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SBA Holds Annual Law Day Luncheon

On Thursday, May 17, the Savannah Bar Association held its annual Law Day Luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club. Law Day is a day to recognize our nation's commitment to the rule of law. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of Law Day. The theme for this year was "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom," which allowed us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system is working for ourselves and our posterity. The Savannah Bar Association has two components to its Law Day observance. First, the YLD sends its members into local classrooms to engage in discussions about the Law Day theme. Over the last several weeks, members of the YLD spoke to classes at Savannah High School, Windsor Forest High School, and Islands High School. The second component of the Savannah Bar's observance of Law Day is the presentation of four awards: the Judge Edward Hester Award, the Liberty Bell Award, the John B. Miller Award, and the Robbie Robinson Award.

The Judge Edward Hester Award recognizes outstanding local courthouse personnel who have been of particular assistance to the members of the local bar. Judge Coolidge presented the 2018 Judge Edward Hester Award to State Court Clerk of Court and Court Administrator Brian K. Hart.

The Liberty Bell Award recognizes a member of the community for outstanding service in promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The recipient encourages a greater respect for law in the courts, stimulates a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights, and fosters a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law. Lester Johnson presented the 2018 Liberty Bell Award to Ernest W. Lee, a former lawyer who now teaches social studies and government classes at Windsor Forest High School.

The John B. Miller Award recognizes a member of the Savannah Bar who is selflessly dedicated to making the Savannah area a better place to live through volunteer community service. Richard Sanders presented the 2018 John B. Miller Award to SBA member Doug Andrews.

The Robbie Robinson Award recognizes a member of the legal profession who has demonstrated dedication to the principles of service to individuals and of advancement of the legal, political, social and civil rights of the Savannah community. Bill Broker presented the 2018 Robbie Robinson Award to Robert Bush, an attorney with Georgia Legal Services.

The SBA would like to congratulate all four of our deserving award winners.



Brian K. Hart



Ernest W. Lee



Doug Andrews



Robert Bush

Christina Corless Joins Savannah's Manely Team

The Manely Firm, P.C. is pleased to announce their newest addition to the Savannah team, Attorney Christina Corless. Christina joins Attorney David Purvis in The Manely Firm, P.C.'s ever growing Savannah family law practice.

As a graduate of Savannah Law School, Christina has quickly become a leader in the local community. While attending Savannah Law, Christina served as Student Bar Association President and Articles Editor for the Savannah Law Review. Along with her duties as President, Christina served as a judicial clerk for the Chief Judge of Chatham County's Superior Court, while interning with a local Savannah litigation firm. Upon early graduation, Christina transitioned to the Chatham County District Attorney's office where she assisted, in joint efforts between local and federal authorities, with the child support enforcement and criminal divisions. After passing the bar, Christina's long held desire to help Savannah's families and children was realized in her work as a child advocate attorney in Chatham County Juvenile Court, making her a perfect addition to The Manely Firm, P.C..

The Manely Firm, P.C. prides itself on its singular focus in family law, recognizing the importance, complexity, and sensitivity of family law matters. As an all family law firm, The Manely Firm, P.C. has handled cases all across Georgia, and the world, with various degrees of legal complexity. In 2012, The Manely Firm, P.C. expanded from the Metro-Atlanta area to the Georgia Coast when it opened the firm's Savannah office. With the help of Partner David Purvis, the Savannah practice has experienced many successes, in and out of the courtroom. The addition of Attorney Christina Corless ensures further success for both the firm and Savannah's families.



Christina Corless

Honorable Michael L. Karpf awarded JEA Service Award



Honorable Michael Karpf
2018 JEA Community Service Award

The highest honor bestowed by the JEA is the JEA Community Service Award. This year's recipient was Honorable Michael L. Karpf, "in recognition of lifelong service to the Savannah community."

In his words to Judge Karpf, JEA President Scott Samuels stated that "I shall submit you as an Or L'Goyim, a light unto the nations as a mentor for spiritual and moral guidance." (Isaiah). "

As presiding Judge on Recorder's Court, State Court, and Superior Court for over four decades, Judge Karpf has been an "Or L'Goyim" reflecting the values set forth in on the State of GA seal: Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation."



Oliver Maner Welcomes Jacob D. Massee as Partner

Oliver Maner, an award-winning law firm providing superior and effective legal services and solutions since 1897, is pleased to announce Jacob D. Massee is joining the firm as a partner in its litigation section. He will concentrate his trial practice in the areas of municipal liability, public entity law, civil rights litigation, general liability defense, employment law, plaintiff's injury/wrongful death, and business litigation.

Massee began his career at Oliver Maner in 2007, where he served as president of the Savannah Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division (YLD), board member of the State Bar of Georgia's YLD Board of Governors, and chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Appellate Admissions Committee. In 2013, he moved to Denver, Colo., where he was appointed Assistant Attorney General with the Colorado Department of Law. He later worked with Hall & Evans, LLC, a regional litigation firm in Denver, where he defended numerous clients in various civil practice areas.

Massee, who was named a Georgia Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2011, is admitted to practice before all Georgia and Colorado state courts, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Tenth and Eleventh Circuits.

A native of Fitzgerald, Ga., Massee earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Georgia, and his Juris Doctor degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law.

ABOUT OLIVER MANER LLP:

Founded in 1897, Oliver Maner has been providing superior legal services for more than 120 years. With an extensive list of seasoned lawyers on their team, Oliver Maner boasts one of the most successful records in the South, providing unparalleled legal expertise across a broad and diverse list of practice areas, including a variety of civil litigation and transactional work. Located at . in historic downtown Savannah, Ga., Oliver Maner can be reached by phone at 912.236.3311 or email at . For more information, please visit.



