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### PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

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#### **Upcoming Events**

October 14: Family Court Liaison
Meeting

December 8: Memorial Service

December 13: Christmas Party

February 3, 2017: "Year-End" CLE

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Wow. It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and school is starting back. College football and falling leaves are just around the corner. As I get older time seems to move faster and faster but I also know my appreciation of time grows exponentially as well. With the change of seasons, I hope we all take a moment to be mindful of our time and recognize time is truly precious. Time spent with families, colleagues, clients and friends is important to enrich our lives. I am grateful for the opportunity to spend time as your Bar

President. Please contact me if you have any questions about programs, social events or ideas on how to make the Bar more responsive to your needs.

One person who always took a little time with anyone who needed it was Tommy Thomason. October is generally the month the Greenville Bar recognizes an outstanding Greenville lawyer who exhibits the qualities, values, and character of Tommy Thomason. Please take time to read the qualifications listed in the following pages and, if you know someone worthy of recognition, submit a nomination.



We had a great turnout for the summer associate luncheon held at Roost in July. Thanks to Tom Traxler for imparting insightful and inspiring words of wisdom to all of the attendees – not only those just starting their careers. It is evident that Tom truly loves the law and the practice of law.

In anoth-

er fun event, the Greenville Bar young lawyers along with the YLD of the SC Bar attended a Greenville Drive game in July.

Congratulations to Judge Katherine Tiffany H. Tiffany and Judge Karen Sanchez Roper in their ascent to the Family Court Bench for



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the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. The investiture ceremonies for both Judge Tiffany and Judge Roper were held in July.

Thanks you for your participation in the Greenville Bar and cheer to a fabulous fall.





#### TOMMY THOMASON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Tommy Thomason was an amazing lawyer. During his lifetime, he inspired many people. And after his death, the Greenville Bar Association commemorates his life with the Award in his name. The qualities emulated by Tommy Thomason are the qualities sought by the Award Committee.

If you know a lawyer who is

- ★ compassionate and sensitive to all people regardless of their station in life
- ★ friendly, unassuming, humble with a warm, genuine, and abiding faith in people
- ★ dedicated to community interest, public service, and improvement of the community
- ★ dedicated to the improvement of the legal system and justice for all people
- ★ widely respected and admired by peers for personal and professional achievement

If you know a lawyer who has

- ★ strong personal values, optimism, and faith
- ★ positive diplomacy that works to minimize conflict and to resolve disputes in the least hostile manner
- ★ unshakeable integrity, coupled with an instinct for fairness

If you know a lawyer who

★ loves the practice of law and pursues the practice as a service to people.

Please submit your nominations with a description of ways your nominee exemplifies these ideals of the late Tommy Thomason to <a href="Melinda@greenvillecountybar.org">Melinda@greenvillecountybar.org</a> or Greenville County Bar Association, Post Office Box 10145, Greenville, South Carolina 29603. <a href="Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2016">Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2016</a>

### **Announcements**

For his courage, his ethical leadership and his commitment to the less fortunate, The Citadel Board of Visitors is proud to award Judge Robert Nathaniel Jenkins, Sr. the honorary Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. Jenkins, a member of The Citadel Class of 1972, is a veteran, a judge and a trailblazer. After four years of service in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam, he enrolled at The Citadel in 1969 as a veteran student. When he graduated in 1972, he became the fourth African American to receive an undergraduate degree from the college. After graduating from the University Of South Carolina School Of Law, he began an illustrious career in law during which he dedicated himself to providing equal justice for the poor. Through his tireless efforts, the number of legal aid offices in several South Carolina counties grew, and he established a program that enabled private lawyers to provide free legal services to those who could not be helped through legal aid offices.

The law firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that sixteen of the firm's attorneys were selected for inclusion in South Carolina Super Lawvers 2016. Attorneys appearing in the 2016 edition of South Carolina Super Lawyers from the Greenville office include: W. Howard Boyd, Jr. (Business Litigation); H. Mills (Alternative Dispute Resolution); Phillip E. Gallivan Reeves (Insurance Coverage); T. David Rheney (Personal Injury Defense: General); Thomas E. Vanderbloemen (Intellectual Property) and Daniel B. White (Personal Injury Defense: Products). In addition, five Gallivan, White and Boyd attorneys have been recognized as South Carolina Rising Stars by Super Lawyers. Those attorneys from the Greenville office include: Robert Corney (Personal Injury Defense: Genera) and Zach L. Weaver (Business Litigation).

