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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

What would you be doing right this minute if you had not graduated from law school? Give this question some thought. You would not be a lawyer and may not be living in the same house or town where you are now. What would your life be like?

For me, law school provided opportunities I would never have had in a million years. Without law school, I would not have had such an interesting and satisfying career and would not have traveled and met all the amazing people who have changed and improved my life. I might still be teaching English at Midlands Technical College or even waiting tables in Columbia, my two jobs right before law school. I would still be regretting the helpless feeling I had after spending one year teaching in a rural school in Orangeburg County, a year in which I saw children caught in a cycle of poverty with seemingly no way out. I was too new as a teacher to know how to reach the students and set them on a path to catch up and achieve their considerable potential.

What would YOU be doing right now if you had not graduated from law school—or college or high school, for that matter? We sometimes take for granted the lives we live and forget the role that education played in helping us achieve our successes.

One of our goals this year for the Charleston County Bar Association is to support our schools. We started with Street Law, in which a group of our members taught classes in a high school in North Charleston and provided guidance and exposure to the law for students

whose previous experience with the legal profession was limited mostly to TV shows.

This fall, members will go into Charleston public elementary schools with Cockey's Reading Express to provide books and read to school children, many of whom will leave that day with the first book that they can call their own.

We invite you to help us as we give back to our schools. We hope you will join us with Cockey's Reading Express or give of your time to teach reading, coach a mock trial team, or serve as a mentor in our area elementary, middle, and high schools. When the fine professors at the Charleston and USC law schools call on you to serve as a judge for oral arguments or mentor law students, think about what these schools have done for you and volunteer to help.

I am as guilty as anyone when I decline these requests, thinking, "Oh, I have so many other things to do," but I want to change that. I know that but for law school and the teachers who helped me at each step since walking—as a scared little girl with no ambition beyond just surviving the first grade—with my big brothers into Central Elementary School, I would not be living today in Charleston and loving my work and the people in my profession. I would not have been able to join the team of lawyers who directly challenged funding of South Carolina's rural schools, including the small school where I taught as a novice teacher, and won. That is what law school did for me, and I know that all of us are better for the education we received that gave us the lives we have now. Let's give back.

Very truly yours,
Scott Moise



As South Carolina deals with another active hurricane season, lawyers in all parts of the state are pausing to be sure they are properly prepared for adverse weather events. There are practical issues to consider as well as ethical duties related to every lawyer's duty to "regularly assess their practice environment to identify and address risks that arise from any natural or manmade disaster that may compromise their ability to diligently and competently protect their clients' interests, and maintain the security of their clients' property." [Am. Bar Ass'n, Res.116 Adopted by the H.D., at 10 \(Aug. 8-9, 2011\).](#)

To assist CCBA members in their planning, the Executive Committee has assembled the following summary intended to address a few of the important issues to consider.

PERSONNEL

A law firm's greatest assets is its personnel. Make a list of all personnel and include the following: cell phone number, office email address, alternate email address (in case your server is not functioning), a telephone number for a family member out of town that will always know how to locate the team member. If you have a large number of employees, establish smaller groups to facilitate communication immediately before and after any adverse event. Also, consider if you have any team members who live alone or have special needs and be sure you have a plan in place to assist.

EQUIPMENT

Plan ahead for what needs to be protected and how you will protect it when the threat of danger is upon you. Assign particular duties in advance or appoint a team member to be responsible for at least the following:

- Conduct a room-by-room walk-through of your office to determine what needs to be secured.
- Attach equipment and cabinets to walls or other stable equipment.
- Place heavy or breakable objects on low shelves.
- Move workstations away from large windows, if possible.
- Elevate equipment off the floor to avoid electrical hazards in the event of flooding.
- Unplug electronics, computers and coffee makers.

DATA and COMPUTER SYSTEMS

It only makes sense to contact your IT advisors and plan ahead. Rick Krenmayer, CEO of Stasmayer, Inc., provides outsourced IT systems for law firms around the state and offers specific advice for law firms. Rick suggests, "If your firm operates on a physical server located in our office, plan ahead for backups and access to the data, even if you don't have access to your office." Stasmayer sets its law firm clients up to operate completely "in the cloud" and he ensures his clients know how to access their data remotely. He

further suggests that firms be sure to all employees know how to remotely access their firm email accounts and the firm's stored data. Finally, Krenmayer warns law firms to "remember that information stored in the cloud actually has to be stored somewhere physically. Know where your data is housed and if there are contingencies for disaster at that site."

