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Judicial Reception
Columbia Museum of Art
Thursday, August 21
5:30 PM
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Annual Ethics CLE
Friday, November 7

Annual Meeting/
Holiday Party
Thursday, December 11



From the President, Amy Hill

I am honored to announce that for the first time in our history, a member of the South Carolina Bar will serve as President of the American Bar Association. Nelson Mullins attorney William Hubbard, who is a member of the Richland County Bar, will be sworn in as President of the American Bar Association at the ABA's annual conference the first week of August. This is truly a unique and historic moment for Richland County, the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina.



I was recently given the opportunity to discuss with William his upcoming position as well as the future of the legal profession as a whole. I have summarized our conversation below.

When I first began my career 14 years ago, it was assumed that all lawyers would be members of the ABA. But in recent years, it appears that participation by local lawyers has decreased. So first I asked William about the role the ABA plays in the profession of a local, small-firm attorney.

His answer was very thought provoking. He discussed the benefits of the ABA for any lawyer, which include the discussion and study of national trends in the legal profession, access to national experts, access to cutting-edge CLEs and listservs for a national discussion on a particular areas of practice. However, William also discussed what he believes is an obligation for every lawyer to be part of the organization that is the national voice for the legal profession. He recommended that all lawyers become involved in the ABA to lend their voices to the very important tasks that the ABA manages for the legal profession.

The ABA has three distinct and important roles to the general public. First, the ABA serves as the body that accredits law schools. This role is important to the legal profession in South Carolina as we see the addition of law schools in our state.

Second, the ABA provides peer review of candidates for federal judges. We all appreciate the role the judiciary plays not just in our lives as lawyers, but in the lives of the public. The ABA researches the judicial candidates and provides the results to the United States Senate.

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From the Editor, Dave Maxfield



Back when I was a law student, I got a lot of advice from older lawyers. Some of it I even asked for. But some not. Like the time I enrolled in USC’s mentoring program.

I was assigned an older lawyer from a big firm in Columbia (which no longer exists). My first official act as Mentoree was to miss my appointment with my Mentor. Three days later, I received my first “Nasty Lawyer Letter” in which I was informed how my massive breach in etiquette reflected my basic lack of worth as a person (and even lower value as a prospective member of the Bar). Somehow it took three pages to tell me this.

I took it personally and responded with my first “eating the whole crow” letter. While I couldn’t manage to hit a full three pages, by using a Thesaurus to find different variations of the word “unworthy” I was able to get about one and half. I printed the letter, hand-typed the envelope, and waited. I never heard back. I don’t blame my Mentor, though. Dude was probably under a lot of stress. And his Nasty Lawyer Letter prepared me well for the five or so years that I had to practice in Family Court. So, I suppose I did learn something after all.

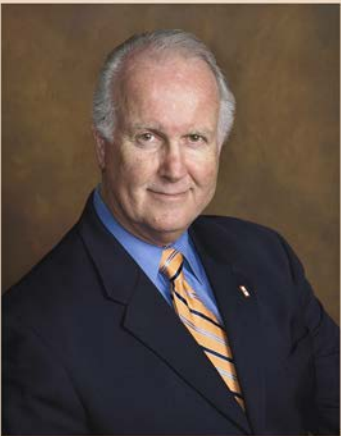
Now it’s 20 years later. Now I’m the “older lawyer.” What do I say when a young lawyer asks for advice? On this point there seems two schools of thought: you can be a “Scalia” or you can be an “Oprah.”

As you may remember, Justice Scalia made news back in May in his commencement address to William & Mary School of Law when he called the current law school system – students graduating hundreds of thousands in debt into a shrinking legal job market - “not sustainable.” In prior commencement speeches Scalia has criticized the practice itself -- or at least the high billable hours, no life, and no complaints culture of some firms as equally unsustainable. And Scalia’s probably right. The only problem with his points is that they are being made to students who just graduated with a couple hundred K of debt, desperate for ANY job. Theirs is the choice of the Roman Galley Slave (“would you like to row on the left or the right?”). Once you’re that far in the hole, it’s a little too late to rethink the whole lawyer deal and apply to podiatry schools.

