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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch & Learn

Lessons on Casemaker
September 24 - NOON
SC Bar Classroom, 2nd floor

Lunch and Learn

*A Primer (or Refresher) on
Advanced Directives, Guardianships,
and Conservatorships.*
October 29 - NOON
SC Bar Classroom

Free Ethics CLE

November 7
Registration - 8:00 am
USC Law School Auditorium

Annual Meeting

Holiday Party
December 11, 2008 -
5:30 pm
Columbia Museum of Art

Legal Staff Professionals/ Midlands Meeting:

2nd Tuesday 1:00
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The success we have had at the Richland County Bar Association is a result of the behind the scenes leadership and hard work of many people. I want to highlight a few examples of those efforts.

As you probably have already noticed, your old *Richbar News* has changed its look. *Richbar News* Editor, John Hearn and Managing Editor, Helen Johnson have worked diligently to design and produce this new format. While the old format has served us well, we believe that you will be pleased with the changes we have made and the efforts to provide you with interesting content.



Further, owing to the efforts of our Executive Director, Coleman Chambliss and Program Committee Chairperson, Elizabeth "Betsy" Holderman Bradley, the Richland County Bar Association again hosted the State's Judiciary at the Annual Judicial Reception at the Columbia Museum of Art on August 21, 2008. It is a privilege for the Richland County Bar Association to host this event each year and this year was another great success. One of our core functions as a Bar Association is to facilitate the relationship between lawyers and the judiciary and this event is the cornerstone of that effort.

Finally, our Continuing Legal Education and Seminars Chair, Steedley Bogan, has assembled another outstanding panel of speakers for the November 7, 2008 Free Ethics CLE. Steedley has done a great job each year organizing this event and you will not want to miss this year's program.

We will keep working on ways to make sure you get the most value from your Bar dues. I look forward to seeing you at the next Richland County Bar Association event.

FROM THE EDITOR

IN TECHNICOLOR!

“Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.” True that, folks. Welcome to our redesign. We’ve spruced up a bit. And “we” is absolutely the appropriate pronoun for this effort, although a good argument could be made for “they,” to be honest.

We’ll get to them in a minute, but first, a quick history lesson. *Richbar News* owes its life to RCBA’s Executive Director, Coleman Chambliss. From well before my first involvement with the newsletter six years ago and continuing through today, Coleman has served as our de facto managing editor. Ad sales. Writing articles on RCBA functions. Gathering and reporting the always-popular jury verdicts. Coleman did it all, soup to nuts, including the layout and submission to our printer. It’s a ton of work, especially when a certain editor needs seventeen gentle reminders about his long-overdue column. It’s a thankless job which she has handled with great grace. So thanks, Coleman. We could not have done it without you.

And we still can’t, of course, but your Executive Committee has hired a managing editor, Helen Johnson, to handle most of the bi-monthly production work, as well as our redesign. Helen’s work speaks for itself - you’re soaking in it - and we look forward to enjoying her production talents for a long time.

Like most things in our professional lives, this is a work in progress. This issue we offer a new regular column by Ellen Cleary - “Text Parte” - featuring a different judge each issue. Other new columnists and features will follow as we tweak and reorg, whatever that means. (I stole it from my little

brother, a corporate type.) We’ll have more pictures, too. No sense wasting all that Living Color.

We still have a long way to go, especially on my end. There’s a file folder in that stack over there - no, no, the other stack, that big one in the corner, maybe a foot down or so - with the names of at least a dozen folks who want to help. By year-end, they will have their opportunity. Eventually, we’ll have an editorial board, bringing new voices, new ideas, and plenty of new content. Future issues will likely have a few more pages, and we will return to a true bi-monthly production schedule, with six issues annually versus five the past few years. Goodbye, summer doldrums.

Dang. I plum forgot the “we” list, woefully incomplete, but here goes: thanks and salutations to RCBA President Laney, every last member of the Executive Committee, Jacque Riley, Ashley Thomas, Kristin Horne, Professional Printers, Jane “Shooter” Hearn and the Lollipop Guild. We couldn’t have done it without you, and countless others.

There’s no place like home. And pay no attention to the man behind the black-and-white curtain.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christopher W. Johnson of Gignilliat Savitz & Bettis has been certified by the SC Supreme Court as a specialist in employment and labor law.

