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UPCOMING EVENTS

Judicial Reception

Columbia Museum of Art
August 19, 2009, 5:30 PM

RCBA Civil Trial Seminar

September 7, 14, 21 & 28
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
USC Law School

SAVE THE DATE

Ethics CLE
November 5, 2010

Annual Meeting/
Holiday Party
December 9, 2010



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Two Things:

Your bar held its annual Memorial Service on Friday, June 11, 2010. Tributes were made to eleven deceased lawyers. Each memorial was excellent. Each was different in format and perspective. It was apparent that the presenters had spent considerable time and thought preparing these testimonials to the lives being recalled. The attendance, although better than it has been on occasion in the recent past, was not what it should have been. To our shame, we didn't completely fill the large double courtroom on the third floor of the Judicial Center. These men and women worked among us. They shared the bond established by education, admission to the bar, our oath and our ethical ideals. Their lives constitute a chapter of our history. Their families and friends were there. If you were not, you missed a significant event honoring our own. Those present are to be thanked along with the participants, the Memorial Committee, and our Executive Director who made the program and the reception following such nice events.



Plans are being finalized for a continuing legal education program in addition to the ethics CLE we present each year. On September 7, 14, 21 and 28, all Tuesdays, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the USC Law School, we intend to present a program covering the elements of a civil trial with the sessions being dedicated to opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination and closing arguments from both a plaintiff's and defendant's point of view. The program was conceived by Dave Fedor. We did not have to go outside our membership to find the experts who will educate us. In alphabetical order, those who have agreed to constitute the faculty are Bob Brown, Carl Epps, Vickie Eslinger, Dave Fedor, Charlie Hill, I.S. Johnson, Becky Laffitte and Reece Williams. Judge Jim Barber is also going to help. This seminar will be without cost to our members and law students also will be attending as an educational experience. We anticipate this will constitute an outstanding program and get you some hours as well. Please mark

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FROM THE EDITOR

On Friday, June 1, 2010, our bar held a memorial service for eleven members we lost in 2009. If you missed it, you missed an impressive and inspiring service. The remarks are recorded and kept on file at the Clerk of Court's office. The service is held every year on the first Friday of June at 12:00 at the Richland County Courthouse. It lasts an hour. Members of the bar and families of deceased members join to say goodbye to friends we have lost.

For several years, I have had the honor of helping put this service together. Every year, I am amazed at what I learn about our fellow members of the Bar. Some passed after a long life as lawyers. Others left at the prime of their careers. Some were leaders in their church. Others were leaders in our state and local governments. Some devoted their career to prosecuting crimes while others defended the accused. They were presidents of student bodies, valedictorians, eagle scouts, varsity athletes, and members of the peace corps and the armed services. They were musicians, naturalists, engineers, Sunday School teachers, and pilots. They were law review editors, bar presidents, and judges.

The lives of our deceased lawyers inspire me to be a better person and lawyer. Unfortunately, I cannot share all the remarks and accomplishments here. Instead, I will share one quote from each speaker. I hope these remarks will inspire you the way they have inspired me.

John S. Talyor, Jr. on Ronald A. Barrett:

"He embraced living with such delight that it just spilled over into the lives of everyone he encountered."

Joe E. Berry, Jr. on Lester L. Bates, Jr.:

"I would tell you that he was a humble man who would rather give credit to someone than take credit for what he had accomplished. I would tell you that he was an unassuming man who was equally at home with less fortunate members of our society as he was with the rich and the famous."

Walter B. Todd, Jr. on Roy D. Bates:

"Roy never forgot his roots in small town, South Carolina, and despite his many accomplishments over the years, a certain modest and unassuming way stayed with him for life. He was an eagle scout. Even if you didn't know this early distinction, but you knew Roy, you might have guessed

it because of his can-do, no nonsense approach to life. In other words, he was an eagle scout in temperament and mind as well."

Joe E. Berry, Jr. on George L. Dial, Jr.:

"George was an ethical, soft spoken, courteous and compassionate lawyer liked and highly respected by all."