Eight Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP attorneys based in Greenville have been selected by their peers to the 2016 list of South Carolina "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars" in seven practice areas. The Greenville attorneys listed are: William H. Foster (Employment & Labor); Timothy E. Madden (Family Law); Samuel W. Outten (Business Litigation); Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. (Business Litigation); Dowse Bradwell Rustin, IV (Banking -Rising Star); Giles M. Schanen (Civil Litigation Defense-Rising Star); Reid T. Sherard (Family Law) and Ashley B. Summer (Intellectual Property -Rising Star).

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd is pleased to announce 34 of its lawyers are included in the 2016 edition of South Carolina Super Lawyers. This distinction includes 11 lawyers named to the "Rising Stars" category. From the Greenville office: J. Ben Alexander (Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice: Defense); Thomas H. (Tom) Coker, Jr. (Construction Litigation); W. David Conner (Personal Injury - Products: Defense); H. Sam Mabry III (Business Litigation); W. Francis (Frankie) Marion, Jr. (Business Litigation); Moffatt G. (Mott) McDonald (Personal Injury - General: Defense); Kathleen Crum (Kathy) McKinney (Government Finance); H. Donald (Don) Sellers (Business Litigation); Bonnie A. Lynch (Business Litigation—Rising Star): Christopher B. (Chris) Major (Business Litigation— Rising Star); Denny P. Major (Business Litigation—Rising Star); Joshua D. (Josh) Spencer (Construction Litigation— Rising Star); Charles M. Sprinkle III (Business Litigation— Rising Star) and Kimberly Witherspoon (Government Finance-Rising Star).

Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP has been named to BTI Consulting Group's Brand Elite 2016, which recognizes the top firms in the country for their reputation or

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### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Greenville County Bar Association will host its annual Special Term of Court Memorial Service on December 8, 2016. To date, expected honorees from the Greenville County Bar Association are:

J. Brantley Phillips Judge Harry "Don" L. Phillips

Rob Hoskins Bill Walsh

Larry Estridge Gretchen Gleason

If you are aware of any other Greenville County attorney who is deceased and has not yet been honored, please contact Courtney Atkinson at (864) 214-2351.

brand. According to the report, BTI Brand Elite 2016: Client Perceptions of the Best-Branded Law Firms, Smith Moore Leatherwood stood out for its innovation and earned a place on BTI's Honor Roll of Value-Driving Firms.

The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) today named **Ogletree Deakins** as a 2016 ACC Value Champion for the firm's value-based fee arrangement with hhgregg. The arrangement, leveraging the tools in Ogletree Deakins Advantage portfolio product, revolutionized hhgregg's process for labor and employment claims by consolidating outside counsel and selecting Ogletree Deakins as its partner firm.

**Dority & Manning, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Beth Groeber** has joined the firm as an associate. Dority & Manning is located at 75 Beattie Place, Ste. 1100, Greenville 29601. (864) 271-1592.

Chambers USA has recognized Wyche and 14 of its attorneys in the 2016 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Wyche's Corporate/M&A, Environment, Labor & Employment, Litigation, and Real Estate practices have been ranked among the best in South Carolina. The following Wyche attorneys have been recognized for their excellence by Chambers USA: Eric Amstutz, Mark Bakker, Rita Barker, Melinda Davis Lux, Greg English, Ted Gentry, Cary Hall, Maurie Lawrence, Wallace Lightsey, John Moylan, Henry Parr, Matthew Richardson, Troy Tessier, and Jim Warren.

The law firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that the firm has been selected for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Chambers USA, Leading Lawyers for Business as a Leading Law Firm in Commercial Litigation. Additionally, firm attorneys Daniel B. White,

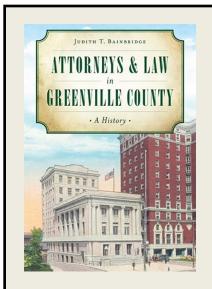
**Gray T. Culbreath,** and **John T. Lay, Jr.** were chosen as leading business attorneys in the field of Commercial Litigation.

Legal directory publisher Chambers and Partners has recognized Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in its national category for its products liability and mass torts litigation. The publishers also single out six Nelson Mullins Greenville attorneys and the Firm's South Carolina practices in: Litigation: General Commercial; Corporate/M&A; Corporate/M&A: Banking & Finance; and Environment. The Greenville attorneys listed and their practices are: William H. Foster III (Labor & Employment); Neil E. Grayson (Corporate/M&A; Corporate/M&A; Banking and Finance); John M. Jennings (Corporate/M&A; Corporate/M&A; Banking & Finance); Samuel W. Outten (Litigation: General Commercial); Marvin Quattlebaum Jr. (Litigation: General Commercial); and Bo Russell (Corporate/M&A).

