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Lunch and Learn

Technology & Casemaker Tips
Courtney Kennaday
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Bigg Doggs Breakfast

Judge Michelle Childs
Monday, October 19
8:00 AM

Shrimp Boil for Sistercare

University House
Thursday, October 22
6:00 PM

Free Ethics CLE

USC Law School Auditorium
Friday, November 6
Registration - 8:00 AM

Young Lawyers Welcome Party

Carolina Field House
Thursday, November 19
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Annual Meeting/ Holiday Party

Columbia Museum of Art
Thursday, December 10
5:30 PM



FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I took office, only high energy physicists had ever heard of what is called the World Wide Web...Now even my cat has its own page. - William Jefferson Clinton

It shouldn't be too much of a surprise that the Internet has evolved into a force strong enough to reflect the greatest hopes and fears of those who use it. After all, it was designed to withstand nuclear war, not just the puny huffs and puffs of politicians and religious fanatics. - Denise Caruso, columnist, The New York Times



As we approach the cooler weather, I am reminded of the beginning of school, football, the State Fair, and the soon-to-be color changes of the season. With my brother, Lowell, being a devoted, borderline obsessed, Carolina fan, and my husband, Rip, being a similar-type Clemson fan, I hope that both will be able to rejoice in victories this year. Yes...I live in a household fondly described on the back of many trucks around town as a "house divided."

With the beginning of Fall, we are excited to be launching our new and expanded website. It is much more interactive and user friendly, and as a member, you will be able to register for events online. We have also improved our membership database to include your photograph, name and firm information. Please visit us at www.richbar.org, and feel free to make any comments or suggestions.

Our website changes have kept up with the pace of larger state bars. When I recently attended the annual ABA convention in Chicago, among several hot topics was a topic on "Social Media." What is it, you may ask, especially if you are older than 35? Social media refers to websites that allow users to easily share content and media. It can take many different forms, including internet forums, weblogs, social blogs, and podcasts. Popular examples are sites such as: Facebook, Linked In, and Twitter.

These sites have become so popular that many bar associations have joined in, and most recently, the Richland County Bar has entered this new age of communication. Check out our Facebook page and join us. There is a link to it on our new website.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Penultomatum

Penultimate – next to last – adj.

Tomato – poisonous fruit of the *Mater Sandwichium* vine – n.

Ultimatum – anything a court or your mother tells you – n., scary.

Summer's end. Dog days. Long August evenings.

Oh, who am I kidding. Sure, this should have been written in August, a leisurely column that flowed from my fingers like the Hershey Special Dark bar I left in the console of the Civic, a languorous lackadaisical lament on the end of summer.

Too late. Summer's gone. Fall is here. I saw my first three-piece Under Armor suit in court the other day, and I'll be frank—it's not a look many people can pull off.

It was a good summer, though. Peaches were plentiful and delicious. I bought more than a few cantaloupes for as little as 99 cents apiece, and a 20-pound watermelon for 16 bits. I lost a couple thousand bucks worth of dental work gnawing on fresh sweet corn...and I'd do it again.

Yet as sweet and juicy and enamel-shattering as all that flora was, the real star of the show was the 'maters. Oh my goodness. I knew it was going to be a good year, what with the recession and all. There were guys in my neighborhood who couldn't grow facial stubble trying their hand at tomato husbandry this year, with various levels of success. Early on, I put out the word: "Mmmm. Plants are looking good, Elmer. If you have more than you can use, let me know,

y'hear? Oh, yeah, and nice Maynard G. Krebs look you got going there, man!"

June came and went. July 4, I brought out my tomato bib, a heavily-modified 8x10" tarp with a custom seed chute. I was five by five and

ready to dive into a plate or twelve of sliced Better Boys. But the big day came and went, and nary a neighbor knocked. I pouted a while, then ate the first 15 pounds of the watermelon.

I needn't have worried. On the morn of July 5, red skies arrived. Betsy brought a Bi-Lo bag full; Fred a Food Lion's share.

Random neighbors lined my front steps with the things. Oh mercy. It's like I hit the Tomato Powerball. Big and small, ranging from state-fair-perfect to a 'mater only its *mater* could love.

And I ate them. Every. Last. One. Sliced, diced, crammed onto sandwiches, tucked into omelettes, chopped with fresh cukes. I found a recipe for Tomato Pie and made ten of the darned things. (Note to self: tomato pie a la mode needs work.)

But summer's gone now. And my window sill, this summer so thick with tomatoes there was no room for my fish oil capsules—well, now there are only two. One tomato, two tomato, three tomat—oh, no. No three tomato. Old No. 3 met his maker yesterday sliced atop a four-day old hunk of reheated pizza.

