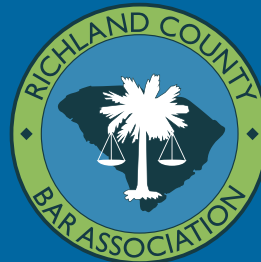


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Annual Ethics CLE
Friday, November 7
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
USC Law School Auditorium

Register Online by Oct. 31
<http://2014freecle.eventbrite.com>

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Annual Meeting/
Holiday Party
Columbia Museum of Art
Thursday, December 11
5:30 PM



From the President, Amy Hill

All those who graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law likely remember the first time you stepped through the doors. The concrete walls and small windows, to say nothing of the uncertainty of what lay ahead, gave the building the appearance and feeling of a medieval fortress. Pleather chairs, mustard yellow paint (mixed in with a healthy amount of garnet), and classroom seats that seemed to be made specifically to keep young law students uncomfortable and awake are just a few of the things that I remember sixteen years later. The building was not representative of the pride that I felt at being accepted as a member of the Class of 2000.



As we all know, the décor and design of the Law School was not indicative of the curriculum and those who taught within the walls. Young legal minds were formed regardless of our surroundings. While lacking aesthetics, the lecture halls and library were sufficient at a time when many universities, like ours, were just beginning to develop long-term plans for remodeling projects, and technology was not as all-encompassing as it is today. In my legal research class, it was still assumed that most lawyers would physically check Shepard's Citations when preparing briefs. It was not uncommon to see practicing lawyers work alongside law students in the law library.

The needs of both lawyers and law students have changed dramatically since 2000, and thankfully a new Law School will be available to meet those needs. Under the leadership of Dean Robert Wilcox, Henry McMaster, and many others, construction has begun on a state-of-the-art facility of which we will all be proud. We all wait eagerly to watch the progress and look forward to the final product.

The new Law School building will be strategically located on the block of Gervais Street between Bull Street and Pickens Street close to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the State House. The building will include 187,500 square feet, 17 instruction rooms, a library, faculty rooms and a 300 seat ceremonial court room that will also function as an auditorium. The Law School grounds will include the existing Horry-Guignard House and Taylor House, which formerly housed the Columbia Museum of Art, and which will hopefully be used in the future for the Rule of Law Collaborative.

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From the Editor, Dave Maxfield



The Way We Debate.

Q: “What is your position on the role of government in supporting innovation in the field of biotechnology?”

A: “Recent research has shown the empirical evidence for globalization of corporate innovation is very limited. And as a corollary, the market for technologies is shrinking. As a world leader, it is important for America to provide systematic research grants for our scientists. I believe there will always be a need for us to have a well-articulated innovation policy with emphasis on human resource development. Thank you.” (To audience): “Now THAT’s the way you debate!”

– Will Farrell, debating James Carville, in [Old School](#).

A quarter century ago I attended Furman University. Then (as now) a requirement for graduation was mandatory attendance at a set number of “Cultural Life Program” events. These “CLPs” as we called them, could be art exhibits, seminars, lectures, or concerts, all meant to engage students in cultural experiences outside their comfort zone. In this manner I (English major) was exposed to fractal geometry while my Chemistry major buddy was taught to appreciate the ballet.

Great idea, right? Yes, but the fact that 48 of these were required to graduate, combined with the natural tendency of college students to procrastinate, produced a stark lack of options when trying to cram about 40 events into senior year. Conversation with my roommate senior year:

Q: “What CLP are you going to tonight, Rob?”

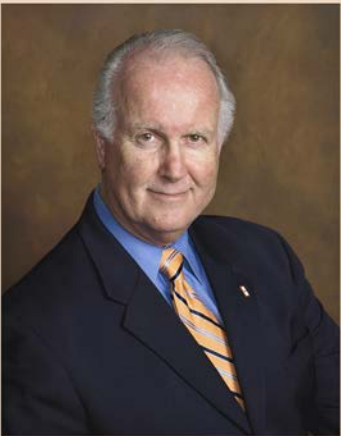
A: “I don’t care if it’s two guys urinating in a bucket. I’m there.”

