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Dear Colleagues,

I wish you the best.

Jim Myrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Futeral & Nelson is pleased to announce that Tiffany D. Rogers has joined the law firm as an Associate Attorney, effective June 29, 2015. Tiffany will handle various types of cases, primarily focusing on domestic issues. Prior to attending law school, she worked for the Division of Forensic Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina, which sparked her interest in the legal profession. She received her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Daytona State College, in Daytona Beach, Florida and later graduated from the Charleston School of Law in December of 2014.

K&L Gates' Charleston office is pleased to welcome Josh Crowfoot as an associate in the real estate practice group. Mr. Crowfoot focuses his practice on commercial real estate matters. His transactional experience includes working on purchase and sale transactions, financings, and leases. He also performs commercial and residential closings. His litigation experience extends to construction defect actions, foreclosures, boundary disputes, and community association disputes.

The Peper Law Firm, PA is pleased to announce that Trey Harrell has joined the firm as an Associate. Trey will focus his practice in the areas of personal injury and criminal defense. He can be reached at (843) 225-2520 and Trey@PeperLawFirm.com

CLASSIFIEDS:

1200 square foot office building available at 535 Stinson Drive, West Ashley near 526. Conference room with table and chairs provided, two large offices partially furnished, a smaller office, kitchen, bathroom, and large reception area. Hardwood floors in one office, lobby, and conference room. Perfect for a law office. Lawn maintenance is included. **For more information, call 763-5297.**

Private Law Office/suite for Lease in North Charleston. Convenient location near Rivers & Aviation across from Virginia College with easy access from I-26 or I-526 for Berkeley, Dorchester and Charleston counties. Reception area, receptionist/assistant space, 2 (possibly 3) lawyer offices, conference room, bathroom and kitchenette. Nicely appointed. Available furnished or unfurnished. Free parking. Monthly lease negotiable, plus utilities. Great opportunity for small law firm or sole practitioner. Please contact **Nicholas Clekis** at (843) 720-3737 or clekislaw@clekis.com for more details.

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ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY
(ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR NEW MEMBERS)

Please help us have a more complete online member directory. If you go to the Lawyer Directory on <http://www.charlestonbar.com> and see that any of your contact information and/or headshot is missing, or outdated, **please e-mail the information and photo (in jpeg format) to secretary@charlestoncountybar.org.**

We would really like to have photos from all attorneys. This is especially important for new members.

SAVE THE DATE

July 2, 2015

Gun Laws and Gun Trusts - what Lawyers Can and Cannot Do
2.0 hours
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

July 22, 2015

Continuing Legal Education
Chief Justice Jean Toal
2.0 hours ethics
Wednesday, July 22nd, 4pm
Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park
In Memory of Stanley Feldman

August __, 2015 (date TBD)

Inclusion, Diversity, and Cultural Sensitivity in the Legal World
8.0 hours, including 1.0 hour of ethics/mental health
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

September, 2015 (Date TBD)

Admiralty CLE
3.0 hours
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

September 28, 2015

Federal Administrative Law CLE
Francis Marion Hotel (more details at later date)

(Date TBD)

Appellate Issues in State and Federal Courts
4.0 hours
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

October, 2015 (Date TBD)

Criminal Practice CLE - What You Need to Know Before Practicing Criminal Defense!
6.0 hours, including 1.0 hour of ethics
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

November, 2015 (Date TBD)

Personal Injury CLE
6.0 hours
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

December, 2015 (Date TBD)

Family Law CLE
8.0 hours
Jury Assembly Room of the Charleston County Courthouse

Holiday Party

December 10 (Details to come later)

January CLE 2016 (Date TBD)

February CLE 2016 (Date TBD)

What works for Me

8.0 hours, including 2.0 hours of ethics (which could include 1.0 hour of mental health)

PRO BONO MOMENTS

By: Marvin H. Feingold
Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services

The Summer of 2015 is well under way as this is being written. Our Ackerman Fellows (Summer Law Interns) are hard at work, fielding scores of real legal problems involving family law, probate, wills and poa's, landlord and tenant, consumer and public benefit problems. They are learning to conduct interviews to determine if applicants calling-in meet eligibility requirements and if their legal issue is one within our priorities.

While we continue to seek volunteer attorneys to assist with matters that would not be advisable for the client to self-litigate, our Ackerman fellows produce pleadings with which clients' can independently file, and litigate to a final hearing such matters as Divorces, Modifications of child support and visitation, etc. in Family Court. The Ackerman fellows also draft probate pleadings, correspondence and they perform legal research.

