

# RICHBARNEWS

## Newsletter of the Richland County Bar Association

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Judicial BBQ

Thurs., May 13 at 5:30 PM

#### Family Night at the Zoo

Thurs., June 3 at 6:00 PM

#### Memorial Service

Fri., June 11 at 12:00 PM

#### Lunch and Learn

*Creditor's Claims in the  
Probate Court*

Wednesday, April 28  
12:00-1:00 pm

#### SAVE THE DATE 2009

Judicial Reception - Aug. 19

CLE - Nov. 5

Annual Meeting - Dec. 9



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been practicing for a while now, and my years have provided me with perspective that some of you might not have. Recently I have wondered, are we losing our connection with our fellow attorneys? Sometimes I become concerned that we might be.

There are a number of voluntary organizations and specialty bars that lawyers have formed and joined depending on their practices and special interests. These are good organizations that benefit their members in many ways. I belong to at least six of these, including the RCBA, and I find each to be worthwhile. Of these, the RCBA is most inclusive.

What type law I practice, before which court or administrative body I practice or, for that matter, whether I actually practice law at all doesn't factor in. Its criteria for membership are broad, and it has been that way for a long time. With only a few special categories which add members on the basis of an exception, a person qualifies if he or she lives or practices in Richland County and is admitted to the Bar in South Carolina. The term practice is undefined.

If you get a chance, go to our website, click on "History" and scroll down to the composite photograph of the RCBA taken in 1968. It will show you a number of things. The most obvious difference between then and now is that our organization has grown. What isn't obvious from it is the significance that you find private practitioners, corporate in-house attorneys, lawyers who were not involved in the law as a profession, government employed attorneys, the Attorney General of South Carolina, law professors, judges, men, women, and people of differing ethnic backgrounds. Another thing that you can't see is the context of the photograph.

Prior to 1968, lawyers admitted to practice in South Carolina didn't have to be members of an organized bar, and, amazingly, women weren't even allowed to serve on state juries until 1969. We integrated the RCBA by a vote of the membership, and I believe we were one of if not the first bar in the state to do this.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

A few years ago, I was looking through some of my wife Betsy's family mementos. A small, yellowed clipping fluttered out. It was probably cut out of The Chicago Tribune by Betsy's great-grandfather Frank C. Bowker, a family doctor in Morris, Illinois. It is dated 1921. Ever since finding this, I have kept a copy in my desk. When things don't go as I would like, I review it to regain the perspective I need. I thought I would share this with each of you, and I hope you will find it meaningful.

### List Your Advantages

"If you are beginning to feel sorry for yourself, make a little list of your advantages. Compare yourself first to the people of a hundred years ago; second, to the people in less favored sections of the world.

Today you may think there is no opportunity. Yet all around you men are finding opportunities, and getting rich and famous out of them.

University extension movements have brought education within your reach. Benjamin Franklin had to dig his out of books, and it cost him a hundred times the effort that your education will cost you, no matter how hard you have to work for it.

Today you can, if you choose, live well at almost any price. Ready made clothes and shoes can be had for what you want to pay for them, if you are not too particular. There is not a city or village in this country where enough food to support life cannot be had for a very few cents a day. Books in libraries are free. Travel costs little in either money or time compared to its former cost. A few years ago a widely known writer toured the world for a little over \$100, working his way as he went. That would have been impossible even fifty years ago.

You live in a well governed, civilized country, where the climate is invigorating and conducive to effort, and where on every hand there is incentive to honest labor. No oppressors are set over you. Your toil cannot be bought and sold. You can quit any job you don't like.

You do not have to submit to abuse or to ill treatment. Almost any of the maladies that once brought certain death can now be cured by medical skill.

You live in an age of wonders, like the telephone and the airplane and electric light and power. Compared with your great-great-grandmother, or with the people who populate the slopes of the Andes or the Malayan Peninsula, your lot is a pretty easy one. Don't complain about it. Make the most of it." (Copyright, 1921)

As we confront the challenges that face our profession, our community, and our nation, let us remember that we are living in an age of wonders our forbearers could not even imagine.