Lawyers who get stuck short of CLE credit in February know this feeling well. But at least workers’ comp lawyers can be exposed to the nuances of equestrian law.

Still, CLPs were a great idea. And I saw some remarkable things. Like the time the famed debating team from Oxford University in England came to Furman take on our school debating team. It was 1988. I wish I could say that the Furman team showed up big like Will Farrell against James Carville. But that’s not what happened. The question presented was:

Q: “Is the American Dream dead?” [Oxford said “Yes”]

A: Furman: “No, the American Dream is not dead. We have more VCR’s, TV’s, Wealth, Phones, and Military.... now than ever..... more than any other nation highest GDP.....blah blah per capita blah.....”



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Rebuttal. The Oxford team rejoined with a scathing, cruel and hilarious rebuttal, comparing the American response to American Beer (“weak as cat’s urine”) before demolishing their argument entirely. I can’t remember much about what the English team actually SAID, but I remember how their accents made everything sound erudite and intelligent, especially when combined with their slightly loosened rep ties and 80’s James Spader hair. I envied them greatly. But still wanted to punch them in their faces.

Because even then (as a 19 year old who couldn’t probably have made Furman’s debating team) I knew we’d blown it. Our team had the premise of what the “American Dream” was all wrong. It was never about VCR’s or TV’s or money, or even power. It was always about having a basic set of fundamental rights protected from government interference and intrusion. This American Dream – freedom of religion, speech and assembly – compelled our founding fathers (who also envied the English) to nevertheless want to punch them in their faces. If the Furman debating team had reframed the argument in these terms, it could not have lost. But what if we had that same debate now, 25 years later?

Q: Is there American Dream dead?

A: “No, the American Dream is not dead. We still have the right to freedom of speech.”

Rebuttal: You mean you have the right to freedom of speech in designated “free speech zones” (assuming your application for a protest permit is in order).

A: “We still have the right to be secure in our homes, papers and personnel effects.”

Rebuttal: “Sure. As long as you don’t mind not using your cell phone or the internet.”

A: “Well, we still have the right to assemble and protest.”

Rebuttal: “Right. Don’t be put off by the militarized police presence.” (Debater throws up PowerPoint showing officer in Ferguson, Missouri pointing AR-15 at protestors and journalists).

You get the point, right? In 1988 the question of whether the REAL American Dream was “dead” was such an easy win for the “No” team. Now? Well, you could argue either side and be credible, couldn’t you? It shouldn’t be this way. It should still be easy. If nothing else, what we’ve seen and learned in the last five years has Congress and the people talking. Congress, though, has a long history of only talking about things when the people have the heat turned up (which is exactly why the right to protest is so important). When it cools, so too does the debate. And that’s when the American Dream falls from endangered to extinct.

When we let that happen, twenty-five years from now, there will be nothing left to debate.

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Lawyers Get Yourself Organized with OneNote

by Bill Latham



Microsoft’s OneNote is an easy-to-use electronic notebook and organizational system (Windows, Mac, iPad, Android, Windows Phone and Kindle) that is one of the most useful tools in my electronic arsenal. Heavy in features, OneNote is totally integrated with the Microsoft Office suite, so you likely already have it installed if you use a Windows PC with Outlook. If it is not installed or you use a Mac, you can download it for free directly from Microsoft: <http://www.onenote.com>.

Envision a shelf of hard copy case notebooks, divided into labeled sections and organized for efficient access to case materials. OneNote works the same way, only the notebooks are electronic. The way I use OneNote, each notebook is a case or matter file that contains the usual sections of a litigation notebook such as general information, pleadings, discovery, witness files, motions and orders, attorney’s notes, etc. You can also create sub-notebooks.

I have created a simple litigation template to give you an idea of how a typical trial lawyer’s OneNote notebook might be set up. You can download it with my compliments then modify it to fit your needs: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/Ofk7eunvj6h7pgz/Case%20Template.one?dl=0>. The template is a OneNote file designed to be opened in Windows. If you have OneNote installed, it should open right up. If not, install OneNote and then try again.

