrubin.com.
3. *Sometimes you need two folders.* The head of NASA carried two folders with him to press conferences held immediately after missions. One folder had comments for a mission success, the other for mission failure. As lawyers, we hope for the best, but need to be prepared for the worst. Thinking about both scenarios helps to prepare us and our clients for either outcome.
4. *Sometimes you need duct tape.* It saved Mark Watney's life. It can't hurt to have an extra roll around your office.
5. *Sometimes you need to shake your booty.* Watney listened to music while he worked and relaxed. It just so happened that the only music available was disco music, as in K.C. and the Sunshine Band's (*Shake, Shake, Shake*) *Shake Your Booty*. If you don't listen to music or have something



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Don't Worry; He'll Grow Out of It

by Lisa Long Cotten



Fortunately for me, my son is not an avid reader of the RCBA newsletter. Surely my name would be mud if he had any idea that I was writing this article. I decided to share this article not to embarrass my child, but to reassure a fretful parent that better days are down the road. My son is now twelve years old and one of the most polite and mild-mannered tweens (the awkward years between ten and thirteen when the mind and body are changing from a kid to a teenager) you'll meet; however, I have many moments when I wonder, "Who are you and what have you done with my child?" Although this is a challenging time as a parent, I have learned that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

To put this into context, let's flashback to another developmental stage, the terrible twos. My son used to be a dreaded "biter." I first noticed the behavior when he started day care at fourteen months old. He had previously been in the care of a loving retired couple, who treated him like one of their grandchildren. My husband and I decided to transition him into an actual day care facility because he was becoming extremely active and needed to learn to interact with other children. We did our research and consulted other parents, and we found the perfect facility. Unfortunately, the transition was more difficult than we anticipated. My son would scream bloody murder every morning

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playing in the background, give it a try, and vice versa. Studies show that some people do better working to music, others in silence, still others with white noise or coffee house or other ambient sounds. There are a million apps and websites that can help you find the perfect mix (Spotify, Pandora, simplynoise.com, Amazon Music, SomaFM).² In case you were wondering, merely listening to Mozart will not make you a genius despite the ballyhooed Mozart effect. (Also, when I was in college one of my friends recorded his notes on a tape recorder and replayed them on a continuous loop while he slept. It turns out that doesn't work, either.)

6. *Work the problem.* During the mission, several seemingly insurmountable problems appeared. Rather than panic or give up, the mission commander just ordered everyone to work the problem. The astronauts worked the problem until they found a solution. Although not every legal problem has a feasible solution, sometimes you just need to sit down, assume there is an answer, and work the problem. It never ceases to amaze me what lawyers can do when they focus on a problem and are determined to solve it.

So there you have it. If you haven't seen the movie or read the book, I recommend checking it out. You might see something in the Martian that you see in yourself or can apply to your own fight for survival.

¹ The readers are (1) Van Horger (co-editor, she has to read it), (2) my friend Christie (fellow Martian fan), (3) my wife (to shut me up about it), (4) Dave Maxfield (to make sure I don't write anything deserving of getting fired), (5) Mandy Wren (part of her job), (6) Helen Johnson (probably accidentally reads it putting it together), and (7) a couple of people interested in astronomy who are in the wrong place.

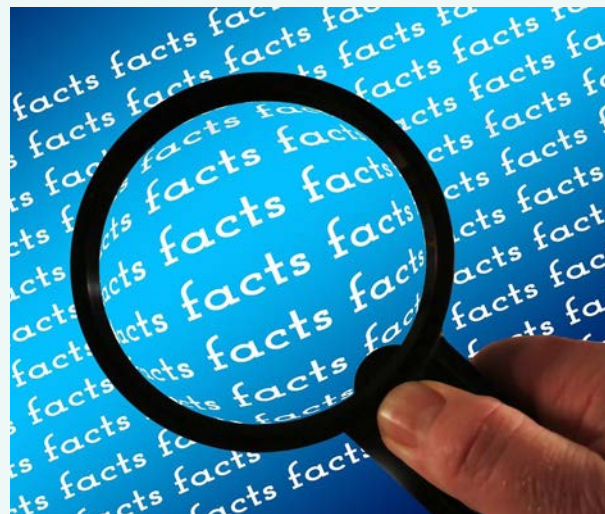
² The best music to play, of course, is opera. People assume you are cultured and really don't know what to make of it or you. Besides, you may like it.

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From the President (...continued from page 1)

Meanwhile, across the globe, Syrian President Bashar Assad was dealing with media problems of his own. Confronted with Amnesty International's report of torture and mass executions in his Sednaya Prison, Assad told Yahoo News that "anything can be forged," and proposed that the Amnesty report was simply another product of a "fake news era."

Alternative facts. Fake news. You've no doubt heard these words a thousand times in 2017 already. And – whatever your political orientation – you're probably already tired of talking or thinking about them. And that's exactly my point. A certain fatigue arises from the effort of having constantly to separate truth from lies, fact from fiction. And therein lies the real danger. Soon, lies becomes plausible, just as obvious truths seem fabricated. Soon, you don't know (or care) whether there is cereal all over the floor.



But what does any of this mean for us, zoomed down to the level of lawyers in a County Bar Association? Two things: First, the truth exists, and it's really important. Much of the public's distaste for our profession comes from our perceived ability to bend facts to suit us. While our job is to investigate, question, and interpret facts, we must never let ourselves forget that facts – objective, provable, real – **exist**. We can't ever take the easy way out by inventing some contrary fact. We can't allow ourselves to cross the line between explaining the meaning of provable facts and inventing other facts from whole cloth. The opposite of a fact is not an alternative fact (or fake news). In this era, we need to take our role as guardians of the truth, the law, and the Constitution with dead seriousness. We took an oath, after all.

Second, we need to appreciate and support what it is that journalists do. Just as it's our job to defend, it's theirs to *question*. Too often and too easily Journalists are framed as "the media." It's one of those loaded phrases that conjures distrust in most people. That's why the current administration talks in terms of its "running war with *the media*" instead of a war on "journalism" or "reporters." As 31-year old senior White House Policy Advisor Stephen Miller put it on *Face the Nation*, "Our opponents, the media, and the whole world will soon see as we begin to take further actions, that the powers of the President to protect our country are very substantial and will not be questioned."

Questioning is what journalists do, and must never stop doing. Not just of Trump's administration, but every one that comes after, of whatever stripe. As Orwell himself wrote, "Freedom of the Press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose." When journalists stop asking questions – or when we stop defending their right to do so (or any of the Constitution) – the American Experiment is officially over.

Our Oath says we that we defend the Constitution of our state and the United States. It says we maintain the dignity of our legal system. There is no footnote that allows us to call time out when we're tired. See Rule 402, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, if you don't believe me.

It exists, I swear.

