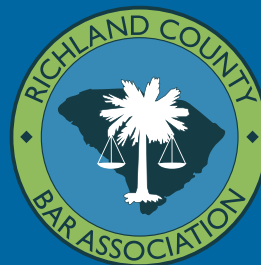


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Oyster Roast

University House
Thursday, February 16
5:30 - 8:30 PM
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Save The Date 2012

Judicial BBQ
Thursday, May 17

Family Night at Zoo
Thursday, May 31

Memorial Service
Friday, June 8

Judicial Reception
Thursday, August 16



FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Beautiful Mind

“What are you doing?”

First Boss was calling. He doesn't call often. Like me, his name is John, though I've never addressed him as such. I never know what to say when he opens with that line, and he does so without fail. I usually blather on about some unfinished pile on my desk. Whatever my response, his next line, too, rarely changes:

“All right.”

And then we get to the business at hand. That's all, as John would say.

2012 began like 2011 before it, as did all my post-Y2K years, never mind the three decades before. Big plans. The theoretical embrace of change. The inevitable slippage. The regrouping, and the getting serious for the real thing. Three full days at the gym, and then—the Krispy Kreme.

Then, inevitably, I pull out the flour bag. Like my hero Homer, I don't deserve the sugar bag.

All right. So perhaps change is in order. But change of a different kind, I think. A change of mind.

As last year raced to a close, my office sponsored a CLE for our lawyers. The kind folks at the SC Bar's terrific Lawyers Helping Lawyers program educated us for an hour on the very real perils of substance abuse, untreated mental health issues, and the shocking rate of suicide in the profession. No mere grim statistics, these—no, these were Palmetto practitioners who were sick if they were lucky, healing if they were of a mind to heal, and for far too many--dead dead dead. Sobering stuff.

But then something extraordinary happened. We changed our minds. More precisely, one

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FROM THE EDITOR, DAVE MAXFIELD



Unlike Fred Flinstone, and a thousand other cartoon/sitcom/family drama stereotypes, I really love my mother in law. She’s always treated me like a son, and she’s never even ONCE tried to hit me with a rolling pin. And she gives me great Christmas presents. Usually.

This year, in addition to a Barnes & Noble gift card (woohoo!) she gave me another gift -- a Brookstone battery-operated wine bottle opener. “Oh no!” I thought. But it was official. I had finally become The Man Who Had Everything.

Don’t get me wrong, my hands DO get tired pulling cork after cork out of the wine bottles that I consume from my generous 2200 square foot wine cellar (okay, not really). Even screwtops will wear you out. On a serious note, though, it made me think -- what do I really want in life or, more importantly, what do I really need? What do any of us need?

We lawyers tend to be deep thinkers. We ponder the implications of a thousand details. We see how the details fit into the big picture. We go a thousand miles an hour in the process. That means that sometimes we are too busy to do much deep thinking about our own situations and whether or not they are working.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (...continued from page 1)

of our instructors led us through a couple of short exercises on mindfulness. For just a couple of minutes, we chose not to think, not to dwell, not to ponder—but to simply be. Letting go of expectations. Letting go of competition. Letting go of judgments. (They are durned near impossible to collect, anyway.)

Now, me, I don’t know nothing ‘bout no Ram Dass other than that he wrote a book called *Be Here Now*. (And that his name makes me chortle in the same way using the word “but” twice in succession does.) But but that doesn’t matter. I know all I need to know about Mr. Dass. Like First Boss, he knows what he is doing, even when he is not doing anything.

How many times in the last year have you been looking at your cell phone when your kids were talking to you? For me, it hasn’t happened since last night. I was trying to multi-task. It was not working very well.

Back to the question, though, what do we really NEED? Not very much, really. Our loved ones, food to eat, a decent place to live, interesting work, and friends. Most of us are blessed with some of those things, and many have all of them. One of the biggest surprises that I have had in being a lawyer is how many great friends I have made who are lawyers, and how civil and friendly things often are. Some of my very best friends are those lawyers who are supposed to be “on the other side.”