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

While our IT systems are likely our most necessary tools for re-starting work after a disaster, a prudent approach to planning will involve much more. Krenmayer encourages Stasmayer's law firm clients to develop a living document called a Business Continuity Plan and further recommends using a professional company to assist in the planning. Scott Cave of Atlantic Business Continuity Services located in Mount Pleasant explains that "the basis of a solid Business Continuity Plan requires a thorough assessment of the various threats and risks to your business." "In our daily work," Cave adds, "we routinely face the unfortunate fact is that most organizations do not really understand how to plan for hurricanes or other disasters, and even when they do plan, their planning is often not comprehensive or flexible enough to lead to a successful recovery."

The good news, according to Cave, is that hurricanes are a relatively straightforward threat for preparedness planning, thanks to the advanced notice that most storms provide before landfall. Following are some of the important topics that a solid preparedness plan ought to address.

Plan to Recover. Planning should always begin with the end goal in mind. The purpose of your hurricane plan should be to **recover** quickly and effectively. We have reviewed many hurricane plans from a variety of organizations, businesses, and municipalities over the years, and have seen first-hand that most plans fall short in the recovery section. The plan may have 20 pages of detail covering the actions to be performed leading up to the hurricane, but only one or two pages of actions after the hurricane. The preparatory steps are important, but the recovery steps are even more important. If you don't have a detailed recovery plan then your plan is setting your organization up for failure.

Plan to Relocate. In the worst-case scenario, a major hurricane could cause enough damage that it may take weeks or even months to return to your office. Your organization needs a long-term plan to conduct business at an inland facility for an extended period of time. This involves more than just finding another building or office space. There are housing considerations, families, pets, children, day care, schools, and a long list of other technical, resource, and planning issues. Make sure your organization takes the time to really unpack all the details associated with long-term relocation of your people, technology, equipment, and communications.

Plan to Recalibrate. Even the best plans don't always play out as expected. In our experience, the best plans are those that have the most options. Make sure your plan has enough flexibility and options to allow your team to recalibrate and adjust as needed based on the conditions of the event. Time and again we see the value of tabletop exercises as the best way to identify gaps or weaknesses in plans that often lead to more plan options. Continue to take time for tabletop exercises to engage your team in the plan and identify those areas that can be improved or strengthened. This practice is invaluable in setting your team up for success to recalibrate and adjust as needed during an actual event.

So where do you start? Following are ten important elements of any hurricane plan. Review or start developing your hurricane plan with these elements, while keeping in mind the three main themes of your plan from above.

1. **Hotel reservations.** It's far too late to make reservations when evacuation orders are announced. Don't wait for an evacuation order to make your escape plan. Know your destination, your route, and your accommodation reservations. A good best practice is to start making reservations when the storm first shows a potential impact to your area. Develop a short list of hotels in two or three different areas that are at least 125 - 150 miles inland, and then choose your destination based on the expected path of the storm.

2. **Office Closing.** Some businesses send an advanced team inland before the evacuation order is given, while others close the day before or morning of an evacuation order. Determine your timing to close the doors and send staff home, considering a trigger such as the evacuation order (e.g., 24 hours before evacuation order, or when schools close). Talk to your staff about this pre-established timing so they can plan to prepare their homes and families, knowing when the office will close.

3. **Communications Plan.** Talk to your staff about their evacuation plans and make sure you know where they plan to go and how you can stay in touch with them. Develop a regular daily schedule for briefings or updates to your staff, customers, and other stakeholders. Identify conference call lines, email distribution lists, and alternate methods of communication if landlines and/or cell phones stop working.

4. **Packing List.** Make sure each staff member develops a short list of critical items that are essential to performing their job. Then develop a packing list so everyone knows what they are taking with them during an evacuation to perform their job remotely.

