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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Who decided to call us "black and white"?
When I look at all of you,
I see shades of brown.
A sea of one color.
Ripples of love
floating along a sea change.

We are more
than a box-checked statistic,
we are more
than a census.

I am not black
or white.

I am awake.

From Mahogany, by Marcus Amaker (Charleston's First Poet Laureate) (2015).



Dear Colleagues,

On a hot summer night in Charleston in June 2015, the unfathomable happened on Calhoun Street in Charleston when nine lives were taken at the Emanuel AME Church for no other reason than hate based on race.

The gunman's hate claimed more victims in the church that night, people who

survived but who suffered devastating harm: Felicia Sanders and her eleven-year-old granddaughter who watched Felicia's son die; church trustee Polly Sheppard who was spared so she could tell the story; Jennifer Pinckney and her six-year-old daughter who heard the shooting from where they were waiting for their husband and father in Rev. Pinckney's office. Pain from the hate rippled from there: victims' families and friends, the City of Charleston and its law enforcement and first

responders, the State of South Carolina, the nation, and beyond were deeply affected.

Charleston lawyers mobilized, representing the victims' families and the church in the legal proceedings to come, comforting survivors' families, and raising and donating money. Charleston lawyer-legislators jumped into action in Columbia. Two years later, Charleston lawyers are still working to ensure that our city does not forget what happened that night.

Conceived by our Immediate Past President Brian Duffy to ensure that the national conversation on race continued past the massacre, the Charleston Forum was born with our Bar Association as the first sponsor. Brian's vision was to allow people to come together to voice differing views and provide an opportunity for our community to hear and understand other perspectives. From this genesis, on the two-year anniversary of the massacre, a sold-out program was held at the Charleston Music Hall on June 16 to continue the dialogue started by the massacre. More people followed the livestream of the program on Facebook.

It was a glorious and inspiring night. Four topics were discussed: economics and education, policing and criminal justice, the future of the past, and the Charleston experience. Speakers and performers included Kassy Alia, founder of Heroes in Blue; Marcus Amaker; the Paula Boggs Band with the Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church Choir and Seattle singer Mycle Westman; former Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor; Congressman Jim Clyburn; Rev. Joe Darby; Malcolm Graham, brother of Cynthia Graham Hurd; Margaret Hoover, author and conservative political commentator; Brian Hicks, Post and Courier; Jennifer Pinckney; State Senators Marlon Kimpson and Gerald Malloy; Lindsey Leonard, Director of Government Affairs at Boeing; Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen; former Mayor Joe Riley; Rev. Sharon Risher, daughter of Ethel Lance; Rev. Nelson Rivers, III; DeRay Mckesson from Black Lives Matter; Rev. Kylon Middleton; U.S. Senator Tim Scott; Bakari Sellers; Charlton Singleton,

Artist in Residence at the Gaillard Center; and Mayor John Tecklenburg; and many more. Stephen Colbert and Gov. Henry McMaster appeared by video.

Charleston County Bar Association lawyers, we can be proud of this Forum that was started by our past president and included speakers and moderators from our Bar. Many of our lawyers served on the Forum Committee. Many more of our lawyers and law firms were generous sponsors and donors.

Hate may have started the conversation, but as we learned at The Forum, the conversation is not going to end with hate. Borrowing the words of Marcus Amaker, we need to stay awake and keep the conversation going. An Online Forum will be coming, providing a continuing dialogue on race, and we hope that you will follow. We need solutions.

Very truly yours,

Scott Moise

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SAVE THE DATES

Thursday September 7, 2017

CCBA Fall Judge's BBQ

Founders Hall, Charles Towne Landing

5:30-7:30 pm

Thursday December 7, 2017

CCBA Holiday Party

Charleston Aquarium

Thursday February 15, 2018

CCBA Annual Meeting

Francis Marion Hotel



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Magistrate Judge for the City of Charleston Magistrate Court Jennifer B. McCoy

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

Born: Judge McCoy was born in Atlanta, GA, but grew up in Augusta, GA.

Appointed: 2015

Education: B.A., University of Georgia; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2007

Career: After graduating from Charleston School of Law, Judge McCoy clerked for Judge R. Markley Dennis, Jr. She then worked for Carlock Copeland in Charleston focusing on civil litigation including professional negligence claims and construction litigation. Additionally, Judge McCoy spent three years working as a Ninth Circuit Assistant Solicitor before taking her position on the bench.

