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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**MOVING FORWARD IN EDUCATION, EQUALITY, ENGAGEMENT**



Dear Colleagues,

My Mother, Hazel Williams Gammons, and my Grandmother, Rosa Lee Grant Williams, are no longer alive. In reflecting on my humble place in the history of the Charleston Bar – to be the first Black or Brown person and only the sixth female to hold the position of President of the Charleston Bar. I am

not unmindful of those who came before me. My ability to serve is directly tied to those who struggled and cried and prayed and worked. I am grateful for the strength of my Mother and my Grandmother that flows through me. The courage of Jean Hoefer Toal, Ruth Williams Cupp, Lucille Whipper, Kaye Hearn, Francis Cantwell, and Sarah Leverette emanates through me.

Looking and moving forward, the focus this year is Education, Equality, and Engagement. Education is tantamount to success. Education opens doors. Education creates opportunities and change. In focusing on education, I encourage you to volunteer in the community to reach elementary, middle, and high school students sharing your enthusiasm and knowledge about the law. I encourage you to work with the students at Charleston School of Law in Charleston Bar's Mentor Program.

Equality is at the core of our Constitution and is the ideal of liberty. I encourage you to volunteer in the community and with the Charleston Bar to bring about equality for all people. Work on the Charleston Bar Inclusion and Diversity Committee. Work with The Charleston Forum founded by Brian Duffy.

Engagement is necessary for this Bar to fulfill its mission and to ensure that education and equality become real. Please participate. In addition to our role as an attorney, I encourage you to remember our additional obligation as

a public citizen. We should seek quality of justice; seek improvement of the law and access to the legal system; and seek improvement to administration of justice. This obligation includes cultivating knowledge of the law beyond its use for our clients and to work to strengthen legal education.

We are members of an honorable profession. Our work is important. Our work is crucial. Our work is tough. Keep in mind Kahlil Gibran's encouraging words about work. "You work that you may keep pace with the earth and the soul of the earth. For to be idle is to become a stranger unto the seasons, and to step out of life's procession, that marches in majesty and proud submission towards the infinite. When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. [W]hen you work you fulfil a part of earth's furthest dream, assigned to you when that dream was born, And in keeping yourself with labour you are in truth loving life . . ." "And what is it to work with love? It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth. Work is love made visible." Work is love made visible. Remember these words every day. Our work as attorneys is crucial.

I am looking forward to working with you in furthering and improving education, equality, and engagement. We have the ability, the skills, and the numbers. Join me to make this year a visible and meaningful year!

**COLLOQUY**

IN THIS ISSUE - The top prosecutor in Charleston County Scarlett Wilson tells how she really feels about social media, reluctantly admits the thing that has toughened her up most, explains her plan to address disparities in the legal system, and reveals where she draws the line with drug abusers. Plus, find out the advice she gives in her office that we might all need to hear. Also meet Ellis Khan, the loyal and sage old lawyer with the fire in his belly to be true to himself and his clients.

## SCARLETT WILSON

### 9TH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

Interview by Shantel Middleton

**Dealing with crime is not for the fainthearted. How did you know this career path was for you?**

I didn't know going into law school. After I became an assistant solicitor and started doing it, I realized that this is what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a prosecutor, and that has never left. I just loved it from the start.

**You actually clerked right out of law school. Tell me what that experience was like.**

Judge (Don S.) Rushing's impact really set the trajectory of my career because getting to see trial attorneys, getting to see prosecutors firsthand, and getting his take made a big difference. I think it also gave me some early credibility because he was such a well-respected judge. He taught me about the important things in being a young lawyer, a lawyer in general. Working with him was critical in understanding a judge's perspective versus just my colleague's perspective.

**Let's talk about mischaracterization because it has happened to you personally. What is your advice for other attorneys?**

For something like that to happen to a young lawyer can be devastating. I've had young lawyers here be accused of bad things that they did not do. Like we ask the public to have faith in our prosecutions, we have to have confidence and faith in the process that includes ethics violations.

Being seasoned is what helped me get through that time because I knew that I hadn't done anything wrong. I just had to have confidence that the process would be fair, and it was. However, there is a difference in me. As much as I don't like it, I have to by definition be involved in politics. I think having to go through the political process certainly toughens you up a little bit.

The main thing with younger attorneys is to establish themselves as open-minded and reasonable but firm in their convictions. Anyone in that position can withstand an attack.

