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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

This Bar belongs to each one of us. We have maintained the singularity of our organization with pride in who we are as a collection of professionals, none too big for the group and none too small. We make our organization thrive through our participation in its function and

festivities. Let's make it thrive this year.

If your interest lies mostly with the festivities, please make a point to view the fancy new e-blasts and see what events are upcoming. Or, you can always check the website, www.charlestoncountybar.org, and view the Calendar under the Attorney Resources drop-down menu. Either way, you likely will learn of free CLEs that interest you as well. You may also find on the website some ways the Bar can help you post announcements or ads, or you may just enjoy the videos and photographs at the News link under "The CCBA" menu.

If you would like to be more involved with the function of the Bar, you easily can be. We are working through a robust committee structure. If you have ideas or energy to volunteer, please contact me, our Executive Secretary Julie Holzel at secretary@charlestoncountybar.org, or the leaders of the committees which interest you most. Those committees and their respective chairs are listed on the website. Some committees which could more readily use such contributions and their chairs are listed below.

- **CLE Committee:** Barrett Brewer and Nosi Ralephata (replacing the tireless Michèle Patrão Forsythe as she transitions to the Family Court bench)
- **Community Outreach Committee:** Judge (Ret.) Paul Garfinkel and Mallery Scheer
- **Technology Committee:** David Wolf

If you have ideas for how particular courts or court systems could function better, our Court Liaisons can be your buffer and collect and transmit suggestions – without further attribution.

- **Common Pleas:** Lad Howell
- **Family Court:** Natalie Bluestein
- **General Sessions:** Rhett Dunaway
- **Probate Court:** Dick Unger
- **U.S. District Court:** Rhett DeHart

Your Officers and Executive Committee look forward to the term and hope to engage you in the operation of the Bar and, of course, in the festivities.

Whether at the Bar events or at 100 Broad Street, when you run into Immediate Past President Jim Myrick, Past President Natalie Bluestein, and 2015-16 Executive Committee members Rhett Dunaway, Robert Hawk, Sean Houseal, and Teddy Manos, please thank them for their significant contributions to the Bar Association over the past year.

Very truly yours,
Brian Duffy



South Carolina Resident Circuit Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson

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

Born: Charleston, SC

Appointed: February 14, 1996

Education: Converse College, University of South Carolina School of Law

Career: Judge Jefferson began her legal career as a Law Clerk for Judge Richard E. Fields (Ret.) S.C. Circuit Court Judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit before entering private practice until her appointment to the S.C. Family Court in 1996 and subsequently to the Circuit Court on May 30, 2001.

Family: No spouse or children

1. **What the bar would be surprised to learn:** "I like watching sports (of all types) with my dad."
2. **Best part about being a judge:** "Dealing with the public especially jurors and young students. Seeing

the public educated about the law through their actual participation in the process and the system and their faith in our system of laws being strengthened by their participation. Dealing with the attorneys. We have a great bar."

3. **Hardest part about being a judge:** "Sentencing."
4. **Priceless moment in your courtroom:** "Every moment is 'Priceless.' Truth is stranger than fiction!"
5. **In your courtroom, DO:** "Be prepared!"
6. **In your courtroom, DON'T:** "Lack common courtesy and civility to the Court and most importantly the public and your colleagues."
7. **Advice to young lawyers:** "Get a mentor and nurture that relationship for a lifetime."
8. **What experience best prepared you for the bench?** "The life skills instilled by my parents. Clerking with and being mentored by Judge Richard E. Fields."

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The advertisement features a collage of elements. On the left is a cover of 'SOUTH CAROLINA LAWYERS WEEKLY' dated March 9, 2016. The cover includes headlines such as 'STILL WAITING', 'Mortley Rice helps secure \$100 million tobacco award', and 'IN THIS ISSUE: 2015 LEADERSHIP IN LAW'. In the center is a large green starburst graphic with the text 'SAVE \$69'. To the right is a hand holding a smartphone displaying the 'LAWYERS WEEKLY' app interface. Below the smartphone is the South Carolina Bar logo, which consists of a stylized blue column and the text 'South Carolina Bar'. At the bottom right, the text reads 'Bar Member Discount \$260.00 (1 Year / Print & Online) Promo code: MZR1SCB'.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reynolds H. Blankenship, Jr. is pleased to announce the opening of **RHB Law Firm, LLC**, located in the Franke Building at 171 Church Street, Suite 340. Mr. Blankenship's practice is in general civil and domestic litigation.

