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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

Every day, when you enter your office, you encounter, then navigate a pretty complex system of communication. You have mail, e-mail, telephone, text, internet, and in-person communications with your

clients and staff. You're used to it by now. But it changes - slightly --every day. Can you detect it? There may be more electronic communication, less in person. There may be more web-based information, less from books. We grow frustrated that established systems don't work like they used to and at the same time frustrated that our internet speed is slower than lightning. Now there's the Apple watch. This evolution in our practice means, as the adaptable and bright creatures we are, we respond.

The Charleston County Bar Association is here to serve you. So how do we help you respond to the "new normal", an overused, but seemingly accurate term? We do it on two fronts: One with an eye to technology and computer-based learning, and one with an eye to the irreplaceable human interactions we want to respect and cultivate.

First, technology. Our website is lacking. At one time, the information contained there was enough, and our Lawyer Directory served its purpose of putting faces with names. Now you need more. Like listing areas of concentration for our members so the public, when viewing our site, has better information about you and your practice. To help fulfill this need for a better web presence, the Executive Committee has entered a contract with a new designer to provide a better electronic platform for our association. The website will be interactive in a way the original design could never be. You and the public will find information faster and with greater accuracy.

We will be gathering information from you this month and next, with a roll-out of the site in the near months to come. Also, we'll provide to you a full year's CLE calendar in advance via the website so you can plan how to gain your CLE hours for free. This deal more than pays for your annual dues.

Second, and what I consider to be the more important and timeless requirement of a successful practice, the interaction with colleagues you require. Our Annual Meeting at the Francis Marion on February 26 put together hundreds of lawyers from across the county. As the bar grows and our profession becomes more complicated, your connections with people in the bar are more essential. Who can you work with for the betterment of your client, and who may be able to send work your way? And as to civility, face it: It's just a little more difficult to be nasty to the lawyer who told you about their kindergartner's recent broken arm than if that lawyer is just a signature at the bottom of last week's email rant.

On March 9, lawyers from Charleston met with SC Circuit Court Judges and Masters in Equity at Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing for a wonderful event on an early spring night. If you think it's not important to meet Judges Jefferson, Dennis, Young, Scarborough, McDonald, Goodstein, Early, Dickson, Mullen, Hayes, Lee, James, McMahon, McIntosh, Cooper (just a few of those in attendance) and the Honorable Julie Armstrong, you would be -well-wrong. The Executive Committee will continue to provide opportunities for you. Invest in your future as so many do and come out.

In closing, thanks for letting me help the Charleston lawyers I like and respect so much.

Best regards,

James D. Myrick

## S.C. Circuit Judge R. Markley Dennis, Jr.

By: Dustin J. Pitts, Charleston School of Law, class of 2015

Judge R. Markley Dennis, Jr. is a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the South Carolina Circuit Court. In discussing Judge Dennis' career -- from fourth generation practitioner to his current seat -- two themes emerge. First, Judge Dennis values the benefits of hard work and preparation, often using sports as an analog or sharing lessons-learned from previous and contemporary mentors. Second, Judge Dennis possesses a sincere commitment to public service and a strong sense of community. Even before the decision to transition from attorney to jurist, Judge Dennis was actively involved in numerous community service organizations. Yet, Judge Dennis does find time for hobbies, typically walking nine (9) holes on Sunday with a group from church and working in his yard. The latter his family would deem "his escape."

**Born:** 1947, Moncks Corner, S.C.

**Elected:** February 2, 1994

**Education:** B.S., University of South Carolina, 1970; J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1973

**Career:** Private Practice, 1973-94

**Family:** Wife, Jan; three children, and six grandchildren

**1. On your nightstand:** Golf magazines more than anything. Judge Dennis loves to read, mostly nonfiction, and would love to read more, but finds that at the end of a long day ten (10) minutes of reading operates primarily as an effective sleep inducer.