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Don't Worry; He'll Grow Out of It (...continued from page 3)

when I dropped him off. I would leave so distressed that I would have to call my husband on my way to the office to calm me down.

Eventually the crying stopped, but I began receiving multiple daycare incident reports where my son was getting into fights and biting other children. In his defense, my son was usually responding to another child taking his toy, pushing him, or cutting in front of him in line. Instead of using his words, he decided to use his teeth. I recall leaving my office in the afternoons and heading to the day care repeatedly saying to myself "please no notes today." Some days I would luck out, but more often than not, the teacher had at least one incident to report. At that time, my son was two and a half years old and I was finding myself avoiding play dates with other parents. If he did attend an event with a lot of children, I found myself watching him like a hawk for any indication that he was ready to strike. My husband and I tried everything. We got all kinds of advice ranging from positive reinforcement to gently biting him back. I even consulted a parenting guru, my mom. She simply stated "don't worry; he'll grow out of it." Was she joking? He'll grow out of it? When? How long will it take?

As usual, my mom was right. He did eventually grow out of it. It took a great deal of patience and understanding, but he did it. The incident reports had become few and far between. I do not recall exactly when, how, or why he stopped biting, but I do recall the moment I realized that he was growing up. When my son was in the first grade, I took him to a birthday party with indoor inflatables. I was engaged in a conversation with another parent and had taken my eyes off of my son for a few minutes. One of the other parents approached me and said "Excuse me, is that your son?" My heart sunk as I said, "Yes, he is." The dad responded, "He is so polite. I had to come and tell you." I was so proud. The toddler who got into fights on a daily basis was now one of the most well-mannered kids in his class. My son's terrible twos lasted two and a half years, but the point is that we survived it.



As attorneys, we are problem solvers by nature. We handle other people's problems all day. It's a blow to our egos when we are not able to use logic and reasoning to "fix" our own children. I am by no means trying to trivialize or over-simplify behaviors that may require professional attention, but there are some behaviors that are simply growing pains and our children will eventually grow out of them.

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Richland County Common Pleas Jury Verdicts

16-CP-40-0006

Vernon Hudson v. Garrison Sansburg

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Scott Hayes

Defense: Robert Brown

Cause of Action: Automobile, Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defendant

15-CP-40-7637

Avril Stephens v. Nicholas Prince

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Robert Anthony Russo

Defense: William H. Bowman

Cause of Action: Automobile

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$17,000

15-CP-40-4796

C. James v. O.T. Branham

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: S. B. Lipscomb

Defense: A. Bailey

Cause of Action: Automobile, Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defendant

What's a HIIT: Fitness Trends for 2017

by Lindsay Joyner



So, do you know what HIIT is? Do you remember the rise and fall of the ThighMaster? What about Curves? What about the Shake Weight? Like your favorite perm, chunky heel, bootcut jean, tie width, or pleated pant, the popularity of workout routines ebbs and flows. As many of you, and certainly your wallets, have noticed, the rise of boutique fitness studios is here to stay. As soon as you think you have finally mastered one type of workout, there's something new to try.

Each year as the New Year's Resolution crowd begins January by hitting the gym, it seems like there are endless options being offered to grab those are looking to begin or return to an exercise routine. While numerous wellness blogs and fitness companies have come up with the list of trends for 2017, I have picked a few of my favorites from those lists and let you know where you can try them in Columbia. As it is not an exhaustive list, I encourage you to ask your friends and colleagues for recommendations or

consult the SC Bar's Living Above the Bar website.¹² But the most important thing for your physical and mental health is to keep trying different routines until you find something that you enjoy, because unless you enjoy - or at least respect - a workout, you are not likely to stick with it. The one thing that is not a trend is how important it is for lawyers to get moving. Numerous studies have shown the physical and mental benefits that come from physical fitness, and for lawyers it is especially important, given the number of hours we are tied to our desks each day. Although the workouts listed here are the trendiest fitness routines, it does not mean that your regular standbys cannot do the trick. However, should you hit a plateau, it is always good to challenge your body in new ways - just like how you challenge your brain with each new case.

So without further ado, here are the Top 5 Fitness Trends of 2017:

1. HIIT

HIIT stands for High Intensity Interval Training. While the name seems a bit intimidating, HIIT has a simple premise. Really any exercise routine that alternates bursts of intense activity with periods of lower-impact or even rest activity qualifies as HIIT. This can be as easy as alternating one minute of sprinting with walking for two minutes and repeating that three minute cycle for 15 minutes. Or it can be as difficult as a 30-minute group fitness class that alternates 45 seconds of intense exercise - think burpees, sprinting, jump squats, high knees etc. - with 15 seconds of rest. According to the American College of Sports Medicine's ("ACSM") Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends for 2017,³ HIIT exercise usually does not last longer than 30 minutes. HIIT is something that can be done multiple times during the day to rev your metabolism and increase daily calorie burn. HIIT is tied to more efficient calorie burn than steady-state exercise; therefore, you are likely to burn more calories attending a HIIT class or doing the exercises on your own than if you use the elliptical for 30 minutes at a steady speed. An example of a HIIT class in Columbia is MAX at Jamie Scott Fitness. K.O.R.E. Wellness and Burn Bootcamp also offer HIIT-style workouts. If you google HIIT, you can find many routines to do on your own or stream from your own device. Kayla Itsines, an Instagram star trainer from Australia who has taken the US by storm, has an App⁴ that provides HIIT routines.

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¹<http://discussions.scbar.org/public/wellness/index.html>

²http://journals.lww.com/acsm-healthfitness/Fulltext/2016/11000/WORLDWIDE_SURVEY_OF_FITNESS_TRENDS_FOR_2017.6.aspx

³ Kaylaitsines.com/app

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2. Boxing

Boxing has been around since prehistoric times. It too has been in and out of vogue. It was even outlawed in England and much of the United States during the nineteenth century because of its relation to gambling and violence. Assuming you are not looking to mess up your pretty face - but still want to spend 40–50 minutes punching something - boxing is a great calorie burner and strength trainer. Modern boxing classes actually may be one of the best options for lawyers seeking to relieve stress by taking out some aggression on a defenseless bag. Boxing as a group fitness exercise has gone through many iterations. For instance, from 2003–2010, I taught cardio kickboxing, which did not involve gloves or punching an actual bag, at two different universities and in private gyms, and my class sizes averaged around 60 people jabbing together in unison. Now, boxing classes are bringing in gloves, heavy bags, tear drop bags, and speed bags. In Columbia, 9Round and Sweat Sports Studio give you opportunities to hit and kick bags, jump rope, do pushups, and hold planks. 9Round is located on Forest Drive and Sweat Cycle Studios (the boxing class is called Strike) is downtown on Lady Street.



