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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

On May 29, I was asked to speak on behalf of the Charleston County Bar to legal interns from across Charleston County on the topic of "What I've Learned." My first slide surprised them, they later told me. It might have surprised you, too. The slide is of a runner, mid-stride. Why? Having practiced for the better part of three decades, I know that ours is one of the most demanding professions. You have to be ready to win, yes, but probably more important is to be ready to endure. You cannot provide good legal help without a type of fitness that allows you to come back swinging. Its physical and its mental. Resilience. I see so many lawyers who give it their all, but occasionally I see this constant push robbing them of their mental and physical well-being. The first message I had to give those young people was to guard your optimism, your promise, and your health from the hazards of our profession.

Here are some statistics gathered by the North Carolina Lawyers Assistance Program I'd like to share with you: About eighteen percent of lawyers suffer from substance abuse. Thirty-three percent of lawyers suffer from significant mental health issues. And between nineteen and thirty-seven percent of lawyers suffer from depression. Of twenty eight occupations surveyed, lawyers are most likely to suffer depression and are 3.6 times more likely to suffer depression than the average person.

On occasion, you read the advance sheets. You have drawn connections over the years, as we all have. You know because you've seen: Trouble for lawyers usually

has an mental health or substance abuse component. The statistics back up your hunch. Of discipline cases, forty to seventy-five percent involve a chemically dependent or mentally ill practitioner. None of us should be so naïve or conceited as to think this malady doesn't or couldn't affect us. Just look around.

Increased competition, the billable hour, and clients who demand 24/7 availability are not going away. So how will you adapt? Unfortunately, several coping measures currently in use are killing us. For example, the rate of abuse of prescription drugs by lawyers is alarmingly steep. We spend so much time inside the problems of our clients that we fail to realize our responses become akin to theirs. Unaddressed, the pressures of what we do will take a toll you never would have imagined.

It's time to think differently about how to combat stress. If you care about your family, if you care about your law partners, take heed. On June 23, the bar presented a free CLE on this topic, and I hope you attended. The program, entitled "Relax! Healthy Ways to Relieve Stress, and the Evils of Substance Abuse as a Stress-Reliever!" was slated for the Old City Gym on Pitt Street in Mt. Pleasant. This isn't just a "feel good" issue. It may be the most fundamental problem affecting our profession today. The Charleston County Bar Association Executive Committee will continue to focus on the profoundly important topic of stress in our profession, and I hope will present you with additional opportunities to see the problem more clearly and to help you formulate your personal response plan. The good news is there are measures that are remarkably effective.

I wish you the best.

Jim Myrick

The Executive Board and other representatives of the Charleston County Bar Association express their condolences to the families of the victims of the tragedy that occurred at Emanuel AME Church. Please note that most of the material included in this Newsletter was submitted under deadline before the tragedy, so look for more stories related to CCBA's responses to these events in our next edition.

FROM LAWYERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, . . .

The following excerpt, printed here with the speaker's permission, is provided as one example of the many lawyers across the Country who are reaching out to the Charleston County Bar Association to offer their condolences and wishes for healing. The messages are heartfelt and inspiring, and we wanted you to know about them:

Hey Jim,

This is Steve Casey. I am a lawyer in the Jones-Walker Firm in Birmingham and, frankly, I was just watching the news last night about the tragedy that has occurred in your city. Since Birmingham has such a history in the race relations area, it occurred to me that I should find out who was the President of the local Bar Association. I am currently the President of the Birmingham Bar Association and I had just written an article in our Birmingham Bar Journal about the race issue going on in our country and thought I would give you a ring, just to say hello, introduce myself and to tell you that folks, lawyers in another city commiserate with what y'all are going through and that, I for one, will be praying for you guys. I know that y'all aren't probably directly involved in any of that, but as lawyers you are involved, as we are, in civic things and care an awful lot about your city to be involved and active there. I just wanted you to know that there are other folks in another Southern city in your position and thinking about y'all and hoping for the best for you.

It sounds like things in your city are going to resolve themselves on a much better basis than in Baltimore and I am thankful for that and I know you are too.

If I can do anything to help you, please let me know.

God bless you guys!