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## RICHBARNEWS

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Jane Wilroy Trinkley** is a shareholder in the Columbia, South Carolina office of the McNair Law Firm, P.A. She practices civil litigation, with an affinity for ERISA and health care issues. Jane thoroughly enjoys the work she

does for her clients, but if you want to see her face light up, ask her about her kids. There are hundreds of them. Most have suffered severe abuse or neglect. Like the five feral children found in the woods subsisting on berries because their mentally ill birth parents could not care for them. And the young man with the master's degree who is supporting his own family now, though a psychiatrist once opined that he would never be able to live outside an institution. Jane knows these and many other kids through **Children Unlimited**, South Carolina's only private, non-sectarian, special needs adoption agency.

Jane was introduced to these children by the late Randall T. Bell before he left McNair Law Firm to join the South Carolina Court of Appeals. In hindsight, Jane believes Judge Bell intended for her relationship with Children Unlimited to endure. He would be pleased with her passion and dedication to providing the gift of family to vulnerable and abused children and youth. She has served Children Unlimited in various capacities for more than 25 years and as Chair of the Board from 2000–2003.

Children Unlimited was one of the first agencies in the nation founded on the belief that every child is adoptable, regardless of age, race, number of siblings or special needs. When the agency was founded in 1977, few believed it was possible to find permanent adoptive homes for teenagers, or sibling groups as large as seven, or children so horribly abused that they suffer almost unspeakable emotional and behavioral problems. Children Unlimited has proven that such children are indeed adoptable, and that the human benefits of adoption, to children and society are incalculable. By placing over 600 children in permanent adoptive homes, Children Unlimited has also saved the State over \$85 million in foster care expenses.

Helping severely abused children to heal is not quick or simple. Consequently, Children Unlimited's services have grown over the years to include an array of services to assist children and families long after adoption. Children Unlimited provides support groups, weekend retreats, respite care, summer camps, crisis intervention and therapy services, and offers them to any adoptive family living in South Carolina. Jane has participated in many fundraising efforts over the years because Children Unlimited does not charge families for its services.



Jane believes that every child deserves, and truly has an inalienable right to, a permanent family. She likens the difference between foster care and adoption to the difference between a dating relationship and a marriage. Jane loves to share stories of children for whom the adoption commitment has made a life transforming difference, like the teenager who was running the streets, hanging with the wrong crowd and involved with drugs. After Children Unlimited placed this youth with a family in Charleston, he graduated from high school, college, and Duke Law School.

Jane received the McNair Law Firm's Outstanding Community Service Award in 1998 for her work with Children Unlimited and her other civic contributions, which have included teaching Bible studies at a local prison where Jane says she learned far more from the inmates than she ever taught them. She has served for nearly two decades on the board of St. Peters Catholic School, which provides a faith-based, academically excellent education for a diverse student body in an urban setting. Jane has also shared generously of her time on committees of the South Carolina Bar and on the South Carolina Supreme Court's Commission on Lawyer Conduct, as well as McNair's Associate Development and Professionalism Committees.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...continued from page 1

The criticism can be made that we didn't do it soon enough, but this was prior to the formation of the South Carolina State Bar, which required membership of all lawyers admitted to practice. Prior to that happening, all bar associations in the state were voluntary. In 1975, the South Carolina State Bar merged with the South Carolina Bar Association, a voluntary, mostly social organization, to form the present South Carolina Bar.



*Bar members enjoying shrimp at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Photo by Stuart Morgan ([www.morganphotography.ws](http://www.morganphotography.ws)).*

Membership in the RCBA, then, as now, allowed us to keep up with the happenings in the entire legal community involved with the capital city. It actually takes more effort to do this now as compared to then. To do this, we presently provide a well-designed and informative publication, a website with some bells and whistles I can't even use, a full social program, continuing legal education, recognition of achievements of our members, memorials

and many opportunities to better our community. Each thing we do has some impact on connection, potentially bringing the whole local Bar together.

One thing that concerns me about the present is some of our members aren't taking full advantage of what we are providing. Our programs and events are generally well-attended because of their quality. But some of our functions lack the broad participation we desire, yet we don't get feedback from the non-participating membership as to why this might be.

