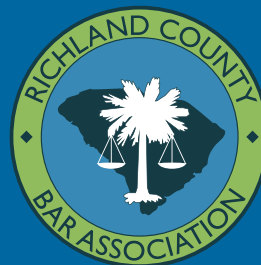


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Newsletter of the Richland County Bar Association



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Night at Zoo
Thursday, April 3
(*note new date!)


Judicial BBQ
Thursday, May 14

Memorial Service
Friday, June 12

Judicial Reception
Thursday, August 20

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From the President, Ward Bradley

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1994	Nina Nelson Smith		
1995	Luther Battiste III		
1996	Lester L. Bates Jr.		
1997	Danny C. Crowe		
1998	Kenneth M. Suggs		



- Liaisons to local courts;
- A yearly ethics CLE;
- A quarterly newsletter;
- A yearly memorial service;
- Community service programs;
- Lunch and learn programs;
- A family picnic at the zoo;
- An oyster roast;
- A judicial reception; and
- A Christmas party.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as president of our bar association. I am proud to follow the many fine lawyers who have served in this position. While I listed our presidents for the last fifty years, our bar association began in 1891. We have records of the lawyers who have served as president as far back as 1931.

These people served their fellow lawyers with the idea that this association exists to help its members. We serve as a local voice for lawyers and provide:

Please get involved and become a part of the future of our bar association. Thank you again for your trust in your bar association and in me. We will work hard to earn it.

Ward Bradley can be reached at ward@mttlaw.com.



Relativity: Not Always Special

My wife and I are not “fun parents.” At least not according to our three kids. The main evidence for our terminal uncoolness lies in our screen time rule: two hours on weekend days, and no more than an hour during the week. Relative to other kids, that’s woefully inadequate (or at least so I’m told).

Being in such short supply, screen time is fought over, negotiated, and taken clandestinely in the night. Sanctions are levied which generally involve the loss of future screen time. Disinformation campaigns are waged. It’s like our own little West Bank.

At one point in the heat of yet another skirmish, my 13 year old said, “Well, Dad, how much screen time did you get growing up?” My mind flashed back to the hours upon hours I spent after school watching *Ultraman* and *Space Giants* on WTBS while eating a three quart bowl of Cookie Crisp. “Uh, I don’t know...not that much...sometimes my parents would let me watch *MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour* on the weekend...if I had all of my homework done, I mean.”

In short, I lied like a dog. But, his question got me to thinking about how much time has changed since I was a kid. I don’t just mean that technology has changed (30 years ago the only things in our house that had screens besides the TV’s were the windows). I mean that TIME itself – and the way we measure it – has been disrupted by technology.

Here’s a physics problem for you:

Test Subject A is sitting on a sofa somewhere in America in 1982. At an appointed hour, Subject A turns on the TV and watches two *Gilligan’s Island* re-runs back to back.

Fast forward 30 years later to 2015. Test Subject B, sitting on the exact same sofa, turns on the TV and watches the very same two episodes of *Gilligan’s Island*.

Question: How long does it take each Test Subject to watch the same

two episodes? (HINT: Neither Test Subject is traveling at the speed of light).

Solution: While it’s tempting to think that it would take exactly the same amount of time to do exactly the same thing that’s actually false. Because Test Subject B has Netflix. He can stream 2 episodes of Gilligan in 38 minutes, while poor Subject A has to sit through 22 minutes of Cheetos and Downy commercials. Heck, Subject B can actually watch three Gilligan episodes in the time it takes A to watch two. In other words, he’s watching TV 50% faster.

That’s the disruptive power of change. It all sounds trite and obvious until you think through the implications. Einstein (and Galileo before him) showed that time is relative. We can only measure its movement by comparing it the movement of something else, like the passage of the sun across the sky or the time it takes to watch a television program.

We’d probably have fewer problems if we were aware of the track of the sun. But we mostly spend our days inside. That puts us at the mercy of artificial reference points which (as we’ve seen above) are forever moving faster. And as reference points speed to a blur, so do expectations. Not just our Netflix-watching clients’ expectations (“why did it take you 1.6 hours =to draft a simple 15 page response to a motion for summary judgment?”), but our own. Some of us feel our day is a failure unless we complete the 20 item task list on our glowing screen.

But you know what? Even as we try to turn ourselves into little production machines, the sun is still crossing the sky, same as it always has, on its own time. And real life – no matter how we try to make it linear – has an ebb and flow of its own. Real life has times for production, but it also has commercial interludes and intermissions.