**Society says you need to have followers. You need to have all of these things online. I checked, and it seems you can draw a line between what's personal in your life and what's professional.**

I'm trying to, and that's a delicate thing. I think social media, for better or for worse, is a necessity for people in the public domain. The community is interested in what this office is doing, they're interested in what I'm doing, and I have an obligation to share that. It does get frustrating that I also have an obligation to leave the critiques up even when I think they're unfair. When



Facebook first started, I wasn't able to create the political page without having a personal page. I don't know my 4,000 friends. I've met a lot of them, and that's been nice—really kind of fun. I've tried to steer people when I'm dealing with something that has to do with work to my official pages—either the solicitor's office page or my political page.

**In regard to rehab, when did you know there was such a strong need for rehabilitation within the criminal justice system here. Have you always been aware of that?**

I was with the US Attorney's Office in the mid to late 90s. I was involved in numerous drug prosecutions where the sentences were enormous. I just did not necessarily agree with some of the penalties that went along with drug cases—especially when I knew some of the cases in federal court here wouldn't be touched in federal court in Jacksonville or Miami. I wanted to get back in dealing with people, victims, and having that sort of human connection.

**We're currently facing a drug epidemic, but you still try to see the individual as opposed to the addict?**

There's no question that the crack epidemic was serious. If you look at the stats on people dying from opioids, it dwarfs the number of people who died in the crack epidemic. The inherent danger of the two drugs is not the same. One of the things that sort of developed over time with me is the realization that we may have an addict who is only involved in the criminal justice system because of his habit.

I'm okay with punishing for punishment sake with violent crime. When we start looking at lower level crimes and people only in our system because they have an addiction, we need to get to the root of that. They have a disease. If we can help them get past it, they won't be in our system. One of the things that has struck me when attending drug court is how genuinely excited and proud the participants are when they have a job and when the job is going well.

**You also try to alleviate disparities in resources available to non-violent offenders.**

One of the things we've done here in Charleston, and I hope to do in Berkeley County, is to do more with making sure that the right people are held in jail pre-trial. I want to do what I can for indigents. Drug court is a little more difficult because of all the testing that's required, and we just don't have budgets. We're working on that. Pre-trial intervention is a state mandated program that we have to have, but guess what? They don't fund it so it's very expensive for anyone to go through it. Guess who doesn't get to go? Poor people. One of the things that we've done here is to make pre-trial intervention free for indigents. That's huge in my mind. People don't need to be in jail because they're poor. They need to be in jail because they're a danger to the community or a flight risk. In the right circumstances with the right defendants, jail is the way to go because we have so many multiple offenders who should not have been out in the first place.

When a \$1000 bond is keeping someone in jail, they aren't in jail because they're dangerous. They're in jail because they can't afford a bond, and that's a problem. When they're just working poor, guess what happens? They lose their job, so it just increases the likelihood that they'll get in more trouble. It's not that I'm this bleeding heart. I think it's smart for people who are working and trying to make a living that we don't compound it.

**What has been your experience as a woman in this field?**

I have been extremely fortunate that the men in my life personally and professionally have treated me with enormous respect. Every boss that I've had not only respected women-- but liked women.

I also think I have been naïve about what being a woman meant or didn't mean. I first sort of realized that when I was running for office, but all and all I don't have anything to compare it to so I don't know. I'm the only woman solicitor at the moment of the 16 of us in the state so that's interesting. It's also a great group.

I just have been lucky. I don't want to revise history, but as I grow and mature I can look back on some things and go-- that's what was going on there. I was just so exuberant I didn't realize at the time, and I didn't let it stop me.

**That's of particular importance because a lot of the people you worked with early on in your career were male attorneys.**

It was a sign of the times during my career that women were not in positions to hire or promote me. Still, there were some fantastic women lawyers who served as role models to me. Seeing tough and tenacious women in litigation had a profound effect on me as a young lawyer. All of them were and remain true to themselves and their femininity in what historically has been a man's world. Their names: Judge Cameron Currie, Judge Mary Gordon Baker (Former AUSA), Nancy Wicker (Former AUSA), Sheri Lydon (AUSA / USA), Luck Campbell (Former ASOL).

**Part of what you do is leading by example. Do you see yourself as a leader?**

I wouldn't say I see myself as a role model, but I see myself as a leader. One of the reasons I've been successful in that regard is people know that I genuinely care about the work we're doing. People know I'm not trying to get to the next job, and I think that matters. To me this job is as high as you can get. We are having a direct impact on people's lives: victim's lives, defendant's lives. Doing the right thing in a case by dismissing it or giving a fair offer is every bit as important as getting a conviction. It is that very direct impact versus being a policymaker. Making policy is so important but being in the trenches is more rewarding for me.



