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**WINTER, 2013****Website: <http://www.charlestonbar.com>****FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Colleagues:

Upon returning to Charleston many years ago, I had an interest in participating in the local bar activities. I was, however, unaware of the manner in which to become involved in the workings of the local Bar. Several years ago, I was grateful to be asked to serve on the Executive Committee. For the past six years, I have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the administration of the Charleston County Bar Association through service on the Executive Committee. Each President under whom I served worked to ensure that there was a wide diversity among the members of the Board, so that there was a broad spectrum of experience and opinions to shape the action of the Board.

I have always believed, however, that the availability of service to the CCBA should be open to a wide range of people. Recent administrations have shared this vision, culminating in the changes to the bylaws proposed last year and approved at the most recent annual meeting. The amended bylaws changed the way that the CCBA Executive Council is chosen. In years past, the Nominating Committee met and chose the newest members to serve on the Board for the ensuing year. Under the changes to the bylaws, members were for the first time given the opportunity to nominate themselves or others for service upon the Board. The changes also ensured that a number of Board positions would come open every year, ensuring that positions were available to members.

We must be doing something right. Nominations were open in November for five positions on the Board; in response to the notice of these open positions, more than 45 names were placed in nomination. The obvious benefit of this interest is that the Nominating Committee has a broad range of talented people from whom to choose the additional members of the Executive Committee for the coming year. The unfortunate downside is that there will be a number of very qualified and energetic attorneys willing to offer their services who, due to the limited number of positions, will not be nominated by the Committee to serve on the Executive Committee this year.

The composition of the Executive Board has in the past and will continue to be a diverse group. There are young attorneys and "seasoned" (OK, old) attorneys; there are public sector and private sector representatives; there are plaintiff and defense attorneys; there are criminal, civil, family law and administrative law attorneys. The Nominating Committee works hard to maintain the balance to ensure that many diverse viewpoints are considered in making decisions which affect us all. Many otherwise qualified attorneys will be passed over this time not because of any flaw in their ability or character, but simply because it was not the right time for their service. For those who are ultimately chosen to serve on next year's Board, I congratulate you on this accomplishment; for those who were nominated but not chosen, however, I strongly encourage you to maintain your interest and continue to seek to serve on the future Executive Councils; I promise you will not regret the experience.

This is my last column as President of your Bar. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving my term, but we really have 14 Presidents of the Bar. Each member of the Executive Council has participated in and considered every significant decision made during the term, and I wish to thank each of you for your wise guidance in keeping our organization strong. Thanks must also be extended to Julie Holzel, who has been with the Bar longer than any of the members of the Executive Board, and whose experience has been invaluable in keeping our decisions consistent and prudent. I also thank each of you who have contributed to each of the programs either run or sponsored by the Bar, as you are the lifeblood of our organization. I encourage you to continue to bring fresh ideas and programs to our new President Lad Howell, as he continues to steer this

organization in the right direction. Finally, I want to thank those of you who placed the confidence in me to permit my service on the Board over these years; I absolutely got far more out of it than I ever contributed.

With best wishes,

Robert A. Bernstein

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bell Carrington, LLC** announces that **John Q. Florence** has joined the firm and is opening an office in Charleston located at 116 Church Street, Suite One, Charleston, SC 29401. Mr. Florence is a graduate of the College of Charleston Honors College and received his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law and an International Masters in Business Administration degree from the Moore School of Business. His practice will emphasize residential and commercial real estate transactions as well as general business matters.

**Finkel Law Firm LLC** is pleased to announce that **Leigh R. Bailey** has become an associate of the firm located at 4000 Faber Place Drive, Suite 450, North Charleston, SC 29405. Tel. ( 843) 577-5460.

**Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A.** is pleased to announce the opening of its third office, located in Charleston, SC. With the opening of the 40 Calhoun Street location in Charleston, Richardson Plowden welcomes attorneys **James H. Elliott, Jr.** and **Samia H. "Sam" Nettles** to the Firm. Main office phone number is (843) 805-6550.

**Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP** announces the expansion of its Charleston litigation practice group with the addition of **Mary B. Ramsay**. A Charleston native, Ramsay is a graduate of the Charleston School of Law, *cum laude*, where she was a senior articles editor for the Federal Courts Law Review, and Wake Forest University, where she was a member of Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society. She is a member of the South Carolina Bar and the Charleston County Bar, and previously served as a judicial law clerk under Judge Roger M. Young in the Circuit Court of South Carolina.

**Theresa Wozniak Jenkins** announces the opening of her new firm, **Theresa Wozniak Jenkins, Attorney at Law, LLC**, located at 1180 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Suite 200, Charleston, South Carolina 29407. Tel. [\(843\) 277-6991](tel:8432776991); Fax. (843) 628-1038; Email. [theresa@wozjenkslaw.com](mailto:theresa@wozjenkslaw.com). Ms. Jenkins will continue to focus on general practice, domestic litigation, mediation and Guardian ad Litem work.

## CLASSIFIEDS:

Have extensive experience filing electronic billing for law firms using Amicus and PCLaw. Available for part-time work from my home computer. References available. **Brenda Lederman: [bylederman@gmail.com](mailto:bylederman@gmail.com).**



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The Family Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit

Daniel E. Martin, Jr.  
Judge

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October 16, 2012

Dear Fellow Members of the Bar:

The holidays are fast approaching marking the near end of another year in our noble profession. Those of you who practice in the family court can anticipate the New Year's resolutions that often include severing the legal bonds of matrimony. Many will resolve to regain custody of the children that once made up part of their households. As members of the Charleston Bar, you will certainly be ready, willing and able to deliver to your clients the professional services expected of our craft.

As the newest member to the Family Court bench, I would personally like to thank you for your professional courtesy to me and to one another. It serves the community well when lawyers come to their hearings on time and well-prepared to advocate for their clients. I believe that litigants are also well served when their attorneys encourage them to be open to resolving disputes rather than focusing solely upon the enticement to "win." Mediation has been a helpful tool in resolving many cases and allows the docket to be made more available to lawyers needing to bring their cases to trial. I encourage both lawyers and litigants to continue to explore ways to resolve issues without lengthy trials. Even partial agreements and stipulation of evidence reduces the amount of time set aside for contested trial.

Beginning January 1, 2013, Judge McMahan will be handing to me the job of Administrative Judge. I intend to keep in place the procedures Judge McMahan has required during her term. For cases more than a year old, litigants will be expected to attend all pre-trial hearings unless excused in advance. Older cases will be placed on the calendar and will not be continued except for the most extraordinary of circumstances. The Court will also expect lawyers to have dialogue with one another about the status of their cases prior to the pre-trial hearing. Please remember that the sooner you request a pre-trial hearing, the sooner the litigants can be given dates for their final hearing.

As changes are announced by the Chief Justice in the New Year, my office will pass them on to you. However, it will be your responsibility to keep abreast of the changes in the rules and any administrative orders. Beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, my administrative

assistant, Anita Antionette, will be accessible to answer questions concerning pre-trials, continuances and submission of consent orders. Until then, I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



**DANIEL E. MARTIN, JR.**  
Charleston County Family Court



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Ralph H. Johnson Department of  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
109 Bee Street  
Charleston, SC 29401-5799**

November 5, 2012

To the Charleston County Bar Association Attorneys:

I am writing as the Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. My job is to be a liaison between the legal community and the VA for Veterans. This basically means that if there is a Veteran that is facing legal trouble my job is to work with the attorney and Veteran to discuss possible treatment programs that are clinically appropriate that can be proposed as a diversion or part of a diversion program.

Additionally, the VAMC is starting a weekly legal clinic that will aim to provide Veterans with access to legal guidance and representation. The clinic will be held weekly on Fridays from 1-5pm at the VA Medical Center downtown Charleston. We will provide office space and volunteers that can assist with some of the information gathering. It is asked that all services that are provided at the VAMC are pro-bono, however anything coordinated for follow up outside the VA can be arranged as the Veteran agrees. All specialties are welcomed.

If you are interested please contact me at the email below. In advance, thank you for your time and thought in entertaining participation in this worthwhile effort.

