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SBA Celebrates Oyster Roast

On December 9, 2021, the Savannah Bar Association held its annual oyster roast at Pin Point Heritage Museum. Many thanks to Skidaway Steamers for preparing the oysters, to The Fractions for performing live music, and to the Museum, which explores the history and culture of the Gullah/Geechee people, for providing the venue!





The SBA 2022 Hot Topics Seminar will be held on **Friday, January 28, 2022**. This in-person seminar is a great chance to earn CLE hours locally, quickly, and efficiently.

SBA's 2022 Hot Topics Seminar is an ***SBA Member Only*** event.

If you have not renewed your 2021-2022 bar year membership, you may do so at <https://www.savannahbar.org/renew-membership>. If you would like to join SBA, we welcome you to visit our New Member Application Page at https://www.savannahbar.org/application_renewal.

Please be aware seminar registration is NOT available online. Kindly view the Agenda and Registration forms below or visit our website at https://www.savannahbar.org/hot_topics.

To register for the seminar, you **MUST** access the registration form (below) and submit to this year's seminar Co-Chair:

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THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:
HOT TOPICS SEMINAR
January 28, 2022

SAVANNAH GOLF CLUB

Richard Sanders, Chair
Mark Kelso, co-chair
Committee: Sarah Lamar;
Maria Justus

8:20 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome by Chair & SBA President	
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Secrets to Writing and Delivering a Winning Opening Statement	Steve Lowry, Esq. Harris Lowry Manton LLP
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Collaborative Family Law	Amanda Love, Esq. The Love Law Firm, LLC
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Closing a Practice	Chris Steinmetz, Esq. Gannam Gnann & Steinmetz
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Ethics	Hon. Christopher Ray U.S. District Court
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Tax issues for lawyers	Jeffrey Williamson, Esq. J. L. Williamson Law Group
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH Professionalism:	Hon. Elizabeth Gobeil Hon. John A. Pipkin Hon. Andrew Pinson GA Court of Appeals
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Guardianship & Conservatorship	Julia Sullivan, Esq. The Sullivan Law Firm
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Impact of COVID on Employment law issues	Sarah Lamar, Esq. Hunter Maclean
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Spotting a Med Mal Case	Daniel Justus, Esq. Lasky Cooper Law
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Immigration Issues	Mills Fleming, Esq. Hunter Maclean
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Trials during Covid	Hon. Benjamin Karpf Christian Stolfe, Esq. James Byrne, Esq.

Adjourn



SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION HOT TOPICS SEMINAR

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Friday, January 28, 2022

Time: Welcome comments begin at 8:20 A.M.
Program begins at 8:30 A.M.
Professionalism Hour starts at 12:00 P.M.

Place: The Savannah Golf Club, 1661 East President Street, Savannah, GA 31404

Name (Print): _____

Georgia Bar No: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Tuition: [] \$150.00 Full Seminar
OR
[] \$25.00 Only Professionalism hour
[Please make checks payable to the SBA]

PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO:

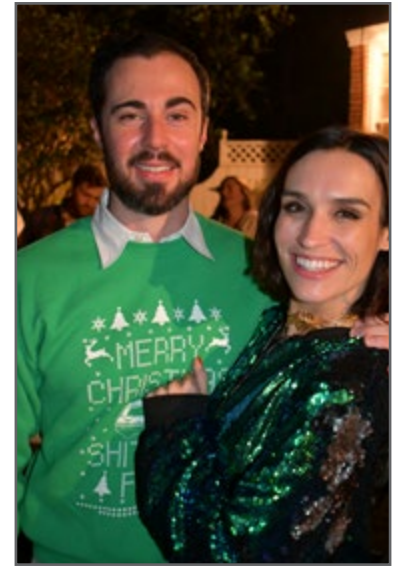
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7 Total CLE Hour(s) Including 1 Ethics Hours
Including 4 Trial Hours
Including 1 Professionalism Hours



YLD Celebrates Holiday Party

Many thanks to all who attended the Young Lawyers Division's annual holiday party, and special thanks to Taylor and Caroline Dove for generously providing the venue. The delicious food and tacky sweaters brought holiday cheer and merriment to all!