So maybe I should turn for advice to the teachings of Oprah Winfrey. I don’t know whether Oprah’s given any law school commencement speeches (what state school could afford that), But I do take comfort in the advice that comes lately as a benefit to my appalling Starbuck’s addiction. You see, a few months ago Starbuck’s began a cross-promotion with Teavana teas featuring Oprah’s favorite hot tea brews. So now on the little sleeve that goes around your coffee cup to keep your hand from getting scalded by the coffee, you get some an Oprah quote, such as:

“No experience is ever wasted. Everything has meaning.”
“Live from the heart of yourself. Seek to be whole, not perfect.”
“Know what sparks the light inside you. Then use that light to illuminate the world”
“Your life is big. Keep reaching.”

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From the Editor (...continued from page 2)

Lately in the mornings, I’ve been sitting in my office with my cup of Pike’s Place Roast pondering these sayings. As of the date of this writing, I have spent 17.5 billable hours in quiet contemplation. Thus far, I cannot tell you what the hell any of them actually mean. But they sure sound profound. So if I’m ever asked to give a commencement speech I have a plan -- buy 12 triple cappuccinos, consume them all before I get to the lectern, spout some Oprahisms, and use the energy provided by the weaponized caffeine to flee before anyone asks questions. The fact that everyone in my audience will be too young to have seen the movie “Being There” virtually assures my success.

So, which way to go? Oprah or Scalia? Maybe there’s a third option. Don’t just say something – do something.

I am proud in this edition to print a wonderful contribution from a “new” lawyer, Taylor Smith, who put his beliefs on the line in the Occupy Columbia movement. His story speaks not only of idealism, conscientiousness and risk, but of how it’s what we do for younger lawyers – not what we say – that really matters. As you will read, Taylor was fortunate to find a mentor in Drew Radeker, who also had the guts to put his money where his mouth was.

Regardless of your politics, or views on Occupy, isn’t this exactly what we became lawyers to do? To make some kind of meaningful difference in society? (Don’t deny it or I’ll dig up your law school application essay).

Your life can still be big. Keep reaching.

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Using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint on the iPad

by Bill Latham



Since introduction the iPad, one of the major impediments to using the tablet as a primary legal productivity tool was a lack of compatibility the Microsoft of-fice suite of applications. Microsoft had developed the Office iPad applications sometime ago, but apparently delayed introducing them because it did not want to diminish sales of its own Sur-face Pro line of tablet computers . Fi-nally in March of this year, Microsoft released its long awaited Word, Excel and PowerPoint Apps for the iPad. I

have been using all of them since the introduction and have generally been impressed. The Windows 8 versions of this same software, with the exception of OneNote App, are not yet touch screen optimized. The iPad versions on the other hand were designed from the ground up for touch screens and are intuitive for seasoned MS Office users. Ironi-cally, the Word experience on the iPad is actually superior to the Word experience on Microsoft’s own Surface Pro tablet.

The Office Apps are “free” to download from the App Store. The catch is that unless you upgrade to an Office 365 subscription, you can only view documents–there is no editing capability. The least expensive subscription option is a “personal” account, which costs \$7 per month or \$70 for 12 months paid in advance. This buys you use of the apps on both the iPad and one computer (PC or Mac), Plus 20GB of cloud stor-age through Microsoft’s OneDrive cloud service.

I purchased the “home” subscription which allows you to use the soft-ware on five computers (PC or Mac) and up to five tablets, with 20GB of OneDrive cloud storage for each user. The cost for this option is \$10 per month or \$100 if you pay in advance for the full 12 months. I am running the apps on my iPad, a Mac, an Asus Windows 8 tablet and a laptop. The advantage to the subscription model is that you always have the latest version of the software, you can use the software on

multiple devices, and you have a respectable amount of cloud storage capability. The downside is that you do not own the software and must pay tribute to Microsoft every year.

