

Board Book

State Bar of Georgia
Board of Governors
Agenda Book



2014 Fall Meeting
Jekyll Island, GA



STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

254th BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Saturday, November 1, 2014

8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Jekyll Island Club

Jekyll Island, Georgia

Dress: Business Casual

REVISED AGENDA

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Page No.</u>
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1) ADMINISTRATION

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| a) Welcome and Call to Order | Patrise Perkins-Hooker | 1-4
President |
| b) Invocation | Sally Akins | |
| c) Recognition of Former Presidents, Judges.....
And Special Guests | Patrise Perkins-Hooker | |
| d) Roll Call (by signature) | Pat O’Connor, Secretary | 5-11 |
| e) Future Meetings Schedule | Patrise Perkins-Hooker | 12-13 |

2) CONSENT AGENDA

(Unanimous consent items. Any item may be moved from Consent Agenda to Action Items agenda upon request of any member of the Board of Governors)

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| a) Minutes of the 252 nd & 253 rd Meeting | Pat O’Connor | 14-22
of the Board of Governors on June 6-7, 2014 |
| b) Executive Committee Minutes (information) | Pat O’Connor | |
| (1) June 7, 2014 | | 23-25 |
| (2) August 22, 2014 | | 26-32 |

- c) Appointment to Judicial Qualifications Commission Patrise Perkins-Hooker
 - (1) Lester B. Johnson III (expiring term of Robert Ingram)
 - (2) S. Lester Tate (expiring term of S. Lester Tate)

- d) Appointments to Commission on Continuing Lawyer Patrise Perkins-Hooker
 - Competency
 - (1) Aasia Mustakeem (Appointment to replace Rita Sheffey, 2015-2017)
 - (2) Reappointment of Gerald Edenfield, 2015-2017

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a) Resolution honoring Harvey Weitz’s service to the State Bar of Georgia

- b) Resolution honoring Randy Davis for his heroic act of flying to Liberia to rescue the Ebola patient.

4) LEGISLATION (action items)

- a) ACL September 16, 2014 Meeting Dawn Jones, ACL Chair 33-35
 - New Legislative Proposals (action) Thomas Worthy

 - (1) Attestation of Execution of Antenuptial..... Rebecca C. Rieder.....36-37
 - Agreements Chair, Family Law Section

 - (2) Funding Request for Legal Representation..... Michelle Arrington.....38-39
 - For Victims of Domestic Violence Co-Chair, Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession

 - (3) Funding Request for the Georgia Resource Center. Brian Kammer.....40-46
 - Georgia Resource Center

 - (4) Unauthorized Practice of Law Legislation..... Willie Phalen.....47-49
 - Vanessa Goggans
 - Real Property Law Section

- b) 2015 Legislative Session Preview Thomas Worthy

5) ACTION

- a) Amendments to Bylaw Article V – Officers (info) ... Paula Frederick 50-51

b) Amendments to Animal Law Section Bylaws Bill NeSmith 52-56

6) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

a) President’s Report Patrise Perkins-Hooker 57-61

b) Treasurer’s Report Rita Sheffey 62-66
Treasurer

c) Young Lawyers Division Sharri Edenfield 67-82
YLD President

d) Activities in the Circuits Clayton Tomlinson, Alapaha Circuit
Thomas Burnside, Augusta Circuit
Robert Smalley, Conasauga Circuit

e) Member Benefits Committee John Kennedy, Chair

 (1) State Bar’s Health Insurance Exchange..... Chip Trefrey, Member Benefits, Inc.

f) Business Court Committee Ken Hodges

7) WRITTEN REPORTS

a) Office of General Counsel Report 83-86

b) Military Legal Assistance Program 87-107

c) Consumer Assistance Program 108-109

d) Law Practice Management Program..... 110-112

e) Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism 113-141

f) 2014 Annual Meeting Surveys 142-214

g) Media Report 215-218

8) CLOSING

- a) Old Business..... Patrise Perkins-Hooker
- b) New Business Patrise Perkins-Hooker
- c) Questions/Answers; Comments/Suggestions..... Board of Governors
Officers
Executive Committee
Executive Director
General Counsel
- d) Adjournment..... Patrise Perkins-Hooker

State Bar of Georgia
BOARD OF GOVERNORS &
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB HOTEL | JEKYLL ISLAND, GA.

HOTEL CUT-OFF | FRIDAY, OCT. 3
REGISTRATION CUT-OFF | FRIDAY, OCT. 24

FALL MEETING | 2014
OCT. 31–NOV. 2

 State Bar
of Georgia



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Investigative Panel
10 – 11 a.m.	SOLACE Committee
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	YLD Officer & Director Meeting <i>(by invitation only)</i>
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	YLD General Session
12 – 1:30 p.m.	ICLE Board of Trustees
1:30 – 3 p.m.	Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency
1:30 – 5 p.m.	Review Panel
1 – 2 p.m.	YLD Programming: Running for YLD Office
2 – 4 p.m.	YLD Programming: Military Support Training
2 – 5 p.m.	Disciplinary Rules & Procedures Committee
4 – 5 p.m.	YLD Programming: Professionally Communicating in the Digital Age
4 – 5 p.m.	Member Benefits Committee
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Young Lawyers Division Dinner
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Board of Governors Dinner
9 p.m.	Hospitality Suite

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Board of Governors Meeting
12 p.m.	Optional trip to Jacksonville— Tailgate at the Georgia-Florida Game
3:30 p.m.	Tailgate party at hotel
9 p.m.	Hospitality Suite

HOST HOTEL

CUT-OFF DATE IS FRIDAY, OCT. 3

Jekyll Island Club Hotel
371 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA 31527
912-635-2600

The Jekyll Island Club Hotel will be our host hotel offering discounted room rates. A block of rooms has been reserved for the meeting. Our room rate is \$189 (standard) plus applicable room tax (11 percent), sales tax (6 percent) and resort fee (\$10 + tax).

To make reservations and receive our special rate, call the Jekyll Island Club group reservations department at 800-535-9547 and tell them you are with the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors/YLD Fall Meeting. Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 3, as rooms will be on a space and rate availability basis after this date.

HOTEL CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT TIME

Check-in is 4 p.m.
Check-out is 12 p.m.

DIRECTIONS

- Take I-95S to Exit 29 onto Highway 17/82 North.
- Follow for six miles to the Jekyll Island Causeway (SR 520).
- Proceed on the Causeway East six miles to the Jekyll Island collection station (\$5 park entry fee).
- Make the first left (U-turn) and move to the far right lane, Riverview Drive, which takes you to the front of the hotel.

EVENTS

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION DINNER

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Members of the YLD are invited to dinner at Bennie's Red Barn on St. Simons Island. Bennie's Red Barn is the oldest, privately owned restaurant on St. Simons Island. Nestled between beautiful live oaks, Bennie's has been a favorite of locals and tourists since 1955. Enjoy a steak grilled to perfection over an old-fashioned wood fire or fresh local seafood brought in daily. Transportation will be provided.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS DINNER

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Please join us Friday evening for dinner and drinks, along with the opportunity to relax and network with fellow Board members and their guests.

OPTIONAL TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE--

TAILGATE AT THE GEORGIA-FLORIDA GAME

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

12 p.m.

For those interested in tailgating at the Georgia-Florida game, whether or not you have tickets, we will be traveling by bus to Jacksonville and tailgating just outside the gates of EverBank Field. The bus will leave at 12 p.m. sharp and will be available to take everyone back to Jekyll Island at the end of the evening.

TAILGATE PARTY AT HOTEL

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

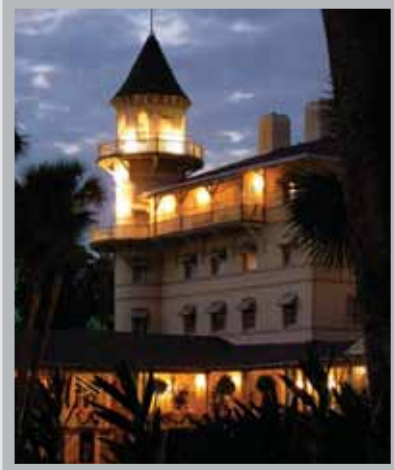
3:30 p.m.

For those of you who prefer a more laid back approach to watching the game, we are providing a tailgate and game-watching party at the hotel, complete with food and beverages. And if football just isn't your thing, enjoy the afternoon and explore the island on your own.

For information on the activities the resort has to offer, please visit the website at www.jekyllclub.com/activities/.

ATTIRE

Casual dress for all meetings and events.



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Shalamar Parham
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and remit the enclosed registration form by Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. Please use this form to register by checking all events you plan to attend. Registration is required for all events, including "no charge" functions.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Bar Number _____

Name _____

Nickname _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

Dietary Restrictions _____

ADA: If you have a special need addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call our ADA coordinator at 404-527-8700.

REFUND POLICY

The cancellation deadline for refunds is Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. The State Bar of Georgia will accept only written requests for refund of registration fees. No refunds will be made after Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FUNCTIONS Quantity

- Board of Governors Dinner (Fri.) \$48 _____
- Board of Governors Meeting (Sat.) N/C _____

TAILGATES

- Tailgate Party in Jacksonville (Sat.) \$100 _____
(Includes: transportation to and from Jacksonville, snacks and drinks on the bus, lunch and drinks at tailgate, snacks after game and pizza back in hospitality suite.)
- Tailgate Party at Hotel (Sat.) \$39 _____

COMMITTEE/RELATED ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS

- SOLACE Committee N/C _____
- ICLE Board of Trustees N/C _____
- Member Benefits Committee N/C _____

*YLD FUNCTIONS

- General Session (Fri.) N/C _____
- YLD CLE (Fri.) \$30 _____
- YLD Dinner (Fri.) \$50 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

*For YLD Scholarship information, please visit the website.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Please bill my Visa MasterCard Amex

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CSC _____

Name as it appears on the card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make checks payable to State Bar of Georgia and mail to:

Michelle Garner, Director of Meetings
Fall BOG/YLD Meeting
State Bar of Georgia
104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30303-2743

Fax 404-527-8717 (credit card and "no charge" functions only)



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Virgil L. Adams	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•
Sarah Akins	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Mark W. Alexander	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anthony B. Askew	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Emily S. Bair	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eric A. Ballinger	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Donna Barwick	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	e	e	e	•	e	•	•
Joshua C. Bell		•	•	e		•	•	•	•		•			•
Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr.	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	e	e
Diane E. Bessen	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•
Sherry Boston	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•
Jeb T. Branham	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•			•	•
Thomas Neal Brunt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thomas R. Burnside III	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stephanie D. Burton	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
JaDawyna C. Butler	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•
S. Kendall Butterworth	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	e	e	e	•	•
David Lee Cannon, Jr.		•	•	•		•		•	•		•		•	•
Paul Todd Carroll, III	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Carol V. Clark	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•
John Christopher Clark	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•		•
Edward R. Collier	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•
Martin L. Cowen III	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Susan W. Cox	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Terrence Lee Croft	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Matthew B. Crowder	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	e		
William V. Custer, IV	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
David P. Darden	•	•	•	•	e		•	•	•	e	•	•	e	e
Gerald Davidson	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e
J. Anderson Davis	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	e
Randall H. Davis	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J. Antonio Delcampo	e	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Scott Dewitt Delius	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•
Joseph W. Dent	•	•			•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Foy R. Devine	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thomas V. Duck, III	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•
V. Sharon Edenfield	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•
Damon E. Elmore	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J. Randolph Evans	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	e	•	•	•
Archibald A. Farrar	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
Douglass Kirk Farrar	e	•					e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Elizabeth L. Fite	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John A. Fitzner III	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Gregory A. Futch	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
William Gilmore Gainer	•	•	•	•			•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
Laverne Lewis Gaskins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Donald W. Gillis	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•
Walter J. Gordon Sr.	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
Patricia A. Gorham	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
Karlise Y. Grier	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Thomas F. Gristina	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•
John Kendall Gross	•	e	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•
James E. Hardy	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Steven A. Hathorn	e	•	•	•	e	•	e	e	e	e	•	•	•	•
John G. Haubenreich	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Patrick H. Head	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
Lawton C. Heard, Jr.	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Render M. Heard Jr.	•	e	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thomas W. Herman	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
R. Javoyne Hicks White	•	•	•	•	•	ATL	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•
Donna Stanaland Hix	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Michael D. Hobbs	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•
Kenneth B. Hodges, III	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•
Phyllis J. Holmen	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J. Marcus E. Howard	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•
Amy V. Howell	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Roy B. Huff Jr.	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	e	e
James W. Hurt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Chris Huskins	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•		
James T. Irvin	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Robert D. James Jr.	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•
William Dixon James	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e
Curtis S. Jenkins		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lester B. Johnson, III	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dawn M. Jones	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Michael R. Jones, Sr.	•			•	•		•	•	•	•		•		
Elena Kaplan	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Robert J. Kauffman	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John Flanders Kennedy	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
William J. Keogh, III	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Barry E. King	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•
Judy C. King	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Seth D. Kirschenbaum	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Catherine Koura	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	e
Edward B. Krugman	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jeffrey R. Kuester	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Allegra Lawrence-Hardy	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J. Alvin Leaphart	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dawn Renee Levine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•
David S. Lipscomb	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John Ryd Bush Long	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•

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Ronald A. Lowry	e
Samuel M. Matchett	e	.	.	e	e
William R. McCracken	e	e	.	.	e	.	.	.
Brian A. McDaniel	.	.	e	e	e	e
Leticia A. McDonald	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	e	.	.	.	.
Brad J. McFall	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	e	.	e	.	.
A. Dionne McGee	.	.	.	.	e	.	.	e	e	e	.	e	.	.
Ashley McLaughlin	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Michael D. McRae	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	e	e
Terry L. Miller	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
W. Benjamin Mitcham, J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
G.B. Moore III	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	e	.	.	.	.	e	.	.	.	.
Laura J. Murphree	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	e	.	.	.	.
Gwyn P. Newsom	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sam G. Nicholson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis C. O'Brien	.	e	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	e	.	.	.	.
Pat O'Connor	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Samuel S. O lens	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jonathan B. Pannell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Joy Renea Parks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	.
Carson Dane Perkins
Patrise Perkins-Hooker
R. Chris Phelps

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Jill Pryor	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	e	e
William M. Ragland, Jr.	•	e	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Robert V. Rodatus	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	e	e
Tina S. Roddenbery	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Brian D. Rogers	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•
Joseph Roseborough	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Charles L. Ruffin	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
William C. Rumer	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Claudia Saari	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Dennis C. Sanders	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Rita A. Sheffey	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Robert H. Smalley, III	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Philip C. Smith	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•
R. Rucker Smith	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Daniel B. Snipes	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
H. Craig Stafford	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•
Lawrence A. Stagg	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lawton E. Stephens	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
C. Deen Strickland	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Frank B. Strickland	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•
Darrell L. Sutton	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Board of Governors Attendance Record

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Michael B. Terry	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anita W. Thomas	•		e	e	•		•	•	•	e	•	•		•
Dwight L. Thomas	•		•	•	e	•		e	•	e	•	•	•	•
Edward D. Tolley	•					•								
Clayton A. Tomlinson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•
Martin E. Valbuena	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Carl R. Varnedoe					•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•
Nicki N. Vaughan	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Carl A. Veline, Jr.		•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•
J. Henry Walker	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Janice M. Wallace	n/a	n/a	n/a		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jeffrey S. Ward	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Harold B. Watts	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
John P. Webb	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Nancy J. Whaley	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sandy Wisenbaker	e	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Kathleen M. Womack	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Katie Wood	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Doug Woodruff	•	•			•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gerald P. Word	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	e	e	e	•	•
Fred A. Zimmerman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Future Meetings Schedule

(9/26/2014)



State Bar
of Georgia

Executive Committee

November 20, 2014		Macon, GA, Armory - lunch with local bar; Mercer Law School - meeting
March 27-29, 2015		Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC (Supreme Court Retreat)

Board of Governors

Fall 2014	Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014	Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA (joint with the YLD)
Midyear 2015	Jan. 8-10, 2015	Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Optional Trip	Feb 23-March 5, 2015	Optional International Trip - Brazil
Spring 2015	April 17-19, 2015	Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, Young Harris, GA
Annual 2015	June 18-21, 2015	Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, GA
Annual 2016	June 16-19, 2016	Omni Amelia Island, Amelia Island, FL

Young Lawyers Division

Fall 2014	Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2014	Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA (joint with the Big Bar)
Midyear 2015	Jan. 8-10, 2015	Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Spring 2015	March 19-22, 2015	Hyatt French Quarter, New Orleans, LA (contract pending)
Annual 2015	June 18-21, 2015	Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, GA
Annual 2016	June 16-19, 2016	Omni Amelia Island, Amelia Island, FL

Special Events

2015	March 18-31, 2015	Magna Carta Exhibit and Symposium
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American Bar Association Meetings

Midyear 2015	February 4-10, 2015	Houston, TX
Annual 2015	July 30 – Aug. 5, 2015	Chicago, IL
Midyear 2016	February 3-9, 2016	San Diego, CA
Annual 2016	August 4-9, 2016	San Francisco, CA

Southern Conference Meetings

2014	October 10-11, 2014	Marriott Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
2015	October 8-10, 2015	Alexandria, Virginia
2016	October 13-16, 2016	Big Cedar Lodge, Branson, MO
2017	October 2017	Tennessee
2018	October 2018	Georgia
2019	October 2019	Florida

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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES
June 6, 2014
Omni Amelia Island Resort/Amelia Island, FL

The 252nd meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia was held at the date and location shown above. Charles L. Ruffin, President, presided.

