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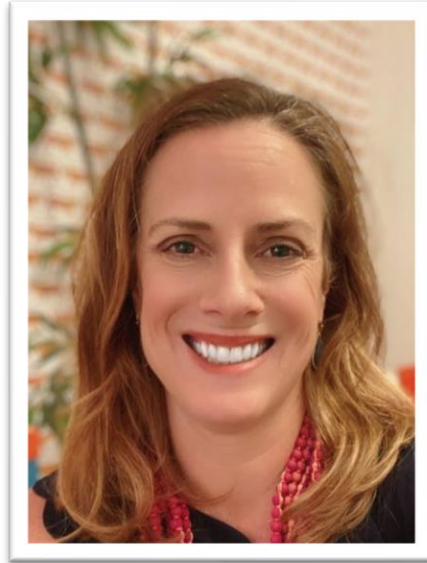
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues:

The Charleston County Bar Association continues to adapt and grow, and we hope to better serve you as you do the same. Necessity can really be the mother of all invention, and last year's pivot to a virtual world impacted us all. Zoom and Webex became our window to the courthouse, clients, mediation, and to our families and friends. Thankfully, 2021 is shaping up differently, and I am excited for the CCBA to help us all reconnect.



the collegiality of practicing law in Charleston.

The Association continues to grow, and with that growth we are implementing a new member management database system. IntelLinX is designed for Bar Associations and should help us keep better track of all our members, events and allow more automated updates and communications (and get up-to-date photos into the

new directory).

We are planning to host three major social events this calendar year – the first on **July 1st at the Historic Rice Mill Building – a Holidays in July event!** There will be both indoor and outdoor reception space. Plans are underway for a **special Fall reception** at which time the Association will announce only the 5th recipient of the James Louis Petigru Award. The Award is awarded by a standing committee and is the highest honor bestowed by the Association. It honors a lawyer for a field, and often a lifetime of work, dedicated to the values we place highest – integrity and the persistent push for justice. The prior recipients are The Honorable Richard E. Fields, former circuit court judge; Coming Ball Gibbs, prominent criminal defense attorney; Morris D. Rosen, founder of Rosen, Rosen & Hagood Law Firm, and Ruth Cupp, one of the first female lawyers to join the Charleston County Bar Association. And we will return to the **SC Aquarium for the annual Holiday Party on December 9, 2021.** I hope that all of you make extra efforts to attend one or more of these events this year. The loss of the ability to gather made me realize how important real in-person interaction is to one's overall well-being, and

We plan to renew our commitment to providing quality, virtual and in-person, CLE opportunities. The **first in-person CLE of 2021 will be held on July 15th at the Riverdogs Segra Club** where we will have the opportunity to learn about sports law, remember Stanley Feldman, and enjoy a baseball game with friends and family.

It is exciting to be able to renew our assistance of non-profits like the Charleston Forum and the Center for Heirs Property, and to volunteer again in local schools with programming like Cockey's Reading Express.

Lastly, please consider joining one of our committees – Wellness, CLE, Diversity & Inclusion, Engagement, for example. All you have to do is raise your hand!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Charleston County Bar Association is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting ethics and education within Charleston County's legal community as well as assisting the public through outreach programs and service projects.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. FIELDS

Judge Fields, as lawyer, municipal judge, family court judge, circuit judge, and community leader, impacted the lives of generations of South Carolinians and mentored many in the legal profession.

Last October, in the midst of the pandemic, Judge Fields celebrated his **100th birthday**. A group of fellow lawyers fashioned a grand plan for a Reception at the Charleston Gaillard Center. The CCBA was pleased to assist. Unfortunately, like so many other events in 2020, that special celebration could not occur. Other smaller birthday celebrations took place, with pandemic precautions. And, on October 1, 2020, Judge Fields was surprised and presented with an official SC Department of Transportation street designation. Spring Street on the Peninsula is now "Judge Richard E. Fields Street." A Post & Courier article about that event can be found [HERE](#).