K&L Gates has named **Jennifer Thiem** and **Brian Wildstein** new partners. Thiem represents companies and individuals in commercial disputes, trade secret misappropriation, and insurance coverage matters. Wildstein advises developers, lenders, landlords, and nonprofit organizations in real estate and resort development, acquisition, financing, restructuring, and leasing matters.

MVP Group International is pleased to announce that **Matt Dillon** has been appointed General Counsel. Mr. Dillon, who has been a member of the Charleston County Bar since 1992, is now the Chief Legal Officer and responsible for all legal matters in the company's US operations.

Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. is pleased to announce its Charleston office has relocated to 171 Church Street in downtown Charleston.

Rosen Hagood is pleased to announce that **Timothy J. W. Muller** has been named as a non-equity member of the firm, effective January 1, 2016. Muller focuses his practice on construction law and litigation, government and utilities law, business and commercial litigation, and securities litigation. In addition to representing clients in litigation, Tim regularly counsels businesses and local governmental entities on a variety of transactional and other legal matters.

Smith Moore Leatherwood is pleased to announce that **Lynn Chandler** has recently moved to the firm's Charleston office. Chandler has been a partner in the firm's Charlotte office for nine years and will continue to focus her efforts primarily on tax and wealth management.

CCBA Committee Assignments for 2016 - 2017

If anyone would be interested in taking a more active role in your county bar association, it operates through a robust committee structure which would benefit from additional volunteers. Please contact a Chair or Co-Chair of any committee you would be interested in participating on and they will be happy to assist you with becoming involved. (Chairs and co-chairs of the committees are marked with asterisks)

1. CLE
 - a. Barrett Brewer*
 - b. Nosi Ralephata*
 - c. Jake Barker
 - d. Mary Lee Hutson
 - e. Marissa Zwerner
2. Community Outreach
 - a. Judge Garfinkel*
 - b. Mallory Scheer*
 - c. Emanuel Ferguson
 - d. Julie Moore
3. Court Liaisons
 - a. State Court
 - i. Common Pleas – Lad Howell
 - ii. General Sessions – Rhett Dunaway
 - iii. Family – Natalie Bluestein
 - iv. Probate – Dick Unger
 - b. Federal Court – Rhett Dehart
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5. Memorials – Frank McCann
6. Mentorship – Sean Houseal

7. Pro Bono liaison – Jim Myrick
8. Real estate
 - a. Lenny Krawcheck*
 - b. Howard Yates*
9. Records
 - a. Britt Kelly*
 - b. Christy Ford Allen
 - c. Scott Moise
10. Social
 - a. Natalie Bluestein*
 - b. Eddie Phipps
11. Technology
 - a. David Wolf*
 - b. Kevin Phillips

Call for Newsletter Contributors

The Charleston County Bar Association Newsletter is looking for members interested in contributing content that would be of interest to the Association's members. Whether the contributions are practice area specific, general interest, or would be less frequent than the quarterly publication schedule, the Technology Committee would be happy to discuss the possibility of including your content in the Newsletter with appropriate approval. For anyone interested, please contact David Wolf by email at david@wolflaw.com to explore such an opportunity.

COURT SCHEDULES

(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>.)

CIRCUIT COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| April 4 | | April 11 | | April 18 | | April 25 | |
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| Chas CP/NJ - Couch | Chas CP/NJ - Mullen | Chas CP/NJ - Harrington | Chas GS - Hughston | Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. | Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson | Chas CP/NJ - Hayes | Chas CP/NJ - Hughston |
| Chas GS - Dennis | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas GS - Dennis | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas CP/NJ - Buckner | Chas CP/NJ - Buckner | Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. | Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. |
| Chas GS - Culbertson | Berk CP/NJ - Cothran | Chas GS - Jefferson | 9 th CPNJ/PCR - Early | 9 th CPNJ/PCR - Early | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson |
| Berk GS/SGJ - Young, W. | 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson | Berk CP/NJ - Cothran | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | 9 th CPNJ - Harrington | 9 th CPNJ - Harrington |
| | AW - Young, R. | 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson | Berk GS - Jefferson | Berk GS - Jefferson | Berk GS - Jefferson | Berk CP/NJ - Dennis | Berk CP/NJ - Dennis |