Practically any type of file can be “drag and dropped” into these OneNote sections for ready access. With OneNote, there is no more searching for one of the ten legal pads I have used over time to take notes in a particular case. My notes (and key case documents) are neatly filed by matter, date, subject, witness, or any other criteria I want to choose. Alternatively, I can do a word searches across all of my OneNote matters to find anything in the database. OneNote’s integration with Outlook allows for the easy and intuitive transfer of emails to appropriate OneNote notebooks (simply click the OneNote icon to send the email to your OneNote collection). You can also email almost anything directly from the notebooks (e.g., sharing notes with a colleague). Task and calendar functions can also be linked and cross-referenced between OneNote and Outlook.

One of my favorite features is a screen capture function (push “Windows” key and “S” key at the same time) which provides “what you see is what you get” snapshots of your computer screen with optional reference stamp (date/time/source). OneNote then prompts you for instructions for an appropriate place in one of your case notebooks to store the screen clipping, or you can send it to your clipboard for pasting into documents, emails, etc. I used this feature to capture the screen shots for this article.

OneNote can also record audio and video (camera required) and insert these into your case files in real-time (Under the “Insert” tab). OneNote can even correlate your typed notes with recorded video/audio in real time. This allows you to click on a particular portion of your notes and go directly to the audio/video that corresponds with the notes.

As you might expect, you can use OneNote on the go, synching across all of your mobile devices—iPad, Android, Windows Phone and even the Kindle with the free OneNote Apps available at the respective on-line store. You can take handwritten notes on touch-enabled devices and save them in your OneNote files. OneNote notebooks can be shared with others for online collaboration with your case team (Click the “Share” tab).

This article has just scratched the surface of the many possible uses of OneNote for attorneys or anyone that needs to organize large amounts of information and have ready access to it, any time, any place. Highly Recommended!

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Annual RCBA Free Ethics CLE Friday November 7, 2014 USC Law School Auditorium

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am	Introduction: Justice Costa Pleicones
8:45 – 9:15 am	Ethics in Mediation William C. Wood, Jr. “Bill” Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P.
9:15 – 10:15 am	“Year in Review” of Opinions & Changes to Ethics’ Rules Michael J. Virzi University of South Carolina School of Law
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:30 am	Ethics in Criminal Law Amie L. Clifford South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Ethics and the Grievance Process Amy L.B. Hill Sowell, Gray, Stepp & Laffitte, L.L.C.

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The three-story building will be constructed around a court yard. The library will have a two story reading room, which will overlook the court yard. The main entrance will be from Senate Street but the building will also have access from Gervais Street.

Woodwork from the old Richland County Courthouse will be utilized to showcase this piece of local history. Also, the former bench from the Supreme Court will serve as the bench in the ceremonial courtroom. Each instruction room will include LED screens and the entire school will have up-to-date technology with accommodations made for future technological advances. The new Law School will pay tribute to the past and be constructed to meet the needs that the legal profession demands in the future.

The new Law School is more than a source of alumni pride, and it will serve all lawyers regardless of where they were trained. As I mentioned in my acceptance speech and in my first President's Column, Richland County is unique, in part, because we have the Law School within our borders. We will all reap the rewards of the new Law School building, whether or not you are a member of the alumni this institution.

The new building will attract bright students from across the nation. Some of these students will join our ranks in the Richland County Bar and become positive forces in our legal community. The new building will also provide the Law School with a recruiting tool for law professors, visiting speakers and others who will contribute to our profession. The new on-campus courtroom will provide the opportunity for the Fourth Circuit and other Courts to hear cases in Columbia and, in doing so, provide students and members of the Bar a glimpse and better understanding of these Courts without having to travel to Richmond and beyond. The new Law School will offer an environment for meaningful legal discussion that is critical to the continued development of our profession.

I encourage each of you to stop by and observe the construction of this new piece of our legal neighborhood and to enjoy the completed final product. Please join me in offering congratulations to the University Of South Carolina School Of Law for making this long-hoped-for goal a reality!

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The Decade of Discovery

The Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism and the University of South Carolina Rule of Law Collaborative are hosting a sneak preview of the upcoming film, *The Decade of Discovery* on Monday, November 3rd from 4:30-6:30 PM. The documentary chronicles the impact of the information explosion on the courts and the government during the years 2002 to 2012. It is the story of a government attorney on a quest to find a better way to search White House email and a teacher who took a stand for civil justice on the electronic frontier. Together they sparked a revolution in the way law is practiced.

