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University House

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Thursday, December 12



FROM THE PRESIDENT, IAN McVEY

"Everybody over here, get on up. Everybody over there, get into it. Everybody right there, get involved! Get involved!" (James Brown)

This is my first article for the *Richbar News*. I thought it was appropriate to start this year off talking about public service. As many of you know (but some of you do not), there are many opportunities for members of this association to serve their community. My hope is that this article will get you motivated and give you an idea of where you can perhaps best help people in the Midlands with their problems. And believe me, they do have problems.



I was recently invited to a meeting by Cindy Coker at the South Carolina Bar to talk about the decline in pro bono service by lawyers throughout the Midlands as well as the increasing need of residents of the Midlands for our services. I was shocked and amazed by two things: the level of need and the sheer number of programs available. Quite frankly, it was all a little overwhelming. My thanks to Mike Kelly, Judge Barber and all the others in attendance for their input and for providing me with an education.

We here in Richland County have all done our fair share of Rule 608, SCACR, appointments. I personally had one that went on for six years. In fact, the only reason the case ended is my client passed away, one more tragic circumstance in a case of numerous filled with tragic circumstances. That being said, that was one of three Rule 608 appointments I have had in my career as an attorney (I am excluding those "passed down" to me from my partners). I certainly do not believe that our Rule 608 appointments overwhelm us here in Richland County as they do in other circuits where there are fewer lawyers to discharge a large number of appointments. It is these attorneys who truly need the help, not those of us here in Richland County. At least that is my opinion.

While many of our members lend a hand to those in our community in need, I believe we can do more. There are many ways we can do so. I recently ate lunch with the Public Service Committee several weeks ago. As you may or may not know, the Public Service Committee has been running a fantastic program called the "HELP Clinic" for years. Through the HELP Clinic, the Public Service Committee provides free legal services to homeless and other indigent

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FROM THE EDITOR, DAVE MAXFIELD



Freedom From Choice

Have you heard the big news? Hasbro, the maker of the Monopoly board game, is getting rid of one of the game's eight playing pieces. In case you haven't played for a while, the current pieces are (in order of lamest to coolest) : thimble, iron, wheelbarrow, boot, tophat, dog, battleship and racecar. We, the public, get to decide which piece gets the axe.

Obviously, the racecar is totally safe. Everyone loves it. It has wheels - which makes sense in a game that goes in a circuit - and it looks awesome. The battleship is formidable. The tophat is dapper. The boot kind of looks like the racecar without wheels. The dog has legs, and the wheelbarrow has wheels, so they both stay for circuit reasons. The thimble and iron are ridiculous; but the iron is so ridiculous that it's actually kind of cool. There's nothing cool about the thimble, though. Terrible. Time for it to go.

In case you're wondering, the new choices are (in order of lamest to coolest), diamond ring, cat, guitar, helicopter and robot.

It's nice to have a choice, isn't it? After all this country was founded on the basic idea we should get a choice in the things that really matter. But it seems that the meaningfulness of our choices is slipping down from the cool/meaningful end of the scale (politics, livelihood) to the lame/pointless end (what kind of Blu-Ray player should I buy). While we have more choices in things that don't really matter, we have fewer in the ones that do.

Case in point, politics. We just finished the latest presidential horserace, so don't worry, I won't talk about it for long. I can't because I'm still exhausted from the "epic ideological struggle" between the Blue People and the Red People. Don't get me wrong. I saw the ballots and I know there were actually more than two candidates. Just because they aren't allowed to participate in debates doesn't mean they don't exist. It just means we don't really know they exist until we see them on the ballot. Maybe the message we are intended to get is that they aren't in the debates because they are not "real" candidates.

Well, at least we have a choice between the two "real" candidates, right? Well, maybe not. There's an interesting website called www.politicalcompass.org. The site plots political candidates on an X-Y graph according to their positions. In the 2012 U.S. Presidential election, Romney and Obama were less than one space apart on a grid with 400 spaces. As "epic ideological struggles" go that's pretty weak. So, maybe we have no meaningful political choice after all.

Or maybe it just seems that way. As lawyers, we know a little about logic (hey, we had to take the LSAT). Logic teaches us about different fallacies in our thinking — ways that we "fool" ourselves or others. One of the main fallacies is called False Dichotomy, where the arguer claims his conclusion is one of only two options. The arguer then shows that the 'only other option' is outrageous, and so his preferred conclusion must be embraced. The fallacy lies in the premise that there are only two choices. In truth, there are other, perhaps infinite possibilities.

If you go back to www.politicalcompass.org there's a multiple choice test you can take. After you answer the questions, the website places YOU on the X-Y graph according to your answers. You might be shocked to find how far away you are from the person you just voted for, and how close you might be to someone you never heard of before. In other words, you might not think what you think you think. Too late for this horserace. But maybe just in time for the next.

For now, you will have to settle for deciding which new Monopoly piece to vote for. So what's it going to be? The diamond ring, the cat, the guitar, the helicopter or the robot?