McNair Law Firm announces that **Inez Tenenbaum**, former S.C. State Superintendent of Education, has become Special Counsel in its Columbia located at 1301 Gervais St. Phone: 803-799-9800.

Ellis Lawhorne announces that **Jennifer Ross MacLeod** has become an associate of the firm located at 1501 Main St., Columbia 29201. Phone: 803-254-4190.

Collins & Lacy announces that **Rebecca K. Halberg** was recently named as the co-winner of the Charles C. Foster Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Five Points.

Chambers USA Guide has recognized 11 Nexsen Pruet attorneys as top practitioners in their fields. Those in the Columbia Office are **David Dubberly, Vickie Eslinger, Mark Knight, Marc Manos, Susi McWilliams** and

Ed Menzie.

The Bar Foundation announces the election of **Frank Knowlton** of Nelson Mullins as President and **Toyya Brawley Gray** of The Law Offices of Toyya Brawley Gray as Secretary/Treasurer. **John O. McDougall** of McDougall & Self assumes the role of Immediate Past President.

Nexsen Pruet announces that **Ron B. Cox** has joined the firm as Special Counsel in the business litigation practice group.

Chambers USA Guide recognizes 6 attorneys as top practitioners with the firm. The Columbia attorneys are **Celeste T. Jones, Joel E. Gottlieb, Judith L. McInnis** and **M. Todd Smith.**

Kristine Cato, of McAngus Goudelock & Courie has been certified as a mediator by the SC Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification.

Erin A. Cook announces the opening of Estate Planning of SC, LLC. The mailing address is PO Box 5915 Columbia, 29250. Phone: 803-312-3900.

The City Attorney's Office an-

nounces that **Gary H. Johnson II** has joined the office as Assistant City Attorney. Phone: 803-737-4242.

The Swerling Law Firm announces that **Jack Swerling** was named to the South Carolina Super Lawyers 2008 list. He was also recently selected as a Fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, joining the other South Carolina Fellows: **the Honorable Ross Anderson, Ron Motley** and **Bruce Shaw** in the Academy.

Bill Boyd of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has received the Ambassador of the Year Award from the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

George Wolfe of Nelson Mullins has been elected to the SC Economic Developers' Association board of directors.

Nexsen Pruet Law Firm has been named a Gold Level "Fit Friendly Company" by the American Heart Association.

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FREE ETHICS SEMINAR

The program for the Richland Bar Free Ethics Seminar will be held on November 7, 2008 at the USC Law School Auditorium.

We are honored to have on the program as our first speaker South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal. Her topic for the day will be announced. The Chief Justice's presentation will be followed by William C. Hubbard of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, who will be speaking on "The Rule of Law & the American Bar Association's World Justice Project." The third speaker is Lawrence J. Fox, a noted national ethics expert, and member of the Philadelphia Law Firm of DrinkerBiddle. Mr. Fox is the author of many publications including "Red Flags: Legal Ethics for Lawyers and Your Lawyer, A User's Guide." His presentation will not be an ethics lecture but instead will be a presentation of hypotheticals that raise ethics questions. There will be a panel of distinguished South Carolina lawyers participating in the program and audience involvement will be encouraged. The final speaker for the day will be Professor Robert M. Wilcox who is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at the University of South Carolina Law School. Registration begin at 8:00 am on the morning of November 7, 2008.

The program will start at 9:00 am and will be completed by 12:00 noon. The program has been approved for 3 hours of Ethics CLE Credit.

Parking is always a problem, solved by some people by carpooling from their offices. Please allow enough time. A complimentary breakfast will be served. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM BY E-MAIL - RCBA@SCBAR.ORG**

by Monday November, November 3. It is helpful to leave your SC Bar number with your reservation so that you get proper credit for your attendance. In addition to breakfast, printed material is provided for each person so it is important to have an accurate response.

LUNCH & LEARN

Lessons on Casemaker®
September 24
SC Bar Classroom - Second floor
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Courtney Kennaday, director of the SC Bar's Practice Management Assistance Program, will be teaching a one-hour CLE on using Casemaker®.

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NOMINATIONS DUE FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the RCBA on December 13 at the Columbia Museum of Art. There are numbers of qualified persons in the association and members are encouraged to submit nominations in writing to Lester Bates, chair of the Recognition Committee of the bar. E-mail to batesfirm@aol.com.