United Way Supports GLSP

Of the ten offices Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) has around the state, the Savannah office is the only one assisting low-income individuals with restriction (expungement) of criminal histories. The office undertook this effort due largely to the support the office has received for the project from the United Way of the Coastal Empire (UWCE). Recognizing the impediments those seeking to reenter the workforce encountered due to criminal histories, UWCE opted, in 2014, to encourage GLSP to explore how it might be of service in this area.

GLSP guides clients through the process, analyzing the criminal history and completing documents for those eligible for records restriction. Nicole Sherman staffs the project with the help of Sandra Saseen-Smith, a retired public defender who volunteers three days a week. The project provides free legal services to clients in United Way's four-county service area, which includes Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties. In 2013 GLSP made its first request to fund the program to UWCE and the program has evolved into a robust legal practice for a full-time staff attorney, with continued paralegal and pro bono support.

Former staff attorney Nancy DeVetter built a referral network by which potential clients could be reached and provided with information regarding services. Nicole Sherman has continued participation on local and regional committees to maintain the vast referral network. Ms. Sherman works closely with the Chatham County District Attorney's office and with other agencies such as the Chatham County Police Department.

Continued funding made possible by the UWCE's Community Fund has led to record restriction counseling, removal of criminal record impediments to employment, and improved living and working outcomes for more than 1,000 GLSP clients. GLSP is proud to be a member agency of United Way.



THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL FORM 2021-2022

WHAT IS THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION (YLD)?

The Savannah YLD is a subgroup of the Savannah Bar Association, and any local attorney under the age of 35, or who has been admitted to practice less than 5 years, is invited to join. Local attorneys who are waiting on Georgia Bar Exam results are also invited to join. YLD hosts many social activities and service projects throughout the year. Upcoming events include regular happy hours at favorite establishments, the annual holiday party, and the annual charity golf event.

HOW DOES YLD SERVE THE COMMUNITY?

YLD participates in many service projects during the year including High School Mock Trial, Law Week, Over the Edge for Boy Scouts of America, and preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House.

WHAT CAN YLD DO FOR YOU?

YLD provides many opportunities for young lawyers to:

- Socialize and network with other young lawyers
- Meet and work with members of the “Big Bar” (the Savannah Bar Association)
- Learn more about the community through service projects
- Get involved with the State YLD

HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete and return the form below with your check to Haley Allen at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Haley Allen at (912) 421-9988 or heallen@chathamcounty.org.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2021-2022 YEAR ARE:

\$60.00 for private sector

\$30.00 for government/public sector including judicial clerks

Please complete and return this portion with your check made payable to Savannah Young Lawyers Division to:

Rahimi, Hughes & Padgett, LLC

Attn: Haley Allen

33 Bull Street, Suite 590

Savannah, Georgia 31401

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Mock Trial Volunteers And Coaches Needed

The 2021-2022 High School Mock Trial season is underway and volunteer evaluators are needed to host the regional and district competition here in Savannah. The mock trial competition is always a great experience for area high school students and volunteers alike. If you are interested in learning about the program in general or volunteering to help with the regional or district (or both) competition please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call (ccall@smaclegal.com), for more information.

If you are interested in mentoring/coaching students participating in the competition, Windsor Forest High School and Islands High School are looking for an attorney coach to assist with their Mock Trial teams this year. Please contact Windsor Forest High School Representative Rachel Brown (rachel.brown@sccpss.com) or Islands High School Representative Amy Jessee (amy.jessee@sccpss.com) for more information. Each team must have an attorney coach to be eligible to participate in the competition; please consider volunteering for this worthwhile program.

