

A Message from SBA President Colby Longley

As summer draws to a close, we are looking forward to the Savannah Bar Association's new bar year starting in September. I wanted to take a moment to welcome everyone to the 2021-2022 bar year and to tell you how excited I am for SBA's 105th year!

Your board of directors and executive committee members are working hard to ensure this bar year is successful. Any success we enjoy is predicated on the hard work done in years past. In that spirit, I would be remiss if I didn't give one more thanks to Past-President Blake Greco, and quite honestly, all past presidents that I have had the pleasure of serving under at SBA. Through their leadership and dedication, our members enjoy the many benefits SBA offers. I've been handed the keys to a well-oiled machine. With the help of my fellow board members, I trust and hope that we'll hand over those keys with things in better shape than ever.

You should have received your SBA membership renewal email. If possible, please renew your membership online at <u>savannahbar.org</u>. Paying online will renew your membership immediately. Leslie Keene, our treasurer, will process all renewal payments not made online. In addition, the SBA calendar of events can be found attached below and on our <u>SBA Upcoming Events</u> webpage.

Unfortunately, the Savannah Golf Club is renovating the golf course and cannot accommodate SBA for a September luncheon. And with the rise of COVID-19 numbers, we've again postponed the "Make-Up" boat ride. So we will kick off our year at SBA's first luncheon on October 14th. That will be followed by the BBQ at the Forest City Gun Club on October 21st.

I've thanked our past presidents and members of the board, but really, what makes the SBA is its members. Last year was a challenge, and we worried about participation in a year that in-person events were questionable at best. Yet, the SBA membership came through in spades. On behalf of the entire SBA board and executive committee, we thank you for your continued support!

Colby Longley SBA President 2021-2022





SBA Bar Calendar 2021–2022

SBA Members will be notified by email regarding details & instructions on how to register for each SBA luncheon & social event

September 15, 2021	SBA Annual Membership Renewal Due
October 14, 2021	Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
October 21, 2021	SBA BBQ from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Forest City Gun Club
November 18, 2021	Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
December 9, 2021	SBA Oyster Roast from 6:00—8:00 p.m. <i>Location TBA</i>
January 28, 2022	HOT TOPICS Seminar Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
February 17, 2022	Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
March 24, 2022	Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
April 22, 2022	The SBA Admiral Harvey Weitz 2022 Boat Ride
May 19, 2022	SBA Law Day Luncheon & Annual SBA Meeting—12 noon @ SGC
June 16, 2022	SBA Annual Cocktail Party from 6:00—8:00 p.m. <i>Location TBA</i>

Please note: The SBA Bar Calendar may be subject to change www.savannahbar.org



SBA's Admiral Harvey Weitz Boat Ride

Unfortunately, due to the rise in COVID-19, the SBA Board believes it is in the best interest of the organization to cancel the September 24 "Make-Up" boat ride. This just means April's boat ride will be bigger and better, and quite frankly, we can't wait!

YLD Celebrates Happy Hours

The Savannah Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division continues to provide networking opportunities for its members by holding monthly happy hours. In recent months, events have been held at New Realm Distilling Co. on June 24 and at Starland Yard on August 19. The August event was sponsored by Spine Center Savannah, with Dr. Casey Leong in attendance to field questions from personal injury and workers' compensation practitioners.

The Savannah YLD provides opportunities for young lawyers to socialize and network, meet members of "the Big Bar" (the Savannah Bar Association), participate in community service projects, and become involved with the State YLD. Any local attorney under the age of 36, or who has been admitted to practice fewer than 5 years, is invited to join. To do so, please contact Haley Elizabeth Allen at hallen@rhp-law.com. Yearly dues are \$60.00 for each private sector lawyer and \$30.00 for each public sector lawyer, including judicial clerks.





31 HunterMaclean Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2022

HunterMaclean, a leading law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, is pleased to announce that 31 attorneys from the firm were recently selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© 2022.

Founded in 1983, Best Lawyers is an annual publication that recognizes attorneys for outstanding achievements in their areas of practice. Attorneys are selected through peer-review surveys that have been completed by thousands of leading lawyers who confidentially evaluate their peers.