Someone once said that business is just friends with money attached. I think that’s true. And I count my lawyer friends - many of you - as one of the few things I really need in life, and treasure. It makes me prouder than you know to get to be editor of our newsletter.

So, before we get too far into failed New Year’s resolutions and the like, take a minute to think of all the friends that you have in this great bar association, and all around you. Put down the phone and see all of the other treasures in your life. And open a good bottle of wine. Manually.

The RCBA thanks Ward Bradley for his two years of service as editor of the Richbar News. Dave Maxfield of Maxfield and Trotter is our new editor, and can be reached at dave@trotterandmaxfield.com.

Or perhaps especially when he is not doing anything.

I woke up this morning and heard the day. Before the dozens of plates began spinning in my head, before the reboot and the virus check and the hellish Outlook reminder popups, I just listened. The brisk morning air flowed over my barely-cracked window, and then over me. One bird chirped, another sang. Interstate 77 thrummed its low cantorial song. The train’s horn grew, then faded and faded. And then it was gone.

That was then. This is now. All right. That’s all. What are you doing?

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE RCBA, JOHN HEARN

John is a shareholder at Rogers Townsend in Columbia, which he rejoined in 2002 after six years as a solo practitioner on Main Street. Much of John’s legal work is for lenders in litigated foreclosure matters, but he works on a wide variety of business litigation. He manages a team of six lawyers who do similar work at Rogers Townsend, serves on the firm’s Professional Development Committee, and has served on the firm’s Board of Directors.

John has served on the Executive Committee of the Richland County Bar Association for five years and is the current president of the RCBA. John also serves as a volunteer Attorney to Assist for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, as a mentor for the South Carolina Bar’s Lawyers Helping Lawyers program, and as Chair of the SC Bar’s Consumer Law Council. John clerked for the Honorable J. Ernest Kinard, Jr. of the Fifth Judicial Circuit immediately after graduating USC’s law school in 1994.

When not sitting on his couch eating bonbons and watching Oprah reruns, John sometimes goes to yoga class, unless he skips, which he is doing even as he writes this self-serving biography. Even after last year’s bio, he remains married to his high-school sweetheart, Jane, who requested and received a 6.5” circular plunge saw and 118” rail guide for Christmas. (John does not know what these things are.) Together they have three children, all of whom have been mostly banished from home by order of the family pets, Chloe and Miss Fancy, who together shed approximately six pounds of dog hair per diem.



Past President Will Thomas passes gavel to new president, John Hearn.

2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Pictured from left to right: Bob McKenzie, Ron Stanley, Ward Bradley, Will Thomas, John Hearn, Ian McVey, Amy Hill, and Jody Bedenbaugh.

SAVE THE DATE

Portrait Unveiling
for the Honorable
Ernest Kinard, Jr.

Camden, South Carolina
Thursday, March 15, 2011
5:00 PM

RCBA CONFERS AWARDS AT THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The RCBA held its annual awards ceremony at the Annual Meeting held on December 15, 2011. The recipients are all long time members of the RCBA. Each of the recipients was present to receive their award and the RCBA would like to again thank them for their professionalism, their service, and their commitment to the county bar. Here is a recap of the awards and the recipient.

“Tootie Williams” Award

This year’s “Tootie Williams” Award went to William C. Boyd, a member of the Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd law firm and a member of the RCBA for over 45 years. 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 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.

Civic Star Award

This year’s Civic Star Award went to State Representative and longtime RCBA Member James H. Harrison, who also serves as Chairman of the S.C. House Judiciary Committee. The Executive Committee of the RCBA 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



Will Thomas presents the John W. Williams “Tootie Williams” Distinguished Service Award to William C. Boyd.



Will Thomas presents the Civic Star Award to James H. Harrison.

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RCBA CONFERS AWARDS AT THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

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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 service.