Please don't get the impression that I am trying to place blame on other legal organizations. Our Bar has provided not only members but leadership to a number of them. Some of our members have led national and/or state organizations of plaintiff's attorneys, defense attorneys, family law practitioners and attorneys advocating preservation of the right of trial by jury to identify a few. With the capabilities of our membership, we will certainly continue to provide leadership and thereby influence those organizations and others like them. I submit participating in the local Bar may be the best experience available to prepare for service in any other legal organization.

What I am trying to say is this: if we have a social function, come to it. If we have a CLE or community project, participate in it. If we recognize some of our members, whether they are living or dead, be there to honor them. If we are not providing what you need, tell us. Our members are our strength. Staying connected in these ways will continue to make us better.

## LUNCH & LEARN - CREDITOR'S CLAIMS IN THE PROBATE COURT

**Leader:** Catherine H. Kennedy

**Date/Time:** April 28, 12:00-1:00 pm

**Location:** SC BAR Classroom, 2nd floor

**Cost:** \$10 fee for lunch

*Reservations necessary - e-mail [rcba@scbar.org](mailto:rcba@scbar.org)*

On Wednesday, April 28, former Probate Judge Cathy Kennedy will talk about Creditor's Claims Under the South

Carolina Probate Code. Topics include the time limit for filing pre-death claims, how to present claims, whether claims can be made when there is no personal representative and more.





# MEMORIAL PROCEEDINGS SET FOR JUNE

The Richland County Bar Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 11 at 12:00 noon on the second floor of the Judicial Center. The Honorable James R. Barber will be the presiding judge.

Susan Campbell of McCutchen Blanton Hopkins & Campbell, chair of the RCBA Memorial Committee, will organize and plan the ceremony. It is traditionally held in June of each year. This program is mandated by the court for the association. All business in the other courtrooms ceases for that hour in honor of those being memorialized. The ceremony is dedicated to the memory of recently deceased members of the association and allows friends and family members to remember them as members of our collegium.

It is equally important that we honor their service to the Bar and that we uphold the dignity of our great

profession. The committee encourages you to participate by attending this special event and honoring our past members.

The ceremony will begin promptly at noon and last for one hour. You are urged to arrive on time so as not to interrupt the proceeding. Please remember that parking spaces are limited and allow time to walk. The service will be followed by a reception with refreshments in the lobby, where you will have an opportunity to speak with the families and friends of those remembered. No reservations are necessary.

Those being remembered this year who died in 2009 are: Ronald A. Barrett, Lester L. Bates Jr., Roy D. Bates, George L. Dial Jr., Jennifer D. Evans, John E. Hardaway, William Joseph Isaacs, Grady L. Patterson, Tara Sue Taggart, W. Thomas Vernon and Jan L. Warner.

## USC SCHOOL OF LAW RECOGNIZES COMPLEAT LAWYERS

The Compleat Lawyer Awards were established in 1992 by the University of South Carolina Law School Alumni Association to recognize alumni for outstanding civic and professional accomplishments. Each year the Alumni Association recognizes nine outstanding alumni at our Alumni Association Dinner. Nominees are individuals who have made significant contributions to the legal profession and exemplify the highest standard of professional competence, ethics and integrity.

The award recipients for 2010 are:

**Platinum** (30 or more years in profession) -

John M. Bleecker, Jr., William C. Hubbard, Robert A. McKenzie

**Gold** (15-29 years in profession) -

R. Rene Josey, W. Cliff Moore III, Richard L. Tapp, Jr.

**Silver** (up to 14 years in profession) -

Jennifer W. Rubin, Tiffany R. Spann-Wilder, Catherine B. Templeton

The 2010 event will be held in the Palmetto Ballroom of the Marriott Columbia, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia on Thursday, April 15. Reservations are \$55 per person (\$25 for children under 12 years of age; 2 years and under are free). The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. and seating for dinner at 7:15 p.m. Wine service is included with dinner. The attire for the event is semi formal. You may reserve a table for up to eight guests, and sponsor tables are available.