The Atlantic Institute held its 10th Annual Peace and Dialogue Dinner on April 25, 2019 at The Citadel Holliday Alumni Center, and the Charleston Bar's own Brian Duffy was the recipient of the Peace and Dialogue Award for his extensive community service, and in particular for "his role as founder and Chair of The Charleston Forum," an entity which has its roots in the Charleston Bar Association. "The Charleston Forum was born in the aftermath of the massacre at Mother Emanuel and is now a part of the annual events in June commemorating the community members we lost that day. The horrific events, the reactions of the families, and the response of the community had a powerful impact on most people in our country. They also set the table for a discussion about racial issues in society with more of a passion for progress and unity. The Charleston Forum is providing that discussion."

Brian graciously accepted the award by acknowledging all of the other volunteers that have worked tirelessly to make The Charleston Forum such a force for positive dialogue and change, as well as the Charleston Bar's role in its creation. In addition, Brian shared how his shock and feelings of loss for the victims and our community led to his efforts to initiate the Charleston Forum with the help of so many others. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday June 16, 2019 with an inclusion/diversity expo in the Bus Shed at 1 p.m. and then the Forum at 4 p.m. in the Charleston Music Hall.

Other honorees at the Atlantic Institute Peace and Dialogue Dinner were Brian Hicks of the Post & Courier, Dr. Reshma Khan of the Shifa Free Clinic, Rebekah Edmondson and Kyle McKibben each of whom are the founders of Still Serving SC. The keynote speaker for the event was Former Mayor Joe Riley, who spoke about the International African-American Museum. Immediate Past President of the Charleston Bar, Peter Shahid, served as Master of Ceremonies for the function.

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**Being in the trenches is difficult. There are a lot of eyes on you, and the nature of your work is not always pleasant. How do you handle that?**

It does bother me. If I know there are really gory pictures, I don't look until I know that I have to see it. If a defense attorney comes to me immediately, wants to plead guilty straight up, and his client wants to take responsibility, I may never see the autopsy or crime scene. I don't really need to have that in my space. I may have to make a plea offer or be prepping for trial, then I will look.

I don't want to proclaim to be some kind of health nut but having other interests and trying to be healthy helps some. If there's a concert in Charleston, I'm probably going to be there. I love music, and I love that outlet. Just being out and about to see the good in the community is really important. I get a lot of good feedback from people. Many times that's for cases I didn't personally handle, but somebody here did. I try to let the staff know people are pulling for us.

**The (Emanuel AME) church shooting was one of those things that brought Charlestonians closer together. I know it also put a lot of pressure on your shoulders— to do the right thing. Is there a time that stands out as one where you really felt the pressure of your responsibility?**

Well, 2015 was a stressful, emotional year for everybody. It's no different for me. There have been a number of times where it does weigh on you. It's not like you can go home and forget it, but you just have to be smart about realizing how you need a variety of things in your life. You need other outlets. I feel like this job is kind of my life, but I have other things. I tell people here, "Look you can do it by yourself. I can do it by myself, but I don't have to."

**You get some of the same questions often. What do you want your legacy to be, what's next, where do you want to go, when are you moving?**

I hope I'm not moving anytime soon. I'm doing a lot right now with disproportionately and disparity based on race and ethnicity. Starting at the beginning of this year 2019 my prosecutors have to enter into our database what their plea offer is. I think that will mean that moving forward any other solicitor is going to have to keep on top of that, and it's important. Once we obtain enough data, we'll be able to study it.

We know that African Americans are overrepresented in prison, but what hasn't been studied as much is how the prosecutor plays into that. If there are disparities or disproportionalities, we have to look at why. I'm hoping this can be done in a healthy, positive way. We serve everybody, and we need to do all that we can to see that everyone is served from the same spoon.

Please take a few minutes to log in to the Charleston County Bar website ([www.charlestoncountybar.org](http://www.charlestoncountybar.org)) and check to be sure that all of your contact information is correct. We are finding that the information on the South Carolina Bar website and the Charleston County Bar website is not always identical. It is very important that we have correct information from each of you in order to have accurate records. This will only take a few minutes of your time and we would very much appreciate each of you doing this.