**2. What the bar would be surprised to learn:** "That I have and have had for quite some time a fear of speaking publicly." As a high school mock trial coach for twenty-three (23) years, Judge Dennis worked his own fear into a teachable moment, stating that the nerves and the shaky knees are a good sign. It demonstrates that you're concerned about the task you've been asked to do, and it is that concern that prompts deliberate and thorough preparation. Interestingly, despite his unease toward public speaking, Judge Dennis adds, "One of the things people don't know about me is that I sing in the choir."

**3. Best part about being a judge:** "If someone can tell me 'I appreciate that you gave me a fair trial,' then I've done my job, and to hear that is the most gratifying part about being a judge."

**4. Hardest part about being a judge:** Hearing guilty pleas consisting of three questions asked and answered in quick succession, represents the most critical aspect of

being a judge, Judge Dennis says. "That person has just authorized me to deny them the right to be free. Now, they've broken the law, but determining what's an appropriate sentence is the most difficult thing I do." Of course, Judge Dennis recognizes, this difficulty is not unique to him, nor does it get easier after twenty-one (21) years.

**5. Priceless moment in your courtroom:** Judge Dennis' first medical malpractice case in Spartanburg—his third week on the bench. Judge Dennis spent three and one-half or four hours poring over the charge books (in the days before Westlaw) assembling a malpractice charge for the jury. Entering the courtroom, Judge Dennis planned to preside over closing arguments and then deliver the jury charge. Instead, Judge Dennis arrived to find the parties talking amongst themselves, and after 10 minutes the parties approached the bench to inform Judge Dennis that they had resolved the case. "'Put it on the record.'" Thereafter, the doctor stepped across the aisle to the plaintiff, both in tears, embracing one another. Judge Dennis remembering his reaction, "And I thought, 'wow, this is quite amazing.'"

Those are the kinds of moments that Judge Dennis has seen over the course of two decades on the bench, and at times misses being a lawyer: being in the position to *really* help somebody and knowing that you did when it's all said and done. Moments that answer the question of "what can I do to make someone's life better?"

**6. Courtroom Dos and Don'ts:** "Lawyers that aren't prepared drives me nuts. I don't have a lot of patience with that."

**7. Advice to young lawyers:** Judge Dennis reached back to his law school days, specifically his legal writing course taught by then 3L Ron Motley. "I did not realize it at the time, but a guy that did pretty well for himself—not just in South Carolina, but nationally—Ron Motley was my legal writing instructor. He made a comment that I'll never forget. He said two things: 'Number one, if you are prepared you'll be ahead of 75% of lawyers that are practicing; number two, no one will ever out work me, and the reason I can say that emphatically is because there are only 24 hours in day. If it takes all 24 to be prepared, I'm willing to do it.'" In short, "there's no substitute for preparation."

**8. What experience best prepared you for the bench?** "As the saying goes, 'Jack of all trades, master of none.'" Touching on all areas of law as a general practitioner in a small community, Judge Dennis says, helped prepare him for the bench. Judge Dennis adds that managing people and handling the frustrations associated with running a law practice, particularly financial pressures, has served him well in the long run because through those experiences he learned to manage high-pressure situations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bevon Law Firm** of Charleston, SC is pleased to announce the expansion of its law practice with the addition of partner **V. Brian Bevon**. The Firm will expand from Real Estate Law into the additional areas of general litigation and probate. V. Brian Bevon spent more than twenty years in litigation representing individuals and families as a Member attorney at Motley Rice LLC. Previously, Brian practiced real estate, property owners, probate, and construction defect law at Qualey Law Firm in Hilton Head, SC. Bevon Law Firm is located at 1702 McHenry Avenue, James Island, Charleston, SC on the corner of Fort McHenry Avenue and Folly Road.

