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UPCOMING EVENTS

Judicial Reception

Thursday, August 18
Columbia Museum of Art
5:30 PM

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, September 7
Stanton Kessler, MD
Autopsy Evidence

Wednesday, October 12
Bill Latham
Using an iPad in Law Practice

Ethics CLE

Friday, November 4

Annual Meeting/ Holiday Party

December 15, 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Disconnecting

I recall vividly how excited I was around the age of 8 or 9 on the last day of school. This would have been about 1979-80. I lived in a suburb of Houston, Texas, in a small town called Sugar Land (if you saw the movie *Dazed and Confused*, those were my friends' older brothers and sisters). As I left school on that last day, I knew I had about three months of true idleness, when I could choose to meet up with friends in the neighborhood and play, fish in the ponds that dotted my neighborhood, or go to the local pool where I would spend the entire day swimming, with short breaks to eat a sandwich that my mom packed for me. I remember how sore my toes would get because of all the time I spent in the plaster lined pool and the countless jumps off the high dive, the plank of which was covered in a sandpaper-like material to prevent slippage. You don't see many pools anymore with high dives, which is likely a direct result of our profession making sure that those kids who needed more than just a sandpaper lined walkway were compensated for their injuries.



I welcomed the ennui that was typical of the hot, muggy summer days in Houston, just as they were, and still are, for Columbia. I remember the days when I was just left to my own devices—true idleness—when my imagination would just run wild. No matter what I did, it usually occurred outside. I went to bed tired, woke up refreshed, and literally repeated nearly just what I did the day before. Those were wonderful days. I had not a worry in the world.

Fast forward 32 years to Friday, May 27, 2011. I am sitting by the pool, my smallest boy, who is just about to turn one, is perched on my lap struggling to break free, while my 6 year old, reveling in the fact that he had just had his last day of school, is constantly calling me to join him in the pool. My wife is at the local Pig buying provisions for the weekend. I am fumbling with a Blackberry in one hand trying to answer a question from a client who is dealing with what seems to be a recurring

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FROM THE EDITOR

On Friday, June 10, 2011, our bar held a memorial service for fourteen members we lost in 2010. If you missed it, you missed an impressive and inspiring service. The remarks are recorded and kept on file at the Clerk of Court's office. The service is held every year in June at the Richland County Courthouse. It lasts an hour. Members of the bar and families of deceased members join to say goodbye to friends we have lost.

For several years, I have had the honor of helping put this service together. Every year, I am amazed at what I learn about our fellow members of the bar. Some passed after a long life as lawyers. Others left at the prime of their careers. Some were leaders in their church. Others were leaders in our state and local governments. Some devoted their career to prosecuting crimes while others defended the accused. They were presidents of student bodies, valedictorians, eagle scouts, varsity athletes, and members of the peace corps and the armed services. They were musicians, naturalists, engineers, Sunday School teachers, and pilots. They were law review editors, bar presidents, and judges.

The lives of our deceased lawyers inspire me to be a better person and lawyer. Unfortunately, I cannot share all the remarks and accomplishments here. Instead, I will share a quote from each speaker. I hope these remarks will inspire you the way they have inspired me.

Tina Herbert and Lewis Cromer on C. Dennis Aughtry:

"After Dennis' public service, he returned to the area of law that he loves the most - Tort Litigation. He was a fine litigator, an exceptional jury lawyer and loved every minute of his work. Even though he drove a high-priced automobile, he was a man of simple taste and simple pleasures and enjoyed living life to the fullest."

Chief Justice Toal on Charlie Baker:

"Brilliant scholar, one of Richland County's most respected appellate and trial lawyers, highly accomplished musician and vocalist, devoted son, husband and father, Charles Edward Baker lived a life of honor and high accomplishment."

"All of Charlie's partners and associates acknowledge that they were better lawyers because of Charlie's presence, whether the case involved the interpretation of a contract or a novel question of Constitutional law."

Beth Bernstein on Isadore Bernstein:

"I think one of his proudest moments was when my brother Lowell and then me, and then my sister, Michele, joined him in the honorable and noble profession of the law. He was a wonderful role model and mentor to all three of us."