Respectfully,

Meredith Miller, LISW-CP  
Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator  
843-297-0019  
[meredith.miller2@va.gov](mailto:meredith.miller2@va.gov)

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Please remember to send any changes in your contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc.) to the below e-mail address so that your mail will not be returned to us and you will receive all notifications sent out via e-blast. If you have not been receiving e-blasts it is probably due to the fact that we either do not have your e-mail address or the one that we have is incorrect. We are missing e-mails from many attorneys so checking your e-mail on our website is very important and providing us with the correct information via e-mail is appreciated. In addition, all newsletters and other mailouts sent out by the Bar Association are sent bulk mail and the post office will not forward bulk mail.

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## **ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY**

Please help us have a more complete online member directory. If you go to the Lawyer Director 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 [jholzel2@concast.net](mailto:jholzel2@concast.net). We will add the new information to the website as quickly as possible. **This is especially important for new members.**

## **2013 CHARLESTON COUNTY BAR DUES REMINDER**

**Please note that if your 2013 Charleston County Bar dues have not been paid by the February annual meeting, you will be removed from the active list of members. Also please note that the dues have been raised to \$100.00 for 2013 by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting in February, 2012.**

## PRO BONO MOMENTS

By: Marvin H. Feingold, Esquire  
Director/ Legal Counsel  
(Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

The work of CPB can be divided into two primary areas: Private Bar Involvement (PBI) wherein, appropriate cases are referred to volunteer attorneys to represent or otherwise serve the client and, Direct Service (DS) which is limited to: preparation (out of the CPB office) of legal documents; advice and counsel; assistance for self- litigators.

Beginning in 2013, the method of referral of cases (PBI), will become more efficient with the posting of cases on a website password-accessible to attorneys. This will allow for greater resources to be applied to self-help assistance (DS).

Currently, CPB uses a method of "recruitment" which has proven to be not very efficient. Cases, when accepted by CPB for referral, are described in a short paragraph including suggestions as to the substantive and procedural law applicable to addressing the client's objective. CPB staff then tries to identify an attorney who has indicated some expertise or expressed interest in the practice area. In some instances the attorney contacted has previously taken a similar case; in others, "cold" contacts are made. The initial communication is usually by E-mail. Sometimes the case will be immediately accepted or declined. In others a week or more may pass before even getting a response from the attorney. The result has been a considerable backlog of cases which have not been placed.

In addition to inefficiencies inherent in the method described above, pro bono service by private attorneys has become a more significant part of the overall service plan of all providers of legal services to the poor. Besides CPB, at least five programs in Charleston County currently have active pro bono aspects to their service and therefore constitute a plethora of opportunities for lawyers to handle cases within the respective priorities of these programs. Recent and ongoing efforts to stimulate pro bono service by the South Carolina Supreme Court, The South Carolina Access to Justice Commission and the South Carolina Bar Foundation have resulted in a suggestion that a statewide list of available cases be posted on the SC Bar website. Until that idea becomes a reality, CPB intends to lead the way with its own postings.

A more efficient referral system will allow for more resources to be applied to self-help assistance. Over the past seven years CPB has provided direct service to almost a thousand clients. More than half of this direct service has involved self-help litigation including: simple probate matters, foreclosure defense, family court actions including pro se divorces and rules to show cause (not defense of child support enforcement.) Recently, the increasing demand for such services in the Family Court has resulted in expanding the scope of services to include assistance in procurement of custody and the distribution of marital debt and property where the obstacles are not prohibitive.



**CHARLESTON PRO BONO**

**LEGAL SERVICES, INC.**

LAW FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is our gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Lead gift \$5,000 and above)

Please cut out and return to Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc., Post Office Box 1116, Charleston, SC 29402

CPB is a 501c3 organization; your donation is tax deductible as provided by law.

## **THE SECRET TO PRACTICING LAW AT AGE 91**

**By: Ruth W. Cupp**

The secret to practicing law at age 91 is in embracing interesting legal adventures.

Lawyer Jack Brickman turned 91 last July and in October, lawyer Gaines Smith turned 91. Both are in their law office five days a week and involved active legal matters.

Attorney Gaines Smith is one of 35 lawyers who were scheduled to try a million dollar construction case on December 10<sup>th</sup>, but it got continued. Smith represents one of the Defendants and “Bill” Boone is the lead Plaintiff’s attorney. Also Smith is an active participant in the S.C. Court’s Mentor program.