John McIntosh on Jennifer Evans:

"Jennifer brought a lot of energy, her willingness to tackle any task. She never complained. She put her heart and soul into all the cases that she prosecuted, whether they were simple or complex. She had a quick smile. A great sense of humor."

The Honorable Cameron Currie on John Hardaway:

"The essence of Johnny as a lawyer was that he made it fun. He did it well, but he made it fun. He loved it, and it showed. We loved him because he made us smile, though we wanted to tear out his throat at times. Who else could be found in the prosecutor's chair looking over e-mails and documents and get away with it? Who else had the audacity to chew on an unlit cigar in a federal courtroom?"

Joe W. Underwood on W. Joseph Isaacs:

"Joe was probably the most honorable and decent person I've ever known. He was one of those rare people who make you want to be better than you know you really are. Integrity was in his bones."

William M. Youngblood on Grady L. Patterson:

"Two early impressions of Grady stick with me even after the passage of 40 years. The first is that he was remarkably disciplined in every aspect of his life, from his work ethic to his workout regiment. The second lasting impression is that he had no inflated sense of self. As a young lawyer, I was prepared to be impressed with the power of the office of state treasurer; but in his modest way, he disabused me of that notion."

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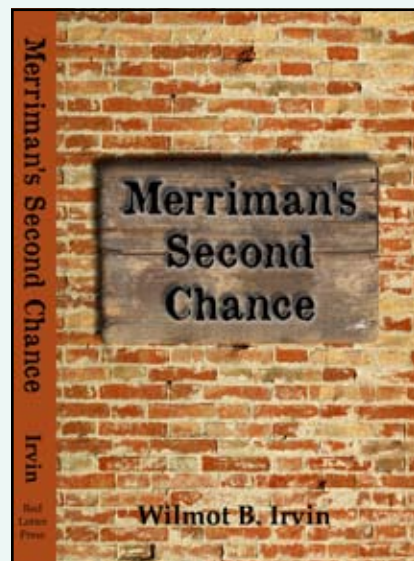
IN THE SPOTLIGHT - WILMOT B. IRVIN

Wilmot B. Irvin began practicing law in Columbia, South Carolina after receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1977. Throughout his career, he has practiced exclusively in the area of civil litigation. Mr. Irvin was a shareholder in the litigation section of the McNair Law Firm, P.A. until 1987, before he left to co-found the law firm of Glenn Irvin Murphy Gray & Stepp, L.L.P. In February 1997, Mr. Irvin opened the Law Offices of Wilmot B. Irvin, where Rebecca G. Fulmer serves as Of Counsel. He is committed to providing top-flight litigation services to his clients as economically as practicable.

For many years Mr. Irvin and his wife lived on a farm in rural Lower Richland, where they reared a son and two daughters, seven dogs, four cats, two goats, countless pigs, dozens of hens and roosters, and five horses.

He began writing fiction a decade ago and has published four full-length novels, *Jack's Passage*, *There Is a River*, *The Storytellers*, and *Merriman's Second Chance*, and a novella entitled *Some Kind of Kin*. A novelette, *Chronicle of the Life and Times of Fletcher Lowe*, is scheduled for release in 2010. Irvin has written numerous short stories.

His works explore the depth and vitality—and often the fragility—of human relationships. Fear and faith, loss and fulfillment, evil and redemption, guilt and deliverance are themes that frequent his evocative and colorful stories, populated by interesting characters poignant in their struggles and triumphs.



Mr. Irvin's most recently published novel, *Merriman's Second Chance*, examines the professional experiences of an old trial lawyer, John Merriman, who makes a career of skating across the ethical boundaries drawn by his profession.

His nemesis, the self-righteous county solicitor Malcolm T. Prescott, makes life difficult for Merriman until the tables are turned - and Prescott finds himself in the seat of the accused.



Merriman's plain-speaking wife May and their omniscient terrier Leland, tough cop Detective Lieutenant Michael O'Shea Barrow, and unexpected health problems each play a role in Merriman's redemption, but the serendipitous second chance to become a good and honest lawyer is the key to the transformation that takes place in Merriman's life.

Below are comments about the novel -

Wilmot Irvin tells a good story about the big tent that is the Practice of Law, a tent large enough to house the ethically challenged John Merriman, Esquire, who, like the Prodigal Son, finally manages to get it right.