'Maters are fleeting. We are in the penultomato season. The last decent ones now roll up from the sea islands of Georgia, but it's just not the same. Soon enough it will be Halloween, and it will all be over. It's as if a whole herd of tomatoes cried out, then were suddenly silenced. A deep disturbance in the tomato force.

The last tomato? That's a no-brainer. White bread, some Duke's mayo, salt and pepper. But the penultomato requires more thought, some special presentation by which to remember it, to lock down the 'mater muscle memory for the next eight months. I'm thinking a little fresh basil and some shaved parm, myself...just a private moment with me and my 'mater familia. I know you understand.



NOMINATIONS DUE FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

It is again time to discuss the RCBA's important annual awards with your colleagues. We encourage you to submit your nominations for the Executive Committee to consider. The awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the RCBA on Thursday, December 10th at the Columbia Museum of Art. Members who wish to submit nominations must do so in writing to the Recognition Committee chair, Reece Williams, at reecewilliams@ctrlawfirm.com.

"Tootie" Williams Award

The John W. Williams Distinguished Service Award, affectionately known as the "Tootie" Williams Award, is based upon distinguished and meritorious service to the legal profession or to the public in professional related activities.

The Williams Distinguished Service Award is the highest recognition given by our association and it is determined by the Executive Committee based upon written nominations from members of our association.

Past recipients of the award include Chief Justice Jean H. Toal, the Honorable Matthew J. Perry, the Honorable Carol Connor, the Honorable Robert Burnside, Tom McCutchen, Julian Nexsen, David Robinson, John Gregg McMaster, Alex Sanders, Ed Mullins, Jr., I.S. Leevy Johnson, Terrell Glenn, Julius McKay, Heyward McDonald, Jeter Rhoads, Lester Bates, Jr., Henry Hammer, the Honorable Jasper Cureton, Claude Scarborough, D. Reece Williams, Joe Berry, Jr., Luther Batiste, and William C. Hubbard.

Civic Star Award

The Executive Committee of the RCBA also selects an attorney to receive the Civic Star Award from among the nominees submitted by the membership.

The Civic Star Award is based upon exceptional and meritorious service to the Richland County community by a member of the RCBA for activities outside of the legal profession. Commitment to community service is important to the members of RCBA. Most members volunteer in the community and some give many hours of their time and talents. Sometimes only their friends and co-workers know the depth of their giving.

Recent recipients of this award have been George Caut-

hen, Cravens Ravenel, David Belton, Mike Kelly, Michelle Childs, Rosalyn Frierson, Jane Trinkley, Amy Hill, Steve Benjamin, and James E. Smith.

Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Civility Award

The Civility Award of the RCBA is named after the US District Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr. It is awarded to the judge and to the lawyer who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the RCBA, best exemplifies the word "civility." The Executive Committee recognizes that it is a high honor to be nominated or selected for this recognition as attorneys perform their responsibilities in various capacities of the legal profession.

The past recipients of the award include Danny Crowe, the Honorable Casey Manning, the Honorable Bratton Davis, Jim Leventis, Susi McWilliams, and the Honorable Marvin "Buddy" Kittrell.

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While these services can provide entertaining ways to connect to family, friends, and clients, they also are an outstanding resource for lawyers to deliver and communicate thoughts and ideas. Valuable information and networking are available through these sites.

This also is a wonderful time for you to utilize some of the benefits of being a RCBA member. We have many exciting upcoming events. There are several lunch-n-learns and Bigg Dogg breakfasts planned. These events are particularly geared to our younger lawyers. Also, our annual Ethics CLE will be held on November 6. Steedley Bogan has worked hard to plan this seminar and has an all-star line-up of guest speakers. It is a free event open to all RCBA members. It is easy way to stay abreast of the law and rules of ethics! If interested in attending any of these events, please contact Coleman Chambliss, our executive director, or visit the website.

Pictured right are Isabel, Rip, and Caroline Sanders dressed up in their game day attire.



Editor's Note: If you have attorney friends who are not RCBA members, let them know that they can become one at the Ethics CLE, earn their annual ethics credit and even score a free doughnut. Bonus!

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FREE ETHICS SEMINAR

The RCBA will host its annual free Ethics Seminar on Friday, November 6, 2009, at the USC Law School Auditorium. Members of the RCBA are invited to attend this annual seminar and receive 3 hours CLE Ethics credit or 3 hours MCLE credit.