Matthew J. Perry Civility Awards

The RCBA Civility Award 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 exemplify the word “civility.” The Honorable Costa M. Pleicones, Associate Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court and D. Cravens Ravenel of Baker, Ravenel and Bender, LLP, received the Matthew J. Perry Civility Awards.



Will Thomas presents the Matthew J. Perry Civility Award to The Honorable Costa M. Pleicones.



Matthew J. Perry Civility Award recipient, D. Cravens Ravenel.

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

TECH TALK

Supercharging Your Kindle

Were you the kind of student who underlined vast passages of your college and law school textbooks? I was. I abused my law textbooks so completely that the year-end value for the lot of them was \$4.00 and a Gamecocks coozie.

Seventeen years later, I still annotate and highlight in books. But now, I do it digitally.

By now, everyone knows about eReaders like Amazon’s Kindle, Barnes & Noble’s Nook, and Apple’s iBook app. The latter is an app for iOS devices that lets you download digital books from Apple’s iBooks store. The former are standalone devices onto which books can be downloaded from their parent company’s online stores. Kindle and Nook also have free versions for your computer, tablet, and smart phone to read Kindle and Nook downloads.

While iBook has the best user experience and feel (the pages actually turn!) and Nook is the most flexible for downloading and reading library books, for me, Kindle is the best. Here’s why: let’s go back to our law school example. What if at the end of your semester you could, at the push of a button, have pulled out all of the notes and highlighted passages you had made during the entire semester into one place? You could then see everything you thought was important in one place. Cool, no? Well, now you can do just that.

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You don’t even need to own a Kindle device to do this (I don’t own one, but run Kindle on two PCs, an Android phone, and an iPad). Recently, I read *David Ball on Damages*, and then exported all of my notes and highlights into a neat summary. I could have never done this with paper and pen efficiently, and I probably retained three times the information.

Try it and you will be amazed. It sure beats \$4.00 and a Gamecocks coozie.

Contributed by Dave Maxfield of Trotter & Maxfield. Dave can be reached at dave@trotterandmaxfield.com.



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NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE RCBA, IAN McVEY

Ian McVey is the president-elect of the Richland County Bar Association. Prior to joining the executive committee, Ian served as the chair of RCBA's Young Lawyers Division. He is a member of Callison Tighe & Robinson, LLC where he practices in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy, real estate litigation and general civil litigation.



Ian was raised in Richmond, Virginia where he attended St. Christopher's School. McVey graduated from the University of the South in 1997 with a degree in British History. (Yes, you read that right - British History). After spending three years in Charleston working as a paralegal for a local firm, Ian graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School in 2003 where he was a member of Phi Delta Phi. Ian clerked for the Honorable John C. Hayes III in York, South Carolina prior to returning to Columbia to practice.

Ian is married to Theile McVey, a partner with Kassel McVey in Columbia. They have a four year old daughter named Molly. When Ian is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting a little bit and spending as much time as he can on the water. Recently, Ian, Theile and Molly made the foolish decision to get an eight week old lab. He imagines much of his time outside of work is now going to be spent cleaning up after the dog and attempting to teach her not to chew up everything in the house.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, H. RONALD STANLEY

H. Ronald Stanley grew up in Conway, South Carolina and is a graduate of Virginia State College and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Ron has been engaged in the practice of law since 1977, and his practice consists primarily of personal injury litigation for plaintiffs and defendants. He is a certified mediator and also has a very active mediation practice.



Ron is fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference and the John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court. He served as President of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates in 2010.

Ron is married to Rita Laney Stanley and they are the proud parents of three adult sons. He and Rita are members of Francis Burns United Methodist Church, where he serves as a member of the Finance Committee. Ron loves to travel and enjoys attending Gamecock sporting events.

HELP MAKE MOCK TRIAL ROCK! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is that time of year again! The Law Related Education (LRE) Division is seeking volunteers for its growing Mock Trial programs, which teach middle and high school students about the legal system through trial role playing. Mock Trial volunteers enjoy the thrill of competition while scoring and presiding over trials.