Of interest to experts in civil litigation, electronic discovery, and machine learning--as well as to anyone interested in the future of the justice system in a digital age--the 60-minute film is opening in major legal markets on November 4, 2014. Please join us for a sneak preview, followed by a panel discussion including the filmmaker, Joe Looby.

The event is FREE, but space is limited. Registration is required. To register, go to: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-decade-of-discovery-registration-12940199485>



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Noteworthy News & Announcements



The Kirby Law Firm announces that **Gregory E. Parker** has become an associate of the firm located at 1531 Laurel St. Phone: 256-6401.

Judge Danny Pieper has been awarded the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Haley.

Brian Comer has been named to the Central South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors.

Pope Zeigler Law Firm announces that **Margaret Pope** has been appointed to the Board of The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation.

Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado announces that **Allison Sullivan** has received a 2014 Leadership in Law Award by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* for her exceptional work in the Legal profession.

The South Carolina Association for Justice honored **John S. Nichols** of Bluestein Nichols, Thompson & Delgado with its Matthew J. Perry Public Service Award at it convention this summer.

The Foster Care Review Board announces that **Lindsey A. McCallister** has joined its office as a staff attorney located at 1205 Pendleton St. #436, 29201. Phone: 734-0474.

Callison Tighe & Robinson announces that **Nekki Shutt** has received the SC Equality Founder’s Award for her work in civil and human rights advocacy.

Sowell Gray announces that **Ben Gooding** has become an associate of the firm located at 1310 Gadsden St. Phone: 929-1400. Sowell Gray also announces that **Tiffany Hendricks** has been named to the Midlands Technical College Foundation Leadership Council.

Adams Reese Managing Partner **Chuck Adams** participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise money for ALS research and the firm donated \$1000 to the cause.

Ogletree Deakins announces **Ted Speth** and **Kathy Dudley Helms** have been elevated to executive positions in the firm. The firm also announces that **Ashley Karen Kerr** has become an associate of the firm located at 1320 Main St. 29201. Phone: 252-1300.

Bowman and Brooke announces that **Patrick Cleary** has been selected to participate in Leadership Columbia 2015.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Bill Latham** has received certifications as both a mediator and arbitrator by the SC Supreme Court’s Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification.

The McKay Firm announces that **Brandon Jones** has been selected for Leadership Columbia class or 2015.

Nick Haigler of Sowell Gray has been selected chair of the Leadership Columbia Advisory Board.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Jim Brogdon**, former general counsel and executive vice president for Santeea Cooper has joined the firm as an attorney of counsel.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Janice Holmes** has been selected into the Leadership Columbia Class of 2015.

Adams Reese announces that four bankruptcy lateral attorneys have joined the firms Columbia office: **Tara E. Naful, and Lindsey C. Livingston** as partners, **William “Bill” Short** as Special Counsel, and **Dawn M. Hardesty** as an associate.

Sowell Gray announces that **Bobby Stepp** has been awarded the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award from the SC Bar for his commitment to trial and appellate advocacy in the legal profession. The firm also announces that **Beth Richardson** has joined the firm as of counsel.

Brink Hinson of Janice Jenner & Suggs has been invited to join the National Trial Lawyers’ Top 40 under 40.

Daniel Ellzey has been recertified as a specialist in employment and labor law by the SC Supreme Court.

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I.S. Leevy Johnson of Johnson Toal and Battiste will receive the 2014 Excellence Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.

Callison Tighe announces that **Michael Kalwajtys** has become an associate of the firm located at 1812 Lincoln St., 20201. Phone: 256-2371.

Mark D. Chappell announces that **Graham Newman** has joined Chappell Smith & Arden located at 1510 Calhoun, 29201. Phone: 929-3600.

Moore Taylor Law firm announces that **Stanley L. Myers** was recently named as one of South Carolina Black Pages magazine’s “40 under 40.”