5. **Local Emergency Information.** In South Carolina, our state and county emergency management use Operating Conditions, or OPCONs, to identify the status

of their emergency operations. OPCON 5 is normal (good), and OPCON 1 is full operations (bad). For a hurricane in South Carolina, OPCON 1 generally means that an evacuation order has been issued by our Governor. These OPCON changes are generally announced through the local media and government social media channels. Consider using these OPCONs as triggers for actions in your plan.

6. **Re-entry.** Once an evacuation order is issued, a separate process known as re-entry is implemented in phases to return residents, workers, etc. back into the evacuated area. This process varies by jurisdiction, so check with your local county and/or municipal government on their exact process for credentials and procedures. In most cases, pre-registration with government entities is required to allow your key staff to return early (i.e., before the public) to assess office damage and start the recovery process.

7. **Technology.** Make sure your IT systems, including computers, software, data, communications, internet, etc. are all prepared for an extended evacuation. Verify that your staff knows how to access these systems and use them productively while remote for an extended time. Work with your IT partners and vendors to make sure these systems are resilient and ready with a back-up plan if needed. If you need help in this area, I'm certain the good folks at Stasmayer can help!

8. **Insurance.** Make sure you know the process to follow if an insurance claim is required. Get all the proper documentation in order now so it is ready when needed, including policy information, contact numbers, video and photographic documentation, asset lists and values, financial information, etc.

9. **Employees.** Don't forget that all disasters are personal, and you and your staff need to personally prepare yourself, your home, and your family. This includes boarding up windows and protecting garage doors, gathering important insurance documents, taking video of your home and contents, filling prescriptions, making hotel reservations for family members and pets, getting emergency supplies ready, etc.

10. **Customers.** Talk to your customers about your hurricane plan and how you intend to continue to serve them before, during, and after a storm. Ask if they have any concerns or special requirements that should be considered. This type of dialogue is priceless in terms of deepening trust in your business relationships with customers.

By: Tom Gressette, Esquire with special thanks to Rick Krenmayer of Stasmayer, Inc. (www.stasmayer.com) and Scott Cave of Atlantic Business Continuity Services (www.atlanticprep.com) for sharing their insights and expertise.

S.C. Family Court Judge Alice Anne Richter

By: Lauren E. Daniels, Charleston School of Law, Class of 2018

Born: Judge Richter is a native of and grew up in Charleston, South Carolina.

Appointed: 2015

Education: B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2002

Career: Judge Richter grew up around the legal profession and always considered it would be a part of her education and career. Following law school, Judge Richter clerked for the Honorable Diane S. Goodstein before moving to North Carolina. She then moved back to her home State of South Carolina and practiced with her father at the Richter Firm in Mount Pleasant. During this time, Judge Richter did work in civil, family, probate and criminal cases.

Family: Husband, Joseph Cerato; two children.

1. **What the bar would be surprised to learn:** Judge Richter and her family were touring the U.S. Supreme Court the day Chief Justice Warren Burger announced his retirement.
2. **Personal life away from the bench:** Judge Richter enjoys spending time with her family. Additionally, she enjoys being outdoors, out on the water, and reading.
3. **Most memorable trinket on your desk:** A Teddy Roosevelt quote which was a gift from an older attorney that Judge Richter learned a lot from is one of her most memorable items. When asked of its significance, Judge Richter explains, "It speaks to the importance of perseverance and trying to do the right thing in all instances."
4. **Best part about being a judge:** The best part about being a judge for Judge Richter is "being able to use everything I've learned in service of the public." Additionally, she notes that she continues to learn so much every day. Judge Richter states working in family court is "fulfilling intellectually and on a personal level."
5. **Hardest part about being a judge:** Judge Richter indicates that the parties before her in the courtroom are handling substance of both a personal and emotional nature. She notes that these individuals are undergoing the "most difficult moments of their lives and the situation can be emotionally charged." However, for Judge Richter, the positives outweigh any challenges she may come across. In her courtroom, she witnesses "great aspects of humanity. We have a wonderful Bar and I enjoy working with these attorneys every day."
6. **In your courtroom, DO:** "Be prepared!" Judge Richter states that this is one of the first things she learned as an attorney and judges really appreciate it.