Family: Husband, Peter McCoy; Two daughters (6,4) and one son (3).

1. **What the bar would be surprised to learn:** Though she hasn't done it in years, Judge McCoy took flying lessons while in Georgia.
2. **Personal life away from the bench:** Judge McCoy jokes that as the mother of three young children, they "keep us very busy" and her family is involved in various activities and camps.
3. **Most memorable trinket on your desk:** Judge McCoy speaks fondly of an orange wooden dragonfly on her desk given to her by Martha Dicus, a Senior Staff Attorney at the Charleston County Public Defender's office, who passed away in 2012. Judge McCoy shares that although they may have been courtroom adversaries, Martha taught her so much including "how to treat people and make

sure everyone feels respected regardless of background."

4. **Best part about being a judge:** The best part about being a judge for Judge McCoy is meeting people "of all walks of life that you wouldn't otherwise."
5. **Hardest part about being a judge:** Judge McCoy indicates that the hardest part is knowing that "the decision you make will have a serious impact on someone."
6. **In your courtroom, DO:** Judge McCoy explains an important principle she learned while interning for the late Judge Sol Blatt, Jr. is "to treat people with respect and courtesy." Judge McCoy clarifies this belief extends not just to pro se litigants, but also to attorneys toward one another.
7. **In your courtroom, DON'T:** She cautions attorneys not to make assumptions about pro se litigants. She firmly states that "this is the People's Court and they will be treated respectfully whether represented or not."
8. **Advice to young lawyers:** "Try to find a mentor. Look up to another attorney who has been practicing for 15, 20, 25 years. Also, your temperament and how you act will carry you just as far as your legal knowledge."
9. **What experience best prepared you for the bench?** Judge McCoy indicates learning from both Judge Blatt while a judicial intern and Judge Dennis as a law clerk helped best prepare her for the bench.
10. **What would you change about the American Judicial System?** Judge McCoy explains that while no system is perfect, our system, where you are judged by a jury of your peers, is probably best.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gallivan White Boyd is pleased to announce that attorney **Paige Chamberlin Ornduff** has joined the firm's Charleston, South Carolina office. Paige joins the Charleston office as it celebrates the two year anniversary of its opening. Founded more than six decades ago in Greenville, South Carolina, the firm has expanded into a Southeastern regional firm including Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Yarborough Applegate is pleased to announce that **Christopher J. Bryant** has joined the firm. After law school, Chris clerked for Judge James A. Wynn, Jr. on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and most recently clerked for Judge Gergel during *United States v. Dylann Storm Roof*. He attended Duke University for his undergraduate and law degrees and was elected the first African American Editor in Chief of the *Duke Law Journal*. Chris is on the Duke Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. Chris also serves as a Director of Charleston Legal Access, a nonprofit law firm representing modest-means clients who do not make enough to pay standard rates for an attorney.

Chris Staubes is pleased to announce the opening of his firm, **Staubes Law Firm, LLC**, with practice areas focused on buying or selling businesses, mergers and acquisitions, franchise law, contract review and negotiations.

Amanda Darling, a lawyer in the Charleston office of **K&L Gates LLP**, has been recognized as one of eight Rising Stars performing legal work for the aviation industry by the Euromoney publication Airfinance Journal. Amanda has extensive experience advising lenders, lessors, and airlines in the various facets of aviation, including Japanese Operating Leases with Call Option ("JOLCOs"), Portfolio Purchases and Component Financing, complicated tax driven financing and leasing structures, and enhanced equipment trust certificates ("EETCs").

Andrew W. Countryman is pleased to announce the opening of his firm, **Countryman Law Firm**, after practicing for nearly ten years at Carlock Copeland. Andrew practices civil litigation on the plaintiff and defense sides, as well as, contract disputes and business related matters. He will incorporate mediation as part of his practice in early fall.