3. Megaformer

Have you ever heard of the Medieval torture device called a Rack? Well, that is sort of what a Megaformer looks like. The first time I took a Megaformer class, my abs gave out at least once during a lengthy plank wherein you were moving the carriage while also holding the plank, and my legs were shaking for probably an hour after I left the class. The next morning my abs felt a depth of soreness they have never felt, and for a good week I could feel them when I laughed. The best way I can describe it is a pilates reformer machine on steroids. While both the megaformer and reformer have a carriage that slides back and forth along two rails and are attached to a row of springs for resistance, the classes are somewhat different. Megaformer classes generally last between 40 and 50 minutes. When people do the Megaformer workout, they sweat, they shake, they burn fat, and they build muscle. The exercises performed on a Megaformer emphasize cardio, strength, balance, and flexibility at once. You would never expect your heart rate to get as high as it does while you are moving across a machine. Megaformer classes are growing across the country. In New York City, SLT is the place to go. In Boston, BTone Fitness is the studio of choice. In DC, it's [solidcore]. In Charlotte, HSM Core is the studio. If you are looking to make a daytrip to Charlotte, I highly recommend HSM Core. The Megaformers are state-of-the-art, the music is hip hop greatness, and the trainers are intense. Columbia does not yet have a Megaformer studio, but if you're interested in starting one, I have a client list for you. Columbia does have Pilates Reformer classes, so head to Jamie Scott Fitness at Crosshill, the Pilates Studio on Devine Street, or Pilates Bodies by Victoria on Main Street for these classes.

4. Mixed Format

While many boutique fitness studios focus on one thing, a 2017 trend is the mixed format class. Any class that has “fusion” in the

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Photos from the 2017 Annual Oyster Roast

Our Annual Oyster Roast was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Hay Hill. We enjoyed delicious oysters & BBQ from Mote Backyard Catering and music by The Mustache Brothers.



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running and rowing; or cycling, weights, and plyometrics. This gives those who get bored easily, or worry that they are not getting enough weight training with their cardiovascular exercise, a chance to do everything in one hour. One new example of a mixed format workout is Orangetheory Fitness. It has opened at Sandhills and will open another location on Forest Drive. Orangetheory Fitness is one of the fastest-growing boutique studios across the country, so Columbia is lucky to be getting one, and I have no doubt that those who try it will love it. The one-hour class incorporates treadmills, rowing, and weight training. Another take on the mixed format class is at Sweat, which is offering Strike + Flow to incorporate boxing and yoga and Sweat Fusion to incorporate cycling and boxing.

5. Group Personal Training

According to the ACSM Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends for 2017,¹ group personal training continues to be a trend in 2017. This trend is my personal favorite as I train every Thursday morning with 4 other women with Robert Simmons of Jamie Scott Fitness. We are a force to be reckoned with at 6:30 a.m. Group personal training allows you to have the feeling of one-on-one attention but with others to share in the torture that ensues. Usually group personal training consists of one trainer and a small group of typically 2 to 4 people. Another benefit of group personal training is that the training is usually offered at a discount to each member of the group. As the ACSM survey states, “[t]his creates an incentive for clients to put small groups together (as opposed to individual and often expensive personal training),” making good economic sense for the group and for the trainer. With my group, the economic sense is not the only incentive. Friendly competition, gentle ribbing, and the overall support for one another we have during our sessions offer more incentives to keep returning. Group personal training is likely offered in Columbia everywhere personal training is offered, including Best Self Fitness, Go Ham Fitness, K.O.R.E. Wellness, and Jamie Scott Fitness. So grab some friends or colleagues and get a group together!

There are other 2017 workout trends, but to avoid waxing poetic, the honorable mention trend is the flexibility and mobility roller. The flexibility and mobility roller is most commonly known as a foam roller. Foam rollers are specifically designed to massage, relieve muscle tightness, alleviate muscle spasms, improve circulation, ease muscular discomfort, and assist in the return to normal activity. Rollers are most often used for the low back, hips, and for larger muscle groups such as the hamstrings and the gluteal muscles. YouTube and wellness blogs offer specific exercises for the foam roller, and they can be purchased on Amazon or where fitness equipment is sold.

While fitness trends come and go, what does not change is the need for physical fitness in your life. So find something you like, and commit to increasing your physical and mental wellbeing.

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¹ http://journals.lww.com/acsm-healthfitness/Fulltext/2016/11000/WORLDWIDE_SURVEY_OF_FITNESS_TRENDS_FOR_2017.6.aspx

NOTE FROM THE PROBATE COURT

Attorneys have full access to estate documents online through SMS (Subscription Management Service).

The signup link is [Http://www.rcgov.us/OnlineServices/OnlineDataServices.aspx](http://www.rcgov.us/OnlineServices/OnlineDataServices.aspx).

The fee is \$2.55 daily, \$6.60 weekly, \$22.50 monthly, and \$108.48 yearly.



Spring is in the air. Of course, it's been intermittently in the air since January. We even had some pollen in February, and I saw tulips blooming. The poor flowers have no idea what's going on. Although I too have cursed the cold-warm-cold-again weather that seems to have everyone sick, I have to admit I have really enjoyed the warm days. I love an opportunity to drive with the sunroof open and sit on the porch for dinner. On one unseasonably warm Friday afternoon in January, I met some other lawyers for beers and appetizers at **The Twisted Spur** on Gervais. They have a decent-sized outdoor dining area that abuts the alley between it and Newk's, which may not lend itself to much of a view, but there isn't a lot of traffic noise either. Undeterred by the slight odor wafting from the dumpster (hey - nothing in life is perfect), we sat on the porch and tried several beers and several appetizers, and it was all good! If you tried Twisted Spur when it first opened and weren't sold, I would encourage you to give it another try. They have definitely worked out some kinks. And

it won't be long before everyone is requesting to sit *inside* because the heat and humidity have settled over the Midlands again, so you should go soon!

Speaking of summer, who has their summer vacations planned? If you haven't figured it out yet, take a look at the special travel category in this issue! I know the suggestions tempted me.

For the summer issue, send me some tidbits on your favorite summer activities. How do you beat the heat? And as always, send recommendations for books, movies, tv shows, blogs, restaurants, bars, music, podcasts and the rest of it to jgooding@goingslawfirm.com. I really appreciate the input!