Twenty-five Smith Moore Leatherwood attorneys have earned recognition in the 2016 Chambers USA Guide 2016 by Chambers and Partners, publisher of the world's leading guides to the legal profession. Of the attorneys awarded, the following practice in the Greenville market: Frank C. Williams III (Corporate); Steven E. Farrar (Litigation); Robert D. Moseley Jr. (Litigation); Michele Fuller Lyerly (Real Estate); and Marvin A. Quattlebaum (Real Estate).

Canada has honored **David H. Wilkins**, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada and a partner in **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's** Greenville office, with a Governor General's Medallion for his service in promoting and enhancing the Canada-U.S. relationship. The award was presented by Governor General David Johnston, Canada's head of state, during his first working tour of the

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South. Mr. Wilkins, who served as ambassador from 2005-2009, was cited for his role in dealing with "several politically charged and divisive issues" such as Canada's role in Afghanistan, NAFTA, and the softwood lumber dispute.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. is pleased to announce that Fred Suggs, a shareholder in the firm's Greenville office, has been named recipient of the 2016 Alan R. Willis Society of Service Award. Suggs is the exclusive winner of this award, which is the highest honor presented by the Upstate Employers Network (UEN). Established in 1995, the Alan R. Willis Society of Service Award pays tribute to those whose actions help community members understand the meaning of "service above self." This award, chosen by past Willis Award recipients, acknowledges Suggs for placing the highest priority on community support and service.

Love, Thornton, Arnold & Thomason Mediations, LLC is now located at 600 East Washington Street, Suite 620, in Greenville, South Carolina. We look forward to continuing to assist you with your mediation needs in the future.

Allen C. Ladd and his staff have relocated to 14 Whitsett Street, in the Pettigru Historic District. Allen has earned an "AV Preeminent" rating and practices exclusively in U.S. immigration law, with emphasis on serving employers, entrepreneurs, families, and asylum-seekers. Consultations available in foreign languages. Allen welcomes the opportunity to assist fellow members of the har

Chambers USA ranked **Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd's** Corporate/Mergers & Acquisition: Banking and Finance practice area in the top tier. The Firm's Corporate/Mergers &

# FAMILY COURT LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

There is a new parent program in town. It is called Parent Project. It is a free 10-week program for parents to learn new skills in how to parent their troubled children. For more information visit their Facebook page (CSRA Parent Project) or www.proactiveparents.org

The next Family Court Liaison meeting will be **October 14, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.** in **the Conference Room in the Judge's Hallway.** Any attorneys who are unable to attend these meetings but have issues they would like addressed may contact: **Christine M. Howard** (864-282-8575).

Acquisitions, Litigation: General Commercial, and Real Estate practice areas were also recognized for their strengths and abilities. In addition, the 2016 edition of Chambers USA recognized eight Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd attorneys including two from the Greenville office: Kathy McKinney (Corporate/M&A: Banking & Finance) and Meg Scoopmire (Real Estate).

McNair Law Firm is pleased to announce the addition of shareholder Charles Verdin to the firm's Greenville office. Chuck's practice focuses on tax, estate planning and corporate law. Chuck is a seasoned tax attorney and certified specialist in both taxation law and estate planning and probate law. Chuck leverages his experience as a certified public accountant to advise clients in the areas of complex income, estate and gift tax planning, asset protection planning and trust and estate administration. He also represents businesses and individuals in federal, state and local tax controversy matters. Chuck counsels clients in various aspects of business planning, including the use of limited liability companies, franchising of businesses, limited partnerships and corporations.

The Law Firm of Zandra L. Johnson, LLC announces that its name has changed to THE Z FIRM, LLC and that its office has moved to 104 S. Calhoun St., Greenville, S.C. 29601. The firm's telephone number and e-mail addresses will remain the same while the fax number has changed to 864.640.8210.

Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that shareholder H. Mills Gallivan has been named President of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) with his term as President ending in July of 2017. The FDCC is composed of recognized leaders in the legal community. The FDCC is dedicated to promoting knowledge, justice and fellowship. FDCC members are dedicated to the pursuit of a balanced civil justice system as they represent those in need of a defense in civil litigation.