## ELLIS KHAN

KHAN LAW FIRM, LLP

Interview by Johnathan Rice

**If you could put your editor hat on from your time as an editor of *The Brigadier*, *The Citadel's* newspaper, and give some advice to a writer and an aspiring editor, what advice would you give?**

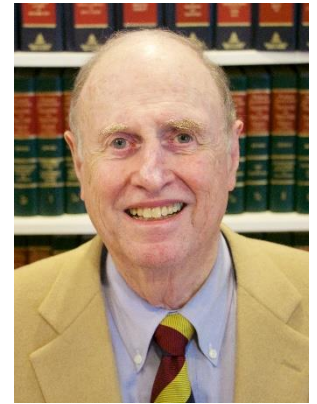
Be a reader of quality works because you intuitively pick up an ability to write. It's also helpful to sit down and write something relevant. There's nothing more intimidating than a blank page. The method I use is to sit down and write something, anything relevant, as that sort of begins the process. After you have written what you planned to write, lay it aside and let it "cool off" for a period of time before coming back to it. No matter how wonderful a writer someone thinks they are, the second look always shows where to make improvements of great importance, particularly with respect to legal writing—to shorten whatever you have written. My experience is if you submit something that's too long, people will not read it because they'll be put off by it. Sometimes, in this computer age, removing the word "that" will shrink a paragraph by a whole line. The whole idea is to make your writing concise and sufficient to make your point, and not so long as to make it boring and unpalatable to the reader.

**How does your editorial skill set influence your writing as a lawyer? How would you use that influence to help prepare young lawyers to be as efficient as possible?**

It takes time to write something short. Is it worthwhile to spend time going back over it? Even if it's two, three, or four drafts? It is not unusual for our pleadings to go through four, five, or six drafts before we send it out. This is particularly important as lawyers because every word has a meaning or potential "other" meaning. As lawyers, we need to look at every thought expressed very closely. That also applied when I was editor of *The Brigadier*.

**What do you remember about your time as editor of *The Brigadier*? What was the most controversial topic *The Brigadier* covered while you were the editor?**

Former President Herbert Hoover was invited to give a talk at The Citadel. This would have been in the mid-fifties. He arrived with an honor guard. The Citadel Band played *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Of course, that was one of the theme songs of the Union Army in the Civil War, and a Citadel cadet had fired the first shot in the Civil War. As a result of the band playing that hymn, local columnist, Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr., who wrote the book *Cheaper by The Dozen*, was a writer at the *News & Courier*—now called the *Post and Courier*—called himself Ashley Cooper. He took umbrage that The Citadel played *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. His columns came out virtually every day in the paper. So, I



responded to him, editorially, in *The Brigadier*, but we only published once every two weeks; so, we were at a distinct disadvantage. Nevertheless, we had an interesting battle of words over a period of time.

**In my research on you, I saw reference to the term "Sapere Aude." What does it mean to you, and how have you applied it to your social and legal careers?**

It generally means "dare to be wise." I guess that's a goal that's never fully attained because if you think that you are all wise, then you're a fool [shared laughter]. But the idea is to stand up on your hind legs when you believe you are right and be slow to criticize. Also, when dealing with the Court, be courteous, be prepared and entirely respectful. Being prepared includes submitting well organized, well-expressed briefs that are as short as possible, but consistent with clearly communicating your thoughts and contentions.

**What advice do you have for J.D. or L.L.M. candidates?**

My advice, particularly in the legal climate that exists today, is don't pursue the practice of law unless you've got a "fire in your belly" to do it. If it's going to be some equivalent of a mere job, look somewhere else. This is because the effort, dedication, focus and the ability to compartmentalize is so very critical. Again, it requires that you have the figurative "fire in your belly" to do it. If you don't, you're destined for disappointment.

**Regarding the fire in your belly comment, does your idea of working hard for your clients speak to the central idea of that comment?**

The fire in your belly is what makes you get out of bed and act whenever you have to service the needs of a client or break away from some pleasurable activity and work for your client.

**Can you please discuss the Ellis I. Khan Scholarship from its conception to finalization, specifically the process that went into funding the new scholarship?**

The first thing you need to know, it was Janice Kahn's idea. My wife has a lot of wisdom, plus knowledge of my strong feelings about The Citadel. She suggested establishing the scholarship; so, we informed The Citadel Foundation of our interest and went through the necessary paperwork to put our money where our mouths were. We established a scholarship but let me tell you it is not one of those million-dollar-scholarships [shared laughter].

**Please talk about the following experiences: U.S. Air Force JAG, federal clerkship and private practice. Individually, collectively, or how you see fit.**

When I was at The Citadel, it had, and still has, an effective honor system, in which cadets function as a court in the event someone is accused of an honor violation. I represented several cadets accused of honor violations. That helped me decide to go into law as a profession.

When I was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force upon graduating from The Citadel, I was allowed to go to law school and later to become a judge advocate.

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While at the University of South Carolina's Law School, I was president of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and also on the Editorial Board of the South Carolina Law Quarterly. [During active duty] I was heavily involved in trying court martials. One exciting court-martial involved my responsibility of charging the commanding general of Air Training Command and his staff judge advocate, a brigadier general, of improperly trying to influence a court-martial outcome.