What We're Doing Around Columbia

Moctezuma was started by an old manager of Casa Linda who wanted to bring a Mexican Restaurant to Columbia that had high quality traditional Mexican fare. It's a great little, tucked-away Mexican spot where the staff is extremely friendly and quick. They even brought us queso on the house-but that may be because my lunch companion had made fast friends with the staff. While some traditional Mexican favorites remain on the menu - expect to see burritos, quesadillas, and tortas - there are some interesting additions. One of those was what I ordered: the huarache al pastor. Huarache al pastor has a fried oval tortilla base and then is covered with black beans, red and green salsa, cheese, diced onions, and al pastor. It was delicious, and I was able to save half for dinner! Moctezuma will surely be my go-to traditional Mexican restaurant of choice. – *Lindsay Joyner, Gallivan White & Boyd*

I recently had lunch at **Main Street Public House**, 1556 Main Street. The chicken pesto pizza and the Jameson Whiskey Bleu Cheese burger were delicious. I can't wait to try their other menu items. – *Ellen Cleary, Cleary Law LLC*

We recently discovered **The Devine Cinnamon Roll Deli** and it's our new favorite place to eat! We recommend it for both breakfast and lunch. For breakfast we like the "Alexa's Breakfast" sandwich served with a mini cinnamon roll. For lunch you can't go wrong with the many hotdog, panini, or signature sandwich options, all served with Devine Chips (delicious fried dough dusted with cheese). And don't forget the namesake Cinnamon Rolls, served warm and smothered with cream cheese icing. We love the Original Cinnamon but there are a ton of unique favors for those looking for something different (Bananas Foster, Apple Cobbler, etc.). If you haven't stopped by yet, we think this reasonably-priced eatery is definitely worth a try! – *Lauren Wasson, Millender Elder Law LLC, & Chris Wasson, Riley Pope & Laney LLC*

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If you have not yet experienced the awesome beauty of the **Cayce Riverwalk**, now is the time. Try starting at the “end” on Saxe Gotha Road not far from exit 2 on I-77. Awesome paved paths great for walking and biking along the twists and turns of the Congaree Creek—and this time of year, very peaceful and quiet. – *John Hearn, Rogers, Townsend & Thomas, PC*

The **Downtown YMCA** on Marion Street has great daytime classes and free parking. I meet friends there during the day for a quick workout instead of taking a lunch break. – *Kathleen Muthig, Finkel Law Firm, LLC*

What We’re Watching

Scandal on ABC’s TGIT (Thank Goodness It’s Thursday). Kerry Washington is back as Olivia Pope, a Washington, D.C. “fixer” skilled in managing scandalous situations. This season is an emotional roller coaster with wild twists and turns at every corner. This season started with a bang (literally) and left viewers with a lot to ponder. Is the country headed for a constitutional crisis? Will Mellie (Bellamy Young), the current President’s ex-wife, become the nation’s first female President? I can hardly wait to find out. – *Lisa Long Cotton, Mike Kelly Law Group*

What We’re Reading

Fighter Pilot, by Robin Olds. This is a great biography, told in the first person, about a legendary fighter pilot who was an ace in WWII and a fighter wing commander in Vietnam. He was one of the very few airmen who flew WWII propeller-driven fighters and modern Vietnam-era jet powered F-4s. An All-American football player at West Point, Robin Olds was a fighter pilot’s fighter pilot. Beloved by his men, Robin Olds was a revered leader and retired from the Air Force as a Brigadier General. As a retired fighter pilot myself, I found this book to be a great layman’s introduction to the “inside” of flying fighters, mainly during the daily life and death operations of Vietnam. A real page turner. – *Bill Reynolds, Todd & Johnson, LLP*

For a great read, try **Lost City of Z** by David Grann (published in 2009). The book traces Colonel Percy Fawcett’s venture into the Amazon jungle in the 1920’s, searching for a legendary lost city of gold. Fawcett and his small team disappeared without a trace, creating one of modern history’s greatest mysteries. A movie based on the book is scheduled to be released worldwide later this year. – *Reg Belcher, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney*

Travel Ideas for Summer

Our favorite summer getaway by far is the hidden gem of the **Highlands in North Carolina**. If you want to treat yourself to a memorable (and considerably cooler!) weekend away, **Old Edwards Inn and Spa** is about as good as it gets. The Inn is situated in the center of the charming downtown Highlands, and if the champagne and Dove ice cream bars upon arrival don’t sell you, the amazing accommodations, outdoor pools, and spa are sure to have any first time visitors plotting their next return before the trip is even over. If you go, make sure you hit the **Mountain Fresh Grocery** for a fantastic breakfast, **Wild Thyme** for a great burger or salad at lunch, **The Ugly Dog Pub** for a locally-brewed beer, or **Wolfgangs** for an amazing steak and sophisticated wine selection. – *Rebecca Goings, SC Court of Appeals*

If you and your family are looking to travel abroad this summer, consider something different and unique by traveling to **Vietnam**.

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Learn the Secrets of the Google Power Lawyers *by Bill Latham*



While most lawyers know how to conduct a basic Google search, “Google Power Lawyers” are privy to little known, but nevertheless powerful and useful, Google features giving them a competitive edge. Read on and you too can become one of the learned elite.

Refining your search

By date (desktop): With the desktop version of Google, you can restrict your search to a specified time period. To do this on the PC versions simply run the search. When you get the results page, click on the “Tools” link on the top of the page to the right. A link for “Any time” will appear. Click on that link and you will be presented time restriction options. If one of the choices presented is not what you want, choose “Custom time range” and set your custom date restrictions.

By date (iPad/iPhone): For iPad/iPhone users the date search capability is not available using the Google mobile app, but there is a work-around. Use the Safari or Chrome browser and type in “Google” in the search bar. The Google search bar will appear. Type your search. When you get the results page, click on the “Tools” link on the top of the page to the right. A link for “Any time” will appear. Click on that link and you will be presented time restriction options. Note that for some mysterious reason the custom date option is not available on mobile devices.

Advanced term searches: On the desktop versions of Google, advanced text filters templates are available to make your Google searches more precise. To access them, simply run a search. When you get the results page, click on the “Settings” link on the top of the page to the right. Choose “Advanced search.” You will then be presented a search template to fine-tune your search.

You can also do advanced searches on desktop and mobile devices as follows:

- Exact phrase searches by typing the phrase in quotation marks. The search will be limited to the terms used in the order they are listed in the quotation marks.
- Exclude search results including certain terms by using the minus symbol before the word to be excluded. For example, the search “Star Trek-Shatner” will provide only those Star Trek search results not including the term Shatner.
- Search for unknown words using an asterisk (e.g., “Bridge over * waters”).
- Word proximity search by using the search limiter AROUND(#) (e.g., “Gorsuch AROUND(5) confirmation” will return results where the two terms are within five words of each other).
- To require certain terms in the result, connect them with the search parameter “AND” (all caps required)
- Search for “either-or” terms by using the search parameter “OR” (all caps required) between the terms
- To include results with similar terms, use the “~” symbol (e.g., “~medical directive” will return search results for “advance medical directive,” “advance healthcare directive,” and “advance directive”).
- To search for comparisons between two things, connect them with “VS” (e.g., “beer VS wine”).
- To limit search to a particular website use the search parameter SITE: (e.g., “SITE:www.hytechlawyer.com and tips”).
- Limit search to file types, such as PDFs, Word documents, PowerPoints, etc., by using the search parameter “FILETYPE:insert file type extension” (e.g., to search for Star Trek PowerPoint presentations “FILETYPE:pptx ‘Star Trek’”).