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

July 3		July 10		July 17		July 24	
9 th CPNJ	- Harrington ⁽⁵⁾	Chas GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Goodstein	9 th GSNJ	- Dennis
9 th CPNJ	- Young, R. ⁽⁷⁾	Chas GS	- Jefferson	Chas CP/NJ	- Nicholson	Chas CP/NJ	- Goldsmith
		Chas GS	- Couch	Chas GS	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Nicholson
		Berk GS	- Goldsmith	Chas GS	- Couch	Berk GS	- Harrington
				Chas GS	- Jefferson	Berk GS/SGJ	- Jefferson
				Berk CP/NJ	- Hyman		

July 31		August 7		August 14		August 21	
9 th CPNJ/PCR	- Nettles	AW	- Jefferson			Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson
9 th GSNJ	- Dennis	Chas GS	- Dennis			Chas GS	- Dennis
Chas CP/NJ	- Goldsmith	Chas GS	- Goldsmith			Chas GS	- Couch
Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson	Chas GS	- Couch			Chas GS	- Nicholson
Berk CP/NJ	- Harrington	Berk CP/NJ	- Harrington			Berk CP/NJ	- Murphy
		Berk GS	- Young, W.				

August 28		September 4		September 11		September 18	
9 th CPNJ	- Nicholson	9 th CPNJ	- Lee	9 th CPNJ	- Jefferson	9 th CPNJ	- Nicholson
Chas GS	- Newman	9 th GSNJ	- Dennis	9 th GSNJ	- Dennis	Chas CP/NJ	- Hughston
Berk GS	- Murphy	Chas CP/NJ	- Hughston	Chas GS	- Newman	Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson
Berk GS	- Young, R.	Chas GS	- Newman	Chas GS	- Couch	Chas GS	- Young, W.
		Berk CP/NJ	- Harrington	Berk CP/NJ	- Harrington	Chas GS	- Couch
						Chas GS	- Dennis
						Berk GS	- Harrington

September 25	
AW	- Harrington
Chas CP/NJ	- Hughston
Chas CP/NJ	- Jefferson
Chas CP/NJ	- Young, R.
Berk CP/NJ	- Dennis

CIRCUIT COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 3		July 10		July 17		July 24	
		1 st CPNJ	- Goodstein	1 st CPNJ/PCR-	Dickson		
		Dor GS	- Murphy	Dor CP/NJ	- Murphy		

July 31		August 7		August 14		August 21	
Dor GS	- Goodstein	Dor GS	- Goodstein			Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein
Dor CP/NJ	- Murphy						

August 28		September 4		September 11		September 18	
		Dor GS	- Goodstein	1 st CPNJ	- Goodstein		
				Dor GS	- Murphy		

September 25	
1 st CPNJ	- Murphy
Dor CP/NJ	- Goodstein

FAMILY COURT - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 3		July 10		July 17		July 24	
Chas	- Richter ⁽³⁾	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Morehead	Chas	- Landis
Chas	- Martin ⁽⁵⁻⁷⁾	Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate
Berk	- Landis ^(3 & 5)	Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Martin ⁽¹⁷⁻¹⁹⁾	Chas	- Richter ⁽²⁴⁻²⁵⁾
Berk	- Creech ⁽⁷⁾	Chas	- Norton	Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Forsythe
		Berk	- Creech	Chas	- Forsythe ⁽²¹⁾	Berk	- Creech ⁽²⁴⁻²⁷⁾
		Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Martin
				Berk	- Morris		

July 31		August 7		August 14		August 21	
Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate			Chas	- Landis
Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Martin			Chas	- McGowan
Chas	- McGee	Chas	- McGee			Chas	- Martin
Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Richter			Chas	- Richter
Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Forsythe			Chas	- Forsythe
Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Creech			Berk	- Creech
		Berk	- Landis			Berk	- Cate

August 28		September 4		September 11		September 18	
Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Cate	Chas	- Morehead
Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Martin	Chas	- Landis
Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Richter	Chas	- Cate
Berk	- Creech	Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Forsythe	Chas	- Richter
Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Creech	Berk	- Creech
		Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Landis	Berk	- Martin

September 25	
Chas	- Martin
Chas	- Richter
Chas	- Forsythe
Berk	- Creech
Berk	- Landis

FAMILY COURT - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

July 3		July 10		July 17		July 24	
Dor	- Wylie ^(3 & 7)	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin
				Dor	- Wylie ⁽¹⁷⁻²⁰⁾	Dor	- Wylie

July 31		August 7		August 14		August 21	
Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin			Dor	- McLin
Dor	- Zimmerman	Dor	- Wylie			Dor	- Wylie

August 28		September 4		September 11		September 18	
Dor	- McLin	Dor	- McLin	Dor	- Wylie	Dor	- McLin
Dor	- Wylie	Dor	- Armstrong	Dor	- Jones	Dor	- Wylie
						Dor	- McGee

September 25	
Dor	- McLin
Dor	- Wylie

There's something new in Charleston's legal market: the state's first non-profit, sliding scale law firm, Charleston Legal Access. The attorneys at CLA say their goal is simple: to provide low-cost legal representation to the working poor and others of modest means who do not qualify for free or pro bono legal services but who cannot afford a private attorney.



