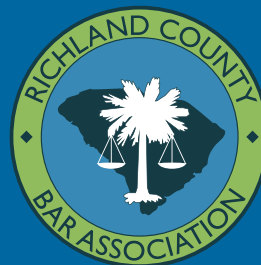


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In Memoriam

For many years now, at noon on the second Friday in June, a gavel drops in the Richland County Judicial Center. In a special term of court at our annual memorial service, we pause to honor and remember those members of the Richland County Bar Association who died in the past year. In recent years, the summer issue RCBA President's column has served as an abridged version of the remarks made at our annual memorial service—sharing a mere sliver of these lives with those of you who could not attend.



Fortunately, each year the proceedings are transcribed in full—and you may find the full transcript of this year's proceedings at our website: www.richbar.org. The lives you will find there are rich and full, a testimony both to our departed colleagues and the speakers charged with the impossible task of distilling those lives to a few scant minutes at the service.

This year, we remembered:

James Neely Caldwell III
Lindsay Hightower Cathcart
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The Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr.
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A caveat is in order here—any effort to shoehorn the whole of a person's life to a few paragraphs cannot possibly do that person justice, just as any effort to capture the rich tapestry of a life will be incomplete. If on review of the transcript, you find that someone has erred in that well-intentioned effort, well—it's the spirit of the thing, not the letter.

We all will be here one day—that train is a-coming, and we know not when. I suggest that is something to remember when the heat of the day and its frenzy, even within our air-conditioned cocoons, gets a little too close. Life really is too short.

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FROM THE EDITOR, DAVE MAXFIELD



So, I was sitting around with my inlaws a few weeks back on a deck overlooking the shore of Lake Lure. The sun was just going down over the mountains, and the wine and conversation were flowing. The topic of conversation was “what was the first concert you ever saw?” I had the best by far. 1982. The Police at the Omni, Atlanta (yeah, take

THAT Men at Work).

Trying recount how, 30 years ago, three 8th graders convinced their parents to let them go unchaperoned to this concert could be a column in and of itself. I don’t remember how we pulled it off but I’m sure it required a certain, shall we say, “flexibility” with the truth. What I’ll never forget was how great the show was. To this day, “Message in a Bottle” remains one of my favorite songs.

*Just a castaway
An island lost at sea, oh
Another lonely day
No one here but me, oh
More loneliness
Any man could bear
Rescue me before I fall into despair*

*I’ll send an SOS to the world
I’ll send an SOS to the world
I hope that someone gets my
I hope that someone gets my
I hope that someone gets my
Message in a bottle*

Which brings me, naturally, to the subject of the new Egyptian Constitution. Huh? Stay with me a second. Think back a year to the “Arab Spring” in Egypt. What happened, exactly? People, isolated and repressed for decades, rose up and threw off the police state. Did they use guns or bombs? Rarely, although the risk was just as real. They used

Twitter, floating little scraps of electronic script upon the digital sea of the internet. Pretty quickly they figured out they weren’t alone, and history was changed.

Fast forward to a few weeks ago. With a presidential election still undecided, the Egyptian military elite dissolves the parliament and declares what amounts to martial law. And it gives the Egyptian people their precious constitution. Just without any of those pesky “rights.”

*A year has passed since I wrote my note
I should have known this right from the start
Only hope can keep me together
Love can mend your life
But love can break your heart*

With the election of Mohammed Morsi and his attempt to reinstate parliament, it remains to be seen whether a new Egyptian police state will emerge and try to cram the message back into the bottle. Reports so far are that Egypt’s senior officials -- including judges -- are siding with the military.

What does it mean for us? Somewhat infamously, back in February, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg told Egyptians that they “shouldn’t look at the U.S. Constitution for their model.” While her comments were unfairly taken out of context, it should still hit home. The “American Spring” of 230 years ago was more about guns than Twitter, but the prize was the same. And success depended then, as now, on the ability to communicate a common sentiment.