Word for iPad

The opening screen for Word on the iPad is a collection of eye catch-ing templates (e.g., business letter, brochure, resume, form invoice, etc.) available in addition to the blank document. Most of the core Word functions are available. The interface is intuitively designed and long time Word users should have little difficulty finding all the features. That is not to say that Word for iPad is full featured–it isn’t–for example:

- There is continual spell checking, but no grammar check.
- You can view, but not update footnotes and end notes.
- YES- you can review and edit using track changes. However, there does not appear to be any way to insert comments.

One thing that Word for iPad does well is to maintain the formatting, fonts and other compatibility aspects of the PC and Mac versions of Word. Now you can start a document in the office PC, work on it on your iPad while traveling and then finish it up on you home computer Mac or PC. OneDrive allows you to have a common secure storage place for your working documents. Once you have created your docu-ment you can save it to OneDrive, Email as an attachment, or email as a link to your OneDrive account. You can now also print your docu-ment from the iPad to a wireless enabled printer (a function surprisingly missing when the App was first released).

Excel for iPad

Like Word, Microsoft packed the most important functions of its PC version of Excel into a attractive, touch enabled iPad version. Over 400 formulas are available. Creating charts and reports will be in

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HELPFUL INFORMATION		
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Occupy Columbia or How to Find a Job

by Taylor Smith



You probably never got a chance to sleep on the State House grounds. You should have. (The passed a statute to make it illegal. But that wasn’t in effect when the events subject of this column happened.) Waking up on the dewy grass in the shadow of the State House rotunda is excellent motivation to start one’s day, and the bugs at night find your skin only as often as legislators in-side the State House find compromise.

I had the opportunity to do this in Octo-ber and November of 2011, by protesting with the local offshoot of the global Occupy Wall Street protests, Occupy Columbia. At the time, I was in my second year of law school at U.S.C. I came to Occupy Columbia to protest the growing income inequality in our country, and I sought the public financing of our elections. I did not come looking for a job at a law firm.

I only spent a handful of nights with Occupy Columbia early in the oc-cupation, but I can still recall the stark juxtaposition at that time of my passion for change and the suffocating paranoia of not wanting to brand myself too radical for a South Carolina law job. Like most of my fellow classmates, I was not happy with my 1L grades. Unlike my classmates, I obviously was not doing a very good job of studying harder. (This is not say I didn’t find a few blades of State House grass in one my law books prior to class one day.) A sliver of unspent idealism from my un-dergraduate days was driving my actions, but I was growing more and more uncomfortable with spending the night out there.

After the first week of occupation – during which I would protest at night, sleep there, go home, shower, report to law school, then venture back to my entrenched position – I decided to stop spending the night out there. At this point, my friends’ reactions to the movement were starting to mirror the label-happy mass media’s characterization of the movement: liberal. Not South Carolina liberal. The kind of liberal that’s somewhere near socialism and on the road to radical acts like those of the Weather Underground in the late 1960s. Decidedly not the bent of South Carolina bar as a whole. To label Occupy Columbia this way was inaccurate – if the diverse group stood against anything, it was the cor-rosive nature of the national two-party system – but perception (with regard to my job prospects) was everything. Or so I thought.

I resolved to stop sleeping out there but decided I would visit the oc-cupation as often as I could after class and during the evenings over the

next month. I failed to do that, and I was only visiting two or three times a week by mid-November. It must have helped my grades, right? Only slightly.

There were a few members of the bar who would show up at Occupy Columbia to ask questions, protest with the occupiers, or in some ex-ceptional cases, provide legal advice about the rights of the protesters. This was encouraging, but not near as encouraging as was South Car-olina law at the time. Despite statutes governing how vehicles should traverse the paved surfaces of the State House grounds, there was no statutory or regulatory scheme establishing reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on protest speech at the State House. In essence, assuming the occupation was symbolic conduct covered by the First Amendment, any state action to stop the protest would likely be found unconstitutional.

