

# The Gitation November

# 15 NEW ATTORNEYS SWORN IN

In a formal courtroom ceremony sponsored by the Savannah Bar Association and the Savannah Young Lawyers Division, the Honorable Timothy Walmsley swore in 15 new attorneys on Monday, November 14

Walmsley encouraged the new lawyers to do good work, to show the community how the legal profession can be a force for good, and, last but not least, to laugh.



Judge Timothy Walmsley (center left) gathers with Savannah's newest attorneys

Walmsley was followed by SBA President Mathew After McCoy and YLD President Bryan Schivera, both of whom counseled the attorneys to reach out to new Const

colleagues for friendship, advice and support.

Each of the new attorneys introduced to the court by a friend or family member. The diverse group November's initiates included graduates of the University Georgia School of Law, the Walter F. George School of Law and the Savannah Law School

After being sworn in, each new initiate signed the oath to defend and uphold the United States Constitution.



# RENEWALS STILL OPEN

If you have not renewed your membership for the SBA's centennial year, the process takes just a few clicks with a credit card on our website (see accompanying video). Renewal is immediate.

Checks are also accepted, but please allow time for processing before you see a change in your renewal status.

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#### GLSP RECEIVES "OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY" AWARD

Georgia Legal Services Program in Savannah was the winner of the Teinique Gadson Outstanding Advocacy Award presented November 18th, 2016, at Step Up Savannah's Annual Meeting. Part of The Creating Opportunity Awards, GLSP was honored as a community direct service provider who has gone above and beyond in aid and services to residents in need. Nancy DeVetter, Staff Attorney for GLSP, accepted the award for her work in this area.

The genesis for the Savannah office of the GLSP came from Step Up Savannah in collaboration with the Georgia Justice Project. Recognizing the need to provide legal aid to the poor, GLSP secured start—up funding from the United Way of the Coastal Empire. Since its inception, the program has represented 171 individuals. Five attorneys and one paralegal serve 11 counties with more than 122,000 potentially eligible clients.



GLSP's Nancy DeVetter (left) accepts the Teinique Gadson Outstanding Advocacy Award from Robyn Wainner of Step Up Savannah.

#### ABA PRESIDENT TO KEYNOTE GLSP LUNCHEON



Linda A. Klein, President of the American Bar Association, will keynote GLSP's January Luncheon

The Savannah Regional Office of Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) will host its 3rd Annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon on Friday, January 13th at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring current President of the ABA, Linda Klein, as the keynote speaker and honored guest.

The event includes lunch and special presentations to honor local volunteer attorneys who have given their time and talent to handle cases on behalf of low-income people in our community. Tickets are \$50 and tables are \$400. Find up-to-date information about this event on Georgia Legal Services Program Facebook page, or for immediate assis-

tance, contact Heidi Behnke at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2752 or hbehnke@glsp.org.



Click on the image for more information



#### ANNUAL "ASK A LAWYER DAY" A HIT

They had questions. Savannah lawyers had answers. On October 27th, the Savannah Office of Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP), the General Practice & Trial Law Section of the State Bar, and the Young Lawyers Division partnered to bring "Ask A Lawyer Day" to local residents.

Part of an initiative to meet the Bar's responsibility to make legal services available to those unable to afford them, clients with appointments spoke with an attorney regarding any civil legal matter, including family law, public benefits, probate, and more. The SBA salutes the GLSP staff and the following attorneys for volunteering and making the event a continued success.



Ted Carrellas confers with a client during the annual "Ask a Lawyer Day"



**Bill Broker** 



**Nancy DeVetter** 



**Megan Manley** 





Paul Painter III Richard Barid





Not pictured: **Mark Smith** and Kran Riddle

Ted Carrellas Paul Painter Ir.

#### PRO BONO CLIMATE SURVEY COMING SOON



The Pro Bono Committee of the Savannah Bar Association wants to hear from you! The Committee announces the first-ever Pro Bono Climate Survey measuring attitudes towards pro bono legal services among the attorneys practicing in the 11 counties covered by our local

Georgia Legal Services Program office.

The survey is designed to provide information that the Committee and GLSP can use to develop rewarding and meaningful pro bono opportunities for attorneys and clients alike. Whether you already volunteer with GLSP, volunteer with other organizations, do not engage in any pro bono work, or aspire to provide pro bono services, we want and need your feedback.

Attorneys will receive an email on Thursday, December 1, 2016, containing a link to the online survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey.

Questions regarding the survey are welcomed and should be directed to Pro Bono Committee Chair, Julia Sullivan, (912) 544-1389 or julia@jhsullivanlaw.com; or to Savannah GLSP Managing Attorney, Bill Broker, at (912) 651–2283, ext. 2758 or bbroker@glsp.org.