Tootie Williams Award

Again this year at the annual meeting on December 13, the Richland County Bar Association will present the John W. Williams Distinguished Service Award. This 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. and Luther Batiste.

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 mem-

bership. Please discuss this important award with your colleagues and submit a nomination.

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 Cauthen, Cravens Ravenel, David Belton, Mike Kelly, Michelle Childs, Rosalyn Frierson, Jane Trinkle, Amy Hill and Steve Benjamin.

HAVE YOU SENT US YOUR PICTURE YET?

The Pictorial Directory will be going to press in September. Please send your picture to the RCBA office via mail (P.O. Box 7632, Columbia, SC 29202) or e-mail (rcba@scbar.org) if you have not taken care of this already.

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TEXT PARTE

When you talk to Circuit Court Judge G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., of Camden or see him on the bench, it's obvious why he received the Matthew J. Perry Award for Civility. He personifies it.

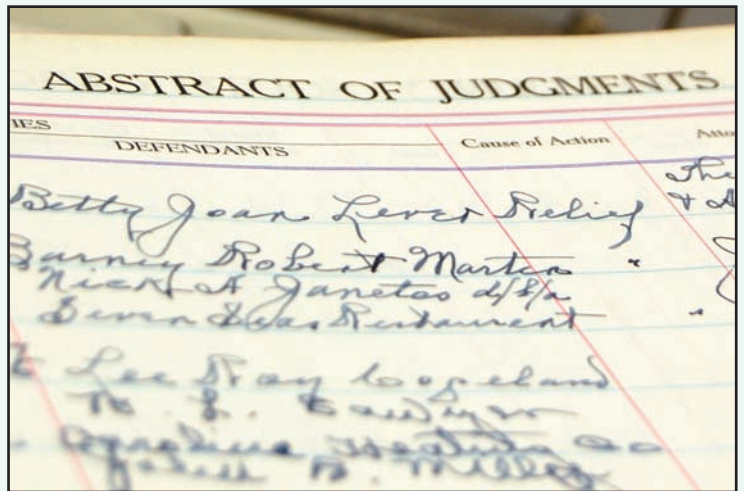
With his white hair, clear blue eyes behind his glasses, and perfectly starched dress shirt, he is the picture of a dignified southern judge. But don't let the courtly appearance intimidate you.

"Judges are human," he notes. Lawyers don't need to be "terrified of judges" and they should "talk to judges and ask them what they did wrong or right in the trial."

Judge Cooper's had an interesting journey to the bench. As a "kid right out of Clemson" he arrived in Washington, D.C., in time for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in late August of 1963. He remembers sadly when President John Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963. "It threw a pall" over the entire city to lose such a "bright, young, intelligent" leader.

Judge Cooper worked as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill while attending George Washington University Law School, where he was taught by experts in their fields. Those were "exciting days" in the nation's capitol but he returned to South Carolina to practice law in 1967.

In the early Seventies, he served in Kershaw County as a part-time assistant solicitor, while Associate Justice Costa Pleicones was a public defender. Later, ironically, Judge Cooper was elected to Justice Pleicones' seat as the Resident Circuit Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit when Justice Pleicones stepped down to serve on the Supreme Court in



2000. Judge Cooper now has "his office" in the Richland County Judicial Center.

He had some top-notch mentors in his early years. The late Governor John C. West (1970-1974), whom he describes as a "brilliant" and "compassionate" man, was his law partner until he left to serve as ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Judge Cooper was also mentored by the late state Senator Donald Holland, who chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee for many years.

After practicing construction law for twenty years and serving as a Certified Arbitrator/Mediator, he was elected to the bench in 2000. Judge Cooper has seen many changes since he started practicing in the 1960s, when they used manual typewriters and carbon paper. He notes that the competition for clients has led to increased specialization and advertising, which was unheard of when he started out.

He remembers when lawyers looked up cases in books, not on computers - something that's a mystery to the young lawyers he works with

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The Belles of Summer

If memory serves, it was exactly 25 years ago. I was between my junior and senior years at Carolina, a 21-year-old broadcasting major with a head full of mush and the emotional maturity of, well, a 21-year-old broadcasting major with a head full of mush. Dad figured that out long before I did, and, rather than have me wreak some singular havoc on his automobile dealership, chose instead to suggest a unique summer employment opportunity.