On the afternoon of November 16, 2011, I received word that South Car-olina Governor Nikki Haley had conducted a press conference at which she issued an ultimatum to Occupy Columbia: be off the State House grounds by 6 p.m. or face arrest. Knowing I had no real way to provide legal assistance to the occupiers (I was a 2L with little job experience for goodness sake), I still made sure I was at the State House grounds by 6 p.m. I wanted to be there for what happened, at least to see it.

When scores of state police started gathering around 6 p.m., I called one of my mentors, Jay Bender, a prominent First Amendment attorney here in Columbia. I told him the situation and how a temporary restrain-ing order (TRO) was needed but he regretfully said he couldn’t take the case. He was the only attorney I knew in this practice area. A feeling of helplessness washed over me, much like the monsoon-ish rain that hit my clothes and skin that evening. I wanted desperately to help the oc-cupiers continue their protest, but I didn’t know how.

The next evening, hours after 19 members of Occupy Columbia were

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
The RCBA posts legal-related employment opportunities on our website. Visit http://richbar.org/EmploymentListings.aspx .

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

Finally, the ABA develops the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. The ABA Model Rules are often adopted in whole or in part by states as their own governing rules of professional conduct. These rules dictate all aspects of our practice from the handling of trust accounts to the management of our interaction with clients.

It benefits all of us to get involved in the ABA and participate in the discussions that shape our profession. I asked William how would a lawyer go about taking part in the ABA. He suggested that a great way to start is simply go to the ABA website for the section or division that matches their practice or interest. The lawyer can then sign up for a particular section and sign up for committees within that section in order to access the listserv as well as volunteer for projects or programs.

I also asked William about his view of the future of the legal practice in Richland County. He answered that he thinks Richland County is a microcosm of the national legal field. All studies indicate that a large portion of the poor and even moderate income population does not have access to legal services. This is something that we all need to work to change especially when we have lawyers who are either underemployed or unemployed. In essence, we need to determine a way to close the justice gap and the perception that legal services are out-of-reach to most of the population.

William also discussed the change in technology for law firms and clients. He is convinced that we will see major changes in the way we deliver legal services involving mobile devices and technology beyond e-filing and e-mail. Importantly, William believes that young lawyers who understand new technology will have a strong competitive advantage.

We also talked a little bit about work-life balance, which is important to William since one of his daughters followed his footsteps into the legal practice (William has three children). William said that law firms and the legal profession as a whole need to be smarter and more creative

about the way they measure success to keep women involved in the profession. In his opinion, law firms need to adopt different options, alternatives and pathways to success so that there is not a one-size-fits-all model of advancement in the legal community.

Finally, I asked William what he does when he is not practicing law and traveling the country representing the ABA. He said he enjoys following college sports, walking, running, and reading about military history. He is also looking forward to the next phase of his life as a grandparent and spending time with his new six-week-old grandson.

I look forward to following William's accomplishments during his tenure as President of the ABA. This is a first for Richland County and a first for the State of South Carolina. Please come and join us as we honor William at our judicial reception on August 21, 2014.

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To register online for this event, visit <http://rcba-judicial-reception.eventbrite.com>. If you would like to register by mail, please mail your check(s) to Coleman Chambliss, RCBA, Post Office Box 7632, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

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Noteworthy News & Announcements

Riley Pope & Laney announces that **Meredith M. Robertson** has joined the firm located at 2838 Devine St. Columbia 29205. Phone 799-9993.

Malissa Burnette has received the Barbara W. Moxon Advocacy Award from Planned Parenthood Health Systems.

Murphy & Grantland announces that **Elliott B. Daniels** has become an associate of the firm located at 4406-B Forest Dr., 29206. Phone: 782-4100.