One of my goals for 2015 is to not be in such a hurry to get through one thing just to get to the next thing. To appreciate where I am and what I am doing right now. And to enjoy the intermissions. And to just burn the task list every once in a while (of course, I’ll print it out first). Because Daddy’s had a little too much screen time lately too.

PS – Kids – if you’re reading this right now, good for you. You just better not be playing Xbox if it’s a school night.

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RCBA Confers Awards at the 2014 Annual Meeting

“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.



The executive committee is proud to announce Carl B. Epps as the winner of the John W. Williams Distinguished Service Award. Carl is a partner in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough’s Columbia office, where he practices in the areas of business and real estate litigation, product liability, mass torts and class actions.

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. This year’s award was presented to Pamela Robinson who, for the past 18 years, has served as Director of the University



2015 RCBA Executive Committee Members

Pictured from left to right: Mike Polk, Dave Maxfield, Amy Hill, Ward Bradley, Jody Bedenbaugh, Jack McKenzie, and Kristen Horne. Photos on this page were taken by Stuart Morgan (www.morganphotography.ws).

of South Carolina School of Law Pro Bono Program. She has been the Director of the USC School of Law Pro Bono Program for 18 years.

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, best exemplify 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.

Attorney Recipient

This year, the attorney award went to Herbert W. Louthian of the Louthian Law Firm. Herb is an experienced litigator focused on serious personal injury, medical malpractice, employment law and construction accidents.



Judicial Recipient

This year’s judicial recipient is the Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones of the 5th Circuit Family Court. From 1983 to February 2005, she enjoyed an exclusively domestic statewide practice.



Technological Disruption and Lawyers

by Bill Latham



Technology is rapidly changing the practice of law forever. For example, advances in ediscovery tools have made discovery much more efficient, even as the volume of documents to be located, gathered and processed has grown exponentially. Mostly gone are the days of dozens of full price partner track associates manually reviewing hundreds of thousands or even millions of paper documents. Now that work is mostly done by a small cadre of core discovery professionals/attorneys, using specialized software to cull through mostly electronic documents. Where manual review is still necessary (and it mostly still is) on call contract attorneys employed at much lower cost are employed for the job at hand. Eventually, it is likely that many of these lower rate review jobs will be largely eliminated by smarter and smarter machine review capabilities. Changes like these, while significant, will be dwarfed by advancements in many areas inside and outside of law that will likely reduce the need for lawyers and fundamentally change the nature of legal services provided by those that remain.

I recognize that attempting to predict the future is a fool's errand –as noted futurist and science fiction author Arthur C. Clark (2001- A Space Odyssey) explained prior to making his mostly accurate predictions in 1964 for the future 50 years away–the year 2014:

Trying to predict the future is a discouraging and hazardous occupation because the prophet invariably falls between 2 stools. If his predictions sound at all reasonable, you can be quite sure that in 20 or at most 50 years, the progress of science and technology has made him seem ridiculously conservative. On the other hand, if by some miracle a prophet could describe the future exactly as it was going to take place, his predictions would sound so absurd, so farfetched, that everybody would laugh him to scorn. This has proved to be true in the past, and it will undoubtedly be true even more so of the century to come. The only thing we can be sure of about the future is that it will be absolutely fantastic.

Lacking Arthur C. Clark's imagination for the fantastic, my primary example will be a conservative one related to a technology that

currently exists–the Google Self-Driving Car. Google has, under special license from California and other state authorities, been running a fleet of self-driving cars (equipped with stand by human driver) for several years now and they have logged well over a million miles of safe driving, with the only two accidents being caused by other drivers (who happen to be human). The major automobile manufacturers are already incorporating collision avoidance systems in their new vehicles. The automotive industry press has surveyed industry leaders who generally predict that driverless technology should be commonplace by 2025, and ubiquitous by 2035. Nissan has stated its intention to introduce a driverless car for model year 2020. Not surprisingly, a major impediment to moving forward is the need to pass laws, regulations and to create standards to accommodate this new technology. But in the end, the irrefutable utility of such vehicles will overcome the vested interests in opposition-- lawyers will obviously have a big role in this effort- on all sides.