As a mentor to many Charleston lawyers, one could fill pages with tributes, stories, and well wishes. These members featured below agreed to share with you all their thoughts, admiration and appreciation for Judge Fields.



My Toast for Judge Fields 100th Birthday

by The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson

The words of Martin Luther King are apropos as we honor Judge Richard E. Fields: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others. In dangerous valleys and hazardous pathways, he will lift some bruised and beaten brother to a higher and more noble life."

These sentiments are so appropriate in describing his nature. He chose honor, integrity and wisdom which for most would not come as easy choices but nevertheless choices he's made look effortless. He is a man who selflessly contributed, supported, built, advanced and transformed the legal landscape of our state. Through his courage and deeds, he has empowered many and improved the lives of even more. He is a calm man of reason whose very presence was a catalyst to change and set the stage for decades of progress. Many believe they have risen in this world as the product of their own devices and fail to realize they are the beneficiaries of those who paved the way and the sacrifices of others like Judge Fields. I thank him today for so generously and selflessly allowing me and others to stand on his shoulders. He is a rare man of quiet strength never seeking attention for the unselfish way he has given of himself to humanity. As we honor him we take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for risking your position, your prestige, and even your life for the welfare of others and to lift us to higher, more noble lives. THANK YOU.....



Judge Fields' Birthday Tribute

by Capers G. Barr, III

I enjoyed the distinct pleasure of practicing before Judge Richard Fields in many criminal and civil cases during his years on the bench. In my every appearance before him, many of them somber, I left Judge Fields' court proud to be a lawyer. It was because of his uplifting spirit. Whether he ruled with me or against me, and whether my client prevailed or did not, Judge Fields' civility and positive spirit was buoyant. My most recent fond memory was driving Judge Fields to the Bar Convention in Columbia only a few years ago during which we regaled each other with war stories and humorous recollections about the simple joy of doing what we do. Happy Birthday, Judge Fields.



Judge Richard Fields—100th Birthday Celebration

by Henry Smythe

Judge Richard Fields is a trailblazer in Charleston and, in particular, in the legal community. As a practicing lawyer and a judge, his generous spirit and sense of fairness have won over all who come before him, lawyers and clients alike. Countless difficult matters have resulted in settlements acceptable to all sides as a result of his gentle encouragement toward peaceful solutions. Charleston has been so very fortunate to have for so many decades the benefit of Judge Fields' wisdom and counsel. He is truly "a man for all seasons."

Happy Birthday Judge Fields

by Deborah Wright

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to clerk for Judge Richard E. Fields and to get to know him. I clerked for him for his first 2 years as Circuit Court Judge. I practiced before him when he was a Family Court Judge. Judge Fields was such a good judge. He studied and made well informed decisions. He worked hard. He taught me, by example, discipline, hard work, patience, gratitude, respect for others, getting along with others, staying calm. I spent many Saturday afternoons visiting with him and working with him in his office on Spring Street. He began practicing law in Charleston in 1949. He made friends with other lawyers who helped him, and he helped many of them. These lawyers have remained friends with him for life.



He loved his parents and told many stories about his mother and aunt who cared for him. His aunt walked him to school and his father worked for the railroad and depended on Judge Fields' generosity in later years. Both parents had passed away prior to his swearing in but Judge Fields had a chair to honor his mother at his swearing in. We traveled together to court in other circuits, and he got along well in all counties. Attorneys, litigants and lay people alike appreciated the compassion Judge Fields extended to all.

Judge Richard Fields and Me

by Retired US District Judge, Patrick Michael Duffy

Judge Fields began his law practice in 1949, when I was celebrating my 6th birthday. He entered my life in 1973 when he and I were appointed to represent co-defendants in a very unusual murder case. I was a young lawyer, and he was a senior member of the Bar and a Charleston Municipal Judge. The defendants decided to rob an over-served construction worker on payday and ended up unintentionally killing him. It was a tragedy for all families concerned and I was frustrated by the facts and my inability to have a greater impact on my client's situation. Judge Fields helped me to understand my responsibilities, but also to accept the limitations of my role as a lawyer. It was a valuable lesson.