"He was a man that made sure that his family's needs were taken care of even if it meant that he was sacrificing something important to him. He denied us nothing and gave us everything, without spoiling us. Everything he did was for his family and for our benefit. He had no hobbies. He worked and loved his family. Actually, he never said that he was going to work; he always was going to the office. He never felt like practicing law was work. He loved it, and he was so good at it. He had a brilliant legal mind."

Amy E. Armstrong on James S. Chandler:

"Jimmy Chandler spearheaded Environmental Law in the state of South Carolina when nobody was doing that. He did it because he saw the credible need for it and environmental groups were asking him for Pro Bono representation and Jimmy was there to provide it."

"For those of y'all that knew Jimmy, he's a very, very stubborn person, but that stubbornness and that tenacity are what I learned from how to practice law from that man. He was a tremendous role model. He set precedents in this state that are still in place today that protects our swamps, wetlands, salt marsh, our beaches, the natural resources of this state that we all enjoy on a very regular basis and so he's left a lasting mark on South Carolina. Jimmy Chandler was my friend and my mentor and my hero."



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Heyward Clarkson on Westmorland Clarkson:

"Last year, the Attorney General had a ceremony in his office in recognition of Westy's service and to present his badge to his wife. The entire office turned out. I was truly touched by the outpouring of admiration from his co-workers. Westy was highly regarded and respected by his peers and the judiciary for his dedication, competence, integrity, and honor."

Nekki Shutt on William G. Flowers:

"Greg loved politics and would readily engage anyone to talk about politics. He had really thought-provoking conversations about foreign policy and why government should be smaller."

Robert Bruce Shaw on J. Christopher Henderson:

"The things you can't find written about Chris, you can't find it anywhere, but they come from his friends and his colleagues. No matter who you call, and I called a lot of folks looking for things and got a wealth of material and three minutes is not near enough to cover any portion of it, but if you ask them about Chris Henderson, the first words out of their mouth would be "what a great guy" and "what a great sense of humor". And he did have a great sense of humor and I enjoyed it with him a lot."

Robert Hodges on William W. Hodges:

"William Hodges was a loving father and teacher and spent every minute of his day loving his two children. He may have departed this world, but he still lives in the hearts of his children. He was more than a father; he was also our best friend. He was the person to go to for advice, his wisdom was the best."

"He was a true Carolina man who loved fishing, boating, photography, and the Gamecocks."

Stephen T. Draffin on Thomas S. Linton:

"Tom was one of our most distinguished state constitutional scholars. We've had a lot of interesting constitutional issues in the media recently and in the past and Tom would always opine on the policy of the provisions, the history, the use of them; and

it would have been fun to have Tom around, you know, in the last year or so to see what he thought about the particular issues of the day. But beyond his service professionally, I think, Tom, without question, was an extraordinary civic benefactor who cared deeply for young people."

"Tom's second son, Johnny...told me, as he was through the State House about two months ago, that it is particularly gratifying to him to get calls from people he doesn't even know; and they go something like this. Mr. Linton, you don't know who I am, but because of your Father, I was able to go to college or I was able to do this or do that; and Tom was never paid for it. He spent hours and hours doing it, but he affected the lives of a lot of people that he really didn't even know and that's an epitaph and a credit I think all of us can certainly strive for."

Van E. Edwards on Gail E. Lovett:

"Her calm professionalism was instrumental in keeping everyone working together in complicated situations and trying times. On a personal level, anyone who knew Gail knows that she was always kind and always interested in everyone around her. It's not surprising that Gail had many employees at PMSC and CSC who came to her for advice – both legal and personal. Her open nature made her a natural to draw people who needed a friend."