What will the driverless car mean for lawyers? Plenty. It has been estimated that over 90% of all traffic accidents result from human error. Last year these accidents resulted in 32000+ fatalities, over 2 million related injures, and billions of dollars in economic damages. The proliferation of driverless cars will dramatically reduce the carnage on our highways. If using driverless cars drastically reduces accidents and the enormous resulting human and economic costs, who could argue this would be a bad thing? But, the reduced number of accidents will also drastically reduce the demand for both plaintiff and defendant personal injury lawyers (and, accident reconstruction experts, ambulance drivers, ER doctors, insurance adjusters and car repair shops, to name a few). Driverless cars will happen and will happen soon. This is just one of the many disruptive technological advances we will see over the next twenty years that will eliminate many jobs of all kinds, including those of a large number of lawyers.

Historically, while new technological advances have often destroyed classes of jobs over time, the new technology has created comparable numbers of new and often better jobs. There is a school of thought that this time is different, that the technological changes are so significant and the substitution of machine for human labor so complete; that it will permanently displace many workers (the subject for another article).

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Technological Disruption and Lawyers

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From current trends in lawyer hiring and the introduction of more lawyer replacing technologies on the horizon (don't get me started on artificial intelligence and the Singularity), I believe it is a safe assumption that by 2025 there will be significantly fewer lawyers practicing in traditional legal practices as we recognize them today.

To prosper going forward over the next decade, we as a profession and as individual professionals cannot rest on our laurels and traditional ways of doing business. We must not only be technologically astute and incorporate the latest technologies in our practices, but we must also devise fundamentally different and innovative delivery models that utilize technology to offer increased value to our clients, in a manner which at the same time allows us to make a reasonable living. If we fail to do so, then those that will, e.g. Axiom, Legal Zoom and expert systems such as IBM's Watson, will piece by piece, function by function, supplant our noble and historical role in society. Disrupt ourselves or be disrupted–that is the choice we face.


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Request from the Richland County Clerk of Court

The Richland County Clerk of Court's office requests that all Motions that require a hearing have a specified amount of hearing time listed on the Motion coversheet. If the time is not specified, it will automatically be assumed that fifteen minutes or less are needed for the hearing. The Clerk's office does not have adequate staff to contact attorneys to determine time needed for hearings. Your cooperation is appreciated. Submitted by Anne G. Kelly, Chief Deputy Clerk of Court.





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DATA2J – Research Roundtable on Access to Justice, March 26

Federal funding for civil legal services increasingly depends upon empirical evidence of program and outcome effectiveness. Private providers, too, increasingly rely on public and proprietary data about consumer legal needs and engagement with lawyers.

The NMRS Center on Professionalism at the University of South Carolina School of Law is hosting a research roundtable for national experts on the delivery of civil legal services to low- and middle-income individuals. The kick-off event, on Thursday, March 26, is open to the public for CLE credit.

Come hear the most recent findings driving professional and policy debates, followed by a reception with roundtable participants, including Jim Sandman (President, Legal Services Corporation), Will Hornsby (Staff Counsel, ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services), Mark O'Brien (Co-Founder and Executive Director, Pro Bono Net), Ellen Lawton (Research Scientist, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership), James Peters (Vice President of Legal, LegalZoom), and others.

The event will be held in the law school auditorium, followed by a reception in the law school library. To register, visit: <https://centeronprofessionalism.wufoo.com/forms/data2j-registration>.

4:00-4:15 p.m.
Opening Remarks
Elizabeth Chambliss: Professor of Law & Director, NMRS Center on Professionalism

4:15-5:15 p.m.
Accessing Justice in the Contemporary USA: Findings from the 2014 Community Needs and Services Study
Rebecca Sandefur: Associate Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Illinois & Faculty Fellow, American Bar Foundation

5:30-6:00 p.m.
Keynote Speech: Policy by the Numbers
Karen Lash: Deputy Director, Access to Justice Initiative, US Department of Justice

6:00-7:30 p.m.
Reception



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DATA2J

THURSDAY MARCH 26

Annual Meeting

To see more photos from this event, go to <http://richbar.org/EventPhotos.aspx> and scroll down to the 2014 Annual Meeting, or visit our Facebook page. Thank you to Steedley Bogan for these photos.



Noteworthy News & Announcements



Sweeny Wingate & Barrow announces that **P. Jason Reynolds** has been named a member of the firm.

Adams Reese made a \$1,000 Holiday donation to Epworth Children’s Home in Columbia.

Grady Beard has been elected to the board of directors of the SC Workers’ Compensation Education Association.

