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Update: Savannah Bar Association & Young Lawyers Division

The Savannah Bar Association was pleased to have Officer Patrick Skinner of the Savannah Police Department speak at the November Luncheon. Officer Skinner worked for years as a CIA counterterrorism agent and has since returned to Savannah where he currently serves as a beat cop.

The YLD was also present at the luncheon where they presented a \$5,000 check to the Guardian Ad Litem program. The YLD would also like to thank Gilbert & Jones Professional Court Reporters for their generous sponsorship of this month's happy event at The Grove.



Attorney Mary C. Bostwick Joins HunterMaclean

HunterMaclean, recently welcomed Mary C. Bostwick as an associate in the firm's corporate practice group.

Mary graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in political science. She recently earned her Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law. During law school, Mary completed internships with the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, the Senior Citizens Law Project of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and the Health Law Partnership Legal Services Clinic. She served as a summer research assistant in the office of Judge Chris McFadden of the Georgia Court of Appeals and as a graduate research assistant for the Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation. During undergraduate and law school, Mary was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross.

A native of Savannah, Mary is a member of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers and the Daughters of Ireland.



Mary C. Bostick

HunterMaclean & Oliver Maner Honored with Ten First-Tier Rankings

HunterMaclean and Oliver Maner are honored to be recognized with ten first-tier rankings in the 2019 edition of U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms, in the following practice areas:

Admiralty and Maritime Law

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Law

Insurance Law

Litigation - Construction

Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants

Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Railroad and Transportation Law

Real Estate Law

Trusts and Estates Law



Geiger wins President-Elect for American Association for Paralegal Education

Savannah Technical College Paralegal Studies Department Head Debra R. Geiger, Esq., was elected President-Elect for the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE). The election was held at the 37th annual AAfPE Conference. Her term as president begins in 2019 at the conclusion of the annual conference in Detroit, Mich. She just completed a three-year term on the AAfPE Board of Directors as Director of Associate Programs.

“As an attorney, I am committed to serving my community,” said Geiger. “As a paralegal educator, I have the opportunity to encourage student civic engagement through academic service learning and community-based learning experiences. I am honored to serve as a member of AAfPE’s Board of Directors, and I look forward to supporting its continued pursuit of that mission.”

With over 400 members, AAfPE is the nation’s largest and continuously operating organization whose mission is to provide greater access to legal services by promoting quality paralegal and legal studies education.

Geiger is admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia and has general practice experience. Geiger earned her law degree from the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida and her MBA from Mercer University. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Savannah Bar Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

STC’s Paralegal Studies program prepares students for a career in the paralegal profession. The knowledge and skills emphasized in the Paralegal Studies program include ethical obligations; research in state and federal law; legal correspondence preparation; family law matters; basic concepts of real property law; criminal law and procedure; civil litigation; substantive contract law; and wills, trusts and probate. Paralegals, also called legal assistants, work closely with attorneys, judges, prosecutors or public defenders. Graduates receive a Paralegal Studies Associate of Applied Technology degree.

Contact Geiger at 912.443.5715 or for more information or visit: www.savannahtech.edu/ParalegalStudies.

About American Association for Paralegal Education

Founded in 1981, AAfPE promotes quality paralegal education, develops educational standards and encourages professional growth, in order to prepare graduates to perform a significant role in the delivery of legal services. With more than 400 active members, AAfPE aims to provide a forum for professional improvement for paralegal educators, as well as assistance and consultation to institutions, educators and employers. It promotes research and the dissemination of information on the paralegal profession and cooperates with the American Bar Association (ABA) and other institutions to develop goals and processes for programs. Please visit AAfPE online at www.aafpe.org for more information.

Savannah Technical College serves Coastal Georgia with quality, market-driven technical education with campus locations in Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties. Serving more than 10,000 credit and non-credit students annually, Savannah Tech offers nearly 150 different instructional programs in Aviation Technology, Business and Professional Services, Industrial Technology, and Health Sciences in addition to Adult Education classes, industry-specific training and continuing education.