To make a reservation and for complete details, please call (803) 777-8058 or visit [http://law.sc.edu/compleat\\_lawyer/registration](http://law.sc.edu/compleat_lawyer/registration).

*"Lawyers enjoy a little mystery, you know. Why, if everybody came forward and told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth straight out, we should all retire to the workhouse." - Dorothy L. Sayers*

## PARKER POE COLUMBIA PAIRS CLIENT APPRECIATION WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Columbia office of Parker Poe recently held their “Ring in the New Year & Give Back” client event. Not just a regular party, this event was all about assisting the community and getting clients engaged in the charity effort.

More than 125 clients and guests attended the event at Rosso Trattoria Italia on January 20. As their “ticket” to the event, guests were asked to bring along a donation of cleaning supplies, household paper products or linens that would be given to this year’s charity cause, the Columbia Family Shelter.



Thanks to the generosity of our Columbia attorneys, clients and friends, more than two full vehicles of household items were collected for Family Shelter by the end of the night. In addition, a drawing was held for the winners’ favorite charities to each receive a donation in the client’s name. Winners were Rick and Rebecca Wallace, whose charity of choice was Family Shelter, and Brad Arnold, who chose Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS).

“We were truly overwhelmed by the amount of donated items collected,” said Jonathan Artz, Family Shelter’s Executive Director. “It was a great opportunity for our organization to meet your staff and clients and inform them about our mission and services to the community.

Family Shelter is proud of the help that we provide for homeless families with children and appreciative of the community support that we receive,” Jonathan continued, “but it is not always easy to connect with the public and get our message across. That is why your event was so important to us and we cannot thank you enough for the invitation.”

Family Shelter provides emergency shelter to homeless families with children, while coordinating services to alleviate the conditions that contributed to their individual circumstances. A private, non-profit agency established in 1979, Family Shelter is the only shelter in the Midlands area exclusively for families. To find out more about Family Shelter, visit [www.columbiafamilyshelter.org](http://www.columbiafamilyshelter.org).



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# PRO BONO ANNUAL AWARD WINNER



The South Carolina Pro Bono Awards program seeks to identify and honor individual lawyers, small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession that have enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering volunteer legal services to our state's

low income community. These services are of critical importance to ensure that representation is provided to the thousands of needy individuals and families who are in need of free civil legal assistance. Kristen Horne shared this honor with Keri A. Olivetti of Low Country Legal Aid.

Kristen E. Horne is an associate at Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Horne served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana and Morocco, working with communities to improve maternal and child health care, nutrition, and access to immunizations and clean drinking water. She continued that spirit of service as a member of the legal profession serving as the Chair of the Public Service Committee of the Richland County Bar. She has been an active volunteer and organizer of Project H.E.L.P. which provides legal assistance to the homeless. Project H.E.L.P. hosts monthly legal clinics for the homeless; Kristen has been a consistent volunteer at those clinics and has recruited additional volunteers to assist. A strong supporter of Sistercare, she has organized and hosted a benefit to raise funds for the legal services provided through Sistercare.

## JUDICIAL BBQ

It is almost that time of year again when we honor the local members of the judiciary with a fabulous BBQ. Please put the date on your calendar for Thursday, May 13 at 5:30 PM. Mike Tighe, Reece Williams, and all the Callison Tighe chefs will spend all day cooking the pigs in the parking lot at University House. Everyone has come to appreciate their expertise in preparing a delicious feast for members and their guests. There will also be other wonderful food prepared by Seawell's that complements the BBQ. You are encouraged to go home and change into casual clothing.



We also encourage you to bring your family to the event. Children five to eight are included at half price and children under four are free. It is VERY IMPORTANT to let us know in advance if you are coming. We do not like to run out of food. We have live music for your listening entertainment.