Judging Panel Volunteers are needed for the Regional and District Competition dates:

Regional: Saturday, February 12 – **Location TBD**

(1 morning round & 1 afternoon round; 24 volunteers each / 48 total)

District: Saturday, March 5 – **Location TBD**

(1 morning round & 1 afternoon round; 12 volunteers each / 24 total)

There will also be two preliminary rounds, the first on Tuesday, February 1, and second on Monday, February 7. If you are unable to assist with the in-person rounds on February 12 and March 5, please consider participating in the virtual rounds. The virtual rounds will be done in the evening.

Any judging panel volunteer is eligible to receive 1 CLE hour (general and trial) volunteering!

To sign up to volunteer as a judging panel member, please contact Regional Coordinator, Craig Call (ccall@smaclegal.com).

Thank you,

Craig A. Call
Region 14 Coordinator
Georgia High School Mock Trial Program



Ten HunterMaclean Attorneys Honored as 2021 Georgia Trend Legal Elite

HunterMaclean, a leading business law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, is honored to announce that ten attorneys were recently recognized as 2021 Legal Elite by Georgia Trend.

Georgia Trend, a statewide business publication, recently published its annual issue honoring Georgia's leading attorneys for their achievements in various practice areas. Legal Elite is compiled by attorneys submitting their nominations through the publication's website, and the listing is determined solely by attorneys' votes.

HunterMaclean attorneys named as 2021 Legal Elite include:

- Thomas S. Cullen
- T. Mills Fleming
- Bradley M. Harmon
- J. Benedict Hartman
- Wade W. Herring II
- Shawn A. Kachmar
- Sarah H. Lamar
- Frank S. Macgill
- Christopher W. Phillips
- Joseph F. Strength

Georgia Trend's Legal Elite issue can be found at www.georgiatrend.com.



Thomas S. Cullen



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Georgia Trend Recognizes Bouhan Falligant Attorneys as “Legal Elite”

Bouhan Falligant attorneys Todd M. Baiad, John D. Harvey, Kathleen Horne, Heather H. Lundy, John D. Northup, III, and Margaret W.S. Puccini were recently recognized in the December 2021 issue of *Georgia Trend* as part of the publication’s prestigious “Legal Elite” designation. Legal Elite recognizes the top attorneys in the state of Georgia as selected by their peers.

Baiad was recognized for his work in the area of general/trial law, Harvey in the area of family law, Horne and Puccini in the area of bankruptcy/creditors rights, Lundy in the area of real estate law, and Northup in the area of business law.

Georgia Trend’s Legal Elite issue honors the state’s most effective attorneys in a number of practice areas, including bankruptcy/creditors’ rights, business law, corporate law, criminal law, family law, general practice, labor & employment, personal injury, public finance/bonds, and taxes/estates/trusts. Recipients, who must be a member of the State Bar and live and practice in Georgia, are nominated and selected by their peers.



Todd M. Baiad



John D. Harvey



Kathleen Horne



Heather H. Lundy



John D. Northup, III



Margaret W.S. Puccini



Harris Lowry Manton LLP Partner Jeff Harris Honored as “Legal Elite” by *Georgia Trend* for 2021

Harris Lowry Manton LLP, an award-winning, full-service trial law firm with offices in Atlanta and Savannah, is pleased to announce that founding partner and accomplished trial lawyer Jeff Harris has been honored in *Georgia Trend*’s 2021 “Legal Elite” issue, which was released earlier today. The annual Legal Elite designation recognizes top attorneys in the state of Georgia, as selected by their peers.

Harris is honored in the Personal Injury category, in recognition of his exceptional work as a plaintiff’s attorney advocating for clients in and out of the courtroom. A statewide business publication with a strong focus on politics and economic development, *Georgia Trend* publishes an annual Legal Elite issue every December, honoring the state’s top attorneys in a wide range of practice areas. Recipients must be a member of the State Bar of Georgia and live and practice in Georgia.



Jeff Harris

“I’m incredibly honored to fight for our clients every day,” said Harris. “The fact that this *Georgia Trend* recognition is based on peer reviews by attorneys across the state is especially meaningful.”