Event enrollment begins October 15th. You can enroll on our website at www.richbar.org or by e-mail at contact@richbar.org. Please include your SC Bar number. It is important that you register so that there will be printed material available for you and to ensure you receive your CLE credit.

Registration begins at 8:00 AM. At that time you will sign in and receive your printed material. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served. The program begins promptly at 9:00 and will be over at 12:15. Parking is always a problem solved by some people by carpooling from their offices or having someone drop them off at the law school and picking them up after the program. It is important that you allow enough time so that you arrive on time and do not interrupt the speaker.

We are honored to have on the program as our speakers: Justice John W. Kitteridge: Mentoring Program and the Commission on the Profession; John P. Freeman: The Biggest Risk for the Good Lawyer; The Bad Clients (and How to Avoid Them); Desa Ballard: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Your Trust Account But Were Afraid To Ask; Robert Wilcox: Professionalism; Enforcing the Unenforceable; Bill Higgins: Are You Sure You Are Ready to Disburse?

ALL YOUNG LAWYERS INVITED

Please Join Us in Welcoming our New Colleagues to the Bar

Thursday, November 19, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Carolina Field House

941 S. Stadium Drive, Columbia

BBQ and Beverages

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Please let us know if you can join us by November 13, 2009:
Rebecca Roser at rroser@robinsonlaw.com/(803) 779-8900 or
Matt Bogan at matt.bogan@nelsonmullins.com/(803) 799-2000

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HELP MAKE MOCK TRIAL ROCK!

Volunteers needed! It is that time of year again! The Law Related Education (LRE) Division is seeking volunteers for its growing mock trial programs, which teaching middle and high school students about the legal system through trial role playing. Mock trial volunteers enjoy the thrill of competition while scoring and presiding over trials. LRE not only needs volunteers to score the competitions, but attorney coaches to help prepare the teams.

There is a critical need for volunteers for October 31st.

Competition dates are as follows:

October 31, 2009 –

Middle School Mock Trial Regional (Columbia)

November 21, 2009 –

Middle School Mock Trial State (Lexington)

February 27, 2010 –

High School Mock Trial Regional (Columbia)

March 12-13, 2010 –

High School Mock Trial State (Columbia)

Richland County schools that need attorney coaches are:
Dutch Fork Middle School, Hopkins Middle School, Long Leaf Middle School, St. Andrews Middle School

Mock trial would not be possible without the volunteer efforts of Bar members. Attorney volunteers receive pro bono hours for their hours dedicated to mock trial. To learn more or volunteer, contact Cynthia H. Cothran at ccothran@scbar.org or (803) 252-5139.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Legal Staff Professionals/Midlands Meeting: 2nd Tuesday 1:00

Call Laura Foster at 803-799-9800 ext 338 or e-mail lfoster@mcnair.net

Palmetto Paralegal Association

Call Adrith D. Schrauger at 803-217-7557

S.C. Women Lawyers Association

Contact Angel Warren at 803-788-4114

JUDICIAL RECEPTION

August 20, 2009 - Columbia Museum of Art



LUNCH & LEARN Technology & Casemaker Tips

Date: Wednesday, October 14
Place: SC Bar Building
950 Taylor Street
2nd Floor Classroom

Courtney Kennaday, the Director of the Practice Management Assistance Program of the SC Bar, will present her favorite tips for using Casemaker in the law office, plus some of her all-time favorite technology tips. This fast-paced presentation will cover what is hot in law office technology and review the latest changes to Casemaker® legal research. Casemaker® is the free online legal research product, available to all SC Bar members.

The program will last for one hour and you will receive 1 hour CLE credit for attending.

For reservations e-mail the RCBA office at contact@richbar.org or register online at www.richbar.org. Lunch will be provided for \$10.00 and is payable at the door.

HANG UP & DRIVE

AAA says that studies show nearly 80 percent of crashes involve some form of driver inattention within three seconds before the event. The New England Journal of Medicine compared talking on a cell phone while driving akin to driving while drunk.

A recent Elon University survey found 80 percent of respondents believe talking and texting while driving is a dangerous, but 54 percent of the respondents do it. However, 68 percent said there should be a law against doing it.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT FOR 2009

Low Country Shrimp Boil for Sistercare



Let's peel shrimp and party with a bluegrass band for a great cause! The Public Service Committee is celebrating all of the work that Sistercare does for Midlands-area women with a Shrimp Boil during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We are hosting a fundraiser on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 PM to raise money for Sistercare's legal services and to spend the evening enjoying the company of our friends in the Bar and community members who care about Sistercare's work, a delicious shrimp boil and fried chicken with fixin's from Seawells, and the bluegrass sounds of The Carolina Rebels.