Having been asked to inventory the practical skills they have learned at this point in their Fellowship, they have partially listed the following:

- How to navigate the Courthouse and work with Courthouse staff.
- How to do a basic title search.
- The importance of attention to detail in pleading preparation
- How to control a client interview for efficiency while remaining sensitive to client's need to sometimes ramble on with unnecessary facts and opinions.
- How to write more precisely and effectively.

Among the worthy cases we are offering for acceptance by volunteer attorney are a number of opportunities to re-unite parents with their children and Guardian and Conservatorship cases.

If interested attorneys are not experienced in these areas but want to help, we can associate an experienced volunteer attorney as "of counsel."

(ADD DONATION BOX HERE)

By Ruth W. Cupp

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Judicial Notice

S.C. Associate Judge of Probate, Tamara C. Curry

By: TAC Hargrove II, Charleston School of Law, class of 2016

Born: 1963, Charleston, SC

Appointed: 1998

Education: B.A., South Carolina State University, 1985; J.D. University of Tennessee College of Law, 1988

Career: Affirmative Action Coordinator at Northern Kentucky University, 1988-90; Associate, Law Offices of Armand Derfner, practicing in constitutional law focused on civil rights, labor and federal litigation, 1990-91; Private Practice, Curry, and Counts, 1991-99

Family: Husband, Eduardo Sr.; Sons, Eduardo II and Xavier; Daughter, Morgan

1. **On your nightstand:** “The Bible; ‘Jesus Calling’ for daily devotions, and my iPad. I love to read and have most of my books on the iPad, but I am also constantly playing Sudoku.” When asked about her skill level at Sudoku, Judge Curry said she plays between medium and hard.
2. **What the bar would be surprised to learn:** “I love to cook. I’m a southern cook.” Judge Curry said her specialties are seafood gumbo, she-crab soup, and red rice. An avid traveler, Judge Curry also loves going to new places and said, “we like to look for the dives and local spots wherever we travel.” Aside from cooking and travel, one of her biggest passions is helping the homeless in the community and regularly serves at the shelter.
3. **Best part about being a judge:** “The ability it gives me to help people, especially when it’s non-adversarial. People come in the estate division during a difficult time in their lives, but the court and our wonderful staff are able to help them during this difficult time.” Outside of the ability to help people she said, “I don’t miss having to prepare pleadings or prepare for court... You just have to referee.”
4. **Hardest part about being a judge:** “Oftentimes somebody is not happy. Sometimes you have hard cases where the law states one thing and your heart says something different, and you always have to go by the law. Those are hard cases when there is no way to make a wrong a right or a right a wrong.” Judge Curry stated that it is difficult when you see a person who may have been the victim in the case, but the facts just are not there or they may have missed the statute of limitations preventing their recovery.
5. **Priceless moment in your courtroom:** “I have a lot!” However, she said some stand out more than others. “Recently I had a young lady who graduated from my mental health court, and when she first came she was a pole dancer who was suffering from severe mental illness. Now she is doing well and is a mental health advocate, who has been employed for the last 4 years, and is the chairperson of our alumni group. So when I see somebody who had no life skills, using drugs, and cycling in and out of jail . . . at graduations, and Christmas parties for graduates, I know that I have made a difference.”

“The funniest thing – we had somebody come to graduation and we had to listen to their rendition of some song that they singing in her choir. They were standing in the middle of the floor singing! And remember, it’s not good, but they thought they were singing really well!”
6. **In your courtroom, DO:** “Be prepared. I have seen many attorneys who come unprepared – not filing the right documents or wanting the court to give them advice.” Judge Curry goes on to state, “remember you have a duty to represent your clients zealously and you cannot do so if you are not prepared.”
7. **In your courtroom, DON’T:** “Incivility is one that I just hate! It annoys me when attorneys just bicker and are uncivil.”

“I don’t like when lawyers repeat the same question 20 different times because they don’t get the answer they want from the witness. It wastes time, and our time is precious.”
8. **Advice to young lawyers:** “If you don’t know it, go ask somebody. Find yourself a mentor and know your rules of civil procedure! There are so many young lawyers who are opening up their own shops and they do not seek help, which is sometimes a disservice to their clients.”