All questions about admission, enrollment, job placement, and related matters should be directed to an appropriate office at Savannah Technical College. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, 1866 Southern Lane Decatur, GA 30033-4097, 404-679-4500.



Debra R. Geiger, Esq.

Attorney Ryan D. Langlois Joins Fleming Law

Fleming Law, P.C., a preeminent Savannah criminal defense firm, is pleased to announce that Ryan D. Langlois has joined their firm as an associate attorney. Mr. Langlois will be concentrating his practice in general practice with a concentration in criminal defense work.

Prior to joining Fleming Law, Mr. Langlois served as an intern with the Chatham County District Attorney's Office and worked as a law clerk for The Middleton Firm, LLC in Savannah.

Mr. Langlois earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Westfield State University in Westfield, Massachusetts. He recently graduated Cum Laude from Savannah Law School where he served as the president of the Savannah Law School Veteran's Association and as an Associate Editor for the Savannah Law Review.

Prior to law school, Ryan served as an active duty enlisted member of the United States Coast Guard, conducting federal law enforcement and search-and-rescue missions on the high seas. Mr. Langlois recently passed the Georgia Bar examination and was sworn in before Chief Judge Karpf in Chatham County Superior Court on October 31, 2018.



Ryan D. Langlois

FLEMING LAW
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Mock Trial Volunteers and Coaches Needed

The 2018-2019 High School Mock Trial season is approaching quickly and volunteer evaluators/coordinators are needed to host the regional competition here in Savannah. The Savannah Regional Competition will be held on February 2, 2019, at the Chatham County Courthouse. 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 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, Saint Andrews School and Islands High School are looking for an attorney coach to assist with their Mock Trial teams this year. Please contact Saint Andrews School Representative Ben Dombroski (DombroskiB@saintschool.com) or Islands High School Representative Amy Jessee (amy.jessee@sccpss.com) for more information.

Alison Slagowitz Speaks at Civil and Human Rights Panel

Alison Slagowitz, Equal Justice Works Georgia Housing Corps Fellow of the Savannah Office of the Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc., spoke on a civil and human rights panel at Georgia State University on November 1, 2018. Ms. Slagowitz was invited to participate on the panel by the Honorable Rizza O'Connor, Chief Judge of the Magistrate Court of Toombs County and President of the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division. Other panelists at the event were Christopher Bruce, Policy Counsel of the ACLU Georgia, and Azadeh N. Shahshahani, Legal & Advocacy Director of Project South. The event was moderated by Erica Taylor of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. YLD's Inclusion in the Profession Committee organized the panel in conjunction with the following Georgia State University organizations: Center for the Advancement of Students and Alumni, National Black Law Student Association, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and the Pre-Law Society.



From left to right:

Erica Taylor
(Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation),

Alison Slagowitz
(Georgia Legal Services Program),

Christopher Bruce
(ACLU Georgia),

Azadeh N. Shahshahani
(Project South).

Craig T. Smith Joins Scott & Corley P.A.

Scott & Corley P.A. is pleased to announce the addition of Savannah Bar Association member, Craig T. Smith, to its law firm. A resident of Bluffton, SC, Craig will handle matters for the law firm in the Lowcountry. Craig represents clients in general real estate litigation, default services, mechanic's lien preparation and foreclosure, collections, judgment enforcement matters, and real estate closings. Craig is admitted to practice law in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee, and he is able to assist Georgia-based companies and attorneys in need of legal representation in South Carolina. Scott & Corley, P.A. is principally located at 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, SC 29204; (803) 252-3340.



Craig T. Smith

Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia Elects Regent Don L. Waters

On November 14, 2018, the Board of Regents, the 19-member governing body for the University System of Georgia, elected Regent Don L. Waters to a one-year term as the Board's chair.