Sistercare, which provides services for battered women and their children, has lost a significant portion of its grant funding like so many service organizations have during the recent economic downturn. The loss of funding is directly impacting Sistercare's ability to provide legal services and support to the women it serves.

Look for an invitation in your mailbox and more information in e-mails coming soon!

The event will be held at the University House located at 911 South Stadium Road. Tickets to the Shrimp Boil for Sistercare will cost \$20 per person, or \$50 for families with small children. There will be a silent auction with a wide array of wonderful items to raise more money. Bring your checkbooks so you can bid in the auction and make a tax deductible donation to supplement Sistercare's budget for legal work.

Your check is your reservation. Pay to the order of RCBA and mail it to: RCBA, P.O. Box 7632, Columbia, SC, 29202.



BIGG DOGGS BREAKFASTS

Back by Popular Demand

For many years, the RCBA had three or four Bigg Doggs programs each year. George Johnson of Johnson Toal and Battiste is the Advisory Committee chairperson of the Bigg Doggs Committee. George is making plans for four programs again this year.

This is an excellent chance for new and young attorneys to get to know some of the movers and shakers in the legal arena. The breakfasts are limited to 12 attorneys and the reservations will be honored on a first-come first-serve basis at contact@richbar.org. The cost of your breakfast will be \$10.00 payable in advance to RCBA, PO Box 7632, Columbia 29202.

While eating breakfast, the attorneys will sit around one large table and will have an opportunity to listen and discuss issues pertinent to the Bigg Dogg.

The breakfasts will be held at the Capital City Club on the top floor in one of the small dining rooms. Dining will begin at 8:00 A.M. It is important to arrive early so there will be no delay in beginning on time.

The first Bigg Dogg breakfast was with U.S. Attorney Walt Wilkins on September 21. The second Bigg Dogg will be The Honorable Michelle Childs on October 19th.

TEXT PARTE

Judge Casey L. Manning, Sr.

"Where you from," asks Fifth Circuit Court Judge L. Casey Manning, Sr., in his trademark radio announcer voice that belies his deep Dillon County roots. Whether you are a juror, lawyer, bailiff, or defendant you will get that question from Judge Manning--and he will more than likely know something about your hometown, no matter how obscure.

The fifth of six children born to factory workers who scrounged and saved to send each of their children to college, Judge Manning has a sarcastic wit that can be disarming to the unwary. A product of both segregated and integrated Dillon County schools, he applauds his teachers who opened up the world to him. He says he benefited from teachers who, back in the 1960s, taught the same subject for twenty years. A popular basketball player at the University of South Carolina in the late Sixties and early Seventies, Judge Manning was coached by the legendary Frank McGuire.

His parents expected him to focus on his studies and stay out of trouble. Even though he was socially aware during this tumultuous period, he avoided trouble. When there were protests during his USC years, his friends wanted to check them out--but Judge Manning wisely elected to stay in his dorm. Years later, he notes that most defendants in criminal cases would benefit from the same maxim--avoid people and places where disturbances erupt.

On the bench for sixteen years, Judge Manning voices concern about the percentage of Americans who are incarcerated. According to *The New York Times*, the United States has less than five percent of the world's population, but nearly a quarter of the world's prisoners. America has the highest documented incarceration rate, with one in a hundred adult Americans in prison or jail. Judge Manning philosophically disagrees with some mandatory minimum sentences as the harsh sentences don't always fit the facts of the case. Each case is different, he notes, and sometimes the government is lucky to get a plea at all.

He calls the legislative screening that led to Judge Kenneth Goode's recent retirement the "most fundamentally disturbing" occurrence he has seen since he has been on the bench. Judge Goode's controversial sentence of a daycare worker to a ten-year suspended sentence and probation for the offense of causing "great bodily injury to a child" caused an outcry by the victim's family and some legislators. In his

rapid cadence, Judge Manning laments that Judge Goode lost his job even though he did nothing wrong. He warns new judges of the consequences of unpopular decisions and notes the chilling effect of the inquiry.

He notes the next time he will go before a screening committee will be at the Pearly Gates. If there is any doubt that he does not care about ingratiating legislators at this point in his career, you can just look at the legislative manuals for the last few years on his bookshelf. They are still in their original plastic wrappers.

His advice to lawyers is to pay attention to detail. He gets frustrated by lawyers who don't know the maximum sentence for the charge to which their client is pleading. Know about your client and "paint a picture" for the judge. He uses Abraham's plea on behalf of the city of Sodom as the best illustration of an argument. On the civil side, he advises if you are going to argue a Rule 59(e) motion, at least "have the damn rule in front of you."