As with any prize of great value, something always returns to try to reclaim it. Sometimes sooner, as in Egypt. Sometimes later. Sometimes that something is us and our fear.

After I type this message to you, I’ll put it in the digital bottle of an email and send it to Helen Johnson, who puts our newsletter together. Will my message (along with all my other emails) be indexed in the U.S. National Security Agency’s new data complex in Utah, along with billions or trillions of other Americans’ emails, phone calls, and online histories? Our

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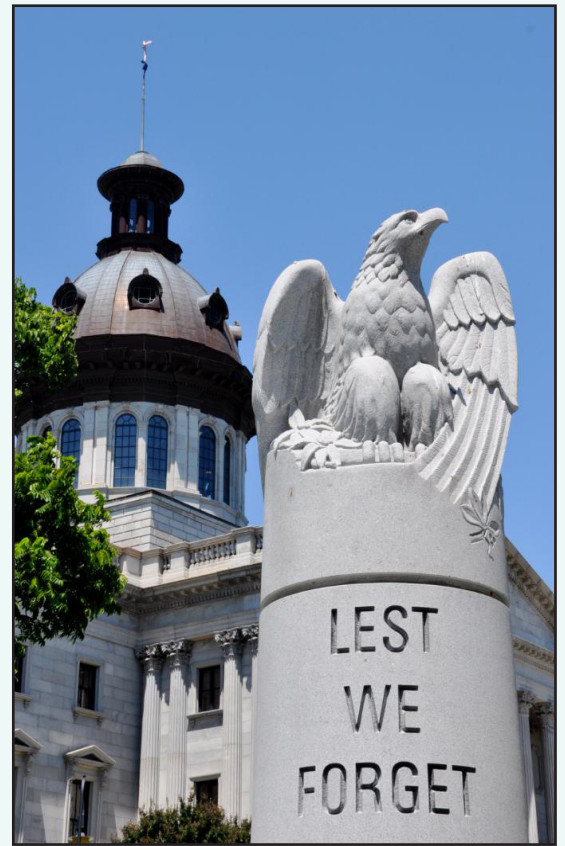
government says no. Some (including former 30 year NSA employee William Binney) say otherwise.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Sometimes being vigilant means being an alarmist, even at the risk of raising false alarms. Because only history reveals when the alarmists are right.

We all took an oath to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States." I hope that history will prove that monitoring does not always lead to censorship and that the erosion of our privacy rights is a temporary condition. But only time will tell. Until then, I'm just a guy sending out an SOS.

Dave Maxfield of Trotter & Maxfield is the editor of the Richbar News, and can be reached at dave@trotterandmaxfield.com.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: CALLISON TIGHE

With a nod to the unfortunate fact that hunger isn't a problem that goes away after the holidays, this summer Callison Tighe & Robinson has supplemented its traditional winter donation to Harvest Hope.

Callison Tighe Managing Member Michael W. Tighe presented Harvest Hope with the keys and title to the Ford Ranger pickup truck Thursday during a Columbia Cares 4 Kids food drive, an event sponsored by WACH-FOX to benefit children who miss meals during the summer because school isn't in session.

The truck is the newest and most versatile component of Harvest Hope's 21-vehicle fleet, communications director Skot Garrick said. "Before, if we had to pick up a smaller donation from a retailer or grocery store, or if a smaller business had a food drive, we had to fire up one of bigger trucks and burn a lot of fuel. With the pickup, we can be a lot more nimble now. We are certainly grateful to Callison Tighe for this wonderful donation. It will be a huge benefit to us in better managing our resources."

The truck donation is in keeping with Callison Tighe's long-term commitment to helping hungry families in the Midlands. For three consecutive years during the holiday season, the firm has foregone its annual party and instead donated \$10,000 to Harvest Hope.