| May 2 | | May 9 | | May 16 | | May 23 | |
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| | | 9 th CPNJ - Cooper | Chas CP/NJ - Harrington | Chas CP/NJ - Dennis | Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson | Chas CP/NJ - Early | Chas CP/NJ - Gibbons |
| | | Chas CP/NJ - Hill | Chas CP/NJ - Hill | Chas GS - Gibbons | Chas GS - Gibbons | Chas CP/NJ - Keesley | Chas CP/NJ - Keesley |
| | | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas GS - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson |
| | | Chas GS - Young, R. | Chas GS - Young, R. | Chas GS - Mullen | Chas GS - Mullen | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington |
| | | Chas GS - Nicholson | Chas GS - Nicholson | Berk CP/NJ - Young, R. | Berk CP/NJ - Young, R. | | |
| | | Berk GS - Dennis | Berk GS - Dennis | | | | |

| May 30 | | June 6 | | June 13 | | June 20 | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9 th CPNJ - Russo | Chas CP/NJ - Kelly | Chas CP/NJ - Harrington | Chas CP/NJ - Verdin | 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson | Chas CP/NJ - James | Chas CP/NJ - Early | Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. |
| Chas CP/NJ - Hughston | Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. | Chas GS - Young, W. | Chas GS - Mullen | Chas CP/NJ - James | Chas GS - Dennis | Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson | Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson |
| Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. | Berk GS - Harrington | Chas GS - Mullen | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas GS - Jefferson | Chas GS - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Jefferson |
| Berk GS - Harrington | Berk GS - Dennis | Chas GS/SGJ - Jefferson | Chas GS - Young, R. | Chas GS - Young, R. | Chas GS - Young, R. | Berk CP/NJ - Dennis | Berk CP/NJ - Dennis |
| Berk GS - Dennis | | Berk CP/NJ - Young, R. | Berk CP/NJ - Cooper | Berk CP/NJ - Cooper | Berk CP/NJ - Cooper | | |
| | | | Berk GS - Harrington | Berk GS - Harrington | Berk GS - Harrington | | |

| June 27 | |
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| 9 th CPNJ - Dennis | Chas CP/NJ - Young, R. |
| Chas CP/NJ - Macaulay | Chas CP/NJ - Hyman |
| Chas CP/NJ - Hyman | Berk GS - Hayes |

CIRCUIT COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| April 4 | | April 11 | | April 18 | | April 25 | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--|
| Dor GS - Murphy | Dor GS - Goodstein | Dor GS - Goodstein | Dor GS - Goodstein | 1 st CPNJ - Murphy | Dor CP/NJ - Dickson | | |
| | | | | Dor CP/NJ - Dickson | | | |

| May 2 | | May 9 | | May 16 | | May 23 | |
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| | | Dor GS - Dickson | Dor GS - Dickson | Dor - Goodstein | 1 st CPNJ/PCR - Culbertson | Dor CP/NJ - Murphy | Dor CP/NJ - Murphy |
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| May 30 | | June 6 | | June 13 | | June 20 | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 st GS/NJ - Dickson | Dor CP/NJ - Goodstein | Dor GS - Dickson | Dor GS - Dickson | Dor GS - Goodstein | Dor GS - Goodstein | Dor CP/NJ - Murphy | Dor CP/NJ - Murphy |
| Dor CP/NJ - Goodstein | | | | | | | |

| June 27 | |
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| 1 st CPNJ - McMahon | |