The law firm of **Elmore Goldsmith** is pleased to announce that three of the firm's attorneys have been named to Greenville Business Magazine's "Legal Elite of the Upstate" for 2016. Attorneys receiving the distinction are: **L. Franklin Elmore** (Construction Law); **Mason A. Goldsmith, Jr.** (Construction Law) and **Mason A. Goldsmith** (Construction Law).

Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that fourteen of the firm's attorneys have been selected as "Legal Elite" for 2016 by Greenville Business Magazine (GBM) and Columbia Business Monthly (CBM). Those in Greenville are: Howard Boyd (Civil Litigation); Rob Corney (Personal Injury); Amity Edmonds (Workers' Compensa-

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tion); Cory Ezzell (Workers' Compensation); Nick Farr (Insurance); Batten Farrar (Construction Law); Mills Gallivan (Workers' Compensation); Duffie Powers (Bankruptcy Law); Thomas Vanderbloemen (Intellectual Property); and Zach Weaver (Business Litigation).

Greenville Business Magazine has recognized ten Roe Cassidy attorneys as among the area's Legal Elite. The following are the Roe Cassidy attorneys selected for inclusion, as well as the practice areas in which their work is recognized: Pete Roe (Bank and Finance Law- Top Attorney Vote); Jim Cassidy (Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights - Top Attorney Vote); Bill Coates (Criminal Law); Clark Price (Healthcare Law -Top Attorney Vote); Randy Moody (Labor and Employment); Amber Glidewell (Commercial Real Estate, Residential Real Estate); Trey Suggs (Health Care Law, Business Litigation); Josh Smith (Environmental Law—Top Attorney Vote, Business Litigation, Labor and Employment); Ella Barbery (Tax and Estate) and Townes Johnson (Construction Law).

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd is proud to announce that ten Greenville-based attorneys were named to Greenville Business Magazine's 2016 Legal Elite of the Upstate. The following attorneys were recognized in these practice areas: Ben Alexander (Health Care Law); Sarah Clemmons (Health Care Law); Frank Davis (International Law); Philip Land (Government Affairs Law); Brad Love (Government Affairs Law); Kathy McKinney (Government Affairs Law); Meghan Riordan (Health Care Law); Meg Scoopmire (Commercial Real Estate Law); Garrett Steck (International Law) and Matt Utecht (Health Care Law).

Zach Horton and Jan Horton are pleased to announce the opening of Horton & Horton Law Firm, LLC. They are located at 413 Vardry Street, Suite 4A and can be reached at 864-881-3413.

Wyche is pleased to announce that 17 of its attorneys have been recognized as Greenville's "Legal Elite". Additionally, the following Wyche attorneys have been recognized for receiving the top number of attorney votes in their fields: Mark Bakker (Labor & Employment), Rita Bolt Barker (Insurance), Cary Hall (Tax), Wallace Lightsey (Intellectual Property), Henry Parr (Antitrust), and Troy Tessier (Personal Injury).

Bo Russell, a partner in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's Greenville office, has been appointed by S.C. Speaker of the House James H. "Jay" Lucas to the S.C. Education Lottery Commission. The commission oversees activities of the South Carolina Education Lottery. Mr. Russell is a corporate attorney who advises corporate clients, venture and growth stage companies, private equity funds, financial institutions, and real estate development companies with respect to corporate matters.

# 2017 Leadership Academy Application Period Open

The South Carolina Bar is accepting applications for the 2017 Leadership Academy.

This ninth installment of the Academy will address the following topics: lawyers in public service, professionalism, career/leadership development, work-life balance, the path to the judiciary, pro bono and community service and service to the Bar. Sessions will take place on the following dates: February 17- 18 (Columbia), March 31 (Greenville), April 19 (Columbia), May 19 (Charleston), and June 9 (Columbia).

The purpose of the Leadership Academy is to enhance the professional growth and development of leadership skills of selected members to prepare them to make greater contributions to the legal profession and community.

Interested applicants must meet and agree to the stated requirements and submit the required application and supporting documents by 5 p.m. on September 16. Please see the application packet for complete details. For more information, contact Caitlin Watson at caitlin.watson@scbar.org, (803) 576-3782 or toll-free at 1-877-797-2227, ext. 182.

Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce that 24 of its attorneys have been named to the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America. From the Greenville office: W. Howard Boyd, Jr. (Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants); Deborah C. Brown (Employment Law - Management; Workers' Compensation Law - Employers); T. Cory Ezzell (Workers' Compensation Law - Employers); Stephanie G. Flynn (Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants): H. Mills Gallivan (Arbitration; Mediation; Workers' Compensation Law - Employers); Jennifer E. Johnsen (Commercial Litigation; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law: Insurance Law); C. Stuart Mauney (Mediation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Professional Malpractice Law- Defendants); C. William McGee (Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants); Phillip E. Reeves (Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants); T. David Rheney (Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants); Greg P. Sloan (Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation -Defendants: Railroad Law): Ronald G. Tate. Jr. (Commercial Litigation); Thomas E. Vanderbloemen (Appellate Practice; Copyright Law, Litigation - Intellectu-

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al Property; Trademark Law); **Daniel B. White** (Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants; Railroad Law); and **Ronald K. Wray II** (Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants; Railroad Law).

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. is pleased to announce that 21 attorneys from the firm's Greenville office have been listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2017: C. John Wentzell, Jr. (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law); Charles E. McDonald III (Employment Law - Management); Fred W. Suggs, Jr. (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - ERISA, Litigation - Labor and Employment); J. Hamilton Stewart III (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment); J. Howard Daniel (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management); Joel A. Daniel (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law); John C. Glancy (Employment Law - Management); L. Gray Geddie, Jr. (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Environmental, Litigation - Labor and Employment); Lewis T. Smoak (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management); Madison Baker Wyche III (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law -Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment); Mark



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M. Stubley (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law -Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment); Matthew K. Johnson (Employment Law - Management); Michael M. Shetterly (Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment): Penny C. Wofford (Employment Law - Management); Phillip A. Kilgore (Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management); R. Allison Phinney (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment); Rebecca L. Sigmund (Immigration Law); Stephen R. Woods (Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment); Thomas A. Bright (Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment); Thomas M. Christina (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law - Management, Litigation - ERISA) and Vance E. Drawdy (Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law). In addition, Gray Geddie has been recognized as the Best Lawyers® 2017 Greenville Labor Law - Management "Lawyer of the Year," Allison Phinney was recognized as the 2017 Greenville Employment Law - Management "Lawyer of the Year," and Thomas Christina was recognized as the Greenville Litigation - ERISA "Lawyer of the Year." The publication awards this honor to a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area.

McAngus Goudelock & Courie is pleased to announce the inclusion of 26 attorneys in The Best Lawyers in America© 2017. Attorney Doc Morgan was also named Best Lawyers® 2017 Personal Injury Litigation – Defense "Lawyer of the Year" in Greenville, SC. Listed lawyers from the Greenville office include: Erroll Anne Y. Hodges (Workers' Compensation Law – Employers); G.D. "Doc" Morgan, Jr. (Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation – Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants); Mark Allison (Workers' Compensation Law – Employers); O. Shayne Williams (Workers' Compensation Law – Employers) and William E. Shaughnessy (Workers' Compensation Law – Employers).

The following Elmore Goldsmith attorneys are included in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017: L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore (Construction Law and Litigation-Construction); Mason A. "Andy" Goldsmith, Jr. (Construction Law and Litigation-Construction) and Mason A. "Andy" Goldsmith (Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Litigation-Construction, Litigation-Securities).

The following attorneys located in Smith Moore Leatherwood's Greenville office have been selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America©

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2017. The number beside their name denotes the number of years they have been recognized by the publication. Robert A. deHoll (5): Construction Law - "Lawyer of the Year"; William L. Dennis (20): Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law. Trusts and Estates: Thomas W. Epting: Copyright Law, Intellectual Property Litigation; Steven E. Farrar (10): Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law (Defendants), Construction Litigation, Professional Malpractice Law (Defendants) -"Lawyer of the Year"; Michael J. Giese (20): Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation (Defendants); David E. Hodge (5): Corporate Law; Mark R. Holmes (10): Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law; F. Marion Hughes (15): Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Bankruptcy Litigation; J. Tod Hyche (10): Tax Law, Trusts and Estates - "Lawyer of the Year"; Michele Fuller Lyerly (5): Real Estate Law; Jason D. Maertens: Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Insurance Litigation; Natalma M. McKnew (10): Franchise Law; Robert D. Moseley Jr. (10): Insurance Law, Personal Injury Litigation (Defendants); William L. Pitman (5): Banking and Finance Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law; A. Marvin Quattlebaum (15): Real Estate Law - "Lawyer of the Year"; Jack Riordan (5): Personal Injury Litigation (Defendants); Kurt M. Rozelsky (10): Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation (Defendants), Product Liability Litigation (Defendants) - "Lawyer of the Year";

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Jack H. Tedards Jr. (5): Real Estate Law; and Frank C. Williams III (5): Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law.