"It is a privilege for Callison Tighe to support an organization that does so much for so many in the Midlands," Callison Tighe member Rick Detwiler said. "Harvest Hope always has been a great steward of the resources the community contributes, and with the addition of the pickup, they can stretch their donated dollars because they'll save on fuel costs."

Harvest Hope's programs range from emergency food pantries to distribution of commodity foods, with 98 percent of the donations collected going directly to people who need help. The organization assisted 2 million people in 2010. Harvest Hope also operates a mobile food pantry in communities

without access to the organization's regular food pantries, and it helps with programs that provide for children after school and during times when school isn't in session.

According to the nonprofit Feeding America, more than 12 million children in the United States consistently lack enough nutritious food to enjoy a healthy life. That number includes 20 percent of South Carolina's children.

About Harvest Hope Food Bank

Harvest Hope Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Beginning in 1981 as an emergency food box program, Harvest Hope is now a regional distribution program that collects, stores and distributes food and related items to more than 400 agencies engaged in feeding needy, elderly and ill families and children in 20 counties in central South Carolina.

To make a donation to Harvest Hope, go to <http://www.harvesthope.org> and click on "Donate Now," or call (803) 254-4432.



Harvest Hope communications director Skot Garrick and WACH meteorologist Henry Rothenberg speak with Mike Tighe and Louis Lang of Callison Tighe & Robinson during a recent ceremony in which Callison Tighe presented Harvest Hope with the keys to a pickup truck the law firm donated to the food bank.


SC BAR FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1.89 MILLION IN GRANTS

The South Carolina Bar Foundation has awarded \$1.89 million in grant funds to support civil legal aid, law related education and other legal related projects. In the Midlands, Sistercare received \$26,000 to provide legal services free of charge to battered women and their children. The University of South Carolina School of Law Pro Bono Program was given \$15,000 to place law student clerks in various legal services organizations. Richland County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) was awarded \$7,500 to represent abused and neglected children in Richland County.

Statewide entities with a presence in the Midlands also received Foundation funding. South Carolina Legal Services (\$1.4 million) is the only full range civil legal services provider for low income citizens. With offices throughout the state, the law firm serves thousands each year. The SC Bar Law Related Education Division (\$216,000) promotes civic education through programs for the state's youth. The SC Bar Pro Bono Program (\$100,000) works to serve those in need by utilizing volunteer lawyers.

The SC Access to Justice Commission (\$82,400) explores ways to expand legal services for low income South Carolinians. The SC Center for Fathers & Families (\$65,000) oversees and manages the operations of six fatherhood programs that connect low income fathers with livable wage jobs. The Center also gives training and support to help the fathers become better dads. The SC Bar Ask-A-Lawyer Program (\$40,000) hosts legal education clinics, phone banks and "legal lessons" seminars to advance the public's understanding of the law. SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center (\$15,000) provides training for legal services lawyers, pro bono attorneys and the private bar on areas of law that affect the low income community.

The South Carolina Bar Foundation funds the advancement of justice by improving access, education and accountability. Since 1987, the Foundation has allocated approximately \$43.8 million to various legal related organizations that work on behalf of the justice community. Last year alone, Foundation grantees assisted more than 10,200 low income South Carolinians in need of legal services, 450 homeless men and women and 390 victims of domestic abuse. For more information, visit sbarfoundation.org.



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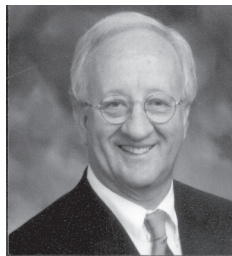
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H.E.L.P. ON FACEBOOK

Homeless Experience Legal Protection (H.E.L.P.) of Columbia is now on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/HELPOfColumbia>. The mission of H.E.L.P. is to provide pro bono legal assistance to homeless individuals through volunteer service by members of the legal profession. H.E.L.P. enlists local attorneys, law students and paralegals in cities across the country to provide pro bono legal assistance to homeless individuals. In Columbia, H.E.L.P. is an ongoing project of the Richland County Bar Association Public Service Committee in cooperation with the South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Services Division. H.E.L.P. clinics are held monthly at either Catholic Charities on Taylor Street or Transitions on Main Street. Attorneys, law students and paralegals are encouraged to contact Will Dillard by email at will@belserpa.com to volunteer.