— Bert Goolsby, author, *Harpers' Joy*

When two knowledgeable and crafty lawyers go head to head in the courtroom, the outcome may not be considered justice. John Merriman will go to any means for victory and Malcolm Prescott is blinded by pride. The careers of these two men grate on each other until a 30-year cover-up is disclosed by a disgruntled detective and brings about justice for an innocent man. Merriman becomes the one fighting to right a wrong. Great courtroom drama.

— Pat Guerry Hodnett, author, *Dragon Smoke*

In *Merriman's Second Chance*, Irvin, himself a lawyer, has given us a legal drama in which long-standing wrongs get righted, justice does prevail, and redemption, however tardy, is ultimately realized. This novel should be required reading in all law schools.

— Robert Lamb, author, *Atlanta Blues*

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your calendars and plan to be there. If you know any persons who are not currently members, this seminar alone is worth the price of membership which is one hundred dollars per year. You should point this out and make this additional pitch. If they join quickly, they will be invited to our annual Judicial Reception this summer, will be entitled to attend our ethics CLE in the late fall and our Annual Meeting in December. And while I am on the subject, an additional benefit of membership is our social networking feature on our website which is up and running at this time. Try it out.

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JUDICIAL RECEPTION

The Annual Judicial Reception will take place on August 19 at The Columbia Museum of Art at 5:30 PM. The RCBA entertains the statewide judiciary every year when they come to Columbia for their Annual Conference sponsored by Court Administration. Postcards will be sent to the membership early in August. Reservations are necessary. Please be timely.



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submitted by Courtney Kenneday

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Digital Copier Insecurity

News stories about the possibility of confidential data residing on copiers have captured the attention of lawyers everywhere. According to tech experts, nearly every digital copier built since 2002 contains a hard drive. Like the one in your personal computer, it stores an image of every document scanned, copied, or emailed by the machine. Not only is this information at risk if you relinquish the printer, it may be at risk merely sitting in your office accessible (to delivery people, janitorial staff, temporary workers). If you are interested in learning more about this important issue, including best practices for securing your digital copier/scanner/printer, read *The truth about copier*

hard drives: tips for securing your data online at <http://bit.ly/9Na9cY>.

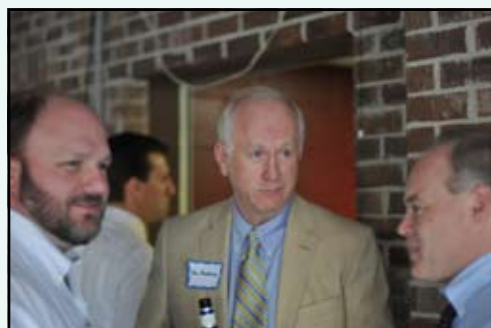
Cell Phone Data

If your cell phone has a major failure, the equivalent of a hard drive crash, can you recover all the data that was on the phone? Maybe you have stored contact information, documents, photos and more. Think about the possibility of losing all of it. Or, if your phone is stolen or misplaced, do you have documents or confidential client information stored on the phone? You can do an Internet search for "cell phone backup software" to see the many options available to backup this data. Check with your cell phone provider to see if it has a product designed to work specifically with its line of phones.

Mark Your Calendar!

Lawyers in small firms will want to attend the "Hot Tips for the Solo and Small Firm Practitioner" on September 24, 2010, in Columbia, presented by the South Carolina Bar CLE Division and the Bar's Solo and Small Firm Section. Successful small firm lawyers will offer their tips for success on a range of topics. There's something for everyone, from the seasoned practitioner to the new lawyer starting a firm from scratch. Satellite and other venues to be announced. Stay tuned to EBlast CLE edition and other announcements for further details!