**Brinkley Law Firm, LLC**, has moved to 1 Carriage Lane, Bldg. F, Ste. 100, Charleston, SC 29407. All other contact information has remained the same. Attorneys **Stephanie M. Brinkley** and **Maggie Ramsey**, along with **Lay Guardian ad Litem Jodie Almeida**, look forward to providing continued service to their clients. For more information visit [www.brinkleylawfirmllc.com](http://www.brinkleylawfirmllc.com)

**Stephen F. DeAntonio** announces the relocation of his law office, **DeAntonio Law Firm, LLC**, to 105 Wappoo Creek Drive, Suite 1A, PO Box 30069, Charleston, SC 29417.

**Donnie Gamache, Attorney at Law** is pleased to announce the opening of their new office conveniently located at 100 S. Pine Street, Summerville, SC 29483. Telephone: (843) 821-8280.

**Law Office of Leanne M. Innet, LLC** announces that it has moved to 3436 Rivers Avenue, Office A, North Charleston, SC 29405 (P.O. Box 71248, 29415).

**Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **F. Heyward Grimball** has joined the Firm as an associate attorney in the Charleston office. Grimball will focus his practice in general litigation.

**Smith Moore Leatherwood** is pleased to announce the addition of **Bennett Crites** to the firm's Litigation Team in its Charleston office.

**Wilkes Law Firm, P.A.** is pleased to announce that **James Alexander (Alex) Joyner** has joined the firm in its Charleston office. His practice focuses on all areas of civil defense litigation, including construction litigation, professional liability defense, product defect litigation, and personal injury defense.

**YCRLAW** is pleased to announce that **retired Judge Paul Garfinkel** has joined the firm as Special Counsel. Judge Garfinkel can be reached at 843-720-5441 or [pgarfinkel@yclaw.com](mailto:pgarfinkel@yclaw.com)

Judge Garfinkel will practice in YCRLAW's Alternative Dispute Resolution Group as a **mediator** and **arbitrator**. Additionally, as part of his practice, Judge Garfinkel will provide his insight and experience as an early neutral evaluator and an expert in **fee dispute** and **legal malpractice** matters. Judge Garfinkel plans to introduce South Carolina to two developing practice areas: Consultant and Discovery Master/Arbitrator. As a **Consultant**, Judge Garfinkel will **advise attorneys** on: the effectiveness and contents of pleadings and affidavits; preparation of witnesses; and legal arguments. In his role as a **Discovery Master/Arbitrator**, he will rule on all **discovery disputes** in accordance with the SCRCP and SCRFC, as applicable, with the ultimate goal of reducing court dockets and expediting rulings.

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We would really like to have photos from all attorneys. This is especially important for new members.



## 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.judicial.state.sc.us/calendar/index.cfm>.)

### CIRCUIT COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 6		April 13		April 20		April 27	
AW	- Dennis	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Nicholson	Chas CP/NJ	- Newman		
Chas GS	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Young, W.	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.		
Chas GS	- Young, R.	Chas GS	- Harrington	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ/PCR	- Young, W.		
Chas GS	- Nicholson	Chas GS	- Jefferson	Berk CP/NJ	- Dennis		
Berk GS	- Henderson			Berk GS	- Harrington		
May 4		May 11		May 18		May 25	
9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Nicholson	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Gibbons	Chas CP/NJ	- Goodstein
Chas CP/NJ	- Barber	9 <sup>th</sup> GSNJ	- Harrington	Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Dennis
Chas GS	- Lee	Chas GS	- Hughston	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.	Chas CP/NJ	- McMahon
Chas GS	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Nicholson	Berk CP/NJ	- Dennis	Berk CP/NJ	- Harrington
Chas GS	- Jefferson	Chas GS	- John	Berk GS	- Harrington		
Berk GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Gee				
June 1		June 8		June 15		June 22	
Chas GS	- Hughston	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Nicholson	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, W.	9 <sup>th</sup> CPNJ	- Young, R.
Chas GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Gee	Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Young, W.
Chas GS	- Jefferson	Chas GS	- Harrington	Chas CP/NJ	- Nicholson	Chas CP/NJ	- Gravely
Berk CP/NJ	- Young, R.	Chas GS	- Jefferson	9 <sup>th</sup> GS	- Harrington	Berk GS	- Dennis
Berk GS	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Young, R.			Berk GS	- Harrington
		Berk CP/NJ	- Dennis				
June 29							