Check your flight status: You can check the status of your flight by typing “flight ### airline” in the Google search bar (e.g., “flight 879 American Airways”)

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The country boasts some of the best food in the world—ranging from intricate rice and noodle dishes to local seafood and market-fresh produce. The Vietnamese are very friendly and accommodating, and you don’t even have to learn Vietnamese to get around. Plan to spend at least two weeks by flying into Hanoi, taking a day trip to **Halong Bay**, then whisking away to the central part of the country for a few days in **Hoi An**. From there, take a plane to an island off the southern coast called **Phu Quoc**, before spending your remaining days in **Saigon**. – *Ashley Story, Duff & White LLC*

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New President, Dave Maxfield



RCBA President Dave Maxfield is a solo Consumer Protection Lawyer in Columbia. Dave is the three-time Chairman of the Consumer Law section of the South Carolina Bar and a member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) and Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA). For the last few years, Dave has been the editor of the Richland County Bar Newsletter.

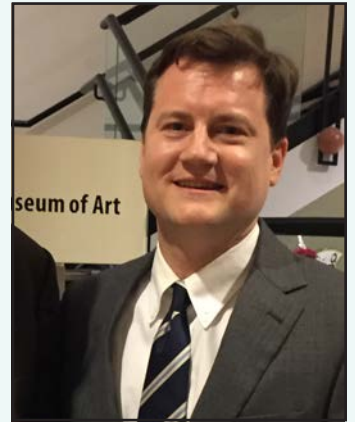
Apart from being a consumer protection lawyer (which he thinks is the coolest job ever), Dave enjoys speaking and writing about consumer and technology issues. He has taught more than 50 continuing legal education programs, and articles by and about him have appeared in South Carolina Lawyer Magazine, ABA Magazine, and Lawyer's Weekly newspaper. He's co-author of an upcoming book for the ABA, tentatively titled The Lean Law Firm.

Dave and his wife, Kristen have been married for 21 years, and have three children, Grayson (17), Alex (15) and Juliette (12). Dave loves to travel, play soccer and watch soccer, and is a die-hard Liverpool FC supporter. (Go Reds!)

New President-Elect, Jack McKenzie

Jack McKenzie is the son of Bob McKenzie, a past president of the Richland County Bar. The two of them have worked together for nearly eighteen years. After graduating from the University of Virginia, Jack spent a year tending bar in Costa Rica and improving his Spanish. He has represented a host of Spanish-speaking clients over the years and has been recognized by the Mexican government for his work. Jack also handles personal injury cases for individuals and subrogation claims for a number of carriers.

Jack is an avid reader of literary fiction and began collecting books while he was in law school. He will tell anyone who will listen that Columbia is strangely and arguably the best place in the world to meet and hear great writers, and that everyone interested should check out the Thomas Cooper Society and the Open Book Series.



Jack is the board chair of the City of Columbia's Tree and Appearance Commission and continues to work to get the City and the County to bury more utility lines and plant more street trees.

By the date of the publication of this article, Jack hopes that he will have moved into his new home in Heathwood with his wife, their two daughters, and their two beagles. The six of them try to make it down to Edisto Beach during the summer more weekends than not.

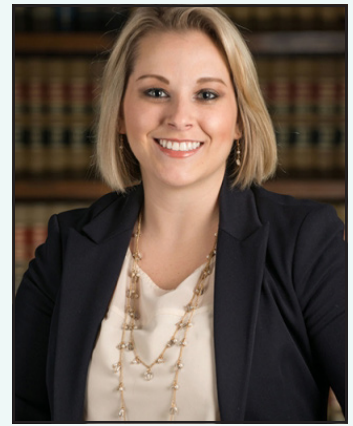


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New Executive Committee Member, Ashley Story

Ashley Story practices with Duff & White, LLC after spending nearly four years practicing employment law with J. Lewis Cromer & Associates, L.L.C. She has experience in both state and federal courts and is familiar with various administrative processes, including state employee grievance procedures and teacher dismissals. Ashley is an active member of the RCBA Public Service Committee and works frequently with Project HELP, which enables attorneys to provide free legal advice to Columbia's homeless population.

Prior to graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May of 2012, Ashley served as a Public Interest Law Fellow and clerked with South Carolina Legal Services and Richland County CASA. Ashley was a competing member of the Mock Trial Bar, served as Vice President of the Pro Bono Board, and was a member of the Black Law Student Association.



Ashley is from Cheraw, SC, where she attended Cheraw High School and went on to graduate from the University of South Carolina with Honors from the South Carolina Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in International Business and Marketing; she minored in French. She enjoys traveling, running in racing events, cooking for her husband, and playing with her two rescue Greyhounds, Turbo and Nellie. She and her husband are expecting their first child, a daughter, in July.

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Choosing (and Sharpening) the Right Tools for Your Practice, Part III: Where Do You Go From Here?

by Jack Pringle



Introduction: Use Your Tools

In the first two parts of this series, we discussed the tools lawyers use (processes, people, and computer technology) to solve problems, and how you might be using those tools to collect, store, organize, search, share, and protect your information and knowledge. In this final installment, we'll consider some of the basic ways you might use these three tools together to manage information and knowledge more effectively.

Choose The Right Tool(s) for the Job

The storage, search, and sharing capabilities of computer systems undoubtedly offer benefits to lawyers. However, computer technology is not the most useful information or knowledge solution (i.e. the best tool) in every situation. If taking notes on a legal pad is the only process through which you can effectively gather information, then don't remove that tool from the toolbox just because there are lots of available handheld and tablet devices. But consider whether a process through which information is gathered (or subsequently inputted and stored) electronically might benefit you. After all, it is a little inefficient to share your legal pad with your team.

Likewise, recognize that computer technology may not be the best communications tool for you and your processes. A practitioner is not well-served using a computer slide presentation or animation at trial unless she has evaluated its effectiveness in communicating to a judge, jury, or tribunal.

And surely a review of the way you process (or fail to process) email might spark some discussion about whether other methods of collaboration (and appropriate communication) exist. The obligations of confidentiality and safeguarding client information must inform your choice of tools as well.

The point is to be aware of both the benefits and risks of your various tools before you reach for one instead of another. In other words, figure out what works.

"We are stuck with technology when what we want is just stuff that works." – Douglas Adams

In the spirit of encouraging a little more curiosity or willingness to experiment with how computer technology might work for you, I offer these general guidelines (inspired by D. Casey Flaherty):

1. Recognize that almost any office task you do repeatedly can be improved by the use of computer technology.
2. Share your knowledge with your colleagues.
3. When in doubt, right click. When you make a mistake, click "undo."
4. Your "How do I do this?" question can be answered by you. Not by IT, not by anyone else.
5. Before seeking (human) assistance, put your question/issue/problem in quotations and paste it into Google.
6. Identify and use the search and find functions in all programs and interfaces.