Like his parents before him, he has instilled the value of education in his three children, Charlotte, Casey, Jr., and Morgan. The older two graduated from prestigious universities and operate in the dot-com world. His youngest daughter, Morgan, is a student at the University of California at Riverside.

For every day of his sixteen years on the bench, his administrative assistant, Mrs. Ada James, has been his right hand. He describes her as the "most wonderful woman in the world." When he retires in a few years, the bench will lose one of its most colorful characters and most intellectual jurists.

"Text Parte" is written by Eleanor Duffy Cleary, a sole practitioner in Columbia. You can reach Ellen at edcleary@att.net.



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PROJECT H.E.L.P. UPDATES

Project H.E.L.P. (Homeless Experience Legal Protection) is preparing to celebrate one year of success in assisting Columbia area homeless people with their legal needs. More than 50 attorneys have volunteered their time and expertise at the clinic to assist about 50 clients since November 2008, when the Richland County Bar, the Public Service Committee, and community sponsors launched the project. Project H.E.L.P.'s host for its first year has been St. Lawrence Place, a transitional housing facility for working homeless families in Columbia. With a year of knowledge and experience, and outstanding assistance from the St. Lawrence Place staff, Project H.E.L.P. is preparing to move to a new location and broaden its client base.

Some exciting changes are in the works. Beginning in November, Project H.E.L.P. will be hosted by Catholic Charities of the Midlands, on the corner of Assembly and Taylor Street. This new central location downtown will make the clinic more accessible to clients with limited transportation. In the past year Project H.E.L.P. has also developed relationships with more Midlands area organizations providing assistance to the homeless and is reaching out to those groups to identify clients who are in need of the clinic's resources.

Ideally, the clinic will be staffed with five or six volunteers who will donate about two hours of their time on the third Thursday of the month. The goal for 2009 is to serve between 12 and 15 clients each month. Clients will continue to make appointments to meet with an attorney volunteer so that we can identify their legal need in advance and give the volunteers a bit of time to prepare to assist the clients.

Another exciting expansion comes in the form of certifying and retaining copies of identification documents for clients. Homeless individuals often have a difficult time keeping their driver's licenses, social security cards, and other government issued identification. This identification is required to use many services, including staying in some shelters. It can often take six weeks or more to replace lost or stolen identification. Catholic Charities has graciously offered to maintain a file of certified copies of H.E.L.P. clients' identification to be used in case those items are lost and need to be replaced. Volunteers will be needed to notarize these copies. This is a great opportunity for judges and judicial clerks, paralegals, and law students to give much-needed assistance to Project H.E.L.P. clients

without giving any legal advice. Also, if you have a locking file cabinet that you would like to donate for the project, please let us know.

Project H.E.L.P. was started by Judge Jay Zainey, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Zainey started Project H.E.L.P. in New Orleans to assist homeless people with maintaining certified copies of identification documents so that they would be available for service providers. Since Hurricane Katrina's tremendous impact on the needs of New Orleans residents, the project has grown dramatically and expanded to other cities including New York, Chicago, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Shreveport, Birmingham, Savannah, as well as Columbia.

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"If it wasn't for the optimist, the pessimist would never know how happy he wasn't." - Anonymous

PROJECT H.E.L.P. UPDATES

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In Columbia, the RCBA H.E.L.P. project operates a once-monthly morning clinic offering pro bono legal services and providing basic information about access to government benefits, identification documentation, housing, child custody, and other common legal issues affecting the homeless. Community programs serving the homeless help the clinic identify clients by encouraging individuals with legal needs to participate.

Morning legal clinics will be held every third Thursday of the month. Upcoming clinic dates are October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Kristen Horne at kristen.horne@nelsonmullins.com.

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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

2006-CP-40-05387

Valerie M Alligood

vs.

Sonic Automotive Ind. d/b/a Capital
Hyundai

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Thomas Carl Cofield

Defendant: Ronald J. Tryon, Harold
C. Holmes

Cause of Action: Personal Injury/slip
and fall

Verdict: For Defendant

Acutal Damages: \$8,815.00

2008-CP-40-4796

Colie Scott III

vs

Henry F. Hanna

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Kristen McArthur

Defendant: M. Rita Metts

Cause of Action: Auto/personal
injury

Verdict: For Defendant

Actual Damages: \$10,000.00

08-CP-40-2589R

V. E. Amick & Assoc.

vs

Palmetto Environmental Group, Inc.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Wesley D. Peel

Defendant: Edward Woodward

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: For Plaintiff:

Actual Damages: \$391,209.21

2007-CP-40-7160

James H. Madden

vs.