LRE needs attorney volunteers to score the competitions and attorney coaches to help prepare the teams and student volunteers to help behind the scenes. Competition dates and locations are as follows: Feb. 25, High School Mock Trial Regional Competitions (Charleston, Conway, Greenville and Lexington); and March 9-10, High School Mock Trial State Competition (Columbia). All attorney volunteers earn pro bono credit for their hours dedicated to the Mock Trial program. To learn more or volunteer, contact Cynthia H. Cothran at ccothran@scbar.org or at (803) 576-3788.

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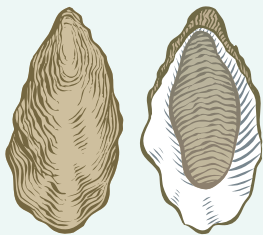


RCBA DUES NOTICE

Reminder: For those paying dues separately from the SC Bar Fee Statement, please re-mit your check for \$100 to the RCBA office at P.O. Box 7632, Columbia 29202.

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Richland County Bar members always look forward to the Annual Oyster Roast, a tradition of this organization for many decades. The function used to be held at the old Dixie Seafood Plant, which many of you may remember. Not only did we outgrow the facility, but it closed about 12 years ago. After trying a few places, we have settled on the University House, and that venue has been very popular.



Regardless of location, the oysters have been consistently good every year. Seawells has provided the oysters and the food and drink for the last few years, and our members have been very pleased with the arrangements. There will be special food for non-oyster eaters and plenty of diversity to suit all appetites. We will entertain you with good LIVE music, good spirits, a roaring fire and lots of camaraderie. We will also have hot coffee.

This year on Thursday, February 16, the event will take place from 5:30-8:00 PM at the University House on the corner of George Rogers Boulevard and Bluff Road (diagonally across from William Brice Stadium). We will brave the outdoor elements and hope for good weather and moderate temperatures. The site is covered and has a big fireplace and plenty of parking with easy access.

As in past years, we are inviting you to bring your children if you wish. Children under five are free and children 6-10 will be \$6. All others will be \$12. *Reservations are necessary and should be accompanied with your check, and your check is your reservation - please mail it to PO Box 7632, Columbia 29202.* This way we will know how many oysters to purchase. This is a very special event, and we hope for great attendance. Some years it has been bitterly cold and rainy, but oyster roast lovers are not deterred. Dress warmly and join us for another great Bar event!



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Turner Padget announces that **Andrew W. Kunz** has become an associate of the firm located at 1901 Main St. #1700, 29201. Phone: 227-4257. Fax: 400-1461.

McKay Cauthen Settana & Stubley announces that the firm has received recognition in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Law Firm” publication. The firm also matched funds contributed in 2011 for the SC Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy, a program that cost the taxpaying citizens of SC \$4.1 billion over the last 20 years.

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein announces that **Sam C. Moses** has been elected partner in the firm.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces the first annual Main Street Battle for Blood drive, organized by their firm. They collected 139 pints of blood and \$1200.00 for the American Red Cross.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Matt Bogan, Julie Flaming, Chris Genovese** and **Jeremy Hodges** have become partners in the firm. The firm also announces that **Jim Irvin** has recently been elected to the Advisory Board for City Year Columbia. Jim also will begin the second year of his term as vice chair to the Trial Techniques and Liability Committee.

Emma L. Bryson announces the opening of her office **Bryson Law Office** at 1901 Gadsden St., 29201. Phone: 779-3050

Willoughby & Hoefer announces that **Elizabeth Ann Loadholt Felder** and **John W. Roberts** have joined the firm located at 930 Richland St., 29201. Phone: 252-3300.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Jay Hennig** was elected to serve as President of Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts. **Suzi Grigg** has been awarded the William E.S. Robinson Public Service Award by the SC Bankruptcy Law Association, which is the highest award given by that organization.