Robert C. Fitzsimons on Clarke W. McCants Jr.:

"After serving as a flight radio operator in World War II, he returned to Columbia to attend Law School and to practice law, first with his father, then with a series of partners and associates in a distinguished career that spanned over 50 years without the use of either E-mail or Blackberry, I note. He was a leader in the bar and the larger community, serving as president of the Richland County Bar in 1973, a post he inspired his son John to take on more recently. That inspiration serves to represent thousands of similar acts of leadership and imitation by Clarke McCants' sons, nephews, associates, and protégés who became members of the bar. It also serves in the place of countless acts of service, leadership, and charity by family and community members who knew and loved him."

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Harry T. Cone on Joseph F. Munnerlyn Jr.:

"He was a loyal servant of the state and proud to be so and his years at the council were an example of the high calling of public service embodied in the commitment of a life to both the law and public service. That service was publicly recognized on his retirement by Joe's being made Laureate of the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Hodges."

"Joe was a mentor to the pages and law clerks -- college students and law students who worked part-time in our office. He took time to get to know them and he remembered and kept up with them. In the years after his retirement, I would run into these folks, now grown, who always asked about Joe and how he was faring and would express their appreciation for his many kindnesses to them."

Edward W. Mullins Jr. on Donald V. Richardson III:

"In the highlight of his career, he was regarded as one of the best, if not arguably the best, Medical Malpractice defense lawyer in the state and was so recognized by a listing in the Best Lawyers of America. Don was not a litigator. Don was a Trial Lawyer. Don was a real, honest-to-goodness standup trial lawyer who enjoyed the courtroom and loved trying his cases much more than settling

them."

Neil Rashley Jr. on Garfield D. Stuart:

"For twenty years, it was an absolute pleasure to get to know this what you can really call a gentle giant of a lawyer because he truly was. Physically large, a calm demeanor, an incredible sense of wit, and just a wonderful, wonderful compassionate heart that served this community so well for so many years. He wasn't a "Headline" lawyer, but, nonetheless, he really is going to leave a big mark in this community with his passing."

"It was something innate in Garfield in that he could see the moment for what it was, not only to excel, but also to enjoy life. And that is how Garfield lived his life all the way to the end."

Each of them left us too soon. It is an honor to be a lawyer and serve our community alongside people like the ones we have lost. Every service I attend inspires me to be a better person. I encourage you to go to next year's memorial service. You will be better for it. None of us know how long we will have on this earth. If I can give you anything useful from this column it is this: Life is uncertain. Treat each day you receive as a precious gift.

REMINDERS FROM CHIEF JUDGE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

Circuit Judge Allison R. Lee is Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the remainder of calendar year 2011. She asked that we remind the Bar to come early to status conferences. She also asked that lawyers address sched-

uling problems and make requests for status conferences earlier rather than later. Finally, she asked that you not fax and mail letters to her. She prefers either a mailed letter or a faxed letter but not both.

YLD FUNDRAISER

On April 21, 2011, the RCBA's Young Lawyers' Division hosted a happy hour and fundraiser for Harvest Hope Food Bank. Over 60 YLD members attended the event, which was held at the Sheraton's Roof Top Bar. The event raised over \$1,300 for Harvest Hope. The YLD is planning another social event for mid-July and will provide more details at a later date.

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The chapter assists hundreds of clients each year. Some come to learn what things they need to do to open a business while others come for assistance in operating, growing or selling their business.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: DAVID FEDOR

When David Fedor gives you this one particular smile, a twinkle comes to his eyes. A real-life “Irish eyes are smiling” twinkle. So that must be the secret to winning ten verdicts in excess of one million dollars.

He has been representing clients in state and federal courts for over almost fifty years. He worked his way through law school and graduated from USC in 1961. He opened a solo practice after he was admitted to the Bar, successfully representing criminal defendants until he decided to focus on civil cases.

With a real passion for obtaining justice for his clients, he immerses himself in his cases from start to finish. Because of his physical fitness, he is able to outlast even the youngest lawyers and maintain the grueling pace that is required to try lengthy, complicated cases like toxic torts.

That comes from his background as a baseball player for the Chicago White Sox organization and later as a professional middle-weight boxer throughout the Eastern Seaboard. Originally from Pittsburgh, baseball brought him to South Carolina where he found that he loved the people and, of course, the weather. He still maintains his athletic physique at his home gym, recognizing that physical stamina will be what allows him to continue to fight like an Irishman for his clients for years to come.