Robert Sago-Dennis Jr.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Peter Protopapas

Defendant: Robert C. Brown

Cause of Action Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$50,000.00

05-CP-40-4382

James Turner, Ernest Yarborough

vs.

Jean Latendreese

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Pro se

Defendant: Pro se

Cause of Action: Contract Issue

Verdict: for Plaintiff James Turner

Actual Damages: \$63,000.00

08-CP-40-5435

Stephanie Sloop-Reeves

vs

Warren Jay Holloway

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Barry B. George

Defendant: Damon C. Wlodarczyk

Cause of Action: Auto/personal
injury

Verdict: for Defendant

2007-CP-40-7814

Terena Joahnson

vs

Partricia Isaac

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Barry George

Defendant: Austin J. Hood

Cause of Action: Automobile/
personal injury

Verdict: for Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$8,500.00

2006-CP-40-3876

Sheila Jenkins

vs

Ashley Whitaker

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Pro se

Defendant: Kristina L. Baker

Cause of Action: Auto/personal
injury

Verdict: for Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$1,255.00

08-CP-40-5344

Carolyn Corwin

vs.

Susan R. Liva

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Barry B. George

Defendant: Jonathon Robinson

Cause of Action: auto/personal injury

Verdict: for Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$7,500.00

08-CP-40-5008

Trina Newborn

vs

Joel Bauknight

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: James Gilchrist Jr.

Defendant: Jason Reynolds

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal
injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

08-CP-40-0074

Rebecca West

vs

Todd Morehead, et al

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: S Jahue Moore

Defendant: Kirby Shealy

Cause of Action: Personal Injury/
Libel and Slander

Verdict : For Plaintiff

08-CP-40-4057

J.C.Bolin

vs

Betty R. Wagoner

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Robin Renee McLean

Defendant: Mark B. Goddard

Cause of Action: Auto/personal
injury

Verdict: for Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$9,360.00

NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allen Jackson Barnes announces the relocation of his office to 2442 Devine St., Columbia 29205, Phone: 877-589-4684.

The Law Office of Arie D. Bax announces that **S. Naki Richardson-Bax** has joined the firm located at 1720 Main St. #301, Columbia, 29201. Phone: 255-0861.

Austin and Rogers announces that the firm has opened a new office in Charleston. Phone 843-856-2627.

Baker Ravenel & Bender announces that **Bradley L. Lanford** and **Samuel M. Mokeba** have been named partners of the firm.

Barton Law Firm announces that **Christine E. W. Edenfield** has become an associate of the firm located at 1715 Pickens St., 29201. Phone: 256-6582.

Bernstein and Bernstein announces that **Overture E. Walker** has become an associate of the firm located at 1019 Assembly St. Columbia, 29201 and 10202 Two Notch Rd, Ste A, Columbia, 29220. Phone: 799-7900.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina announces that **Lucy Grey McIver** and **J. Andy Folsom** have joined the law department located at I-20 and Alpine Road, Mailcode AA-270, Columbia 29219. Phone: 788-0222.

Bruner Powell Robbins Wall & Mullins announces that **Benjamin C. Bruner** has become an associate of the firm located at 1735 St. Julian Place, Ste 200., PO Box 61110, Columbia, SC 29260. Phone: 252-7693

Collins & Lacy has made a donation of 25 books (a variety of books relating to legal subject matters as well as South Carolina history) to the Richland County Public Library in celebration of the firm's 25th anniversary.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Brian A. Comer** has joined the firm Of Counsel.

Ellis Lawhorn & Sims announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion on *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are **Rita Bragg Cullum**, **Earl Ellis, Jr.**, **William R. Harbison**, **William O. Higgins**, **Ernest G. Lawhorne**, **John T. Lay, Jr.**, **Mary Sowell League**, **John L. McCants**, **William P. McElveen, Jr.**, **W. Cliff Moore III**, **Lana H. Sims, Jr.**, **David C. Sojourner** and **Karen Hudson Thomas**.

Ellis Lawhorne & Sims announces that **Rita Bragg Cullum** has graduated as a member of Class II of the Midlands Diversity Leaders Initiative of the Riley Institute at Furman University.

Ellis Lawhorne & Sims announces that **Breon C.M. Walker** has become an associate of the firm located at 1501 Main St., Columbia 29201. Phone: 254-4190.

Ellis Lawhorne & Sims announces that **F. Earl Ellis, Jr.** and **John T. Lay** have been selected to the prestigious Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation honorary society.

