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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to be the president of an organization as worthwhile as the Charleston County Bar Association, and I hope to continue the great work that Lad Howell, Bobby Bernstein, and other past presidents have begun.

The Bar, with the help of Maria Aselage and Thomson-Reuters, is completely re-vamping its website to make it more informative and user-friendly. If you haven't seen it lately, please check it out at www.charlestoncountybar.org. I think you will be impressed.

In 2013, the Bar started a Facebook page and a YouTube channel. The updated website will link to Facebook, and the page will also list upcoming events, CLE's, and other information useful to the legal community.

The YouTube channel currently archives videos on Bar activities and events, as well as interviews with distinguished members of the Bench and Bar, past and present. We will continue to update the channel with more interviews, events, and Bar history, so that it will not be lost or forgotten.

The Bar also continues to provide support and volunteers for Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc., which is the only pro bono service in the Lowcountry, and the Center for Heirs' Property, which helps to clear titles on land which has been passed down through generations of family members but has not been probated.

This year, I hope to add a legal education initiative for the community, which will consist of volunteer attorneys in many different areas of law giving brief synopses of what potential clients need to know about a variety of legal situations. The talks will take place all over Charleston County. Hopefully, the program will educate consumers while rehabilitating the public's negative perspective of attorneys.

We have an incredibly diverse and talented Bar, and I would love to be able to utilize as many volunteers and skills as members are willing to offer, so please call or e-mail with ideas, suggested topics, or volunteer!

Best regards,

Natalie Parker Bluestein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Brinkley Law Firm, LLC** is proud to announce that **Maggie M. Ramsey** has joined the firm located at 1180 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Ste. 200, Charleston, SC. Ms. Ramsey practices in the areas of divorce, alimony, custody/visitation and child support matters, as well as adoption. Capitalizing on her prior career in Washington, D.C., Ms. Ramsey's services are dedicated to assisting families who serve the community through military service, government contracting, and federal employment. She can be reached at mramsey@brinkleylawfirmllc.com or directly at (843) 277-9009.

Melissa F. Brown, LLC is pleased to announce that **Jonathan W. Lounsberry** has joined the firm (located at 145 King Street, Suite 405, Charleston, SC 29401; Tel: (843) 722-8900 as an associate. Jonathan practices in the area of family law handling complex divorces and other family law matters. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the Charleston School of Law.

Caroline Wrenn Cleveland of Cleveland Law, LLC, is pleased to announce the addition of **Bob J. Conley** as a member, and our new name: **Cleveland & Conley, LLC**, One Seventy One Church Street, Suite 310, Charleston, SC 29401; Tel: (843) 577-9626.

Catherine "Catie" Dunn has joined the **Steinberg Law Firm** as an attorney. A 2013 *Magna Cum Laude* graduate of the Charleston School of Law, Dunn was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November. A Registered Nurse, Dunn earned a B.A. from Notre Dame and a B.S. in Nursing from MUSC, where she was on the Dean's List. In addition to her role as a pediatric nurse at MUSC, Dunn served as a summer intern for a Washington, D.C. law firm and as a summer associate for the Richter Firm in Mount Pleasant. Dunn's work at the Steinberg Law Firm will focus on workers' compensation and personal injury cases.

Sean Markham is pleased to announce the opening of the **Markham Law Firm, LLC**. Sean will focus his practice on bankruptcy and debtor-creditor law. The Firm is located at 3 Broad Street, Suite 400-1, Charleston, SC; Tel: (843) 284-3646; E-mail: sean@markhamlawsc.com; Website: markhamlawsc.com.

McCoy Law Offices, LLC has relocated to 3546 Maybank Highway, Suite D, Johns Island, South Carolina. The firm's mailing address is Post Office Box 1247, Johns Island, SC 29457-1247.

Wiles Law Firm, LLC announces that **Alex Dorobantu** has joined the firm as an associate. The firm is located at 184 East Bay Street, Suite 103, Charleston, SC 29401. Tel: (843) 718-0232.

The **Gruenloh Law Firm** announces that the firm has moved to a new office located at 192 East Bay Street, Suite 202 Charleston, SC 29401; Tel. (843) 577-0027; Website: www.GruenlohLaw.com

Valerie R. Lowndes announces the new location of **Lowndes Law Firm, LLC**, to 400 Altman St., Ste. F-2, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Tel. (843) 619-7444.

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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.