Brickman and a non-lawyer developer are going to build a structure to house restaurants and Charleston’s 1830 rail road engine, the Best Friend. Plus they are going to negotiate and improve 31 buildings on Fishburn and St. Phillips Street. Jack says ‘I’m busy as hell.’

Brickman has a driver but Smith drives himself.

Wilma Mappus has been Brickman’s assistant for 56 years. Nell Romannosky retired from the firm of Legare, Hare and Smith on November 28th after 65 years and firm had a party.

Brickman has an interesting study group that meets for one hour each month from 5 to 6 pm. He said, “If anyone wants to attend, just call Wilma, “says Jack. A College of Charleston professor, who is also a Rabbi, plans and leads the discussion. A recent topic was, “Fabulously Wealthy or Filthy Rich?”

## **Judicial Notice**

### **City of Charleston Municipal Court Chief Judge Joseph S. Mendelsohn**

“Treat the public with respect.” It’s a mantra that Charleston Municipal Court Chief Judge Joseph Mendelsohn lives by on a daily basis. Born and raised in Charleston, S.C., Mendelsohn has been a municipal judge in Charleston for over 34 years. Additionally, he served as counsel for the Charleston County Election Commission from 1968-1997, and has been a solo practitioner since 1967. As a public servant, Judge Mendelsohn said he likes to ask two questions to people who have appeared before him in the past: “Was I polite to you? Was I courteous to you?” “I try to be polite and courteous to anyone who appears before me, no matter what the outcome was,” Mendelsohn said. “Plus, the mayor likes it when we’re polite and courteous.” When the bar newsletter caught up with him, he was checking up on his beloved North Carolina Tar Heels and reminiscing about the days when he drove a “beer truck” before going to law school.

**Born:** January 18, 1939, Charleston, S.C.

**Appointed:** January 1978.

**Education:** B.A., University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill, 1961; J.D., University of South Carolina, 1964.

**Career:** Solo Practitioner, 1967-Present

**Family:** Daughter, Leigh; Two grandchildren.

1. **Hobbies:** He is an avid horseback rider. “I don’t ride any show horses or anything like that. I like to go riding through the woods,” he said.
2. **On your nightstand:** Robert Ludlum, John Grisham, and Patricia Cornwell. “I like mysteries.”
3. **What the Bar would be surprised to learn:** “Probably nothing. I don’t think I’d surprise anybody anymore,” he joked. “I believe that what you see is about what I am.”
4. **Best part about being a judge:** For Mendelsohn it’s being able to assist in the efficiency of the judicial system. “Plus, it’s different every day and you get the opportunity to be as helpful as you can within the confines of the system,” he added.
5. **Hardest part about being a judge:** To temper the authority that the law gives the judge, especially with regard to fines and jail time. “Whether or not to give someone straight jail time was particularly hard for me early on because you have to sit in judgment on people and that was difficult,” he said. “The important thing is to temper the court’s authority by looking for avenues that may be more helpful in resolving the situation than jail.”
6. **Priceless moment in your courtroom:** About 25 years ago, a man, who had a problem with alcohol and had appeared before Judge Mendelsohn several times before, was arrested and subsequently found guilty. During the sentencing phase, Judge Mendelsohn informed the man that he was going to spend ten days in the Charleston County Detention Center. To which the man replied, “Ten days!” as he flipped over a table in the courtroom. “Judge, as sure as you are an ugly mother\*\*\*\*\*, I ain’t going to jail for ten days!” Upon hearing that, Judge Mendelsohn calmly told the man that he wasn’t allowed to talk like that in the courtroom and sentenced him to another ten days for contempt of court. Mendelsohn said, “that guy made it all the way up to 75 days before the officers had him out of the courtroom and I must’ve been called an ugly mother\*\*\*\*\* at least 6 times.”
7. **In your courtroom, DO:** Be on time and be able to provide a plan for your client. “Don’t make me come up with a plan for you,” he stated. “Meet with your client, meet with the prosecutor, and come up with a prepared plan that you can present to the court.”