Thus began my brief career as a peach salesman.

The used car lot supplied the necessary transportation unit – a beat-up cargo van, a Dodge maybe, to which I could hardly do any more damage, and free from the frivolous doodads that come on such vehicles these days. Air conditioning, for example. Windows that actually closed. Brakes, on occasion.

Each week I would duly drive over to York from Rock Hill and meet my connect. I would pick up 50 or 60 pecks of peaches and stack them just so in The Fruit Fly Express, and head out to find my fortune. Initially, I tried going door to door, but when a day's labor resulted in the sale of only five baskets, I knew I had to find a new strategy. A roadside stand that somehow sat unused became my next plan, but it soon became clear why the stand was



unused and I moved on to Plan C.

Plan C worked like a charm and involved loading the van and driving to the Charlotte Farmer's Market, where the real farmers would look on with disdain and often offer a critical word about my presence and my South Carolina tags. The Cat hat crowd was also none too happy with my incessant playing of Zeppelin's "Houses of the Holy" at high volume, thus scaring away the little old ladies from the bona fide farmers' freshly-picked butter beans.

I got quite an education in peaches that summer. Prior to that year, I had little understanding of the incredible variety of peaches available in the marketplace, and how their availability was so limited and so special to some folks. Soft shell crab season has nothing by comparison. Cresthaven. Red Haven. Elberta, some nearly the size of a grapefruit. Georgia Belles. These last two inspired a virtual frenzy at my van, grandmothers nodding in time to "The Rain Song."

A medium-sized peach has about 35 calories - a perfect snack or dessert just as is. Peaches are a good source of Vitamin A, C and E and fiber. They are also rich in phytochemicals which act as antioxidants, ridding the body of free radicals. (No political jokes, please.) Phytochemicals are critical for healthy skin and phyto levels can be thrown out of balance in the body by exposure to the sun's UV rays. It only seems fitting that peaches - a definitive hot-weather treat - help us right that imbalance. Peaches also count as part of nutritionists' recommended '5 a Day' plan of eating five servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

07-CP-40-2602

Rodney Williams vs. John K. Mann

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Robert Dodson, Carlisle Oxner

Defendant: Karl Stephen Brehmer

Cause of Action: Auto/ personal injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$1,963.58

07-CP-40-302

Robert Lee Gibson vs. Amanda Leigh Gaines

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: John Hardaway

Defendant: Robert Brown

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$5,607.43

07-CP-40-424

Raymond Ferkin vs. Rebecca Edmonds

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: James B. Snell Jr.

Defendant: Mark B. Goddard

Cause of Action: Auto/ Personal injury

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$3,581.04

07-CP-40-2194

Linda Seawright vs. Tonya Miller

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Hugh McAngus, Jr.

Defendant: Austin Hood

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defendant

07-CP-40-1800

Holly C. Gamble vs. John Parker et al

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Todd Ellis

Defendant: Mark W. Hardee

Cause of Action: Contract/Employment

Verdict: For Plaintiff

Actual Damages: \$353,431.23

06-CP-40-5751

Steven Follmann, Susan Follmann vs. Columbia Yamaha, Inc.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Jean Perrin Derrick

Defendant: Harry Clayton Walker, Jr.

Cause of Action: Personal Injury/Products Liability

Verdict: For Defendant

06-CP-40-6456

Haigin Lin vs. Toinette Reed

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Eleazer Carter

Defendant: Eric Bland

Cause of Action: Contract

Counter Claim for Defendant

Actual Damages: \$7,000.00

06-CP-40-849

Alysha Ziolkowski vs. Kristen Middlebrooks

Attorneys:

Plaintiff:

Hammond A. Beale, Jr.

Defendant: James Edward Bradley

Cause of Action: Auto/Personal Injury

Verdict: For Defendant



RCBA PREPARES TO LEND A “HELP-ING” HAND

The RCBA's Public Service Committee has taken on a new project to provide pro bono legal assistance to the homeless in the greater Columbia area in partnership with a growing national organization called Project H.E.L.P. (High Expectations Learning Program), and locally with St. Lawrence Place, the Midlands Interfaith Council, S.C. Cares, and the S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center.