Towards the end of my Air Force career, I had the good fortune of being contacted and going to work for U.S. District Court Judge Robert W. Hemphill in Columbia. Judge Hemphill once stated constitutional rights are "present rights." They're not something for some time in the future. They exist right now under the Constitution. So, I was very proud of him, his views and the orders in which he expressed those thoughts cogently that ended up as judgments of the Court. It was a wonderful and enriching experience.

**Earlier you talked about Judge Hemphill as a mentor, so what is some advice he gave you?**

Judge Hemphill was unknowingly my mentor in the sense that he would work hard; he was just really focused on his work. And the other thing he did all the time, or many times, was sending handwritten, thoughtful, notes to people for their helpfulness and courtesies or wishing them well. I picked up on his practice and found that doing that not only makes you feel good, but it's the right thing to do. The practical effect is it creates good feelings for you by the people who receive those notes.

**What are your favorite and least memories during your legal practice?**

I like to tell stories. I argued a case in the South Carolina Supreme Court, and my son Justin, who has practiced with me now for over 25 years, was in law school. So, I asked permission for him to sit at the table during my argument. I made my argument, and the other lawyer, who was an able and very well respected, argued against me and cited three cases. In my reply, I said this reminds me of a story about Calvin Coolidge. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Justin with that look on his face like, here goes my daddy embarrassing me again.

The story I told was Calvin Coolidge was having dinner in the White House with his friends from New England, and towards the end of the meal he took his coffee cup off of the saucer and put it aside, and his friends from New England, thinking he's the President of United States, so they all did the same thing. And so, he took the cream for the coffee and poured it in the saucer. Again, they figured, he's the President, so they did the same thing. Then he took the saucer and put it on the floor for the cat to drink the cream. And so, I said to the Court, my friend is asking you to follow those cases just like Calvin Coolidge's friends, but every one of them has been overruled. And I told the name of the case that overruled all three of them, and that was my reply to his argument.

The Supreme Court agreed with me. Of course, if the Court had not agreed with me, I wouldn't tell the story! That's one of my favorite memories as a lawyer.

My least favorite story is a present on-going story. That is my continuing sense of dismay involving television advertising by lawyers who utilize over-the-top claims with what I call "gymnastics" and special effects, and results that may be true, but ultimately leave a negative impression regarding people who are injured. My sense is that the general public, including potential jurors, are left with a feeling that is less than optimal about the honorable profession that requires strict truthfulness and fiduciary responsibility, imposed by the Courts and ourselves, as well as the civility of measured expression.

**Today we have Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and hashtags over all the place. If you could summarize your career in a sentence or catchphrase, what would it be?**

Truthfulness. To be true to yourself and be true to your clients. So, truthfulness applies to your clients and with opposing counsel, and certainly with the Court. You will respect yourself, and, of importance, juries and judges will respect you more if you don't sling mud when dealing in this adversarial process.

**Your experience is not limited to work and leadership within the legal community, but also includes leadership within the local Jewish Community and served during difficult ordeal in Charleston's history, can you explain?**

I was president of the Charleston Jewish Federation when Hurricane Hugo struck. I literally quit practicing law for about six months to attend committee meetings and meet with people to try to raise money to help people in distress. That included the community in general. It was my turn to accept responsibility for living in this wonderful part of America. That's life!

**How have your experiences as a leader in both of these communities in Charleston influenced your leadership and service to both communities?**

Leadership skills apply across the board, which means you're willing to stand up on your hind legs for what you believe. It is also important to patiently listen to people. It certainly means you are loyal to the people you work with, which is a two-way street. It would be good to see more examples of loyalty on the national scene by those who are in a position of authority. Loyalty to your people and to the cause, and the willingness to work hard and to be truthful with people, that applies across the board, no matter what the context.

**What haven't you accomplished in your career that you would like to before retirement? Why?**

To ultimately retire without embarrassing myself, my family, my friends, my colleagues and the wonderful staff who work with me and for whom I have great affection. And so, the idea is, don't act in such a way that you are an embarrassment.

Thank you, Shantel Middleton and Johnathan Rice for conducting these "Colloquy" interviews and preparing these articles. Look out for further interviews in future editions of the Newsletter.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Womble Bond Dickinson** congratulates attorney **Dana Woodrum Lang** on being promoted to partner in the firm. Lang advises clients on almost every aspect of the construction process. She is an experienced litigator in state and federal court, where she regularly defends contractors, architects, developers, sureties and construction product manufacturers on a host of issues arising from public and private construction projects, including residential and commercial builds.

**Butler Snow** is pleased to announce the opening of its newest office in Charleston with the additions of **Kenyatta L. Gardner, Stephen P. Groves** and **Bradish J. Waring**. Gardner, Groves and Waring will all practice with the firm's tort, transportation and specialized litigation group.