One of the nation’s top trial attorneys, Jeff Harris is an award-winning litigator who handles high-profile, complex cases across a wide variety of practice areas. He excels at securing justice for clients who have been seriously injured or killed, holding responsible parties accountable for their actions as well as their negligence.

Over the course of his career, Jeff has secured hundreds of millions in jury verdicts and settlements for his clients and has helped make a variety of products, vehicles and industries safer for everyone. Jeff has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and *USA Today* and has been interviewed as a legal expert on CNN, MSNBC, 20/20, CBS Evening News and many other national media outlets.

Known for his high-profile work in the landmark *Jones v. CSX* trial, Harris served as the lead trial attorney, securing an \$11.2 million jury verdict on behalf of the family of camera operator Sarah Jones, who was killed while working on the *Midnight Rider* movie. In 2018, Harris set a Chatham County, Ga. record with an \$18 million jury verdict for a client who was paralyzed due to medical malpractice. In 2019, he represented the mother of John Bernecker, the stunt actor who was wrongfully killed on the set of “*The Walking Dead*” in Senoia, Ga., and secured an \$8.6 million jury verdict.

Throughout his career, Harris has been honored by numerous state and national organizations and recognized on Georgia Super Lawyers Top 100 list, the National Trial Lawyers’ Top 100 list and the National Association of Distinguished Counsel’s Top One Percent list. He has also been inducted into the Georgia Verdicts Hall of Fame and has been honored by the Fulton County Daily Report as one of the top 14 lawyers under 40 practicing in Georgia.

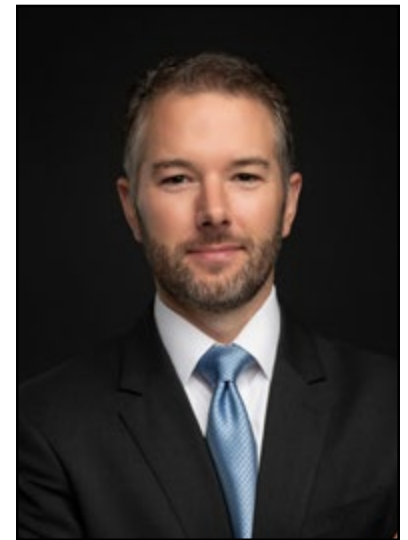


Harris is a magna cum laude graduate of Mercer Law School, where he served as Editor in Chief of the Mercer Law Review, earned the Woodruff Medal and was a member of the Moot Court Board and the Order of the Barristers. Prior to attending law school, he earned a B.A. from the University of Georgia and an MBA in finance from the Mercer Business School.

Attorney Zachary H. Thomas Announces New Firm, Zachary H. Thomas Law, P.C.

Attorney Zachary H. Thomas recently announced the launch of Zachary H. Thomas Law, P.C. with over 17 years of practice in the Savannah area. Zach has been recognized by clients and peers for his legal expertise and integrity. His practice areas include medical malpractice, personal injury, and wrongful death.

Zach most recently served as a partner with the Savannah-based firm Bergen, Bergen & Thomas. During his 14 years with the firm, Zach represented a variety of clients related to personal injury, wrongful death, malpractice in all aspects of litigation. Prior to that, he worked with Savage, Turner, Pinson & Karsman, where he argued and won a case of first impression before the Georgia Supreme Court. Zach is a Savannah native who graduated from Mercer University School of Law in 2004. He was inducted into the Order of the Barristers, a national honorary organization. His undergraduate degree was obtained at New York University's College of Arts and Sciences.



Zachary H. Thomas

Zach has received numerous recognitions during his professional career including an AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer rating given to attorneys. Additionally, he has been recognized as a Rising Star by Georgia Super Lawyers and named as a Top 25 Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers. Zach currently serves on the Executive Committee and on the board of the Political Action Committee of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. He is a graduate of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association leadership program. He has held various leadership positions, including past president of the Savannah Trial Lawyers Association.