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Palmetto Paralegal Association

Call Adrith D. Schrauger
at 803-217-7557

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Happy Summertime Richland County! By now, the heat index is bubbling in and out of the triple digits like a coffee percolator, providing a perfect setting for one of your primary healthy activities this season. What possible healthy activity will we be able to do in this oppressive heat, you may ask? Fear not fair readers, for I have the perfect plan for you all, and the great thing about it is that every one of you have no choice in the matter - you're going to do it, so you may as well buck up and be happy about it! During this period, regardless of your activity (or even relative inactivity), I guarantee that you will find yourself sweating. Although sweating may be regarded by many as a distasteful body function associated with uncomfortable situations (both climatic and personal), it is actually a healthy experience that should be encouraged, albeit not necessarily only in business attire.



The negative connotations associated with sweating arise from two common societal stereotypes associated with sweating, a lack of hygiene and guilty behavior. Interestingly, there are two different types of sweat glands, each responsible for each stereotype. The eccrine sweat glands are distributed over the body, and they produce the sweat that is composed mainly of water with various salts. These glands are most often triggered as the body's temperature regulation mechanism. The apocrine sweat glands are localized in areas such as the armpits, and they produce sweat that contains fatty materials, which are the main cause of odor due to the bacteria that break down the organic compounds in the sweat these glands produce. These glands typically engage in response to stressful stimuli. Thus, in those instances that you find yourself

between an unyielding client and a judge exercising his discretionary rulings in an arm-twisting manner to coerce a settlement (not that any Richland County judges would do this!), your apocrine glands are likely the ones to kick in. After exiting the courthouse and entering your car that's been baking in the sun, your eccrine glands will be the culprit.



As everyone knows, sweat is most commonly your body's response mechanism to avoid overheating. Your skin's sweat glands secrete fluid, which then evaporates and reduces external body temperature. Each gram of evaporated sweat cools a liter of blood approximately one degree Fahrenheit. But what most people may not know is that sweating is healthy and good for you in many additional ways. There is a valid reason why human beings have used sweat baths for hygienic and health purposes since the Stone Age. Most cultures around the world have their own versions of the sweat bath, whether it's the ancient Romans and their "Thermae," the traditional Japanese "Onsen," the Russian "Banya," or the native American Indians' "Inipi" (omitting the notorious Turkish bath or "Hamam"). However, the most prominent and popular one of all is the Finnish "Sauna," with which most all of us are familiar.

The reason for the sweat bath, of course, is to induce sweating, and in this instance, the purpose of inducing the sweat is not to cool the body (exiting the sauna more effectively accomplishes this), it is because sweating is good for you in many ways. Your skin is your body's largest organ. Sweat carries toxins out of the body and flushes them through the pores, thereby playing a major role in the detoxifying process alongside the lungs, kidneys, bowels, liver and the lymphatic and immune systems. Sweating has proven its effectiveness in flushing out toxins and maintaining optimal physical as well as

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mental health. Sweating also boosts the immune system, by indirectly purifying the blood and circulating the lymph system. Sweating itself is a form of exercise, as the actual sweating process takes energy (around 300 calories per hour for a typical sweat). Therefore, sweating can help with weight loss and will increase metabolic rate.

Additionally, sweat is naturally good for the skin, softening and smoothing it. Sweat also contains natural pheromones (anyone remember Lassie from “Porky’s”), although the effect can become overpowering if you allow it.

In short, not only is it OK to sweat, but you are doing yourself a favor in doing so (provided that you stay properly hydrated), and know you know why (GI Joe fans know that knowing is half the battle anyway). Get out there & sweat it, Richland County!

“Health & Fitness” is written by Drayton Hastie, who can be reached at dhastie@sc.rr.com.

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Members who wish to offer assistance or ideas are welcome to call the committee chair. Many things are being planned by your association and the RCBA welcomes your input.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT - WILMOT B. IRVIN...continued from page 3

Merriman's Second Chance is a well-written novel that explores such timely subjects as morality, power, and ethics. The plot involves professional rise and fall, racial issues, women who stand by their fallible husbands, men who strive for career success, and courtroom drama so popular in today's fiction and television. It's a hard book to put down, a thought-provoking read, and another quality addition to the diverse collection of writing published by

Red Letter Press.

—*Carmella Broome, author, Carmella's Quest*

Mr. Irvin was one of the author/presenters at the 2010 South Carolina Book Festival. His books are for sale locally at the Happy Cafe on Forest Drive, and also on his website - www.wilmotbooks.com.