Me? I'm writing-in "Spaceship." *Dave Maxfield can be reached at dave@consumerlawsc.com.*

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

members of our community at the Transitions Center once a month. They hope to increase that to twice a month. This wonderful project takes a minimal amount of time, usually about two hours. Traditionally, a member of the Public Service Committee will serve once a month as organizer and coordinator at Transitions with four to six lawyers volunteering their time. Unfortunately, the Public Service Committee is only but so big. They need help, especially given the increase in frequency of these sessions. It would be quite an easy thing to round up five or six lawyers to serve for two hours or so once, twice or three times a year. Give that some thought. Kick it around your next partner meeting.

Likewise, the Young Lawyers Division is going to be rolling out a program called Project Salute. As I understand from Walt Cartin, Project Salute is specifically targeted at veterans and assisting them in the navigating the VA benefits system. The ABA has been involved in this project for awhile, and I am happy to have the young lawyers take this one on. This is yet another great way to give back to our community, specifically the veterans in our community. I imagine Walt will agree to buy you beer afterwards if you volunteer.

There is also the Buildable Hours project that is being coordinated by George Cauthen and Jody Bedenbaugh at Nelson Mullins (my apologies if I left anyone out). This is another outstanding project whereby a law firm can pay for a day of work on a Habitat for Humanity project and further provide the work force. This is yet another great way to get out and help people here in the Midlands. It is also a way to do so without wearing a tie. Of course, if you know George, you know that he avoids ties like the plague anyway. I would encourage you to call Jody or George for further details.

These are but three of the numerous opportunities available to you to help out. Maybe you aren't comfortable giving out legal advice. Well, then the Buildable Hours program may be for you. (Don't forget Kathleen McDaniel's offer to bake a cake for anyone who donates platelets). Maybe you want to give your time, but cannot commit to a whole day. If that is the case, I would encourage you to look into the HELP Clinic or Project Salute. There are a myriad more.

I personally am going to look for ways that I can help as a lawyer. Despite the fact that I used to frame houses during the summer, I am lousy with a hammer (or for that matter, a nail gun. Yes, I shot myself in the foot one time). I also took to heart the lessons learned from the bar exam. Our Supreme Court considers me to be qualified to practice law in this state, not just the area of the law that I find so interesting. Therefore, any help I can give, even if it is outside my niche, is better than no help at all.

As Mr. Brown said, "Get into it! Get involved!" *Ian McVey can be reached at ianmcvey@callisontighe.com.*

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NEW PRESIDENT OF THE RCBA, IAN McVEY

Ian McVey is the president of the Richland County Bar Association, having served on the executive committee since 2007. Ian served as the chair of RCBA's Young Lawyers Division for several years prior to joining the executive committee. 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.

McVey graduated (by the skin of his teeth) from the University of the South in 1997 with a degree in British History. During college, Ian studied at St. Johns College at Oxford University. He says, "It was a fascinating summer, and I will be happy to bore you to death about it sometime." After spending three years in Charleston working as a paralegal for a local firm, Ian graduated in 2003 from the University of South Carolina Law School, 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. He adds, "Despite having been raised in Richmond, Virginia, I found Columbia to be more to my liking given the nice cool summers."



Ian is married to Theile McVey, a partner with Kassel McVey in Columbia. They have a five year old (going on 13) daughter named Molly and a six month old son, James (size of a one year old). 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. He states, "Unfortunately, that seems to be less and less lately. I need to work on that this summer."

NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE RCBA, AMY HILL



Amy Hill is an attorney practicing with Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte. She practices in the area of commercial litigation. Born in Asheville, North Carolina, Amy spent most of her childhood in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. After graduating from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, SC, she received a degree from Clemson University in accounting. Amy graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2000. For a short time, Amy practiced tax law before realizing that litigation was her true calling. She worked at Lewis Babcock & Hawkins before joining Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte in 2003. Amy enjoys the challenge of litigation as well as the many people that she has been able to meet through her practice.

While attending law school, Amy met her husband Matt Hill, a transactional attorney

at Ellis Lawhorne & Sims. In September, Matt and Amy welcomed their third son, Barrett. When not practicing law, Amy and Matt are busy attending various sporting events and school activities with their two older sons Burns (7) and Grant (5). With three boys, Amy is mastering sports and gaining a better appreciation for anything with wheels. She is looking forward to warmer weather and spending time on the boat with her family and her beautiful eleven-year-old Boykin Spaniel, Jenny.

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NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, JODY 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. We now welcome him as a member of the Executive Committee. Jody has been married to Emily Brady for five years. In his free time, he enjoys sports, reading, and travel.



NEW TREASURER, KRISTEN 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 an associate 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 Vice-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 precocious little girls, who are 4 years old and 16 months old and who keep everyone on their toes. 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 (offering a lunch date can get you lots of ideas on decorating a swanky office) and planning celebrations large and small for her friends and family.

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RCBA CONFERS AWARDS AT THE 2012 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.