Steve Casey

EMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ("MOTHER EMANUEL") - PRO BONO

The Charleston County Bar Association has formed a committee of Charleston attorneys and law firms to provide pro bono assistance to the families of the Mother Emanuel victims, survivors, and the church itself. Laura Evans in Smith Moore Leatherwood's Charleston office is the chair of the committee. The purpose of the committee is to assist the families, survivors, and church in select areas of the law, including probate, estate, tax, insurance claims, business, benefits (social security, pensions, etc), family law (custody and/or guardianship) and other various issues. The committee will not participate in any type of death or survival litigation. The committee will be assisted by other Charleston area pro bono volunteers in the accounting and financial planning industries. In addition, there have been several funds set up to help the victims' families, survivors, and church. The committee will assist in structuring the various funds and developing the allocation formulas for the funds.

The committee is coordinating its efforts through the Charleston Solicitor's office and the local U.S. Attorney's office, both of which will serve as liaisons with the families. Committee members have begun meeting individually with the families and survivors to assess their needs. As action plans for each family are developed, various work will be assigned to committee members and/or other pro bono volunteers.

If you would like to assist in this effort, please email ame.probono@smithmoorelaw.com.

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**Charleston County 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, 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 standout 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 sing 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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buist, Byars & Taylor LLC has expanded its litigation department and management team with the addition of **Patrick J. McDonald** as a partner. McDonald's practice is focused on construction litigation, business litigation and real estate disputes. As a former in-house counsel to one of the world's largest construction management companies, Bovis Lend Lease, and founder of SC Construction Law, McDonald is well versed in all facets of the construction and real estate industries.

The Murphy Law Firm, LLC is pleased to announce that **Gregory K. Voigt** has joined the firm as a Partner and that **Marissa H. C. Zwerner** has joined the Firm as an Associate Attorney. Mr. Voigt will focus his practice in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury, and family law. Mr. Voigt can be emailed at: greg@lmurphyfirm.com. Mrs. Zwerner will focus her practice in the area of family law and can be emailed at: mariss@lmurphyfirm.com. They each can be reached at 815 Savannah Highway, Suite 201B, Charleston, SC, 29407, Tel. (843) 571-4300.

Jeff Ross is pleased to announce the opening of **Jeff Ross Law LLC**, located at 1156 Bowman Road, Suite 200, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. He can be reached at Tel. (843) 329-4040; or e-mail: JRoss@JeffRossLaw.com.

Nick Thomas is pleased to announce the opening of the **Law Office of Nick Thomas, LLC** located at 83 Center Street, Suite B, (P.O. Box 972) Folly Beach, 29439. Nick will be focusing on criminal defense and personal injury cases. He can be reached at Tel. (843) 580-2058.

Finkel Law Firm LLC is pleased to announce that **F. Truett Nettles, II** has become "Of Counsel" to the firm. Mr. Nettles brings many years of experience in business transactions and litigation, commercial collections, representing creditors in Bankruptcy and commercial real estate. Mr. Nettles will practice in the Finkel Law office at 4000 Faber Place Drive, Suite 450, North Charleston, S.C. 29405.

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

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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

July 6		July 13		July 20		July 27	
AW	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Hughston	Chas CP/NJ	- Hughston	Chas CP/NJ	- Dennis
Chas GS	- Hughston	Chas GS	- Nicholson	Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Harrington
Chas GS	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.	9 th CPNJ	- Couch
Chas GS	- Jefferson	Chas GS	- Young, R.	9 th CPNJ/PCR	- Henderson	Berk CP/NJ	- Keesley
Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.	Berk GS	- Harrington	9 th GSNJ	- Harrington	Berk GS	- Young, R.
9 th CPNJ	- Nicholson			Berk CP/NJ	- Dennis		

August 3		August 10		August 17		August 24	
9 th CPNJ	- Jefferson	9 th CPNJ	- Nicholson			Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.
Chas CP/NJ	- Dennis	Chas GS	- Dennis			Chas CP/NJ	- Nicholson
Chas GS	- Lee	Chas GS	- Jefferson			Chas CP/NJ	- Mullen
Chas GS	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Nettles			9 th GSNJ	- Harrington
Chas GS	- Macaulay	Berk GS	- Young, R.			Berk CP/NJ	- Dickson
						Berk GS	- Dennis