Callison Tighe and Robinson announces that **Alex Weatherly** has become of Counsel to the firm located at 1812 Lincoln St. 29201. Phone: 256-2371. Fax: 256-0724.

Leslie M. “Lee” Coggiola has received the Jean Galloway Bissell Award from the S.C. Women Lawyers Association

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Hugh McAngus** is the recipient of the SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association’s Hemphill Award.

The Law Offices of Shea & Barron announces that **David C. Shea** and **Almand J. Barron** have been granted Fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Millender Elder Law announces that **Lauren C. Karp** has become an associate of the firm located at 1441 Main St. #725, 29201. Phone: 733-3433.

Andrew Cole of Collins & Lacy has been named vice chair of the Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia Remodelers Council.

Bruner Powell Wall & Mullins announces that **Benjamin C. Bruner** has become a partner in the firm.

Cynthia Durham Blair, Rex L. Casterline, Kristine L. Cato, Stephen C. Lenker, Jr. and **Gary A. Pickren** announce the opening of **Blair Cato Pickren Casterline, LLC** and that **Jordan T. Stallings** has become an associate of the firm located at 700 Huger St. #102, 29201. Phone: 400-8600.

Fisher & Phillips announces that **C. Edward Rawl Jr.** and **Karen L. Wingo** have become partners in the firm in the Columbia office.

Robinson McFadden & Moore announces that **Walter B. Todd, Jr.** has joined the firm located at 1901 Main St. #1200, 29201. Phone: 779-8900.

Rosalyn Frierson has been inducted into the National Center for state courts Warren E. Burger Society.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Jonathan Knicely, Phillips McWilliams, Cashida Okeke** and **Donna Tillis** have become associates of the firm located in Columbia at 1320 Main St. 29201. Phone: 799-2000.

Adams and Reese announces that **Rob Bethea** has been appointed by Gov. Haley to South Carolina Venture Capital Authority a function which is part of the Department of Commerce.

Proffitt & Cox announces a change of address to 140 Wildewood Park Dr, Ste. A, Columbia, 29223. Phone: 3437097. Fax: 888-711-1057.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney has elected **David C. Marshall** as a shareholder in the firm.

Janet Haigler of the Finkel Law Firm has been appointed by the U.S. Trustee Judy A. Robbins to the panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the District of South Carolina.

The SC Bar Foundation honored **Stephen G. Morrison** posthumously at the Bar Foundation Gala in January during the portion of the program titled “Martha’s Moment.” Martha’s Moment was created in memory of Martha D. Dicus to remember those lawyers who passed to soon but who displayed a tremendous commitment to public and professional service in the legal community during their lifetimes.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Brian Autry** has become a partner of the firm in the Columbia office.

William R. Johnson of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has been named Young Professional of the Year by the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Ashley Kirkham** has joined the firms Columbia office located at 1330 Lady St. 29201. Phone: 256-2660.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd announces that **Mary M. Caskey** and **Elizabeth H. Black** have been elected shareholders in the firm.

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Noteworthy News & Announcements (...continued from page 8)

Elizabeth B. Partlow announces the opening of the **Law Offices of Elizabeth B. Partlow** located at 1612 Marion St, #338, Columbia, SC, 29201. Phone 814-0868.

John Nichols of Bluestein Nichols Law Firm has been named the first recipient of the Injured Workers’ Advocates President’s Award.

Christian Stegmaier of Collins & Lacy has been named chair of DRI’s 2015 Retail and Hospitality seminar.

Charles Terrini has been certified as a circuit court mediator by the SC Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification.

Rob Tyson of the Sowell Firm has been certified as a circuit court mediator by the S.C. Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification.

Callison Tighe announces its donation of \$10,000 to Harvest Hope Food Bank. The firm stuffed food boxes for mobile food pantries for the last 6 years to “serve kindness to the community.”

The South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association held their annual Meeting in November and elected new officers. **David A. Anderson** of Richardson Plowden became Treasurer and **Anthony W. Livoti** of Murphy and Grantland became Secretary.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Ed Mullins** has been elected to the Executive Committee of the American Inns of Court.

Pennington Law Firm announces that **Dana**

A. Pellizzari and Barnwell J. Marks have become members of the firm located at 1501 Main St. #600 29201. Phone: 929-1070. The firm also announces that **Tara Hummer, Clark C. Dawson and Michelle K. Baxter** have joined the firm as Associates.