The Finkel Law Firm announces that **Anthony J. Charles** has been approved to serve as family court mediator by the SC Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification. The firm also announces that **Chris S. Truluck** and **Kathleen McDavid Muthig** have joined the firm as associates, located at 1201 Main St. #1800, 29201. Phone: 765-2935.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Stuart Mauney** has been appointed to ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs Advisory Committee. The firm also announces that **Breon C. M. Walker** was chosen by the SC Chamber’s Diversity Council as a committee member

Turner Padget announces that **Matthew Cook** has been certified as a mediator by the SC Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification.

Nexsen Pruet presented four scholarships to law school students planning legal careers in North and South Carolina at a NP Scholars Day event at its offices in Columbia.

C. Edward Rawl Jr. of Fisher & Phillips has

been appointed Member Service Project Coordinator of the ABA Young Lawyers Division.

Scott Wallinger of Collins & Lacy has been certified as a circuit court mediator by the S.C. Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification. The firm also announces that **Janie Langdale** is the firm’s new Director of Marketing. Collins and Lacy Marketing Department received recognition for its communications programs during the International Association of Business Communicators’ 2014 Annual Palmetto Awards.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in South Carolina at the annual program created by SC Biz News in partnership with the SC Chamber of Commerce and Best Companies Group.

Nelson Mullins announces that legal publisher Law Business Research has selected four of their Columbia attorneys for its Who’s Who Legal (of the 6 selected in S.C.): **David Dukes, John F. Kuppens, Edward Mullins Jr., and James F. Rogers**

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Noel Kevin Alloway, Linda J. Alloway vs. Sidney E. Morrison MD, Sisters of Charity Providence Hospitals
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Charles Henshaw, Don Jonas
Defendant: Kelli Sullivan, Jay McKay, Weldon Johnson, Emily Brown
Cause of Action: Personal Injury/Medical Malpractice
Verdict: for Plaintiff
Actual Damages: \$293,094.00
Economic Damages: \$268,066.00
Non-economic Damages: \$276,250.00

12-CP-40-8073
Galen Grant and Brenna DeLaine vs. William Kirkland and Catherine Kirkland
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Kathleen McColl McDaniel
Defendant: Karl Stephen Brehmer
Cause of Action: Property
Verdict: For Defendant

12-CP-40-8104
Leonard Carey vs. Dick Dyar & Associates
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Robert Goings
Defendant: L. D. Plexico
Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury
Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$200,000.00
12-CP-40-8105
Carol Bennett vs. Dick Dyer & Associates
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Robert Goings
Defendant: L. D. Plexico
Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury
Verdict: For Plaintiff
Actual Damages: \$400,000.00

12-CP-40-8428R
Pamela L. Perando vs. Brandon P. Gerrald et al
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Byron E. Gipson
Defendant: John Austin Hood
Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury
Verdict: Plaintiff
Actual damages: \$79,120.00

13-40-CP- 3534
Rebecca Quire vs. Carol Jackson
Attorneys:
Plaintiff: Robert Goings
Defendant: D. Lane
Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury
Verdict: For Defendant



HEALTH & FITNESS

by John Hearn



Pièce de résistance

OK. Having read this month’s title, I know what you’re thinking:

Everything is awesome!
Everything is cool when you’re part of the team!

And of course, that is very very true. Just read your mission statement.

But that’s beside the point. For this month’s magnum opus does not concern the Kragl, or Lord Business, or worse, heaven forbid, anything relating to a “Frozen” singalong.

Nope. Once again, we are talking comestibles. Nutriment. Grub. Vittles. And guess whose cooking? Guess who is leaving the office, dog-days-bone-tired, and heading back to the ranch to whip up some dinner. Why you, of course.

“But I don’t feel like cooking.”

Well, naturally. You wasted half the afternoon on Facecrack. Your to-do list is twice as long as when you started—and nothing is crossed off. Fine. Who asked you, anyway? Less whining, more mandelining. Let’s get to it.

First course. Salad. Always. Since you are a newbie, start with the pre-cut. No iceberg. Romaine. Spinach. Arugula. Baby kale, although I admit I was surprised to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Kale were even pregnant.

Then tweak with something different. Craisins. Sunflower seeds. Some of that last good peach, or the first good pear.