PRO BONO MOMENTS

By: Mallery Scheer, Esquire
Staff Attorney
(Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

Challenge yourself! If you have never taken a case from Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc. ("Charleston Pro Bono"), we challenge you to take your first. If you took two cases last year, we challenge you to set a goal of three cases for 2014. Each week, Charleston Pro Bono meets with numerous clients who have nowhere else to turn. These people need legal help in order to stabilize their living situations, keep their families together, or preserve their last wishes. There is a great need in our community and we are calling on Charleston attorneys for help.

Although I have yet to have someone ask me, "Why should I take a case?", I have heard many excuses as to why attorneys cannot take a case: they are too busy, they have no free time, and my personal favorite, the unreturned phone call or voicemail. I do not doubt that attorneys are busy. Nor do I doubt that there are times when an attorney's plate is too full to take on an additional case. But in the course of a calendar year, there must be something each attorney in this community can do to give back.

Why should you take a case? The short answer: to help someone in need. What if it meant by helping someone, you solved the biggest crisis burdening their family? What if your actions had a lasting effect on a family's stability? You may not have much free time, but by taking a pro bono case, your help can substantially improve the lives of others.

Why should you take a case? Every member of the Charleston Bar is blessed with the ability to advocate for and protect our community's most vulnerable citizens. By taking a pro bono case, attorneys have the opportunity to use their legal prowess for the greater good. I find an immeasurable sense of accomplishment after helping an indigent client, and many other pro bono attorneys have expressed this same sense of gratification. I challenge you to take a case and experience these feelings for yourself.

Why should you take a case? You are needed. Your time is needed. Your skills are needed. Each workday, the Staff at Charleston Pro Bono sees just how many people in Charleston struggle on a daily basis. Therefore, we take on additional cases, on top of our regular workload, because we are aware of the need. However, we cannot (even if we wanted to...and we do) take on every case. We need you to take one case. We need you to participate in one clinic. We need you to use your time and your legal skills to help a struggling member of our community.

Charleston Pro Bono hopes that in 2014 you challenge yourself by strengthening your commitment to public service. If you have time and would like to take a pro bono case, please contact us at (843) 853-6456 or charlestonprobono@gmail.com. We also have a small sampling of cases available on our website at www.charlestonprobono.org. Thank you for your continued help and support.



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LAWYER FIELDING

By: Ruth W. Cupp

Bernard R. Fielding, J.D. wears two hats! He is a practicing attorney and is president of Fielding Home for funerals.

Approximately fifteen percent of his time is devoted to the practice of law. He has two offices at the funeral home to separate his professional responsibilities.

“My grandmother founded the Coming Street Y.W.C.A., so for fifty years I have been the free lawyer for the Coming Street “Y.”

In the early 1960s, Fielding represented all those C.A. Brown high school students who went around the city and county integrating public places. Some of the things they did were to lie down in the Riviera Theater, sit at the lunch counter at Silver’s Dime store and at S.H. Kress Dime store, and lay down in front of a truck in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

When the young people went to integrate the Fort Sumter Hotel, they entered through the front door. This was the door on King Street. Rev. I. Dequincy Newman was with them.

The hotel manager, Mr. Graves said, “You can’t be served here!” and he had them arrested. Newman replied, “We didn’t come down here to eat with black folks!”

At the time, Judge Howard Bennett, a white man, was teaching at C.A. Brown high school. On one occasion when his daughter came to town she decided to join the students in integrating the Edisto Beach. The local magistrate put them all in jail. They got out the next day. Mathew Perry of the Richland Bar came down to defend them with Fielding at the hearing. The local magistrate tried to hold court in his dining room. As Perry and Fielding drove up, the judge yelled from his front porch, “All you ain’t nothing but bunch of communists.” Once the court hearing began, Perry moved before the court to have the magistrate “recuse himself.” He replied, “I can give them a fair trial,” and he found them all, guilty as charged. The case was appealed to Judge Stoney who promptly dismissed it.

Barnes and Noble Booksellers now has my book, Attorneys [From Charles Town to Charleston](#), for sale for \$500.00!

Ruth Cupp

Judicial Notice

S.C. Circuit Judge Clifton Newman

By: Jonathan G. Lane, Charleston School of Law, class of 2014

During his almost 15 years on the bench, Judge Clifton Newman has remained both a student and a teacher of the law. Whether through his position on the Board of the American College of Business Court Judges, his nationwide participation in panel discussions as a member of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section, or through the cases he oversees as Circuit Court Judge, Judge Newman is constantly seeking to improve his understanding of the evolving nuances of legal practice, and to use that knowledge to better the legal system as a whole. "Advanced technologies require that courts advance along with society," he noted. "I really enjoy expanding my knowledge base and sharing that information with attorneys and others."

Born: November 7, 1951, Kingstree, S.C.