President John Hearn presented this award to Elizabeth Holderman Bradley. He said, “If you have attended any RCBA event in the past 20 years, you know Betsy. Betsy has served in just about every role one could serve in this organization. A decade ago she stood where I stand tonight—but even more telling is her faithful service to this group ever since. She is a fine lawyer who has served Palmetto Health for years and years. She is a wonderful mother who is treasured by her husband and her children. She is our rock.”

“I hold here her first column as RCBA president. In it, Betsy wrote: ‘I wonder now though, if the message might be that life should be balanced. The practice of law is an honorable profession. However, it can be a consuming profession. And as told to me as a child, it can be “a jealous mistress.” We as lawyers need to remember to appreciate and value every part of life. Life is a gift. We need to remember the importance of family, friends and faith. Exerting ourselves physically as well as mentally and enjoying the experiences of life is good for the spirit and can be a catalyst in our relationships and work. This is just a thought for the New Year.”



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 award was presented by Nekki Shutt to Kathleen McDaniel, both of Callison Tighe.

Kathleen seeks to build understanding among different perspectives not only in her professional life, but also in personal life. She is a former Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines where she helped fishermen determine how to sustainably harvest a marine bivalve. In 2010, she traveled to India for a month with Rotary International to build goodwill and understanding between United States and India. As a result of her travels with Rotary International, Kathleen joined the Vista Night Rotary Club and has quickly taken on a leadership role.

Professionally, Kathleen contributes her time and talents to the community as a member of the Richland County Planning Commission and is a regular volunteer for HELP - the homeless legal program.

She has volunteered throughout community with programs like Salvation Army’s feeding program and collection of coats for the homeless, and always gives the Callison Tighe family the opportunity to participate in those activities as well. She recently led a CTR group in serving dinner to about 125 homeless people with the Salvation Army. Kathleen is also focusing on environmental activities within the firm. She established a recycling program, which now encompasses on-site secure office paper shredding and recycling and glass, plastic, and aluminum cans recycling. As a result, Callison Tighe has been recognized by the City of Columbia as a Certified Green Business and is a participant in the South Carolina Smart Business Recycling Program.

She gives not only of her time but also of herself. To date, she has donated almost 200 units platelets to the American Red Cross. To encourage others in the firm, she bakes her award-winning caramel cake for anyone who will take the time to donate platelets.

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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 exemplifies the word “civility.” The Executive Committee recognizes that it is a high honor to be nominated or selected for this recognition as attorneys perform their responsibilities in various capacities of the legal profession. This award is given to both an attorney and a member of the Judiciary.



Judicial Recipient

RCBA President John Hearn presented this award. He stated, “The judicial recipient is H. Bruce Williams of the SC Court of Appeals, whom I count as a mentor and friend. Judge Williams was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to the position of Resident Family Court Judge for the 5th Judicial Circuit in May 1995. In May 2004, Judge Williams was elected to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. As a Family Court Judge, Judge Williams has served as President of the South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges in 1999-2000, as well as Secretary-Treasurer in 1998-1999. He has presided over the Richland County Juvenile Drug Court since its inception in 1997—service for which we are all in his debt.”



Attorney Recipient

John Hearn stated, “Our lawyer recipient tonight is William H. Bo Bowman, who somehow overcame the tremendous prejudice against his nomination that results from Bo also being my law partner. Bo has served on the Board of Visitors of both Presbyterian College and University of South Carolina, as well as on the USC Alumni Board, is a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, a diplomat of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and a member of the John Belton O’Neill Inn of Court.” He’s also a prince of a fellow, whether he sits beside you – or across from you—at a deposition. Bo.



2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

HEALTH AND FITNESS: PREPARE TO UNLOAD

By John Hearn (john.hearn@rtt-law.com)



And you thought you were done with me. Nope. I return as I began—as the new chair of the still-flabby Health and Fitness committee. (Rumors abound that it is now occasionally known as the Sloth and Fatness committee since I waddled into power.) Here I began my scribble-scrabble over a decade ago; here I return in roughly the same *in flagrante derelicto* condition that I began. Hundreds of pounds were lost and gained along the way—true for many of us, I reckon.

Older, creakier, and with dreadlocks now attempting to organize in my nostrils, my resolutions have changed—losing weight is out; remaining vertical and above ground is my primary pledge for 2013. My master plan to allow the Mayans to take care of my blood sugar issues back in December never panned out.

We will have some fun this year. I can promise you two events, at least—another evening trip kayaking on the Congaree come spring, and one or more cooking classes featuring something other than animal fats and pure cane sugar. I'm also always up for a walk in the woods. We are blessed with so many trails right here in the Midlands, and I'll wager some of them are unknown to you (and to me—so your suggestions are always welcome.)

To everything there is a season, however, and this time of year my thoughts rise to the top of the tree line and even above it—say, from 5000 feet to 11,000 feet above sea level. I sometimes suffer days of downhill daze as the winter drags on, because it is ski season, my friends. Time to point those tips downhill.