Turner Padget announces that **Kenneth Carter, Eddie Laney, Steven Ouzts, Thomas Salane** and **Duvall Spruill** were selected for inclusion in the 2015 edition of Benchmark Litigation.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Lindsay Joyner** has been elected Secretary/Treasurer of The SC Bar’s Young Lawyers Division.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Marguerite Willis** has been elected President of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Adam S. Tesh** has become a shareholder in the firm.

Harris & Graves announces that **S. Hampton Eadon III** has been named a partner in the firm located at 1518 Richland St., Columbia 29201. (803) 799-2911.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Carmen V. Ganjehsani** has joined the firm’s Columbia office located at 1900 Barnwell St., 29201. (803) 576-3737.

Nelson Mullins announces that have elected 6 Columbia attorneys to partnership: **Heyward D. Bonyata, Gary L. Capps, Sally H. Caver, Lucile H. Cohen, Steven McFarland, and Carmen Harper Thomas** to the partnership. They were each former

associate attorneys. The firm also announces they have promoted Columbia attorneys **Michael J. Anzelmo** and **Kristen E. Horne** to of counsel. Both were former associate attorneys.

The law firm of McKay, Cauthen, Settana, & Stublely, announces **Kelli Sullivan** as one of the 2015 Leadership in Law honorees sponsored by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*.

Diana Holt of Diana Holt, LLC has been selected as one of two recipients of the 2015 John Minor Wisdom Public Interest and Professionalism Award. The ABA Section of Litigation created this award to honor those attorneys and/or law firms who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of justice in their communities, ensuring that the legal system is open and available to all.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Additionally, we post the listings on the RCBA Facebook and LinkedIn pages. To submit a listing, please email it to rcba@richbar.org.

New President, James E. Bradley



James Edward (Ward) Bradley is married to Elizabeth Holderman Bradley. Betsy and Ward have three wonderful boys, James Marshall, Christopher, and Davidson who are 9, 10 and 11. Betsy is a corporate lawyer for Palmetto Health. Ward is a trial lawyer at the Moore Taylor Law Firm.

Ward grew up in Columbia. He attended Irmo High School and then graduated from Davidson College. He received his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He then clerked for State Circuit Court Judge Don S. Rushing and Federal District Judge G. Ross Anderson. After completing his clerkships, Ward worked for two years in the litigation section of the McNair Law Firm. He then went to work at Moore Taylor where he is a partner practicing business and personal injury litigation for plaintiffs and defendants.

Ward has been active in the State Bar where he has served as chair of the judicial qualifications committee. He has served as the president of the USC School of Law Alumni Association. He is currently on the Board of Governors for the South Carolina Bar. He has served the Richland County Bar for many years by helping with social events, serving on the memorials committee and editing the Richland County Bar Newsletter. Ward enjoys spending time with his family, playing guitar, and exercising.

New President-Elect, Jody A. Bedenbaugh


Jody A. Bedenbaugh is a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Columbia. His practice focuses in in the areas of banking, creditors’ rights, and bankruptcy. He graduated from the Honors College at the University of South Carolina in 1999, and then went on to graduate magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2003.



Since becoming an attorney, Jody has published several legal articles on bankruptcy and related topics. He has also completed the Leadership Columbia program in 2007 and Leadership South Carolina in 2010. His professional associations and memberships include the South Carolina Bar, American Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, and Richland County Bar Association. Jody has served as the Treasurer of the Richland County Bar Association for four years. He is certified as a Specialist in Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Law By the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Jody has been is married to Emily Brady for five years. In his free time, he enjoys sports, reading, and travel.

HELPFUL INFORMATION		
Legal Staff Professionals/ Midlands Meeting: 2nd Tuesday 1:00 Call Laura Foster at 803-799-9800 ext 338 or e-mail lfoster@mcnair.net	Palmetto Paralegal Association Call Adrith D. Schrauger at 803-217-7557	S.C. Women Lawyers Association Call Angel Warren at 803-788-4114




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New Executive Committee Member, Kristen E. Horne

Kristen Horne has been active with the RCBA since joining in 2007. Just a few months later she became the chair of the RCBA's Public Service Committee, a position she held until 2012. Since the program launched in 2008, Kristen has been an active volunteer with the HELP homeless legal clinic, which now operates out of the Transitions program facility. She received the S.C. Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award in connection with this work. Kristen is of counsel at Nelson Mullins and practices in the areas of business litigation, insurance coverage and bad faith claims, and broker-dealer matters including FINRA arbitrations. She is active with national Life, Health, and Disability insurance law industry groups. Kristen has also served as law clerk to the Honorable Cameron McGowan Currie, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Kristen served in the Peace Corps in Morocco and Ghana. She also serves as the Chair of the Board of MIRCI, where she works to make sure that individuals who are recovering from severe mental illness get access to the care and services they need.