D-Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration

The Board of Governors commemorated the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Landings with a Color Guard from the Fernandina Beach Police Department, presented by Drew Early, and a news clip video presentation of the D-Day landing. Eric Ballinger introduced retired U.S. Senior Circuit Judge James C. Hill, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, who recalled his experience as a representative of that generation. Thereafter, Drew Early presented President Ruffin with a memento of the recent trip to Normandy that was sponsored by ICLE, the Military and Veterans Law Section, the Military Legal Assistance Committee, and the State Bar.

Special Recognition

President Ruffin recognized the Annual Meeting sponsors. Thereafter, he recognized members of the judiciary, Past Presidents of the State Bar, other special guests in attendance, and the retiring members of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

Roll Call

Secretary Rita A. Sheffey circulated the attached roll (Exhibit A) for signature.

Future Meetings Schedule

President-elect Patrise Perkins-Hooker referred Board members to the Future Meetings Schedule in the Board Book.

Executive Director Election

Following a report by President Ruffin on the Executive Director search process, he presented to the Board of Governors the nominee for the State Bar's new Executive Director, Jeff Davis. Following a motion and second to close the nominations for the Executive Director, the Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved Jeff Davis as the Bar's Executive Director for the 2014-15 Bar year.

Consent Agenda

President Ruffin presented the Consent Agenda. There being no objection or request for removal of the item, a motion was made and seconded to approve it:

- 1) Minutes of the 251st Meeting of the Board of Governors
The minutes of the Board of Governors meetings on March 22, 2014, at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge in Greensboro, Georgia, as presented.

The Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved the above item on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution Honoring William B. Smith, III

President Ruffin recognized Bill Smith for his leadership and work on the issues of international trade in legal services. Mr. Smith was not able to attend the Annual Meeting and will receive his resolution (Exhibit B) at a later date.

Resolution Honoring Linton Johnson

President Ruffin presented a resolution (Exhibit C) to Linton Johnson for his work on behalf of the State Bar of Georgia and authoring the history book, *From Banished to Unified - A History of the Legal Profession in Georgia*.

Resolutions Honoring State Bar Staff

President Ruffin presented resolutions (Exhibit D) to Sharon Bryant, Steve Laine, and Paula Frederick for their invaluable and exemplary support, management and direction to Bar staff, officers and members following Cliff Brashier's passing.

Georgia Legal Services Program

President Ruffin presented a check to Phyllis Holmen in the amount of \$522,799, which represents voluntary contributions by Georgia lawyers that have been collected through GLSP's 2013-14 State Bar Campaign.

Awards Presentations

President Ruffin presented the following State Bar awards:

Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards: Honorable Carol W. Hunstein and John A. Dickerson

Commitment to Equality Awards: (Ret.) Judge Thelma Wyatt Cumming Moore (Randolph Lifetime Achievement), Marian Cover Dockery, and Suzanne W. Ockleberry

Local and Voluntary Bar Awards:

Thomas R. Burnside, Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award: Honorable Barbara A Harris

Award of Merit: Blue Ridge Bar, Macon Bar, and Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys

Law Day Award of Achievement: Walton County Bar, Glynn County Bar, Gwinnett County Bar, and Cobb County Bar

Best New Entry: Georgia Trial Lawyers Association

Best Newsletter: DeKalb Bar Association, and Georgia Defense Lawyers

Best Website: Houston County Bar, Blue Ridge Bar, DeKalb Bar, and Cobb County Bar

President's Cup: Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys

State of the Supreme Court of Georgia

The Honorable Hugh P. Thompson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, delivered the State of the Supreme Court of Georgia address.

State of the Court of Appeals of Georgia

The Honorable Herbert E. Phipps, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, delivered the State of the Court of Appeals of Georgia address.

State of the Georgia House Judiciary Committee

Representative Wendell Willard, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, provided an update on the Committee's activities.

State of the Georgia House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

Representative Rich Golick provided an update on the Georgia House of Representatives.

House Juvenile Justice Committee

Representative Tom Weldon, Chair of the House Juvenile Justice Committee, provided an update on the Committee's activities.

State of the Georgia Senate Judiciary Committee

Senator Josh McKoon, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, provided an update on the Committee's activities.

State of the Georgia Senate Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

Senator Jesse Stone, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Non-Civil Committee, provided an update on the Committee's activities.

State of the Georgia Senate Special Judiciary Committee

Senator Curt Thompson, Chair of the Senate Special Judiciary Committee, provided an update on the Committee's activities.

Investigative Panel

Maria Waters provided an update on the activities of the Investigative Panel and recognized the current and retiring Panel members.

Review Panel

Tony Askew provided an update on the activities of the Review Panel and recognized the current and retiring Panel members.

Formal Advisory Opinion Board

John Shiptenko provided an update on the activities of the Formal Advisory Opinion Board and recognized the current Board members.

Section Awards

President Ruffin announced that the Intellectual Property Law Section was named Section of the Year, and Awards of Achievement went to the Child Protection & Advocacy Section, Family Law Section, and Military and Veterans Law Section.

Memorials

President Ruffin presented the Memorials report.

President's Address

Following an introduction by Immediate Past President Robin Frazer Clark, President Ruffin delivered the President's address (Exhibit D).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rita A. Sheffey, Secretary

Approved:

Charles L. Ruffin, President

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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES
June 7, 2014
Omni Amelia Island Resort/Amelia Island, FL

The 253rd meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia was held at the date and location shown above. Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, President, presided.

Special Recognition

President Perkins-Hooker recognized the members of the judiciary, the Past Presidents of the State Bar, and other special guests in attendance.

Recognition of New Officers and Board Members

President Perkins-Hooker recognized the new Officers and Board of Governors members.

Roll Call

Secretary Pat O'Connor circulated the attached roll (Exhibit A) for signature.

Future Meetings Schedule

President Perkins-Hooker referred the Board of Governors to the Future Meetings Schedule.

State of the Georgia Law Department

Attorney General Sam Olsens delivered the State of the Georgia Law Department.

Consent Agenda

President Perkins-Hooker presented the Consent Agenda. There being no objection or request for removal of any of the items, a motion was made and seconded to approve the following items:

- 1) Approval of President's Appointments to the State Disciplinary Boards
Formal Advisory Opinion Board:
Georgia Trial Lawyers Association: David Neal Leftkowitz (2015)
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers: Holly Veal (2016)
Georgia District Attorneys Association: Kenneth W. Mauldin (2016)
Emory University: Melissa D. Carter (2016)
Georgia State University: Nicole Gail Iannarone (2016)
Investigative Panel Rep: Katie Wood (2015)
Review Panel Rep: Charles B. Marsh (2015)
At-Large: Mary Prebula (2016)
 Letitia A. McDonald (2016)
 Jeffrey Hobert Schneider (2016)

Investigative Panel:
District 5: William H. Thomas (2016)
District 6: Delia T. Crouch (2016)
District 7: Christopher A. Townley (2016)
- 2) Approval of 2014-14 Standing, Special, Program Committees and Boards
Copies were distributed at the meeting.
- 3) Georgia Legal Services Appointments

Reappointments of Patrick Flinn, Patricia Gorham, Wade Herring, Tamera Woodward, and appointment of Russell Bonds, for two-year terms.

- 4) Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism Appointment
Reappointment of A. James Elliott and appointment of Kyle Williams, for three-year terms.
- 5) 2014-15 State Bar Election Schedule
As shown in the Board book.
- 6) Authorization for President to Secure Blanket Bonds for Officers and Staff
As required by Article V, Section 8 of the Bylaws, to authorize the President to secure blanket fidelity bonds for the Bar's Officers and staff handling State Bar funds.
- 7) Designation of Depositories for General Operations of State Bar of Georgia (as revised below)
Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws, that the State Bar of Georgia and related entities open appropriate accounts with such banks in Georgia, but excluding any bank that does not participate in the IOLTA Program, and other such depositories as may be recommended by the Finance Committee, and designated by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia, and that the persons whose titles are listed below are authorized to sign an agreement to be provided by such banks and customary signature cards, and that the said banks are hereby authorized to pay or otherwise honor any check drafts, or other orders issued from time to time for debit to said accounts when signed by two of the following: the Treasurer, the Secretary, the President, the Immediate Past President, the President Elect, the Executive Director, the Office Manager and the General Counsel provided either the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer shall sign all checks or vouchers and that said accounts can be reconciled from time to time by said persons or their designees. The authority herein given is to remain irrevocable so as said banks are concerned until they are notified in writing of such revocation of authority and in writing, acknowledge receipt thereof.
- 8) Employment of Independent Auditing Firm to Audit Financial Records of State Bar for FY 2012
Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws, to designate that Cherry Bekaert & Holland is designated as the independent auditing firm to audit the financial records of the State Bar for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

The Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved all of the above items on the Consent Agenda.

Report of the President

President Perkins-Hooker addressed the Board of Governors and presented an overview of her proposed program of activities for the 2014-2015 Bar year (Exhibit B).

Special Presentation

President Perkins-Hooker presented an award to Sharon Bryant for her commitment, service and leadership as interim leader of the State Bar.

Executive Committee Election

The Executive Committee election was held with the following results:

Election 1:

Nominations:

Candidate: Eric A. Ballinger

Nominator: S. Lester Tate, III

Seconded: Lester B. Johnson, III

Results:

Candidate: Phyllis J. Holmen

Elected by majority ballot vote for a two-year term

Nominator: Patricia Gorham

Seconded: Damon E. Elmore

Candidate: Kenneth B. Hodges, III

Elected by majority ballot vote for a two-year term

Nominator: Robin Frazer Clark

Seconded: Joseph W. Dent

Candidate: Daniel Brent Snipes

Nominator: John Flanders Kennedy

Seconded: Elena Kaplan

Candidate: Nicki Noel Vaughan

Elected by majority ballot vote for a two-year term

Nominator: Judge Lawton E. Stephens

Seconded: Amy V. Howell

YLD Report

YLD President Sharri Edenfield addressed the Board of Governors and presented an overview of her proposed program of activities for the 2014-15 Bar year. As a big supporter of the military, she plans to reach out to military lawyers on bases around Georgia to head up an effort geared towards young lawyers and to complement the efforts of the Military Legal Assistance Program. She will expand the YLD's community outreach efforts by growing existing programs such as the Legal Food Frenzy and the Wills Project. She will create a lawyers and library program wherein young lawyers will offer pro bono legal services at local libraries on Saturdays. She will continue the YLD's strong emphasis on the high school mock trial program. She is creating a task force, led by Josh Bosin and Brantley Rowlen, to help close the gap between people who need legal services and young lawyers who need jobs. She thanked outgoing YLD President Darrell Sutton for his accomplishments and gave him an opportunity to recap his Bar year. The Board of Governors also received a written report on the YLD committees, programs and projects for the 2013-14 Bar year.

Legislation

Dan Snipes (2013-14 ACL Chair) and Thomas Worthy provided a recap of the 2014 legislative session. Thereafter, Senator Dan Ramsey presented a Senate Resolution to President Perkins-Hooker. Thomas Worthy announced the lawyer legislators going back to the General Assembly and provided a preview of the upcoming legislative session. The Board of Governors received a written Annual Report on the Legislative Activities of the State Bar of Georgia for 2014.

Activities in the Circuits

Eric Ballinger, the Blue Ridge Circuit Board of Governors representative, reported on the activities of the Blue Ridge Circuit Bar Association.

Judge Render Heard, Jr., the Tifton Circuit Board of Governors representative, reported on the activities of the Tifton Bar Association. He recognized Bonne Cella, Director of the South Georgia Office, for her assistance to the Tifton Bar.

Donna S. Hix, the Chattahoochee Circuit Board of Governors representative, provided an overview of her circuit and the activities of the Columbus Bar Association.

A report by Harold B. Watts, the Clayton Circuit, Post Board of Governors representative, was deferred to the next Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rita Sheffey reported on the Bar's finances and investments. She congratulated President Perkins-Hooker and Executive Director Jeff Davis on their new positions, and thanked outgoing Treasurer Bob Kauffman and CFO Steve Laine for their help and assistance with her transition from Secretary to Treasurer. The Board of Governors received copies of the combined Operations and Bar Center Consolidated Revenue and Expenditures Report as of March 31, 2014, the Operations Only and Bar Center Only Revenues and Expenditures Report as of March 31, 2014, the Summary of Selected Payment Information for the Periods of March 31, 2012-2014, and the Balance Sheet for March 31, 2014.

2014-15 State Bar Budgets

Following a report by Secretary Sheffey, the Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved the proposed 2014-2015 State Bar Operating and Bar Center Budgets as presented (Exhibit C).

Intellectual Property Law Section Bylaws Amendments

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved the proposed amended Bylaws of the Intellectual Property Law Section.

Executive Committee Minutes

The Board of Governors received a copy of the action taken by the Executive Committee at its meeting on February 21-22, 2014.

Office of General Counsel

The Board of Governors received a memo with the link to access the online annual written report on the activities of the Office of General Counsel.

Fee Arbitration Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Fee Arbitration Program.

Law Practice Management Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Law Practice Management Program.

Military Legal Assistance Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the Status of the Military Legal Assistance Program.

Unlicensed Practice of Law Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Unlicensed Practice of Law Program.

Transition into Law Practice Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Transition into Law Practice Program.