Elected: May 24, 2000 to the position of Circuit Court Judge

Education: B.A., Cleveland State University, 1973; J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1976

Career: Private practice, 1976-2000; Williamsburg County Assistant Solicitor, 1983-2000

Family: Wife, Patricia; four children, Corwyn, Jocelyn, Kellee, and Brian DeQuincey

1. On your nightstand: "The Confession" by John Grisham.

2. What the bar would be surprised to learn: "My life is pretty much an open book," he said, before adding, "I have an interest in rehabilitating old buildings and houses." Judge Newman is the recipient of several awards and designations for his efforts in restoring historic buildings in Columbia and Kingstree.

3. Best part about being a judge: "I think the best part about being a judge is that you get an opportunity to deal with important matters at the highest level," noted Newman. He also enjoys helping parties, attorneys, and jurors understand the intricacies of the law. "The process at trial must be understandable to everyone in the courtroom," he said. "That's a challenge, but it's a joy to do."

4. Hardest part about being a judge: The sentencing process. "To incarcerate people who you realize could be made worse by incarceration," he said, adding that it is nevertheless an essential part of the justice system. "It helps protect society from people who need help," he noted.

5. Priceless moment in your courtroom: For Judge Newman, it is any time someone acknowledges the fairness of a proceeding. "When people thank me for a job well done, those are always priceless moments," he said.

6. In your courtroom, DO: Respect the intelligence of the jurors. "Attorneys often don't realize how intelligent and insightful the people who sit on juries really are," he said. "Give them as much information as possible. Nine out of ten times they will come up with the right answer."

7. In your courtroom, DON'T: When presenting evidence, focus solely on persuading the jury and neglect to persuade the court. "I don't like attorneys to ignore the court when presenting evidence," he noted, adding, "Of course they have to convince the jury, but they also must convince the court."

8. Advice to young lawyers: Understand the basics of the law, but don't forget to incorporate your own personality and the benefits that come with youth. "Embrace technology and take advantage of all the benefits that young lawyers have over older lawyers," he said, specifically pointing to strategic advantages with research, the presentation of evidence, and understanding how people receive information in the digital age.

9. What experience best prepared you for the bench?: "Growing up with a grandfather who had more common sense, with a fourth-grade education, than anyone else I've ever met," he said, noting the importance of applying good common sense to every judicial decision.

10. What would you change about the American judicial system? A more deliberate process of selection for those in the legal system. “We must have greater scrutiny to ensure greater integrity among the people who make up the system,” he said.

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>.)

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Chas CP/NJ - Culbertson Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson AW - McDonald 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson Chas GS - Young Chas GS - Hughston Berk GS - Harrington	9 th CPNJ/PCR - Dennis Chas CP/NJ - Hayes 9 th CPNJ - Jefferson Chas CPNJ - Nicholson Chas GS/NJ - Young Berk CPNJ - McDonald	Chas CP/NJ - McDonald Chas CP/NJ - Newman Chas GS - Murphy Chas GS - Mullen Berk GS - Dennis	
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Chas CP/NJ - Barber Chas CP/NJ - McDonald Chas GS - Dennis Chas GS - Jefferson Berk GS - Young	Chas CP/NJ - Dennis Chas CP/NJ - Harrington Chas GS - Young Chas GS - Hughston Berk CP/NJ - McDonald	9 th CPNJ/PCR - Jefferson Chas CP/NJ - McDonald Chas CP/NJ - Hughston 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson 9 th GS/NJ - Young Berk GS - Harrington	Chas CP/NJ - McDonald Chas CP/NJ - Newman Chas GS - John Chas GS - Nicholson
June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Chas CP/NJ - Dennis Chas CP/NJ - McDonald Chas GS - Mullen Chas GS - Young Berk GS - Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ - Keesley Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson Chas GS/NJ - Young Berk CP/NJ - McDonald	Chas CP/NJ - Newman Chas CP/NJ - McDonald Chas GS - Harrington Chas GS - Young Berk CP/NJ - Jefferson Berk GS - Dennis	Chas CP/NJ - Dennis Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson Chas GS - Hughston Chas GS - Young
June 30			

CIRCUIT COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April	April 14	April 21	April 28
1 st CP/NJ - Goodstein Dor GS - Murphy	1 st CP/NJ - Goodstein Dor GS - Murphy	1 st CP/NJ - Goodstein	
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Dor GS - Goodstein	Dor GS - Dickson	1 st CP/NJ - Dickson	1 st CPNJ/PCR - Murphy 1 st GS/NJ - Goodstein
June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Dor GS - Murphy	Dor GS - Goodstein	Dor CP/NJ - Murphy	1 st CP/NJ - Dickson
June 30			

FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Chas - McMahan Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Cate Chas - Norton Berk - Henderson Berk - McLin Berk - McIntyre	Chas - Wylie Chas - Cate Chas - Long Chas - Martin Chas - Garfinkel (18) Berk - Landis Berk - Creech	Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Martin Chas - McMahan	Chas - Fuge Chas - Martin Chas - Cate (1, 2) Berk - McMahan Berk - Creech Berk - Long
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Chas - McMahan Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Cate Chas - Martin (5, 6, 7) Chas - Malphrus Berk - Creech Berk - Landis (5, 6) Berk - Holt	Chas - Cate Chas - Bromell Holmes Chas - Fuge Chas - Martin Berk - Landis Berk - Gable	Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Cate Chas - Long Chas - Snelgrove Chas - Wylie Berk - Creech Berk - McLin Berk - Smithdeal	Chas - McMahan Chas - Landis Chas - Cate Chas - Martin Berk - Garfinkel Berk - Creech Berk - Holt
June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Chas - Garfinkel (2, 3) Chas - Landis Chas - Cate Chas - Kinlaw Berk - McLin Berk - Martin	Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Landis Chas - Cate Chas - Martin Berk - McMahan Berk - Creech Berk - Sprott	Chas - McMahan Chas - Cate Chas - Norton Berk - Creech Berk - McLin	Chas - McMahan Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Morris Chas - Khoury Chas - Creech Berk - McGowan Berk - Pincus
June 30			
Chas - McMahan (30) Chas - Garfinkel (1) Chas - Martin (2) Chas - Cate (3)			

FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Dor - Pincus	Dor - McLin Dor - McGee	Dor - McLin (23) Dor - Wylie (21, 25)	Dor - McLin Dor - Morris
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Dor - Wylie Dor - McLin	Dor - Garfinkel Dor - McLin	Dor - McGee	Dor - McLin Dor - Wylie
June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Dor - McGee	Dor - McLin Dor - Wylie	Dor - Wylie Dor - McGee	Dor - Wylie Dor - McLin
June 30			

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2010-CP-10-8631 Cynthia D. Bales, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank R. Bales vs. Abel Martinez-Martinez

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Akim Anastopoulo, Eric M. Poulin, Roy T. Willey, IV and Ryan C. Andrews
Defendant: Mary Agnes Hood, Jean Marie Jennings, Robert M. Etheridge, Robert B. Hawk, Kent Taylor Stair, Lisa A. Reynolds, Deborah H Sheffield, and Katherine Ann Walker

Cause of Action: Wrongful Death

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 actual damages and \$30,000,000.00 punitive damages.

2011-CP-10-4464 Brooke Notton Elliott as Personal Representative for the Estate of Walter A. Notton vs. William H. Lynch

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Angus M. Lawton
Defendant: Benjamin Gary Lovell Jr. and Lee Cannon Weatherly

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2012-CP-10-4851 Tara Lynette Hendrix vs. Monika Denise Serr

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Michael A. Maucher
Defendant: Lee Cannon Weatherly

Cause of Accident: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2012-CP-10-5235 Patricia Coleman vs. Andrew Bauer

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Michael A. Maucher
Defendants: Julian Kane Allen

Cause of Action: Personal Injury

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$8,006.69 actual damages.

2012-CP-10-5984 Yerby Desaussure vs. Kelyn Paige Laws

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Ryan C. Andrews
Defendant: Brittany F. Boykin

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2012-CP-10-6294 Rebecca Louise Brinson and Kenneth Brinson vs. James T. Martin, M.D.

Attorneys: Plaintiffs: Roy T. Willey, IV and Eric M. Poulin
Defendant: Barbara W. Showers, Robert H. Hood and Cooper Wilson

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2012-CP-10-8000 Myesha Singleton, individually and as parent/guardian of Samesha Beaton, Alexis Rynes and Alexia Rynes vs. Lowcountry Renovations, and Albert Torrence individually and as employee/agent of Lowcountry Renovations

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Ryan C. Andrews
Defendants: David C. Cleveland

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2012-CP-10-1289 Victoria Patton Brown vs. Rosa Delaney

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Gary A. Ling
Defendant: Brittany P. Boykin and Michael J. Ferri

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$8,500.00 actual damages.

FEDERAL COURT JURY VERDICTS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2:2-cv-004691-DCN Emilio J. Urena vs. Gregory S. Bryant

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Johnny F. Driggers
Defendant: Christy R. Fagnoli and Samuel R. Clawson. Sr.

Cause of Action: Diversity-Personal Injury

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$1,150,000.00 actual damages.