Kristen enjoys spending time with her high school-sweetheart husband, Chad, and their four precocious little girls: a kindergartner who is a voracious reader and project-doer (go CFK Falcons!), a three year old who equally loves the swamp and playing dress up, and twenty-month-old identical twins who seem to be conspiring to keep everything exciting. A native of Columbia, Kristen knows to pull for the Gamecocks, but she sometimes will be seen wearing orange to support her undergrad alma mater, UVA. Forgive her. Any creative energy she has left after these pursuits goes into following interior design trends (avoid mentioning your new house or need for a new piece of furniture unless you're ok with unsolicited design boards) and planning celebrations large and small for her friends and family.



New Executive Committee Member, John F. McKenzie

Jack McKenzie is the son of Bob McKenzie, a past president of the Richland County Bar. The two of them have worked together going on sixteen years. Jack spent a year between college and law school tending bar in Costa Rica. While down there, he got to where he could speak some Spanish and came back to Columbia where he continued (and still continues) to work on his language skills. He has represented a number of Spanish-speaking clients over the years and has been recognized by the Mexican government for his work. Jack also handles personal injury cases for individuals and subrogation claims for a number of carriers.

Jack is an avid reader of literary fiction and began collecting books while he was in law school. The crown jewel of his collection is a pristine copy of the true first edition of Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*. He will tell anyone who will listen that Columbia is strangely and arguably the best place in the world to meet and hear great writers, and that everyone interested should check out the Thomas Cooper Society, the Open Book Series, the Fall Literary Festival, and the South Carolina Book Festival.

Jack has become heavily involved in the City of Columbia's Tree and Appearance Commission and is working hard to get the City to estab-

lish and fund a formal utility undergrounding program. He believes that putting the lines underground and lining our City streets with shade trees will make Columbia a safer, healthier, and more beautiful place to live. He has worked with County Councilman Seth Rose to try and incorporate utility undergrounding on the County Penny Projects where it is economically feasible. This could mean hundreds of shade trees replacing hundreds of power poles, which would be a boon to all of us who live and work here.

Jack has been active in the Richland County Bar Association. He has served on the Circuit Court Committee for a number of years.

Jack lives in Shandon with his wife, their two daughters, and their two beagles. The six of them try to make it down to Edisto Beach during the summer more weekends than not.



HEALTH & FITNESS

by John Hearn



Too Much Information

CAUTION: Do not read over lunch. Do not read The Column if you are or may become pregnant or if you have gout, apoplexy, beriberi, or if you are using a liniment, salve, or non-mustard poultice. Side effects include mild to wild nausea and other gastrointestinal delights. Seek immediate help from a humor-column-writing lawyer immediately if you hit the MegaMillions lottery within twenty years after reading.

Chitterlings. A/k/a chit'lins. The small intestines of our porcine brethren. Somehow, I have never strutted down to Salley for the celebration of those thrice-washed, deep-fried morsels of oinker guts. I know, I know...I've missed the stairway to soul food heaven.

But I do know something about guts. Not from medical school, or biology class (I dropped it twice), or from those old Pepto-Bismol commercials. (Coats, soothes, protects.) Instead, I read the complete World Book encyclopedia entry for anatomy as a young lad. And like the legbone is connected to the footbone, the small intestine is connected to the large. It's all one big party train down there.

Or for some folks, a part of party. Guts can be funny things. There are some nasty things beyond those July oysters that can wreak intestinal havoc. On the chit'lin' side, that might be the awful spectre of Crohn's disease, a debilitating inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that has no cure. Those folks have it rough. As we know from science, the small intestine, if stretched out straight, would run from here to roughly San Luis Obispo. Many of the the Crohn's krewes suffer through multiple surgeries, each of which are like another penny on the track even as they help in the short term.

On the large bowel side, there's a little bugger of a disease known as ulcerative colitis (UC), another IBD that causes a lot of pain, bleeding, angst, and tenesmus.