I blame my mother for my occasional winter paralysis. Some forty years ago now, while in her early forties herself, Mom found snow skiing for the first time. Together with her Rock Hill buddies she began hitting the trails at Beech Mountain, North Carolina—and Mom was instantly hooked. Before long, she learned of the deal of all deals—Men's Day. My father wasn't interested, but her four boys were, as Men's Day fell on Wednesday. My mother did not believe in playing hooky from school, ever—unless the snow was really, really good.



Men's Day was an incredible deal. The package included a lift ticket, ski rental, a really terrible lunch (neon-pink hot dog, stale chips, and a bathroom-sized Dixie cup of flat cola) and a group ski school lesson as the cherry on top. The price? Ten bucks. Yes, it was 1975, but still. That same Alexander Hamilton might, just might, buy the hot dog and micro-soda today in the lodge cafe.

One fine Wednesday, my mother saw me on the slope as she rode the lift up and over Upper Shawneehaw Chute. I was apparently deep in thought on the hill below her, staring at my dreaded ski school ticket, unaware of the eagle eye above. I had just graduated to the more difficult terrain, and the snow was great. I had no time for the “shift your weight to your uphill ski” noise that day.

I dropped the ticket on the snow, stabbed it into the oh-so-sweet 38” base with my pole, and smoothed the evidence over with my ski before flying downhill. I was a free man for at least another hour or two. But then came the family meeting point at days end, and the long ride home in shame, with Mom's lecture on wasting a perfectly-good ski school lesson reverberating endlessly in my head. (Mostly because she just kept repeating it, I suppose.)

Mom is not skiing these days, but her four boys head west to the snowbird's mecca that is Summit County Colorado in February.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT - JUDGE J. STEEDLEY BOGAN



City of Columbia Judge J. Steedley Bogan is one of those judges who recognizes that trying a case with a jury is difficult enough without worrying about being humiliated by the judge. He lets lawyers do their jobs, politely ruling on motions and objections; never losing his temper. Richland County bar member S. Harrison Saunders, VI notes that Judge Bogan never makes a lawyer look stupid in front of his client or the jury.

Criminal lawyer Leigh Leventis, who handles many criminal and traffic cases in Columbia municipal court, affirms that “everyone would agree that he has a perfect judicial temperament, treats everyone with respect, and has never gotten a case of ‘robe-itis.’”

According to childhood friend, Frank B. Caggiano, former clerk of the South Carolina Senate, Judge Bogan came from a prominent family in the piedmont town of Gaffney. Caggiano talks about his friend with great affection and attributes his ideal judicial temperament to growing up in Gaffney. “You have to come from a place like Gaffney to develop that ability to get along with people and make people get along with each other,” asserts Caggiano. Judge Bogan is a 1965 graduate of Gaffney High School.

He graduated from USC with a degree in History in 1969 and then joined the Navy. After the Navy he went to USC School of Law and graduated in 1976. Watergate had a big impact on him and provided the genesis of his interest in professional responsibility and ethics. He often teaches CLEs about ethics for lawyers and chairs the Richland County Bar’s CLE Committee, which puts on a free ethics CLE each year.

He served two years as a member of the Executive Committee for the South Carolina Supreme Court Board of Commissioners for Grievances and Discipline. He has served on the South Carolina Bar’s Professional Responsibility Committee for 32 years. Judge Bogan served as the South Carolina Bar’s first Director of the Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP).

Now he is a solo practitioner who often represents lawyers facing disciplinary action. Even though the cases are often covered in the newspaper, he won’t comment on them.

Judge Bogan shares that the PR Committee is looking at Rule 1.6 (a), RPC, Rule 407, SCACR, relating to confidentiality. He points out that the rule is unintentionally violated on a regular basis, as it states that lawyers cannot reveal anything about cases they handle. “If you have a trial for six weeks where your case was constantly in the newspaper, it would be a violation for you to mention your client’s name at a bar meeting,” Judge Bogan explains. The rule has been interpreted to prohibit relating facts from which the client’s identity could be guessed. That means no “war stories.” That means no questions on LISTSERVS from which your client’s identity can be deduced.

As a judge for the City of Columbia, he enjoys presiding over jury trials and notes that he hears a lot of interesting cases, especially conducting preliminary hearings for General Sessions cases. He handles a large number of bond hearings for the capital city, and notes that having family at the bond hearing shows a lower risk of flight. Also, having a lawyer already fully retained for the underlying charges goes a long way toward getting a better bond.