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THE “LESS PAPER” OFFICE

By Bill Latham Bill@hytechlawyer.com



For years, there has been talk of the paperless law office. Originally, it was thought by many that the computer age and most notably e-mail would drastically reduce the amount of paper in our lives. The reality, however, is that the quantity of written communications has skyrocketed, and while only a fraction of email and instant messages are printed, the end result has actually more paper being used. According to *The Economist* magazine, the average American uses the paper equivalent of almost six 40-foot trees a year, which is up 50% from usage in 1980. Given this fact, reducing the amount of paper flowing in your law practice is more important than ever, not only for the good of the environment, but also to enhance efficiency, provide out of office access to all of your files, and to provide better back-up options and reduced storage expense.

A good overview of the steps to take in implementing a law office paper reduction program is outlined in an article on Adriana Linares' ihearttech blog titled, *Paperless for Lawyers – A 12 Step Plan* (<http://www.ihearttech.com/2012/05/paperless-for-lawyers.html>). Linares, a legal technology trainer and consultant residing in Winterpark, Florida, says the first step is to make a plan, “and that plan should look a lot like a document retention/destruction policy.” The article provides links to various resources. Linares advises:

Make sure you are armed with accurate details about what you are required to keep, for how long and in what format (in other words, can you convert the paper file to digital and still comply with retention rules related to your practice / type of document). What do you keep in paper format? What can you scan and destroy? What do you just destroy? What do you send to the client for safekeeping?

The article goes on to briefly discuss the practicalities of implementing a paper reduction policy, including the proper equipment to purchase, what equipment to replace (e.g., the traditional fax machine), software, and remote access and portability considerations.

A more detailed treatment of the subject is a wonderful e-book by David Sparks entitled “PA-PERLESS” that is available where ebooks are sold. Sparks' book is oriented toward Mac®, iPad® and iPhone® users, but addresses subjects of universal interest such as the best ways to capture and store documents/data including advice on selecting scanning equipment; how to process the documents and data so that you can find them (naming conventions, storage and backup), and using the documents (working with PDF files, transfer of files between devices, signing digital documents, etc.).

TIP FOR THE MONTH: Even if you are able to drastically reduce the paper used by your law practice, for the foreseeable future there will still be considerable paper coming into your office. Sonoco Recycling offers a wonderful **FREE** paper shredding and recycling service for businesses in the Columbia area. They will loan 90 gallon “confidential” roll carts (with locks) and provide free call-in pick-up service for high grade paper. While relatively secure because it is locked, I would not recommend the service for highly confidential documents, as the shredding takes place off-site. However, most law offices have lots of paper that is not truly confidential. An office shredder can be used for those truly confidential documents. If you are interested in this free service, contact jane.hiller@sonoco.com or call 779-0608.



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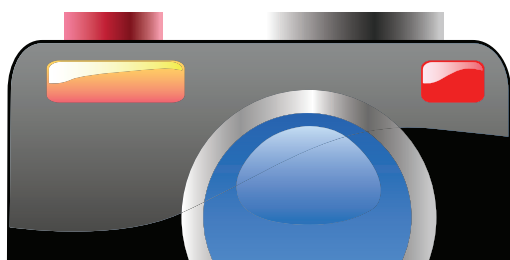
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FIVE THINGS LAWYERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CLOUD

By Courtney Kennaday, Practice Management Advisor for the SC Bar

If there is one technology topic that is hot right now, it's Cloud computing. Although most lawyers have heard something about Cloud computing, there is confusion about what the Cloud is and what it can do for them. Unfortunately, researching the Cloud may leave you feeling more bewildered than enlightened. From the flood of acronyms (SaaS, PaaS, IaaS) to conflicting opinions by the experts about what to call everything, it's a confusing topic. There are companies that offer to back up your data to the cloud, others that let you share and synchronize your files with other users, and new products for practice management cropping up regularly. It's hard to know what's what. Leaving aside technical jargon and simplifying the Cloud to its core, there are five things every lawyer should know.