NEW SC BAR PRESIDENT, OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Columbia attorney Carl L. Solomon was installed as the 2010-2011 president of the SC Bar on Thursday, May 20, during the House of Delegates meeting at The Zone at Williams Brice Stadium. Other officers and board members sworn in were: A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr.,

president-elect; Angus H. Macaulay, treasurer; Alice F. Paylor, secretary; Anne S. Ellefson, chair, House of Delegates, Thomas E. Pope, Roy F. Laney and Elizabeth B. York, board members; and Rosalyn W. Frierson and Daniel B. White, ABA State Bar Delegates.

RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

08 CP-400-1729

Grady E. Brown vs. Kedra Young, et al

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Daniel Joseph

Farnsworth, Jr.

Defendant: Ronald E. Alexander

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$82,000.00

09-CP-40-0965

Eric Piotrowski vs. John McGuckin

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Brian Dumas

Defendant: Rita Metts

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$3,383.83

09-CP-40-735

Glenn Gerringer vs. Michael T. Gibson, et al

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Stanley L. Myers

Defendant: Jon R. Turner

Cause of Action: Contract

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$24,383.50

07-CP-40-4200

F. Stevenson vs. Z. Triauti

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: W. H. McAngus

Defendant: D. Jennings

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$10,000.00

09-CP-40-2929

M. Martin vs. J. Thames

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: W. Ridgeway

Defendant: Ronald Alexander

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$70,000.00

09-CP-40-3043

L. Goodwin vs. John Doe, Brenda W. Hickman

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: B. George

Defendant: Rita Metts

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$3,500.00

Punitive Damages: \$10,000.00

07-CP-40-5622

Sam Gibson vs. Village Creek Condominium Assoc. of Columbia, Inc.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Will Edwards

Defendant: Kirby Shealy III

Cause of Action: Property/Damage

Verdict: For Plaintiff

09-CP-40-2962

J. L. Duckett vs. L. W. Robertson

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: B. Dumas

Defendant: J. A. Hood

Cause of Action: Auto Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$7,448.01

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C. Rauch Wise on Tara Taggart:

"It was the love of law that made her great; but it was the desire to use what she loved to help people she cared about that made her outstanding. She, as a public servant, probably stayed in better contact with her clients than most of us do who are paid to represent them. We, as members of the private bar, would do well to emulate her in that regard. That was true dedication and that was Tara Taggart."

James T. McLaren on Jan Warner:

"Most of you know Jan as a fierce warrior, but I want to tell you more about the other side of Jan Warner today. There was a novelist by the name of Stephen Bly, who wrote about the old west and he talked about old cowboys and horses. And he characterized people and horses into two categories: they were runners or they were standers. Runners would be out of there in a minute, once trouble happened. Standers would be standing there with you and stay in the trench with you and fight it out to the end. Jan Warner was a stander. He was a stander as a friend,

colleague, an adversary, a family man, and a person."

C. Cantzon Foster II on W. Thomas Vernon:

"One of Tom's greatest attributes, however, was that despite his busy schedule or any conflict that Tom had in his life, he always made time for his friends, for his clients, and for his family. He truly cared more for the problems of others than he did for himself; and he always made time to listen to their concerns, to give sound counsel, and to take whatever action was necessary to protect their best interest. Tom was well known for his generosity, his soft spoken and humble nature."

Each of them left us too soon. It is an honor to be a lawyer and serve our community alongside people like the ones we have lost. Every service I attend inspires me to be a better person. I encourage you to go to next year's memorial service. You will be better for it. None of us know how long we will have on this earth. If I can give you anything useful from this column it is this: Life is uncertain. Treat each day you receive as a precious gift.

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The City Attorney's Office announces that **Holly P. Beeson** has become an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Columbia.

Her mailing address is

PO Box 667, Columbia 29202. Phone: 737-4242.

William J. Condon, Jr. announces the opening of **Bill Condon Law Firm LLC** at 1403 Calhoun St. 29201. Phone: 403-9860.