Chicago Title Insurance Company announces that **Jennifer W. Rubin** has joined the company as vice president and underwriting counsel located at 3700 Forest Dr. #210, 29204. Phone: 790-5620.

Adams and Reese has climbed up both the 2014 NLJ 350 (National Law Journal) List of Largest Law Firms ranked by attorney count--rose 16 spots to 138 - and the Am Law 200 (American Lawyer Magazine) List of Top Law Firms ranked by gross revenues--rose 7 spots to 170.

Turner Padget announces that **Matthew R. Cook** has been approved by the SC Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification as a Certified ADR Mediator.

Allison Sullivan of Bluestein Nichols Thompson and Delgado has been named the SC Bar Young Lawyer of the Year.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Brian Comer** has been named to the Board of Directors with the SC Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Bob Coble has been reelected chair of the Columbia World Affairs Council.

Gallivan White & Boyd participated with the Young Lawyers Division in the SC Bar's Third Annual iCivics Day. The firm had the most members participating of the 65 attorneys

who did participate in this educational project designed to teach students all over the state about civics and inspire them to be active participants and leaders in the country's democratic system.

McKay Cauthen Settana & Stubley announces that **Janet Brooks Holmes** has recently been selected to join the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization Board of Directors.

Major General Robert Livingston, Adjutant General for the SC National Guard announces the promotion of **Colonel Thad L. Myers** to Brigadier General as the Assistant Adjutant General for the SC Air National Guard. Phone: 252-0005.

Sowell Gray announces that **Tina Cundari** has been sworn in as president of the John Belton O'Neill American Inn of Court.

The Honorable John E. Waites, Unites States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of South Carolina, was presented with the J. Bratton Davis Professionalism Award by the SC Bankruptcy Law Association. **D. J. Reynolds** of the McCarthy Law Firm was inducted as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization.

Nekki Shutt, of Callison Tighe Law Firm, has received the first ever SC Equality Founder's Award.

Moore Taylor Thomas announces that **Stanley L. Myers** has been named to The Citadel's Board of Visitors.

Lisa M. Hostetler announces the opening of **LawyerLisa, LLC** located at 1224 Huger St. 29201. Phone: 563-5163. The firm also announces that **Priti M. Patel** has joined the firm.

Duff White & Turner announces that **William C. Freeman** has become an associate of the firm located at 3700 Forest Dr. #404, 29204. Phone: 790-0603.

Chappell Smith & Arden announces that **W. Beau Busch, C. Daniel Vega** and **W. Hugh McAngus Jr.** have been partners at the firm.

Mary Geiger Lewis, US District Judge for South Carolina, has received Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women's Carolyn Helman Lichenberg Crest Award in honor of her professional achievements.

The Taylor Law Firm or West Columbia announces that **Elizabeth D. Branham** has been elected to the National School Boards Association as a Southern Region Representative. She represents the 13 states of the Southern Region of the National School Board Association.

Nelson Mullins announces that The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance has invited **Sarah Eibling** to join its membership. The CLM is a nonpartisan alliance comprised of thousands of insurance companies, corporations, corporate counsel, litigation and risk managers, claims professionals and attorneys. The organization's goals include creating a common interest in the representation by firms or companies and promoting and furthering the highest standards of litigation management in pursuit of client defense.

Callison Tighe announces that **Taylor Stanley** now holds a license to practice law in North Carolina.

McKay Cauthen Settana & Stubley law firm has been featured as Leading Attorneys in Town & Country Magazine in a special section highlighting leading law firms throughout the country.

Digna Ochoa Center for Immigration Legal Assistance announces that **Olivia S. Jones** has joined the organization located at 1226 Pickens St., Ste. 201, Columbia 29201. (803) 929-1940.