Consumer Assistance Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Consumer Assistance Program.

Civil Legal Services Task Force

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Civil Legal Service Task Force.

Member Benefits Committee: Private Insurance Exchange

The Board of Governors received a written report on the activities of the Private Insurance Exchange.

Long-Range Planning Committee

The Board of Governors received a copy of the minutes of the Long-Range Planning Committee meeting on February 24, 2014.

Access to Justice Committee

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Access to Justice Committee.

2014 Law Day Program

The Board of Governors received a copy of the *2014 Law Day Program: American Democracy and the Rule of Law – Why Every Vote Counts*.

Georgia Legal Services Program

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Georgia Legal Services Program.

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

The Board of Governors received a written annual report on the activities of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

Section Annual Reports

The Board of Governors received written annual reports from the following Sections: Animal Law, Antitrust, Child Protection and Advocacy, Eminent Domain, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, Military and Veterans Law, Products Liability Law, School and College Law, and Taxation Law.

Executive Session

Following a motion, second and unanimous voice vote, the Board of Governors met in Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Thereafter, the Board of Governors unanimously voted to move out of Executive Session.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Remarks, Questions/Answers, Comments and Suggestions

The President opened up the meeting for questions and comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Patrick T. O'Connor, Secretary

Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, President

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 7, 2014
Omni Amelia Island Resort/Amelia Island, GA**

Members Present:

Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, President; Robert J. Kauffman, President-elect; Rita A. Sheffey, Treasurer; Patrick T. O'Connor, Secretary; V. Sharon Edenfield, YLD President; John R.B. Long, YLD President-elect; Darrell L. Sutton, YLD Immediate Past President; Elizabeth Louise Fite (by phone); Kenneth B. Hodges, III; Phyllis Holmen; David S. Lipscomb; Brian D. Rogers and Nicki Vaughan.

Members Absent:

Charles L. Ruffin, Immediate Past President.

Staff Present:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; Steve Laine, Chief Financial Officer, and Bob McCormack, Bar Counsel.

Consent Agenda

President Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker presented the Consent Agenda. There being no objection or request for removal of the item, a motion was made and seconded to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- a) Minutes of the May 19, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the above items on the Consent Agenda.

Participation in the State Bar/Georgia Law Schools Incubator Program

Bucky Askew and Dean Steve Kaminshine, Georgia State University School of Law, presented information on a proposed State Bar/Georgia Law Schools Incubator Program. The incubator program would be a post-graduate program designed to train and support recent law school graduates from Georgia's law schools who wish to engage in solo practice and provide services to under-represented communities. The plan is still in the developmental stages but funding would be sought from each of the Georgia law schools, the State Bar and the Atlanta Bar Association for this project.

Personnel Committee Recommendation for Insurance Coverage Eligibility Changes

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved Personnel Committee recommendations for changes in insurance cover eligibility (Exhibit A) for Bar staff.

Officers' Allowance Accounts Policy and Procedures

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved a proposed Utilization of Officer Allowance Accounts, as amended (Exhibit B), for the Bar Officers. In the meantime, Paula Frederick will meet with the YLD Officers to determine if any special provisions need to be added to the policy to meet their needs when serving in office.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaw Article V - Officers

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker on proposed amendments, as revised (Exhibit C), to Bylaw Article V concerning the installation, swearing-in, and the setting of the inaugural agenda at the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending the proposed amendments to the Board of Governors.

President's Report and Discussion on Programmatic Plans for 2014-15

President Perkins-Hooker reported on her program of activities for the 2014-15 Bar year. She is working with YLD President Sharri Edenfield on an iCivics program that is a program developed by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to help social studies teachers throughout the country address the void created by the elimination of civics instruction in high schools. There will be pilot programs implemented in the Atlanta Public Schools, Decatur, Tifton, and hopefully Savannah. A resource lawyer will be on hand to serve as support to each teacher and reinforce the concepts presented through the computer-based iCivics curriculum. The program will be funded through the Cornerstones of Freedom budget, and will cover, among other things, the training expenses for the teachers in the schools implementing the program.

President Perkins-Hooker plans to fully support the Georgia Legal Services Program, Atlanta Legal Aid and other legal service agencies which are trying to fill the needs of the underserved. She will be working with the Access to Justice Committee and the Civil Legal Services Task Force to look at options and develop solutions to this problem. Lawyers will be asked to donate and raise funds for the institutions helping meet the needs of indigent citizens, and to provide hours of pro bono legal services personally and in their firms. She will implement a plan to ensure that there is a lawyer in every county in Georgia through a program similar to the placement of doctors in underserved areas that will be funded through debt-relief and community-based programs. Additionally, a State Bar/Georgia Law Schools Incubator Program is being developed. She has spoken with Chief Justice Hugh Thompson about these plans and has the Court's full support.

President Perkins-Hooker is appointing a task force to study and recommend the appropriate level of Bar reserves. Nancy Whaley, Chair of the Finance Committee, President-elect Bob Kauffman, and other lawyers with accounting, investment and financial expertise will be selected to serve on the task force.

President Perkins-Hooker announced that President-elect Bob Kauffman will chair the Real Estate Task Force this year and will provide an update on it at a future meeting.

GLSP – 2014 Hodson Award for Public Service from the ABA

The Executive Committee received information on the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division awarding the Georgia Legal Services Program the 2014 Hodson Award for Public Service for providing an outstanding example of public service.

Georgia Bar Examination – February 2014 – General Statistics Summary

The Executive Committee received a copy of the results of the February 2014 Georgia Bar Examination.

Old Business

Bob McCormack reported that the brief and motion on IOLTA rate comparability was filed with the Supreme Court of Georgia on Wednesday. He also announced that he is retiring from the State Bar in late August or early September.

Phyllis Holmen referred the Executive Committee members to the map in their agenda materials that indicates the six counties in Georgia without lawyers. President Perkins-Hooker plans to meet with the local bars and county leaders in those circuits to discuss how the State Bar can assist with getting

attorneys in those areas. She thanked Bob McCormack and Paula Frederick for all of their work in support of the Civil Legal Services Task Force.

New Business

There was no new business.

Executive Session

Following a motion and second, the Executive Committee met in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Thereafter, by unanimous voice vote, the Executive Committee moved out of Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.



Patrick T. O'Connor, Secretary

Approved:


Patrie M. Perkins-Hooker, President

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 22, 2014
State Bar Building/Atlanta, GA**

Members Present:

Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, President; Robert J. Kauffman, President-elect; Rita A. Sheffey, Treasurer; Patrick T. O'Connor, Secretary; Charles L. Ruffin, Immediate Past President; V. Sharon Edenfield, YLD President; John R.B. Long, YLD President-elect; Darrell L. Sutton, YLD Immediate Past President; Elizabeth Louise Fite; Phyllis Holmen; David S. Lipscomb; Brian D. Rogers and Nicki Vaughan.

Members Absent:

Kenneth B. Hodges, III.

Staff Present:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; Steve Laine, Chief Financial Officer.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Following a report by President Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, adopted the meeting agenda with one modification.

Future Meetings Schedule

The Executive Committee received a copy of the Future Meetings Schedule. President Perkins-Hooker noted the new dates of the Executive Committee Retreat and announced that the optional trip to Brazil is sold out.

Consent Agenda

President Perkins-Hooker presented the Consent Agenda. There being no objection or request for removal of any item, a motion was made and seconded to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a) Minutes of the June 7, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting
- b) Approval of Members' Request:
 - 1) William Pike (approve extension of time to no later than March 1, 2015 to complete Fitness)
 - 2) Randy Goldenhersh (approve request to resign as dues deficient)
 - 3) Laurie Lassiter (approve waiver of Fitness but require payment of all fees and penalties)
 - 4) Erica C. Smith (approve waiving the late registration fee but not the 2014-15 late fee)
 - 5) David Patton (approve waiver of Fitness but require payment of all other fees, including reinstatement and late fees)
 - 6) Robert Lay Martin (grant military dues waiver)
- c) Members Requesting Resignation (approve): Angela S. Elleman, 243699; Kevin Love, 459185; Walter Thomas Frost III, 190822; Jean Taylor Adams, 003515; James Harold Morgenstern, 523400; Elaine Napier Duggar, 232250; Melvin Ricks, 604677; Charles F. Dolci Jr., 225025; Lisa Morris, 763216; Barbara Jordan Conner, 182323; Steven B. Kite, 424675; Alden W. Snead, 665350; Gilchrist M. Gibson, 292850; Oliver Blake, 061575; Daniel C. Stafford, 170337; Catherine H. Thompson, 358121; Norman D. Bramlett, 075794; Linda ReVeal, 103260; Elaine

Moloney, 364530; Joy C. Frank, 117310; Linzie F. Bogan, 065236; Maureen M. Fries, 525310; Stacia D. Hendrix, 520717; Julian Cooper Drady, 665734; Jean H. Jackson, 343042; Kenneth D. Feldman, 257703; Sharron L. Bartow, 040818; J. Wayne Crosby, 197750; Rachel Ann Miles, 320651; Blanchard L. McLeod Jr., 497476; Kelly Hollis, 363252; David Shallant, 637550; Jane Lohmeyer Winand, 769948; Anthony A. Anderson, 016453; Lionel Sharpless, 101040; Ryan C. Tuck, 108120; Robert H. McKnight Jr., 495850; James M. Beesting, 189987; Susan Elizabeth Watts, 742278; Joyce B. Link, 154654; James V. Parker Jr., 562411; Olga M. Goizueta Rawls, 596067; Melvin C. Magidson Jr., 465568; Michael Allen, 011320; J. Michael Harley, 326820; J. Richard Young, 782250; Julianne Kurdila, 481029; Michael Harris, 332805; Sandra Bowers, 503115; Celia S. Honson, 006950; Anita Louise Royal, 617379; William Floyd Schneider, 629570

- d) Members Requesting Disability (approve): Adina M. Broome (086187); Michelle J. Tarley (558001); Vicki M. Knott (426649); Theodore N. McDowell (489915); Richard P. Klein (425075); Stacia Lynn Guthrie (315920); Diane E. Cleveland (129758); Betty L. Bush (098440); A. Harris Adams (002400)

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the above items on the Consent Agenda.

Revisions to Corporate Credit Card Policies

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved 1) proposed revisions (Exhibit A) to the Employee Credit Card Policy including the addition of a corporate credit card for the State Disciplinary Board Clerk with a \$5,000 limit, and 2) proposed revisions (Exhibit A) to the Officer Credit Card Policy that also included the deletion of "Use of the card for non-Bar related expenses may require reimbursement to the State Bar of Georgia" and the insertion of "To the extent that a charge is determined to not be Bar-related, the Officer making the charge shall be required to reimburse the expense." The Chief Financial Officer and the Treasurer were asked to draft procedures as to who makes a determination that an expense is not Bar-related.

NOW Accounts for Small Law Firms

President Perkins-Hooker presented a proposal on NOW accounts for small law firms. With a NOW account, small law firms who have corporate or governmental clients could submit their invoices to the NOW account for collection, subject to a percentage fee of the invoice amount, and receive payment of their invoices, less the percentage fee, within five days. The percentage fee would be split between the NOW account service provider and an IOLTA account so as to subsidize indigent legal aid funding. The proposal was tabled to obtain more information on the collection process, review by the General Counsel for any potential ethical issues, and to allow time for the proposal to be evaluated by the Member Benefits Committee.

Resolution Honoring the 90th Anniversary of Atlanta Legal Aid Society

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved a resolution (Exhibit B) honoring the 90th anniversary of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

Resolutions Honoring Bar Members

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the President presenting resolutions to 1) Randall H. Davis for his heroic act in flying to Liberia for an Ebola patient rescue mission, 2) Rudolph N. Patterson for his many years of service to the Bar, the legal profession, and serving as a Georgia ABA Delegate from 2000-2014, 3) Cubbedge Snow, Jr. for his many years of service to the Bar, the legal profession, and serving as a Georgia ABA Delegate from 1994-2014, 4) Virgil Adams for his many years of service to the profession, and 5) to the family of

Harvey Weitz for his contributions to the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, the Coastal Georgia Office, and to the legal profession.

Law-Related Education Program

Following a report by President Perkins-Hooker, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the Law-Related Education Program 1) replacing its Georgia Law Honors Society with the ABA's Civics and Law Honor Roll program that was created by ABA Commission on Civic Education in the Nation's Schools, and 2) collaborating with the Georgia Humanities Council, the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, and the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts to create a Georgia Government and Civics Consortium to help make government and civics a more significant part of the social studies curriculum.

Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee Recommended Changes to Bar Rules

Following a report by David Lipscomb and Paula Frederick on proposed rules changes recommended by the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Supreme Court of Georgia proposed changes to Rule 4-213, Rule 12-107, Rule 3.5, Rule 5.4, Rule 8.4, and Rule 4-110 (Definitions), and by a hand vote of 8 in favor to 4 opposed, approved recommending to the Supreme Court of Georgia Rule 7.3 (Exhibit C).

Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP)

Lem Ward, Chair of the LAP Committee, and Tameka Ellis from CorpCare, reported on the LAP Committee's efforts to establish a volunteer program to enhance the effectiveness of the LAP. Although CorpCare receives calls and provides the clinical services, it is the volunteers who can provide direct peer assistance and help carry out the mission of the program. Volunteers can provide support to a colleague who may be experiencing a problem the volunteer experienced and was able to manage successfully, share their personal recovery experience and provide support for their peers to get help, and assist with a wide variety of problems including depression, anxiety, stress, addictions and other compulsive behaviors. There are still a lot of issues to work out, and the committee is getting advice from Bar Counsel concerning insurance and other issues.

Legislative and Political Briefing

Thomas Worthy and Rusty Sewell reported that the Advisory Committee on Legislation will meet on September 16 and December 4. Two important political items this year are e-filing and judicial pay raises. The Statewide Judiciary Civil E-Filing Steering Committee, headed by Justice Harold Melton and Judge David T. Emerson, has rolled out some pilot projects and set some standards and rules, but nothing tangible has come out of it regarding a unified statewide e-filing system. Meanwhile, the Clerks' Association is pushing for its own e-filing system and has signed an e-filing third-party provider contract. The Superior Court Judges believe this is the year to ask for judicial pay raises and have asked the Bar for its support in this effort. The Executive Committee members were encouraged to support their candidates during this election year and to be cognitive of digital endorsements.

Past President Buck Ruffin congratulated and recognized Thomas Worthy for being selected in the *Daily Report's* annual pick of Georgia lawyers under 40 who should be on reader's radar.

The Executive Committee received a copy of the "talking points" on the State Bar's legislative program.

President's Report

President Perkins-Hooker reported on her program of activities. The iCivics program has been introduced as a pilot program in five school systems this year – Atlanta Public Schools, Savannah, Columbus, and Muscogee and Wilkinson Counties. Tift County is expected to come on board in early 2015. She has met

with the State Social Studies Coordinator who is a strong supporter of the program, and following the elections, she will meet with the State School Superintendent and ask that the State Board of Education approve iCivics as a statewide program. If the program is adopted statewide, the iCivics program will move under the Bar's Law-Related Education Program. The only cost incurred to date has been for teacher training, which is being paid out of the Cornerstones of Freedom budget.

She reported on the State Bar Committees and Sections Chairs Orientation that was held on July 22, 2014. It was very well attended and received and she encouraged future Bar leaders to continue the orientation.