Best Lawyers, a legal peer-review guide, has selected eleven Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd attorneys as "Lawyer of the Year" for 2017. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. The following have been named Best Lawvers' 2017 "Lawver of the Year" from the Greenville office: W. David Conner (Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year."); W. Francis (Frankie) Marion, Jr. (Bet-the-Company Litigation "Lawyer of the Year."); Moffatt G. (Mott) McDonald (Litigation -Environmental "Lawyer of the Year."); Kathleen C. (Kathy) McKinney (Economic Development Law "Lawyer of the Year."); Sarah M. (Sally) Purnell (Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year.") and Matthew P. (Matt) Utecht (Health Care Law "Lawyer of the

Fourteen Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP Greenville attorneys have been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2017 in 18 practice areas. In addition, two attorneys received "Lawyer of the Year" in the Greenville region, having received the most peer votes in their respective practice areas. The "Lawyers of the Year" are: Neil E. Grayson (Mergers and Acquisitions Law (also listed in Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation)) and John M. Jennings (Corporate Governance (also listed in Securities/Capital Markets Law)) The 12 other Nelson Mullins Greenville lawyers listed are: William S. Brown (Commercial Litigation); John M. Campbell, Jr. (Tax Law); Lane W. Davis (Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation- Defendants, Water Law); William H. Foster (Employment Law- Management); Neil C. Jones (Intellectual Property Litigation); Timothy E. Madden (Family Law); Samuel W. Outten (Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law- Defendants, Product Liability Litigation- Defendants); A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law); Bo Russell (Mergers and Acquisitions, Venture Capital Law); Reid T. Sherard (Family Law); Rivers S. Stilwell (Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation) and Н. Wilkins David (International Trade and Finance Law).

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O'Neill, Jim Parham, Henry Parr, Matthew Richardson, Troy Tessier, Jim Warren, Marshall Winn, and Amos Workman. Additionally, Best Lawyers named four Wyche attorneys "Lawyer of the Year." Jo Watson Hackl is the 2017 Greenville Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year," Cary Hall is the 2017 Greenville Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) "Lawyer of the Year," Matthew Richardson is the 2017 Greenville Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year," and Amos Workman is the 2017 Greenville Family Law Mediation "Lawyer of the Year." Only a single lawyer in each practice area in each community is honored as a "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers.

Jackson Lewis P.C. is pleased to announce four attorneys from the firm's Greenville office have been listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2017. In addition, Principal Andreas N. Satterfield was named the South Carolina "Lawyer of the Year" in the Litigation - Labor and Employment category. Congratulations to: Office Managing Principal Stephanie E. Lewis (Employment Law - Management; Litigation, Labor and Employment); Principal Ellison F. McCoy (Employment Law - Management); Principal Andreas N. Satterfield, Jr. (Employee Benefits/ERISA Law; Employment Law - Management; Litigation, Labor and Employment); and Of Counsel Sandi R. Wilson (Employment Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment).

Smith Moore Leatherwood attorney Robert S. "Trey" Ingram III has been named recipient of the 2016 American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD) Child Advocacy Award. This national award, given annually by the ABA YLD and the Center on Children and the Law, recognizes the contributions to the legal profession by child advocates who have actively labored on behalf of children and celebrate the often unheralded service that child advocates bring to children and the legal profession.

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"Lawyer of the Year" in Greenville and Keith G. Meacham has been named as the Best Lawyers® 2017 Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Greenville.

Thomas, Fisher, Sinclair & Edwards, P.A. is pleased to announce that Randy E. Fisher and Thomas G. Sinclair have been listed in the 2017 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America". Randy Fisher is listed in the practice areas of Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Corporate Law, Litigation – Trust and Estates, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Tax Law and Trust and Estates. Thomas Sinclair is listed in the practice area of Tax Law. Randy Fisher was also listed as Best Lawyers' 2017 Greenville Tax Law "Lawyer of the Year."