**Wilkes Law Firm, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Myra Virginia Whitener** has joined the firm in its Charleston office. Her practice encompasses most areas of civil defense litigation, including construction litigation, personal injury defense, professional liability defense, and product defect litigation.

**David McCormack** is pleased to announce that he has established **David McCormack ADR, LLC**, an entity devoted exclusively to conducting mediations and arbitrations, located at 125-A Wappoo Creek Drive, Suite 101-C, Charleston, SC 29412, Tel. (843) 789-9153.

**K&L Gates'** Charleston office is pleased to welcome four associates who have recently joined the firm. Those individuals and their practice group are as follows: **Lauren McFadden** Corporate/M&A; **Laura Musselman** Complex Commercial Litigation & Disputes; **John Whitney (Whit)** **McGreevy** Labor, Employment & Workplace Safety; **Reed deMent** Banking & Asset Finance.

**YCRLAW** is pleased to announce that **Perry M. Buckner, IV** and **Jason A. Daigle** have been named Partners in the Charleston Office. Buckner practices in the firm's Professional Liability and Commercial Litigation Groups. Daigle is a member of the firm's Construction Practice Group and handles matters involving construction, premises liability, personal injury, dram shop liability, commercial, business, professional liability, wrongful death and automobile litigation.

**Motley Rice** is pleased to announce that six of the firm's Mt. Pleasant-based associates have been promoted to Senior Counsel. The attorneys selected have experience working in the firm's various practice areas, including aviation and transportation, medical drugs and devices, occupational diseases, asbestos exposure, anti-terrorism and human rights, the historic BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill litigation as well as the current opioid litigation. Attorneys selected to Senior Counsel are: **James R. Brauchle; John C. Duane; Jeanette M. Gilbert; Robert T. Haefele; Lisa M. Saltzburg; and Jennie Scudder-Levin.**

**Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd's Jeff Stover** has been re-elected to the executive committee for South Carolina Biotechnology Innovation Organization (SCBIO). Jeff has served on the Board of Directors for SCBIO since 2017.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach Committee has partnered with Lowcountry Blessing Boxes to raise funds to host Free Laundry Days throughout the spring and summer. We are asking each member of CCBA to donate a roll of quarters, or \$10.00. We are asking each member of CCBA to donate a roll of quarters, or \$10.00. To date, we have raised \$400.00 to host three Free Laundry Days events. We appreciate the support we've received so far but are hopeful to raise more funds!

On April 24, 2019, the CCBA hosted the first Free Laundry Day at Laundry Matters on Reid Street. It was a wonderful event. CCBA members brought detergent, quarters, pizza and fellowship to all of our community members who participated. Thank you to Katie Dahlheim, Alissa Lietzow, Julie Moore and David Wolf for participating!

The next two Free Laundry Day will be held at Laundry Matters:

Saturday, June 1 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Saturday, June 22 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM.

If you would like to participate, please email Julie Moore at [jmoore@duffyandyoung.com](mailto:jmoore@duffyandyoung.com). We'd love to see you all there!

We are also still accepting donations to host additional Free Laundry Days events in the fall:

1. PayPal – Send \$10 to [chsblessingbox@gmail.com](mailto:chsblessingbox@gmail.com)
2. Check/Cash – Make all checks payable to Lowcountry Blessing Boxes and mail or deliver to Duffy & Young, 96 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401.

## WELLNESS COMMITTEE'S SPRING HEALTHY CHALLENGE

Please join us in participating in the Charleston County Bar Wellness Committee's May Healthy Challenge. It is really simple, and the benefits are what matter. Commit to completing 15 sessions of 30 minutes duration between May 1st and May 31st.

Email us at [chascobarwellness@gmail.com](mailto:chascobarwellness@gmail.com) with your completion information. Be sure to include your contact information. Physical activity is anything you enjoy that gets your heart rate up and is approved by your doctor. Mix up your activities. Run, swim, bike, walk, go to the gym or a yoga class, take a dance lesson, play with your children or grandchildren. It may be helpful to get with a small group of friends and be accountable and encouraging to each other as you work through your 15 sessions. We look forward to a large number of participants. Everyone who participates will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Get Moving!

The following is a list of prizes and their donors:

- ❖ A one month membership at Gold's Gym Mt Pleasant.
- ❖ A one month membership at Zoo Health Club.
- ❖ A \$50.00 gift card to Verde.
- ❖ 10 thermal water bottles.
- ❖ 6 pairs of Feetures running socks.
- ❖ 2 bottles of olive oil shipped directly from the Bardi Estate in Tuscany.