Be on the lookout for a postcard for the event announcing all the particulars.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

#### **Legal Staff Professionals/**

#### **Midlands Meeting:**

**2nd Tuesday 1:00**

Call Laura Foster at 803-799-9800 ext 338  
or e-mail [lfoster@mcnair.net](mailto:lfoster@mcnair.net)

#### **Palmetto Paralegal Association**

Call Adrith D. Schrauger  
at 803-217-7557

#### **S.C. Women Lawyers Association**

Call Angel Warren  
at 803-788-4114

# HEALTH & FITNESS

Greetings Richland County Bar! Like the pollen and bradford pear petals caking my windshield, spring is now upon us. By now it must be safe to assume that you are all well ensconced in your weekly regimen of exercise and activity, all per your New Year's resolutions. This installment is for both those of you nodding (good work!) as well as for those of you scoffing at such an assumption. Given that my past columns have provided a wealth of activity suggestions to keep you fit and functional, this one is geared to keep you in shape without regard for your activity du jour.

With still a nip in the air and some age in our bones, work outs, or any non-standard activity for that matter, can make one feel a bit stiff and sore. As for each of these maladies, there is a simple remedy, and it does NOT entail a Pavlovian aversion to the activity that invoked this condition. Stretching! Stretching is a great pre-activity prep and a helpful post-activity warm down. Stretching can help alleviate stiffness incident to age and exercise, and, while a degree of soreness is actually the hallmark of a good workout (as muscles are exerted, they develop small tears, which then grow back stronger), stretching can reduce the soreness and help to prevent it entirely as your work outs continue. Most importantly, it also helps to prevent muscle and connective tissue injury.

Everyone will feel stiff and inflexible when they first start stretching. This is because you are stretching the tissues-



quantum logic leap, I know. Therefore, stiffness is no reason to avoid stretching - if anything, this is a sign of its necessity. If everyone could effortlessly turn themselves into a bendy pretzel, then there'd be no need for a stretch- one would just perform a Gumby-esque flex. As a result, there are some good practices to follow in the course of any given stretching exercise.



First off, maintained and steady pressure is critical. For instance, bouncing up and down as you strive to touch your toes is a big no-no. As you stretch your muscles, they will initially resist and then convey a sense of increasing pain the further you go. The key to a good stretch is riding this fine line between resistance and pain. If you cannot touch your toes, find that point on your legs that you can grasp that rides this line and count slowly to thirty. As your count progresses, you should find that your reach is slowly extended as your muscles become more pliable and ease into the position of the stretch.

Next, remember to stretch evenly on both sides of the body. Many people have greater flexibility on their dominant side; however, it is important to achieve relatively equal flexibility. Also, remember to breath as you stretch. Although you may find maximum reach at the end of a long exhale, regular breathing is a must. For maximum effectiveness and elasticity gain, develop a rotation of stretches that you perform in sets of two or three.

Lastly, perform targeted stretching exercises that focus on the areas most affected by your activity and workout. Just as one often targets different muscles masses through varying work outs on alternating days, so too can you rotate your stretching regimen.

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In addition to the standard touching of the toes, there are many basic stretches that can be performed simply and efficiently. Entire books are dedicated to the many ways to properly and effectively stretch our many body parts, so this column is necessarily constrained. You can find good demonstrative stretching examples by googling “stretching exercises with pictures.” Most books contain step by step photos to go with the instructions. In addition to your favored book purveyor, check out the following sites for more good ideas and proper technique:

- [physicaltherapy.about.com/od/flexibilityexercises/Stretching\\_Exercises.htm](http://physicaltherapy.about.com/od/flexibilityexercises/Stretching_Exercises.htm)
- [www.wikihow.com/Stretch](http://www.wikihow.com/Stretch)
- [www.shapefit.com/stretching-exercises-guides.html](http://www.shapefit.com/stretching-exercises-guides.html)
- [www.sportsinjuryclinic.net/cybertherapist/stretching/allstretches.php](http://www.sportsinjuryclinic.net/cybertherapist/stretching/allstretches.php)

*“Health & Fitness” is written by Drayton Hastie, who can be reached at [dhastie@sc.rr.com](mailto:dhastie@sc.rr.com).*

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Young Lawyers Division of the SC Bar will serve as a co-sponsor for the Special Olympics Statewide Games in 2010 and needs volunteers on May 8 in Columbia.



**Special Olympics**

Lawyers of all ages, in addition to family and friends, are encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Will Johnson by e-mail at [wjohnson@hsblawfirm.com](mailto:wjohnson@hsblawfirm.com) or by phone at (803) 540-7945 if you are interested in participating.

## RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

**2008-CP-40-8732**

Clarence Grice vs. Amy Dezliter

**ATTORNEYS:**

Plaintiff: Stephen Saltis

Defendant: Ronald Deigel

**Cause of Action:** Auto/Personal Injury

**Verdict:** for Plaintiff

**ACTUAL DAMAGES:** \$529.00

**2008-CP-40-8731**

Sandra Grice vs. Amy Dezliter

**ATTORNEYS:**

Plaintiff: Stephen Saltis

Defendant: Ronald Diegel

**CAUSE OF ACTION:** Auto/personal Injury

**VERDICT:** for Defendant

**ACTUAL DAMAGES:** \$2,850.01

**2009-CP-40-459**

Bethany Pearson vs. Jaron Watts

**ATTORNEYS:**

Plaintiff: Gary W. Popwell, Jr.

Defendant: J. Austin Hood

**CAUSE OF ACTION:** Auto/Personal Injury/

Property damage

**VERDICT:** For defendant

**2009-CP-40-276**

Kourtney Vermillion, et.al. vs. Linda Shealy

**ATTORNEYS:**

Plaintiff: Brian C. Gambrell

Defendant: M. Rita Metts

**CAUSE OF ACTION:** Auto

**VERDICT:** For Plaintiff

**ACTUAL DAMAGES:**

\$4,500.00



## VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE COMMITTEE WANTS YOU TO PAINT AND DONATE

Help us refurbish domestic violence shelters throughout South Carolina. Donations of furniture or office supplies are also greatly appreciated. If made directly to the agency, donations are tax-deductible. To participate or for additional information, please contact Katie McElveen by e-mail at [kmcelveen@rpwb.com](mailto:kmcelveen@rpwb.com) or by phone at (843) 727-6602. Please mark your calendar for one of our other upcoming refurbishing projects!

- April 2010: SAFE Homes, Spartanburg
- May 2010: Sistercare, Cayce
- June 2010: Hope Haven, Beaufort



*"The price of greatness is responsibility."  
- Sir Winston Churchill*

## CHILDREN UNLIMITED

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In this challenging economic environment, Jane is now more committed than ever to serving special needs children and is always looking for opportunities to share Children Unlimited's mission of developing permanent family ties for the State's most challenging children. She dreams of a day when no child will have to wait for a forever family and when all children in South Carolina have unlimited hope for their futures. She is working hard to make that dream come true. And she's ready and available to talk to anyone, anywhere, about her kids. Just ask Jane about her children.

The editors welcome your inquiries, comments and contributions: RCBA, P.O. Box 7632, Columbia, SC 29202 or [rcba@scbar.org](mailto:rcba@scbar.org).

*"Moral indignation is in most cases 2% moral,  
48% indignation and 50% envy." - Dante*

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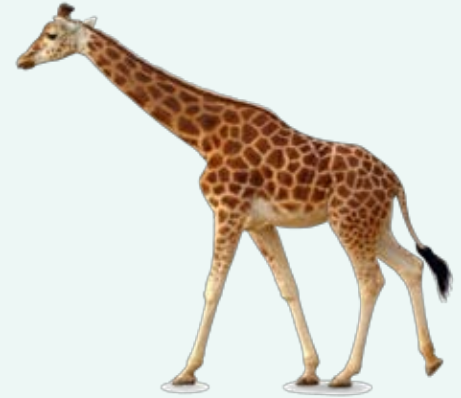


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# FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ZOO

Come and have a private viewing of the new baby giraffe and the baby Koala Bear! Their activities have only been open to viewing for a couple of months.

Richland County and Lexington County Bar members and their families are invited to get together for this enjoyable evening on Thursday, June 3rd at Riverbanks Zoo at 6 PM. You don't have to have children to enjoy the evening. Bring your spouse or significant other for a special date night. The regular zoo guests are gone for the evening, so we will have a wonderful time having the zoo and all its animals to ourselves. Riverbanks Zoo has set aside the evening just for Bar members and their families. The zoo keepers will stay late and keep as many animals as possible outside for our viewing pleasure. There are many new animals residing at the zoo since last year that your family will enjoy seeing.