The HunterMaclean attorneys selected for Best Lawyers in 2022 are:

- Saunders Aldridge Commercial Litigation
- David M. Burkoff Commercial Litigation
- Thomas S. Cullen Corporate Law
- T. Mills Fleming Health Care Law, Immigration Law
- Bradley M. Harmon Litigation Construction
- Edward O. Henneman, Jr. Real Estate Law
- Wade W. Herring, II Employment Law Management, Litigation Labor and Employment
- John M. Hewson, III Corporate Law
- Christopher R. Jordan Railroad Law
- Randall A. Jordan Railroad Law
- Shawn A. Kachmar Employment Law Management, Litigation Labor and Employment
- Sarah H. Lamar Employment Law Management, Labor Law Management
- Nicholas J. Laybourn Litigation Construction
- Frank S. Macgill Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Kirby G. Mason Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Diana J. P. McKenzie Information Technology Law
- Colin A. McRae Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Christopher W. Phillips Construction Law, Litigation Construction, Medical Malpractice Law Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law Defendants
- David F. Sipple Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Christopher H. Smith Commercial Litigation, Litigation Construction, Litigation Insurance
- Joseph F. Strength Real Estate Law
- Ron D. Talley Environmental Law, Real Estate Law
- Harold B. Yellin Corporate Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- Arnold C. Young Insurance Law, Personal Injury Litigation Defendants, Product Liability Litigation Defendants



Attorneys recognized as "Ones to Watch" are earlier in their career and have typically been in practice for five to nine years. These individuals are also selected by peer review and recognized for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. HunterMaclean attorneys recognized in this category include:

- Patrick L. Barkley Commercial Litigation, Transportation Law
- William J. Gallagher, III Corporate Law
- Zachary B. Harris Government Relations Practice, Real Estate Law
- Emery L. Lyon Labor and Employment Law Management
- Nicole L. Pope Technology Law
- Gracie G. Shepherd Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law
- Joshua S. Yellin Environmental Law, Government Relations Practice

Three HunterMaclean attorneys were also recognized in this year's publication as "Lawyer of the Year" in multiple practice areas including:

- Christopher W. Phillips Litigation Construction
- Colin A. McRae Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Sarah H. Lamar Employment Law Management



Christopher W. Phillips



Colin A. McRae



Sarah H. Lamar

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Bouhan Falligant Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2022 Four Partners Honored with "Lawyer of the Year"

Bouhan Falligant is pleased to announce 17 of its attorneys were recently selected for inclusion in the 2022 Best Lawyers in America. The designation honors those who have been selected by their peers for outstanding achievements in their respective practice areas.

The Bouhan Falligant attorneys selected for the Best Lawyers in America designation include:

Todd M. Baiad

• Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Rob Brannen

- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law

Dolly Chisholm

- Corporate Law
- Elder Law
- Real Estate Law

Dorothy W. Courington

Elder Law

J. Daniel Falligant

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law

Leamon R. Holliday

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Economic Development Law
- Education Law
- Litigation Real Estate
- Professional Malpractice Law Defendants

Kathleen Horne

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law

Carlton E. Joyce

- Aviation Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Medical Malpractice Law Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation Defendants
- Professional Malpractice Law Defendants
- Transportation Law

Dennis B. Keene

- Product Liability Litigation Defendants
- Transportation Law

B. H. Levy, Jr.

• Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

John G. Lientz

- Banking and Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Heather Lundy

• Real Estate Law

Melanie L. Marks

- Real Estate Law
- Trusts and Estates

Harris G. Martin

• Real Estate Law

John D. Northup III

Real Estate Law

Margaret W. S. Puccini

 Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Gregory G. Sewell

• Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Four of the firms' partners have been recognized as Lawyer of the Year. The Lawyer of the Year selections are:

- Carlton E. Joyce Professional Malpractice Law Defendants
- Dennis B. Keene Product Liability Litigation -Defendants
- Kathleen Horne Corporate Law
- Leamon R. Holliday Litigation Real Estate

In addition, two attorneys have been recognized as Ones to Watch. The two selected are:

- Lucas D. Bradley: Real Estate Law and Transportation Law
- Gregory Finch: Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants and Product Liability Litigation-Defendants



Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. A listing in Best Lawyers is widely regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a significant honor, conferred on a lawyer by his or her peers. For more than three decades, Best Lawyers lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media, and the public, as the most reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals anywhere.







Greg Finch



Lee Holliday



Rob Brannen



Todd Baiad



B.H. Levy



Carlton Joyce



Danny Falligant



Dennis Keene



Dorothy Courington



Greg Sewell



Harris Martin









John Lientz



John Northrup



Kathleen Horne



Lucus Bradley



Maggie Puccini

Brennan & Wasden Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2022

Brennan & Wasden, a leading law firm in Savannah, Georgia, is pleased to announce two of its attorneys were recently recognized as 2022 Best Lawyers in America. Best Lawyers is the oldest and most respected peer review publication in the legal profession. Recognition in Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review.