8. **In your courtroom, DON'T:** Interrupt the people on the other side, or the judge. Also, know when to stop talking. "There's absolutely no benefit in hearing the same thing three times," he noted.
9. **Advice to young lawyers:** If you can do so on a reasonable basis, try to settle the case. "But if you're going to try cases, you have to be able to walk the walk and talk the talk, so the other side knows you're willing to go to trial," he pointed out. "Otherwise, the other side will use that against you. Just make sure you can back up the talk."
10. **What would you change about the American Judicial System:** Efficiency is the name of the game for him. "I'd put a lot more money into the system to make the process go faster. It takes far too long to get things solved both civilly and criminally," he said. He pointed to advancements like doing bond hearings by television, as a way that money and technology has been used to speed up the process. "Television is good for some hearings because it expedites things and keeps more people out of harm's way," he remarked.

**By: Robert T. Crabtree, Charleston School of Law, Class of 2013**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Charleston County Bar Association Annual Meeting and Cocktail Party  
Francis Marion Hotel  
Thursday, February 28, 2013  
5:30 p.m.  
(Invitations to be mailed at later date)**

**The Eleventh Annual CCBA "What Works" CLE is now confirmed for February 1, 2013, at The Hippodrome Theater located at 360 Concord Street.**

**More information to follow.**

## 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>.)

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Chas CPNJ - Harrington Chas CPNJ - McDonald 9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ - Nicholson 9 <sup>th</sup> AW - Young Chas GS - Newman Chas GS - Jefferson	Chas CPNJ - McDonald Chas CPNJ - Young Chas GS - Hughston Chas GS - Nicholson Berk GS - Harrington	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ/ - Dennis PCR Chas CPNJ - Harrington Chas CPNJ - McDonald 9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ - Jefferson Berk CPNJ - Young Chas CP - Hughston	Chas CPNJ - Dennis Chas CPNJ - Young Chas GS - Hughston Chas GS - McDonald Berk GS - Jefferson
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## CIRCUIT COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
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February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
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March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
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## FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

January 7	January 4	January 21	January 28
Chas - McMahan Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Cate Chas - Martin Berk - Landis	Chas - McMahan Chas - Garfinkel Chas - Gibbons Chas - Morris Chas: - Martin Berk - Landis Berk - Creech	Chas - Creech Chas - Neese Chas - Cate Chas - Martin Berk - Garfinkel Berk - Landis	Chas - McMahan Chas - McGowan Chas - Bromell Holms Chas - Martin Berk - Creech Berk - Cate Berk - Holt
February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
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## FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
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February 5	February 11	February 18	February 25
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## **CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS**

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2011-CP-10-1667 Penny Dahl, as GAL for Mickey Tyler Dahl, a minor vs. Charleston County School District

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Christopher J. McCool  
Defendant: William H. Davidson, II and Justin T. Bagwell

Cause of Action: Personal Injury

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2011-CP-10-3794 Lauren Lee Mattox vs. PHH Mortgage Corporation a/k/a PHH Mortgage Services d/b/a Instamortgage.com

Attorneys: Plaintiffs: Jon L. Austen and Ian W. Freeman  
Defendants: M. Dawes Cooke, Jr. and Jeremy E. Bowers

Cause of Action: Unfair Trade Practices

Verdict: For the Plaintiffs in the amount of \$25,000.00 actual damages as to Breach of contract; in the amount of \$75,000.00 actual damages on the Negligence cause of action; \$100,000 actual damages on the Defamation cause of action; \$25,000.00 actual damages as to the Violation of South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act; \$25,000.00 actual damages as to the Interference with a Contractual Relationship cause of action for a total judgment of \$250,000.00.

2011-CP-10-4136 Nicole D. Rivers vs. Jonathan A. Richardson

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Jeffrey W. Buncher, Jr.  
Defendant: Benjamin R. Pogue, III

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2011-CP-10-4089 Joshua Silverman, as Guardian of Gabriel Silverman, a minor child, and Tiffany Silverman, individually and as Guardian of Jackson Silverman and Riley Silverman, minor children

Attorneys: Plaintiffs: T. David Hoyle  
Defendant: G. Troy Thames

Cause of Action: Personal Injury

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$15,000.00 actual damages.

**THERE ARE NO FEDERAL COURT JURY VERDICTS**