The Law Office of Lester & Hendrix announces that **Catherine S. Hendrix** was selected by *Greater Columbia Business Monthly* as “Legal Elite,” and she has also been admitted into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Callison Tighe & Robinson, for the third consecutive year, has made a \$10,000 contribution to Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Pope Zeigler Law Firm has received a Tier 1 metropolitan ranking in the area of Public Finance from the *Best lawyers in America*.

Sowell Gray announces that **Tina Cundari** has been elected as the firm’s newest member.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd announces that **Kimberly Varnado, Billy Roth and Jeff Thordahl** have become associates of the firm located at 1201 Main St., 29201. Phone: 779-3080.

Brown & Brehmer Law Firm announces that **Darby L. Plexico** has

become a partner of the firm.

Nelson Mullins announces that **James K. Lehman** has been elected Managing Partner of the firm.

Moore Taylor & Thomas announces that **Amber Lynn Cary** has become an associate of the firm located at 1700 Sunset Blvd., W. Columbia, 29171. Phone 796-9160.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Gray Culbreath and Laura Watkins Jordan** have joined the firm located at 1201 Main St., #1110, 29201. Phone: 779-1833

Collins & Lacy announces that **Rebecca K. Halberg** has been elected president of nonprofit Kids’ Chance of South Carolina, an organization developed in 1992 to provide financial scholarships for children of SC workers killed or seriously injured in work-related accidents.

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

The McKay Firm announces that **Kelli Sullivan** has become an associate of the firm located at 1303 Blanding St., 29201. Phone: 256-4645.

McNair law Firm announces that **Amber Martella** has become an associate of the firm located at 1221 Main St. #1800, 29201. Phone: 799-9800.

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Nelson Mullins announces that **Miles Coleman, Susan H. Nelson, Jessica Peters Goodfellow and Tara C. Sullivan** have become associates of the firm located at 1320 Main St., 29201. Phone: 799-2000.

Shannon Furr Bobertz has been elected vice president of the Friends of the Richland County Public Library Board.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Brian A. Autry, Jim Rourke and Tommy Preston** have become associates of the firm located at 1230 Main St., 29201. Phone: 771-8900.

Moore Taylor & Thomas announces that *The Best Lawyers in America* has named **J. Mark Taylor** as the Columbia, SC “Best Lawyers Family Law Lawyer of the Year” for 2012.

Robinson McFadden & Moore announces that **L. Marshall Coleman Newton** has become an associate of the firm located at 1901 Main St., 29201. Phone: 779-8900.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Emily R. Gifford and Shelton W. Haile** are now shareholders in the firm.

Any Clayton of Nexsen Pruet has been selected for the Leadership Columbia Class of 2011-12.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Alexis K. Lindsay and Alexander E. Davis** have become an associates in the firm located at 1310 Gadsden St., 29201. Phone: 929-1400.

Emily Gifford of Richardson

Plowden has been appointed chair-elect of the Self Insurers and Risk Managers Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. She has also been appointed executive editor of the *Tortsource* newsletter.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that the local office raised \$7,117.54 for Harvest Hope food Bank.

David C. Shea and Almand J. Barron announce the opening of **The Law Offices of Shea & Barron** located at 1916 Henderson St., 29201. Phone 779-3099

Mike Kelly Law Group announces that **Richard H. Wallace Jr.** has become Of Counsel with the firm located at 500 Taylor St. #400, 29201. Phone: 726-0123.

Virginia “Ginny” Williams of Turner Padget has been elected to the board of Big Brothers Big sisters of Greater Columbia, Inc.

John B. McArthur of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has been elected to the board of SC Business and Industry Political Education Committee.

Callison Tighe and Robinson announces that **George A. Taylor** has become an associate of the firm located at 1220 Pickens St., 29201. Phone: 765-1133.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Jocelyn Newman** has been appointed by the SC Supreme Court as an Associate Member to the Board of Law Examiners.