FAMILY COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| April 4 | | April 11 | | April 18 | | April 25 | |
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| Chas | - McMahon | Chas | - McMahon (12) | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - McMahon |
| Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Richter (11) | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Morehead |
| Chas | - Long | Berk | - Smithdeal (11) | Chas | - Richter (18-21) | Chas | - Cate |
| Chas | - Martin | | | Berk | - Creech | Chas | - Martin |
| Chas | - Richter | | | Berk | - Landis | Chas | - Richter |
| Berk | - Landis | | | | | Berk | - Creech |
| Berk | - Bromell Holmes | | | | | Berk | - Landis |

| May 2 | | May 9 | | May 16 | | May 23 | |
|-------|------------|-------|------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| Chas | - McMahon | Chas | - Landis (9-10) | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - McMahon |
| Chas | - Sprott | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Fuge | Chas | - Cate |
| Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Bromell Holmes | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Long |
| Chas | - Malphrus | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Richter (17-20) | Chas | - Snelgrove |
| Berk | - Creech | Chas | - Richter (9-11) | Berk | - Creech | Chas | - Buckhannon |
| Berk | - Landis | Berk | - McMahon | Berk | - Landis | Chas | - Richter |
| Berk | - Cate | Berk | - Guyton | Berk | - Morehead | Berk | - Creech |
| | | Berk | - McGee | | | Berk | - Wylie |

| May 30 | | June 6 | | June 13 | | June 20 | |
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| Chas | - McMahon | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - McMahon | Chas | - McMahon |
| Chas | - McLin | Chas | - Snelgrove | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Cate |
| Chas | - Morris | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Sprott | Chas | - Martin |
| Chas | - Martin (30-1 & 3) | Chas | - Richter | Chas | - Martin | Berk | - Creech |
| Berk | - Creech | Berk | - Creech | Berk | - Bromell Holmes | Berk | - Landis |
| Berk | - Landis | Berk | - Landis | Berk | - Smithdeal | | |
| Berk | - Richter | Berk | - Wylie | | | | |

| June 27 | |
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| Chas | - McMahon |
| Chas | - Morris |
| Chas | - Richter |
| Berk | - Creech |
| Berk | - Landis |
| Berk/Chas | - Sprott (27-29/30) |

FAMILY COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| April 4 | | April 11 | | April 18 | | April 25 | |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin |
| Dor | - McGee | | | Dor | - Wylie | Dor | - Jones (25-28) |

| May 2 | | May 9 | | May 16 | | May 23 | |
|-------|---------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin | Dor | - Wylie |
| Dor | - McGee | | | Dor | - McGee | | |

| May 30 | | June 6 | | June 13 | | June 20 | |
|--------|---------------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
| Dor | - Wylie | Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin | Dor | - McLin |
| Dor | - Jones (1-3) | | | Dor | - McGee | Dor | - Jones (21-23) |
| | | | | Dor | - Jones (17) | | |

| June 27 | |
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| Dor | - Wylie |
| Dor | - Holt |

By: Doreen Larimer

As you travel on I-26 in the neck area you can't help but notice a few changes on the Ashley River side. The land had been cleared of remnants of its former history as phosphate companies and manufacturing sites for what was to become the Magnolia project. That did not pan out but a bridge was built and is affectionately referred to locally as the bridge to nowhere. Adjacent to I-26 and near the bridge the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission has purchased a 25 acre site that will be home to a skatepark. The project is labeled SK8 Charleston.

The skatepark is being built in an area that has always been called the Rat Trap. The name can be traced to the very first conveyance of that property in 1693. The King of England had given eight men the power to grant land and they were the true and absolute Proprietors of this new province called Carolina. Johnathan Amory was granted two tracts of land each containing 60 acres on December 20, 1693. On the occasion of Amory's daughter, Maria's marriage to Joseph Croskeys he conveyed a gift of 60 acres being "on Charlestone Neck fenced in with Cedar posts and pales commonly known by the name of the Ratt Trapp". The H. A. M. Smith articles for the South Carolina Historical Society's magazine provides this source along with information on the first grants along the Ashley River.

There is no explanation for the name Rat Trap but the name certainly stuck.

The property eventually passes to Edward Bullard. He married Sarah Harris who maiden name had been Sarah Tucker. She was the eldest daughter of Benjamin Tucker of Bermuda and had been sent to Charleston with her aunts to live as a young child. Upon the death of Edward Bullard the property passed to Sarah and then at her death to her son, Tucker Harris. Harris realized the importance of adding the adjacent marsh to his highland parcel. His grant from King George III is dated June 1, 1775 for 200 acres.

Tucker Harris's Rat Trap extended from the Ashley River to the west, to the north on approximately Braswell Street, to the east on Meeting Street extension and to the south on the lands of the German Rifle Club. To run a chain of title today you will likely find a plat reference or a legal description that is labeled Tucker Harris Farm or Rat Trap.