She reported on efforts to provide lawyers and legal services in all six Georgia counties that have none. Her initial investigation has focused on incentives, location, and how to make certain the lawyer is successful in the community. She has talked to Thomas Worthy and the Governor about revisions needed to the existing statute and the funding needed for debt forgiveness. She has met with the Association of County Commissioners and the Georgia Economic Development Council, and will be working with local economic development officers to try and locate office space. Whether or not Bar funds will be needed for the program has yet to be determined.

She reported that she moved forward with the 5th floor demolition at a cost of \$86,724 and a conceptual layout designed at an anticipated cost of \$7,500. The next part of the process is to make the bathrooms ADA compliant at an estimated cost of \$159,611. A proposed tenant for the 5th floor is the law school incubator program that will need approximately 5,000 square feet. While the Bar has not received a formal proposal for the incubator program, it is anticipated that the Bar would contribute rent-free space for the program. Buildout for the incubator space will cost approximately \$175,000. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Bar Center Committee needs to be involved in that process since it set up the financial plan for the Bar Center. In that plan every tenant in the building is charged the same square footage rental rate. Thereafter, the Executive Committee took the following action:

- 1) By majority voice vote, approved a motion referring to the Bar Center Committee for its evaluation and recommendation to the Executive Committee the 5th floor demolition, rehabilitation, and uses of the space, including any modifications to the existing rent structure, and the potential acquisition of a parking deck; and
- 2) By unanimous voice vote, authorized the replacement of the State Bar Building's chillers at a cost of \$371,325 and the roof at a cost of \$190,260; and
- 3) By unanimous voice vote, approved technology and videoconferencing upgrades at the Bar Center and satellite offices at a cost of \$161,540.

All of the above costs either have been or will be paid from the unrestricted Bar Center reserves.

The Executive Committee received a written President's Report updating her initiatives and major milestones.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rita Sheffey provided a report on the Bar's finances and investments. The Executive Committee received copies of the combined Operations and Bar Center Consolidated Revenue and Expenditures Report as of May 31, 2014, the Summary of Selected Payment Information for the Periods of July 31, 2012-2014, the Operations Only and Bar Center Only Revenues and Expenditures Report as of May 31, 2014, and the Balance Sheet for May 31, 2014.

YLD Report

YLD President Sharri Edenfield reported on the activities of the Young Lawyers Division. The Officers and Directors Long-Range Planning Retreat was held at Lake Oconee on July 11-12 and featured a media and legislative training session and long-range planning. Training for committee chairs and district representatives took place July 25 and featured a panel discussion from alumni leadership council members. A third Wills Clinic took place on August 9 in Marietta where 57 first responders were serviced by young lawyers. All seven Georgia YLD delegate slots were filled at the ABA/YLD meeting in Boston where the YLD won the Best Newsletter Award. On the national level, YLD member Heather Hale Riggs has been named as the YLD/ABA Social Media Coordinator and YLD member Teddy Reese is running for secretary of the ABA/YLD. The Summer Meeting was held August 14-17 at St. Petersburg, Florida, where plans for the upcoming year were discussed. She has three directors working on military support efforts. The Military Legal Assistance Program has standing Memorandums of Understanding with Georgia's VA medical centers wherein Georgia volunteer lawyers provide legal services one day a week. The YLD is going to expand that effort at Ft. McPherson, and in Augusta, Decatur and Carrollton using YLD affiliates and other interested attorneys. Similar efforts are planned for Dublin and Savannah. In addition, the YLD is mentoring law students at Emory's VA clinic, and it will begin outreach to Georgia's JAG's. She reported that Norman Zoller and Mike Monahan have been a tremendous help in these efforts. She has started an Alumni Leadership Council with the goal of transmitting institutional knowledge and training, including a new partner's conference providing information and education about things young lawyers should consider when thinking about or are becoming a partner, and a variety of other information topics. She reported that she is very supportive of the President's initiative to finding employment for unemployed attorneys in underrepresented areas. The Family Law Committee's Supreme Cork that benefits the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation will be held on October 15. The annual Signature Fundraiser will tentatively take place on March 7 and the beneficiary will be determined next week.

Office of General Counsel Report

Paula Frederick provided an update on the activities of the Office of General Counsel. She announced that Bill NeSmith has been hired to replace Bob McCormack as Deputy General Counsel, and the new Grievance Counsel who replaced Carmen Rafter is Wolanda Shelton. She requested that any complaints received by the Executive Committee be forwarded to her for dissemination and follow up. She provided a status update on a public disciplinary matter. She announced that the annual State Disciplinary Board reunion will take place September 25 at Bill Smith's cabin on Lake Burton to which all Executive Committee members are invited.

Civil Legal Services Task Force Report

Treasurer Rita Sheffey reported on the activities of the Civil Legal Services Task Force. The proposed IOLTA rule was filed with the Supreme Court of Georgia, and one objection was filed by the Georgia Bar Foundation on the waiver language. The Supreme Court amended its rules to add a fee to its Pro Hac Vice rules and the Court of Appeals of Georgia did the same. The Council of Superior Court Judges approved proposed changes to its rules and those will be going to the Supreme Court for approval. The State and Magistrates Courts will follow suit once the Supreme Court issues the order approving the Superior Court rules. The Task Force, which meets on August 26, will continue to work on a number of items it initiated last year. She announced that the Task Force supported the Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession's domestic violence funding request, and that two recent bank settlements with Citibank and Bank of America will generate money for IOLTA.

The Executive Committee received a copy of 1) the Supreme Court Order implementing a pro hac vice fee, 2) a *Daily Report* article about the Appellate Courts adopting the pro hac vice fees, and 3) a proposed

amended version of the Superior Court rule regarding pro hac vice appearances that has passed the Council of Superior Court Judges and should be filed with the Supreme Court soon.

Statewide Judiciary Civil E-Filing Steering Committee Update

Treasurer Rita Sheffey, who serves on the Statewide Judicial Civil E-Filing Steering Committee, provided an update on the activities of the Steering Committee. The best the judiciary could do, while trying to work with the Clerks' Authority, was to develop a resolution on proposed statewide minimum standards for electronic filing, a copy of which was provided to the Executive Committee.

Recognition of Bob McCormack

The Executive Committee recognized Bar Counsel Bob McCormack who is retiring from the State Bar at the end of the month.

Executive Director's Report

Jeff Davis thanked everyone for their confidence in choosing him as the Executive Director. He updated the Executive Committee on the Spring Street viaduct project that is scheduled to begin September 2. He, Steve Laine and Sharon Bryant have met with ICLE and Lanier Parking to discuss how to better manage the flow in and out of the parking deck. Steve Harper is rearranging CLE starting and ending times to help in that effort. Jeff has tried to meet with all department managers to assess their needs, and in that regard, he has made some changes to the Bar's organizational chart that was disseminated to the Executive Committee. The Consumer Assistance, Unauthorized Practice of Law, and Transition into Law Practice Programs have been moved under his supervision. He recently attended a national conference of CLE regulators, and the NABE, NCBP, and SCBP in Boston in conjunction with the ABA Annual Meeting. He reported that the common thread at those meetings was attacks on the mandatory Bars around the country. He has been asked to serve on the Aging and the Law Task Force of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism that has an upcoming program at the Carter Center.

Board of Governors Minutes

The Executive Committee received a copy of the draft minutes of the June 6-7, 2014 Board of Governors meetings.

Consumer Assistance Program

The Executive received a written report from the Consumer Assistance Program for the month of July 2014.

Profile on Patrick T. O'Connor

The Executive Committee received a copy of an article from Savannah CEO profiling Patrick T. O'Connor.

Daily Report Articles

The Executive Committee received copy of the following *Daily Report* articles: 1) *Magna Carta Visits USA in Run-up to 800th Anniversary*, 2) *Georgia Legal Services Recognized by ABA for Work During Recession*, and 3) *Georgia Cracks Down on Ambulance Chasers*.

ABA Journal Article on Legal Zoom

The Executive Committee received a copy of an *ABA Journal* article on *Latest Legal Victory has LegalZoom Poised for Growth*.

New Jersey Law Journal Article

The Executive Committee received a copy of an article from the *New Jersey Law Journal* about a recently filed lawsuit taking aim at New Jersey State Bar Association rules it claims are unfairly prohibitive to out-of-state lawyers seeking admission to the federal bar because they require them to hire local counsel.

Summary List of all Published Articles or Broadcasts Mentioning State Bar

The Executive Committee received a summary list of all published articles or broadcasts mentioning the State Bar of Georgia from June to August 15, 2014 that have reached a total circulation audience of 721,808.

UPL Summary Report

The Executive Committee received a summary report from the Unlicensed Practice of Law Program for the period of January 1-August 18, 2014.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Pat O'Connor said he personally appreciated everyone who contacted him about the passing of Harvey Weitz and thanked those that were able to attend Harvey's funeral.

Executive Session

Following a motion and second, the Executive Committee met in Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation matters. Thereafter, by unanimous voice vote, the Executive Committee moved out of Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.



Patrick T. O'Connor, Secretary

Approved:


Patrie M. Perkins-Hooker, President

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

2014-2015

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 1

September 16, 2014

State Bar of Georgia Headquarters

Atlanta, Georgia

The first meeting of the 2014-2015 State Bar of Georgia Advisory Committee on Legislation (“ACL”) was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

ATTENDANCE

The following members and liaisons were present: Dawn Jones (Chair), Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, Ken Hodges, Ken Bernard, Michael Geoffroy, Rita Sheffey, Representative Wendell Willard, Seth Harp, Thomas Burnside, Carol Clark, Nancy Whaley, Curtis Jenkins, John Taylor, Mike Cuccaro and Eric John.

The following members and liaisons participated via conference call: Josh Bell, Dennis Cathey, Lawton Heard, Donna Hix, Amy Howell, Kelly Koelker, Jon Pannell, George Reinhardt, Judge Steve Schuster, Frank Strickland and Carl Varnedoe.

Others present included: Patrise Perkins-Hooker, Bob Kauffman, Thomas Worthy, Jeff Davis, Paula Frederick, John Shiptenko, Brian Kammer, Marla Moore, John Bey, Kyla Lines, Representative Regina Quick, Michelle Arrington, Shannon Weathers, Sandy Lee, William Phalen, Vanessa Goggans, Rebecca Crumrine Rieder, Rusty Sewell, Wanda Segars, Roy Robinson and Meredith Weaver.

CALL TO ORDER

ACL Chair Dawn Jones called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Persons attending the meeting, including those participating by phone, introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting were approved.

KELLER REVIEW

Paula Frederick, General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia, presented a review of *Keller v. State Bar of California*, 496 U.S. 1 (1990).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The ACL reviewed the following proposals. The proposals that were approved by the ACL will be considered by the Board of Governors at its fall meeting in Jekyll Island, Georgia on November 1, 2014.

1. **Attestation of Execution of Antenuptial Agreements.** Rebecca Crumrine Rieder of the Family Law Section presented this proposal, which clarifies the validity of and requirements for an antenuptial agreement. The proposed legislation provides that all antenuptial agreements between parties to a marriage contemplating a future settlement upon one spouse must be in writing and attested by at least two parties, one of whom may be a notary public. The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote for supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on November 1.
2. **Funding Request for Legal Representation for Victims of Domestic Violence.** Michelle Arrington of the Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession presented this proposal, which restores full funding to the AOC for grants to legal services providers for representation of victims of domestic violence. After years of budget cuts, the state appropriation for this program fell to approximately \$1.8 million. Last year, the State Bar lobbying efforts prevailed in having \$386,000 more added to the appropriation. This proposal requests the final installment to restore full funding. The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote for supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on November 1.
3. **Funding Request for the Georgia Resource Center.** Brian Kammer of the Georgia Resource Center presented this proposal, which requests the traditional state appropriation of \$800,000 to the AOC for the funding of the Georgia Appellate Practice and Educational Resource Center. The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote for supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on November 1.
4. **Water Lien Legislation.** Willie Phalen and Vanessa Goggans of the Real Property Law Section presented this proposal, which requires a water authority to file a lien against a parcel of residential property in the Superior Court Clerk's Office. After significant discussion about potential opposition, the ACL voted unanimously to table the proposal to give the Real Property Law Section an opportunity to work with potential opponents in an attempt to find common ground. The ACL will take up the proposal again at its December 4, 2014 meeting.
5. **Unauthorized Practice of Law Legislation.** Willie Phalen and Vanessa Goggans of the Real Property Law Section presented this proposal, which originally created a private cause of action with damages for parties to a real estate transaction that were harmed by the unauthorized practice of law. After committee discussion, the proposal was amended to provide that any person harmed by the unauthorized practice of law could seek damages through a private cause of action. The *Keller* vote was unanimous, with Carol

Clark and Thomas Burnside abstaining. The vote for supporting the proposal, as amended, was unanimous, with Carol Clark and Thomas Burnside abstaining.

DISCUSSION OF JUDICIAL SALARY INCREASES

Thomas Worthy and Rusty Sewell informed the Committee about discussions that have taken place throughout the summer regarding judicial salary increases for superior and appellate court judges. The finalized proposal will be presented to the ACL for its consideration at the December 4, 2014 meeting.

ELECTION AND POLITICAL UPDATE

Rusty Sewell, Roy Robinson, Meredith Weaver and Thomas Worthy informed the Committee about contested elections involving lawyers running for public office.

REPORT ON GRASSROOTS ACTIVITIES

Thomas Worthy updated the Committee about the State Bar's Grassroots Program and discussed his outreach to local and voluntary bar associations throughout the summer. He also informed the Committee about the upcoming rollout of the State Bar Action Network, an online interactive dashboard through which State Bar members can monitor law-related legislation.

UPDATE FROM THE JUDICIARY

Marla Moore, Executive Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, expressed appreciation for the State Bar, the ACL and members of the General Assembly. She also informed the ACL that the Judicial Council will be requesting an additional \$1.1 million in state funding over last year's level. This funding increase will be for ICJE, the Supreme Court's Justice for Children Committee, municipal probation auditors and for the Council of Probate Court Judges. Ms. Moore also outlined five legislative proposals that the Judicial Council will pursue.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dawn Jones reminded Committee members and attendees that the second and last ACL meeting of this cycle will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2014 at 10:00 am in Meeting Room 1 of the Bar Center. The deadline for receiving proposals to be considered at that meeting is Tuesday, November 20, 2014. With no further business before the Committee, Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.

PROPOSAL RE: ATTESTATION OF EXECUTION OF ANTENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

1. Specific proposed legislation has been prepared and is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Said proposed legislation amends O.C.G.A. §19-3-62(a) to provide that all Antenuptial Agreements between parties to a marriage contemplating a future settlement upon one spouse must be in writing and must be attested by at least two witnesses, one of whom may be a notary public.
2. This legislation will change O.C.G.A. §19-3-62(a) by eliminating the confusion concerning what constitutes a “marriage article”, eliminating a parol marriage article, and limits the statute to only written antenuptial agreements entered into between parties to a marriage contemplating a future settlement upon one spouse and requiring that antenuptial agreements must be attested to by at least two witnesses, one of whom may be a notary public.
3. Under current Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §19-3-62(a)), there is no requirement that antenuptial agreements be in writing and attested to at least two witnesses, one of whom may be a notary public. The proposed amendment will eliminate further confusion about the validity of execution of antenuptial agreements requiring them to be in writing and attested to by two witnesses, one of whom may be a notary public.
4. There are no known proponents of the proposed legislation.
5. We have solicited comments from the other sections of the State Bar, and no other section is believed to have an interest in this proposed legislation.
6. The Family Law Section recommends that this proposal be adopted by the State Bar of Georgia.