He was the first person in his family born in America after arriving from County Cork, Ireland. His grandfather, Jimmy Slattery, was a famed boxer in the 1930s. The traditional Irish Catholic upbringing provided him with the sincere empathy, gritty determination, and unabashed passion required to convince juries to award large verdicts. He can relate to juries because he truly is just a “regular guy” in a very expensive suit.

However, it would not be accurate to say Fedor is just a “humble guy,” because he emanates confidence and frequently speaks of believing anything is possible. “Act as if it were impossible to fail, you will succeed,” he proclaims. Audiences all over the country benefit from his motivational speeches about how to be a winner. Surprisingly, he is just as inspirational in a one-on-one

conversation. He takes an interest in the people with whom he is speaking and his sense of humanity is readily apparent.

He’s been generous about sharing his knowledge with younger lawyers and because of that has been a tremendous asset to the Richland County Bar Association. Fedor was

instrumental in organizing the innovative series of seminars covering the trial of a civil case from start to finish. His presentation last September drew great praise from respected members of the bar. Vicky Eslinger described his demonstration of a closing argument as the most fascinating and powerful she had ever witnessed. “Each lawyer in the room who heard the demonstration, regardless of whether he or she was plaintiff or defense oriented, was prepared to award Dave’s clients, in behalf of whom he had argued, a huge verdict,” she noted in a letter to the Richland County Bar Association.

Judges also recognize his superior abilities: Legendary U.S. District Judge Matthew Perry stated he had “mastered the art and skills of advocacy to a level that is admired and respected by all.”

Of recent limits on the jury’s power to award punitive damages in South Carolina, Fedor is highly critical. He notes that our State’s juries are very conservative and when a large verdict is awarded it is doubly earned. He laments the idea of taking power away from juries to award large verdicts when they see that a civil defendant’s behavior is particularly egregious. One of the reasons he wanted to be a lawyer was to help the “little guy” challenge big businesses who choose to disregard safety and pollution regulations.

Of our state’s judicial election system, he believes that judges should be required to have some trial experience



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Friday afternoon crisis. I answered the question, which led to a follow-up question, then a phone call, then another call and so on. The client asked on several occasions, "what's going on where you are?" Finally, after dealing with my client's issues, I was able to spend some time with my son in the pool. I noticed that there was no high dive; in fact, there was no diving board of any kind at the pool.

After returning to the small condo we had rented near the beach, my wife and I bathed our boys, gave them supper, and then put them down to sleep, whereupon I pulled out my computer to do some more work, searching for the wireless connection promised on the condo website. That's when I began thinking about summer vacations of old and how nice it must have been for my parents back in the 70s and 80s when there were no cell phones, Blackberries, I-Phones, or laptops with the ability to connect to the internet. While my parents could truly "get away from it all," we, especially as lawyers, do not have that luxury, as our clients expect us to be on-call, literally twenty-four hours, seven days a week. That's become the norm.

Some of my colleagues tell me that they simply turn everything off when they go on vacation, and I envy them

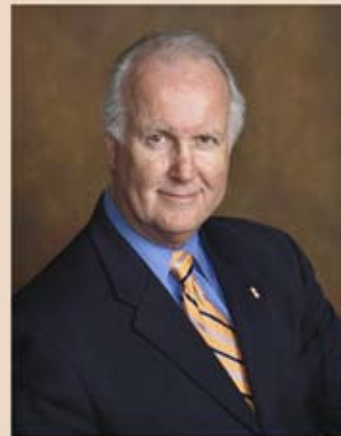
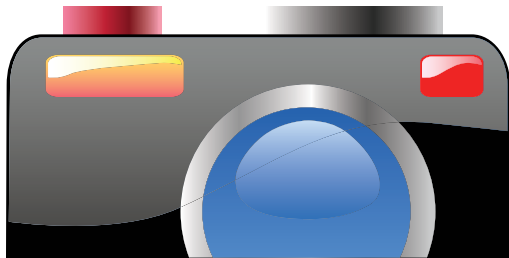
for the ability to do that. It may be a generational thing, but I do not have the will to disconnect, lest I miss an opportunity to respond timely to a client, although I am entirely cognizant that to truly reach a state of relaxation, of relative idleness, I need to disconnect. I am not sure how I am going to solve this problem, which has been needling me for about a decade now, but this summer, if only for a couple of days, I have resolved to disconnect. I hope that all of you enjoy the long hot summer and can successfully disconnect from the practice of law for just a spell so that you can experience relative idleness, gain new perspectives, and perhaps even come up with better ways to serve your clients while taking much needed time off to recharge.