### CIRCUIT COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 6		April 13		April 20		April 27	
Dor GS	- Dickson	Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein	1 <sup>st</sup> GS/NJ	- Murphy		
		Dor GS	- Cothran				
May 4		May 11		May 18		May 25	
Dor CP/NJ	- Murphy	Dor GS	- Goodstein	1 <sup>st</sup> CPNJ/PCR	- Murphy	Dor CP/NJ	- Cooper
Dor GS	- Henderson					1 <sup>st</sup> CPNJ	- Murphy
June 1		June 8		June 15		June 22	
Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein	Dor GS	- Murphy	Dor GS	- Murphy	1 <sup>st</sup> CPNJ	- Murphy
June 29							

## FAMILY COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 6		April 13		April 20		April 27	
Chas	- McLin	Chas	- Martin <sup>(13)</sup>	Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- McMahon
Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- Cate <sup>(14)</sup>	Chas	- Landis <sup>(20-23)</sup>	Chas	- Cate
Chas	- Sprott	Chas	- McMahon <sup>(15)</sup>	Chas	- Long	Chas	- Pogue
Chas	- Martin			Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Martin
Chas	- Vinson <sup>(9-10)</sup>			Berk	- Creech	Chas	- Ballenger
Berk	- Landis			Berk	- Jenkinson	Berk	- Creech
Berk	- Cate					Berk	- Bromell Holmes
Berk	- Creech <sup>(9-10)</sup>						

May 4		May 11		May 18		May 25	
Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- McMahon <sup>(11-14)</sup>	Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- McMahon
Chas	- Cate <sup>(4-6)</sup>	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Holt
Chas	- Jenkinson	Chas	- Pogue	Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Martin
Chas	- Richter <sup>(4-7)</sup>	Chas	- Fuge	Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Emery
Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Landis <sup>(11-12)</sup>	Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Creech
Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Martin	Berk	- Norton	Berk	- Landis
		Berk	- Richter				

June 1		June 8		June 15		June 22	
Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- McMahon	Chas	- Landis
Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Sprott	Chas	- Cate
Chas	- Richter <sup>(1-2)</sup>	Chas	- Norton	Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Long
Chas	- Norton	Chas	- Malphrus	Berk	- Creech	Chas	- Martin
Chas	- Sprott	Berk	- Creech	Berk	- McGee	Berk	- Creech
Berk	- Morehead	Berk	- Martin	Holmes		Berk	- Richter
Berk	- Landis						

June 29	
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## FAMILY COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 6		April 13		April 20		April 27	
Dor	- McGee			Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin
Dor	- Richter			Dor	- Fuge	Dor	- Richter

May 4		May 11		May 18		May 25	
Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McGee	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- Wylie
Dor	- Jones			Dor	- McGee	Dor	- Jones <sup>(27-29)</sup>

June 1		June 8		June 15		June 22	
Dor	- McLin	Dor	- Wylie	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- Wylie
Dor	- Wylie	Dor	- Fuge	Dor	- McGee	Dor	- McGee

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## THE ART OF ANNULMENTS

By: Ruth W. Cupp

Charleston Bar member, Joe Cabaniss, who is in his 90th year, tells the story about out how the local bar served their clients who needed a divorce at a time when this state had no divorce laws. "So those lawyers simply got their client's marriage annulled," explained Joe. Joe was admitted to this Bar in 1949. He was then surprised to learn of these legal actions. Regarding the attorneys' creative solution, he says, "Even the judges were tolerant of the cases."

It was April 15, 1949 that the South Carolina Legislature passed an act granting a divorce on the grounds of adultery, desertion, physical cruelty, and habitual drunkenness. Joes smiles as he tells this story. He and I have lunch together on Tuesdays.

"In order to qualify for an annulment, the attorney had to establish that the marriage could not have legally joined the couple as man and wife," says Joe.