The official announcement took place on May 31, 2008, with a well-attended breakfast and kick-off presentation by Project H.E.L.P.'s national founder, the Honorable Jay Zainey, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. In the fall, the Columbia Project H.E.L.P. group will begin 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. Area programs serving the homeless will encourage individuals with identified legal needs to participate in the clinic.

An initial training session, in which volunteers will earn CLE credit and receive an extensive notebook of relevant contact information and other resources to use with clinic participants, will take place Friday, October 3, 2008. With a handful of volunteers needed just once a month to make the clinic a success, firms or other groups who commit to sending a few people to staff the clinic can contribute important assistance without making a big time commitment. A small group of volunteers emerged from the kick-off meeting, but the Public Service Committee is working to identify specific groups who can commit to attending training and staffing the half-day clinic for a particular month in

the coming year.

Project H.E.L.P.'s host, St. Lawrence Place, is a transitional housing facility for working homeless families in Columbia. The facility's thirty units provide housing for homeless families referred to St. Lawrence Place by various shelters and other agencies in the city.

Each St. Lawrence Place family participates in programs developed by professional staff that emphasize family enrichment, educational instruction, job training, and interpersonal skills. There is also an after school program for children. Active participation in these programs is required for families living at St. Lawrence Place. Residents are also expected to find and keep employment, maintain their apartment properly, pay bills in a timely manner, and demonstrate growth and progress in their family's life plan.

Project H.E.L.P. was started in the New Orleans area by Judge Jay Zainey. It began as an effort by area judges, who were limited in the pro bono legal services they could provide, to notarize copies of identification and other legal documents for homeless members of the community. Judge Zainey realized that in order to use local shelters and other services provided to the homeless, people had to present valid identification, which was sometimes difficult for homeless people to maintain.



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now. But the law schools are graduating “excellent lawyers” these days and he’s happy with the caliber of new lawyers.

As a judge, he craves the challenge brought on by complicated cases, particularly criminal cases. “It’s interesting, sobering” and the cases deal “with a whole range of human emotions.” At 67, he has reached the point in his career where he doesn’t want the easy cases.

He’s gotten his wish, presiding over numerous high profile trials, including death penalty trials. He famously sentenced Vinson Filyaw to 421 years in prison for criminal sexual conduct and kidnapping in September 2007. Filyaw pleaded guilty to keeping a young teenager captive in a bunker until her text messages led to her freedom. After sentencing, Judge Cooper was quoted in virtually every major media outlet as saying, “I have a strong belief you have forfeited your right to be a member of this society.” He also presided over the murder trial of Columbia attorney H. Dewain Herring in May of 2007.

With his refined southern accent, he says he wants lawyers to be at ease in his courtroom. However, there are some taboos in his courtroom. Do not chew gum (yes, some lawyers apparently do) and be prepared, because Judge Cooper will be. In addition, he recommends that lawyers not write in a way that the judge cannot find the substance of their argument. And most importantly, BE CIVIL!

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

HEALTH & FITNESS

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If you are feeling a bit more decadent and want an easy summer treat, here’s one of my favorites, courtesy of WBTV-Charlotte’s “Betty Feezor Show,” circa 1974, back in the days when I occasionally faked a stomachache to stay home from school.

Easy Peach Crisp

1 stick butter

3/4 c. self-rising flour

3/4 c. sugar

16 oz. can peaches, drained, but use fresh!

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in 8x8 baking pan/dish either in oven or microwave. In a separate bowl, mix together flour and sugar and sprinkle evenly over butter. Cover with peaches. (If using fresh, pile them in there until surface of mixture is well-covered, then add a few more for extra peachy goodness.)

Bake for 45 minutes to one hour. The crust/crisp will be impossible to remove from the pan without substantial effort--a caramelized, gooey mess. If you have done it right, you will gladly make the effort to chisel that toffee out after everyone else has gone to bed.

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Members who wish to offer assistance or ideas are welcome to call the committee chair. Many things are being planned by your association and the RCBA welcomes your input.



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Steve McKinney of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, has been appointed chair of the Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie has been recognized as an ABA-EPA Law Office Climate Challenge Partner by the ABA., based on the firm's commitment to environmental sustainability through the Waste-Wise Program. This commitment included purchasing office paper with at least 30% recycled con-

tent, recycling discarded office paper and using double-sided copying and printing for drafts and internal documents.