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7. Name and organize documents according to a plan (so you can find and use them).
8. Learn how to sort and filter and do so when appropriate.
9. Use folders and rules to manage emails.
10. Identify (Tag) documents so you can find and use them again.

Conclusion- Discover the “Heroism of the Incremental” (Apologies to Atul Gawande)

In an environment with expectations of “killer apps” and “game changers” (whatever those things are), it is no surprise that we grow impatient for amazing computer tools. (“Well I am going to assess my information—whoa, look! Bright, shiny thing!) But that is just another distraction from the hard but critical work of learning (and re-learning when appropriate) what makes you a little bit better each day.

Yes, the computer tools are amazing, but only when integrated with appropriate processes and people who know how to evaluate, use, and improve both (and themselves). Computer technology is much less mysterious when it is one of several crucial information and knowledge tools in your arsenal.

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Archiving Email When You Close the File by Derrick Jackson



In a previous column, *Taming the Email Monster*, I reviewed an Outlook add-in called *Simply File* to help reduce the size of your Inbox by filing your emails into client folders. I received an email from a member asking what to do with the emails once a case is over. I will address that question in this column, but first some background.

One of most frequently asked questions of the South Carolina Bar is how long do I have to keep client files? See the link below for the full response, but the short but incomplete answer is six years. However, Rule 417 SCACR, which addresses *Financial Recordkeeping*, provides that records may be maintained by “electronic . . . or other media provided that they otherwise comply with this rule and provided further that printed copies can be produced.” Rule 417, SCACR (emphasis added).

It is probably prudent to include in your fee agreement a record retention policy including how long they will be kept, what happens after that time, and how they will be stored.¹

With that background, let’s turn back to the principal subject of this article. If you are using *Simply File*, then you should have your emails stored in a folder in Outlook. Others may have their emails stored in the same computer folder as the other client documents. In either case, if you are using Outlook, your emails are saved with an “.msg” extension that will enable them to be pulled up within the Outlook program.

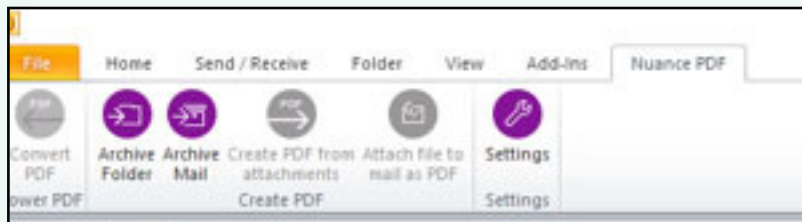
One option is simply to save the emails along with the other documents in the client file to the electronic medium of your choice. While this has the advantage of simplicity, one disadvantage is that it will require Outlook to open the emails at a later date. Also, it may require a particular version of Outlook to open at a later date. There is no guarantee that Outlook 2025 will open that critical email saved in Outlook 2010.

I think a better approach is to archive the email as a PDF. PDF’s are ubiquitous and there are several programs from different companies that can open and read the files. Using the .pdf format, you should have a much better chance to be able to access your emails on a future date.

To archive the email you will need to use a software program. Techhit, the maker of *Simply File*, has its own product called *Message Save*, but I prefer to use a tool you may already have. If you have Adobe Acrobat (not just the reader) Version 9 or later, it has the ability to make a .pdf portfolio (similar to what I am discussing). I use Nuance Power PDF Advanced, which is an Adobe alternative I really like. I might review it in a future column, but you can usually find it on a sales promotion for between \$99-\$150. It allows you to date stamp documents and redact as well.

Nuance installs an Outlook add-in:

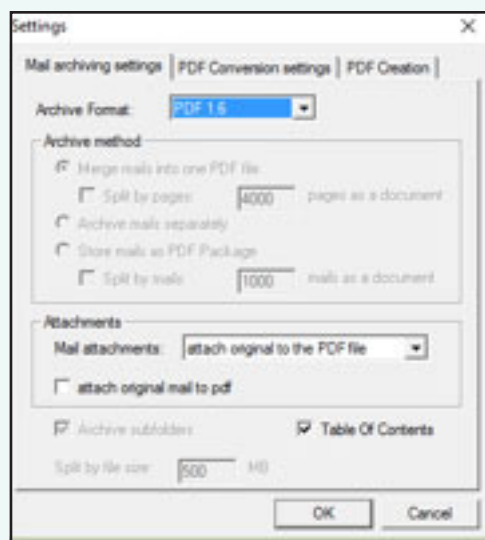
As you can see, there is a button which allows you to archive a folder or an individual email. I store the emails in a client folder, so I usually click archive folder.



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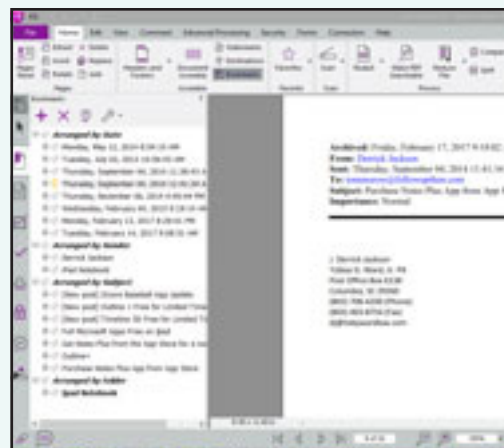
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The settings button gives you the following options:



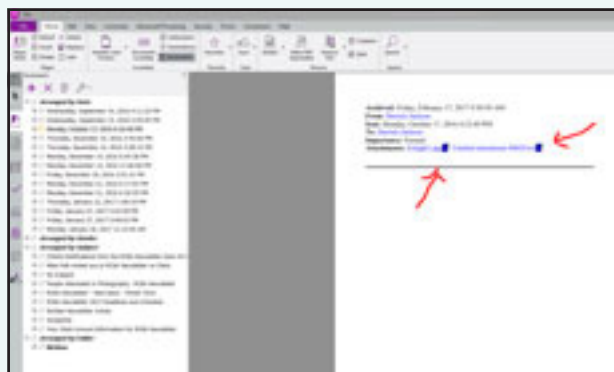
Consider a couple of notes about these settings. The first setting (which I prefer) merges all the email in the folder to a single .pdf file. This file has an interesting feature in that it can generate a hyperlink table of contents for the email and also in the left pane allows you to arrange and search by date, subject, or sender. (See figure below).

You can then click on the email of your choice. Since these emails will be from closed files, this should make finding what you are looking for much easier. Tip: This is also useful in discovery, if you can get production of the email files and put them in a folder which you can archive.



The second option allows you to save as separate .pdf, but this is not recommended unless you only have a few files because every email and every attachment will be saved as a separate .pdf document. The final option is to save as a .pdf package. This is primarily intended if you have attachments of different file types (like Excel, Word, etc.). I rarely use this.