The members of the South Carolina Bar in Charleston during the Nineteen Forties did not originate this jumble. In this Bar's history as far back as 1785, there is a case in point. In that year, Charles Pinckney was a member of this Bar. A rich woman client came to Pinckney with a plea to legally get out of her marriage. Pinckney filed an action to annul her wedding ceremony and he won his case in the court room. In appreciation of her annulment, the client gave Charles Pinckney two sterling silver urns. They were about twelve inches in height and were engraved "gift in gratitude for the annulment."

This is where this story remains relevant to the twenty-first century and the Charleston Bar. Tom Lowndes, a current member of the Charleston Bar, has one of those Pinckney silver urns. It came to him by way of a Lowndes forefather. Charles Pinckney's daughter married William Lowndes, Tom's ancestor.



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The Lowcountry AIDS Legal Clinic celebrates their 23rd year in operation. This clinic is completely staffed by volunteer Charleston lawyers, law students, paralegals and support staff at Lowcountry AIDS Services that unselfishly dedicate their time and energy to assisting the AIDS-HIV community here in Charleston. This group of dedicated individuals is still the only Legal Clinic in the state serving the AIDS-HIV community that is entirely self-funded. Lowcountry AIDS Legal Clinic is so proud of the excellent work completed by its volunteer lawyers, law students, paralegals and support staff at Lowcountry AIDS Services in 2014. This noble organization would like to give many thanks for those of you, attorneys and staff, who are continuing to dedicate your time and efforts for 2015: Dorothy Allen Badger; Brett C. Barker; Charles Bernstein, Daniel C. Boles; Bradley Childs; Rodney Davis; Mark Edwards, Fleet Freeman; Alyson C. Fudge; Evan Guthrie; Thomas L. Harper, Jr.; Camryn L. Hays; Laree Hensley; Nina Hoffman; David Hoyle; Anne Hutto; Christopher S. Inglese; Fay K. Johnson; Michael J. Jordan; Peter Kaufman; Evan Lacke; Frank McCann; Jessica Means; William M. O'Neil; Bobby Phipps; Chaun Pflug; Sarah Pflug; Joseph Schillizzi; Nathan Senn; Lester Schwartz; and Beatrice Whitten.

## PRO BONO MOMENTS

### By: Mallary Scheer, Esquire

Deputy Director  
(Charleston) Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc.

I am excited to announce the following things going on at Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services:

#### Ryan White Wellness Center Partnership

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with the Ryan White Wellness Center at Roper St. Francis Hospital. The Ryan White Wellness Center is dedicated to providing health services to patients suffering from HIV/AIDS. Most of these patients are low-income and have a high need for legal services, specifically Wills, POAs, and HPOAs. Charleston Pro Bono has agreed to commit to providing these services from 9am – noon on the 3rd Friday of every month. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering for one of these three (3) hour sessions!

#### Pro Bono Case Highlight!

Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, Inc. received a call from a scared and worried "Ms. C." We had assisted Ms. C with her Social Security Disability previously, and she called us with nowhere else to turn. Ms. C. is elderly and suffers from mental illness. Taking advantage of her, a company gave her a loan with a ridiculous interest rate, using her basic household items as collateral. Ms. C was on a very limited, fixed income and unable to make full payments on this loan. The loan payments were jeopardizing her ability to pay her rent.

The creditors began calling her with increasing frequency, and then started showing up at her home demanding payments and threatening her. When she explained the situation to us, we were able to connect her to Michael Drose, who was willing and able to take on her case, pro bono. Michael was able file the bankruptcy before the creditors obtained a judgment; but, more importantly, Michael stopped Ms. C. from being harassed at home and gave her the ability to once again manage her meager finances.

#### Pro Bono Opportunity

In addition to our other available pro bono cases, Charleston Pro Bono has a client in need of a family law attorney. The client is trying to gain her visitation rights after DSS removal. Although the children were removed by DSS, the client has completed the requirements and seems to have gotten her life turned around. She wants nothing more than the chance to rebuild her relationship with her two young children. The client is very kind and appreciates any and all help! Please contact us if you are willing and able to assist!