Julia Sullivan, Pro **Bono Committee** Chair. Bill Broker. Managing Attorney, GLSP.

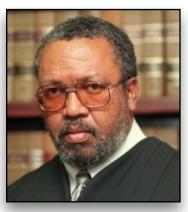




#### JUVENILE COURT TO HOLD ANNUAL SAFETY FORUM

The Chatham County Juvenile Court invites members of the Bar to its 2nd Annual Community Safety Forum, "Effective and Therapeutic Approaches for a Safer Savannah," on Saturday, December 10, 2016, from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center.

For the last two years Chatham Juvenile Court has received state and technical assistance grants as part of Governor Deal's focus on juvenile justice reform, which encourages investment in community inter-



Judge LeRoy Burke III, Chatham County Juvenile Court

ventions as an alternative to correctional confinement. The Court continues to receive technical assistance from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to improve practices and strengthen partnerships to provide positive and constructive community options for at-risk youth.

The Court's effort is led by Judge LeRoy Burke, III, Chatham County Juvenile Court, Chief Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr., Savannah – Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, and Dr. M. Ann Levett, Chief Academic Officer, Savannah – Chatham County Public Schools.

This year's forum will highlight the group's significant achievements from last year. Nationally



and internationally acclaimed organizations will share models for serving delinquent youth.

Last year's gathering brought in over 200 participants, including community residents, employers, students and representatives from government, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations.

Held at the Coastal Georgia Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, click here to RSVP for this event. For questions, please contact LaTasha Kennedy at LKennedy@chathamcounty.org or call (912) 652–6726.

#### SAVANNAH TRIAL LAWYERS UPDATE

Richard Barid of Smith Barid, LLC, presented "Don't Let Your Client Get Hurt Twice: An Overview of Special Needs Planning Tools for Protecting Settlement and Verdict Proceeds While Avoiding Loss of Public Benefits" at the November 29 meeting of the Savannah Trial Lawyers Association held at the Savannah Golf Club.

Meetings are open to active members of the association, prospective members, and all judges. Meetings will take place on the last Tuesday of every month through May, 2017, with the exception of December. For information on joining the STLA, or if you are a member of the Judiciary and would like to attend, please contact Zach Thomas, President, at (912) 233–6600, <a href="mailto:zhthomas@aol.com">zhthomas@aol.com</a>, or Adam Harper, Secretary, at (912) 232–6767, adam@sutherslaw.com



Richard Barid of Smith Barid, LLC spoke on "Special Needs Planning Tools for Protecting Settlement and Verdict Proceeds" at the STLA.



# JARRETT & PRICE EXPAND: NEW OFFICE, NEW HIRE

To grow their practice to a regional level, and to assist more families and businesses across the state, Jarrett & Price has opened an office in downtown

Patrick Jarrett, founding partner, Jarret & Price

Atlanta. Founding partner Patrick Jarrett, who has represented clients in the area of immigration in the Savannah area since 2010, said: "The great thing about immigration as a practice— area is that you can represent clients throughout the world. This new office allows us to serve clients beyond our immediate area."

The firm's Atlanta office is located in the Promenade II at 1230 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1900, Atlanta. Jarrett, a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, is barred in Georgia, Texas and Alabama.

The firm also announces the addition of Kayley Stoner as an associate attorney in the practice areas of divorce, custody and adoption. She is a certified Superior Court guardian ad litem and admitted to all Georgia trial courts and the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Kayley obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida in 2012 and is an inaugural graduate of Savannah Law School, where she served as vice justice of the school's moot court honor board and received



Kayley Stoner, Jarret & Price's new associate



Ben Price, partner, Jarret & Price

the John E. Ryan scholarship.

Said Jarrett partner, Ben Price, "Kayley has been a wonderful addition to our practice, and we could not be happier with her passion for the work and her dedication to our clients."

#### GOLD STANDARD U.S. ATTORNEYS HONORED

Retired U.S. attorneys Fred Kramer and Joe Newman were honored at the SBA's November luncheon for their decades of service to the federal courts. In recognition, Tom Withers of Gillen, Withers & Lake, commented, "Fred and Joe set the gold standard for who a prosecutor should be."

Newman, now a part-time judge at Chatham County State Court, successfully



Retired U.S. attorneys Fred Kramer (left) and Joe Newman honored at SBA's November luncheon.

prosecuted the Ricky Jivens gang in 1992 and was the 2014 recipient of the SBA's Robbie Robinson Award.