To archive attachments to the emails, I typically use the setting for attach original to the .pdf file. This setting results in an email pdf like the following:



Clicking on the blue boxes will call on the program to bring up the attachment, such as Windows Photo Viewer for a .jpeg photo. If you are concerned about having the right program to view the file is to save the attachments as .pdf files with the email. You will get the same blue boxes but they will be .pdf of the attachments. For a photo, it will open your pdf program to view the photo.

In conclusion, to test that the single .pdf file I created with Nuance from an email folder could be accessed by other programs, I clicked on an archived pdf file and opened it with the free downloadable Adobe Acrobat Reader. The file loaded without issue and had the same indexing features and attachment features as the Nuance program. Note that you can read these files with Adobe Reader, but will need the full program or Nuance to create them.

I hope this helps and gives you some ideas how to successfully archive your emails when you close your files and for later retrieval if needed.

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

Noteworthy News & Announcements

Adams and Reese is pleased to announce the addition of two associates, **Sarah R. Khouri** and **Justine M. Tate**, both former attorneys with the South Carolina Department of Revenue. Khouri, a member of the firm's Transactions and Corporate Advisory Services Practice Group, focuses her transactions and litigation practice in the insurance, banking/financial services, and real estate industries. Khouri earned her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Tate has joined the firm's Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on general litigation in the construction, insurance, transportation and logistics, and retail/consumer products industries. She earned her J.D. from New York Law School.

Margaret "Marti" Bluestein, a founding partner of **Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson and Delgado, LLC** will participate in the Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI), a program of the Riley Institute at Furman. The DLI program trains participants to understand their diversity and inclusion "blind spots" and how to suspend assumptions. They come away with focused decision-making skills and deep knowledge of how to effectively manage and lead increasingly diverse workers, clients and constituents. Marti practices in the areas of workers' compensation and mediation and serves as board chair of the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center. She is a graduate of Furman University and received her juris doctor degree from the University of South Carolina Law School.

Bowman and Brooke is proud to announce that **Richard Willis** has been elected as Managing Partner of the firm's Columbia office. **Courtney Shytle** will also serve as Co-Managing Partner. Willis has over 34 years of experience practicing in the areas of product liability defense, environmental litigation, toxic torts, class actions and commercial litigation. He holds an adjunct professor position at the University of South Carolina School of Law, teaching trial advocacy. Shytle defends a wide array of products including automobiles, motorcycles, forklifts, and tires and has extensive experience defending consumer product manufacturers. She received her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Vance L. Brabham III announces the opening of **Brabham Law Firm, LLC** located at 2127 Park St., Columbia 29201. (843) 259-8403.

J. Eric Cavanaugh and **Joseph O. Thickers** are pleased to announce the opening of **Cavanaugh & Thickers, LLC** located at 1324 Gadsden St., Columbia 29201. (803) 888-2200.

Collins & Lacy, P.C. is pleased to announce **Ashley Kirkham** has been chosen as a 2017 South Carolina Leadership in Law Award honoree. *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* gives the distinguished award to those members of the South Carolina legal community who have achieved success in their law practice, made contributions to society and had an impact on the legal industry. Kirkham is an associate practicing workers' compensation defense, representing employers and their carriers against claims and disputes throughout South Carolina. Kirkham is involved in the community as a committee chair for the Junior League of Columbia and is on the Board of Directors for Kids' Chance of South Carolina, a nonprofit organization devoted to providing higher education scholarships and support to dependents of South Carolina workers who have been fatally or catastrophically injured in a work-related accident.

Collins & Lacy, P.C. is pleased to announce **Karen Ratigan** has joined the firm as special counsel practicing in the area of professional liability defense. Prior to joining Collins & Lacy, Karen worked as a Senior Assistant Attorney General for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. She has previously served as a staff attorney for the South Carolina Supreme Court, as well as a staff attorney/law clerk at the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Ratigan attended the University of South Carolina for her undergraduate degree and received her juris doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Collins & Lacy, P.C. is pleased to announce **Kerri Rupert** is serving as chair of the Professional Development Committee of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA). The SCWLA's mission is to enhance the status, influence, and effectiveness of women lawyers in the state through advocacy, action, and association. There are currently over 900 members of the SCWLA

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and 25 active members sitting on the Board of Directors. Rupert represents healthcare providers, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, financial and investment advisors, attorneys, insurance brokers and agents in professional liability litigation. She also defends individuals and businesses against claims of catastrophic injury and wrongful death.

Collins & Lacy, P.C. is pleased to announce **Christian Stegmaier** has been elected to serve on the International Amusement & Leisure Defense Association (IALDA) Board of Directors. The IALDA is a non-profit association of lawyers and other professionals who are actively engaged in representing, promoting, and protecting the interests of the amusement and leisure industries, as well as those involved in the bowling, roller skating, and other leisure industries. Stegmaier is a member of Collins & Lacy's Management Committee and is also the Retail & Hospitality practice group leader. He defends national and regional leaders in the retail, hospitality, and entertainment sectors doing business in South Carolina in claims involving premises liability, loss prevention, food adulteration, third party torts, and alcohol liability.

The Columbia, SC law firm formerly known as Childs & Halligan, has become **Halligan Mahoney & Williams**. The firm's formal, legal name will be Halligan Mahoney Williams Smith Fawley & Reagle, P.A. The diverse team of 15 attorneys at Halligan Mahoney & Williams has been known for a generation for education law, as it has served school boards across South Carolina with a wide array of legal services, including but not limited to board/superintendent relations, employment matters, student discipline, special education, board policies, finance, and regulatory compliance. The firm is based in the heart of Columbia, but on any given day its attorneys will be found providing these services in school districts across the state. The firm also works with governmental agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals in labor and employment, government contracts and procurement, litigation and appeals, civil rights, and construction.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce **Foster Girard** and **Ross Shealy** were recently elected as new shareholders of the firm. Girard concentrates his practice on corporate finance

and commercial transactions. He received his juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law and has served as the Fifth Circuit Representative for the South Carolina Bar since 2013. Shealy is a general civil litigation attorney and a former Nuclear Submarine Officer for the U.S. Navy. He received his juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law and his master's degree in engineering management from Old Dominion University.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd recently welcomed **Aaron M. Scheuer** to the firm's corporate tax practice as an associate. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center's LL.M. in taxation program, Aaron began his legal career at the S.C. Department of Revenue providing guidance to taxpayers and department personnel regarding state and federal tax issues. He also worked in the litigation section representing the department before the Administrative Law Court in a variety of state tax and beverage licensing matters.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd congratulates Columbia shareholder **Steve Matthews** on being named to *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly's* 2017 Leadership in Law Honoree list. Nominated by their peers and selected by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*, Leadership in Law honorees have achieved success in their practice and have made a positive impact on the legal community as well as the community at large. Steve's practice focuses on emerging enterprises in the new economy. As group leader of the firm's IP practice, he routinely handles matters in areas such as corporate and government finance, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, complex litigation and government and administrative law. Steve is currently Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Foundation Board.