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Fisher and Phillips announces that **Matthew Korn** has become an associate with the firm located at 1320 Main St. #750, 29201. Phone: 255-0000.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Curtis L. Ott** was sworn in as President of the SC Defense Trial Attorneys Association.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Tommy Preston Jr.** has been elected President-Elect of the USC Alumni Association "My Carolina". The firm also announces that **William Floyd** has been appointed by Governor Haley to the board of directors of the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

Turner Padget announces that the SC Bar Employment and Labor Law Section Council has named **Franklin G. Shuler Jr.** Distinguished Lawyer of 2014.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd announces that **Steve McKinney** has been selected to

participate in the Riley Institute at Furman's Diversity Leaders Initiative.

Francenia B. Heizer has been selected for induction into the Richland One Hall of Fame. Gallivan White and Boyd announce that **John T. Lay** has been elected president-elect of the SC chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Margaret Pope of Pope Zeigler law Firm has been appointed to the board of directors and advocates of the Historic Columbia Foundation.

USC School of Law has named the following Compleat Lawyer Award recipients including **A. Camden Lewis** and **Jack B. Swerling** (Platinum), **Shannon Furr Bobertz** and **William R. Johnson** (silver).

Nexsen Puret has been awarded the Outstanding Middle School Business Partner for the year by District Five of Lexington and

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Wylie W. Clarkson announces the opening of **Clarkson and Korn LLC** located at 1300 Pickens St. 29201. Phone: 252-5817.

Callison Tighe announces that **Michael Kalwajtys** and **Jacqueline "Jax" M. Pavlicek** have become an associates of the firm located at 1812 Lincoln St., 29201. Phone: 404-6900.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Sheila M. Bias** was presented with the Jonathan Jasper Wright Award, by the University of South Carolina School of Law's Black Law Students Association.

Callison Tighe announces that **Ian McVey** has been elected to serve in the SC Bar House of Delegates.

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I've never worked with more purpose than I did in those next few weeks. My passion for the First Amendment (I'm a former journalist) and Occupy Columbia had suddenly combined, and I was given great responsibility where my resume would have dictated I only retrieve coffee. Drew Radeker of Harrison & Radeker took a chance on me that evening, and, had he not done so, it is doubtful I would currently be an associate at the

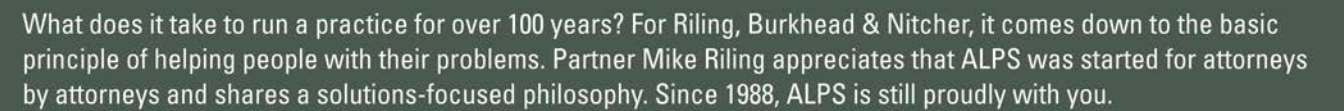
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PowerPoint for iPad is the most disappointing of the three core iPad apps in the Office Suite. While it will allow you to display your PowerPoint presentations created in Windows, including animations, the tools for creating new PowerPoint presentations or editing existing

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A portrait of a middle-aged man with short, graying hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a blue patterned tie. The background is a solid, light gray.