#### Thanks for your support of our Valentine's Day Auction!

Thank you to everyone who won, bid, and donated to support our program during our February auction! We sold eleven (11) items and raised nearly \$10,000! We plan to make this an annual event, so be on the lookout for auction information next year!

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## JURY VERDICTS

### CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

**2012-CP-10-6875** Jeffrey L. Miller vs. Banks Construction Company

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Samuel B. Cooper, Jr.  
Defendant: Amy F. Fowler and John H. Tiller

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2013-CP-10-0686** Jennifer Davey vs. Don M. Esposito

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Curtis Bostic  
Defendant: Edward D. Buckley, Jr. and Nicholas J. Rivera

**Cause of Action:** Tort

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$53,250.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$17,000.00.

**2013-CP-10-0978** Jacob de la Cruz vs. James Otterburg and Laura Otterburg

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Thomas O. Sanders, IV  
Defendant: Neil D. Thomson

**Cause of Action:** Breach of Contract/Negligent Misrepresentation

**Verdict:** For the Defendants.

**2013-CP-10-1400** Robert J. Burke vs. Republic Parking Systems, Inc.

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Clayton B. McCullough and Jamie A. Khan  
Defendant: Roopal S. Ruparelia and Sarah P. Spruill

**Cause of Action:** Tort

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$3,184,100 actual damages after a reduction of \$801,025 (representing the percentage of Plaintiff's comparative negligence) and a further reduction of \$20,000.00 (representing the amount of claims previously paid).

**2013-CP-10-3126** Herman L. Green vs. Elisa An

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Jeffrey Gerardi  
Defendants: Julie A. Craig and Margaret Fanning Horn

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2013-CP-10-5741** Richard D. Kinard vs. Louise F. Jones

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: C. Brandon Belger  
Defendants: Justin P. Novak and Kelley S. Cannon

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,200.00 actual damages.

**2013-CP-10-6579** Felicia Marie Lawrence vs. Carol Ring

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Keith Edward Robinson  
Defendants: Jessica Lynn Salerno

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$7,020.00 actual damages.

**2013-CP-10-6922** Eric Kiminock Bloomingburg vs. Michael J. Pitts

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Frederick W. Riesen, III and G. Rutledge DuRant  
Defendants: Peter E. Farr and Jason Phillip Luther

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$500.00 actual damages and \$2,500 punitive damages.



## JURY VERDICTS (Continued from page 8)

**2013-CP-10-7246** Travis J. Jenkins vs. Michelle C. Dotter

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Benjamin A. Parker  
Defendant: Michael L. Leech

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

### **FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - CHARLESTON DIVISION**

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

**2:11-cv-03139-DCN** John Rutherford vs. Corporal Dale Anders

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: Deborah J. Butcher and Robert J. Butcher  
Defendant: Russell W. Harter, Justin Tyler Bagwell and Michael B. Wren

**Cause of Action:** Civil Rights Act

**Verdict:** For the Defendant.

**2014-CP-10-0024** Carmen R. Franco-Jimenex and Juan R. Jimenez vs. Richard A. Geathers, Jr.

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: David L. Savage  
Defendant: Christopher W. Nickels

**Cause of Action:** Motor Vehicle Accident

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff Carmen R. Franco-Jimenez in the amount of \$1,337.00 actual damages and for Plaintiff Juan R. Jimenez in the amount of \$770.00 actual damages.

**2:12-cv-02337-RMG** Paula Young vs. Care Alliance Health Services d/b/a Roper Hospital St. Frances Healthcare

**Attorneys:**

Plaintiff: J. Scott Falls and A. Christopher Potts  
Defendant: John S. Wilkerson, III and Franklin G. Shuler, Jr.

**Cause of Action:** Employment

**Verdict:** For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$650,000.00 (\$150,000.00 in compensatory damages and \$500,000.00 punitive damages).

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