7. **In your courtroom, DON'T:** Be discourteous or inconsiderate to others. This extends not only to attorneys and case parties toward one another, but also toward court staff. Kindness can go a long way.
8. **Advice to young lawyers:** "Find a mentor and ask lots of questions." She explains that young attorneys can benefit and acquire so much from those who have been practicing for a number of years. Additionally, in her experience, those seasoned attorneys that have been practicing for several years are generous with both their time and knowledge.
9. **What experience best prepared you for the bench?** Over the years, Judge Richter has been fortunate enough to observe and interact with some truly great legal minds including The Honorable Richard M. Gergel; her father; Morris Rosen; Carl Solomon, an attorney in Columbia who helped Judge Richter with her practice; and Professors John Freeman and Robert L. Felix, whom she speaks fondly of and was able to work with while in law school and in practice.
10. **What would you change about the American Judicial System?** Instead of changing the judicial system, Judge Richter focuses on the evolution of our system as it has occurred over centuries and the path it has taken to form our modern American Judicial System. Judge Richter states that our system is a "living, evolving system and we all participate in its formation and evolution. It changes all of the time and it is exciting to watch."

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Please take a few minutes to log in to the Charleston County Bar website (www.Charlestoncountybar.org) and check to be sure that all of your contact information is correct. We are finding that the information on the South Carolina Bar website and the Charleston County Bar website is not always identical. It is very important that we have correct information from each of you in order to have accurate records. This will only take a few minutes of your time and we would very much appreciate each of you doing this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motley Rice LLC is proud to announce that the following attorneys in their Mt. Pleasant office have been promoted and are now members of the firm: **John M. Eubanks** (MD, SC): Anti-Terrorism and Human Rights; **Josh Littlejohn** (SC): Securities and Consumer Fraud; **William S. Norton** (MA, NY, SC): Securities and Consumer Fraud, Whistleblower.

Mia Lauren Maness announces the opening of her firm, **Mia Maness, LLC**. Mail and deliveries: 334 East Bay Street #215, Charleston, SC 29401; Tel. (843) 557-5355; E-mail: mia@miamanesslaw.com.

Barnwell Whaley attorneys **M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., B.C. Killough, Randell C. Stoney, Jr., Chris Hinnant** and **Ernest B. Lipscomb** have been named to the 2018 "The Best Lawyers in America" list. Additionally, **M. Dawes Cooke, Jr.** has been selected as the 2018 Charleston, South Carolina Mediation "Lawyer of the Year."

Gerald M. Finkel of **The Finkel Law Firm LLC**, has been named a Senior Fellow of The Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). Mr. Finkel is the founder and a litigator in the firm's litigation section and past president of the South Carolina Association for Justice and a past member of The South Carolina Bar's Board of Governors. Mr. Finkel is active in promoting higher education and is a Professor Emeritus at The Charleston School of Law, a former Adjunct Professor at The University of South Carolina School of Law, and a member of the Board of Visitors at Charleston Southern University.

The following **Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd** attorneys have been named Best Lawyers 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for their respective practice area in Charleston: **John H. Tiller** (personal injury defense), and **J. Paul Trouche** (public finance). The Firm is also proud to announce the following Charleston attorneys were selected for inclusion in The 2018 Best Lawyers in America® list: **Scott Y. Barnes** (business organizations and tax law); **Stephen E. (Steve) Darling** (personal injury and product liability defense); **Charlton deSaussure, Jr.** (public finance); **Julie O. Medich** (mergers & acquisitions and corporate law); **Wm. Howell Morrison** (commercial litigation and professional malpractice defense); **James H. (Jeddie) Suddeth III** (real estate); **David M. Swanson** (real estate and litigation); **John H. Tiller** (personal injury and product liability defense); **J. Paul Trouche** (public finance).

One hundred eighteen **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP** attorneys have been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2018. The following lawyers in its Charleston, S.C. lawyers are included: **Michael T. Cole** (personal injury and product liability defense); **Jennifer Williams Davis** (tax); **John B. Hagerty** (corporate); **John C. McElwaine** (copyright and trademark); **Elizabeth Scott Moïse** (insurance and personal injury defense); **Thomas F. Moran** (tax); **Charles R. Norris** (insurance); **G. Mark Phillips** (product liability defense); **Newman Jackson Smith** (government relations, water, environmental and litigation); **John C. von Lehe, Jr.** (appellate and tax).