J. Alton Bivens has been certified as a specialist in Taxation Law by the S.C. Supreme Court.

Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado announces that **Rebecca Cagle Patrick** has become Of Counsel with the firm located at 1614 Taylor St. 29201. Phone: 779-7599.

John C. Bradley Jr. has been elected president of the board of the Friends of South Carolina Libraries. He was the former president of the Friends of the Richland County Library.

The Law Office of Shannon K. Burnett, Inc. and the Law Office of Heather M. Cairns LLC announce the merger of their firms which will be known as the **The Law Offices of Burnett and Cairns, Inc.** located at 109 N. Main St., Blythewood 29016 with a satellite office at 2537 Gervais Street. Phone: 786-1758.

The **Burnette & Rothstein Law Firm** announces that **M. Malissa Burnette** has been selected for inclusion

of the South Carolina edition of Super Lawyers, in the category of Employment Litigation representing plaintiffs.

Callison Tighe & Robinson announces that **Kathleen McDaniel** has joined the Richland County Planning Commission.

J. Drayton Hastie III announces the opening of **The Carolina Law Firm LLC** located at 1417 Calhoun St., 29201. Phone 319-2157.

Carpenter Appeals & Trial Support announces that **Charles E. Carpenter Jr.** has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for appellate practice, commercial litigation and health care; and by Super Lawyers in South Carolina.

Joel W. Collins has been awarded the 2010 Chapter Service Award by the S. C. chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Kristian M. Cross** has become an associate of the firm located at 1330 Lady St. 29201. Phone: 256-2660.

Three **Collins & Lacy Attorneys** have been selected for South Carolina Super Lawyers for 2010: **Joel W. Collins, Jr., Gray T. Culbreath, and Jack D. Griffith.**

Finkel Law Firm announces that **Janet B. Haigler** was selected for inclusion in the 2010 list of Super Lawyers for South Carolina.

Eleanor B. Kellett has been elected to serve on the ABA Science and Technology Section Council.

Ellis Lawhorne and Sims announces that **John F. Beach, F. Earl Ellis Jr., John T. Lay Jr., John L. McCants, David C. Sojourner Jr., and Karen H. Thomas** have been named as *South Carolina Super Lawyers* in the 2010 edition.

Ellis Lawhorne and Sims announces that **W. Cliff Moore III** has been awarded by the USC Law School the Compleat Lawyer Award for 2010.

Ellis Lawhorne and Sims announces that **John L. McCants** has been selected as vice chair for the national DRI Construction Law Seminar.

John T. Lay of **Ellis Lawhorne and Sims** has been invited to join the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, the only attorney from The Columbia area.

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **Breon Walker** was selected as the 2010 recipient of the Gary Walker Scholarship to attend the IADC Trial Academy at Stanford Law School.

Gaffney Lewis & Edwards announces the relocation of its office to 3710 Landmark Dr. #109, Columbia 29201, Phone: 790-8838.

Donna L. Guffey and W. A. Nickles III are Of Counsel to the firm located at 1519 Richland St. 29201. Phone 391-3120.

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Howser Newman & Besley announces that **Michal Cooper Jones** has become a member of the firm located at 1508 Washington St., Columbia 29201. Phone: 758-6000.

I. S. Levy Johnson has received the Hyman Rubin Sr. Distinguished Service Award from the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council.

J. Eric Kaufmann announces the opening of the **Law Office of John Eric Kaufmann** located at 3608 Landmark Dr. Ste. F, Columbia 29204. Phone: 787-1055.

Eleanor B. Kellett has been elected to serve on the ABA Science and Technology Section Council.

Susan Lipscomb announces the relocation of her office, **The Lipscomb Law Firm**, to 1634 Main St. #200, Columbia 29201. Phone: 233-6654.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Harry M. Lightsey III** has joined the firm as the leader of the firm's Business Practice Group and that **Eric G. Fosmire** has joined the firm. **McAngus Goudelock & Courie** also announces that **Weston Adams III** and **James H. Lichty** have become members of the firm. Additionally, **David M Bornemann** has become an associate of the firm located at 700 Gervais St. #300, 29201; Phone: 779-2300.