Narrowing the Justice Gap - Nationwide, 86% of the civil legal needs reported by low-income Americans last year received inadequate or no legal help. For middle-income Americans, that number is 40-60%, and there are reasons to suspect the numbers are higher in South Carolina. According to the National Center for Access to Justice, South Carolina currently ranks 52nd out of 52 jurisdictions (50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico) on attorney access, with an attorney access score of 2.44 out of 100.

Charleston Legal Access's Founder, Sally Newman, wanted to tackle this Justice Gap from a different angle. She wanted to provide a clear path to legal representation for those in the middle—those whose modest incomes disqualified them from receiving free legal services but did not allow them to afford private attorney rates. Specifically, CLA serves those between 125% and 400% of the federal poverty line. This range, which takes into account income and household size, aims to pick up where free legal services ends and offer an option for the working poor, disabled, and middle-income Americans.

Charleston Legal Access has three case selection criteria: 1) A potential client's income qualification and lack of access to existing legal resources; 2) The potential benefit of legal representation to the client; and 3) The public interest in participating in a case. CLA Executive Director Adair Boroughs notes that in many instances, a setback in a legal matter can cause families who are surviving month-to-month to fall into homelessness and abject poverty. CLA works to prevent such outcomes by providing legal representation at critical moments in their clients' lives. By providing assistance before parties become indigent, CLA aims to preserve the financial viability of its clients in the long term, and ease the demands they would otherwise place on social services.

CLA assists clients with a variety of civil matters including housing, property, contracts, consumer rights, administrative law, tax, and elder law. It also provides certain free legal services to victims of crimes through a partnership with the South Carolina Victims Assistance Network, and is starting to accept limited family matters.

The Sliding Scale Model - Charleston Legal Access does not provide free legal services. Instead, it operates on a sliding scale, meaning that all of CLA's clients pay fees,

but the amount they pay is based on income and household size. CLA charges between \$50 and \$100 an hour depending on where a client falls on their scale. This hybrid funding model, where low-rate fees are supplemented by philanthropic support, allows donor dollars to go farther and enables its attorneys to serve more clients and increase its impact in South Carolina. It also ensures that clients are invested and engaged in their cases, and that the organization is pursuing only claims both it and its clients think are worth the resources.

Early Results - Charleston Legal Access began taking clients in February of 2016. In the seventeen months since, it has

- represented clients in 34 cases;
- provided 65 more households with advice and counsel;
- preserved over \$100,000 of assets for South Carolinians struggling to make ends meet;
- kept two families in their home;
- got one family out of an unlivable situation; and
- obtained an emergency guardianship and conservatorship for a son who needed to it to obtain healthcare services for his elderly mother.

In 2017, CLA also expanded its staff from 1 to 2.5 attorneys and moved from a co-working space to a dedicated office. Your Charleston County Bar Association has supported CLA with a small grant in both 2016 and 2017 to help this innovative model get off the ground and narrow the justice gap in Charleston County.

How You Can Help - CLA relies on philanthropic donations to operate, aiming for a 50-50 model where half of its operating expenses are covered by client fees and half is covered by philanthropic dollars. Charleston Legal Access is a 501(c)(3) public charity, and all donations are tax deductible. You can make a donation at www.charlestonlegalaccess.org/donate/. CLA also participates in Amazon's Smile Program. To designate CLA as your Amazon Smile charity, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to CLA.

If you would like to refer potential clients to CLA, you can refer them to the intake form on CLA's website at www.charlestonlegalaccess.org/contact/ or have them call CLA's intake line at 843-640-5980.

If you are interested in getting involved in other ways, contact CLA Executive Director Adair Boroughs at adair@charlestonlegalaccess.org

Special Grant Opportunity Through the SC Bar Foundation

Pursuant to a settlement agreement between Bank of America and the U.S. Depart. of Justice, the South Carolina Bar Foundation has received funding for community redevelopment legal assistance and foreclosure prevention legal assistance. If you are interested in learning more, see the RFP guidelines and application at <http://sctbarfoundation.org/grants/bank-of-america-grant-application/>.