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Eight partners from the Charleston office of global law firm **K&L Gates LLP** have been recognized in the 2018 edition of Best Lawyers in America: **James S. Bruce** (corporate); **Ernie L. Cochran II** (corporate); **J. Walker Coleman IV** (employment and litigation); **Julius H. Hines** (admiralty and maritime); **Matthew J. Norton** (real estate); **Mark S. Sharpe** (banking and finance and litigation, corporate and real estate); **Jennifer H. Thiem** (insurance); and **Bryan L. Walpole III** (banking and finance and litigation). K&L Gates' Charleston office is also pleased to welcome **Abby Kobrovsky** as an associate in the firm's Commercial Disputes practice group. Ms. Kobrovsky was a summer associate for the firm in Charleston in 2013. She has since completed two clerkships - law clerk to the Honorable Bruce H. Hendricks of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, and shared law clerk to the Honorable Richard M. Gergel and the Honorable David C. Norton of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. She received her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was on the editorial board for the Virginia Tax Review, and her BA (magna cum laude) from Furman University.

The Best Lawyers in America has named Rosen Law Firm attorneys to its 2018 list, including one attorney who has been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year": **Susan C. Rosen** (medical malpractice for plaintiffs - also recognized for personal injury for plaintiffs); and **Robert N. Rosen** - (family and mediation).

Stevens & Lee is pleased to announce that **Irish "Ryan" Neville** has joined the firm's Charleston office. Ryan is Of Counsel and a member of the firm's litigation department. He has practiced law in Charleston his entire career.

The Best Lawyers in America has named six **Rosen Hagood** attorneys to its 2018 list, including one attorney who has been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year": **Daniel "Frank" Blanchard, III** (employment - also recognized for litigation, trusts and estates); **Andrew D. Gowdown** (personal injury for plaintiffs); **H. Brewton "Brew" Hagood** (arbitration, construction and litigation); **Alice F. Paylor** (commercial and employment litigation); **John E. Rosen** - (commercial litigation); **Richard S. Rosen** (commercial, securities, trusts and estates litigation, personal injury for plaintiffs, and medical malpractice litigation). Additionally, Rosen Hagood associate, **Liam Duffy**, was one of only 20 Young Lawyers out of the 4,200 members of the **South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD)** by its President to receive the President's Award this year. Each year the President of the YLD recognizes members who have exemplified leadership and outstanding service that has been instrumental to the YLD's success. Liam was recognized for his leadership as both the YLD representative for the 9th Judicial Circuit (Charleston and Berkeley counties), and as Co-Chair of the Courthouse Keys Committee. In those roles, Liam helped devise and implement a number of valuable initiatives and events dedicated to serving the public and members of the legal profession.

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Despite settlement, defendant still on hook for restitution

After being accused of embezzlement, a defendant who had already paid \$200,000 in restitution to the victim's family, was still on the hook for another \$100,000.

And in litigation over the settlement, the judge has ordered the defendant to pay \$200,000 to the victim's family, despite the fact that the earlier settlement had been used for making money for the defendant.

Commonly used arbitration clause in home contracts 'unconscionable'

The South Carolina Court of Appeals has ruled that a commonly used arbitration clause in home contracts is unconscionable.

Family of man killed in trench can sue city

The family of a man who was killed in a trench during a construction project can sue the city for negligence.

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David Aylor Law Offices is pleased to announce its new office location in Greenville, at 32 South Main Street, in the heart of downtown. The firm has also added a new partner, **Robert Pohl**, who brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in the areas of bankruptcy, tax, and corporate law needs.

Wall Templeton & Haldrup, P.A. is pleased to announce that **John J. Dodds, IV** has joined the firm's Charleston office as an associate attorney.

Sabrina C. Call is pleased to announce the opening of her firm, **The Law Firm of Sabrina Call, LLC**, with practice areas focused on estate planning and probate administration.

Clarkson, Walsh, & Coulter, P.A. announces the opening of a new office in Mt. Pleasant. Its primary office is in Greenville, South Carolina. **Jeffrey M. Crudup** is the new managing partner of the Charleston (Low Country) location.

McNair attorney **George Morrison** has been elected Chair of the South Carolina Bar's Corporate Banking and Securities Law Section.