Thomas, Fisher, Sinclair & Edwards, P.A. is also pleased to announce that John R. Thomas, Randy E. Fisher and Matthew B. Edwards were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in Greenville Business Magazine's 2016 Legal Elite of the Upstate. John Thomas, who retired at the end of January, is listed in the practice area of Mergers & Acquisitions. Randy Fisher is listed in the practice area of Tax & Estate. Matt Edwards is listed in the practice areas of Mergers & Acquisitions and Tax & Estate.

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### A Note from Judge Matt Hawley City of Greenville Municipal Court

We have been receiving contacts from attorneys telling us our emailed notices are going to "spam" files or legal assistants' addresses who have left the firm. We have been using electronic notification for over three years and based on SC Bar requirements, we expect attorneys to publish and use their email address as published for bar use. Please update any changes with Municipal Court ASAP.

We again invite local attorneys to contact Municipal Court is they are interested in *pro bono* appointments that will be applied to Rule 608 Requirements by SC Bar. Y'all come!



Caption: Alejandra Chavez vs. Nations Auto LLC

Case No. 2015-CP-23-0888
Attorney for Plaintiff: Ryan James
Attorney for Defendant: Kenneth Sowell
Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: Case settled

Caption: Essence Young vs. Bennie Cunningham

Case No. 2015-CP-23-0145
Attorney for Plaintiff: Jon Newlon
Attorney for Defendant: Geoff Gibbon
Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict for the Defendant

Caption: Debra Mack vs. Marcia Beth Ball Granger

Case No. 2015-CP-23-0010

Attorney for Plaintiff: Donald Smith

Attorney for Defendant: Christopher Smith, Jr., Lindsay

Terrell

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict for the Defendant

Caption: Tobe Sizemore III vs. Samuel C. Craig

Case No. 2014-CP-23-6032

Attorney for Plaintiff: Joe Armstrong

Attorney for Defendant: John Grantland and William E.

Smith, Jr

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of \$250,000 Caption: Kristian Walker vs. DMX Transportation Inc.

Case No. 2014-CP-23-4912

Attorney for Plaintiff: La'Keabian Henderson Attorney for Defendant: Rob Moseley Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict for Plaintiff in the amount of \$72,500 actual dam-

ages

Caption: Luis Carlos Posada and Pedro Pablo Posada vs.

Travis Antwan Duckett Case No. 2015-CP-23-2012

Attorney for Plaintiff: Mitchell Byrd Attorney for Defendant: Peter Farr Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict for the Plaintiff in the amount of \$3,587.24

Caption: David Joshua Bush vs. City of Greenville Police

Department

Case No. 2015-CP-23-0538

Attorney for Plaintiff: Nicolas Baughman, Alex Kornfield,

**Christopher Pracht** 

Attorney for Defendant: Adam Bach, Hudson Smith

Cause of Action: Personal Injury Verdict for the Defendant

## **Available Office Space**

For Rent: 522 N. Church St., DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE. One story building with ample office space and parking conveniently located behind Bi-Lo Center. Price negotiable starting at \$400/month. Includes cleaning, utilities, telephone system with receptionist and conference rooms. Contact John Abdalla at 864-232-5444 or abdalla-law@yahoo.com for additional information.

Offices for Lease in Historic District. Three large offices available with large shared conference room, break room and reception area. Additional space available on 2nd level. Located on the corner of Williams and Pettigru St. Lease all or individually. Sizes range from 290–350 sq. ft. For information please call 864.350.3235, or 864.238.2894.

Office Space Available on Main Street. 2 Blocks from Courthouse. Established Law office seeking to lease extra offices. 250 SF office available with exterior windows, break room, copier/printer, and other amenities in Ivey Square Building at 200 North Main. Call John at 908-3900.

Office space for rent. Located 115 Broadus Avenue. Office space sufficient for two lawyers and staff, price and conditions negotiable. Please contact Herman E. Cox or Judy at 242-4711.

408 N. CHURCH STREET. Near Courthouse and adjoining Bon Secours Wellness Arena. Executive office (\$500) and available secretarial office (\$250), including utilities and janitorial. Shared areas include reception, furnished library/conference, bathrooms, and kitchenette. Also copier/fax/scanner, network encrypted server, high speed internet, some office furniture, and shared receptionist are available and negotiable. Call Steve Yacobi at 864-242-3271 or 864-414-6880 for more details.

Three adjoining attorney offices available with separate common partitioned work stations for 3 legal assistants; Lease includes receptionist, copy/fax/mailroom/break-room combination, utilities and tenant/client parking; Available with a minimum one year lease: \$400 monthly. Shared space perfect for conference, discovery and/or mediation is accessible on a fee-based schedule. This Internet and Wi-Fi equipped office space is conveniently located near Family Court, Probate Court and County Square Offices in the historic West End District. Contact (864) 236-4555 or harric74@yahoo.com.