Entrée. Easy. Fish. Yes, it’s not cheap (unless you eat tilapia by the kilo, as I do,) but there is no waste. Get the good stuff on the day you are cooking it. Here’s how—turn on the broiler in your oven. (Look it up.) Slap your Pisces on a piece of foil. Cook for five minutes. Done.

Starch? Easy. Pre-wrapped microwaveable sweet potato. (Hey, you’re newbie.)

Vegetable. I’ll say only this. If you do not have a steamer, then you, silly lawyer person, are a fool. Dump the frozen veg in the basket at the start of your culinary escape and they will just exactly perfect when you are ready to serve. Oh, and I’d be remiss if I didn’t rave about roasting just about any kind of vegetable out there. Again, no skill required, just a good hot oven.

Fruit. Learned this one with the kids. It can be as easy as a can of mandarins and a banana. Fresh pineapple will last in your fridge for at least seven weeks. (Your results may vary. I may eat things you would not.)

OK, so all this takes, really, no joke, 25 minutes. But do what I do—I get everything ready and then take a couple of minutes to wash up and chill. I know the job is done. That file is closed.

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Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

It is again time to discuss the RCBA’s important annual awards with your colleagues. We encourage you to submit your nominations for the Executive Committee to consider. The awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the RCBA on Thursday, December 11th at the Columbia Museum of Art. Members who wish to submit nominations must do so in writing to the Recognition Committee chair, Reece Williams, at reecewilliams@ctrlawfirm.com by November 15th.

“Tootie” Williams Award

The John W. Williams Distinguished Service Award, affectionately known as the “Tootie” Williams Award, is based upon distinguished and meritorious service to the legal profession or to the public in professional related activities. The Williams Distinguished Service Award is the highest recognition given by our association and it is determined by the Executive Committee based upon written nominations from members of our association.

Past recipients of the award include Chief Justice Jean H. Toal, the Honorable Matthew J. Perry, the Honorable Carol Connor, the Honorable Robert Burnside, Tom McCutchen, Julian Nexsen, David Robinson, John Gregg McMaster, Alex Sanders, Ed Mullins, Jr., I.S. Leevy Johnson, Terrell Glenn, Julius McKay, Heyward McDonald, Jeter Rhoads, Lester Bates, Jr., Henry Hammer, the Honorable Jasper Cureton, Claude Scarborough, D. Reece Williams, Joe Berry, Jr., Luther Batiste, William C. Hubbard, Ken Suggs, the Honorable Bob Coble, William C. Boyd, Elizabeth “Betsy” Bradley, and David Dukes.

Civic Star Award

The Executive Committee of the RCBA also selects an attorney to receive the Civic Star Award from among the nominees submitted by the membership. The Civic Star Award is based upon exceptional and meritorious service to the Richland County community by a member of the RCBA for activities outside of the legal profession. Commitment to community service is important to the members of RCBA. Most members volunteer in the community and some give many hours of their time and talents. Sometimes only their friends and co-workers know the depth of their giving.

Recent recipients of this award have been Matt Hill, Anthony Hayes,

George Cauthen, Cravens Ravenel, David Belton, Mike Kelly, Michelle Childs, Rosalyn Frierson, Jane Trinkley, Amy Hill, Steve Benjamin, James E. Smith, Gray Culbreath, Steve Morrison, James H. Harrison, Kathleen McDaniel, and Hagood Tighe.

Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Civility Award

The Civility Award of the RCBA is named after the US District Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr. It is awarded to the judge and to the lawyer who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the RCBA, best exemplifies the word “civility.” The Executive Committee recognizes that it is a high honor to be nominated or selected for this recognition as attorneys perform their responsibilities in various capacities of the legal profession.

The past recipients of the award include the Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Danny Crowe, the Honorable Casey Manning, the Honorable Bratton Davis, Jim Leventis, Susi McWilliams, the Honorable Marvin “Buddy” Kittrell, Bobby Fuller, the Honorable George James, the Honorable Joseph Strickland, Rebecca Lafitte, the Honorable Costa Pleicones, Cravens Ravenel, William H. “Bo” Bowman, The Honorable H. Bruce Williams, Leslie A. Cotter, Jr., and Margaret B. Seymour.

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