McKay Cauthen Settana & Stubley announces that **Temus C. Miles Jr.** has become an associate of the firm

located at 1303 Blanding St. 29201. Phone: 256-4645.

Chambers USA recognized the **McNair Law Firm** as number one in South Carolina in the areas of Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions; Banking and Finance and Real Estate; its General Commercial Litigation Practice area as number two in South Carolina. Additionally **Chambers** cited **John W. Currie, Joel E. Gottlieb, Celeste T. Jones, Judith L. McInnis** and **William M. Musser** individually, commending them for their outstanding legal abilities.

The **McNair Firm** announces that seven of its attorneys have been included in *South Carolina Super Lawyers 2010*: **Michael M. Beal, John W. Currie, Robert W. Dibble, Jr., Erik P. Doerring, M. Craig Garner, Jr., Celeste T. Jones** and **Richard J. Morgan**.

Paul Meding announces the relocation of his office to 1415 Richland St. PO Box 2461 Columbia 29202. Phone: 779-0774.

Moore Taylor & Thomas has elected **C. Vance Stricklin Jr.** to a two year term as its Managing Partner.

Moses Koon & Brackett announces that **William Bert Brannon** has been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of *South Carolina Super Lawyers*.

Legal Media Group has named **Nelson Mullins** Managing Partner, **David Dukes**, as one of the world's top five

product liability defense lawyers based on nominations received for its Best of the Best of 2010 Expert Guides.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Jody Bedenbaugh** has received the **Nelson Mullins Reanissance Associate Award** given to the associate who best demonstrates achievement in client service, training, pro bono, marketing, recruiting and productivity. Jody also graduated this spring from Leadership South Carolina.

Nelson Mullins has been recognized by **Chambers** as a national leader in products liability litigation and also general commercial litigation, corporate/mergers and acquisitions and real estate practices. The American Health Lawyers Association has ranked **Nelson Mullins** as having the fifth largest healthcare practice in the United States. The 2010 U.S. edition of *The Legal 500* calls **Nelson Mullins** product liability and mass tort defense practices in automotive/transport and pharmaceuticals and medical devices "excellent and "cost effective" and highlights the work of partners **David Dukes, Steve Morrison, Richard Hines, Michael Cole** and **Marvin Quattlebaum** for their litigation skills.

Nelson Mullins announces that *The South Carolina Super Lawyer* has named **Stuart M. Andrews, George S. Bailey, C. Mitchell Brown,**

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George B. Cauthen, Karen Aldridge Crawford, David E. Dukes, Debbie W. Durban, Carl B. Epps III, Robert W. Foster, Jr., James C. Gray Jr., Sue Erwin Harper, William C. Hubbard, Francis B.B. Knowlton, John F. Kuppens, Steven A. McKelvey, John T. Moore, Stephen G. Morrison, Edward W. Mullins, Jr., R. Bruce Shaw, B. Rush Smith III, and Daniel J Westbrook.

Nelson Mullins announces that Betsy Johnson Burn, Amanda Kitts and Ronnie McMahan have become partners and Rachel M. Flynn has become an associate in the Columbia office located at 1320 Main St. 29201. Phone: 799-2000.

Chambers USA recognized Nexsen Pruet's following practice groups among the top in South Carolina; Corporate/M&A, Litigation: General Commercial, Real Estate, and Labor & Employment. Chambers USA also recognized 5 Columbia members of the firm as top attorneys in their practice areas: David Dubberly, Mark Knight, Marc Manos Susi McWilliams and Ed Menzie.

Nexsen Pruet announces that Gene Allen, Mike Brittingham, Henry Brown, David Dubberly, Vickie Eslinger, William Floyd, Tommy Lavender, Rose Manos, Susi McWilliams, Rick Mendoza, Ed Menzie, and Billy Newsome have been included in *South Carolina Super Lawyers* edition for 2010.

Nexsen Pruet announces that Burl F. Williams has become an associate of the firm located at 1230 Main St.

29201. Phone 771-8900.

Leighton Lord III, of Nexsen Pruet, has been named a 2009 Ambassador by Healthy Learners.

Nexsen Pruet announces that the firm has awarded Law School scholarships to three minority students from North and South Carolina through the firm's Diversity Scholarship Program.