Zach's commitment to the community is evident in his dedication to various non-profits including his service with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Savannah where he has served on the Man & Woman of Year Leadership Team since 2018. Zach was named the LLS Savannah Man of the Year in 2018. He is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Savannah and has also served on the United Way of the Coastal Empire Campaign Committee for the previous two years.

Zach's office is located at 2 East Bryan Street in Savannah, Ga. For additional information, please visit <https://zhtlawpc.com>.



GLSP Thanks 2021 Volunteer Attorneys

On behalf of Georgia Legal Services Program, we want to thank the following attorneys for volunteering their legal services to the Pro Bono Program in 2021. With the help of these volunteers, we were able to serve 170 people who might not otherwise have received assistance. Our volunteers drafted wills and powers of attorney for local seniors, represented survivors of domestic violence at protective order hearings, assisted grandparents in getting guardianship of children in their care, cleared criminal records that were preventing clients from obtaining better housing and employment, appealed a case to the Georgia Court of Appeals, and helped tenants get back their security deposits. Our volunteers also provided advice on landlord-tenant matters through the GLSP Landlord-Tenant State Signature Project and participated in a wills clinic, drafting wills and powers of attorney for low-income homeowners in Plains, Georgia. We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of lawyers in our community who are willing to give their time and expertise to help those in need. We truly appreciate your contribution to serving those who otherwise cannot afford legal services..

Solomon Amusan, The Amusan Law Firm PC
Richard Barid, Smith Barid, LLC
Langston Bass, Brennan, Harris & Rominger, LLP
Thomas Bateski, Thomas R. Bateski, Esq. PC
John Paul Berlon, Attorney at Law
Cam Bowman, The Bowman Law Office
Lucas Bradley, Bouhan Falligant LLP
Dana Braun, Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, LLP
Birney Bull, Adoption Law Office of Birney O'Brian Bull
Melissa Calhoun, Attorney at Law
Tony Center, Law Office of Tony Center, PC
Kristin Cerbone, Attorney at Law
Dolly Chisholm, Bouhan Falligant LLP
Ben Davidson, The Cornwell Firm
Nancy DeVetter, DeVetter Law LLC
Lamar Fields, Fields Law Firm LLC
Charles Grile, Law Office of Charles C. Grile
Stephen Harris, Stephen Harris Attorney at Law LLC
Kathy Horne, Bouhan Falligant LLP
Matt Hube, The Hube Law Firm, PC
Daniel Jenkins, Law Offices of Daniel C. Jenkins LLC
Derek Kauhane, Attorney at Law
Andrew Lohn, Meyer & Sayers LLP
Jerold Murray, Law Office of Jerold L. Murray, LLC
Skye Musson, Musson Law Offices
Jon Maire, In-House Volunteer Attorney
Virginia Patterson, Law Office of Virginia E. Patterson
PC

Janice Powell, Attorney-Mediator
Francesca Rehal, Attorney at Law
Christopher Rouse, Rouse + Copeland LLC
Mark Schaefer, Elder Law Office of Mark Schaefer PC
Bryan Schivera, Oliver Mainer LLP
Amber Seymour, The Lerch Law Firm
Alison Slagowitz, Attorney at Law
Sandra Saseen Smith, In-House Volunteer Attorney
Julia Sullivan, Sullivan Law & Advocacy
Zach Thomas, Zachary H. Thomas Law PC
Joey Turner, The Turner Law Firm, LLC
Josh Walker, Zeigler & Walker PC
Adam Walters, Walters Law PC
Ashley Yellin, In-House Volunteer Attorney



Georgia Legal
Services Program

For more information about GLSP Pro Bono, contact:
Sarah J. Anderson, Pro Bono Program Staff Attorney
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Georgia Legal Services Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit law firm. We provide free, civil legal services to low-income and senior-aged Georgians outside of Atlanta.