He and eleven other municipal judges rotate covering bond court, preliminary hearings, traffic court, criminal court, and criminal domestic violence court. They also preside over “Quality of Life” court, which covers cases involving people and businesses charged with violating health and safety ordinances, like letting dogs run loose, allowing junk to pile up, and not paying licenses. They don’t usually have lawyers, but Judge Bogan says they probably should. He does note that the city “bends over backwards” working with these people to solve the problem before resorting to city

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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TECH TALK: NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR YOUR PRACTICE IN 2013



At the time this article was written the annual Consumer Electronics Show (“CES”) was winding down in Las Vegas. I admit to having more than a passing fascination with new technology and gadgets, so I look forward to seeing the new products unveiled at CES every year. CES 2013 did not disappoint. Here are a just few of the new products that are now in the market:

Leap Motion Controller

The Leap Motion Controller (“Leap”) is absolutely amazing. While many of us are just now getting comfortable with touch-screens, this \$70 device allows control of your computer not by touch, mouse, or wires, but merely by the movements of your hands. It plugs into a USB port on your computer. When activated it is programmed to read the movements of the human hand-- digit by digit. Leap is reported to be over 200 times more accurate than any current generation hand mapping devices. Not

only can you control the movements of a cursor without a mouse or even touch, you can draw, point, grab, punch, point, all by simply making the motions with your hands in mid-air. The uses for this device in a law practice are limited only by the capacity for human imagination. For example, imagine cross-examining a witness and having the ability to highlight an exhibit by merely pointing at it or blowing up a particular selection of text with only the slightest movement of your fingers. Follow this link to a video demonstration: www.youtube.com/user/leapmotion

Seagate GoFlex Satellite 1TB

Seagate Technology LLC announced the second generation of its mobile Wi-Fi storage device, which replaces the Seagate GoFlex Satellite 500GB product. The new device, which can stream movies and other digital content to up to eight mobile devices *at the same time*, received a “CES Best of Innovations 2013” award. The device includes a 1-terabyte hard drive and supports mobile apps for Apple iOS, Android, and the Kindle Fire. The Mobile Plus offers up to 10 hours of battery life and allows you to stream content to mobile devices over Wi-Fi (802.11b/g/n). If Wi-Fi is not available, the device creates its own local Wi-Fi network (no subscription). The device supports USB 3.0, allowing you to load files from a computer running Linux, Mac OS, or Windows to or from the device. You can also move content to the Mobile Plus drive over Wi-Fi from Android and iOS devices (i.e. iPads and iPhones) using the free Seagate Media app. **What does this mean? You can transfer data (i.e., documents and files) to and from your iPad and other computing devices by USB thumb drive using Mobile Plus. It also effectively provides your mobile device with a capacity of one terabyte of data (1000 GB) -- this is huge! MSRP \$200.00.**

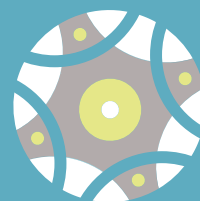
Microsoft Surface Pro Windows 8 Tablet

While not a formal exhibitor at CES, Microsoft’s Surface Pro tablet was made available for “test drives” by a number of media representatives. In contrast to the Surface RT released in October 2012, the reviews of the Surface Pro were generally very positive. The Pro is in reality a reasonably powered Windows 8 ultra-book computer dressed like a tablet. Besides the high price (\$900-1100 well equipped) the one real negative is the sub-five hour battery life attributable to the power hungry i5 processor and the acclaimed HD quality screen. Nevertheless, I predict the Surface Pro will be a modest hit and that Windows 8 tablets generally will be a popular choice among law firms this year because they will easily integrate with the existing Microsoft infrastructure, while providing the functionality of a PC, and the mobility of a tablet.

Next Stop. The ABA Tech Show April 2-4, 2013 in Chicago. I can hardly wait.

Written by Bill Latham, who can be reached at bill@hytechlawyer.com.

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Palmetto Health Hospice is a non-profit organization serving the community since 1979. We offer the support of a multidisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers who provide medical, emotional, social and spiritual support to terminally ill patients of all ages. Our program is licensed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and is Medicare and Medicaid Certified. In addition, we are members of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care. Palmetto Health Hospice touches the lives of nearly 100 patients every day in 13 counties of South Carolina. A total of 950 patients and their families are served each year.

Hospice volunteers, a vital part of the hospice team, give their time and support to patients, their families and the hospice staff in non-medical roles. Hospice volunteers enjoy service others with a compassionate attitude and a reassuring smile in a variety of locations including patient homes, hospitals and nursing facilities. Our volunteer attorneys provide assistance to those families who cannot afford to hire a lawyer due to financial hardship. Our legal volunteers normally provide assistance in the form of simple wills, durable and healthcare power of attorney documentation, and living wills.


For more information on becoming part of our team, please call 296-3100 and ask for Vicki Busby, Regional Volunteer Coordinator.

THE FAMILY COURT GROUP RAISES MONEY FOR HARVEST HOPE


The Family Court Group is comprised mainly of lawyers in Richland and Lexington County but has members statewide. The Group meets monthly. At the last meeting of 2012 the group raised \$4090.00 and 186 pounds of food for their 1st Annual Holiday Donation to Harvest Hope Food Bank.