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before they can be nominated. Like most lawyers, he does not favor the public election of judges.

His “main function in life is to prepare for cases.” Borrowing from an old barrister’s quote, he states that his “vacation is between the time he asks the question and the time he receives an answer.” Clearly, Fedor loves his chosen profession and wishes more lawyers would take cases to trial. He’s always willing to offer a hand to any lawyer who wants to learn from his many years of successful trial practice.



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ANXIETY'S UPSIDE

Why worrying might expand your life span

Are you jealous of optimistic, happy-go-lucky people? Don't be. An eight-decade Stanford University study of 1,500 people found that nonworriers don't necessarily live longer; in fact, they often have a lackadaisical approach to health and may take risks that cut life short, such as smoking, excessive drinking, and driving too fast. "Worrying can be helpful," says Howard S. Friedman, Ph.D., coauthor of *The Longevity Project*, which explores some of the study's findings. Some other surprises from the research: married men lived longer, but women didn't see a marriage boost; continuously productive people live longer than their more laid-back counterparts; and pets may improve well-being - though they don't increase longevity.

From the AARP...

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream." - Mark Twain

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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

2010-CP-40-1188

Raven Yonemura, et al vs. Tom Sawyer Productions, Inc.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: D. Tedeschi

Defendant: J. Shadd III

Cause of Action: Tort

Verdict: For Defendant

2010-CP-40-2612

Betty Singley vs. Ryan Royce Reynolds

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Luther J. Batiste III

Defendant: J. Austin Hood

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defendant

2007-CP-40-8423

Charles Taylor vs. Thomas Davis

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: pro se

Defendant: James Lybrand

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$615.00

2009-CP-40-8703

Beverly Atkinson, et al vs. Richland County Sheriff's Dep't, et al

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: David E. Taylor

Defendant: William H. Davidson, II

Cause of Action: Auto/death

Verdict: For Defendant (RCSD)

2007-CP-40-2358

Edward D. Barnhill, Jr vs. Barnold Incorporated

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Daniel T. Brailsford

Defendant: Anthony Rebollo

Cause of Action: Contract: Quantum Meriut/unjust enrichment

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$16,000.00

Verdict: For Defendant

2010-CP-40-2158

Greens Travel Coach LLC vs. First Calvary Baptist Church, Inc., Columbia

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Eric B. Laquiere

Defendant: Kirby D. Shealy, III

Cause of Action: Contract/Services Rendered

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$6000.00

2009-CP-40-8371

George William Morton vs. Emily Shealy Tinch

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Charnell Peake

Defendant: J. Austin Hood

Cause of Action: Auto

2009-CP-40-2796

Jean May vs. Queen James

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: D. Fedor

Defendant: R. Alexander

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defendant

2010-CP-40-0959

Mark and Melanie Marsh vs. Joey Lanieu

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: S. Schusterman

Defendant: B. Robinson

Cause of Action: Contract/Breach

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$2250.00



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Parker Poe announces that **Ray E. Jones** has been elected to the South Carolina Economic Developer's Association Board of Directors an organization that acts as the SC voice of economic

development. The firm also announces that **Sam C. Moses** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States, a leading German-American business association..

Bernard L. Friedman has received the designation of Senior Religious Worker at the University of South Carolina in recognition of 40 years service. His service began in 1970 through an appointment by the university president and has continued since that time. He is an active member of the Carolina Chaplains and has received numerous honors for his service, including the Buick "Spirit of America" award.