Savannah's History of Doing Good

By Sarah Anderson and Bill Broker

“Pro Bono Publico” or “for the public good” has a long history in Georgia. Doing public good was so important that when the Province of Georgia became the State of Georgia in 1777, “pro bono publico” became the state’s motto on the first Great Seal of the State of Georgia.ⁱ The first state motto came naturally to the first state legislature as the Colony of Georgia was founded on the motto: “*Non sibi sed aliis*” - “Not for themselves but for others”.ⁱⁱ



Savannah attorneys have a proud history of providing pro bono assistance to our community. In 1946, a group of Savannah attorneys established the Legal Aid Office of Savannah, Inc.ⁱⁱⁱ Savannah Legal Aid had 75 local attorneys who accepted pro bono cases in rotation.^{iv} In 1967, Savannah Legal Aid took advantage of federal funding through the Office of Economic Opportunity to convert its office from pro bono to a full-time staff office.^v Savannah Legal Aid became part of Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) in 1972.^{vi} Even with a staff of full-time attorneys, pro bono work by volunteers was still important to the success of the program.

During the bar presidency of Alan S. Gaynor (1985-1986), William Reese Smith, a former president of the American Bar Association and strong advocate for pro bono activities, visited the Savannah Bar and inquired into the cooperation between the bar and the local legal services program. Meeting at the Armstrong House (then the offices of Bouhan, Williams & Levy), Smith encouraged the establishment of a vigorous program. Following the meeting, Gaynor and Bill Broker, the newly arrived managing attorney of the Savannah office of Georgia Legal Services, attended the ABA’s Pro Bono Conference in Charlotte, NC. Determined to see pro bono activity increase locally, Gaynor and Broker fashioned what became, arguably, the best Pro Bono Program in Georgia.

With the help and encouragement of the Honorable H. Sol Clark, known as the “father of Pro Bono” in Georgia, the program maintained its success. For a number of years, the local legal services office hosted, with Judge Clark, a pro bono reception in its offices at 10 Whitaker Street during the annual meeting of the State Bar of Georgia. The Pro Bono Program also distributed its quarterly newsletter, *Pro Bono Publico*, acknowledging the efforts of local attorneys, as well as passing along other information of value to the local bar membership.

i 2 LUCIAN LAMAR KNIGHT, *GEORGIA’S LANDMARKS, MEMORIALS AND LEGENDS*, 91 (1914). The 1777 state constitutional convention described the seal as: “On one side a scroll whereon shall be engraved ‘The Constitution of the State of Georgia’ and the motto ‘Pro Bono Publico’; on the other side an elegant house and other buildings, fields of corn, and meadows covered with sheep and cattle; a river running through the same, with a ship under full sail; and the motto, ‘Deus Nobis Haec Otia Fecit’” “Deus nobis haec otia fecit” is commonly translated to “God has given us this leisure”. It is the motto for the city of Liverpool, England and is from the Roman poet Virgil.

ii H. Sol Clark, *History of Legal Aid in Georgia*, GEOR. B. J., Feb. 1972. The trustees for the Colony of Georgia adopted the motto *Non sibi sed aliis* (“Not for self, but for others”) in 1732.

iii *Id.*

iv *Id.*

v *Id.*

vi *A Civil Pro Bono Primer for the Young Lawyer*, STATE B. OF GEOR., 5 (2013).



The program also instituted its In-House Volunteer Program hosting retired attorneys who sought to lend their professional skills to the work. Among the best known were Albert Mazo, Charles Dalziel, Sr., Leonard M. Trosten, James Lindsey, Nancy Askew, and Andrew Marsh. Currently, Kristin Ruzicka Cerbone, Ashley Yellin, and Sandra Saseen-Smith provide in-house volunteer services.