Over the years, I learned a great deal appearing before Judge Fields in municipal court, family court, and circuit court. He was all things a judge should be: knowledgeable, prepared, courteous, fair, and always kind. I admired him greatly. When I was appointed to the Federal Bench in 1995, he was one of the first friends I asked for advice. He was humble but most helpful in his reply. He said "Michael, you will have all the power in the world, everyone knows it and only a fool would challenge it. Don't use it!" I always tried to follow his advice. One of my happiest moments came on September 19, 2013 when I was privileged to present the James L. Petigru Award to Judge Fields, the highest and most coveted award presented by the Charleston County Bar Association. Happy Birthday again my dear friend.



Rhett DeHart
United States Attorney

By: Anthony Roccograndi
J.D. Candidate 2021
Charleston School of Law

Rhett DeHart is the acting United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina and is responsible for federal criminal prosecutions as well as civil litigation involving the United States. Learn about Mr. DeHart's career and his goals below.

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First of all, Congratulations on your promotion to acting U.S. Attorney. I am sure everyone would love to know what does your role as U.S. Attorney entail?

As Acting U.S. Attorney, I am the chief federal law enforcement official in South Carolina. Our office has offices in Columbia, Greenville, Florence, and Charleston. We have approximately 170 employees, including 62 Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in South Carolina is a bit unique in that we have only one U.S. Attorney for a growing state of 5.3 million people. Other similar sized states like Alabama and Louisiana each have three U.S. Attorneys. We are twice the size of Mississippi, and it has two U.S. Attorneys. So being U.S. Attorney in South Carolina can be challenging given the size and population of the state.

In addition, how does your current role differ from when you were an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District's Charleston Office?

When I was an AUSA in Charleston, I handled my own cases and enjoyed it. But as U.S. Attorney, I don't have time to handle any cases on my own. Instead, I'm involved at a 10,000 foot level in all cases as I must sign every indictment and civil complaint. I've also learned that a U.S. Attorney must be an effective diplomat to maintain good relationships with the judiciary, law enforcement agencies, and the private bar.

Let's back up, how did you decide that this was the career path for you? Did you have a mentor?

Funny story—after law school, I practiced in Washington, D.C., and my mother served on a federal grand jury in Charleston for a year and really enjoyed it. Hearing her talk about those cases got me interested in becoming a federal prosecutor.

Once I joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charleston, now U.S. District Judge Bruce ("Brucie") Howe Hendricks was my mentor. We remained close after she became a judge. Bart Daniel and Joe Griffith helped me become an AUSA, and they have remained mentors to me since. Make no mistake, Judge Hendricks doesn't always rule my way, and Bart and Joe and I don't agree on all cases, but all three have been fantastic mentors.

When you think of your legal career, what has been a moment that you still remember to this day?

I remember verdicts in big cases that we won, just I still remember big mistakes that I've made. Recently, being named First Assistant U.S. Attorney by Peter McCoy, and then Acting U.S. Attorney by the Justice Department, were memorable moments.

What are you most passionate about in your job?

I am passionate about making the U.S. Attorney's Office a great place to work. My predecessor, Peter McCoy, and I worked hard to improve office morale and eliminate unnecessary red-tape that can stifle an office. I want our office to be a warm, fun, and collegial place to work.

What do you hope to accomplish in your time as acting U.S. Attorney?

I'd like to fully recover from COVID and get all our grand juries back up and running safely, and transition the office from telework back into the office safely. I want to leave the office better than I found it.

With all that has happened in the past year, does your office have any initiative to improving racial justice in the criminal prosecution atmosphere?

Our office works closely with the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department to prosecute civil rights violations. We take these cases seriously and have for years. Before I arrived, our office prosecuted the KKK for Church arsons in the 1990s. In 2018, our office prosecuted Dylann Roof for the AME Church massacre. We have a proud civil rights record in the District of South Carolina. I look forward to continuing this tradition.