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13-CP-40-2336R Aniruth Siva by his GAL vs. Squire Bostic Attorneys: Plaintiff: Garry L. Wooten Defendant: William H. Bowman III Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury Verdict: For Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$93,000.00	13-CP-40-2855 Casey Lynn Jordan vs. Carlos Vincent Chinn Attorneys: Plaintiff: Patrick McLaughlin Defendant: John Andrew Delaney Cause of Action: Auto/Personal injury Verdict: For Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$55,000.00 Punitive Damages: \$17,000.00	12-CP-40-4772 Miriam R. Branham vs. Sheriff Leon Lott, Richland County Attorneys: Plaintiff: Charles B. Baxley Defendant: Robert David Garfield Cause of Action: Auto/personal injury, property damage Verdict: For Defendant Actual damages: in Counterclaim \$8455.64
13-CP-40-3242 Judith E. Wise, et al vs. Julie A. Rotholz Attorneys: Plaintiff: Charles A. Kenney, Jr. Defendant: John Andrew Delaney Cause of Action: Auto Verdict for Plaintiff Actual Damages: Judith E. Wise \$751.61, Jeri Johnson \$752.49, Neveah Edmonds \$595.49	12-CP-40-1344 Jimmy Roger Goodyear vs. Judy B. Rockwell Attorneys: Plaintiff: Arthur Aiken, Thomas Micah Leddy Defendant: Ronald Alexander Cause of Action: Auto/Personal injury Verdict: For Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$21,083.00	13-CP-40-0130 Seth Riggsbee vs. Daniel Scott Key Attorneys: Plaintiff: Steve FitVerdict: For Defendant Actual damages: in Counterclaim \$8455.64
12-40-CP-8210 Rakim L. Williams vs. SCDC Attorneys: Plaintiff: Pro se Defendant: Caleb Riser, Drew Butler and Bart Vincent Cause of Action: Personal injury/assault Verdict: For Defendant	13-CP-40-4370 State of South Carolina vs. Andrew Goodwin Attorneys: Plaintiff: Nicole Thomas Wetherton Defendant: David Edward Belding Cause of Action: Sexual Predator Verdict: for Plaintiff	13-CP-40-0130 Seth Riggsbee vs. Daniel Scott Key Attorneys: Plaintiff: Steve Fitzer Defendant: Stephen McKinney Cause of Action: Assault Verdict: For Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$51,099.75 Punitive Damages: \$59,000.00

HEALTH & FITNESS

by John Hearn



Billy Pilgrim

Vacation eve! Finally. Hmm. What to do?

A week at the beach? Nope. San Francisco? Too hilly. A villa in the south of France? Not this year. (My eldest wed in June. She was a she. South of France might get pushed back to 2027.) Camping with a bunch of folks for whom sleep is

apparently optional except between the hours of 5:45-7:15 a.m.? Why sure!

It's not exactly seven nights sleeping on the ground. We have these things called air mattresses now. Some of them even self-inflate for a few days before they leak to death. No, it's more like sleeping on a beach float—which in turn is on the ground. Sometimes the ground is wet, which would be fine if you could just get up and shower. But no showers here, either. Joe Walsh may have made it to Funk #49, but grown men bawl like babies when I get to Funk #4. Pass me them baby wipes, bubba.

And yet I know this will be the best trip in a long time, because I'm getting back in the tent. It's not easy to explain. The days and nights ahead are full of activity and work and fun and art and bacon. (Yes, it's been way overdone, but that doesn't mean it's not delicious and oh-so-good for you.) Along the way, though, the touchstone that is my refuge, my bed chamber, my bathhouse—is my tent.

Don't let me leave the wrong impression. While I leave no trace, I bring tent traces galore—water and snacks, my travel guitar, my favorite tunes, a real book (I understand they are sometimes called “novels,” which is a pretty novel idea), my pet tarantula , “Bitey” – it's a cocoon of comfort in there. You won't find me on the AT with a \$200 three-ounces-light

“stove” heating up ramen. Heck, I've got a camp oven cranking out fresh hot chocolate chip cookies at 1:00 a.m. (People seem to like them at that hour.) To paraphrase the famed jurist Oliver Wendell Douglas, pimped tent living is the life for me. Gimme fresh air over Times Squvare any day.

Privacy? Not at the places I park. One of the best parts of tent life is overhearing folks in your camp when you are cooling out in your nylon hideaway. They forget you're there, and they sometimes talk about you. It's like eavesdropping without the guilt. One of my favorite tent moments was over ten years ago. I told my campies I was taking an early – evening nap before heading out to see music and hit my tent. Just as I was crossing over to sleep, I heard one of them say quietly: “Yeah, I like when these old guys show up. They really add a lot.” I was 40, for Pete's sake.

Bedtime. Teeth brushed. Jammies on. Earplugs. Eye mask. Miles Davis. CPAP be damned; I'm living (and sleeping) on the edge. And incredibly, I almost always sleep well, even as the drum and bass are cranking up to eleven out there somewhere.