Collins & Lacy announces the growth of its new public policy and consulting practice. **Jon Ozmint** has joined the firm and is spearheading the firms' efforts in this new practice area.

The firm also announces that **Aisha Grant Taylor** has been appointed to the Executive Committee of The Frye Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people and families that deal with diabetes and mental illnesses as well as other charitable causes. The foundation was founded by USC Track and Field Head Coach Curtis Frye.

The firm also announces that **Brian Comer** has been selected to serve as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural, Construction, Mining and Industrial Equip-

ment Specialized Litigation Group within the Products Liability Committee in the Defense Research Institute.

Turner Padgett Law Firm announces that **Cynthia C. Dooley** has been appointed to the 2012 South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association's Medical Seminar Committee.

The firm also announces that **John E. Cuttino** has begun serving a two-year term as chairman of Eagle International Associates, Inc.

Robert J. Thomas, one of the founders of Rogers Townsend & Thomas has written a book about his time serving as a clerk to a federal judge, called "*Confessions of a Federal Judge's Law Clerk*". He plans to donate the profits to the SC Bar Foundation.

The McKay firm announces that **Marcy I. Lamar** has been selected to serve on the 2012 Medical Seminar Committee for the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association.

Boykin & Davis announces that **Latonya Dilligard Edwards** has become an associate of the firm located at 220 Stoneridge Dr. #100. Columbia 29210. Phone: 254-0707

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Educational Trust and University Specialty Clinics announces that **Hedy Zaragoza** has become general counsel and director of legal services located at University Specialty Clinics, Columbia 29303. Phone: 545-2518.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Jocelyn Newman** was recently selected as a member of the American Mensa organization and as a member of the Friends Advisory Board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Colum-

bia.

Sowell Gray announces that **Cal Watson** was sworn in as Secretary of the South Carolina Bar when it met in Greenville in May. The firm also announces that **Tiffany Hendricks** has become an associate of the firm located at 1210 Gadsden St. 29201. Phone: 929-1400.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas recently made a \$15,000 contribution to Claflin University that will allow two students a summer to intern in the law firm's offices.

McAngus Goudelock and Courie announces that Stuart Moore and Charles O. "Bo" Williams have become members of the firm. **Weston Adams III** has been reappointed to the board of the SC Conservation Bank for a four year term. The firm also announces that **Elizabeth Render and Stephanie N. Lawrence** have become associates of the firm located at 1320 Main St. 29201. Phone: 779-2300.

Blakely Copeland Cahoon announces the opening of his new firm, **Cahoon Law Firm LLC**, located at 7588 Woodrow St. #5, Irmo SC 29063. Phone: 749-0108.

Olivia S. Jones, a dedicated attorney for children, will begin a one-year Fellowship at South Carolina Legal Services this summer funded by a grant and donations from **Nelson Mullins** law firm.

Jeff Goodwyn of the **Goodwyn Law Firm** announces its relocation to 2519 Devine St., Suite A, Columbia 29205. Phone: 251-4517.

David Dubberly, of the Nexsen Pruet

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International Group, recently attended the annual meeting of Mackrell International in Phoenix, an event that gives attorneys opportunities to explore cross-border business and legal issues and develop relationships that will help better serve clients who operate internationally.

Nexsen Pruet announces that the firm remains on The National Law Journal's list of the 250 largest firms in America.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Amy Landers May** has been named the SC Bar's Young Lawyer of the Year and that **Angela Kirby** has been re-certified as a specialist in estate planning and probate law. The firm also announces that **Bryan Barnes** has been invited to join the International Association of Defense Counsel.

Willoughby & Hoefer announces that **Tracey C. Green** and **Benjamin P. Mustian** have been elected shareholders of the firm.

Richardson Plowden announces that **George C. Beighley** has been appointed to the Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) Board of Visitors.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Thad Westbrook** has been honored with the USC Law School's 2011 Compleat Lawyer Award.