The Pro Bono and In-house Volunteer Programs remain an integral part of GLSP-Savannah's mission to serve low-income Georgians. GLSP-Savannah's ten full-time attorneys are able to represent only a fraction of the people who apply for assistance. With only one Georgia legal services attorney per 20,000 eligible low-income people, the number of people who need legal assistance greatly outnumbers the amount of GLSP staff available to assist.^{vii} The work of volunteer attorneys helps GLSP meet its mission of providing civil legal services for persons of low incomes, creating equal access to justice and opportunities out of poverty.

In 2021, GLSP-Savannah opened just under 1,400 cases for low-income clients. About 13% (or 170) clients were represented by 42 pro bono attorneys. Those pro bono attorneys assisted clients with protective orders, record restriction, landlord-tenant, guardianships, wills, and other civil legal matters.

Make it your 2022 New Year's resolution to continue the Savannah legal community's commitment to helping low-income persons. To find out more about GLSP and the Pro Bono Program, go to <https://www.glsp.org/volunteer-2/> or contact Pro Bono Program Staff Attorney Sarah Anderson at (912) 963-1883 or sjanderson@glsp.org.

Start helping today.



For more information, contact:

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^{vii} The Justice Index 2020: A Project of the National Center for Access to Justice at Fordham Law School, last access 12/17/2021, <https://ncj.org/state-rankings/2020/attorney-access>. In 2020, there were 31.60 Georgia attorneys per 10,000 people in the general population. The number goes down to 0.52 Georgia civil legal aid attorneys per 10,000 people with low incomes. Overall, there are 10, 479 individual civil legal aid attorneys serving across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In 24 states and Puerto Rico, there is fewer than one civil legal aid attorney per 10,000 people below 200% of poverty.



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**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF GEORGIA
SHALENA COOK JONES**

POSITION: Assistant District Attorney
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
SALARY: \$54,400-\$115,245
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Multiple Positions Available. Salary commensurate with Qualifications and Experience Level.

The District Attorney's Office of the Eastern Judicial Circuit has openings for Assistant District Attorney to work in Superior Court

Job Summary: Under the direction of the District Attorney, you will perform professional legal work in the evaluation, processing, and prosecution of criminal cases to fair and just disposition in the State court system. You may supervise assigned administrative support personnel. You will review reports submitted by law enforcement to determine whether further investigation is needed, approve or return cases for more work, research alternative crimes, and research case law. You will also draft accusations and indictments, evaluate and research potential defenses, negotiate pleas to dispose of cases, and use discretion in dismissing cases not prosecutable. As an ADA, you will develop trial strategy for cases and present cases to the Grand Jury, as well as question witnesses, answer juror's questions, determine sentence recommendations, call arraignment calendars, and attend pre-trial conferences with Judges and Defense Attorneys. This role also subpoenas witnesses for motions, researches and argues all pre-trial and post-trial motions, files motions timely, and complies with discovery requirements by copying and mailing documents. Other duties may be assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Juris Doctorate Degree from an accredited law school. License to practice law in the State of Georgia. Must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia and be admitted to practice before the Georgia Supreme Court and Georgia Court of Appeals.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Possess thorough knowledge of laws and court procedures of State and Federal legislation and case law regarding criminal law and procedure. Possess thorough knowledge of Georgia rules of Evidence, State and Federal case precedents, criminal trial practice, and ethical considerations and disciplinary rules. Possess thorough knowledge of State and local ordinance violations, misdemeanors, and felonies. Possess thorough knowledge of the principles, materials, methods, and practices of legal research. Possess ability to analyze and present in an orderly fashion complex legal issues, facts, evidence and precedence. Possess excellent oral and written communication skills. Ability to work independently and in a team setting when needed.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

<https://employee.chathamcounty.org/ess/employmentopportunities/default.aspx>

Recruiter: Nathanael E. Wright, Director of Communications, Diversity, and Inclusion
Nwright@chathamcounty.org
912-652-7308 (Office)