1. The Cloud is not new.

The "Cloud" is a new name for something that has been around for years. When you hear "Cloud" it usually means that the software and data you are accessing are not on your computer but somewhere else, accessible through the Internet. If you have used AOL or Gmail, then you've used the Cloud to access your email on someone else's server. What is new are the products and services available for lawyers.

2. Some software programs for law firms only exist in the Cloud.

Software as a Service, aka, SaaS, is software that isn't installed on your computer; it's only in the Cloud. Instead of purchasing CDs and loading them on your office computer or server, you sign up online and pay a monthly subscription fee. Some examples include the case management products Clio, Rocket Matter, and MyCase.

3. Software you install on your office computers can also be hosted in the Cloud.

Traditionally, lawyers purchase servers and create computer networks for their office. Some software is installed and shared across the network; some is installed on each individual's computer. The law firm has the chore (and expense) of keeping the network running smoothly.

4. If you live by the Cloud, you die by the Cloud.

Cloud computing is utterly dependent on the Internet. If you lose the Internet, with most Cloud products, you lose the ability to work.

5. You may ethically use Cloud computing.

In South Carolina, there are currently no ethics opinions on Cloud computing. Several other states have issued advisory opinions on using Cloud services, including North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Alabama. Of the states that have opined, all have decided in favor of allowing lawyers to use Cloud services, with caveats. Most of the opinions caution lawyers to take reasonable care to ensure confidentiality is maintained and reasonable safeguards are employed to protect client data from breaches, loss, and other risks. The South Carolina Bar has posted a list of due diligence questions on its website to assist lawyers with choosing a Cloud vendor (search for *Questions to Ask Cloud Providers*).

Go to <http://www.scsmallfirm.com/wordpress/2012/05/5-things-lawyers-should-know-about-the-cloud> to read the complete article.



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NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



McKay Cauthen Settana & Stubleby announces that **James E.L. "Eddie" Fickling** has passed the North Carolina Bar Exam.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Joel Collins** has been selected as a faculty member for the 2012 ABOTA National Trial College which meets at Harvard Law School this summer.

Jack Barnes announces that he has moved his practice to Sumter. His new address is PO Box 2838, Sumter SC, 29151. Street Address: 635 Henderson St., 29150. Phone: 840-6327. Fax: 803-565-7367.

Collins & Lacy announces that they have opened a new office in Charleston and now have offices in the "four corners" Columbia, Charleston Myrtle Beach and Greenville.

Ellis Lawhorne & Sims announces the creation of an Endowed Fund at Central Carolina Community foundation and annual gifts to Home Works, Trinity Housing Corporation and the Midlands Housing Alliance.

The McKay Firm announces that **Kelli Sullivan** is a certified mediator with experience representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants in personal injury, insurance and business matters.

Todd & Johnson announces that **Arthur E. White III** has become an associate of the firm located at 609 Sims Ave. 29201. Phone: 252-1500. Fax: 252-1375.

Richardson Plowden & Robinson announces that **Drew H. Butler** is the recipient of the A. William Roberts, Jr. & Associates Litigator of the Year award, cited for his outstanding courtroom skill sets and presence, gentile temperament, and exemplary pro bono services with an outstanding work ethic.