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **Rita Cullum** has been named chair of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel's South Carolina Chapter.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney announces that it will be recognized as a leading litigation firm in South Carolina in the 2012 edition of *Chambers USA*:

America's Leading Lawyers for Business. The McKay firm announces that **Brandon P. Jones** has become an associate of the firm located at 1303 Blanding St., 29201. Phone: 256-4645.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Rex L. Casterline** and **Gary A. Pickren** have joined the firm.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Jody A. Bedenbaugh** and **Alana Odom Williams** have become partners in the firm. And **Paul T. Collins** was promoted to "of counsel."

Callison Tighe & Robinson announces that **Malissa Burnette** has been included in the 2011 edition of *South Carolina Super Lawyers*.

Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado law firm announces that **John Nichols** has been selected as a 2011 SC Super Lawyer for 2011.

Nelson Mullins announces the Columbia attorneys: **Stuart M. Andrews Jr.**, **George S. Bailey**, **C. Mitchell Brown**, **George B. Cauthen**, **Daved E. Dukes**, **Debbie W. Durban**, **Carl B. Epps, III**, **Robert W. Foster, Jr.**, **James C. Gray, Jr.**, **Sue Erwin Harper**, **William C. Hubbard**, **Frank Knowlton**, **John F. Kuppens**, **Steven A. McKelvey**, **John T. Moore**, **Stephen G. Morrison**, **Edward W. Mullins, Jr.**, **R. Bruce Shaw**, and **Daniel J. Westbrook** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011. **Shannon K. Burnett** has been named vice president of the SC collaborative Law Institute.

Harrison & Radeker announces that **Kathryn B. Beighley** has become an associate of the firm located at 923 Calhoun St. 29250. Phone: 779-2211.

Eli Poliakoff has been appointed to the Harvard Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Parker Poe announces that **Joshua W. Dixon** and **Jennifer K. Dunlap** have been elected partners in the firm.

David Dukes, of Nelson Mullins, was recently recognized in International Who's Who for Life Sciences.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte is rated among top law firms in South Carolina in Chambers USA's 2011 edition of *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Jean-Marie E. Mille and **J. Frank Mock** announce their partnership in practice of real estate law under the name of Mille & Mock, LLC located at 2231 Devine St. Suite 303, Columbia 29205. Phone: 254-8000.

Becky Laffitte has been named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the SC chapter of ABOTA.

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **Michael H. Quinn, Jr.** has become a shareholder in the firm.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that attorneys **Rusty Goudelock** and **Sterling Davies** have been invited to join the Council on Litigation Management. **Landon Hughly** has been named to the board of directors of Kid's Chance of South Carolina. **Edward Rawl Jr.** has been named American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division District 10 Representative for 2011-2013.

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Walker & Reibold announces that **Matthew A. Nickles** has become an associate of the firm located at 3321 Forest Dr., 29204. Phone: 454-0955.

Stuart Lee of Rogers Townsend & Thomas has joined the Leadership Columbia Committee and the Board of Directors & Advocates for the Historic Columbia Foundation.

Jay Courie has been reelected serve as chairman of Hammond School Board of Trustees for a 2 year term.

Rikard, Moses and Protopapas announces that it has dissolved. **Robert G. Rikard** and **Peter D. Protopapas** have formed **Rikard & Protopapas LLC** and **Allyson M. Carbaugh** and **Brian D. Newman** have joined the firm with offices located at 1803 Hampton Street, 29201. Phone: 978-6111. **Marion M. Moses** announces that he has formed the law firm of **The Law Offices of Marion M. Moses, P.O.** Box 5615, 29205 Phone: 771-7011.

Karen H. Thomas has been appointed chair of the Taxation Law Specialization Advisory Board of the Supreme Court's Commission on CLE and Specialization.

Gallivan White & Boyd PA announces the opening of a new office at 1201 Main St. #1110, Columbia, 29201. Phone: 271-5380. **John T. Lay Jr.**, **Johnston Cox**, **John Hudson** and **Shelley Montague** join as partners in the new office. **James Brogdon**, **Childs Thrasher** and **Breon Walker** will serve as associates.