Fisher & Phillips has received the Burton Award for Best law Firm Newsletter for its monthly *Labor Letter*.

John C. Bradley Jr. has been elected to the board of the Friends of South Carolina Libraries, serving as vice president for 2009-2010.

The Law Offices of Jabber & Isaac announces its relocation to 1419 Richland St. Columbia 29201. PO Box 1984, Columbia 29201.

Joel W. Collins has been elected a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers.

Leighton Lord has graduated from Midlands Diversity Leaders Initiative.

Hamilton & Associates law firm announces that **William "Bill" Connor Jr.** has become Of Counsel to the firm located at 1531 Laurel St. Columbia 29201. Phone: 779-0700.

Hopkins & Campbell, LLP announces the name of the firm has been changed to **McCutchen Blanton Hopkins & Campbell, LLP** and has relocated to 1414 Lady St., P.O. Box 11316 (29211), Columbia 29201. (803) 256-6152.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are: **Steve Benjamin**, **Scott Garrett**, **Mundi George**, **Rusty Goudelock**, **Thomas Lydon** and **Hugh McAngus**.

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McAngus Goudelock and Courie has been named one of the *Best Places to Work in South Carolina for 2009* by a partnership between the SC Chamber of Commerce, the Society for Human Resource Management and the SC Biz News.

The McCarthy Law Firm announces that **Daniel J. (D.J.) Reynolds, Jr.** has been named a partner and **Michael J. Pitch** has become an associate of the firm located at 1715 Pickens St. Columbia 29201. Phone: 771-8836.

McNair Law Firm announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are: **Michael M. Beal, Robert T. Bockman, M. John Bowen, Jr., Carl B. Carruth, O. Wayne Corley, M. Elizabeth Crum, John W. Currie, Robert W. Dibble, Jr., Erik P. Doerring, James P. Fields, Jr., M. Craig Garner, Jr., Joel E. Gotlieb, Paul D. Harrill, Celeste T. Jones, Richard J. Morgan, William M. Musser, Jonathan H. Nason, Sara S. Rogers, James C. Siokos, W. Marshall Taylor, Jr., Joseph D. Walker, and Ethan R. Ware.**

McNair Law Firm and Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte have been rated among the top law firms in South Carolina in the Chambers USA's 2009 edition of *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

McNair Law Firm announces that **Andrew G. Melling** has been elected a shareholder of the firm.

Baylen T. Moore announces the relocation of his office to 7001 St. Andrews Rd. #316. Columbia, 29212. Phone: 513-2619.

S. Jahue "Jake" Moore of Moore

Taylor & Thomas has been presented with a Conservation Leadership award by the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District "for his leadership in tree planting and enhancing Lexington County's quality of life."

Nelson Mullins has received the 2009 Robert D. Spencer Volunteer Award from Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. in recognition of its work on behalf of prisoners with severe mental illness.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Maggie Parham Murdock** has become an associate of the firm located at 1320 Main St., 29201. Phone: 255-9397.

Nexsen Pruet announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are: **Mark L. Bender, Michael T. Brittingham, Henry W. Brown, Russell T. Burke, David E. Dubberly, C. Jones Dubose, Jr., Victoria L. Eslinger, William H. Floyd III, Julian Hennig III, Timothy L. Hewson, Fred L. Kingsmore, Jr., William Y. Klett III, G. Marcus Knight, W. Thomas Lavender, Jr., Alan M. Lipsitz, W. Leighton Lord III, Burnet R. Maybank III, Susan P. McWilliams, Julio E. Mendoza, Jr., Edward G. Menzie, William G. Newsome III, Samuel F. Painter, R. Kent Porth, James W. Potter, Matthew B. Roberts and John A. Sowards.**

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Victoria L. Eslinger** has been named the 2009 Advocate of the Year by the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center.

David Dubberly of Nexsen Pruet has been selected as the only South

Carolina attorney for inclusion in *Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition* in the practice area of international law.

Dan Leonardi, of Nexsen Pruet, has been selected for the 2010 Leadership Columbia Class.

Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are **Ray E. Jones, David B. Summer, Jr., Ronald J. Tryon and James L. Werner.**

David Proffitt and Ron Cox announce the opening of **Proffitt & Cox LLP** located at 8910 Two Notch Rd. #400, Columbia 29223. Phone: 834-7097

In recognition of **Richardson Plowden's** generous contribution, the American Heart Association presented the firm with two awards, the **Top Fundraising Company with Less than 100 Employees Award** and the **Highest Percentage of Employees Participating in a Company with Less than 100 Employees Award**. The firm ranked in the top 12 for all participating companies regardless of size.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas announces that **Samuel C. Waters** was named Super Lawyer for the 2009 Bankruptcy and Credit/Debtor Rights section of the SC Super Lawyer Listing. The firm announces that **Steve Moon** has joined the firm as special counsel. The firm also announces that **Lisa Hostetler** has been accepted to the 2009-2010 class of Leadership Columbia.