Wilson Jones Carter & Baxley announces that **William Henry Shipley** has joined the Columbia office located at 4500 Fort Jackson Blvd. 29209. Phone: 782-2520.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Tanya Gee** has become Special Counsel in the Columbia office located at 1230 Main St. 29201. Phone: 771-8900. The firm also announces that a leadership program for middle school girls, founded by **Laurie Becker** and Bank of America Senior Vice President Marcia Benson, graduated its 4th leadership class last spring. The program was founded in 2010 to help instill leadership and professionalism in the middle school girls.

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

Richardson Plowden announces that **David A. Anderson** was elected as a member of the Federation of the Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC).

Nelson Mullins announces that **James K. Lehman** has been elected Managing Partner with his office on the 17th floor

of 1320 Main St.

Lipscomb Law Firm announces that **Kelsey Katrina Lipscomb** has joined the firm located at 1634 Main St. #200, 29201. Phone: 233-6654.

Pam Mullis has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. She is the only woman in the prestigious Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum from South Carolina.

Marne Sherman PA announces that **James D. Copeland** has become an associate of the firm located at 301 Stoneridge Dr, 29210. Phone: 772-3242.

Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd announces that **Carlisle Roberts, Jr.** has become special counsel to the firm located at 1201 Main St. 22nd floor, 29201. Phone: 779-3080.

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

Timothy G. Quinn announces that **Natalie J. Quinn** and **Cynthia K. Mason** will be joining as partners of the firm which will now be known as **Quinn and Mason LLC**.

Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **Curtis L. Ott** has joined the firm as a partner located at 1201 Main St. #1200, 29201. Phone: 779-1833.

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Graybill & Lansche announces its relocation to 2721 Devine St. 29205.

Angela M. Kirby announces the opening of **Kirby Law LLC** located at 1531 Laurel St. 29201. Phone: 256-6401

Richardson Plowden announces that **Emily R. Gifford** and **Shelton W. Haile** have been named shareholders in the firm. The firm also announces that it has expanded its Myrtle Beach office to include the entire building.

Sowell Gray announces that **Tina Cundari** has been elected member in the firm.

Cal Watson, of **Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte**, is the new treasurer of the SC Bar.

Franchelle C. Millender, certified specialist in elder law by the National Elder Law Foundation has been named one of the 2012 Fellows of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Turner Padget announces that **Michelle Proveaux Clayton** has been named shareholder in the firm.

Hoover C. Blanton and **Thomas E. McCutchen** announce their retirement and the closing of their offices **McCutchen Blanton LLP**.

Pope Zeigler announces that **Brent Jeffcoat** and **Matt Davis** have joined **Pope Zeigler** as partners.

Collins & Lacy announce that the

members of their firm have been selected as members in **Claims and Litigation Management Alliance**. The firm also announces that **Jack Griffeth** and **Ross Plyler** have been elected to the SC Bar House of Delegates.

The Department of Health and environmental Control announces that **W. Marshall Taylor, Jr.** has joined the agency as general counsel located at 2600 Bull St. 29201. Phone: 898-3432.

Nelson Mullins has awarded two SC legal aid organizations grants for children's issues: S. C. Legal Services and S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center.

Rob Tyson of **Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte** has been re-elected to a second term with the SC Bar House of Delegates.

United Way of the Midlands has honored **Ed Mullins** of **Nelson Mullins** as the 2011 **Alyce Kemp DeWitt Award** winner. This award recognizes a volunteer whose creativity and passion have made an extraordinary impact on **United Way of the Midlands**.

Turner Padget Graham & Laney announces the launch of its Drug and Medical Device practice group, to build on the firms' long-standing history of providing legal services to the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

Michael Pinilla announces the opening of **Pinilla Law Firm** located at 920 St. Andrews Rd. Suite 1, 29210.

Phone: 728-0045.