I still wake up early—about the break of day. But before I rise (assuming my air mattress hasn't gone flat again), I listen to the natural world wake up. It's the best part of all. Birds call and respond. A squirrel (it BETTER be a squirrel) rustles in the underbrush. A breeze slips past my tent's rain fly, carrying wood smoke and honeysuckle in its wake. I don't have to be anywhere for hours. I think about what it all means, or doesn't mean. I doze some more.

And then I get up, start the first camp-percolator coffee, and listen as Mr. Wren repeats the question: Poo-tee-weet?

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McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces they have opened offices in Memphis, Tennessee and Oxford, Mississippi.

Legal directory publisher The Legal 500 has recognized Nelson Mullins in two practice areas along with 10 attorneys, 4 of which are in Columbia. The practice areas and the attorneys noted in the annual publication are: Product liability and mass tort defense: pharmaceuticals and medical devices: **David Dukes, J. Mark Jones** and **James F. Rogers**; Product liability and mass tort defense: automotive/transportation: **Christopher C. Genovese**.

McWhirter Bellinger announces that **Sarah W. Guthrie** has become an associate of the firm located at 1807 Hampton St., 29201. Phone: 405-2049.

The SC Bar Foundation announces election results of new officers for 2015 and that **Sidney Evering II**, of Parker Poe Law Firm has been elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Nick Haigler** has become the new chair of the Leadership Columbia Advisory Board.

Barnes Alford announces that **Matthew G. Gerrald** has been invited to join the prestigious Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

Harrison & Radeker announces that **Taylor M. Smith IV** has become an associate of the firm located at 923 Calhoun St. Phone: 779-2211.

Susan B. Berkowitz, Director of the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, is the 2013 recipient of the Martha B. Dicus Award for Public Interest Law.

The McKay Firm announces that **Kelli Sullivan** has been named Chair of the SC Bar Ethics Advisory Committee.

Turner Padget announces that **Reggie Belcher** has been recognized as one of the “Nation’s Most Powerful Employment Attorneys -

Up and Comers” in the last issue of *Human Resource Executive Magazine*. He was the only attorney in North or South Carolina to be selected to the list in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Shannon Scruggs announces that Columbia attorneys **Christopher R. Koon** and **William K. Witherspoon** (a RCBA past president) have joined the board of directors of the SC Bar Foundation.

McNair Law Firm announces that **Andrew Saleeby** has joined the firm located at 1221 Main St. #1800, 29201. Phone: 799-9800.

Turner Padget announces that **Marshall Tinsley** has become an associate of the firm located at 1901 Main St., 29201. Phone: 254-2200.

Callison Tighe announces that **Janet E. Rhodes** has become an associate of the firm located at 1812 Lincoln St. 29201. Phone: 256-2371.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Scott Wallinger** has become certified by the SC Supreme Court’s Board of Arbitration and Mediator Certification to be a Circuit Court Mediator.

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McNair Law Firm Involved in Settlement of \$297 Million RICO Class Action Suit

In a press release from May 21, 2014, Hunton & Williams, LLP and other law firms around the country including McNair Law Firm P.A. announced that they have reached a \$297 million settlement on behalf of plaintiffs in a multidistrict class action against U.S. Foodservice, Inc. and its former parent company, Koninklijke Ahold, N.V. The settlement agreement is pending approval by the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

This agreement is believed to be one of the largest civil RICO class action settlements in recent history and was reached on behalf of a class of customers, primarily hospitals and restaurants, who purchased products from U.S. Foodservice under cost-plus arrangements between 1998- 2005. The class claimed that it was defrauded by U.S. Foodservice when it created six companies that it controlled to inflate the “cost component” of the products that were subject to the arrangement.

The parties entered into settlement talks when the United States Supreme Court declined to review a federal appeals court opinion affirming certification of a nationwide class of plaintiffs for RICO and breach of contract violations against U.S. Foodservice.

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