Joseph P. Brennan Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants



Wiley A. Wasden, III

Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants,

Professional Malpractice Law – Defendant, Commercial Litigation,
Litigation – Bankruptcy, Construction, Real Estate



WSWGS attorneys selected for 2022 edition of Best Lawyers

Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe attorneys William W. Shearouse, Jr., Stephen F. Greenberg, Mark T. Shawe, Malcolm Mackenzie, III, Edwin Byck, William G. Glass, Helen Hester, Keri Martin, George P. Milmine, II, and Stuart Halpern have been peer-selected to be included in the 2022 edition of Best Lawyers.

Best Lawyers is the only purely peer-review guide to the legal profession, and attorneys named to Best Lawyers lists were recognized by their peers in the legal industry for their professional excellence in 145 practice areas. Best Lawyers is the most visible peer-ranking in the legal industry, partnering with local, regional, and national publications across the globe.

Mr. Shearouse is listed in the practice areas of Municipal Law and Real Estate Law. He practices primarily in the areas of commercial and residential real estate transactions, land development and general business. He assists clients with acquisitions, planning, development, operation, leasing, and sales of real property. He also serves as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Savannah, and has served as Judge Pro-Term of the Savannah-Chatham County Recorder's Court.

Mr. Greenberg is listed in the area of Real Estate Law. His practice consists of a combination of real estate, business estate, and creditor bankruptcy work, and he effectively and successfully represents business concerns, lenders and individuals. Mr. Greenberg's practice in the areas of commercial and residential real estate transactions, general business estate, and creditor bankruptcy representation is based on fundamental principles such as providing personal attention to each of his clients, being attentive to details and responding promptly to his clients.

Mr. Shawe is listed in the areas of Litigation – Real Estate and Real Estate Law. He practices law in the areas of general business, corporate law and entity formations, residential and commercial real estate, transactional law, condominium formation and conversions, estate planning and probate, real property foreclosures, mechanics and materialmen's liens. Mr. Shawe has earned an "AV" Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell Law Directory and has been peer selected as one of "Georgia's Top Lawyers."

Mr. Mackenzie is listed in the practice area of Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants. Mr. Mackenzie is a trial lawyer with nearly 30 years of experience handling a wide array of civil matters, including personal injury, wrongful death, workers' compensation, employment and business litigation and white collar criminal defense. He has represented corporations, insurers and municipal governments as well as individuals. He is also a neutral (mediator) registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Mr. Byck is listed in the area of Real Estate Law. He specializes in commercial real estate law with an emphasis on small business lending for business clients. Mr. Byck is one of only a handful of attorneys in the Southeast Georgia area who is designated as a 504 Closing Attorney by the U.S. Small Business Administration and is a member of the regional liaison committee for the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL) and an affiliate member of the National Association of Development Companies (NADCO).

Mr. Glass is listed in the areas of Litigation - Real Estate and Real Estate Law. He practices in commercial and



residential real estate finance, acquisitions, development and leasing, business transactions and administration, and civil litigation.

Ms. Hester is listed in the areas Commercial Real Estate, Construction Law, Litigation – Real Estate and Real Estate Law. She focuses her practice in the areas of commercial and residential real estate, real estate litigation, complex business litigation, commercial litigation, and construction litigation. She was selected as a Rising Star in the area of Real Estate Law by Georgia Super Lawyers in 2017 and 2018.

Ms. Martin is listed in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Litigation - Real Estate. She is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Georgia and South Carolina, and she focuses her practice in the areas of business and commercial litigation, real estate litigation, foreclosure and collection work, probate and estate work, business formations, and assistance with properties sold at tax sales.

Mr. Milmine is listed in the area of Litigation – Construction. His focused on corporate litigation, contract law and real estate law. Mr. Milmine has represented a diverse array of construction-related businesses during his career, including residential and commercial construction contractors and subcontractors, suppliers, land developers, landowners, and sureties. He has considerable experience in employment law, including the preparation and enforcement of restrictive covenants, as well as in commercial and residential real estate transactions.

Mr. Halpern is listed in the area of Real Estate Law. He practices primarily in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, development and leasing, business transactions and administration, estate planning and probate, municipal law and civil litigation. Stuart has broad experience in real estate matters and is actively involved in residential and commercial closings, and he has often served as counsel to the City of Savannah for municipal eminent domain work and other real estate matters.