Lastly, as a law student who is about to graduate, and with many young lawyers in the CCBA, what advice do you have for the younger generation of attorneys?

If you are a young lawyer who has a good job in Charleston, I would advise you to be thankful and to carry on the Charleston Bar's tradition of collegiality. We live in the most beautiful city in America, and our legal community has long valued collegiality. So please treat your opposing counsels with respect, even when maybe they don't deserve it. When I was younger, I was sometimes feistier than I needed to be. Always be cordial and professional. Doing so makes practicing law much more pleasant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACCOLADES

In addition to ranking as [a top 10 best law school for women](#) by the Princeton Review, [Charleston School of Law](#) has garnered high ratings for its professors. Paul Caron at the [TaxProf Blog](#) has delved more deeply into the Princeton Review's data for five different categories to see where law schools stand beyond the top 10 lists. He found that Charleston School of Law [tied for number 2 law school for professors' accessibility](#) and the [number 14 law school for interesting professors](#), which is based on how students rate the quality of teaching.

[Chartwell Law](#) continues its growth in the southern United States with the addition of partner [Leslie M. Whitten](#) and its first office in South Carolina, the firm's 20th office.

[Clawson Fargnoli, LLC](#) has recently expanded in Charleston and Walterboro. Bert "Skip" Utsey has joined the firm and we will now be known as Clawson Fargnoli Utsey, LLC with offices in Charleston and Walterboro.

[Clement Rivers, LLP](#) welcomes new associate, [Kara S. Grevey](#). Kara will practice in the firm's professional liability practice group.

[Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd](#) is pleased to announce that Jane Bouch Stoney has been elected a Shareholder in the firm; [Charlton deSaussure, Jr.](#) was recently recognized by Best Lawyers as the 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" for Public Finance Law in Charleston; Benchmark Litigation has recognized [John Tiller](#) as a Local Litigation Star in the areas of Product Liability and Securities in its 2021 rankings; and the following Charleston attorneys have been listed in the 2021 edition of *South Carolina Super Lawyers*®: [Scott Y. Barnes](#) --Tax; [Pierce T. MacLennan](#) -- Employment & Labor (Rising Star); [Stafford J. \(Mac\) McQuillin III](#) --

Business Litigation (Rising Star); [David M. Swanson](#) -- Real Estate; and [John H. Tiller](#) -- Personal Injury, Products, Defense.

[K&L Gates'](#) Charleston office is pleased to welcome four new associates to the firm: [Cecilia Ehresman](#), Christian Kolic, [Melissa Yates](#), and [S. Cooper Hawley](#).

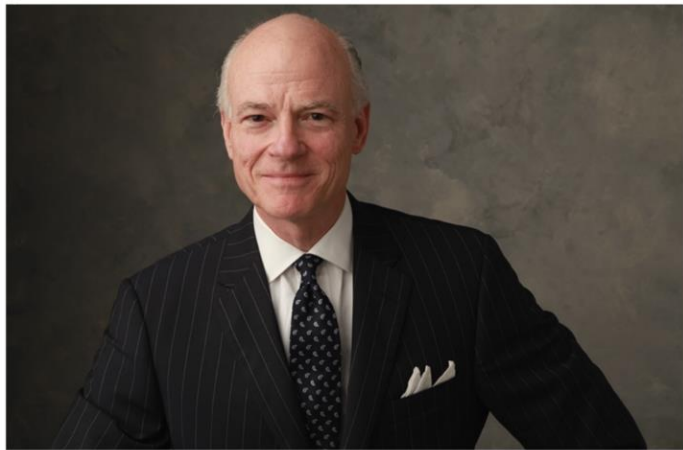
[Moore & Van Allen PLLC](#) (MVA) is pleased to announce that [Trudy H. Robertson](#) has been named co-managing member of the firm's Charleston office. She will share the role with the office's current managing member, [H. Manning Unger](#); two of its Charleston members were included on the 2021 *Super Lawyers* list. [David B. Wheeler](#) is recognized in the Bankruptcy: Business category, while [Lesley A. Firestone](#) is recognized as a "Rising Star" in the Environmental category.

[Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP](#) is pleased to announce that [Laura Johnson Evans](#) is to be honored in the 2021 South Carolina *Lawyers Weekly Diversity and Inclusion Awards*, reflecting Shumaker's values of inclusion and involvement in the communities it serves.

[Thurmond Kirchner & Timbes, P.A.](#) is proud to announce that Sarah D. Baum has joined the firm as an associate attorney in their Charleston office.

GREAT NEWS! CCBA is finally accepting "online" payments for dues and events! Click [here](#) to access the Pay Now button on our website. Thanks to the personal service and reduced fees offered by Palmetto Payment Solutions, a locally owned Charleston online payment provider.





For as long as I remember, I wanted to be a lawyer, and it has been my very good fortune to enjoy a rewarding career. Being a lawyer has allowed me to live my passion for more than 40 years.

I was fortunate to serve as a law clerk to Judge Robert F. Chapman and to become a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. In 2009, I became chair of the board of directors for the World Justice Project, a multidisciplinary organization working to advance the rule of law worldwide through research, scholarship, and engagement. As president of the American Bar Association, I had the opportunity to travel the world, speaking and advocating on some of the profession's most important issues, such as exploring innovative ways to provide access to justice for those most in need.

I am especially grateful to now serve as dean of the University of South Carolina School of Law. Within these walls future leaders of our state and nation are being forged. It is here that some of the best and brightest young minds are being molded and prepared to take on the challenges we face. I know their impact will be felt for many generations, and I am humbled to play a role in their development.

South Carolina Law's mission is to develop lawyer leaders. We work diligently in and out of the classroom to inculcate our students with the values of leadership and to provide them with the

practical and theoretical skills necessary to take on the challenges that our society faces today.

This focus guides all that we do, from our extensive curriculum to the Konduros Leadership Development Program, which equips students with the creativity, strategic-thinking, and problem-solving skills necessary to assume leadership positions upon graduation.

We dedicate resources to robust public interest summer programs, and of course our oldest-in-the-nation all-volunteer Pro Bono Program features more than 30 ways for our students to get involved in the community and serve the needs of the public.

The Palmetto Leader is our newest pro bono opportunity and is a perfect example of how the law school creates servant leaders. The Palmetto Leader is our fully functional mobile law office bus that travels throughout the state, where students, working alongside practicing attorneys, provide free legal services to underserved populations.

These initiatives have solidified our position as a forward-thinking law

school with a long and rich legacy of producing alumni who have also proven to be excellent leaders. I am proud of all those women and men who have held high posts and made significant contributions to the laws, commerce, education, and policies of our state and nation during the school's almost 155-year history.

Our graduates have held leadership positions at numerous national legal organizations that aim to advance the profession, promote the rule of law, and improve our system of justice for all people. Our alumni are trailblazers, breaking down racial and gender barriers for future generations and have also fought for-and won-numerous human and civil rights cases for their clients. They have set supreme court precedents and led international organizations that support people around the globe. Our friend and alumnus David Beasley is the executive director of the World Food Programme, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last November.

Through these foundational programs and overall emphasis we place on leadership skills, we know that today's students will be following in their footsteps.

Our hard work is already paying off with both prospective students and employers taking notice. The current IL class is one of the most academically gifted in the history of our law school.

While it is still early, all indications point to this fall's incoming class raising our profile once more, while making our student body more diverse.

We just submitted our employment numbers for the class of 2020 to the ABA, and I am proud to report our excellent results: ten months after graduation, 92 percent of this class were employed, with 86 percent finding full-time, long-term positions where bar passage was required or a JD was an advantage.

That is where you, the members of the Charleston County Bar Association, come in. Thank you to all of you who have hired our students and graduates. I am

confident that you will be impressed both by their abilities and their professionalism, and I hope you will continue to think of our students to fill your upcoming needs.

