



The Citation January

Thank You for Your Pro Bono Service

Georgia Legal Services Program thanks all the attorneys who accepted Pro Bono cases from October 2017 through December 2017.

If you would like to join this elite group of attorneys who are furthering GLSP's mission to provide quality representation to eligible clients, please contact GLSP Pro Bono Coordinator Ruth Ann Dutton at (912) 651-2283, ext. 2184 or rdutton@glsp.org.

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High School Mock Trial Competition 2018

We are in the midst of our annual campaign for volunteers for this year's High School Mock Trial Competition. We will be hosting both the regional and the district competitions in Savannah. (DOUBLE THE FUN!)

This is always much more fun that you expect it to be and you don't have to do much prep work. These kids work so hard during the year and deserve good lawyers (LIKE YOU!) to evaluate them.

The two dates are: Saturday, January 27 and Saturday, February 17. For both dates, there will be a morning round (starting about 8:30 a.m.), a mid-day round (starting about 12:30 p.m.) and an afternoon round (starting about 3:30 p.m.).

This year the State Bar is offering 1 CLE hour (counted both as a general and a trial hour) if you volunteer for any of the district or regional rounds. You will have to pay the minimum fee to earn the credit hour, and we can provide additional information in this regard on the date of the competition(s).

If you can help for any round on either (or both) dates, please let me know. (Also please let me know if you are willing to serve as the "presiding judge" when you volunteer.)

Please contact John B. Manly at john@jbmlawpc.com or (912) 495-5360 for additional information.

David B. Purvis Appointed as Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge

Local Savannah attorney David B. Purvis was appointed to serve as a Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge with the State of Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings on December 21, 2017. Mr. Purvis will serve as a part-time Judge and will initially be presiding over Child Abuse Registry appeals throughout Southeast Georgia.

Mr. Purvis is a partner with The Manely Firm, P.C., managing the Firm's Savannah office and practicing exclusively in the area of family law. He is also the Adjunct Professor for Domestic Relations at Savannah Law School.



David B. Purvis

GLSP Expands Landlord/Tenant Work

The Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) has received a grant from Equal Justice Works to fund two initiatives which will promote community redevelopment and address housing instability for low-income residents in Georgia. Amanda Webb was hired by GLSP to add a private landlord/tenant focus to its practice to help people with low income avoid eviction and stay in their homes.

The new Eviction Prevention Project will assist clients living in Chatham County living below 200 percent of the federal poverty limit with the private landlord/tenant issues.

These can include: dispossessory proceedings, security deposits, Fair Housing Act violations, repairs, code enforcement, and crime-free housing programs. The goal is to reduce the number of evictions in Chatham County and the destabilizing impact that they have on communities. Direct legal representation will be offered to defend tenants facing eviction to prevent the loss of housing, address substandard housing conditions, assert fair housing rights, and more.

In addition to the Eviction Prevention Project, Lee Robbins was hired as the Equal Justice Works GA Housing Corps Advocate for Chatham and surrounding counties. Through the Georgia Housing Corps initiative, GLSP will help keep residents in their homes by empowering participants through "Know Your Rights" workshops for tenants in public housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8); connecting individuals and families to community resources; removing barriers to housing at the local and state levels; and providing access to justice through community education and client representation.

A second attorney will be hired for the project shortly.



Civil Mediation Training February 9-10 & 17-18

Miles Mediation & Arbitration will conduct its next Civil Mediation Training February 9-10 and 17-18. The training is led by Miles mediator and trainer, Wendy Williamson, Esq.

Upon completion of the 28-hour course, attorneys will have the tools and skills to begin practicing mediation and conflict resolution. Upon completion of the 28-hour course and the 12-hour practicum, attorneys will also be eligible to register as a mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

For more information about the training or to reserve a spot, please call 912-417-2879.



Wendy Williamson, Esq.

OFFICE SUITE FOR RENT

Three or four office suite with reception area kitchen, and off street parking in Midtown area, Drayton and 32nd Street for rent. \$2250/month. Short term or Long term lease available. Please call (912) 232-2136

Looking for a PT/FT Paralegal?

Interested in hosting a Paralegal Intern for the Spring/Fall (15-weeks) or Summer (8-weeks) Semesters?

If so, contact Debra R. Geiger, Esq., Paralegal Studies Department Head at Savannah Technical College at 912-443-5715 or dgeiger@savannahtech.edu.

Our students and recent graduates are eager to learn and work with you!



Savannah YLD January Update

On Friday, January 26th, the Savannah YLD hosted its January Happy Hour at one of Savannah's favorite local breweries, Service Brewing Company. This event was made possible with the generous support of Coastal Court Reporting. Thank you to all who attended and helped make this a great event!

Keep an eye out for further details regarding the Savannah YLD's upcoming February event.

If you would like to receive emails from the YLD for information about its events and how to get involved, please contact Keri Martin at kmartin@wswgs.com or Sam Mikell at smikell@olivermaner.com.