High school students discussing legal issues

The Charleston County Bar Association, along with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, sponsored the Street Law program in April and May in which Charleston Bar lawyers attended a training and planning session, and two teams of lawyers then taught lessons in contracts and sexual harassment to Stall High School students in North Charleston. The classroom visits were followed by a field trip to Harborside East, where the high school students met with Charleston Bar lawyers and students from the Charleston School of Law, where they applied the lessons learned in class by conducting mock negotiations and litigation exercises.

As incoming President of the Charleston County Bar, Scott Moise set forth an important mission—reaching out to the community and encouraging education. Moise began her presidency with the Street Law program at Stall High School, and she encouraged other attorneys to join her on this project. The Bar's goal was to help educate these students about the law and increase the diversity in our profession. When asked to anonymously evaluate the program after its conclusion, the students almost unanimously agreed that they were more

interested in the legal profession than before the program, and many are now considering a career in the profession. Although most students these days get their information from TV shows—which focus almost exclusively on litigation—they loved working together on the contract negotiations and learning how to reach a win-win situation. They also loved the sexual harassment exercises and the open discussions and conclusions.



Volunteers Taylor Seman and Tammy Van Pala talk with students

A shout out and huge thank you to our volunteers: Elizabeth Scott Moise (Nelson Mullins); Debra Gammons (Charleston School of Law); Shawan Gillians (Santee Cooper); Jenny Jordan (Nelson Mullins); Felicia Preston (Nexsen Pruet); Nosi Ralephata (Turner Padget); Rebecca Roser (Santee Cooper); Nicholas Sanders (Charleston School of Law); Taylor Seman (Public Defender's Office); Benjamin Sermons (Pritchard Law Group); Tamara Van Pala (Public Defender's Office), Tod Williams (Solicitor's Office); and Nickisha Woodward (Turner Padget) and those from the Charleston School of Law: Norma Barajas, Melissa Bernadel, Robert Casey, Lauren Daniels, Christopher Jacob, Dustin Marshall, Mallory Sikora, and Tyler Williams.

CLE HOURS: JUST ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

For many years the Charleston Bar Association's CLE Committee has worked diligently to sponsor meaningful programs for our members to keep up with their area of practice or learn new areas in which to expand their practice, as well as, segments on ethics and substance abuse/mental health issues in the practice of law. These programs, which are free to members, amounted to more than 30 hours of CLE credit last year and it is anticipated that at least that many will be available to our members for the present year through February of 2018. When considered in light of the cost of membership in the Charleston County Bar, the ability to secure all of your required CLE hours at no additional cost makes membership a great value (even before you take advantage of all of the social functions, particularly the Holiday Party, Annual Meeting and, new this year, the Fall Judges BBQ)! Notice of the CLE events are provided via the Tuesday Talk emails and a calendar of upcoming events can be found on the Charleston County Bar Association's website after you log in at www.charlestoncountybar.org/cle/cle-calendar/.

JURY VERDICTS

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

2014-CP-10-7889 Rene Hightower v. Robert Salamon, DC, et al.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: John Hugh Price, Jr. and Shawn Travis Pinkston

Defendants: N. Keith Emge, Jr. and Jeffrey Michael Crudup

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2015-CP-10-3352 Helen T. Metts v. Roper Hospital, Inc. *et al.*

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Clayton B. McCullough

Defendants: Todd W. Smyth, Joseph J. Tierney, Jr. and Christine K. Toporek

Cause of Action: Medical Malpractice

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2015-CP-10-3675 Snokie A. Green v. Amy McAlpine Bethea

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Joshua Howle

Defendant: Leslie Boodry

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2015-CP-10-4153 Margaret L. Cochran v. GCA Services Group, Inc.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Dusty Rhodes and Joseph Cortopassi

Defendant: Barrett Brewer

Cause of Action: Premises Liability

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2015-CP-10-6780 Kenneth Alan Burgess v. Kenyatta C. Grimmage

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Milton D. Stratos, II and Milton D. Stratos

Defendant: James P. Sullivan

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,343.04 actual damages.