August 31		September 7		September 14		September 21	
Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson	9 th CPNJ/PCR	- Hyman	Chas GS	- Young, W.	9 th CPNJ	- Dennis
Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.	Chas CP/NJ	- Nicholson	Chas GS	- Harrington		
Chas CP/NJ	- John	Chas GS	- Cothran	Chas GS	- Macaulay		
Berk CP/NJ	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Young, R.	9 th CPNJ	- Nicholson		
Berk GS	- Dennis	Chas GS	- Keesley	Berk CP/NJ	- Mullen		
		Berk CP/NJ	- Dennis	Berk GS	- Jefferson		

September 28	
Chas CP/NJ	- Dennis
Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson
Chas CP/NJ	- Maddox
Berk CP/NJ	- Young, R.
Berk GS	- Harrington

CIRCUIT COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 6		July 13		July 20		July 27	
		1 st CPNJ	- Goodstein	1 st CPNJ	- Goodstein	Dor CP/NJ	- Murphy
		Dor GS	- Murphy	Dor GS	- Murphy		

August 3		August 10		August 17		August 24	
Dor GS	- Murphy	Dor CP/NJ	- Dickson				
		Dor GS	- Goodstein				

August 31		September 7		September 14		September 21	
Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein	Dor CP/NJ	- Hayes	Dor GS	- Dickson		
1 st GSNJ	- Murphy	Dor GS	- Harrington				

September 28	
Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein
1 st CPNJ	- Murphy

FAMILY COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 6		July 13		July 20		July 27		
Chas	-	McHahon	Chas	-	McMahon	Chas	-	McMahon
Chas	-	Cate/Brigman	Chas	-	Fuge	Chas	-	Cate (20-23)
Chas	-	Sprott	Chas	-	Kinlaw	Chas	-	Martin
Chas	-	Long	Chas	-	Martin	Chas	-	McGee (20-22)
Chas	-	Richter	Chas	-	Richter (13-16)	Berk	-	Landis
Berk	-	Creech	Berk	-	Creech	Berk	-	Guyton
Berk	-	Landis	Berk	-	Bromell Holmes	Berk	-	Jones
Berk	-	Martin				Berk	-	Richter (29-31)

August 3		August 10		August 17		August 24		
Chas	-	McMahon	Chas	-	McMahon	Chas	-	McMahon
Chas	-	McLin	Chas	-	Cate	Chas	-	Bromell Holmes
Chas	-	Cate	Chas	-	Martin	Chas	-	Martin (24)
Chas	-	Landis	Chas	-	Brigman	Chas	-	Richter
Chas	-	Martin	Chas	-	Richter	Berk	-	Guyton
Chas	-	Richter	Berk	-	Creech	Berk	-	McGee
Berk	-	Creech	Berk	-	Landis	Berk	-	Pincus
Berk	-	Sprott						

August 31		September 7		September 14		September 21		
Chas	-	McMahon	Chas	-	McMahon	Chas	-	McMahon
Chas	-	Long	Chas	-	Jones	Chas	-	Cate
Chas	-	Martin	Chas	-	Martin	Chas	-	Emery
Chas	-	Emery	Berk	-	Creech	Chas	-	Richter
Chas	-	Brigman	Berk	-	Woods	Chas	-	McGee (15-18)
Berk	-	Creech				Berk	-	Landis
Berk	-	Fuge				Berk	-	Bromell Holmes
Berk	-	Kinlaw				Berk	-	Long

September 28		
Chas	-	Vinson
Chas	-	Martin
Chas	-	Malphrus
Chas	-	Richter
Berk	-	Creech
Berk	-	Landis

FAMILY COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 6		July 13		July 20		July 27		
Dor	-	McLin	Dor	-	McLin	Dor	-	Malphrus
Dor	-	Wylie	Dor	-	McGee	Dor	-	Brigman

August 3		August 10		August 17		August 24		
Dor	-	McGee	Dor	-	Wylie	Dor	-	McLin
			Dor	-	Jones(11-13)	Dor	-	McGee

August 31		September 7		September 14		September 21		
Dor	-	McLin	Dor	-	McLin	Dor	-	McLin
Dor	-	McGee	Dor	-	McGee	Dor	-	McGee

September 28		
Dor	-	Wylie
Dor	-	Jones

Business and genealogical records, maps, and plats are the stuff of lawyers' dreams. Historic primary source documents provide evidence in cases involving real estate, trusts, misuse of funds or property, fraud, and more. The South Carolina Historical Society holds such evidence, detailing the history of our state.