McGough Law Firm, PA announces the relocation of its office to 1516 Richland St., Ste. 1A, Columbia, 29201. (803) 223-7450.

McWhirter, Bellinger and Associates, PA announces that **J. Tyler Lee Jr.** has become a shareholder in the firm located at 1807 Hampton St., Columbia 29201. (803) 252-5522.

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Mike Kelly Law Group, LLC announces that **Lisa Long Cotten** and **Brad Hewett** have been named members of the firm located at 500 Taylor St., Columbia 29201. (803) 726-0123.

Moore Taylor Law Firm announces that **Ralph Nichols (Nick) Riley Jr.** has been named a partner and **Justin T. Williams** has joined the firm as an associate located at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia 29169.

Edward W. Mullins, Jr., partner emeritus at **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP**, has been inducted into the Warren E. Burger Society, which honors individuals who have volunteered their time, talent, and support to the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Mullins was among five new inductees into the society named for the former Chief Justice of the United States who helped found NCSC in 1971. NCSC is a nonprofit court organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership, education, training and service to the state courts.

E. Wade Mullins III, managing partner with **Bruner Powell Wall & Mullins LLC**, has been chosen as a 2017 South Carolina Leadership in Law Award honoree. *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* gives the distinguished award to those members of the South Carolina legal community who have achieved success in their law practice, made contributions to society and had an impact on the legal industry. Wade's practice encompasses all aspects of construction law, including representation of general contractors, owners, subcontractors, architects, engineers and sureties in contract negotiation, interpretation, bid protests, claims negotiation, mediation, arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Wade also represents clients in state and local procurement matters, including solicitation and proposal review, contract negotiation and participation in administrative review. Additionally, Wade has represented healthcare providers in a variety of issues, including transactions, licensing, and physician staff relations.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Morgan Crapps** has joined the firm's Columbia office located at 1230 Main St., Ste. 700, Columbia 29201. In addition, **Rick Reames**, former Director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue, will rejoin private practice with his prior

firm, **Nexsen Pruet**. Reames was appointed by former Governor Haley in 2014 and served the Department until January 2017. Reames' noted successes during his time as Director include transitioning the agency from a massive data breach that occurred prior to his appointment. His tenure was highlighted by significant budget savings and by increased efficiencies in nearly all agency divisions. Prior to public service, Reames practiced with Nexsen Pruet for nearly 15 years where he was a partner practicing in tax and business areas. Reames earned his undergraduate degree from Wofford College, his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law and his LLM. degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. Reames was one of 21 Fellows selected for the Liberty Fellowship Class of 2016, a program affiliated with the Aspen Institute that promotes outstanding leadership in South Carolina.

Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. is pleased to announce that **R. Wilder Harte** has joined the Firm as associate attorney and will focus his practice in General Litigation. Harte earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Prior to joining Richardson Plowden, Harte served as Assistant Solicitor for the South Carolina Second Circuit Court Solicitor's Office in Aiken, South Carolina. In 2015, he received the J. Strom Thurmond Award for Solicitor of the Year in the Second Circuit.

Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC is pleased to announce **B. Gibbs Leaphart, Jr.**, has become the firm's newest member. Gibbs graduated from Wofford College and received his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He has served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Thomas W. Cooper, Jr. of the Third Judicial Circuit of South Carolina and is a past recipient of the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division "Star of the Quarter."

Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC announced that it has been invited to join Meritas, a global alliance of independent business law firms. The affiliation offers Sowell Gray Robinson access to over 7,450 lawyers in 240 global markets. The firm's clients will benefit from local legal insight, local rates and world-

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class client service. Membership is extended by invitation only, and firms are regularly assessed for the breadth of their practice expertise and client satisfaction. Sowell Gray Robinson will be the only law firm in South Carolina that is a member of Meritas.

Cory Manning, a partner at **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough**, is one of 44 leaders selected to participate in the 10th Midlands class of the Riley Institute at Furman's Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI). Mr. Manning practices in the areas of corporate investigations, securities litigation, business litigation, and class action defense. He co-chairs the Firm's Government Investigations and White Collar Defense practice group. He is an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law and on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the Central Carolina Community Foundation. As part of the five month program, leaders work in cross-sector groups to respond to real issues and opportunities in their communities through capstone service projects. There are more than 1,700 Riley Fellows from across the state.

Carmen Harper Thomas, a partner at **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough**, has been named a Fellow in the 2017 class of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), which identifies, trains, and advances the next generation of leaders in the legal profession. LCLD is an organization of more than 260 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners who are personally committed to creating a more diverse and inclusive legal profession. The LCLD Fellows program, which has trained more than 1,000 mid-career attorneys since 2011, offers participants a dedicated year of relationship-building, in-person training, peer-group projects, and extensive contact with LCLD's top leadership. Ms. Thomas' law practice focuses on complex litigation and counsel on a variety of financial services issues; the intersection of law-related services and technology; and protecting trade secrets.

Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, PA announces the relocation of its Columbia office to 3600 Forest Dr., Ste. 204, 29204. All phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

Project HELP Updates *by Mindy Taylor*

Project HELP provides free legal advice to homeless individuals in Columbia. Sometimes bad things happen to good people and less than desirable situations develop, like homelessness. Volunteering at the HELP clinic gives you the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping people overcome barriers to gaining steady employment and stable housing. Volunteer attorneys speak with individuals about a variety of legal issues, including problems regarding criminal record expungement, benefits, child custody/support, divorce, and employment.

Project HELP is sustained through our dedicated attorney and law student volunteers; because the project is ongoing, we always need volunteers to assist. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join during a clinic date to observe. The RCBA - through the Public Service Committee - offers CLEs throughout the year on a variety of topics that are most common to Project HELP.



Attorneys who volunteer meet with those who need legal assistance every other Thursday at Transitions Shelter. For more information, please contact Mindy Taylor at melindataylor@sclegal.org. Upcoming service dates in 2017 are as follows: March 16, April 6, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, July 6, July 20, August 3, and August 17.

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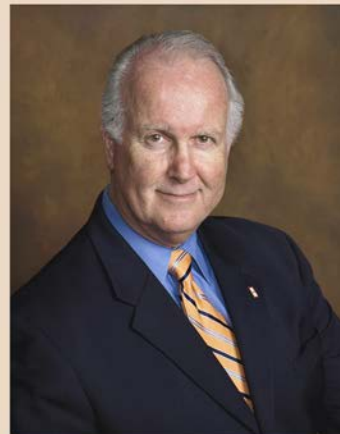
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