McNair Law Firm announces that **Sharon C. Bramlett** has been named President of the Palmetto Center for Women.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Tommy Preston** is the new President-elect of the Gates Millennium Scholars Alumni Association, which is comprised of graduates who were awarded college scholarships paid for by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Collins & Lacy announces that retail/hospitality law attorney **Christian Stegmaier** has been selected to join the International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association by its membership board. He is the only member selected from South Carolina. The firm also announces that **Jack Griffeth** has become the President of the SC Bar Foundation.

Rikard & Protopapas announces that it has moved to 1329 Blanding St. in the Historic Dial-Willis-Heyward House, originally the site of the Blanding House. Contact information remains the same.

Pope Zeigler Law Firm announces that **Margaret Pope** has been elected to the Governor's School for the Arts Foundation Board of Directors.

McNair Law Firm announces that **Kip McAlister** has joined the Columbia office located at 1221 Main St. #1800, 29201. Phone: 799-9800.

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Gallivan White & Boyd announces that **William R. Harbison** has joined the firm's Columbia office as a partner. The firm also announces that **Grayson Smith** and **Janice Holmes** have joined the firm's Columbia office as associates.

Kathleen McDaniel, an associate with Callison Tight & Robinson, has received a Compleat Lawyer Award from the USC school of Law Alumni Association.

J. Marvin "Bo" Mullis was presented with the Great American Eagle award by the Southern Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) at its annual convention. "The award is given to honor an individual who has a calling to help others and is a powerful example of the bold pursuit of excellence and justice."

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **Heath M. Stewart**, **Matthew S. Moser** and **E. Scott Winburn** have joined firm located at 1320 Main St., 29201 as associates. Phone: 227-2285.

Collins & Lacy announces that it now offers representation for subrogation claims in the areas of construction, property loss, products liability and other matters. This new area of practice is led by **Joseph McCue** and **James "Lee" Floyd**.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Michael P. Morris** has been elected shareholder in the Columbia office.

Pope Zeigler announces that **Margaret McGee** has been appointed to serve as President-elect of the Hollywood Rose

Hill Neighborhood Association.

Davidson & Lindemann announces that **David A. DeMasters** has become an associate of the firm located at 1611 Devonshire Dr., 29204. Phone: 806-8222.

RCBA Attorneys selected for inclusion in *South Carolina Super Lawyers 2012®*:

- McNair: **Michael Beal, Elizabeth M. Crum, M. Craig Garner, Celeste T. Jones, Richard J. Morgan, Jane W. Trinkley**
- Moses Koon & Brackett: **William Bert Brannon**
- Turner Padgett: **Reginald W. Belcher, John E. Cuttino, Lanneau W. Lambert Jr., Curtis L. Ott, Thomas C. Salane, Franklin G. Shuler Jr., Catherine H. Kennedy, Nicholas W. Gladd and Carmelo D. Sammataro.**
- Richardson Plowden: **George Beighley, Eugene H. Matthews, Anthony E. Rebollo, and Franklin J. Smith Jr.**
- Ellis Lawhorne: **John F. Beach, Rita Bragg Cullum, F. Earl Ellis Jr., Wesley D. Few, Ernest G. Lawhorne, John L. McCants, David C. Sojourner Jr. and Karen Hudson Thomas**
- Collins & Lacy: **Joel W. Collins Jr., Stanford E. Lacy, Jack D. Griffeth, Michael Pitts**
- Sowell Gray: **Biff Sowell, Betsy Gray, Bobby Stepp, Becky Laffitte, Cal Watson and Monty Todd.**
- Callison Tighe: **Michael Tighe and Malissa Burnette**
- Nexsen Pruet: **Gene Allen, Henry**

Brown, David Dubberly, Vickie Eslinger, William Floyd, Tommy Lavender, Susi McWilliams, Rick Mendoza, Billy Newsome and Marguerite Willis.

- Gallivan White & Boyd: **Gray T. Culbreath and John T. Lay**

An attorney representing inmates with severe mental illnesses will testify Tuesday during the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights on their treatment in South Carolina prisons. **Stuart Andrews**, a partner in Nelson Mullins office, is testifying on behalf of Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, South Carolina prison inmates, and their Guardian ad Litem.