**U.S. District Court
Southern District of Georgia**

Vacancy Announcement 22-01

Position: Pro Se Law Clerk, Part-Time Positions (Two Positions).
Location: Augusta, Brunswick, or Savannah, Georgia.
Grade/Salary Range: JSP 11-14.
Closing Date: Open until filled.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The United States District Court of the Southern District of Georgia is seeking highly qualified applicants for two part-time (approximately 20 hours per week) Pro Se Law Clerk positions. The duty station for each Pro Se Law Clerk will be the federal courthouse in either Augusta, Savannah, or Brunswick, depending on the chosen applicants' residence. The Court will consider the selected applicants' preferences when determining the part-time work schedule. The Pro Se Law Clerk provides the Court with procedural and substantive legal advice and assistance in connection with prisoner petitions and complaints. The Pro Se Law Clerk independently conducts legal research; reviews case records/filings; and drafts proposed opinions, memorandum decisions, and orders. The Pro Se Law Clerk provides objective advice to Judges, chambers, and Court staff.

Representative Duties:

- Prepares research memoranda and draft orders in pro se cases including initial screens and rulings on all motions. Types of pro se cases include, without limitation, prisoner civil rights, habeas petitions, and social security appeals.
- Manages and tracks pro se cases.
- Provides information, guidance, and advice regarding best practices in pro se litigation.
- Provides updates regarding developments in the law.
- Compiles case statistics and periodic reports.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for the position of Pro Se Law Clerk, an individual must have excellent legal research, analytical, and writing skills, along with interpersonal skills for working closely with Judges and Court personnel. Qualified applicants must be law school graduates from a law school of recognized standing



and be admitted to practice by a state bar association. Preferred experience includes prior experience as a Pro Se Law Clerk; having standing within the upper third of graduates from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools; and, experience on the editorial board of a law review or journal and moot court. Legal experience in one or more of the following area will be favorably considered: civil rights, habeas corpus, social security disability, and criminal appellate law.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND BENEFITS

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2. Resume.
3. AO78, Application For Judicial Branch Federal Employment.
4. A list of three professional references.
5. A writing sample, not to exceed eight pages.

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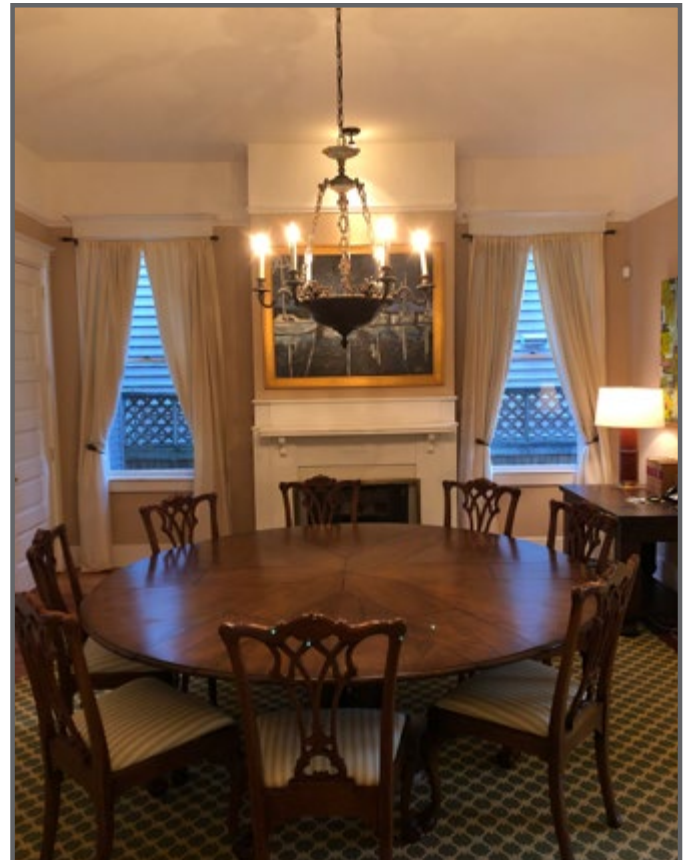
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