Steven T. Moon of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has been appointed to a three-year term on the SC Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization.

Franklin "Trey" Turner of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, has been elected chair of the ABA TIPS Section Products, Liability, General Liability and Consumer Law Committee.

R. Bruce Shaw of Nelson Mullins has been reelected to a third term on the board of directors and a second term on the Budget and Finance Committee of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Samuel C. Waters of Rogers Townsend Thomas has been named a member of the board of the Committee for Actual Real Estate Solutions.

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Turner Padgett announces that **Michelle Clayton** has been selected by Leadership Columbia Class of 2009.

Ginny Waller of Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands announces that **Jason M. Bradley**, Assistant General Counsel at Blue Cross Blue Shield, has become a member of its Board of Directors.

McAngus Goudelock announces that **Mullen Taylor** has joined the firm in the Columbia Office located at 700 Gervais St. Columbia SC, 29201. Phone: 803-779-2300

Collins & Lacy announces that founding partner **Joel Collins** has been selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers-Corporate Counsel Edition 2008.

Davidson Morrison & Lindemann announces that David L. Morrison has withdrawn from the firm and the firm will now be known as Davidson & Lindemann PA. The firm also announces that **Kristy M. Grafton** has become an associate of the firm located at 1611 Devonshire Dr. Columbia 29204. Phone: 806-8222.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas and Sherwood M. Cleveland an-

nounce the merger of their law firms and the firm will be known as **Rogers Townsend Thomas Cleveland**.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Karen A. Crawford** has been invited to join The American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte announces that **Tina Cundari** has been appointed to the advisory board of the Nelson Mullins Center on Professionalism and to the board of directors of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Columbia.

David E. Dukes, Stephen G. Morrison and **Joel H. Smith** of Nelson Mullins have been recognized by legal publishers Chambers and Partners in its Chambers USA 2008 online edition.

Nelson Mullins announces that **Ed Mullins** has been elected to the board of trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation.

Charles E. Carpenter Jr. of Carpenter Appeals & Trial Support has been distinguished as a Super Lawyer for SC by Law & Politics in the area of Appellate Law.

Todd Ellis announces the ope-

ning of his new office, Law Office of Todd Ellis PA, at 7825 Broad River Rd. #300, Irmo 29063. Phone: 803-732-0123. Fax: 803-732-0124.

Hopkins & Campbell announce that **Thomas E. McCutchen** and **Hoover C. Blanton** have joined the firm as Of Counsel located at 1414 Main St. #650, Columbia 29201 Phone: 803-255-0998.

Pope D. Johnson III and **Evans Taylor Barnette** announce the formation of Johnson & Barnette LLP located at 1320 Main St. #650, Columbia 29201. Phone: 803-799-9791. Fax: 803-253-6084.

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WILLIAM HUBBARD BECOMES FIRST SOUTH CAROLINIAN TO LEAD ABA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The American Bar Association's Nominating Committee has named Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Partner William C. Hubbard to chair the 555-member House of Delegates beginning in August for a two-year term. The Chair of the House is the second highest elected position in the 413,000-member organization. Mr. Hubbard is the first South Carolinian to be elected to this position since the ABA was founded in 1878.



The House of Delegates makes policy for the association. The House also elects ABA officers and members of the Board of Governors, which oversees management of the association.

A native South Carolinian, Mr. Hubbard graduated from the University of South Carolina where he earned both his undergraduate degree (magna cum laude) and his Juris Doctor. After clerking for a year with U.S. District Court Judge Robert F. Chapman, he entered private practice where he has focused on business litigation. In 1986, he was named the South Carolina Bar's Young Lawyer of the Year.

Mr. Hubbard serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of South Carolina and was its chair from 1996 to 2000. He was also president of the region's Council of Boy Scouts; served on the board of Voices for South Carolina Children, which promotes early childhood education; and was a founding director for City Year-Columbia, a youth service organization.

What makes leadership is the ability to get people to do what they don't want to do and like it.
- Harry Truman

RCBA PREPARES TO LEND A "HELP-ING" HAND (...continued from page 7)

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For more information about the H.E.L.P. clinic, upcoming training opportunities, or to sign your firm, group, or yourself up to volunteer, please contact Kristen Horne. She can be reached at 255-9530 or kristen.horne@nelsonmullins.com.

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