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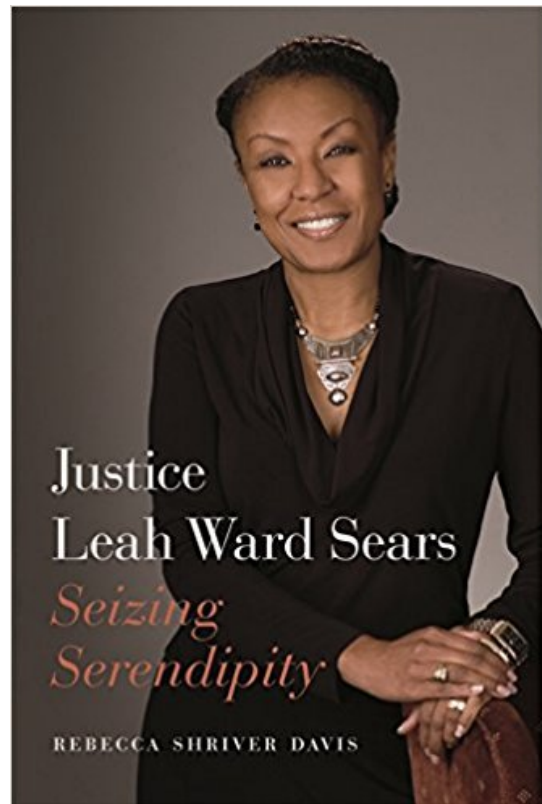
SAVE THE DATE Justice Leah Ward Sears: Seizing Serendipity

On March 30th, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, Leah Ward Sears, will join us for a not-to-be-missed event where she will speak about her recently published book, "Justice Leah Ward Sears: Seizing Serendipity" and about her life practicing law and serving on the bench.

The event will be held in the courtroom of the Savannah Law School and is being coordinated by Savannah Law School, Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (Savannah Chapter), and Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (Savannah Chapter). The event is being sponsored by Miles Mediation and Johnson, Kraeuter, and Dunn, LLC.

We are still in the planning stages of this event and are looking for additional sponsors to help us ensure this event's success. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Nicole Pope at NPope@huntermaclean.com or Rachel Wilson at rwilson@savannahlawschool.org.

More details will be forthcoming in next month's issue of The Citation.



Attorney Andrew Dekle Named Partner at Bouhan Falligant

Savannah, Ga. – Bouhan Falligant LLP recently announced that Andrew Dekle has become a partner. Dekle practices primarily in the areas of civil litigation, corporate and employment law, collections, and bankruptcy. He represents individuals, businesses, and government agencies.

Dekle was named a Super Lawyers Georgia Rising Star in 2017 in the area of civil litigation defense and was honored for his appellate work in Georgia Trend's 2012 Legal Elite feature. He is also a member of the W. Homer Drake, Jr. Georgia Bankruptcy American Inn of Court.

A Savannah native, Dekle attended Savannah Country Day School and Emory University, where he graduated summa cum laude with degrees in history and French. He earned his law degree from the University of Georgia. He is a graduate of Leadership Savannah and a member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, where his wife, Dr. Monica Dekle, is music director and organist. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Savannah Philharmonic Corporation.

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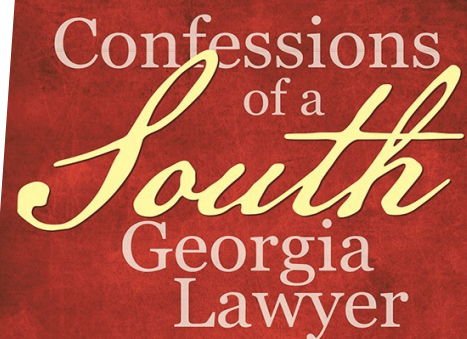
Andrew Dekle

Confessions of a Georgia Lawyer

James Edward McAleer is a ninety-year-old who was President of the Savannah Plaintiffs Trial Lawyers in 1971, President of the Savannah Bar Association in 1984-1985, and received the Savannah Bar Association's Professionalism Award in 2001. He has written a book, "Confessions of a South Georgia Lawyer." Many of his tales about the courtroom and his law practice are funny, sometimes tragic, but always entertaining.

He will have a book-signing at E Shaver, Bookseller, on January 27th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. He tells tales of courtroom antics, gives synopses of local-interest cases, and makes a funny, entertaining and sometimes serious case for the practice of law.

The book can be obtained from the author at 1312 Lavon Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406, phone 354-8497; also at E. Shaver, Bookseller.

The book cover for "Confessions of a South Georgia Lawyer" by James Edward McAleer, Jr. The cover has a textured, dark red background. The title is written in a mix of fonts: "Confessions" in a serif font, "of a" in a small sans-serif font, "South" in a large, elegant script font, and "Georgia Lawyer" in a serif font.

James Edward McAleer, Jr.



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.