Please go to www.wswgs.com to learn more about Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg and Shawe, LLP.



William W. Shearouse, Jr.



Stephen F. Greenberg



Mark T. Shawe



Malcolm Mackenzie, III









William G. Glass



Helen Hester



Keri Martin



George P. Milmine



Stuart Halpern

Harris Lowry Manton LLP Welcomes Sharon L. Hughes as Paralegal at Savannah, Ga. Office

Harris Lowry Manton LLP, an award-winning, full-service trial law firm with offices in Savannah and Atlanta, recently hired Sharon L. Hughes as a Paralegal at the firm's Savannah, Ga. office.

A paralegal with more than 20 years of experience, Hughes is responsible for obtaining documents, reviewing records, providing support to the firm's attorneys, maintaining regular communication with clients and managing the new client intake process.

"Sharon is a talented paralegal with decades of experience guiding clients through the legal process with compassion, efficiency and accuracy," said Harris Lowry Manton LLP founding partner Jeff Harris. "She is a great addition to our team."



Sharon L. Hughes

 $Prior\ to\ joining\ Harris\ Lowry\ Manton\ LLP, Hughes\ worked\ as\ a\ legal\ assistant\ at\ several\ law\ firms\ and\ administrative$



offices in Savannah, Ga., focusing on bankruptcy and corporate law. She also served as a paralegal for financial institutions and corporations in Florida, Maryland and Washington, D.C., where she worked on business loans and partnered with legal teams from around the globe.

Attorney Gracie G. Shepherd Joins HunterMaclean

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, recently welcomed Gracie G. Shepherd as an associate in the firm's litigation practice group.

Gracie works with businesses and individuals on a wide variety of general and commercial litigation matters, including trust and estate litigation, product liability, fiduciary liability, professional liability, contract disputes, and trade secrets litigation, at both the trial and appellate levels. She also has experience assisting clients in complex transactional matters, such as sales of closely held corporations, estate and gift planning, and securities regulation.



Gracie Shepherd

Gracie graduated from Thomas Edison State College with a degree in Liberal Studies and Humanities and received her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law. During her time in law school, she was a member of the Managing Board for the Journal of Intellectual Property Law, a finalist in the J. Melvin England Mock Trial Competition, President of the Dean's Ambassadors, and Vice President of the Women Law Students. She was also part of the Family Justice Clinic, which provides pro bono legal services to individuals experiencing domestic violence.

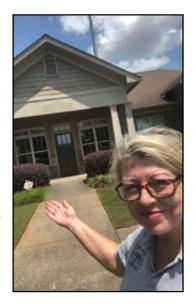
Gracie is an active member of several professional and civic organizations. She serves on the Executive Board of the Savannah Chapter for the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, as Secretary on the Executive Board of the Savannah Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Superior Court of Chatham County, in addition to working with the Georgia Legal Services Program. She is currently President of the Board of Directors for the Live Oak Public Libraries Foundation and serves as a Young Leader for the United Way of the Coastal Empire.



The Manely Firm Opens New Forsyth Office and Welcomes Kourtney Bernard-Rance as Associate Lead Attorney

The Manely Firm, P.C. is excited to announce the official opening of our new Forsyth Office! We proudly practice family law throughout the state of Georgia and have the unique expertise of handling international family law cases. The Manely Firm has successfully resolved cases from every continent in the world, except Antarctica, while building a reputation for winning difficult, controversial and high-profile cases, having become one of the most sought-after international family law firms in the nation! The firm also has attorneys that specialize in estate planning and probate needs.

Our new Forsyth Office is located in Cumming, just off of GA 400 about a mile from the Forsyth County Courthouse. You will find us ideally situated in Mary Alice Park Office Park. Our Forsyth Office will primarily serve North Fulton, Cherokee, Pickens, Dawson, Lumpkin and Hall Counties with our official address being 102 Mary Alice Park Road, Suite 602, Cumming, GA, 30040.



The Forsyth Office is fully staffed and equipped with the most up-to-date technology to accommodate our clients that need or simply prefer to meet via video. The space boasts conference rooms and offices prepared to host meetings, mediations and depositions, while offering easy parking and building access. The Manely Firm opened this office with our clients' convenience in mind. We strive to make every step of the legal process as pleasant and accessible as possible, now with nine attorneys fluent in a combined seven languages in addition to English to serve clients.