Tenesmus, you say. How can I explain that four bit wonder in technical

terms? Maybe "Mommy, I need to go potty. NOW!"?

So that's my deal, or was, circa 1995. And let me acknowledge here some advice that I think came from Norman Vincent Peale: don't bore people with your medical history. They can't fix you, it makes them uncomfortable, and it's boring. Great advice. Peale, on the other hand, was not four days post-deadline. Ergo, back to '95.

UC was rough. It hurt. It was gross. The treatments were nasty and often ineffective. I had (and have) great doctors – none of that was their fault, nor mine. It simply was. After about a year of wrangling UC, surgery was proposed: an ileoanal anastomosis. Simple, mechanically: slice me open like a catfish, remove the large intestine: ascending, transverse, descending. Then pull down the small intestine, fold about the last five inches onto itself to make a J-shaped pouch, and then graft it to just before where the sun does, in fact, shine.

I was lucky. Flying colors despite some post-op in-hospital rule breaking by the author. (When they tell you not to drink anything when your gut is locked up with morphine, you'd best listen.) My surgery was done in one step. Often, there is an interim operation and the whole ostomy thing. (Mad props to my pouch peeps.) For other folks, it just doesn't work, or works very badly. Mine worked great from the git-go.

My semi-colon is no panacea. My unterchitterlings can get inflamed too, and I will forever spend about a week of vacation each year in the finest restrooms. But it is indoor plumbing, and eat what I want (well, maybe not as many blackberries,) and that's tiny touch of terrific. Lucky fellow.

John writes The Column (sometimes known as The Row) is his spare time between Oprah re-runs and bon-bon binges. You can lavish (or damn with faint) praise at john.hearn@rtt-law.com.

Sometimes there is a 36-piece orchestra going off in my stomach.
Willie Nelson

New RCBA Treasurer, Michael J. Polk

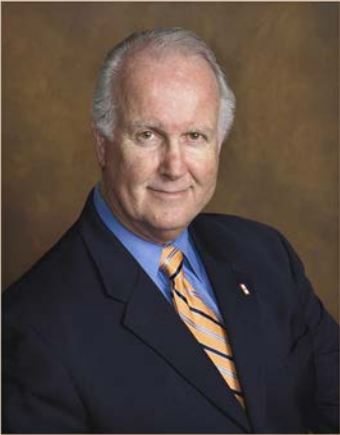


Mike Polk is an attorney at Belser & Belser in Columbia. His practice focuses on probate administration and litigation, elder law, creditor rights, and general civil litigation. He attended Virginia Tech as an undergraduate and was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He served in the Navy for 4 years. Among other accomplishments, after appearing before King Neptune and his Court, Mike was initiated into the Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep and became a Shellback. Mike attended USC Law School. After passing the bar in 1994, he practiced law in Winnsboro for one year with Kenneth G. Goode and Associates. He joined Belser & Belser in 1995. Mike

is on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Red Cross Services Board, is active with the South Carolina Bar Elder Law Committee, worked on the Probate Code Revision Committee, and is President of the Columbia Council of the Navy League.

One of Mike’s resolutions for this year is to get a hobby because as he was writing this in the third person he realized how lame it sounds to list his hobbies as watching hockey on TV and playing fantasy baseball. Mike is married to Betsy Polk, who is also an attorney. Their daughter Jane is in 8th grade, so you may as well add 8th grade math to his hobbies.

The editors welcome your inquiries, comments and contributions. Email feedback to rcba@scbar.org.



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13-CP-400-2468 James Smith vs. Joseph Giordano Attorneys: Plaintiff: Robert Frederick Goings Defendant: Anthony Livoti Cause of Action: Auto/Personal injury Verdict: For Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$ 359,000.00 Punitive Damages: \$538,500.00	12-CP-400-7540 TD Bank NA, et al vs. David H. Jacobs et al Attorneys: Plaintiff: Paul T. Collins and Jody Bedenbaugh Defendant: Leonard Jordan, Jr. Cause of Action: Debt Collections Verdict: for Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$1,557,363.29
13-CP-400-3805 State of South Carolina vs. Respondent: Daquan Johnson Attorneys:	12-CP-400-6074 TD Bank NA, et al vs. David H. Jacobs Attorneys: Plaintiff: Paul T. Collins and Jody Bedenbaugh Defendant: Gerald D. Jowers Cause of Action: Debt Collections Verdict: For Plaintiff Actual Damages: \$2,867,277.14

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