Joseph Garcia, a senior associate with **Buist Byars & Taylor LLC**, has been selected to Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Charleston Class of 2018.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Charleston County Bar Association will be sponsoring its first of two **Cocky's Reading Express™** programs at Lambs Elementary School in North Charleston on Thursday, November 3 and members interested in volunteering for either this program or an as of yet unscheduled second event planned for the future, contact Mallery Scheer at mallery@mscheerlaw.com. Volunteers will deliver books, many of which will be the first book a student has ever received and read with students in an effort to foster an interest in books and reading. Please join us in making a difference in the lives of our area students.



Cocky's Reading Express

The Cocky's Reading Express™ literacy program features the Carolina mascot and USC student volunteers who travel the state in their own bus, visiting elementary schools and reading to students.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, October 16, 2017

Attorney Unconference
Charleston School of Law (81 Mary St.)
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Mediation Week CLE
Charleston County Public Library (68 Calhoun St.)
9:30 am - 11:00 am

ABOTA: My Cousin Vinny and Beyond CLE
Blatt Courtroom, Federal Courthouse (83 Meeting St.)
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Thursday, October 24, 2017

CLE Lunch and Learn: Closing Statements
Clawson & Staubes (126 Seven Farms Dr.)
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Friday, October 25, 2017

To Kill a Mockingbird Production & CLE
Dock Street Theater
Reception at 5:00 pm; Performance begins at 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Transforming Our Criminal Justice System CLE
Trident Technical College Conference Center
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday & Saturday, December 1&2, 2017

Trial Work, Jury Persuasion, Products Liability and E-Discovery CLE
The Dewberry Charleston Hotel
Dec. 1: 2:00pm - 5:00 pm; Dec. 2: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, December 7, 2017

CCBA Holiday Party
Charleston Aquarium
TBD

Thursday, February 15, 2018

CCBA Annual Meeting
Francis Marion Hotel
TBD

COURT SCHEDULES

(Court schedules are changing constantly; please verify current information through S.C. Court Administration or by checking the South Carolina Judicial Department website at <http://www.sccourts.org/calendar/scmapping.cfm>.)

CIRCUIT COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| October 2 | | October 9 | | October 16 | | October 23 | |
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| Chas CP/NJ - Goldsmith | 9 th CPNJ | - Nicholson | Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson | 9 th CPNJ | - Murphy | | |
| Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson | Chas CP/NJ - Goldsmith | Chas GS - Couch | Chas CP/NJ - Hughston | | | | |
| Chas GS - Mullen | Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson | Chas GS - Hughston | Chas CP/NJ - Lee | | | | |
| | 9 th GSNJ - Dennis | Chas GS - Dennis | Chas GS - Couch | | | | |
| | Berk GS - Harrington | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | Chas GS - Dennis | | | | |
| | Berk GS - Seals | | Chas GS - Harrington | | | | |
| October 30 | | November 6 | | November 13 | | November 20 | |
| AW - Jefferson | 9 th GSNJ - Dennis | 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson | | | | | |
| 9 th GSNJ - Dennis | Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson | Chas GS - Couch | | | | | |
| Chas CP/NJ - Hughston | Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson | Chas GS - Dennis | | | | | |
| Chas CP/NJ - Young | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | Chas GS - Jefferson | | | | | |
| Berk GS - Harrington (3) | | Berk GS - Harrington | | | | | |
| Berk GS - Van Slambrook | | | | | | | |
| November 27 | | December 4 | | December 11 | | December 18 | |
| 9 th CPNJ - Harrington | 9 th CPNJ - Nettles | 9 th CPNJ - Nicholson | | | | | |
| Chas GS - Couch | 9 th GSNJ - Dennis | Chas GS - Dennis | | | | | |
| Chas GS - Dennis | Chas CP/NJ - Jefferson | Chas GS - Couch | | | | | |
| Chas GS - Hughston | Chas CP/NJ - Nicholson | Chas GS - Hughston | | | | | |
| Berk GS - Jefferson | Berk CP/NJ - Harrington | Berk GS - King | | | | | |
| December 25 | | | | | | | |