Tucker Harris was born in Charleston in 1747. He traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland to study medicine and returned here to practice. He was a surgeon with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Dr. Harris also met with other physicians in Charleston on December 24, 1789 to form the Medical Society of South Carolina. They formed themselves into a society for promoting medical knowledge and to open a dispensary. His home was on King Street and his store was at the southeast corner of Broad Street and East Bay. He purchased that parcel in 1793. This is now where the first Bank of South Carolina was built and is being renovated by Mark Beck.

But what endears me most about Tucker Harris was a letter that he wrote to his children about their mother in 1818. Dr. Harris and his wife, Christiana Boston had eight daughters. When his wife of 47 years passed he wanted his daughters to know of their courtship and wedding. The transcription of the letter is part of the SCHS collection. Dr. Tucker Harris writes that while in Scotland I became acquainted with your amiable and beloved mother and by a long experience of her inestimable worth I found the woman who was destined to make me happy. That which was at first esteemed for a deserving friend, ripened into the most sincere and ardent affection and at length terminated in my marriage with her. He refers to their wedding day of July 11, 1771 as oh happy, happy day.

Charleston is constantly evolving and changing but I always wonder as I drive on I-26 what Tucker Harris would have thought about a skate board park.

This story was prepared based upon research conducted at the archives of the South Carolina Historical Society (SCHS). The SCHS Library and archival services are available on the 3rd Floor of the Addlestone Library at the College of Charleston. The SCHS catalogue, finding aids and research information are available on SCHS's website, www.schsonline.org. For further information, you may contact Virginia D. Zemp at Virginia.zemp@schsonline.org or calling 843-723-3225, ext 119.

JURY VERDICTS

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2013-CP-10-1478 Edward L. Hogan and Gail R. Hogan vs. Medical University of South Carolina

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Paul E. Tinkler
Defendant: Elliott T. Halio

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2014-CP-10-7277 Richard F. Behrends vs. B W Mitchum Trucking, Inc. and Sylvester Wells

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Jarrel L. Wigger
Defendants: Nickisha Woodward

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendants.

2014-CP-10-7649 Michael G. Janeck vs. Jason Cooper

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Jeffrey Garardi
Defendant: David S. Cobb

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$26,600.00 actual damages.

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - CHARLESTON DIVISION

(There were no Federal Court Verdicts for this period)

2014-CP-10-1904 Carlton M. Clemons vs. Steven Eames

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Matthew D. Hamrick
Defendant: Margaret Fanning Horn

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

CORRECTION TO VERDICT PRINTED IN WINTER 2016 EDITION:

4:14-2276-RMG Lavanda Dashun Butler vs. Officer (Mr.) Durant

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Christopher P. Kenney
Defendant: Lisa Arlene Thomas

Cause of Action: 555 Prison: Prison Condition

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$10,000.00 actual damages and \$40,000.00 punitive damages.

Reference to Daniel C. Plyler as an attorney for the Defendant was in error.

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By: Alissa C. Lietzow, Esquire

Director
(Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

There have been some recent changes to Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services. For those of you who follow this quarterly column or were in attendance at the Charleston County Bar Association's Annual Meeting in February, you know that previous Executive Director, Marvin Feingold, retired in January after decades of public service in legal aid. While I certainly have big shoes to fill, I am excited about the challenge and welcome the opportunity to serve as the new Executive Director. Since our last publication, we have also welcomed Amy McArdle as our Staff Attorney and Jean Irving as our paralegal. Amy is a graduate of the Charleston School of Law and a former Ackerman Fellow. Jean, a certified paralegal, joins us after serving in a voluntary capacity for several months.

We have hit the ground running, so to speak, and are off to a great new year. We had a successful Valentine's Day online auction and thank all of the CCBA members who participated. Looking ahead, we are in the process of selecting participants for the tenth annual Ackerman Fellowship program. This is an opportunity for 8 paid internships for law students throughout the United States who are interested in public service to get that hands-on, real-life experience often missing in the classroom. We also have plans to continue with monthly legal clinics at the Ryan White Wellness Center at Roper St. Francis and are looking to host additional clinics throughout Charleston County.