Kramer, a 36-year veteran of the U.S. Attorney's Office, specialized in public corruption cases, including the 2006 trial of the Bradley Bio-Med Plus racketeering enterprise. Kramer also prosecuted the Southern District's first espionage case since WW II that involved Fort Stewart intelligence personnel.



#### TENNIS COURTS NAMED FOR MALCOLM MACLEAN

On November 14, Malcolm Maclean, former partner at HunterMaclean and SBA president, was honored at Savannah's Daffin Park tennis courts, which were officially named after the one–time Savannah Mayor and tennis player.

Mayor Eddie Deloach and City Alderman Julian Miller spoke of Malcolm Maclean's impact on a community where he served as Assistant City Attorney and City Alderman prior to becoming Savannah's mayor in 1960. Maclean's efforts while mayor to bring together business leaders and black leaders is credited with helping to keep peace in the community and prevent the rioting and violence that affected other southern cities of that era.

HunterMaclean partner Wade Herring, who worked closely with Maclean for 15



Members of Savannah's City Council and employees of HunterMaclean gather for the dedication ceremony of the Malcolm Maclean Tennis Courts at Daffin Park.

years, said, "We are proud to honor the memory of our law partner who was so important to the life of this community. The affiliation of these tennis courts with Mr. Maclean is a great testament to his love of the game and our city."

### HUNTERMACLEAN LAW FIRM HONORED

HunterMaclean, a business law firm with offices in Savannah and Brunswick, was honored with eight first-tier rankings in the 2017 edition of U.S. News – Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms." The complete list of rankings is published on the U.S. News website. HunterMaclean received first-tier rankings in the practice areas of:

- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- ► Litigation Construction
- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation Defendants
- Real Estate Law
- ► Trusts & Estates Law

HunterMaclean also received rankings in Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Tax Law.

"HunterMaclean is honored to be acknowledged with these well-respected rankings," said Brad Harmon, HunterMaclean's managing partner. "We consider this recognition a reflection of our

commitment and continuous work towards excellence in our legal services."





# YLD CORNER

The Savannah YLD invited its members to gather for a happy hour at Blowin' Smoke on November 17th, sponsored by Coastal Court Reporting. The YLD enjoyed an evening of good food on Blowin' Smoke's front porch. The event offered a perfect opportunity to welcome the Savannah Bar's newest members, who were sworn in on November 14th by Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley.

The YLD is excited to host its annual YLD Christmas Party with the suggested attire of



YLD Tacky Sweaters 2009



YLD Tacky Sweaters 2010

holiday tacky sweaters on December 17th at 6 p.m. The event will be sponsored by the law firm of Roden + Love, LLC. Be on the lookout for an email invitation with all the details for this much beloved event.



YLD Tacky Sweaters 2012

#### MASSEY RETIRING IN DECEMBER



Please join us for a Retirement celebration honoring

Daniel W. Maisey

Chatham County
Clerk of Superior Court

December 15th at 10am - 4pm 133 Montgomery St. Suite 304 Savannah GA 31401 Open house with presentations at 11:00am

Light refreshments will be served.

After over 12 years, Daniel W. Massey is stepping down at the end of December 2016. In honor of his retirement, an open house with presentations will be held at the Superior Court Clerk's office on December 15th. Everyone is invited to join the celebration on this special day. If you are unable to attend, but would like to send some words of wisdom for the presentations, please email Audra Jennings at abjennings@chathamcounty.org by December 5th.



#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The southeast regional law firm of Lueder, Larkin & Hunter, with a downtown Savannah location, is seeking a lateral partner hire with portable business.

Insurance defense client base preferred, but not required. Excellent base salary and benefits, plus a unique profit share bonus compensation structure.

Please contact Mark Langheim at 770-685-7029 or mlangheim@luederlaw.com.



#### For Sale

Complete set of hardbound books: South Eastern Reporter for GA and U.S.C.A. \$250 per set or best offer.

Contact: Karen Dove Barr karendovebarr@hotmail.com





#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Last month we published an incorrect contact number for Maria Sayers of Sayers Law, LLC. The correct phone number is 912-844-7279. We apologize for the error.



# NOW OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Savannah Bar Association is always seeking content for upcoming editions of The Citation. Members are encouraged to submit:

- your professional and personal announcements
- law-related advertisements
- articles or announcements regarding your preferred philanthropies
- Barrister Buddies (please include names, identifying information and other items of interest)
- other written submissions

Suggestions for improving The Citation are also always welcome. Finally, we love to receive photographs and video to share with our readers! Bear in mind that our readers include not only current SBA members, but also many judges and law school students.

Please contact us at sbacitation@gmail.com with submissions or inquiries.