Injured Workers’ Advocates, a non-

profit association of attorneys whose mission is to protect the rights of injured workers and their families in South Carolina, elected new officers and members of the Executive Committee. **Margaret “Marti” Bluestein** of Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado was elected president, **Mark Arden** of Chappell Smith and Arden is immediate past president, **Stephen Samuels** of Samuels Law Firm was elected to the Executive Committee.

Baker Ravenel & Bender announces that Mariel D. Norton has become an associate of the firm located at 3710 Landmark Dr. #400, 29204. Phone: 799-9091.

Turner Padget announces that **Edward W. Laney IV** has been reelected to serve the firm as its Chief Executive Officer for a three year term.

Lindsay Carlberg Livingston of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has been selected for the Leadership Columbia Class of 2011-12.

John D. Kassel, Attorney at Law announces that **Theile B. McVey** has become a partner of the firm, which will now be known as **Kassel McVey**.

The Palmetto Center for Women recognized **Nexsen Pruet** and **Nikole Mergo** at its annual “Honoring Women in Achievement” award luncheon. Mergo received the 2011 Corporate TWIN Award and the firm received the Palmetto Center for Women Award.

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McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Rocky Hughey** and **David Ross** have been elected as members of the firm.

Eric Christopher Hale announces the opening of **The Law Office of Eric C. Hale LLC** located at 125 Executive Pointe Blvd. #204, 29210. Phone: 250-5252.

Sweeney Wingate & Barrow announces that **J. Eric Cavanaugh** and **Aaron J. Hayes** have become associates of the firm located at 1515 Lady St., 29201. Phone 256-2233.

Columbia Collaborative Law Center, located at 1700 Woodcreek Farms Rd. announces that its Columbia office has a new phone number: 699-7770.

Ned Nicholson V of McNair Law Firm has been elected president of the Palmetto Trust & Historic Preservation.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Joshua A. Bennett** and **Jason Wyman** have become associates of the firm located at 220 Executive Center Dr., 29210. Phone: 771-7900.

Matthew T. Richardson of Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham has been appointed president-elect of the SC Association of Justice.

Turner Padget announces that **Michelle Proveaux Clayton** has been elected as a shareholder with the firm.

Tyler Cassell Jackson Peace & Silver announces that **Taylor A. Peace** has become an associate of the firm located at 1331 Elmwood Ave. #300, 29201. Phone: 779-4997.

Tigerron A. “Tiger” Wells of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has been appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie has received the 2011 Implementation Award from *Speech Technology* magazine.

Legal Services Corporation announces the launch of its redesigned website: www.lsc.gov.

The SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association announces new


officers for 2012: **Sterling G. Davies** as President Elect, **Curtis L. Ott** as Treasurer, and **Ronald K. Wray II** as Secretary.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Harry Lightsey** and **Sally Rogers** have joined the firm’s Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Group.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Rebecca K. Halberg** and **Brian A. Comer** have been elected as shareholders of the firm.

Turner Padget announces that the firm has been recognized in the 2012 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a highly recommended firm for the third year in a row and the same publication recognized **J. Kenneth Carter Jr., Edward W. Laney IV, Steven W. Ouzts, Thomas C. Salane, W. Duvall Spruill** and **Drew Williams** as “local litigation stars.”

Marne Sherman announces that **James C. Copeland** has joined the firm as an associate located at 301 Stoneridge Dr., 29210. Phone: 772-3242.



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YLD is collecting gently worn formal, bridesmaid and prom dresses for young women who lack the financial resources to buy a gown for their high school prom. Evening bags, jewelry, shoes and other accessories are also needed. Students will be invited to attend boutiques held in the spring to “shop” for a dress and other items at no cost.

For more information and the complete list of drop-off locations, go to www.scbars.org/YoungLawyersDivision/News/CinderellaProject.aspx. This page will be updated as locations are confirmed.

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