2015-CP-10-4165 Burroughs James, Jr. v. Herbert E. Wilson, Jr.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Julie Moore and Blake McKie

Defendant: Barrett Brewer

Cause of Action: Premises Liability

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2015-CP-10-4613 Jarvis Turenne v. Thomas M. Raynor

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Jack Swan

Defendant: Richard Marsh and James Flynn

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2016-CP-10-0194 Frances Carol Lewis v. Linden Carnes

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Bert Utsey

Defendant: J. William Horvath

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$12,000.00.

2016-CP-10-1274 Molly Hespenheide v. Charles Armstrong, III

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Johnny F. Driggers and Howard W. Taylor

Defendant: David S. Cobb

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000.00 actual damages/\$75,000 punitive damages.

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT - CHARLESTON DIVISION

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

2:13-cv-01634-RMG Geneva Garrett v. Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Dept. of Veteran Affairs

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Bonnie Travaglio Hunt
Defendant: Terri Hearn Bailey and Barbara Murcier Bowens

Cause of Action: Sexual Harassment

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$300,000.00 actual damages/\$25,000.00 punitive damages.

2:15-cv-00126-BM Jerome C. Newkirk v. James B. Enzor

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Christopher P. Kenney, Joseph Matthew McCulloch, Jr. and Richard A. Harpootlian
Defendant: Samuel F. Arthur, III

Cause of Action: False Arrest

Verdict: For the Defendant.

2:15-cv-03166-MBS Alucoil North America, LLC v. Lehmann Maupin

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Lawrence Michael Hershon, Felicia Sampson Preston and Katon Edwards Dawson, Jr.
Defendant: Harry Clayton Walker, Jr. and Reynolds Hedland Blankenship, Jr.

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract/Breach of Warranty

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$60,907.80. For the Counter-Claimant (Lehmann Maupin) in the amount of \$3,153,317.56. Net Verdict for the Counter-Claimant in the amount of \$3,092,409.76.

2:15-cv-04571-CWH Keith F. Kraemer v. Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co.

Attorneys:

Plaintiff: Adam Keith Kraemer and Sean A. O'Connor
Defendant: Charles R. Norris and Mary Kathleen McTighe Mellen

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$1,309.12.

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



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This July marks the 50th Anniversary of Pro Bono Legal Services in Charleston, South Carolina. Today, we are known as Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, but we are the progeny of the former Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program (NLAP). Incorporated on July 19, 1967, NLAP served as a homegrown organization dedicated to providing free legal services to low-income residents of Charleston County. The founding Directors include some of the legal community's best and brightest: Coming B. Gibbs, Jr., President; A. Arthur Rosenblum, Vice President; Hon. Richard E. Fields, Secretary-Treasurer; Laurence O. Stoney, Trustee; Joseph H. McGee, Jr., Trustee; I. M. Goldberg, Trustee; and Hon. Bernard R. Fielding, Trustee. It was through the compassion and dedication to public service of these founding Directors that we can now celebrate and reflect on fifty years of success!

NLAP first operated out of an office on Spring Street and eventually moved to an office on upper King Street. Thousands of clients were served throughout the years. In

early 2000, the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C., and funder of NLAP, moved to consolidate services throughout every state. A group of lawyers associated with NLAP saw the need for maintaining access to direct legal services for the community, by the community. This same group of dedicated legal advocates established Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services. Special thanks to attorney and then Charleston County Bar Association President, Mark Tanenbaum, for his support in the creation of a county-bar sponsored legal service organization. Charleston Pro Bono was incorporated in 2004 and first opened its doors in 2005.

Today, Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing the legal services necessary to maintain the basic needs of low-income children, families, and individuals in our community. Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services harnesses both the goodwill of the legal community and the volunteerism of students at Charleston School of Law. Operating with a staff of three – an Executive Director, Staff Attorney, and Paralegal – Charleston Pro Bono manages more than 400 volunteer attorneys and received almost 2,000 requests for services last year!

Through our unique service delivery strategy, Charleston Pro Bono offers various degrees of legal services tailored to meet the needs of our clients and best engage volunteers. We empower clients by providing aid in drafting legal documents, giving them free legal advice and counsel in our office, and often matching them with volunteer attorneys in the Charleston area.

Thank you to the public servants who started this pro bono initiative 50 years ago, our Board of Directors and Trustees, our volunteer attorneys and law students, our donors, and all who continue to support our efforts so that we may continue to serve the Charleston community.

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