The records of the Charleston law firm of Simons & Simons, for instance, consist of an immense amount of case records, correspondence, and other documents pertaining to the legal, financial, and personal affairs of hundreds of clients, mostly South Carolinians. Dating primarily from the 1830s to the late 1870s, they include documents relating to numerous individuals and families, businesses, the phosphate industry, plantations, politics and government, churches, and slaves. The collection is also rich in genealogical data and is particularly strong in information pertaining to numerous German-American families of South Carolina. A research aid for this collection can be found at www.schsonline.org/research.



James Simons Sr. (1813–1879) was a Charleston attorney, military leader, and state legislator. His wife was Sarah Lowndes Wragg (1814–1901), whom he married in 1835. He served as the general of the 4th Brigade of the South Carolina Militia and in 1861 was in command at Morris Island. Simons was also the speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives for twelve years.

Simons partnered with Alfred H. Dunkin for a while in the 1850s and later began a law practice with his son, James Simons Jr. (1839–1919), who was admitted to the bar in 1860 and whose education included studies abroad in Leipzig, Germany. After the death of James Simons Sr. in 1879, James Simons Jr. began a law practice with Rudolph Siegling, and they were later joined in the partnership by John D. Cappelmann.

Antebellum records of Simons & Simons are replete with documents relating to slaves and, to a lesser extent, free persons of color. Most of the military papers of James Simons Sr. and James Simons Jr. have been removed and cataloged separately, but there are numerous collections within the law firm records reflecting events during the period of late 1860 into 1867. A letter of F. W. Becker of Charleston to his brother dated Dec. 30, 1860, describes how Fort Moultrie was sabotaged by the United States garrison under the command of Major Robert Anderson and describes defensive preparations for war in Charleston. The letter ends with the postscript: "We expect by Wednesday for all to be under arms...War...War...War..."

A large number of records within the collection reflect the economic and personal devastation of many South Carolinians during the period known as Reconstruction. Many post-war letters and documents have to do with destitution, bankruptcies (personal and business), and litigation over financial matters. The notable Martha R. Singleton papers reveal the impoverishment and legal troubles of a widow. In a letter of November 1867, she was distressed that an uncle in New York was claiming possession of some of her family portraits: "I cannot tell you how it grieves me to part with these portraits, which seem to me a very part and parcel of home, and as connecting my children with my past and my people..."

In 1866, when James Simons Sr. and his son resumed their law practice, which "was much interrupted during the late unhappy war," they put a note into one of their daily legal journals which stated in part: "We now purposed to resume the daily entry of our official and professional transactions, and we venture to hope, with a due and humble reliance on the Divine Favour, that no such horrible and deplorable interruption shall again suspend the work, and that we truly, honestly and successfully pursue our noble profession, and be able faithfully to record the work and labour of each day in the earnest hope of the peace and renewed prosperity of our state and country."

The SCHS Library and archival services are available in our new space on the 3rd Floor of the Addlestone Library at the College of Charleston, although SUSPENDED, JULY 22 through JULY 31 in order to make modifications to mobile shelving and storage space in vaults. The SCHS catalogue, finding aids and research information are available on our 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.

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PRO BONO MOMENTS

By: Marvin H. Feingold, Esquire

Deputy Director
(Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

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 powers of attorney, 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.

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JURY VERDICTS

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2006-CP-10-1577 Lawton Limehouse, Sr. vs. Paul H. Hulse and The Hulse Litigation Group, LLC

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Frank M. Cisa
Defendant: 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-CP-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 Plaintiff in the amount of \$268,000.00 actual damages; reduced to \$237,500.00 after a set-off 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 Fishburne
Defendant: 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:

Plaintiff: 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
Defendants: 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.

JURY VERDICTS (Continued from page 9)

2014-CP-10-1044 Nathan Geiger vs. Deborah Cole and Velocity Powersports, LLC **2014-CP-10-2429** Elizabeth A. Ortiz and Nicole Ortiz vs. Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P.

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.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Jeffrey W. Buncher, Jr.
Defendant: Amy L. Gaffney and Robert C. Blain

Cause of Action: Assault/Slander/Libel

Verdict: For the Defendant.

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - CHARLESTON DIVISION

(There were no Federal Court Verdicts for this period)

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.



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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

CLE at the Joe Featuring Chief Justice Jean Toal
2.0 hours ethics
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)

September (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)

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