- 9. What experience best prepared you for the bench?** “I think being in private practice and actually having to represent clients gave me the empathy to understand how important cases are to each individual person. Also my upbringing – my mom and grandmother taught us to always treat people with respect.”
- 10. What would you change about the American judicial system?** “More judges, more public defenders, and more solicitors. I would like our legislators to know that even though our budgets don’t increase, our workloads have been increasing for years. However, we still work effectively and efficiently even though we have huge dockets. It would be more helpful if we were able to hire more staff members to help better manage the caseloads.”

CIRCUIT COURT SCHEDULE - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(Court schedules are changing constantly; please verify current information through S.C. Court Administration or by checking the South Carolina Judicial Department website at <http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/calendar/index.cfm>.)

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 31
September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28

CIRCUIT COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 31
September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28

FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 31
September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28

FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 31
September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2006-CP-10-1577	Lawton Limehouse, Sr. vs. Paul H. Hulsey and The Hulsey Litigation Group, LLC
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: Frank M. Cisa Defendants: Robert H. Hood, James B. Hood, James A Bradshaw and Cherie Durand
Cause of Action:	Assault/Slander/Libel
Verdict:	For the Defendants.
2012-CP-10-4149	Nola Anderson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Calvin Anderson, deceased vs. Lindsay Anderson, PA
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: Julia M. Flumian Defendant: Marian W. Scalise and Lydia L. Magee
Cause of Action:	Medical Malpractice
Verdict:	For the Defendant.
2012-C-10-6270	Darren R. Crawford vs. Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: Jennifer M. Stark, John A. Moss and John D. Steel Defendant: Paul F. Tecklenburg
Cause of Action:	Torts
Verdict:	For the Defendant in the amount of \$257,500.00 actual damages; reduced to \$\$267,500.00 after a setoff of \$30,500.00.
2013-CP-10-1562	Cornelia H. Rivers-Pringle vs. Randy J. McDonald and McGee Corporation
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: Jarrel L. Wigger, Peter Kaufman and Mary P. Fishburne Defendants: Benjamin B. Davis
Cause of Action:	Motor Vehicle/Trucking Accident
Verdict:	For the Defendants.
2013-CP-10-569	William Huck and Dianne Huck vs. Wings Over America, Inc., d/b/a Wild Wing Café, Oakland Properties, LLC, Chandler Construction Services, Inc., and Avtex Commercial Properties, Inc.
Attorneys:	Plaintiffs: Edward K. Pritchard, III and Elizabeth F. Fulton Defendants: K. Michael Barfield
Cause of Action:	Personal Injury
Verdict:	For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$48,820.00 actual damages against Defendant Avtex Commercial Properties, Inc. after a reduction of fifty percent due to Plaintiff William Huck being fifty percent liable.

2013-CP-10-6041	Beth Carrigg vs. Kiawah Island Inn Company, LLC d/b/a Kiawah Island Golf Resort and The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: John W. Carrigg, Jr. Defendants: James B. Hood
Cause of Action:	Personal Injury
Verdict:	For the Defendants.
2013-CP-10-6629	Pamela D. Ryals vs. Harold Lee White
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: Roy T. Willey and Katie M. Wilensky Defendant: Andrew S. Halio and Michael J. Ferri
Cause of Action:	Motor Vehicle Accident
Verdict:	For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$175,000.00 actual damages after a finding that Plaintiff was fifty percent negligent.
2014-CP-10-1044	Nathan Geiger vs. Deborah Cole and Velocity Powersports, LLC
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: C. Steven Moskos Defendants: Seth W. Whitaker, G. Rutledge DuRant and Mary Leigh Arnold
Cause of Action:	Unfair Trade Practices
Verdict:	For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$4,325.09 for breach of contract and \$2,500.00 for breach of express warranty claim for a total of 6,825.00 actual damages against Defendant Velocity Powersports, LLC.
2014-CP-10-1446	Brandon Scott Proveaux vs. Melanie Joyce Brown
Attorneys:	Plaintiff: G. Rutledge DuRant Defendant: Justin P. Novak and Kelley S. Cannon
Cause of Action:	Motor Vehicle Accident
Verdict:	For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$16,000.00 actual damages and \$2,000.00 punitive damages for a total judgment in the amount of \$18,000.00.
2014-CP-10-2429	Elizabeth A. Ortiz and Nicole Ortiz vs. Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P.
Attorneys:	Plaintiffs: Jeffrey W. Buncher, Jr. Defendant: Amy L. Gaffney and Robert C. Blain
Cause of Action:	Assault/Slander/Libel
Verdict:	For the Defendant.

FEDERAL COURT JURY VERDICTS
(There were no Federal Court Verdicts)