Rebecca Crumrine Rieder, Chairman
Family Law Section, Legislation Committee

EXHIBIT "A

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definition of marital articles and attestation of marital articles entered into in contemplation of divorce.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

Section 1. Previous Section 19-3-62(a) is repealed.

Section 2. A new Section 19-3-62(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is established as follows:

As used in this Article, ~~the term "marriage articles" is defined as~~ any antenuptial agreement entered into between the parties to a marriage contemplating a future settlement upon one spouse shall be in writing, and attested to by at least two witnesses, one of whom may be a notary public. ~~and any postnuptial agreement, settlement agreement, or other contract entered into in contemplation of divorce. Antenuptial agreements Marital articles whether by parol or entered into in writing,~~ may be enforced by a court of equity at the instance of the spouse at any time during the life of the other spouse, so long as the rights of third parties, purchasers, or creditors, in good faith and without notice, are not affected. ~~All marital articles in writing must be attested by at least two witnesses.~~

Section 3. Existing sub0section (b) of Section 19-3-62 of the Official Code of Georgia remains unamended.



July 14, 2014

Mr. Thomas Worthy
Director of Governmental Affairs
State Bar of Georgia
104 Marietta Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Legislative Proposal - Domestic Violence Funding for the 2016 Fiscal Year

Dear Thomas:

I write on behalf of the *Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession (PIP)* to request the State Bar of Georgia's endorsement of legislation that would provide an appropriation for civil legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence. Each year the PIP Committee seeks the endorsement of the State Bar of Georgia for this legislation, which provides for an appropriation to non-profit organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income Georgians. It is our Committee's understanding that for the State Bar of Georgia to endorse this legislation for the upcoming fiscal year, the proposal must be renewed before the Advisory Committee on Legislation. As a result, our Committee wishes to again propose an appropriation of \$2,500,000.00 for the 2016 fiscal year. In addition, we understand that the Judicial Council is also making this specific dollar request in their budget and we ask that the State Bar Advisory Committee on Legislation support the same. Understanding the state's budget restraints is the only reason that we do not request more funding at this time, however, the need in this area dictates that we do not request less.

In 1998, the General Assembly appropriated \$2 million as part of the Administrative Office of the Court's budget. The funds were appropriated for use in providing civil legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence. That year, the General Assembly recognized the importance of providing legal services to victims of domestic violence, and has provided funding to do so every year since. However, over the years that support has been dwindling while the need has been increasing. Last year's appropriation was \$2,114,496, which is a \$387k increase from FY 2014, but still below FY 2009. In 2007 the statistics showed that because of the domestic violence crisis in our state there are up to 90% of our most vulnerable citizens that are not able to hire lawyers to represent them according to a statement by Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears in a 2007 State of the Judiciary Address. This funding helps to provide that assistance that would otherwise go unmet. In addition, for each \$1 spent on temporary protective orders, this saves \$30.75 in costs for law enforcement, hospital, incarceration, and community services. For

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the 2015 fiscal year, the General Assembly renewed and increased its commitment to stopping domestic violence, but more is needed. The Judicial Council is committing to this level and the Bar should stand with them.

The Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession is aware of no opposition to this proposal for the appropriation of \$2,500,000.00 for the 2016 fiscal year. It is our Committee's understanding that we do not need to submit the specific language for the legislation at this time because this is a budget item. Furthermore, this proposal satisfies the *Keller* criteria because it is within the scope and purposes of the State Bar of Georgia to advance the administration of justice. It also is consistent with past actions by the Board of Governors in support of access to legal services by the poor. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 404.613.4350.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,

Michelle Arrington

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
September 2014

This Proposal is submitted by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Georgia Appellate Practice and Educational Resource Center, Inc. (“Resource Center”). The Proposal seeks continued State Bar support for adequate state funding for the Resource Center, specifically that continuation funding of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) be included in the budget of the Judicial Council for the next session of the General Assembly. Given the history of budget cuts sustained by the Resource Center and the overall budget challenges the General Assembly will face at the next session, State Bar support for the Resource Center is particularly critical at this time.

I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In 1985, the State Bar of Georgia created the Special Committee to Review the Georgia Attorney Role in Post-Conviction Proceedings (“Special Committee”) to address the lack of competent counsel for indigent, death-sentenced inmates in post-conviction proceedings. The Special Committee documented the need for counsel in such proceedings and assessed the impact of this situation on the quality and administration of justice in state and federal courts. The Special Committee proposed a multi-faceted solution involving the State Bar, the state law schools, the federal courts, and the Supreme Court of Georgia and the creation of the Georgia Resource Center. The Special Committee’s report and recommendation were unanimously adopted by the State Bar Board of Governors in January 1986. The State Bar of Georgia was

one of the three recipients in the United States of the 1988 Harrison Tweed Award from the American Bar Association for the Special Committee's work on this project.

The Resource Center was established in 1988 as a 501(3)(c) non-profit corporation. It is governed by a Board of Directors of one (1) non-attorney and thirteen (13) attorneys from throughout Georgia who are appointed by the Supreme Court of Georgia and the State Bar of Georgia. The Resource Center staff is currently comprised of the Executive Director, one (1) Senior Litigator, five (5) full-time Staff Attorneys, one (1) full-time Investigator, three (3) part-time Investigators, and an Office Manager, who all earn salaries far below that which they could earn in the public and private sectors. The Resource Center's office space is spartan and its cases are litigated on a shoe-string budget.

Georgia is the only state which does not appoint or compensate counsel in state habeas corpus proceedings.¹ This poses an especially acute problem in capital cases where post-conviction review has been recognized to be a critical stage in the death penalty appellate process.² The Resource Center is mandated to oversee *all* capital post-conviction cases in Georgia, either through direct representation or through support of pro bono counsel.³ Its staff provides representation for Georgia's indigent death sentenced prisoners in habeas corpus

¹ See *Gibson v. Turpin*, 270 Ga. 855 (1999). By the slimmest of margins, the Supreme Court of Georgia held that death sentenced inmates had no constitutional right to counsel in state habeas corpus proceedings. The court did note however that a statute providing for state-funded counsel might be a good policy but that absent legislative enactment of such a provision, state-funded counsel was not constitutionally compelled

² See, e.g., *Murray v. Giarratano*, 492 U.S. 1, 24, 26 (1989).

³ This means the Resource Center is responsible for overseeing 90 cases from over 40 different counties across the state.

proceedings either as sole counsel or co-counsel with volunteer law firms from across the country. Capital habeas corpus proceedings are among the most complex in the legal field and require intensive investigation and litigation by experienced attorneys and investigators.

The Resource Center is the most efficient and cost-effective means of moving capital cases to final adjudication⁴ and is a necessary safeguard against wrongful execution.⁵ By providing representation at this stage, moreover, the Resource Center allows Georgia's capital punishment system to function expeditiously (in particular by streamlining federal habeas review) in bringing these cases to final resolution.

The work of the Georgia Resource Center has not gone unnoticed. The Resource Center's efforts on behalf of its clients caused it to be awarded the 2012 Indigent Defense Award by the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In addition, the Resource Center received the 2013 Legal Legends Award by the American Constitution Society in recognition of its integral role in protecting the rights of indigent death-sentenced prisoners and ensuring fairness in the administration of capital punishment in Georgia. In August of 2013, the Resource

⁴ A performance audit requested by the Georgia Senate Appropriations Committee and conducted by the Department of Audits in 2005 found that Resource Center attorneys handled more cases and expended less money per case than similar organizations providing post-conviction representation to death sentenced prisoners in other states.

⁵ Since 1996, 36 death penalty cases have resulted in affirmed post-conviction reversals: 18 prisoners have already had life sentences imposed, 2 died of natural causes, 2 have been resentenced to death and the remaining 14 are pending (1 of those cases involves a juvenile who cannot be resentenced to death). During that same period, 34 death sentences have been carried out. The significance of this rate of error is obvious: proving that the system can be fundamentally fair only if there is a Resource Center to provide checks and balances to the system in state habeas review.

Center was honored with the Deirdre O'Brien Award for Outstanding Advocacy on Behalf of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities from the ARC of Georgia.

For the past twenty-six (26) years, the State Bar of Georgia has actively supported the Resource Center's legislative proposal. The formal and active support for this legislative proposal by the State Bar is crucial to obtain continued funding from the State, so that the important work of the Resource Center can continue.

II. SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

No specific legislation is pending, but the Resource Center funding request will be included in the appropriations bill of the Georgia General Assembly.

The Georgia Resource Center respectfully requests support for a continuation of baseline funding of \$800,000, which the General Assembly awarded the Resource Center in FY 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015.

The more recent history of state funding for the Resource Center is as follows: Beginning in FY 2002 through FY 2008, the Resource Center's baseline funding from the General Assembly was \$800,000. Because state funding was stagnant for those seven years, despite ever increasing costs, the Resource Center sought, and was awarded, grants from the Georgia Bar Foundation in FY 2006-2009. In response to the increased funding from the Georgia Bar Foundation, the General Assembly cut the Resource Center's grant to \$580,000 for FY 2009.

When the economic downturn devastated the Georgia Bar Foundation's revenues, its support of the Resource Center was drastically reduced in FY 2010 and FY 2011. Since FY 2012, the Foundation has not provided any financial support to the Resource Center due to

financial restraints.⁶ For FY 2012, despite the lack of any support from the Bar Foundation, the General Assembly reduced funding of the Resource Center to \$565,500. As noted above, in FY 2013 through FY 2015, the General Assembly returned funding to its FY 2002-2008 level of \$800,000.

As a founding partner of the Georgia Resource Center, the Georgia Bar has strongly supported the Resource Center's work since its inception in 1988, recently providing direct financial assistance. While the continuation of this financial support is uncertain, the FY 2016 budget cautiously projects continued support of \$110,000 from the State Bar of Georgia. The budget reflects revenue of \$310,000 in federal court compensation for work representing Georgia state prisoners in federal capital habeas cases in FY 2016.⁷ In addition, the budget projects charitable donations of \$14,000 for FY 2016. The Resource Center's total budget for FY 2015 is \$1,234,000.

Without continuation of baseline funding of \$800,000, the Resource Center will be forced to lay off legal staff. This core funding will allow the Resource Center to maintain the minimum staff necessary to fulfill its mandate to provide adequate legal services to Georgia's indigent death-sentenced clients and take on additional cases that will enter the system in FY 2015 and

⁶ Elimination of funding for the Resource Center from the Georgia Bar Foundation was due to a catastrophic reduction in IOLTA funds disbursed from the Foundation. As a result, funding was eliminated or drastically reduced for all programs formerly supported by the Foundation.

⁷ Federal court compensation is received in periodic amounts that vary substantially according to the number of federal habeas cases which are approaching resolution at any given time, and the time it takes the courts to fulfill payment vouchers. This budgeted figure is a revenue projection as federal billing is wholly dependent on the progression of cases through the federal courts.

FY 2016. The effectiveness, efficiency and credibility of Georgia's death penalty system depend on an adequately-staffed and sufficiently-funded Resource Center. Accordingly, the Georgia Resource Center urgently requests that the State Bar of Georgia support a continuation of baseline funding of \$800,000.

Endorsement of this proposal is consistent with the purposes of the State Bar of Georgia. Members of the bar are uniquely qualified to analyze the technical and public policy issues inherent in this proposal and can fulfill a duty of public service by examining these issues and making a statement to the General Assembly. Endorsement of these proposals will also improve the administration of justice in appellate and post-conviction capital proceedings in Georgia.

III. SUMMARY OF EXISTING LAW

We do not believe there is any existing law applicable to this proposal.

IV. PROPONENTS OR OPPONENTS

The State Bar of Georgia has supported full funding for the Resource Center since its inception in 1986. The Georgia Supreme Court has also supported funding for the Resource Center, as has the Board of Governors and the Judicial Council of Georgia.

There are no known opponents of this proposal.

V. OTHER COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS

A copy of this proposal will be sent to the following other committees or sections which may have an interest in the legislation: the Advisory Committee on Legislation; the Special Committee on Post-Conviction Capital Representation; the Criminal Law Section; and the

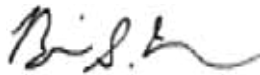
Individual Rights Section of the State Bar. These committees and sections have previously supported funding for the Resource Center.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, the Board of Directors of the Georgia Resource Center petitions the State Bar of Georgia for endorsement of continuation funding of \$800,000 for the Resource Center and that such funding be placed in the budget of the Judicial Council for the next session of the General Assembly.

Submitted: September 2, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

TO: Patrise Perkins-Hooker, President, State Bar of Georgia
Dawn Jones, Chair, Advisory Committee on Legislation
Thomas Worthy, Director of Governmental Affairs

FROM: Real Property Law Section

RE: Proposed Bill to provide a private cause of action for the unauthorized practice of law.

DATE: September 16, 2014

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The Executive Committee, Real Property Law Section, submits this Request pursuant to Section 1.02 (a) (1) of Standing Board Policy 100, as follows:

(A) Private Cause of Action for the Unauthorized Practice of Law

(i) The specific legislation, if any, which is pending or proposed:

The attached proposed legislation would provide a private cause of action for anyone harmed by the unauthorized practice of law. It is modeled after North Carolina General Statute 84-10.1.

(ii) A statement of the issues addressed by the legislation:

Georgians have little or no recourse against lay persons who have caused harm through the giving of bad legal advice or poor legal services. A number of states, including North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Washington, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Missouri, District of Columbia, and New Mexico, have adopted statutorily or by common law, a private cause of action for the unauthorized practice of law. This legislation will provide a legal remedy to those harmed by the unauthorized practice of law in a number of settings including residential real estate closings, preparation of legal documents, and assistance in immigration matters.

(iii) A summary of the existing law:

O.C.G.A. § 15-19-50, et seq. provides the legislative definition for the practice of law; identifies those acts constituting the unauthorized practice law; sets forth allowable

exceptions; and establishes avenues for recourse for violations of the Code section. Currently, a violation of the Code section is a misdemeanor, and civil remedies are limited to injunctive relief sought by the State Bar of Georgia. Private citizens damaged by those acting in violation of this Code section are for all intents and purposes barred from seeking redress through Georgia courts. The proposed legislation would provide a civil remedy to anyone harmed by the unauthorized practice of law.

(iv) Principal known proponents or opponents of the legislation and, if possible, a brief statement of the reasons for opposition or support by the other interests:

This legislation provides the public greater access to the justice system, and in so doing, furthers a fundamental objective of the State Bar. The legislation is also consistent with the notion the public interest is best served when legal services are provided by qualified persons. Proponents include residential real estate closing attorneys and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. Opponents would include non-attorney settlement companies, title insurance underwriters, notaries public, and providers of legal forms such as LegalZoom and Lexis.

(v) A listing of any other committees or sections which may have an interest in the legislation and a certification that any such committees have been provided a copy of the proposal simultaneous to its transmission to the Advisory Committee on Legislation:

As of November 4, 2013, GTLA has agreed to support this piece of legislation. The Immigration Law Section and Bankruptcy Law Section have been made aware and their support is sought.

(vi) The position which the committee, section or group recommends be adopted by the State Bar:

The Executive Committee of the Real Property Law Section requests that the State Bar take up this legislation and present it as a bill in the 2014 General Assembly. This legislation was originally part of SB 365 originating in the Senate Judiciary Committee during the 2011-2012 regular session. It was dropped from consideration after receiving significant opposition from creators of legal forms and documents, ie LegalZoom and Lexis.