But your efforts go far beyond just employment. We deeply appreciate those of you who have stepped up to serve as mentors and models of excellence for our students to emulate. Many of you have shared your expertise in our classrooms and as guest speakers

or panelists during networking and career services programs. You are essential to our success, and we are grateful for all that you do.

I consider myself privileged to know many of you already, and I hope to get to visit with more of you in the coming months as we are able to gather together again. I am excited to be here at South Carolina Law to help advance the school's mission. I look forward to working with all of you along the way.



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PRO BONO MOMENTS

By: Audrey R. Brown, Esq.
Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services

When I joined Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services ("CPBLS") in February of 2020 I had been in private practice for over 7 years, handling primarily family law cases. The majority of the cases I cover at CPBLS are family law, so I felt like I had a good idea of what to expect. After all, divorces and custody battles had been my bread and butter for the better part of a decade. As I settle into my position here though, I am seeing more and more clients with a legal issue that I never would have expected. They need legal help with a fundamental aspect of adult life that most of us take for granted: proving who they are.

Over the years, identity regulations have become increasingly strict. On May 11, 2005, Congress enacted The REAL ID Act of 2005. The long title of the Act is, "An Act to establish and rapidly implement regulations for state driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence." Possibly the most readily apparent effect of the Act, at least to the general population, is the changes it imposes on the process of obtaining a State ID or driver's license.

The deadline for states to come into compliance with The REAL ID Act has been extended numerous times. Until earlier this month, the deadline for South Carolina was October 1, 2021. (On April 27, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security announced an extension to May 3, 2023.) After that, a South Carolina ID card or driver's license must have a gold star to show it's a REAL ID in order to use it as identification to board a domestic commercial flight, enter a secure federal building, or visit a military installation. To get a REAL ID, the applicant will need to either have correct documentation on file with DMV already, or bring documentation to DMV. This is where my clients are encountering issues.

The documentation required for the REAL ID in South Carolina is (1) proof of identity (birth certificate or unexpired passport), (2) social security number, (3) two proofs of South Carolina address, and (4) proof of legal name changes. As it turns out, many individuals born at home in the 1930s and 1940s were never issued an official birth certificate. They may have received a card from the health department, similar to a social security card, stating it was a true certification of name and birth facts recorded in the office. They would have assumed that this was their birth certificate, and successfully used it as their birth certificate for years. With the new regulations however, a certified copy of an official birth certificate is now required, and elderly individuals are learning for the first time that no such document exists. A major part of my services has become helping my elderly clients gather the necessary documents for a court order for a delayed birth certificate. Because most of my clients have not had any issues with proving their identity in the past, these clients will luckily have records that can easily prove the

history of their identity. Mr. Wilson* for instance came to us as a decorated war veteran. We were able to present to the court copies of such documents as his early school records, his marriage license, his children's birth certificates, his voter registration, his 10-year driver's record, and his DD-214. Through our services and my direct representation, we got Mr. Wilson a court order for his official birth certificate to be issued, more than 80 years after his birth. Several weeks later, Mr. Wilson came back to our office to show us his shiny new birth certificate and REAL ID.

For some clients, however, the process can be more difficult. School records from 70 or 80 years ago are not always available. There are clients that never married or had children. Not everyone registered to vote, or obtained a driver's license. The fewer of these types of documents that exist, the harder it becomes to prove that a person is who they always have been. No matter how relatively simple or more complex the process is though, the outcome is always simultaneously gratifying and humbling. It is a special honor to be able help a client with a legal issue that has implications in literally every single aspect of their life.

If you would like to know more about the unique issues my client's face with the REAL ID Act, or how you can help, please reach out. **Audrey R. Brown**, abrown@charlestonprobono.org, (843) 853-6456.

**name changed for confidentiality*

Your next pro bono case in just a few clicks

We know your time is valuable. That's why the South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program is pleased to now offer attorneys the ability to go to one easy-to-use webpage and view available pro bono cases across the state.