Thank you to the following donating members: Lester & Hendrix, Pincus Law Firm, McLaren & Lee, Moore Taylor & Thomas, Ashley & Gibbons, Kirkland & Rush, Collins & Burkett, McDougal & Self, Warner Payne & Black, Bob and Linda Jackson, Finkel Law Firm, Rosen Law Firm, Taylor Law Firm, The Honorable Bruce Williams, Robert Masella, Jennifer Mook, Judge Leslie Riddle, Emma Bryson, Anita Floyd, Yulee Harrelson, Daryl Hawkins, Dan Sullivan, Kelly Seabrook, April Gremillion, Pete and Judge Donna Strom, Bruce Holland, Anthony Charles, Jay Elliott, Dr. Marc Harari, Joe Underwood, Sandy Parise, Richard Whiting, and Shawn Reeves. For more information regarding the Family Court Group please contact Traci Clark at traci@lesterandhendrix.com.



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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.

The event will take place Thursday, February 21, 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 \$15. *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 by February 18th.* 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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NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Richardson Plowden announces that **Charles J. "Chuck" Webb** was named a shareholder in the firm.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Amy Clayton** and **Jennifer Hollingsworth** have been elected partners in the firm. The firm also announces that **Kyle Brannon** has become an associate of the firm located at 1230 Main St. 29201. Phone: 771-8900

Callison Tighe has made a \$10,000 contribution to Harvest Hope Food Bank for the fourth consecutive holiday season.

The McNair Law Firm announces that **M. Craig Garner, Jr.** has been elected for his 4th term as President for South Carolina Higher Education Foundation. Through this role, he will continue to work to increase awareness and access to all aspects of higher education for the state.

Pope Zeigler law firm announces that **Margaret Pope** and **Margaret McGee** have received listings in the 2012 Legal Elite of the Midlands from *Columbia Business Monthly*. **Margaret Pope** has also been elected to the Governor's School for the Arts Foundation Board of Directors.

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **Jonathan P. "JP" Lee** has been named a shareholder of the firm.

Gaffney Lewis & Edwards announces that **Robert C. Blain** has joined the firm as an associate.

Gignilliat Savitz & Bettis announces that **Fred A. Williams** has been cer-

tified by the South Carolina Supreme Court, making him the ninth specialist in employment and labor law.

Finkel Law Firm announces that **William R. Padget** has become a partner of the firm.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Jarrett Coco, Renee Dankner, Adam Hegler, David Paavola, Brandon Smith** and **Blake Williams** have become associates of the firm located at 1320 Main St., Columbia 29201. Phone: 799-2000.

Barbara George Barton of Barton Law Firm has been recognized as 2012 Midlands Legal Elite by *Columbia Business Monthly*.

Collins & Lacy announces that Managing Partner **Ellen Adams** has received certification as a South Carolina Circuit Court Mediator from the South Carolina Supreme Court's Board of Arbitration and Mediator Certification.

The South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association (SCDTAA) elected the following new officers at their annual meeting in November. President-**Sterling Davies** of McAngus Goudelock & Courie, and President-Elect-**Curtis L. Ott** of Turner Padget.

Vickie Eslinger has been named the 2012 recipient of the SC Women Lawyers Association Bissell Award.

Governor Haley has appointed Collins & Lacy's **Aisha Taylor** to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission

David Bornemann has joined the workers' compensation team at

McKay Cauthen Settana & Stuble. **M. Stephen Stuble** has received the AV Preeinent Rating by Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Ratings.

Turner Padget announces that **John E. Cuttino** has been elected secretary-Treasurer of DRI.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Trippett Boineau, Laura Carter, Andrew Delaney, and Kelly Morrow** of the Columbia Office have been named members of the firm.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd announces **John P. Boyd, Emily H. Farr, John M. Florence Jr., Louise M. Johnson and William R. Johnson** have become shareholders in the firm. The firm also announces that **Dawn M. Hardesty** has become an associate of the firm. **Lindsey C. Livingston** and **Tigerron A. Wells** have graduated from statewide leadership programs.

The Lourie Law Firm announces the relocation of its office to 1450 Harden St. Ext. 29201.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces that **Joshua D. Shaw** presented during the Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee CLE session at the DRI Annual Meeting held in October in New Orleans.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Erica G. Lybrand** has joined the firm as an associate.

Willson Jones Carter & Baxley announces that **Timothy B. Killen** has become an associate of the firm located at 4500 Ft. Jackson Blvd. 29209. Phone: 782-2520.

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (...continued from page 14)

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **Lana H. Sims IV** and **Lindey Ritz Zwing** have joined the firm located at 1501 Main St. as associates. Phone: 254-4190.

Graybill & Lansche announces that **C. Bowen Horger II** and **Ryan W. Newton** have been named members in the firm.

Turner Padgett has elected **Brad B. Easterling**, **Mark B. Goddard** and **J. Jakob Kennedy** as shareholders of the firm.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Christopher Gibbs** and **Brett H. Bayne** have become associates of the firm.

Callison Tighe & Robinson announces that **Brian Lysell** has become an associate of the firm.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie has been named on to the Best Places to Work in South Carolina.