Tiger A. Wells has received the Jonathan Jasper Wright Award from USC's Black Law Students Association.

Nexsen Pruet announces the Columbia attorneys in the firm: **Gene Al-**

len, **Henry Brown**, **David Dubberly**, **Vickie Eslinger**, **William Floyd**, **Susi McWilliams**, **Rick Mendoza**, **Billy Newsome**, and **Marguerite Willis** have been names SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Turner Padget announces the Columbia attorneys in their firm: **Kenneth J. Carter**, **John E. Cuttino**, **Catherine H. Kennedy**, **Curtis L. Ott**, **Thomas C. Salane**, **Franklin G. Shuler, Jr.** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Moore Taylor & Thomas announces that **Vance Stricklin, Jr.**, **Ward Bradley**, **Mark Taylor** and **Jane Downey** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Sowell Gray announces that **Biff Sowell**, **Betsy Gray**, **Bobby Stepp**, **Becky Lafitte**, **Cal Watson** and **Monty Todd** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Joel W. Collins, Jr.**, **Gray T. Culbreath** and **Stanford E. Lacy** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Gene Matthews**, **Frank Smith** and **Nelson Weston** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Rusty Goudelock**, **Tommy Lydon** and **Hugh McAngus** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **F. Earl Ellis, Jr.**, **Ernest G. Lawhorne**, **John F. Beach**, **Wesley D. Few**, **John T. Lay, Jr.**, **John L. McCants**, **Rita B. Cullum**, **Karen H. Thomas** and **David C. Sojourner, Jr.** have been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Anderson & Associates announces that

Marilyn E. Gartley has become an associate of the firm located at 208 Candi Lane, Columbia 29210. Phone: 252-8600 *SC Lawyers Weekly* has honored **Edward W. Mullins Jr.** of Nelson Mullins, **Rita Cullum** and **Tom Runge** of Ellis Lawhorne and **Steven J. Pugh** of Richardson Plowden with its Leadership in Law Award, spotlighting those within the legal community who work to better the legal profession through mentoring and involvement within the community, going above and beyond the everyday job.

Sowell Gray announces that **Bob Horner** has been named to the Board of Directors of Columbia's Town Theater.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Charles S. Gwynne Jr.** and **Steven T. Moon** have become shareholders of the firm.

The SC Asphalt Pavement Association announces that **Ashley R. Batson** has been named Executive Director of the Association located at 1331 Elmwood Ave, 29201. Phone: 252-2522.

Murphy & Grantland announces that **J. R. Murphy** has been named SC Super Lawyers for 2011.

Baker Ravenel & Bender announces that **Susan Drake DuBose** and **Robert L. Brown** have become associates with the firm located at 3710 Landmark Dr. #400, 29204. Phone: 799-9091.

Nexsen Pruet has earned designation as a Midlands Green Business for 2011 for the third year straight from the City of Columbia *Green Business Program*.

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Turner Padgett announces that **Franklin G. Shuler Jr.** has been appointed the Chair of the Employment and Labor Law Specialization Advisory Board for the SC Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization.

W. Barney Giese announces the opening of **The Giese Law Firm LLC** at 1315 Blanding St. 29201, and that **Justin Martin Kata** has become an associate in the firm. Phone: 708-6767.

WILLS CLINIC FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMEOWNERS

The Young Lawyers Division has created a Habitat for Humanity Wills Clinics Committee to provide free wills for Habitat for Humanity homeowners. The first clinic is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, at the Bar Conference Center located at 1501 Park St. in Columbia. During wills clinics, attorneys set up

workstations to provide this service. Guidelines, forms and a training session are provided prior to clinics, and no previous wills experience is necessary. To volunteer, contact Kayla Smith at (803) 799-6653, ext. 135.

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JUDICIAL RECEPTION

The Annual Judicial Reception will take place on August 18 at The Columbia Museum of Art at 5:30 PM. The RCBA entertains the statewide judiciary every year when they come to Columbia for their Annual Conference sponsored by Court Administration. Postcards will be sent to the membership early in August. Reservations are necessary. Please be timely.

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