The menu will include hamburgers and hotdogs and all the trimmings. This event has been a lot of fun and many families have really enjoyed sharing the evening. Encourage your colleagues to participate and we will continue to make this an annual event. Reservations will be **REQUIRED** in order to prepare the right amount of food. The Zoo charges us ½ price for children 4-8 yrs. Children under 4 are free, therefore we need know how many children are in the 4-8 bracket you are bringing.

You will receive a postcard in May with further details.



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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado announces that **O. Eugene Powell Jr. and Blake Hewitt** have joined the firm located at 1614 Taylor St., Columbia 29202; Phone: 779-7599.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Reggie Corley** has been appointed to the board of Senior Resources, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides services to senior citizens and their families in the Midlands and have been for over 4 decades.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Joel W. Collins** has been awarded the 2010 Chapter Service Award by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. The award was created this year by the Executive Committee of the SC Chapter of ABOTA and will be named after Mr. Collins and called the Joel W. Collins South Carolina ABOTA Chapter Service Award in future years. He was also awarded the 2009 "Masters in Trial Award" by the same organization.

Nexsen Pruet announces the election of **John Sowards** as the law firm's Chairman of the Board.

**T. Jeff Goodwyn, Jr.** announces the opening of the **Goodwyn Law firm LLC** located at 3100 Devine St., Columbia 29205. Phone: 251-4517. Fax: 251-4527

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Samuel C. Waters** has been elected chairman of the Board

of Directors and **William Walt Pettit** has been elected to the board. The firm also announces that **Franklin H. Turner III and Amy Landers May** have been selected to become shareholders of the firm.

Moore Taylor & Thomas announces that **J. Mark Taylor** was recently elected to the National Board of Governors for the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers representing the South Carolina Chapter. He is also a Fellow in this organization.

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein announces that **L. Dwight Floyd Jr.** has been appointed to the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics board of trustees.

The South Carolina Women Lawyers Association Board elected two new members **Cynthia Blair and Jennifer Rubin**, both of Rogers Townsend & Thomas.

**Elliott & Elliott** announces its relocation to 1508 Lady St. Columbia 29201. Phone: 771-0555.

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd announces that **L. Foster Girard, Ashley V. Myers and S. Ross Shealy** have joined the Columbia office located at 1201 Main St. 29201. Phone: 779-3080.

McKay Cauthen Settana & Stublely announces that **Meredith A. McMillan** has become an associate of the firm located at PO Box 7217, Columbia 29202. Phone: 256-4645.

Finkel Law Firm announces that **J. Alton Bivens** has been certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a Specialist in Taxation Law.

Pope Johnson III announces that the Law Office of **Johnson & Barnette** has relocated to 1230 Richland St., Columbia, 29201. Phone: 799-9791.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces that **David Bornemann** has been accepted into the SC Bar's Young Lawyers Leadership Academy class of 2010.

Richardson Plowden announces that **Steven J. Pugh** has become the firm's new managing shareholder. The firm also announces that *Best Lawyers in America* has named **Franklin J. Smith, Jr.** as the Columbia SC *Best Lawyers* Construction Lawyer of the Year for 2010.

**Pope Zeigler** announces that **Josiah C. T. Lucas** has joined the firm as a partner and will open a new office for the firm in Charlotte, N.C.

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough announces that **Rachel M. Flynn** has become an associate in the firm located at 1320 Main St., Columbia 29201. Phone: 799-2000.

The **Terreni Law Firm** announces the opening of its office located at 1508 Lady St., Columbia 29201. Phone: 771-7228.

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## SC BAR YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION WILLS CLINIC

On Saturday March 20, 2010, the SC Bar YLD put on a wills clinic for the Lexington County Fire Service. The law firm of Moore, Taylor & Thomas, P.A., hosted the event in its West Columbia office. More than fifteen young lawyers volunteered their Saturday to draft more than 60 wills, health care powers of attorney and living wills for the Lexington County Fire Service.