Congratulations to **Ken Childs**, of Childs & Halligan, who has been honored with a special "Friend of Education Award" from SCASA, the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. The award is given periodically to someone who is not in a regular school leadership role, but who has served the public education community throughout their career. Childs, a longtime SCASA member, began his career as a teacher and assistant principal in Greenville County high schools before attending law school and founding his own law firm. His practice focuses on school law and inter-governmental relations.

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Employment Opportunities on www.richbar.org

The RCBA is now posting legal-related employment opportunities on our website, www.richbar.org. Additionally, we will post the listings on the RCBA Facebook page. To submit a listing, please e-mail it to rcba@richbar.org.



BREAKFAST WITH THE BIGG DOGS RETURNS

About ten years ago, the RCBA launched a program called Breakfast with the Bigg Dogs. It was a very popular series of morning meetings with some of Columbia's movers and shakers. It is primarily aimed to attract new and young attorneys and to give them a chance to get to know, in a small setting, the speakers and have question and answer exchanges. The goal is to facilitate an atmosphere where lawyers will be able to meet, talk to, and learn about and from some of the lawyers, county and city leaders they read about

in the newspaper and see on television. RCBA's Billy McGee of Nelson Mullins is preparing to restart the program in the fall of this year. The breakfasts are limited to 12 people and reservations will be on a first-come first-serve basis. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 and will be paid at the door. If you are interested in suggesting a name for a speaker, email Billy with your idea (billy.mcgee@nelsonmullins.com). The times and dates will be announced via e-blasts or postcards.

RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

2011-CP-40-2923

Lewis Collins IV vs. Kysha R. Fogle
Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Shannon Matthews

Defendant: Dale Lang, Jr.

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: for Defendant

2010-CP-40-7204

Cathy Annette Toole vs. Parkway
Properties General Partners Inc. et al.
Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Lisa McPherson

Defendant: Danielle Payne, Rhodes
Bailey

Cause of Action: Personal Injury/Slip

and Fall

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$399,000

2011-CP-40-1238

W.N. Yates Jr. vs. C.R. Burns

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: C.C. Tiffin

Defendant: J. E. Brogdon III

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$45,000

2011-CP-40-0890

T. Gary vs. R.C. Sheriff Leon Lott

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: L. L. Myers

Defendant: R.D. Garfield

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$13,000 reduced to
\$7,150

2010-P-40-7621

Shirley Jamerson vs. Palmetto Health
Alliance, et al.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Daniel W. Luginbill

Defendant: Montieth P. Todd

Cause of Action:

Personal Injury/

Slip and Fall

Verdict: For

Defendant



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Turner Padgett announces that *Chambers USA 2012* has recognized **Franklin G. Shuler** in their Columbia office. The firm has been recognized as a leading firm in the area of Commercial Litigation. Turner Padgett also announces that **Reginald W. Belcher** has been named one of the top corporate employment attorneys in the nation for 2012 by Human Resource Executive® Magazine and Lawdragon.com.

Nelson Mullins announces that *Chambers USA 2012* has recognized **David Dukes** and **Stephen G. Morrison**, **Steve McKelvey**, **Gus Dixon**, **Dan Fritze**, **Mason Hogue**, **John Moore**, **Sue Erwin Harper** in the Columbia office. The publication

also recognizes the firm in the areas of products liability litigation, mass tort defense, commercial litigation, corporate/mergers and acquisitions and corporate work in banking and finance.

McNair Law Firm announces the opening of a new office in Lexington, Kentucky.

Nelson Mullins announces that the firm has opened an office in Nashville TN.

Amy L.B. Hill, a special counsel with Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, has been listed among the top female attorneys in the country in a new publication by the publishers of Benchmark Litigation.



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