The [Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project](#) is a partnership between the South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program and certain legal aid providers around the state, including South Carolina Legal Services, Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, Root & Rebound SC, and the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition.

"Cases are available across the state and in a variety of practice areas," says Betsy Goodale, director of the SC Bar Pro Bono Program. "Attorneys can search by county, subject matter/legal problem type, or organization. They can also set preferences and receive an email when cases meeting those preferences become available. Our goal with the Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project is offer yet another option for Palmetto State attorneys in fulfilling their professional responsibility to provide pro bono legal services."

Pick a card, any card

The Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project webpage features "cards" that offer information about available pro bono cases. Each card provides a brief description of the client's need, the name of the organization seeking assistance for the client, and the county in which assistance is needed. The clients have been vetted by the posting organization to ensure they meet the organization's requirements for pro bono assistance. For instance, in cases posted by the South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program, or by the Pro Bono Program on behalf of South Carolina Legal Services, it has been determined that the client's household income is at or below 125% of the



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federal poverty guidelines and that the type of legal issue is one that South Carolina Legal Services does not handle and is one for which the Pro Bono Program typically seeks a pro bono attorney.

No long-term commitment, just interest

There is no need for attorneys to register as a volunteer with the Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project. Instead, if an attorney is interested in a case, they simply click "Interested" on the card and provide their name, email address, telephone number, and Bar number. By expressing interest, the attorney is *not* committing to accept the case. Instead, the organization that posted the case will send an email with additional information about the case so that the attorney can check for conflicts and make a final determination whether they wish to accept the case. If the attorney determines, after receiving the additional information, that the case is more than they can take on, that there is a conflict, or that they cannot take the case for any other reason, the attorney can simply let the posting organization know.

If the attorney decides after receiving the additional information that they do want to accept the case, the posting organization will provide additional documentation and information regarding the case, as well as other assistance.

Resources for you

The South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program provides a variety of assistance to help attorneys with cases. This includes:

- **Malpractice insurance coverage** for cases accepted through its program, as well as cases accepted through other organizations as long as the attorney notifies the South Carolina Bar that they have accepted the pro bono case.
- **Reimbursement for certain costs incurred in a pro bono case**, such as filing fees (if a waiver cannot be obtained pursuant to Rule 3(b)(2), SCRCP), service of process, and retention of a translator.
- **Assistance** in finding a pro bono guardian ad litem, mediator, or mentor. In addition, both the University of South Carolina School of Law Pro Bono Program and the Charleston School of Law have students available to assist attorneys who take a pro bono case.

The Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project also provides an opportunity for attorneys across the state to learn about some of the state's legal aid organizations that are in need of pro bono volunteers to assist the organizations' clients with legal matters. Some of these organizations serve specific areas of the state, such as the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, while others are

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statewide. They also serve different needs. For instance, Root & Rebound advocates for people with criminal records across the state.

"We hope to expand the number and types of legal aid organizations that post available pro bono cases on the PVLP," Goodale says.

The available cases will also be embedded on other relevant websites attorneys may visit, including local bar websites, legal aid organization websites, and Bar section webpages. For instance, when an attorney visits the Bar's Family Law Section online, they will see family law cases from the Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project.

The Palmetto Volunteer Lawyer Project is just the latest effort by the Bar's Pro Bono Program to provide attorneys with a variety of options when it comes to fulfilling the responsibility, set forth in Rule 6.1 of the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, to provide pro bono legal service.

Visit and bookmark www.scbar.org/pvlp today. If you have questions, email Betsy Goodale at bgoodale@scbar.org or call (803) 576-3808.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vigilance in the Time of Injustice - Past, Present, and Future: The Role of Law Students and Lawyers in Realizing Social Justice

Tuesday, May 25 ~ 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

Virtual Event

[Click here for more information](#)

Holiday in July Party

Thursday, July 1 ~ 5:30 p.m.

The Historic Rice Mill, 17 Lockwood Blvd.

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

2021-2022 CHARLESTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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