Nexsen Pruet announces that Tushar Chikhliker and Suzi Grigg have become partners of the firm. The firm also announces that Dan Leonardi graduated from the 2010 Leadership Columbia Class.

Matthew Roberts, of Nexsen Pruet, has received the 2010 In All Things Charity Award from Healthy Learners.

Nexsen Pruet announces that Briani Bennett Mellen has become an associate of the firm located at 1230 Main St #700, 29201 Phone: 771-8900.

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein announces that Michael E. Kozlarek has become a partner of the firm.

Reggie Corley, of Rogers Townsend & Thomas, has been appointed to the board of Senior Resources, Inc.

Richardson Plowden & Robinson announces that four attorneys in their firm have been selected to the 2010 South Carolina Super Lawyers: Francis M. Mack, Eugene H. Matthews, Franklin J. Smith Jr. and S. Nelson Weston Jr. The firm

has named Steven J. Pugh as the firm's new managing shareholder.

Riley Pope and Laney announces that Nikole H. Boland has become an associate of the firm located at 2838 Devine St., 29205. Phone: 799-9993.

The Law Office of Robert Dodson PA announces the opening of its new office at 1722 Main St. #200, Columbia 29201. Phone: 218-9149.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that Jennifer W. Rubin has received the USC School of Law 2010 Compleat Lawyer Award.

Rogers Townsend and Thomas announces that Franklin H. Turner III and Amy Landers May have been selected to become shareholders of the firm. The firm also announces that Arthur "Artie" E. White III has become an associate of the firm.

Carl L. Solomon announces the formation of the Solomon Law Group. Carl L. Solomon. Dwayne T. Mazyck and Natalie Armstrong are members of the firm.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that Nicholas L. Haigler has received the Glenn Jacobus Award which honors the outstanding leader in each Leadership Columbia class. The firm also announces that Grady Beard has become a fellow in the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, an organization that seeks out the best workers' compensation attorneys in the country.

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Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that 4 attorneys have been included in *Chambers USA*: **Betsy Gray, Biff Sowell, Bobby Stepp and Cal Watson**. The firm is also highlighted as being among the tops in South Carolina. Six attorneys from the firm have been named to the super Lawyers list: **Betsy Gray, Biff Sowell, Bobby Stepp, Becky Laffitte, Monte Todd and Cal Watson**.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Nicolas L. Haigler** has joined the board of directors of Leadership Columbia.

Debra Sherman Tedeschi announces the opening of **The Tedeschi Law Firm PA** located at 1422 Laurel St. Columbia 29201. Phone: 540-3090.

The Terreni Law Firm LLC announces the opening of its office located at 1508 Lady St., 29201. Phone 771-7228.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces that **J. David Johnson IV** a shareholder began his business transactional practice in May. He will continue to serve clients in Florence and the surrounding areas.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney has been recognized by *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyer for Business* as a leading firm in South Carolina. The firm has also been named as finalists to the *2010 Lawdragon 500* list naming **R. Wayne Byrd, Lanneau Lambert Jr., Thomas C. Salane, W. Duvall Spruill and John S.**

Wilkerson among the finalists.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces that **Sam Sammataro** has been elected a shareholder of the firm. The firm also announces that **Catherine H. Kennedy and Shannon F. Bobertz** have been elected to represent the 5th Judicial Circuit in the SC Bar House of Delegates for the new term.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces that **Reginald W. Belcher, J. Kenneth Carter Jr., John E. Cuttino, Catherine H. Kennedy, Curtis L. Ott, Steven W. Ouzts, Thomas C. Salane, and Franklin G. Shuler Jr.** have been selected for

inclusion in the *South Carolina Super Lawyers* 2010 edition. **Turner Padget** was also recognized in the 2010 edition of *Chambers USA* as Leading Litigation Firm in South Carolina.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces that **T. Hudson Williams and Virginia Williams** have become associates of the firm located at 1901 Main St., 29201. Phone: 254-2200.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces that **Gerald Chambers** has been chosen to co-chair the Healthcare Committee of the Professional Liability Defense Federation.



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