We are also pleased to announce that Ms. Kourtney Bernard-Rance, former Marietta Associate Attorney, will now serve as Associate Lead Attorney for our new Forsyth Office. Kourtney has been with The Manely Firm since 2018 with a focus on International and Domestic Family Law. She provides a wealth of knowledge and experience in her new role and is passionate about putting families first to help give them a fresh start.

Of her new role in Forsyth, Kourtney says, "As the Firm's newest location, this office was opened with convenience in mind for all of our clients who call Forsyth County home as well as those clients in the surrounding counties. We are here to offer the most personalized, accessible and strategic experience that has been continuously cultivated over the years. Everyone deserves top-notch legal services and our stellar team is ready to deliver just that to the people of the Forsyth area."

Founding Attorney Michael Manely says, "We want to provide the wonderful residents of Forsyth County with the cutting edge, high quality family law services that our firm provides Metro-wide, State-wide, Nation-wide and World-wide. We believe that the residents of Forsyth County deserve nothing less."

Visit our Forsyth Office page and enjoy Kourtney's full bio on our firm website. https://www.allfamilylaw.com/forsyth-georgia-and-international-family-law-attorneys-office/





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A Virtual Event

Friday, September 17, 2021 • 9AM - 2PM

part of GLSP's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Topics Include:

Public Benefits • Health • Education Housing • Race Equity • Pro Bono Law Families and Domestic Violence 3.5 CLEs available

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Stacey Abrams

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Georgia Legal Services Program Launches New Website

Our new website is easy to navigate, has many new features, including information about our 50th Anniversary events, and shows the amazing work we do throughout Georgia!

Visit us at www.glsp.org.





Corporate/Business Attorney Wanted

Single partner Savannah office of Atlanta based firm with offices in Savannah and Florida seeks a mid-level associate or partner to join rapidly growing corporate practice. Litigation experience also is preferred, but transactional experience is a must. Lots of opportunities to work with sophisticated clients around the south. Remote or WFH is possible. Very family friendly with high quality of life and good compensation. Contact <u>Kgoodman@hgrslaw.com</u> or 912-695-1131.

Associate Attorney Opportunity

J. L. Williamson Law Group, LLC, is searching for an associate attorney. The ideal candidate has real estate experience, especially experience resolving title defects and closing real estate transactions, but that no longer wishes to spend his or her entire day working on real estate matters. The candidate also needs to have a strong interest in estate planning and taxation. The associate would be responsible for assessing and resolving any title issues that may arise during the course of an estate planning or tax engagement. Additionally, the associate would gain experience in elder law, asset protection, and taxation. In particular, the associate would draft wills, trusts, LLC operating agreements, and various other types of estate planning documents. To learn more about our firm, please visit our website at www.jlwlawgroup.com, and to inquire about becoming an associate attorney, please submit your cover letter and resume to smg@jlwlawgroup.com.

Family-Friendly Volunteer Opportunity Provided by the United Way of the Coastal Empire!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 18th* 9-11AM to volunteer with fellow members of the Savannah Bar Association and their families at GA Regional Hospital (1915 Eisenhower Drive). We will be working together on gardening, yard-work, and overall beautification of the property. All tools, bags, etc. will be provided, so you just need to show up and be ready to enjoy time with your family and other attorneys making this United Way supported hospital more attractive for its patients, visitors, workers and our community. Jenni's Treats on the Streets will come by for free treats around 10:30AM to reward everyone for the hard work. This is a great opportunity for high school students needing those volunteer hours!

RSVP to Kate Strain at kate@thestrainlawfirm.com or 912-963-1776.

Did you know GA Regional Hospital provides quality care to mentally ill adults and individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities from its 34-county catchment area in Southeast Georgia?

*Please note the date change from September 11th to September 18th.



In Memoriam

With great sadness, the Savannah Bar Association shares the news that Tyler Lee Randolph and Stephen M. McCusker have passed away.

Tyler Lee Randolph passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Born in 1966, Tyler received his law degree from the University of Virginia and served as a Judge Advocate General before opening his own practice. His full obituary may be viewed at https://foxandweeks.com/obituaries/o/8390/Tyler-Lee-Randolph.

Stephen M. McCusker passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021, at the age of 68. A graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, Steve worked as a litigator and, later in his career, served as a public defender. His full obituary may be viewed at https://foxandweeks.com/obituaries/o/8397/Stephen-McCusker.



Tyler Randolph



Steve McCusker





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
- 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.