15-19-59.

Any person damaged by a violation of this article or a violation of the Supreme Court's rulings or opinions governing the unlicensed practice of law shall be entitled to maintain a civil action to recover damages and reasonable attorney's fees

State Bar of Georgia Bylaws

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Generally.

Officers of the State Bar shall consist of a President, a President-elect, an Immediate Past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers shall be installed each year during the annual meeting and shall take an oath of office administered by an installation officer selected by the president-elect. The president-elect may be sworn in separately from the other officers.

After their ~~election~~ installation, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve until the next annual meeting. The Secretary and the Treasurer may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

The President, Immediate Past President, and the President-elect of the Younger Lawyers Section Division shall be ex-officio officers of the State Bar.

Section 2. The President.

The President shall:

- a. preside at all meetings of the State Bar;
- b. chair the Board of Governors and preside at all of its meetings;
- c. submit to the Board of Governors no later than the second meeting of the Board which the President chairs, a proposed program of activities for the year, a list of the appointments of chairpersons and members of standing committees for the year as provided by the Rules and these Bylaws, and budgetary recommendations as deemed appropriate; and
- d. choose the site for the annual meeting at the end of his or her term and deliver a report at the annual meeting of the members on the activities of the State Bar during his or her term of office, and furnish a copy of the report to the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Section 3. The President-Elect.

The President-elect shall:

- a. perform duties delegated to him or her by the President, prescribed by the Board of Governors and as otherwise provided in the Bar Rules and Bylaws.
- b. upon the absence, death, disability, or resignation of the President, the President-elect shall preside at all meetings of the State Bar and the Board, and shall perform all other duties of the President.
- c. plan the program for the year in which he or she shall act as President, including activities associated with the inaugural event during the Annual Meeting.
- d. in planning his or her year, ensure continuity in the program of the State Bar for the benefit of the legal profession and the public and make needed arrangements for the prompt inauguration implementation of the program upon taking office as President.

e. serve as an ex-officio member of the Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board.

Section 4. The Immediate Past President.

The Immediate Past President shall:

- a. chair the Board of Trustees for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education;
- b. serve as an ex-officio member of the Review Panel of the State Disciplinary Board and the Commission on Lawyer Competency; and
- c. perform other duties delegated to him or her by the President and prescribed by the Board of Governors.

Upon the absence, death, resignation, or disability of the Immediate Past President, the next most immediate past president shall assume the duties of the Immediate Past President.

REDLINE VERSION OF SECTION 3:

The President-elect shall:

- ~~_____~~ a. perform duties delegated to him or her by the President, prescribed by the Board of Governors and as otherwise provided in the Bar Rules and Bylaws. ~~Upon~~
- ~~_____~~ b. upon the absence, death, disability, or resignation of the President, the President-elect shall preside at all meetings of the State Bar and the Board, and shall perform all other duties of the President.

~~To insure~~ ~~_____~~ c. plan the program for the year in which he or she shall act as President, including activities associated with the inaugural event during the Annual Meeting.

~~_____~~ d. in planning his or her year, ensure continuity in the program of the State Bar for the benefit of the legal profession and the public; the President-elect shall plan the program for the year in which he or she shall act as President and make needed arrangements for the prompt inauguration implementation of the program upon taking office as President.

~~_____~~ e. serve as an ex-officio member of the Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board.

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA ANIMAL LAW SECTION BYLAWS

Presented to the Section on May 1, 2014 and approved by the Section on May 1, 2014 and July 1, 2014.

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The name of this Section shall be the “**Animal Law Section.**”

Section 2: The purpose of this Section shall be to provide membership to licensed attorneys in the state of Georgia so that they may develop their legal knowledge, skills, and professional abilities in the area of Animal Law in order to render better service to their clients and the general public. The section shall provide networking and educational opportunities to its members. The Animal Law Section will provide a needed forum for members to exchange ideas, study, and understand laws, regulations, and case law pertaining to all areas of Animal Law.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

Section 1: Each member of this Section shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar. Any member of the State Bar, upon request and payment of annual Section dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of this Section. Thereafter, such dues shall be paid in advance each year at the time of the payment of dues to the State Bar. Members so enrolled and whose dues are so paid shall constitute the membership of this Section. Any member whose annual dues shall be more than six (6) months past due thereupon shall cease to be a member and shall be dropped from the rolls of the Section, subject to reinstatement at any time upon the payment of dues on the current year.

Section 2: The annual Section dues payable by each member of this Section shall be established from time to time by the Officers and approved by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1: The Officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Section.

Section 2: Each Officer shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of the annual meeting of the Section at which he is elected and ending at the close of the next succeeding annual meeting of the Section and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired term. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of the Chairperson and there then also shall exist a vacancy in the office of Vice Chairperson, the President of the State Bar of Georgia shall appoint a successor Chairperson for the unexpired term.

Section 3: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, appoint appropriate committees of the Section to serve during his or her term as Chairperson, plan and supervise the program of the Section at its annual meeting, and perform all executive and administrative duties necessary or proper to the organization and functioning of the Section, including any duty as from time to time may be prescribed by the Section or by the State Bar

Section 4: The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

Section 5: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Section, maintain the permanent records, give notices of meetings and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairperson.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall maintain the budget of the Section, update the income and expenses of the Section, ensure that the bills of the Section are paid, maintain contact with the Section Liaison of the State Bar of Georgia for purposes of maintaining the budget, and report on the budget at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of the Section

Section 1: An annual meeting of the Section shall be held each year at or about the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar; the date, time, and meeting room to be fixed by the Chairperson.

Section 2: A Special Meeting of the Section may be called by the Chairperson to be convened at such time and place and with such program and order of business as may be fixed by the Chairperson.

Section 3: Ten percent of the membership of the Section present (or able to vote by proxy) at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, with the exception of administrative decisions as made by the Executive Board.

Section 4: All action of the Section shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5: Notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Section shall be given to each member of the Section on the rolls of the Section in the office of the State Bar of Georgia. In the absence of actual notice sent by at least ten (10) days in advance of any meeting, written or printed notice sent by United State Mail or by e-mail no less than ten (10) days in advance of such scheduled meeting sent to the member's address or e-mail address on record in the office of the State Bar of Georgia shall constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice of such meeting of this Section. Further, any such notice may be included with other written or printed material mailed or e-mailed to all of the members of the State Bar of Georgia or any part thereof which includes all members of the Section. Such notice shall also be due, adequate, and sufficient notice of such meeting of this Section.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section 1: Between meetings of the Section the Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the four Officers of the Section and one other member of the Section, if the Chairperson so chooses, appointed by the Chairperson, whose term shall be co-existent with that of the Chairperson.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have full authority to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself would be authorized to act and any such action taken by the Executive Committee pursuant to this provision shall be reported to the members of the Section at the next Annual Meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section 1: Elections shall be held once per calendar year. The officers of the section shall solicit nominations from the members at large, and notify the members of the voting process, deadline for nominations, and the final date of the elections. The members, including officers, shall nominate one or more members of the Section as qualified to hold each of the offices of the Section for the ensuing terms of office.

Section 2: The names of all members of the Section nominated for each office shall be submitted to the section at large, by United States mail or email, and ballots shall be cast until there shall be a majority of the members of the Section present favoring the election of a designated member to an office.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

Section 1: Funds of the Section shall be deposited in the treasury of the State Bar of Georgia and shall be disbursed by the treasurer of the State Bar of Georgia to pay bills of the Section which have been approved for payment by any Officer of the Section.

Section 2: Funds of the Section shall be expended for such purposes related to the activities of the Section as from time to time shall be authorized by the Section's Executive Committee.

Section 3: Officers and members of the Section shall not be compensated for services thereto.

Section 4: A financial report of the funds of the Section shall be rendered at each annual meeting thereof. This Section shall have the same fiscal year as the State Bar.

ARTICLE VIII

Miscellaneous

Section 1: The Section shall from time to time conduct programs for the continuing education in the world and field of Animal Law, but may coordinate its efforts in this regard with the other Sections of the State Bar of Georgia.

Section 2: The Section may from time to time, subject to the Rules, Bylaws and Standing Board Policies of the State Bar, sponsor, promote, study or review proposed legislation. The Section may from time to time report on its legislative activities to the State Bar.

ARTICLE IX

Effective Date and Amendment

Section 1: These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Governors of the State Bar.

Section 2: These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present and subsequent approval thereof by the Board of Governors of the State Bar.

Signed, sealed and subscribed before
the undersigned this the 23rd day of
July, 2014.



[Signature]
Witness

Reagan M. Bush
CHAIRPERSON

Approved by the Board of Governors
the ____ day of _____,
20 ____.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

for November 1, 2014 Board of Governors' Meeting

It has been almost five months since being sworn in as President of the State Bar of Georgia and our last Board of Governor's Meeting. In the interim, I have been actively working on my major projects including *iCivics*, providing access to lawyers in six counties, and promoting initiatives of the State Bar throughout Georgia. In addition, I am working on many projects designed to improve the operations of the Bar and service to our members. I have met with school officials, teachers, students, justices, the Governor, members of the Governor's staff, economic development officers, employees at the State Bar and members of our due diligence team for the evaluation of a potential purchase of new property.

Below, please find highlights of what I have been involved with since June 7th:

JUNE 2014

- 11th Spoke to high school students in the Justice Robert Benham Summer Law Camp at Georgia State Law School about what it means to be a lawyer
- 11th Attended 2014 E. Randolph Williams Pro Bono Awards Ceremony at Hunton & Williams
- 11th Attended Women in the Law Awards event at the Commerce Club
- 12th Held initial meeting with Kyle Williams, Lamont Burwell, and Sharon Bryant on technology enhancements and upgrades needed at the headquarters and remote office facilities to improve connectivity
- 12th Represented the State Bar at the Legal Frenzy Awards Ceremony sponsored by Attorney General Sam Olens, the State Bar, and YLD officers
- 12th Served as speaker for American Constitutional Law Society's Pro Bono Service Reception for Summer Interns
- 13th Spent time at the State Bar Center, interviewing with a reporter and participating in a group tour of the potential purchase sites; coordinating project updates and participating in various meetings
- 16th Participated in bi-weekly *iCivics* Implementation Committee telephone conferences
- 17th Served as luncheon speaker at Augusta Bar Association's monthly meeting
- 17th Participated on conference call regarding AOC audit request from DOR
- 19th Met with Stacey Abrams on NOW accounts for State Bar members
- 20th Traveled to Wilmington, NC for North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting and the Installation of the new Bar President Catharine Biggs Arrowood;
- 20th Dined with NC Past Presidents at their Annual Meeting; and attended the Inauguration dinner at the North Carolina Bar Association

- 22nd Attended VIP Reception for the opening of the Center for Civil and Human Rights- State Bar has 2 annual passes. Gave one pass to Sharon Bryant for the staff.
- 23rd Spoke at the closing ceremonies for Justice Robert Benham Summer Law Camp at King & Spalding.
- 26th Spoke at the Swearing in Ceremony for New Lawyers in Fulton County
- 27th Spent the day at the State Bar Center working on projects and in meetings
- 28th Attended GABWA Glitter Gala where the State Bar sponsored a table
- 30th Participated in an *iCivics* Implementation Committee telephone conference

JULY 2014

- 3rd Participated in an *iCivics* Implementation Committee telephone conferences
- 3rd Interviewed by WSB-TV's Jocelyn Dorsey, Editorial Director for People to People television program at the State Bar Center
- 3rd Met with staff about pending stationery, technology and other projects
- 7th Hosted a luncheon meeting with all State Bar staff to introduce Jeff Davis on his 1st official day of work
- 8th Held lunch meeting with the Social Studies Coordinator for the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) to discuss logistics for APS' participation in the *iCivics* program
- 9th Met with Laz Parking working group to review title work for sites
- 10th Attended Women in the Profession Section of the Atlanta Bar Achievement Award at the Capital City Club
- 10th Met with Steve Gotlieb at Atlanta Legal Aid to discuss ALA programs and support for the same
- 10th Met with Shaun Owens, Social Studies Coordinator for Georgia Department of Education re *iCivics*
- 14th interviewed with Fulton County Television (FGTV) at the State Bar Center
- 15th Participated in an *iCivics* Implementation Committee Telephone conference
- 15th Met with Governor Deal and key staff members about the unmet need for legal services in 6 counties
- 16th Met to discuss Georgia Appleseed initiative at State Bar Center
- 17th Participated in Georgia Bar Foundation Grant Awards Committee Meeting
- 17th Interviewed with Rolling Out magazine
- 18th Spent time the State Bar Center working on various projects and in meetings with Paula Frederick on Office of General Counsel issues and Thomas Worthy on legislative issues
- 18th Had dinner with Justice Harris and Helen Hines
- 22nd Conducted Committee and Section Chair Orientation over lunch at the State Bar Center

- 23rd Had breakfast with Economic Development attorneys re: project to secure lawyers in six counties project
- 25th Spent the day at the State Bar Center. Met with GLSP on 2014 Campaign.
- Spoke at YLD Committee Chair Orientation
- 25th Interviewed with a reporter from the Atlanta Business Chronicle
- 25th Hosted a reception for the National Bar Association's Board of Governors at the State Bar Center
- 26-30th Attended various events, luncheons and award ceremonies at the NBA Annual Meeting at the Marriott Marquis
- 28th Participated in an *iCivics* Implementation Committee Telephone conference
- 29th Attended APS *iCivics* Training Session for APS teachers
- 29th Had lunch with Justice Melton and Ryan Teague for introductions and a discussion on State Bar projects

AUGUST 2014

- 4th Attended Cobb County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast as a guest of Justice and Helen Hines to hear the Executive Director of ARC speak
- 6th Met with City Hall officials about our request for a U-Turn and traffic related issues on Marietta Street
- 7–10th Attended National Council of Bar Presidents at the Annual Meeting of the ABA in Boston, MA
- 12th Attended Law Related Education Committee meeting to update the committee on the new *iCivics* pilot program
- 12th Met with Fulton County Daily Reporter Kate Brumback
- 14th Attended a reception for Emory University's new law students at Miller Ward House to give greetings
- 15th Served as keynote speaker at Emory University New Law Student Orientation on Professionalism
- 15th Held meetings with Thomas Worthy and Rusty Sewell on legislative issues.
- Met with technology enhancement team about the status of the upgrade proposals and to finalize recommendations for the Executive Committee.
- 16th Attended Luncheon for Dr. Valarie Montgomery Rice, New President of Morehouse School of Medicine
- 17th Attended interment services for Harvey Weitz in Savannah
- 19th Attended Gate City and Multibar Judicial Reception at King & Spalding.
- 20th Attended UPL Briefing and meeting with State Bar Staff
- 22nd Chaired Executive Committee at State Bar Headquarters
- 23rd Keynote Speaker for GABWA-Columbus Chapter, Columbus and Fountain City Bar Associations' Leadership Program in Columbus, GA

- 26th Attended Civil Legal Services Task Force Meeting to discuss Rural Lawyer Program
- 28th Lunch meeting with Chief Justice Thompson to update him on State Bar's activities

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- 3rd Breakfast meeting with Fulton County Superior Court Judges to discuss a court project
- 5th and 6th Presided over Executive Committee Planning Retreat in Tifton, GA. Held a reception with the Tift County Bar Association and one with the President of ABAC
- 8th *iCivics* training held in Columbus, GA for Muscogee and Harris County School Systems
- 9th Attended Diversity Awards Presentation of the Multi-bar Leadership Council at Hall, Sullivan & Booth law firm
- 11th Attended reception sponsored by GABWA-Savannah Chapter and the Port City Bar Associations. Luncheon Speaker for Savannah Bar Association
- 12th Met with Chair of International Law Committee; attended Bar Center Committee meeting; worked in President's office for the rest of the day.
- 15th Attended Communications and Cornerstone of Freedom Committee meeting.
- 16th Attended Advisory Committee on Legislation meeting and Access to Justice Committee Meeting.
- 18th Luncheon speaker at monthly meeting of the Columbus Bar Association; visited Chattahoochee County re: rural lawyers project; co-hosted GABWA meeting at State Bar Center
- 19th Luncheon speaker at the monthly meeting of the Macon Bar Association
- 22nd Chatham County School System *iCivics* training
- 24th Addressed attendees at the Georgia Diversity Luncheon held at the State Bar Center
- 25th Attended Cook-out at Bill Smith's house in Unicoi, GA
- 26th Met with Bucky Askew about the Incubator Program; attended Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism meeting; worked in the President's office for the rest of the day.
- 30th Attended Law and Ethics luncheon at Ga Tech; participated in conference call about SEC regulations impacting State Bar investment accounts; attended Atlanta Business League's Breakfast and Luncheon Awards programs.