We are also assisting the City of Charleston by creating a task force of volunteer attorneys to assist with the growing homelessness concern here in Charleston. We

hope to partner with local organizations that are already on the ground to provide legal aid and serve as a referral service to those residents of what's become known as "Tent City." Our staff is scheduled to conduct intake interviews this coming Sunday, March 13th.

Here at Charleston Pro Bono, we operate with only three staff members and rely heavily on law students and the private bar to assist with pro bono cases. Our office fields over a hundred inquiries and meets with at least a dozen clients every week and yet the need for volunteer attorneys is as high as ever. If you have any interest in providing legal aid, we have a spot for you! Whether it's participating in a legal clinic to prepare estate planning documents, assisting a client facing foreclosure, or helping establish a visitation schedule – we have it all . . . and we need you!

So take a moment to consider what motivates you. For me, as a graduate from a law school with the motto *Pro Bono Populi* and as a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston whose motto is "Service Above Self" – giving back and helping others is paramount. Participating in legal services in your community may be the perfect opportunity to use your legal knowledge and experience to provide a hand up to someone desperately in need. If you can't agree to take on one of our cases, please consider donating. Your contribution is essential to our ongoing operations.

Thanks, as always, and we look forward to working with you all.



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THE BENEFITS OF MENTORING

As Expressed by Mentors Participating in the South Carolina Lawyer Mentoring Program

❖ **Paying It Forward**

"Seeing the progression of a young lawyer is very rewarding. I was very fortunate to have wonderful mentors during my career and feel that it is a very important aspect of the practice of law."

❖ **Validation of Your Own Accomplishments**

"The greatest benefit of mentoring is teaching a new lawyer the valuable lessons I have learned in the course of my career, especially with balancing a personal and professional life."

❖ **Renewed Sense of Purpose**

"The greatest benefit was having the new lawyer's enthusiasm for the practice of law rub off on me. After twelve years practicing law, it was refreshing to see that perspective again."

❖ **Staying Adaptable**

"It gave me a different perception of a law practice. Since I have been out for 30+ years, and in my present position for 14 years, I haven't "looked around" the legal world much in recent years."

❖ **Enhanced Personal and Professional Development**

"Mentoring forces an attorney to self-evaluate, which is important and necessary for personal growth."

"It has been beneficial to understand and consider a younger lawyer's perspective on the practice of law and career prospects within the profession."

❖ **Pride and Satisfaction in Mentee's Accomplishments**

"I find great joy in watching a young lawyer develop. Being a teacher also forces you to practice what you preach, which is a good exercise for any lawyer."

"I simply enjoy it. The practice of law can be grueling, and frankly, not as fun as you imagined it would be in law school. Mentoring new lawyers helps to renew your enthusiasm for the profession and remind you why you chose to be a lawyer."

Mentors who participate in the Lawyer Mentoring Program are asked to fill out an anonymous survey upon completion of a mentorship. The Benefits of Mentoring handout is a compilation of actual quotes from our mentors in response to the survey question: "What has been the greatest benefit of your participation in the Mentoring Program?"

These responses exemplify a few of the countless benefits that attorneys felt they gained from mentoring a new lawyer. To become a mentor and join our Program's tremendous journey, please contact Amanda E. Pittman at mentorsc@bellsouth.net or at (803) 799-5578.

By: Maria Aselage, PR Consultant

The new online attorney database allows all CCBA members to create and/or revise their online directory listing. If you have not checked nor updated your online listing, the Executive Committee is asking you to do so. Here's how:

- Go to the home page of the CCBA website (www.charlestoncountybar.org) and type your name in the "Search Attorneys" box. If your name does not show up, please email me at info@charlestoncountybar.org and I will add you to the database.
- If your directory listing is incomplete or if you need to add a photo, login to the attorney only section of the website by clicking the "Attorney Login" button and you will be able to update your personal information.

- If you don't remember your password for the site, click on the "Attorney Login" button on the upper right corner of the homepage, type in the email address you registered with the CCBA, and click the "forget?" link. That will send an email to you that will allow you to set or reset your password.

As a reminder, once you are logged in, you will have access to information on CLEs, various CCBA events, attorney job openings and volunteer opportunities.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me or call me at (843) 513-7605.

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