## JURY VERDICTS

### CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

**2016-CP-10-1469** Thomas Simmons, Jr. v. Atlantic Container Services, Inc.

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Barbara A. Strowd  
Defendant: Jeffrey Ammons & Barrett Ray Brewer

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2016-CP-10-5090** South Carolina State Ports Authority v. S&ME, Inc.

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Henry W. Brown & Justin O'Toole Lucey  
Defendant: Stephanie Holmes Burton & Kent Taylor Stair

**Cause of Action:** Construction

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2016-CP-10-5454** Celestine Rudolph v. Radermacher Foods of North Charleston, Inc., et al.

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Jerry Meehan  
Defendant: Michael Barfield

**Cause of Action:** Premises Liability

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2017-CP-10-00341** Tommie Williams v. Peggy Joyce Little

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: M. Brooks Derrick & Dan Boles  
Defendant: John Dodds, IV

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2017-CP-10-2960** Lynn S. Mertz v. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Robert Treacy  
Defendant: Tom Milligan

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$37,000.00 actual damages.

### FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - CHARLESTON DIVISION

(There were no Federal Court Verdicts for this period)

## ACCOLADES

Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd is pleased to announce that the following attorneys in their Charleston office have been listed in the 2019 edition of South Carolina Super Lawyers®: **Scott Y. Barnes:** Tax; **Amy Foster Bower:** Personal Injury – General; Defense (Rising Star); **Stephen E. Darling:** Personal Injury – Products; Defense; **Pierce T. MacLennan:** Employment & Labor (Rising Star); **Stafford J. McQuillin III:** Business Litigation (Rising Star); **David M. Swanson:** Real Estate; **John H. Tiller:** Personal Injury – Products; Defense. In addition, **Chris Gantt-Sorenson** and **Jeremy Cook** were named to South Carolina Lawyers Weekly's 2019 Leadership in Law Honoree list, which recognized 29 attorneys from across the state.

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## SAVE THE DATES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Family Law CLE

Berkeley County Courthouse - Jury Panel Room

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

What Women Bring Luncheon - Honoring Judge Michel Forsythe  
North Charleston Performing Arts Center (5001 Coliseum Dr.)

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday, May 31, 2019

Youth Human Trafficking GAL Project CLE

Nelson Mullins (151 Meeting St.)

12:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Free Laundry Day - Volunteer Opportunity

Laundry Matters (51 Reid St.)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday June 6, 2019

Charleston Bar Spring Social & Reception for Judge Bentley Price  
Society Hall (72 Meeting St.)

TBA

Sunday June 16, 2019

The Charleston Forum

Bus Shed - Charleston Music Hall

Inclusion/Diversity Expo at 1:00 pm

Forum at 4:00 pm

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Free Laundry Day - Volunteer Opportunity

Laundry Matters (51 Reid St.)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



## 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.sccourts.org/calendar/scmapping.cfm>.)

### CIRCUIT COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

May 6		May 13		May 20		May 27	
AW	- Young, R.	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- McCoy	9 <sup>th</sup> CP/NJ	- Price	9 <sup>th</sup> CP/NJ	- Price
9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Price	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.	9 <sup>th</sup> GSNJ	- Dennis
Chas CP/NJ	- McCoy	Chas GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Hyman	Chas CP/NJ	- McCoy
Chas GS/SGJ	- Knie	Chas GS	- Jefferson	Berk GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Brown
Chas GS	- Dennis	Chas GS	- Sprouse			Berk CP/NJ	- Hayes
Chas GS	- Nicholson	Berk GS	- Hocker				

June 3		June 10		June 17		June 24	
9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Curtis (3-5)	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Brown	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Culbertson	9 <sup>th</sup> GSNJ	- Dennis
9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Knie (3-4)	Chas CP/NJ	- Curtis	Chas CP/NJ	- Goldsmith	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.
Chas GS	- Jefferson	Chas GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.	Chas CP/NJ	- Curtis
Chas GS	- McCoy	Chas GS	- Jefferson	Berk GS	- Dennis	Berk CP/NJ	- Jefferson
Chas GS	- Buckner	Chas GS	- McCoy			Berk GS	- Cooper, T.
Berk GS/SGJ	- Dickson	Berk CP/NJ	- Young, R.				
Berk GS	- Dennis						

### CIRCUIT COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

May 6		May 13		May 20		May 27	
Dor GS	- Mullen	Dor GS	- Murphy	Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein	1 <sup>st</sup> CPNJ	- Gibbons
						Dor CP/NJ	- Dickson