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- 3rd Worked in the President's office; attended a luncheon meeting with General Counsel

- 7th Georgia Legal Services Program Champions Justice Recognition
- 9th Speaker at the Boy Scout's Whitney Young Banquet
- 10th -13th Attended Southern Conference of Bar Presidents Meeting in USVI
- 17th Worked in the President's office.
- 22nd Speaker at the GAWBA Leadership Academy Graduation
- 24th Executive Committee meeting; worked in the President's office.
- 25th Speaker at NewRoc Elementary, Rockdale County, GA
- 30th- Nov. 1st Preside over Board of Governors' Fall Meeting and attended related committee meetings.

Major Milestones and Accomplishments:

- Represented the State Bar at eight bar association meetings.
- Held a successful orientation for new committee and section leaders.
- Hosted the NBA Board of Governors at a reception held in the State Bar Center.
- Successfully kicked off the *iCivics* program pilot in five school systems and completed training for the Atlanta Public Schools System, Chatham, Muscogee and Harris County School Systems.
- Worked to improve and update the technology used by the State Bar for conferencing with remote offices.
- Initiated demolition of the 5th floor and reviewed plans to make the 5th floor rentable.
- Worked with the Communications Department to increase its public outreach and publication success with newspaper articles placed around the state.
- Helped orient and support the new Executive Director.
- Responded to inquiries from members.
- Invitations from bar associations to speak.
- Paid respect to long term Board of Governors' member Harvey Weitz at his funeral.
- Helped coordinate due diligence efforts on potential purchase site and executed Purchase and Sale Agreement for the same.
- Worked to support Incubator Project at the State Bar Center.
- Met with local county officials in Chattahoochee County about Rural Lawyer's Program.
- Submitted congratulatory articles and letters to the editors about good works of attorneys throughout the state.

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**State Bar of Georgia Revenues and Expenditures for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2014
Operations and Bar Center**

Activity	2013-14 Net Dues			Actual Fiscal Year 2011-12			Actual Fiscal Year 2012-13			Actual Twelve Months Ended 6-30-14			Budget 2013-14			
	#	Memb.	%	Amount	#	Memb.	%	Amount	#	Memb.	%	Amount	#	Memb.	%	Amount
Active	34,785	80.9		\$6,258,341	35,805	81.0		\$8,537,648	36,713	81.1		\$8,906,295	36,375	80.8		\$8,875,500
Inactive	8,172	19.0		\$986,926	8,295	18.8		\$1,017,001	8,424	18.6		\$1,058,440	8,525	18.9		\$1,040,050
Change in Status \$		0.0		\$0	0	0.0		\$0	0	0.0		\$0	0	0.0		\$0
Associates	11	0.0		\$1,200	18	0.0		\$1,650	23	0.1		\$2,050	18	0.0		\$1,800
Foreign Legal Cnslt	4	0.0		\$852	6	0.0		\$1,440	6	0.0		\$1,464	4	0.0		\$976
Students	44	0.1		\$1,100	60	0.1		\$950	109	0.2		\$0	100	0.2		\$0
Emeritus	1,248			\$195,039	1,348			\$208,342	1,441			\$249,755	1,325			\$185,000
Late Fees				\$7,357				\$5,208				\$6,116				\$5,000
Prior Year Dues				\$7,357				\$5,208				\$6,116				\$5,000
Total License & Dues	43,016	100.0		\$9,450,915	44,184	100.0		\$9,772,239	45,275	100.0		\$10,224,120	45,022	100.0		\$10,108,326
Bar Center Revenue				\$3,428,700				\$3,490,512				\$3,979,821				\$3,470,095
Alloc. Section Fees				\$94,397				\$96,963				\$98,911				\$106,610
Law Related Education				\$1,920				\$0				\$0				\$0
CSF Expense Reimb.				\$73,000				\$73,000				\$73,000				\$73,000
Advertising & Sales				\$139,571				\$130,842				\$126,104				\$126,200
Membership Income				\$229,377				\$252,275				\$249,965				\$228,000
Interest Income				\$51,243				\$52,005				\$51,044				\$70,000
Miscellaneous				\$2,124				\$3,139				\$5,468				\$4,000
Total Revenue				\$13,471,247				\$13,870,975				\$14,908,433				\$14,186,231
Total Expenses				\$12,555,265				\$13,361,815				\$13,767,572				\$14,642,596
Net Gain (Loss)				\$915,982				\$509,160				\$1,040,861				(\$456,365)

Board Designated Reserves	
Operations Reserve	\$2,750,000
Bar Center Reserve	\$2,000,000
Litigation Reserve	\$250,000
Total	\$5,000,000
Surplus (Cash Basis) 6/30/14	
Operations	\$528,431
Bar Center	\$7,305,701
Total Reserves and Projected Surplus	\$12,834,132

September 19, 2014

State Bar of Georgia
Income Statement YTD - Operations
For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2014

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Ytd % of Bud	Last Year
Revenues				
Dues - Active	\$ 8,907,759	\$ 8,875,500	100.36	8,539,088
Dues - Inactive	1,058,440	1,040,050	101.77	1,017,001
Dues - Misc. Types	2,050	2,776	73.85	2,600
Dues - Late Fees	255,871	190,000	134.67	213,550
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Total Dues & Licenses	10,224,120	10,108,326	101.15	9,772,239
Section Expense Reimb.	98,911	106,610	92.78	96,963
CSF Expense Reimb.	73,000	73,000	100.00	73,000
Advertising and Sales	126,104	126,200	99.92	130,842
Membership Income	249,965	228,000	109.63	252,275
Savannah Misc Income	1,684	0	0.00	350
Interest Income	51,044	70,000	72.92	52,005
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,784	4,000	94.60	2,789
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Total Revenues	10,828,612	10,716,136	101.05	10,380,463
Expenses				
Administration	1,964,203	1,993,411	98.53	1,879,841
Management Info Systems	391,740	409,781	95.60	356,478
General Counsel	3,344,516	3,426,666	97.60	3,233,658
Consumer Assistance Pgm.	527,244	530,832	99.32	507,417
Communications	1,107,419	1,295,853	85.46	782,564
Fee Arbitration	393,017	438,010	89.73	331,660
Law Related Education	228,523	238,288	95.90	226,076
Law Practice Management	399,995	410,219	97.51	383,863
Coastal Georgia Office	183,839	187,361	98.12	175,630
South Georgia Office	152,063	180,560	84.22	155,638
Younger Lawyers Division	437,544	440,400	99.35	391,045
Unauthorized Practice of Law	709,552	733,691	96.71	725,534
Standards of the Profession	182,810	187,774	97.36	187,046
High School Mock Trial	104,897	105,120	99.79	112,019
Sections	98,911	106,665	92.73	96,963
Lawyer's Assistance Pgm	55,000	55,000	100.00	38,850
Pro Bono	209,080	209,080	100.00	205,787
Fastcase	192,072	186,000	103.26	183,078
Officers' Expenses	150,915	183,271	82.35	108,178
Telephone System Project	0	0	0.00	158,661
BASICS Program Contribution	140,000	140,000	100.00	140,000
Resource Center Contribution	108,701	108,701	100.00	106,989
Military/Vets Pro Bono	96,246	100,500	95.77	94,691
Other Expenses	377,719	511,505	73.84	242,861
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Total Expenses	11,556,006	12,178,688	94.89	10,824,527
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Net Income	\$ (727,394)	\$ (1,462,552)	49.73	(444,064)

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**State Bar of Georgia - Bar Center
Revenues and Expenditures - Executive Summary
For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2014**

Activity	YTD 6/30/14		Budget FY 14
	Actual	% Budget	
Income and Cash Receipts			
CCLC Contribution	\$1,424,915	118.7%	\$1,200,000
Interest Income	\$11,845	197.4%	\$6,000
Member Assessment	\$291,518	100.5%	\$290,000
Room Rentals and Various Charges	\$22,399	89.8%	\$24,957
Parking Revenues	\$231,352	103.7%	\$223,157
Rental Income	\$1,180,833	102.0%	\$1,157,797
Operating Budget Transfer	\$568,184	100.0%	\$568,184
GDOT Settlement	\$248,775	0.0%	\$0
Total Income and Cash Receipts	\$3,979,821	114.7%	\$3,470,095
Expenses and Cash Disbursements			
Building Rehabilitation	\$32,228	128.9%	\$25,000
Conference Floor Renovations	\$83	1.7%	\$5,000
Tenant Improvements	\$46,844	936.9%	\$5,000
Median and Landscaping	\$0	0.0%	\$5,000
Woodrow Wilson Exhibit and Law Museum	\$2,011	40.2%	\$5,000
President's Conference Room	\$1,001	20.0%	\$5,000
Law Related Education	\$52,500	99.1%	\$53,000
Conference Center Operating Expenses	\$421,204	92.7%	\$454,497
Third Floor Contingency	\$5,542	22.2%	\$25,000
Building Operating Expenses	\$1,425,713	83.2%	\$1,713,065
Parking Deck Operating Expenses	\$214,116	93.0%	\$230,172
Interest	\$0	0.0%	\$0
Principal Reduction on Loan	\$0	0.0%	\$0
Legal, Due Diligence and Closing Fees	\$1,695	0.0%	\$0
Total Expenses and Cash Disbursements	\$2,202,937	87.2%	\$2,525,734
Net Cash Flow	\$1,776,884		\$944,361

State Bar of Georgia
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2014

ASSETS - Current Assets

Total Cash & Short-Term Investments	19,163,869
Investment - Merrill Lynch	7,206,201
Investment - Fidelity	9
Investment - Georgia Banks	1,250,000
Total Long-Term Investments	8,456,210
Accounts Receivable	92,467
Accrued Interest Receivable	10,211
Due from Related Orgs/Emp	(38,977)
Prepaid Expenses	284,525
Bar Center Prepaid Expenses	623
Total Other Assets	348,849
Total Current Assets	27,968,928

Fixed Assets

Furniture & Equipment	4,944,353
Bar Center	26,517,197
Accum. Depreciation	(15,366,501)
Total Fixed Assets	16,095,049
Total Assets	\$ 44,063,977

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Accounts Payable	\$ 929,037
Other Current Liabilities	818,753
Vacation & Pers Day Accrual	444,656
Due to Client Security Fund	2,141,983
Deferred Income	7,947,356
C&W - Cushman Accounts Payable	88,635
BC-Accrued Expenses	6,235
C&W - Deferred Rent Income	2,614
Bar Center - Deferred Income	143,462
Total Current Liabilities	12,522,731
Total Long Term Liabilities	0

Fund Balances - Beg. of Year

Total Fund Balances - Beg. of Year	30,075,924
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YTD Activity	1,465,321
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Total Liabilities & Capital	\$ 44,063,976
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State Bar of Georgia
Summary of Selected Payment Information
For the Periods through September 30, 2014, September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012

Total Number of Members at Apr 30 of prev Bar year (active and inactive)	<u>45,133</u>	<u>44,044</u>	<u>42,858</u>
	Through September 30, 2014	Through September 30, 2013	Through September 30, 2012
Dues			
Active - Number Paid	36,002	35,316	34,432
Inactive - Number Paid	<u>8,462</u>	<u>8,277</u>	<u>8,166</u>
Total Number Paid	<u>44,464</u>	<u>43,593</u>	<u>42,598</u>
Percent Paid	<u>98.52%</u>	<u>98.98%</u>	<u>99.39%</u>
Total Amount Paid - Active and Inactive	<u>9,964,188</u>	<u>9,605,915</u>	<u>9,232,172</u>

Georgia Legal Services

Number Paid	<u>2,265</u>	<u>2,185</u>	<u>2,303</u>
Percent of Total Members Paid as of September 30	<u>5.09%</u>	<u>5.01%</u>	<u>5.41%</u>
Amount Paid	<u>252,427</u>	<u>237,805</u>	<u>242,062</u>
Average Amount Paid	<u>\$ 111</u>	<u>\$ 109</u>	<u>\$ 105</u>

Legislative

Number Paid	<u>6,248</u>	<u>7,051</u>	<u>6,931</u>
Percent of Total Members Paid as of September 30	<u>14.05%</u>	<u>16.17%</u>	<u>16.27%</u>
Amount Paid	<u>589,855</u>	<u>664,302</u>	<u>636,834</u>
Average Amount Paid	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>

Projected 2014-15 Total Amounts Based Upon The Current Participation Percentages (Note: Participation Usually Decreases For Members Who Pay Later):

Georgia Legal Services	<u>\$ 256,225</u>
Legislative	<u>\$ 598,730</u>

Other Historical Contribution Amounts: (Excludes expenses charged and Pro Bono)	GA Legal Serv	Legislative	
2013 - 2014	<u>\$ 241,362</u>	<u>\$ 691,736</u>	\$100 Contribution
2012 - 2013	<u>\$ 244,707</u>	<u>\$ 685,283</u>	\$100 Contribution
2011 - 2012	<u>\$ 240,678</u>	<u>\$ 656,254</u>	\$100 Contribution
2010 - 2011	<u>\$ 241,772</u>	<u>\$ 657,526</u>	\$100 Contribution
2009 - 2010	<u>\$ 235,276</u>	<u>\$ 650,806</u>	\$100 Contribution
2008 - 2009	<u>\$ 249,480</u>	<u>\$ 660,570</u>	\$100 Contribution
2007 - 2008	<u>\$ 264,255</u>	<u>\$ 1,235,022</u>	\$100 Contribution
2006 - 2007	<u>\$ 295,646</u>	<u>\$ 802,482</u>	\$100 Contribution
2005 - 2006	<u>\$ 751,762</u>	<u>\$ 159,480</u>	\$25 Contribution
2004 - 2005	<u>\$ 170,210</u>	<u>\$ 273,613</u>	\$20 Contribution



Report to the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia

November 1, 2014
Jekyll Island, Ga.