Harrison & Radeker announces that **F. Casey D. Cornwell** has become an associate of the firm located at 923 Calhoun St. 29201. Phone: 779-2211.

Collins & Lacy has received the International Society of Primerus Law Firm Community Service Award and **Joel Collins** received the Lifetime Achievement Award. **Joel Collins** has also been elected national vice president of the American Board of Trial Advocates. The firm also announces that **Brian Comer** has been selected as a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

Littler Mendelson announces that **Kio-sha H. Dickey** has become an associate of the firm located at 1201 Main St. #1930, 29201. Phone: 231-2500.

Murphy & Grantland announces that **Jason P. Luther** and **Chad Poteat** have joined the firm located at 4406B Forest Dr., 29206. Phone: 782-4100.

Parker Poe announces that **Felicia S. Preston** has joined the Columbia office located at 1201 Main St. # 1450, 29201. Phone: 255-8000.

The Law Office of Kelly Seabrook announces the relocation of its office to 1803 Hampton St.

John K. Van Duys has been selected secretary of the American College of

Bond Counsel.

Moore Taylor & Thomas announces that **Margaret "Meg" Hazel** and **Sarah Taylor Cassidy** have become associates of the firm located at 1700 Sunset Boulevard. Phone: 796-9160.

Nelson Mullins announces that **James Burns**, **Paul Collins**, **Sarah Ebling** and **Erik Norton** have become partners in the firm's Columbia office.

Barnes Alford announces that **Matthew G. Gerrald** has become a partner of the firm and **Catherine Ava Kopiec** has become an associate of the firm located at 1613 Main St. 29201. Phone: 799-1111.

Sowell Gray announces that **Nicolas L. Haigler** has become a member of the Board of Directors of Kids' Chance of South Carolina, an organization dedicated to helping children of workers killed or seriously injured on the job continue their educations.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **John F. McLeod IV** has become an associate of the firm located at 220 Executive Center Dr. 29210. Phone: 771-7900.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY IN BUSINESS LAW

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is looking for volunteer lawyers experienced in business law. A special invitation is extended to semi-retired or retired lawyers to become Pro Bono volunteers for SCORE. Volunteers provide counseling, mentoring and training to the small business community. SCORE is a non-profit association with 389 chapters nationwide. It is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Please see www.score.org to find out more.

Currently there is an urgent need for additional volunteers in the downtown Columbia office at 930 Richland Street. Please see www.scoremidlands.org to find out more about the Midlands branch. For additional information on becoming a Pro Bono volunteer for SCORE, please contact Rose Dean at (803) 799-6653, ext. 164 or e-mail rdean@scbar.org.



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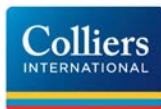
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RICHLAND COUNTY MASTER IN EQUITY LIAISON

On November 13, 2012, Richland County attorneys who practice in front of Judge Strickland were invited to a discussion led by him about a number of topics. Judge Strickland went over his policies and procedures and the basics of practicing in front of a master in equity. He also provided tips regarding the best practices for several of the documents he sees on a frequent basis, most importantly the notice of sale. Judge Strickland also led a discussion on the applicability of the Rules of Civil Procedure. We appreciated Judge Strickland taking time to meet with the bar, and we hope to repeat this valuable and informative discussion with him as needed.

RICHLAND COUNTY PROBATE LIAISON

In late summer, a number of probate practitioners met with Judge McCulloch and Judge Belton to discuss how to get people together more often on a non-adversarial basis. As a result, in October 2012, we organized an hour long CLE on the timely and important topic of Medicaid Recovery presented by Bruce Carter, DHHS Assistant General Counsel. We also organized a meet and greet breakfast at the Probate Court in December, 2012. It was a great opportunity for practitioners and their staff to meet the judges and the court staff. It was attended by about 80 people. This year, we hope to have two or three CLEs and social events as well as repeat the meet and greet. If you are interested in receiving notice of these events or have any ideas as to how we can be of service to the Probate Court or the bar, please email Mike Polk at mike@belserpa.com.

HELP MAKE MOCK TRIAL ROCK!

High school students throughout the state are gearing up for the S.C. Bar Mock Trial competition, and the Bar's Law Related Education (LRE) Division needs your help. LRE is seeking attorney volunteers to serve as judges for the Feb. 23 High School Mock Trial Regional Competitions in Charleston, Conway, Greenville and Columbia/Lexington. All attorney volunteers earn pro bono credit for their hours dedicated to the Mock Trial program. Sign up online at www.scbars.org/LawRelatedEducation/AttorneyVolunteers.aspx or contact ccoethran@scbar.org or (803) 252-5139 for more information.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

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To a man, they all lead lives that are busy, fragmented, and fraught with burdens—some real, some imagined. And to a man, scarcely a minute or two after the “End of Lift Approaching—Ski Tips Up” sign appears among the icicles on the penultimate chair life pole, we will lose ourselves, if only for a few minutes, in the rush of the downhill trek. The last lift sign is completely unnecessary.