The response from the fire service was outstanding. Chief Eddie Turner reported that there are at least sixty more firefighters who would like to participate but were unable to attend this clinic. The event drew young lawyers from Richland and Lexington Counties and was a great success.

## WHAT'S YOUR RISK OF IDENTITY THEFT?

Just when you'd figured out how to get your credit score, another important number crops up: your ID score, which can alert you to your risk for identity theft.

In use for a decade by financial institutions and other creditors, the ID score calculates the risk that customers are who they say they are. Now for the first time, Sand Diego-based ID Analytics, one of the companies that develops and sells the score to businesses, has made it possible to get your own score online by going to [www.myidscore.com](http://www.myidscore.com).

You must fill out contact information (no Social Security number is required) and answer some simple questions about your financial history. The result is a score between 1 and 999. The higher the score, the more you are at risk for identity theft. If your score is high, a link is provided to the nonprofit Identity Theft Resource Center, which can help you learn how to protect yourself.

*- written by Cathie Gandel, AARP Magazine, October 2009*



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Nexsen Pruet announces that **Tushar Chikhliker** is participating in the 2010 class of the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative with 40 Midlands-area leaders who are selected from four sectors of the community: corporate, governmental, non-profit and faithbased.

Howser Newman & Besley announce that **Michal Cooper Jones** has become a member of the firm.

Collins & Lacy, P.C. is pleased to announce **R. Scott Wallinger, Jr.** has joined the firm as a shareholder and litigator practicing in the areas of commercial transportation, insurance coverage and "bad faith" litigation, premises liability, products liability, and professional liability.

**Rogers Townsend & Thomas** and **Kellam & Pettit** of Charlotte have

merged practices under the name of **Rogers Townsend & Thomas** to serve clients throughout North and South Carolina.

David Morrison announces that **Kassi B. Sandifer** has joined the Morrison Law firm located at 7453 Irmo Dr. Columbia 29212. Phone: 661-6285.

**The Lipscomb Law Firm** announces the relocation of its office to 1634 Main St. Suite 200, Columbia 29201. Phone: 233-6654.

Robinson McFadden announces that **Wilson W. McDonald** has become a shareholder in the firm.

Rowland P. Alston announces the relocation of his firm, **The Law Office of Rowland P. Alston III**, to 1314 Lincoln St., Suite 214. Columbia 29201. Phone: 708-0460. Fax: 708-0462.

## VISTA AFTER 5

Please mark your calendars, as the Vista After 5 free concert series will begin its Spring 2010 concerts on Thursday, April 1st! The series will run for 12 consecutive Thursdays in the parking area behind Jillian's at 800 Gervais Street. To open our new year, we will welcome back the number one Beach band in history, **The Embers**, for your entertainment and dancing pleasure.

This and all of our shows offer free admission and entertainment by one of the southeast's finest dance/show bands every Thursday in a casual and comfortable setting. The concerts are held outdoors from 5:30-9:00 PM each Thursday through June 17th behind Jillian's Entertainment Complex at 800 Gervais Street in the Vista.

## YLD JUSTICE JAM

Join us on Friday, April 30, 7:00 p.m., at the Elbow Room in Columbia for an evening of great music. Each band features at least one attorney member. This concert, being organized by the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division, will benefit the Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (STSM).

STSM is one of 16 rape crisis centers in South Carolina that provides crisis intervention, advocacy, and support services to female and male child, adolescent, and/or adult survivors of sexual assault and abuse in Richland, Lexington, and Newberry counties and education about sexual trauma issues.

Tickets are on sale now at \$5 each. To purchase tickets

or for additional information, please contact Tara Smith at [tsmith@schar.org](mailto:tsmith@schar.org) or call (803) 799-6653, ext. 146/(877) 797-2227 (toll free).

Currently, the following bands are scheduled to appear:

- Dumptruck and the Backhoes
- Fatter than Albert, featuring Joe Good
- Five Way Friday (Gibbs Leaphart, Randy Helmly & Joe Good)
- Joe Good Band (Gibbs Leaphart & Joe Good)
- Midlife Crisis
- The Project featuring, James Smith, Jr.



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