Jacob D. Massee

Triece Ziblut Completes Year as Chair of Real Property Law

Rubnitz Thompson Ziblut congratulates its partner, Triece Ziblut, on completing a successful year as chair of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. The Section is the largest section of the State Bar, and is responsible for monitoring all laws relating to real estate and related topics, handling all queries to the State Bar about real estate matters, and planning all continuing education seminars for real estate practitioners, among other tasks. We are very proud of Triece, who has worked tirelessly for the benefit of real estate attorneys and their clients."





2018 Legal Food Frenzy in Coastal Georgia

On May 18th Attorney General Christopher Carr announced that law firms and legal organizations across Georgia raised a record breaking \$400,325 and collected 18,809 lbs of canned goods during the 7th Annual Georgia Legal Food Frenzy(LFF). The LFF was a two-week, statewide food and fund drive competition that was held among Georgia's lawyers to combat hunger across the state.

From April 16 - 27, over 235 law firms and legal organizations representing more than 17,000 members of the legal community went head – to – head to raise food and funds for their regional food bank. The legal community of the Coastal Georgia region had 23 participates who were able to collect 1,983 lbs of food and \$12,657.88 in funds. With each \$1 donated, Second Harvest can provide 5 meals to those in need.

1 in 4 children in Georgia are at risk for hunger and over 60% of them are eligible for free or reduced lunches during the school year, but when they are home for the summer their families often struggle to put enough food on the table. The Legal Food Frenzy is perfectly timed to help food banks meet this increased demand and ensure that kids in Georgia won't worry about when their next meal is coming.

During the final days of the competition, Attorney General Carr issued a challenge to individuals and firms to donate the equivalent of one billable hour during the competition by saying, "As the phrase goes, time is money... What better way to dedicate our time than to fighting hunger?" Many responded to his call, with over 120 individuals and companies personally donating 500 dollars. The six VIPs in the Coastal Georgia region were: Bronze VIP (\$1,000+) The Eichholz Law Firm; Copper VIP (\$500+) Thomas Cullen, Hunter Maclean; Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Edenfield, The Dunn Foundation, Hunter Maclean; Jonathan Pannell, Gray Pannell & Woodward; and The Pedigo Law Firm , P.C.

Within the Savannah and Coastal Georgia Region the winner of the Regional Points Per Person was The Pedigo Law Firm, P.C. with 1,437.5 points and the Regional Total Points Winner was Hunter Maclean with 25,181 points. Additional participants include:

Ashley Miles PC - Darien
Bouhan Falligant LLP - Savannah
Eastern Judicial Circuit - Savannah
Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Edenfield - Statesboro
Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP - Savannah
Georgia Legal Services Program - Savannah
Georgia Southern University Office of Legal Affairs - Statesboro
Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C. - Brunswick
Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP - Savannah
Henderson Law Firm, LLC - Richmond Hill
Hunter Maclean - Savannah
Juvenile Bar Association - Pooler
McManamy Jackson, PC - Savannah
Saving Savannah's Law School - Savannah
State Board of Workers' Compensation (Savannah office) - Savannah
The Babcock Law Firm, P.C. - Brunswick
The Bowman Law Office - Savannah
The Dozier Law Firm - Savannah
The Eichholz Law Firm - Savannah
The Ligon Firm, P.C. - Brunswick
The Pedigo Law Firm, P.C. - Savannah
The Mock Law Firm - Statesboro
US Bankruptcy Court



About America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc.

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia serves as a regional food bank, functioning as the food warehouse and distribution center to more than 300 non-profit organizations and churches in our area. Through food relief programs and collaboration with partner agencies, America's Second Harvest distributed more than 14.2 million pounds of food last year to people in need in our community – children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness and others whose incomes are insufficient to meet their basic needs. To learn more about the fight against hunger in our community, call (912) 236-6750 or visit www.helpendhunger.org.

Bouhan Falligant Partner One of Nation's Top One Percent

Bouhan Falligant announced Partner J. Daniel Falligant was recently recognized as a member of the "Top One Percent" of the attorneys in the nation by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel (NADC), an organization dedicated to promoting the highest standards of legal excellence.

By virtue of the selectivity of NADC's research process, less than 1% of practicing attorneys in the United States are members of the "Nation's Top Attorneys." The recipients of this prestigious award, who are selected by a blue-ribbon panel of attorneys and a judicial review board, have demonstrated the highest ideals of the legal profession.

In addition to commercial and residential real estate, Falligant's practice focuses on business and corporate law. He has been named a Georgia "Super Lawyer" and "Legal Elite" by Georgia Trend and a "Best Lawyer in America" by U.S. News & World Report. He is a member of the Real Estate Section of the Georgia State Bar, a fellow in the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, and served on the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors for 24 years.

Falligant, who earned his L.L.B. degree from Mercer University and his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia, has been active in the Savannah community for more than 50 years, serving on the advisory board of the Savannah Economic Development Authority and the Savannah Christian Preparatory School Board.



J. Daniel Falligant

ABOUT BOUHAN FALLIGANT:

Bouhan Falligant is a full-service Georgia law firm with experienced attorneys who can handle a broad range of complex legal issues for businesses, governmental entities, organizations, professionals, and individuals, both regionally and nationally. Through more than 125 years of practicing law, the firm has developed the deep knowledge base and sound judgment that delivers value to our clients. Bouhan Falligant attracts exceptional attorneys who are diligent, determined and care about the success of its clients

Shortlist Recommended to Governor Deal

The Judicial Nominating Commission recently recommended a shortlist of thirteen candidates to Governor Deal to use in filling vacancies on the Georgia Court of Appeals. Among those included is Elizabeth Gobeil, Director and Appellate Division Judge for the State Board of Workers' Compensation. Elizabeth and her husband, Bart, live in Savannah and she is a member of the Savannah Bar Association.



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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.