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Rosalyn W. Frierson, Director of Court Administration, was elected to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the Conference of State Court Administrators and as such has joined

the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts, a non profit that aims to improve the administration of justice through leadership and service to the nation's state courts. She is also co-chair of COSCA's Courts, Children and Families Committee, a joint project with the Conference of Chief Justices and is a participant in the Executive Session for State Court Leaders in the 21st century at the Harvard Kennedy School.

The South Carolina Victim's Assistance Network awarded **Ginny Waller**, Executive Director of Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, the Outstanding Victim Service Provider Award at the Annual Victim's Rights Week in Greenville.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are: **Grady L. Beard**, **Elizabeth Van Doren Gray**, **Daniel W. Hayes**, **Rebecca Laffitte**, **Thornwell F. Sowell**, **Robert E. Stepp**, **Monteith P. Todd**, and **J. Calhoun Watson**.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Amy L.B. Hill** has been named as one of the top young litigators in South Carolina by *Benchmark Litigation* for her commercial and professional malpractice work. Amy has also been named as Star of the Quarter by the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division for her work

developing the Mothers Practicing Law Program.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte has been recognized by Columbia City council as a City of Columbia Green Business. The firm has also been recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as one of the top litigation firms in South Carolina.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney announces the attorneys who have been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010 Edition*. They are: **Michael E. Chase**, **Danny C. Crowe**, **John E. Cuttino**, **Cynthia C. Dooley**, **Charles E. Hill**, **Catherine H. Kennedy**, **Lanneau W. Lambert, Jr.**, **Edward W. Laney IV**, **Curtis L. Ott**, **Steven W. Ouzts**, **Thomas C. Salane**, **Franklin G. Shuler, Jr.** and **W. Duvall Spruill**.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney announces that **Donnell G. Jennings** has been named to the newly formed General Liability Council of United Educators. This council will provide expertise on general liability legal issues unique to education and address topics affecting education including suicide, campus security issues, sexual assaults, catastrophic injuries and insurance coverage.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney announces that **Steven W. Ouzts** was inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America at the organization's Spring Conference and Induction of Fellows, an honorary society of trial lawyers composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney announces that the firm has again been selected as a "recommended insurance defense firm" by *Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and*

Adjusters.

Turner Padgett Graham & Laney announces that the firm national recognition as it has been selected by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 20 law firms included in "The Midsize Hot List," and it is the only firm in South Carolina named.

Mike Kelly has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of South Carolina College of Arts and Sciences.

Bob Wells, Executive Director of the SC Bar and honorary member of the RCBA, is the 2009 recipient of the National Association of Bar Executives Bolton Award for Outstanding Bar Leadership. This award is NABE's highest accolade and recognizes the exceptional professionalism and achievement of a bar executive.

Wesley M. Graybill has been appointed the NC/SC State Government Relations Committee Chair of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Willson Jones Carter & Baxley announces that **J. Gabe Coggiola** has become an associate in the firm's Columbia office located at 4500 Fort Jackson Blvd., 29209. Phone: 782-2520.

McGowan Hood & Felder announces that **William Dixon Robertson III**, of counsel to the firm, will lead the firm's Building Defect Litigation Group.

William M. Spillane announces the relocation of the **Law Office of William Spillane** to 9365 Two Notch Rd. Suite B, PO Box 23037, Columbia, 29224. Phone: 699-0901.

CLASSIFIEDS

OFFICE RENTAL: One Room Office for one attorney for rent: Office includes use of waiting room, conference room, parking and utilities. 1313 Elmwood Ave. Columbia Call 254-5563.

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Single office, conference room, full bath, kitchen area, copier, fax. \$600 per month. 767-8243. Additional secretary space available.

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street parking, one block from U.S. District Courthouse; \$550.00 plus 1/3 utilities per month. Call 256-7777.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: 1226 Pickens St., individual offices for firms or sole practitioner, 500 to 5000 sq. ft. Ample parking, Call: 256-4500.

OFFICE SPACE: 1911 Barnwell St. Attractive, professional office suite; reception area; two offices, conference room; direct parking; \$600 per month plus utilities. Call 779-6365.

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