Waters will serve as Board chair from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 31, 2019. Governor Nathan Deal appointed Waters in 2013 to the Board of Regents to represent the First Congressional District. He is the CEO of Waters Capital Partners, LLC, an investment company and family office.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as chairman and lead the Board in support of our 328,000 plus students working toward earning a college degree," says Waters. "I look forward to continuing to work with the Board on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the 26 public colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia to provide an educated workforce throughout the State of Georgia."

From 1993 through 2016, Waters was the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Brasseler USA, Inc., an international manufacturer of dental and medical surgical instrumentation. Before Brasseler, Waters practiced both as a Certified Public Accountant, as a partner with Price Waterhouse & Co., and as an attorney with HunterMaclean.

A native of Savannah, Waters currently serves on the board of the Georgia Research Alliance, the board of the Rotary Club of Savannah, Board of Trustees of the Chatham County Hospital Authority, the Board of Trustees of the Augusta University Health System, and on the Board of Curators of the Georgia Historical Society.

In 2013, Waters was inducted into the Savannah Business Hall of Fame, and in 2017 he was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Savannah Branch of the NAACP. In 2018, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Scroll from the University of Georgia School of Law, his alma mater.

Waters graduated from Armstrong State College with a BBA in Accounting and from the University of Georgia School of Law with a JD. Waters has been a member of the State Bar of Georgia since 1978.

Joe Sklar Joins J.L. Williamson Law Group, LLC



J.L. Williamson Law Group, LLC, is pleased to announce that Joe Sklar has joined our firm. Joe is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law and was recently sworn in by Judge Michael Karpf. Joe will be specializing in both tax controversy and elder law.



Marlene N. Mader has Recently Joined the Maston Law Firm

New attorney Marlene N. Mader has recently joined the Maston Law firm as an associate. Her primary focus will be on personal injury and commercial litigation in Savannah.

Before joining Maston Law, Mader studied at Savannah Law School before graduating with honors. During that time she worked with William G. Maston, PC as a legal clerk for two years. While in law school she earned five CALIs for excellent achievement in the study of Contracts, Constitutional Law, Remedies, Georgia Practice & Procedure and Suitability & Business Law. Prior to law school she and her husband owned a graphic design firm.

Maston law enthusiastically welcomes Marlene to our firm. She has demonstrated an excellent array of legal skills that we believe will be invaluable to our clients, based upon her proven track record. Born in Michigan and raised in Orlando Florida, Marlene earned a B.A. in Journalism and International Affairs from Rollins College in Winter Park, and her J.D. from Savannah Law School. Before attending law school, Mader owned Forgotten Muse Media, a graphic design firm that focused on creating apparel for the paintball industry and a commentator for two of the largest competitive paintball leagues in the United States.

Along with her interest in personal injury and commercial litigation, Mader also is excited to be involved with the Public Defender's office in the near future.



Marlene N. Mader

Associate Position Available at Beckmann & Furey, LLP

Beckmann & Furey, LLP is seeking an associate to assist in representation of the Department of Family and Children Services. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to wendy@beckmannfurey.com.

Three Office Spaces Available on Tattnall Street

I have three office spaces available. The office building is located at 317 Tattnall Street next to the Liberty Street parking deck. There are two large office spaces and one small office space. Completely remodeled, hard wood floors, and one office has a fireplace. The large offices are \$800 a month and the small office is \$500. All utilities are included including Internet; however, a phone line is not included. Please call Courtney Lerch if you are interested at (912) 443-5007.



SBA Hot Topics January 2019 Registration

Registration begins for the Savannah Bar Association's January 25, 2019 Hot Topics Seminar!
More details and schedule to come.

SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION HOT TOPICS SEMINAR

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Friday, January 25, 2019

Time: Registration begins at 7:45 A.M.
Program begins at 8:20 A.M.

Place: The Savannah Golf Club, 1661 East President Street, Savannah, GA 31414

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Tuition: [Lunch is included in tuition]

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1 HOUR OF ETHICS, &
1 HOUR OF PROFESSIONALISM



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- 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.