CIRCUIT COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| October 2 | | October 9 | | October 16 | | October 23 | |
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| Dor GS - Goodstein | Dor CP/NJ - Keesley | Dor CP/NJ - Murphy | | | | | |
| | Dor GS - Kelly | | | | | | |
| October 30 | | November 6 | | November 13 | | November 20 | |
| 1 st GSNJ - Goodstein | 1 st CPNJ - Dickson | Dor CP/NJ - Goodstein | | | | | |
| Dor CP/NJ - Murphy | Dor GS - Murphy | Dor GS - Murphy | | | | | |
| November 27 | | December 4 | | December 11 | | December 18 | |
| | Dor GS - Goodstein | 1 st CPNJ - Goodstein | | | | | |
| | | Dor GS - Murphy | | | | | |
| December 25 | | | | | | | |
| 1 st CPNJ - Murphy | | | | | | | |
| Dor CP/NJ - Goodstein | | | | | | | |

FAMILY COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| October 2 | | October 9 | | October 16 | | October 23 | |
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| Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Woods | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Cate |
| Chas | - Richter | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Holt |
| Chas | - Forsythe | Chas | - Richter | Chas | - Wylie (18-20) | Chas | - McGee |
| Chas | - Morehead | Chas | - Cate (10-13) | Berk | - Creech | Chas | - Richter |
| Chas | - Wylie (2-6) | Berk | - Creech | Berk | - Wylie (16-17) | Chas | - Forsythe |
| Berk | - Landis | Berk | - Bromell Holmes | Berk | - Landis (19-20) | Berk | - Landis |
| Berk | - Creech | | | | | Berk | - Martin |

| October 30 | | November 6 | | November 13 | | November 20 | |
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| Chas | - Morehead | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Richter (20-21) |
| Chas | - Cate | Chas | - Martin | Chas | - Kinlaw | Chas | - Forsythe (20-21) |
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| Berk | - Landis | Berk | - Creech (9-10) | Berk | - Landis | | |
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FAMILY COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| October 2 | | October 9 | | October 16 | | October 23 | |
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| Dor | - McLin | Dor | - Wylie | Dor | - McLin (20) | Dor | - Wylie |
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| | | Dor | - Jones | Dor | - Wylie | | |

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JURY VERDICTS

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2011-CP-10-0133 Tarisha Davis James v. Dr. H. Wade Boatwright

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: *Pro se*
Defendants: Molly Craig

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2014-CP-10-7735 Thomas P. Rourk, Sr. v. Anesthesia Assoc. off Charleston, P.A. d/b/a Intervene M.D.; and Dr. Jeffrey W. Fok

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Joshua Littlejohn, Lance Oliver and Mike Perdell
Defendants: Bobby Hood, Jr. and Jean Marie Jennings

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2015-CP-10-1394 Tamatha Greene v. Eric Kremer

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Kevin Holmes
Defendant: Penn W. Ely

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$26,000.00.

2015-CP-10-3633 Elizabeth Postell v. Roper St. Francis Physicians Network

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Robert Dodson and John Harvey
Defendant: Robert Hood and John Radeck

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2016-CP-10-0868 Henry Rice v. Jayne C. Dezinna

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Kevin Holmes
Defendant: William Joseph Horvath

Cause of Action: Personal Injury

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$0.00 actual damages.

2016-CP-10-942 Charleston Freight Station v. ATS Logistics Inc.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Neil Thomson and John Hughes Cooper
Defendant: Joseph Rohe and Bennett Crites

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2016-CP-10-1628 John Edward Cobb v. Jessica Bryn Wilson

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Matthew Story
Defendant: J. Deveaux Stockton

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2016-CP-10-2781 Kirstin S. Sutton v. Shelby Layne Geiger

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Edward Pritchard, Thomas Pritchard and Liz Fulton
Defendant: Troy Thames

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$32,500.00.

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - CHARLESTON DIVISION

(Information supplied by the Clerk of Court's Office)

2:14-cv-01108-DCN Lisa J. Priester, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of David A. Priester, Jr. v. SAR Automation LP

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Anne M. Kearse, Kevin R. Dean and William Christopher Swett
Defendant: Mark Hedderman Wall and Stephanie Paige Brown

Cause of Action: Personal Injury/Product Liability

Verdict: For the Plaintiffs in the amount of \$800,000.00 actual damages, \$3,650,000.00 in loss of consortium, and \$4,350,000.00 actual damages for the Beneficiaries.