Office space with well-established downtown Greenville Firm available for lease. One office and one cubicle available. Firm provides receptionist assistance, conference rooms, etc. Also, potential fee sharing opportunities available. Please contact Jeanne at 864-242-6200.

Office Space for Lease - Beautiful office space on Wade Hampton Blvd near downtown Greenville. Office space includes a large conference room, lobby with a receptionist,

and kitchen. Offices available are: one 168 sq. ft. office with closet and private bathroom for \$800/mo and one 56 sq. ft. office (perfect for an assistant/paralegal) for \$200/mo. Both can be combined for \$900/mo. Both come fully furnished with paid use of full-service copier. Please call Susan or Laura at (864) 268-0570.

Office Space Available: 27 Cleveland St., DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE. Located across from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Only steps away from Cleveland Park and one block from Falls Park. Utilities, cleaning, and on-site parking included. ±1,500 square feet. Lease rate: \$17.00/SF. Contact Lora Johnstone at 232-8670 or lora@rimgt.com.

**Downtown Greenville** - 5,651 SF of high-end office space for lease. Located at 301 Rutherford Street less than 1 mile from Main Street. Free parking and signage available. \$13/SF NNN. Contact Shelby Dodson at 864-527-6022 or Shelby.dodson@cbre.com.

Office space for lease — 25 Mills Ave. There are one (1) to five (5) offices available of all different sizes. One is very large and has a private bathroom with shower. There is a shared reception area, break room. Use of large conference room can be scheduled. Available short term or with longer lease. Includes utilities (except phone) and internet. Adequate parking on site. Can be furnished or unfurnished your choice. Rent begins at \$450. Owner occupies 3 offices. For information please call Linda McKenzie 864-272-2270 or text 864-918-4384 or email Imckenzie@bmbfirm.com

Conference Room Rental - Are you looking for an oversized conference room for a Deposition, Settlement conference, Corporate or Client meeting or 4-6 seat breakout rooms? Available for rent by half or full day. See our rooms at: http://upstatemediation.com/what-we-do/other-services/. Contact Upstate Mediation Center at (864) 370-9771 or coordinator@upstatemediation.com.

Office Space Available — Excellent location for attorney office at 607 NE MAIN STREET, SIMPSONVILLE. 1,231 square foot brick building with reception area, 5 offices, kitchen, with adjacent parking. \$1,250 per month plus utilities. Call 864-288-6616.

Office space available on Pettigru Street. One office available in a shared space with other attorneys. Contact Jamie at 864-214-0161 or jdemint@demintlawfirm.com for details.

Entire 2nd floor of historic building located at 712 E. Washington Street. 1900+/- sq. ft. 4 offices and 2 bathrooms. Access to conference room. \$2,350 per month includes utilities and weekly cleaning. Contact Doug Churdar at 864.233.0203 or 864.918.7469.



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## **Fountain Inn Municipal Court**

May 10, 2016

Member of the Greenville County Bar

Re: Pro Bono Representation in Municipal Court

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Greenville County Bar Association:

You may be familiar with the municipal courts of South Carolina proviso in FY 2015-2016 State Budget Bill. While municipalities provide significant funding for the Office of Indigent Defense through state-mandated surcharges and assessments, the General Assembly include a proviso in this year's annual budget that prohibits Circuit Public Defender's from representing indigent defendants in municipal court unless the court and public defender's office have an agreement for services to include supplemental funding by the City. In the absence of having a budget for such expenditures the City of Fountain Inn is seeking attorneys willing to participate in a rotating list of pro bono volunteers to represent qualified indigent defendants. Court records indicate that approximately 10-15 defendants a year may request appointment.

All lawyer participants in the Pro Bono Program are granted credit for such appointments through the South Carolina Bar Association and exposure of you and your law practice to member of the public in the Fountain Inn area. The City Prosecutor and the Clerk of Court will also work with the lawyer participants to make their representation as efficient and convenient as possible.

If you are interested in participating in this program you may contact the Fountain Inn Municipal Court City Attorney David Holmes at: email address / davidholmes@holmes-law.com / telephone number: (864)271-2381 or Clerk of Court Tammy Finley at: tfinley@greenvillecounty.org / telephone number: (864) 409-0617.

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