We are all prepared to unload.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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court. Judge Bogan is a regular participant in a group of lawyers who go to lunch several times a week – Richland County bar members Charlie Terreni, Charles Henshaw, Andy Safran, and Leeds Barroll. The late John Hardaway, who was Judge Bogan’s best friend and advisor since law school, was a regular in the lunch group as well. Terreni observes that Judge Bogan is generous with his time and even presided over a “dress rehearsal” for the St. Joseph 6th Grade Mock Trial team in his courtroom.

His office in downtown Columbia is beautifully decorated with dark wood and the spectacular photographs he has taken over the years. He loves taking photographs during his travels with his wife and also at Richland County bar events.

Judge Bogan is also a technology whiz, who always has the latest gadget, especially from the Apple store in Charlotte. He has even used his iPad to record bond hearings.

Written by Eleanor Duffy Cleary. You can reach Ellen at edcleary@att.net.



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5TH CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER SELECTION PANEL ELECTED

Every five years, Richland County lawyers are mandated by law to elect four members to the Public Defender Selection Panel. Every active licensed attorney living in the county was invited to participate in the election held at the Richland County Judicial Center. Voting was by secret ballot.

Those elected were: Arthur Akin, Joe McCulloch, Sam Mokeba and Mike Quinn.

THE RCBA TEAMS UP WITH CENTRAL SC HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR “BUILDABLE HOURS” PROJECT

What is the Buildable Hours Project?

The “Buildable Hours” project is a joint effort of the RCBA and Central SC Habitat for Humanity. The goal is to raise \$60,000 before May 20, 2013 so that we can build a house for a deserving family of the Midlands. The build dates are May 20th-24th, and the shell of the house will be built on the corner of Gervais and Assembly Streets, and a sign at this high-visibility location will highlight the RCBA's and other sponsors' involvement in this project. To date, we have raised a little more than \$10,000. We have a LONG way to go in order to reach our \$60,000 goal, so we need the help of as many Richland County Bar members as possible.

What is the purpose of the Buildable Hours Project?

Buildable Hours is designed to engage attorneys, associations, staff, and summer law clerks by providing a meaningful team building experience. This project allows the legal community to support Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing affordable, safe, and adequate housing for hard-working local families. In the past few years, more than 50 law firms and businesses from across the country have participated in the Habitat for Humanity building projects through Buildable Hours.

How can you get involved?

Law firms and other organizations can become a sponsor by paying \$5,000 for a day of building or \$2,500 for a half day of building. In addition, individual contributions and opportunities to volunteer onsite are available. For information about individual or small group volunteer opportunities, please contact any member of the Buildable Hours committee. The RCBA Buildable Hours Committee consists of George Cauthen of Nelson Mullins (george.cauthen@nelsonmullins.com), Jennifer Ashburn of the Ashburn Law Firm (jennifer@ashburnfirm.com), Will Dillard of Belser & Belser, P.A. (Will@belserpa.com), Representative James Smith of James Smith, Jr., P.A. (James@JamesSmithPA.com), Jody Bedenbaugh of Nelson Mullins (jody.bedenbaugh@nelsonmullins.com), Anna Pridgen of Habitat for Humanity (apridgen@habitatcsc.org), and Ashleigh Messervy of Habitat for Humanity (ashleigh@habitatcsc.org).

What is Buildable Hours, Inc.?

Buildable Hours, Inc. is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization of law firms committing financial and physical resources to build homes with local Habitat for Humanity organizations for deserving families. It was founded in 2001 by Rober Goldman, a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins, and Scott Michel, a partners in the Washington, D.C. Firm of Caplin and Drysdale. For more information about Buildable Hours, Inc., visit www.buildablehours.com.

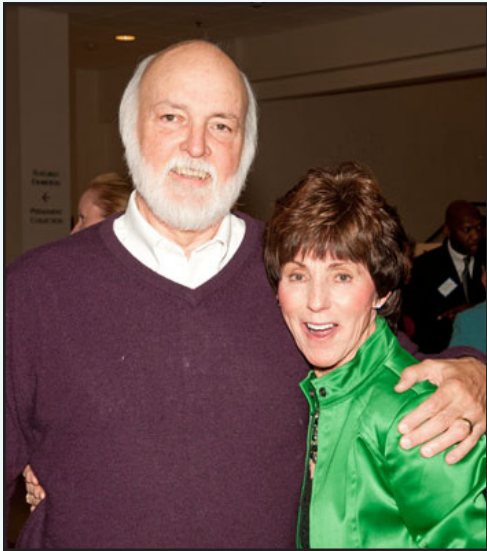
Where can I get more information and stay updated?

In addition to contacting any of the committee members, you can visit www.richbar.org/buildablehours.aspx for more details about the project. Also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/richlandcountybar to get regular updates on the progress of our fundraising and home-building efforts.



2013 ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY

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