By: Alissa C. Lietzow, Esquire

Executive Director of (Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

Living in Charleston, South Carolina, many of us are all too familiar with the ever-present threat of a hurricane throughout the summer and fall. We dutifully watch the weather channels, tune into local and state-wide press conferences, and take precautionary but necessary steps to protect our property and family. Windows are boarded, insurance policies printed out, and family cars packed to the hilt as we evacuate our picturesque, yet vulnerable, Lowcountry. With Hurricane Irma turning west in early September, Charleston truly dodged a bullet. Even with the course change, many parts of our community flooded and experienced damage from both the wind and the rain. As we began to clean up from the storm, how many of us were counting our blessings at how bad it could have been?

Unfortunately, countless members of our community do not have access to the same resources needed for pre-storm safety measures nor post-storm cleanup. Flooded homes often lead to uninhabitable housing, missed work often means no paycheck, and fixed incomes prove prohibitive when it comes to accessing our justice system to remedy a wrong. We are dedicated to addressing these concerns.

Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services is thrilled to announce we have been selected as a grant recipient for a Bank of America grant administered and coordinated through the South Carolina Bar Foundation. This grant enables our small nonprofit to increase capacity by adding a full-time attorney position dedicated to housing-related issues. Nicole L. Paluzzi, a graduate of the Charleston School of Law, joins our team and will primarily focus on landlord-tenant disputes and other housing claims. Nicole will focus on providing educational clinics to the community

on tenant rights, offering advice and counsel one-on-one in collaboration with numerous community partners, and serving as direct representation on legally meritorious claims.

But, we cannot do it alone. In anticipation of Hurricane Irma and the likely need for post-hurricane legal assistance, Charleston County Bar Association President Scott Moise asked Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services to spearhead a committee to address any post-storm legal aftermath. We agreed to coordinate with area attorneys interested in offering their services pro bono for qualified families. We anticipate needing assistance with landlord/tenant repair concerns, insurance claims, employment-related issues, price-gouging, and potential custody and probate cases. A very special thank you to the attorneys in our community and the Charleston School of Law who/that offered to provide such assistance. And, although the damage from Irma may have been relatively/comparatively minimal, hurricane season does not end until November 30, 2017. If you are interested in joining our efforts, let us know by calling 843-853-6456 or e-mailing ALietzow@charlestonprobono.org. Your time and talents are not only greatly needed, but truly appreciated.

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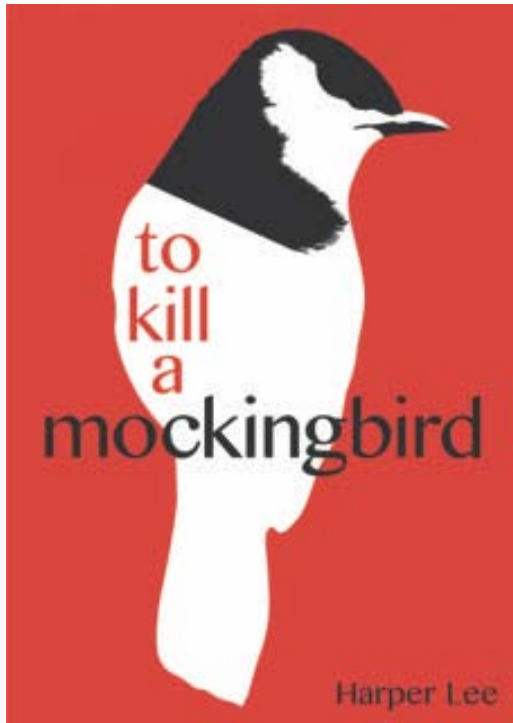
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The event is on October 25, 2017 with a reception at 5pm. The performance will begin at 6pm and the panel discussion will promptly follow the performance.

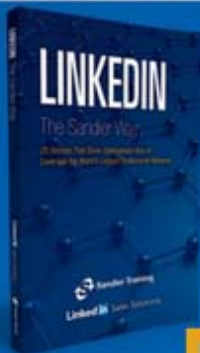
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