June 3		June 10		June 17		June 24	
1 <sup>st</sup> CPNJ/PCR	- Goodstein	Dor CP/NJ	- Murphy				
Dor GS	- Murphy	Dor GS	- Buckner				

### FAMILY COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

May 6		May 13		May 20		May 27	
Chas	- McLin	Chas	- Creech	Chas	- Vinson	Chas	- Smoak
Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Landis	Chas	- Buckhannon	Chas	- Fuge
Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Pogue	Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Richter
Chas	- Malphrus	Chas	- Richter	Berk	- Landis	Chas	- Forsythe
Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Forsythe	Berk	- Richter	Berk	- Martin
Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Wylie				
Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Salvini				

June 3		June 10		June 17		June 24	
Chas	- McLin	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate
Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Robertson	Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Martin
Chas	- Fuge	Chas	- Dunbar	Chas	- Bultman	Chas	- Buckhannon
Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Matthews	Chas	- Richter
Chas	- Forsythe	Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Morehead	Berk	- Forsythe (25-28)
Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Pogue	Berk	- Bromell Holmes	Berk	- Creech
Berk	- Landis					Berk	- Landis

### FAMILY COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

May 6		May 13		May 20		May 27	
Dor	- McGee	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin
		Dor	- McGee (13-16)	Dor	- Jones (20-22)		

June 3		June 10		June 17		June 24	
Dor	- Wylie (3-6)	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McGee
Dor	- Snelgrove	Dor	- Wylie (11-14)	Dor	- Wylie		

## By: Alissa C. Lietzow, Esquire

Executive Director of (Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

It is no secret that being a nonprofit organization can be tough. So, it is wonderful to attend events like TogetherSC's recent Nonprofit Summit in Greenville. It reminds us non-profiters that we are fighting a good fight and filling the necessary gaps where resources are lacking.

Believe it or not, the nonprofit sector makes up 6% of the U.S. GDP, is the third largest sector producing about \$900 billion a year, and makes up 10% of the workforce. Those are staggering numbers and we are proud to be a part of such a large, important sector!

The Summit's keynote speaker, Vu Le, is an Executive Director of a nonprofit in Seattle. He not only understands the nonprofit struggle, but has a very comedic approach to discussing it. Le describes our unique position of seeking to better communities, but having very limited funds to do so, constantly having to apply for new grants, and always trying to meet unrealistic expectations: time limits, goals, and outcomes. We are viewed as unicorns, expected to magically solve problems. And while we love bettering the community to the best of our ability, Le's sentiments also ring true. Unfortunately, we aren't unicorns and can't use magic to solve crucial, complex issues affecting Charleston's community. Although, we truly try to work our magic!

The theme for this year's Nonprofit Summit was "Building Bridges" and that is exactly what we at Charleston Pro Bono aim to do every year: build as many bridges as possible to serve our community. We are always looking to build more bridges with fellow nonprofits and private lawyers that believe in our pro bono mission. To build direct bridges with the community, we offer unique legal education opportunities, including our "Lawyers in the Library" series. These seminars, co-hosted by the Charleston County Public Library, are free and open to the public. We also host several clinics every year in partnership with several nonprofit partners for those who do not have the mobility to make it to our downtown office for appointments. These various community events have been

crucial to our mission. We have also established a bridge with Charleston School of Law, whose motto is "pro bono populi" ("for the good of the people"). We offer law students intensive, clinical opportunities to learn about the legal profession through a nonprofit lens. This allows us to educate the next generation of lawyers on serving their community and bridging the justice gap. They sit in on client intakes, work on case files, prepare for hearings, and can sometimes even join one of our attorneys in court.

Bridging the justice gap is our primary goal as a local pro bono legal service. While most people will need a lawyer at some point in their lives, many do not have the resources to receive the help they need. In 2017, the LSC released a Justice Gap Report, which showed that 86% of civil legal problems of low income individuals received little or no help. That is where we come in. Last year, we opened almost 700 cases, impacting nearly 1,800 people in the process! While we can't be "unicorns", like Vu Le mentions, magically solving issues, we are committed to putting in hard work to serve those in need and expand opportunities in Charleston's community.

We are able to accomplish our mission of building bridges for our community through the tireless efforts of community partners and generous donors. Thanks to partnerships with countless organizations, we are able to educate and serve as many community members as possible on issues ranging from wills to evictions to family law.

However, we are nonprofit, and just as Mr. Le said, we operate under tight budgets. We cannot build the bridges necessary without help from fellow lawyers like you! To reach as many people as possible, we must rely on generous lawyers willing to work pro bono and/or assist in educational events. If you are unable to take on a pro bono case, please consider assisting us with clinics or seminars or, consider donating! No matter your area of practice or level of experience, we would be grateful for your assistance.



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