The theme for all of this year's YLD projects is "Service, Education, and Leadership." This theme is exemplified by President Sharri Edenfield's three main initiatives:

I. Military Support Initiative

Georgia YLD members Kristie Piasta, Ed Piasta, and Quentin Marlin have been appointed to the YLD Executive Committee as Directors of Military Support and will be excellent coordinators for the YLD's efforts due to their ties to the military, i.e. Ed Piasta served over 5 years in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and currently serves as a JAG in the Georgia National Guard, Quentin Marlin served in the Georgia Air National Guard, and Kristie Piasta is a military spouse. Additionally, they will work closely with the newly-formed YLD Military Support Committee and committee chair, YLD member Katie Dod, to carry out these plans. Katie is also a wonderful fit for this position as her father is an Article I Administrative Law Judge with the VA and travels the country hearing VA benefits appeals.

President Edenfield and the YLD Military Support team, along with excellent guidance from YLD Director Mary McAfee, Military Legal Assistance Program Coordinator Norman Zoller, and Pro Bono Project Coordinator Mike Monahan, developed a program of work to aid Georgia's veterans that will complement State Bar programs currently in place as well as to lay the foundation for expanding these programs into the future:

1. **Support to Veterans Affairs Legal Clinics.** Through a Memorandum of Understanding executed by VA Regional General Counsel Pat Hooks and the State Bar's Military/Veterans Law Section, volunteer Georgia lawyers are currently staffing pro bono legal clinics at VA Medical Centers/Clinics in Decatur, Augusta, Carrollton and Ft. McPherson, with the potential for expanding into other cities into the future. Georgia YLD members will complement these efforts by signing up to help staff these clinics. With 13 YLD affiliates around the state, especially in communities with strong ties to the military like Columbus, Savannah, and Augusta, the YLD will have a vast network of young lawyers who are interested volunteers to contribute to this initiative. (See graphic)

a. Implementation:

The VA Legal Clinic program will be rolled out in two phases. First: Presentations will be made to various affiliate YLD's around the state as well as to meetings of various Bar organizations, i.e. Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, State Bar's Executive Committee, etc. So far, President Edenfield has made presentations to Cobb YLD, Augusta YLD, and Glynn County YLD and has received enthusiastic responses. Additional plans are underway for presentations to be made to Savannah YLD, Macon YLD, Albany YLD, and Columbus YLD in November. Sign-up sheets will be distributed to each of the affiliates around the state so that the YLD Military Support Committee can reach out to these interested members and set up training.

The second phase of the roll-out will be the official presentation at the Fall YLD general membership meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the State Bar's Board of Governors' Fall Meeting on October 31, 2014 at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel on Jekyll Island, Georgia. In addition to introducing this program during the general membership meeting, Norman Zoller, Mike Monahan, and Cary King have been confirmed as speakers for a CLE to take place after the general membership session. Mr. Zoller will specifically discuss the VA Legal Clinics operations. Mr. Monahan will provide a background in the resources available to YLD members that can be accessed to aid in providing legal assistance. These resources will also be available to YLD members online following the Fall Meeting.

YLD members will be encouraged to sign-up to provide assistance through the VA Legal Clinics, with a tentative initial deadline to sign up of November 30, 2014, in order to begin orientation. Following the volunteer support drive, we will need to arrange for an orientation to the program for the volunteers with the local VA Legal Clinics. Based on the success of these clinics, the YLD is hopeful that these clinics can be expanded into other cities like Dublin and potentially Savannah.

2. **Assistance with VA Appeals/Training on Veterans' Issues.** In addition to the VA Legal Clinics already in place, the YLD will provide training and educational opportunities to YLD members that will permit them to assist veterans in VA appeals. On Friday, January 9, 2015, in conjunction with the Midyear Meeting, the YLD will host a CLE that will provide the requisite substantive information to meet the requirements for certification to assist veterans and appear before the VA ALJ on veterans' benefits appeals. In addition, Dr. Lauren R. Ramshur, a psychiatrist with the Atlanta VA Medical Center who works on the PTSD team there, as well as Judge Sullivan (YLD Military Support Committee Chair Katie Dod's father who serves as a VA ALJ) have been confirmed as speakers. Dr. Ramshur will provide a short presentation to YLD members present about the kinds of issues veterans face (PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, etc.) when they try to reintegrate into society and for which they often seek VA benefits. Judge Sullivan will speak about the way that the VA Appeals system works and will provide valuable insight into how YLD members can best aid their veteran clients.

a. Implementation:

January's certification CLE and the YLD members are ready and able to begin representing veterans on appeals, we would certainly appreciate BOG's referrals of veterans who desire these pro bono services.

3. Supporting YLD JAGs. While active-duty JAGs are not veterans, President Edenfield still wants every young lawyer in the JAG Corps stationed in Georgia to know that Georgia YLD welcomes their attendance and involvement at all of our YLD events. Therefore, in conjunction with the affiliate YLD Presidents near Georgia's military bases, we will reach out to each of the military bases around our state and invite the young lawyer JAGs to attend and/or get involved with their nearest affiliate and also the State YLD, regardless of whether the young lawyer is licensed to practice in Georgia.

a. Implementation:

This outreach effort will be done in conjunction both with YLD affiliates visits and also through letters sent with each of the affiliate YLD presidents.

4. Augusta Warrior Project is the beneficiary of the 2015 YLD Signature Fundraiser. In 2007, YLD President Jon Pope wanted to do something to support New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina, so he decided to hold a "Mardi Gras Casino Night" to raise money for the Tipitina Foundation in New Orleans, which supports music and music education for New Orleans youth. We now call this event the "Signature Fundraiser." Since that successful first fundraiser, the YLD has held a fundraiser each following year for a different charity, raising more and more money each time. In fact, the YLD raised \$66,405 at our most recent fundraiser and has raised approximately \$341,424 since the first event in 2007. The following groups have previously been selected as the recipient of the Signature Fundraiser funds:

- a. 2007- Tipitina's Foundation, which supports New Orleans/Louisiana's music community and preserves the state's unique musical cultures through its four main programs.
- b. 2008- H.E.R.O. for Children, a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for children infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- c. 2009- Kids Against Hunger, whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world.
- d. 2010- Public Interest Internship Program ("PIIP")
- e. 2011, 2012- Georgia Legal Services Program
- f. 2013- Court Appointed Special Advocates ("CASA")
- g. 2014- Public Interest Internship Program ("PIIP")

After reviewing suggestions for numerous charities, reviewing in-depth research on a few key organizations (that included personal interviews with leaders within the organizations), as well as researching numerous groups addressing a wide spectrum of issues, the Augusta Warrior Project

("AWP") has been selected as the YLD's recipient beneficiary for the 2015 Signature Fundraiser.

Why the AWP?

- AWP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to connect Warriors with resources that improve their lives.
- Unlike the Wounded Warrior Project, AWP assists veterans no matter when they served. The Wounded Warrior Project is limited to serving post 9/11 veterans.
- Importantly, AWP's mission includes advocacy for veterans and connecting them to VA-related benefits, which is one of the goals we have identified in our Military Support program. This has resulted in very low veteran homelessness, success for veterans with employment, greater access to benefits and higher use of the G.I. Bill for education in the communities that are served by the AWP.
- Other services provided to veterans include counseling, one-on-one advocacy, connection with meaningful employment prior to getting out of the military,
- AWP serves 13 counties and, through a Memorandum of Understanding, has a permanent presence on Ft. Gordon in Augusta. Further, AWP has expressed interest in cross-collaborating with Ft. Stewart in Savannah and Ft. Benning in Columbus.
- AWP has its "AWP Community Integration" program whereby it offers grants and mentoring to other non-profits who want to start up an AWP-type charity in another military-centered community. So far, this program has helped create the "Panhandle Warrior Connection" in Ft. Walton, FL, the "Palmetto Warrior Connection" in Charleston, SC, as well as programs in Huntsville, Alabama and Greensboro, North Carolina. This is very promising as it could mean that the AWP could be duplicated in other Georgia military communities like Columbus, Warner Robins, Albany, Marietta, Valdosta, St. Mary's, and the Savannah/Hinesville area.
- AWP has been named the National Center for Caregiver Support by the Rosalynn Carter Institute in collaboration with Elizabeth Dole and was also recently studied by the Wounded Warriors Project (national charity) for its good practices. Additionally, the George Bush Institute recently named AWP as one of the top 25 military-related non-profits nationally (out of 46,000) that are "doing it right."
- AWP has a fantastic financial model. According to its website, "92% of our operating funds are committed to programs, with 8% to overhead. However, 100% of the overhead is funded by the Augusta Warrior Project Board of Directors allowing for all public donations to be fully dedicated to our Warriors and Families in the Augusta and Aiken regions of Georgia and South Carolina." Further, AWP will keep all of the money the YLD raises in our state and region and won't send it to a national headquarters to be distributed around the country.
- The Augusta YLD is one of our most active affiliates and we have a great deal of leadership on the YLD Executive Committee from that area. President Edenfield wants to spread YLD financial donations around the State (the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation is the recipient beneficiary of the Supreme Cork's funds for the second year in a row this

year) and this is a great way to show appreciation to our Augusta members. Additionally, the Army base in Augusta, Ft. Gordon, has continued to rapidly expand. Due to increases in the need and use of cyber technology, the US Army is consolidating the United States Army Cyber Command into one location. Fort Gordon along with Fort George Meade were in the running to receive the command. In December 2013, it was announced that Fort Gordon was selected. Fort Gordon has approximately 30,000 military and civilian employees and currently has an estimated \$1.1 billion economic impact on the Augusta-Richmond County economy.

a. Implementation:

The 2015 YLD Signature Fundraiser will be held on March 7, 2015 at Terminal West in the King Plow Arts Center, 887 West Marietta St NW, STE C. Atlanta, GA 30318. It will include a live auction and silent auction as well as live music. We hope everyone will attend and support the Augusta Warrior Project. Additionally, the CEO of the Augusta Warrior Project, Kim Elle, will be attending the YLD Fall Meeting and will briefly speak on October 31st about the program and what the support will mean to the services it provides.

5. Support to Law School Mentoring Programs. YLD will publicize opportunities that members can support veterans' mentoring programs currently in place at Emory Law School and Georgia State University Law School. Katie Dod will contact these Law Schools to determine needs and contact potential mentors.

II. Access to Justice and Young Lawyer Un/Underemployment

While every lawyer may aspire to be Atticus Finch, very few actually have a rural practice like he had in the novel. Even though the recession of the late 2000's caused high rates of unemployment and underemployment for younger lawyers and brand new law school graduates, there are still areas in our state where it's difficult to find a lawyer. As this Board is well aware, there are 25 Georgia counties with 6-10 active lawyers and 29 Georgia counties with 1-5 active lawyers; however, these numbers do not reflect how many of these active lawyers are judges or who work for the district attorney's office or public defender's office and would be unable to take on general civil cases or estate planning. Further, there are 6 Georgia counties with no lawyers at all. Whether they can afford an attorney or not, residents of those counties do not have adequate access to justice.

As a rural young lawyer, one of President Edenfield's top initiatives this year is finding solutions to issues that affect access to justice for all citizens while also helping to resolve the issue of unemployment/underemployment that has hit young lawyers the hardest since the recession. This will be accomplished in two ways:

- 1. YLD-drafted legislation supporting loan forgiveness to encourage young lawyers to move to rural areas, much like the "Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Act" presently in place.** Through the YLD's Long Range Planning Committee, the YLD will be submitting legislation to the Bar's

Advisory Committee for Legislation for approval and inclusion on the Bar's legislative agenda to establish a pilot program that will provide student loan forgiveness to lawyers who commit to practicing law in the most under-served areas of our state, much like the existing "Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Act" for doctors, which provides incentives for doctors to practice in rural areas.

Attorneys accepted into the pilot program will sign a 5 year commitment to open up and maintain a law practice in one of the underserved counties and will be required to meet a variety of requirements, i.e. maintaining malpractice insurance, living in the underserved county, and keeping a certain number of office hours. In exchange, the attorney will be mentored and will receive various monetary benefits, including stipends that will be utilized for payment of law school loans that will be based on the average yearly tuition and living expenses of a public law school here in Georgia.

The program will be funded primarily by an appropriation from the state legislature; however, it will be important to the success of the attorney placed for the community to have buy-in from the county. That is why the 5 year commitment will include a contract between the lawyer, the state, and the county that will be served. Currently, the legislation includes a commitment from the county to fund a percentage of the yearly stipend the attorney receives, or provide in-kind incentives like rent-free office space. The county money may come from the county commissioners, the development authority, or any other county or municipal funding source that the local government can put up, but it is essential that the community have some skin in the game as well.

We are still working to pin down all of the details, like how many lawyers can become a part of the pilot program, but it is President Edenfield's hope that this initiative will address several big issues at one time. First, young lawyers were the hardest hit by the recession and they also have record amounts of student loan debt. While the current draft of the program will not be limited to young lawyers, more likely than not, it is young lawyers who will apply for this program and who will receive the greatest benefit. Second, in addition to addressing the young lawyer unemployment/underemployment issue, this legislation, if passed, will prevent rural Georgians from having to leave their home county to find an attorney to help them with drafting a will or obtaining temporary guardianship for a child. If citizens are able to use a local attorney, they will be able to spend less on attorneys' fees as there will be no travel involved and the judicial system will be more efficient because judges will not have to educate pro se litigants.

- 2. Succession Planning Program.** The second prong to the access to justice/young lawyer unemployment program deals with finding solutions to

the problem of baby boomer-age attorneys looking to retire combined with the problem of a large number of young lawyers who, at the same time, are unemployed or who are underemployed. In researching how to solve these two problems, President Edenfield learned of a program in Texas called the “Succession Planning Program,” whereby senior attorneys in solo and small firm practices reach out to the Texas Law Consortium (made up of the Career Services Offices for all 9 Texas law schools) and come up with a plan for attracting a young lawyer to mentor and eventually transition the practice to upon retirement. Each attorney and situation is different, but in the first year of the program, 12 young lawyers have already been placed.

President Edenfield has gotten positive feedback on duplicating this idea so far from Georgia young lawyers, the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism and several of its sub-committees, as well as Mercer Law School’s Dean of Career Services, Stephanie Powell. Along with the YLD Long Range Planning Committee, President Edenfield is working with the Georgia Law School Consortium to hopefully bring this project to Georgia in early 2015.

III. “The Next Step” Leadership Training and Professional Development with the Alumni Leadership Council

President Edenfield was a member of the inaugural class of the YLD Leadership Academy in 2006 and was lucky to serve as the co-chair of the program for over 5 years, where she introduced over 250 young lawyers to the State Bar and the YLD. Because of these experiences, she is very passionate about leadership and professional development for YLD members. To date, however, there has been a gap between completing the leadership academy and the next step for members to take. That will hopefully be solved by “The Next Step” program which will complement the successful Leadership Academy program.

She has created an “Alumni Leadership Council,” comprised of former YLD officers and non-elected leaders, and together with this elite group of leaders has asked Kelly Campanella YLD Director of Programming, and Adriana Capifali and Titus Nichols, Co-Chairs of the Leadership Academy Alumni Committee, to create professional development and educational workshops for ALL YLD members that will serve as a sort of “Advanced Placement” Leadership Academy experience. Preliminary subjects that will be covered include general topics like media training, legislative education, protocol training, service on non-profit boards, as well as YLD-centric education, including how to be a leader in the YLD without being an officer, what type of commitment elected YLD leadership requires, staying involved in the Bar after the YLD, and how to take a good idea and turn it into a successful YLD program.

In fact, former YLD President Damon Elmore will be leading a panel discussion of former YLD officers at the YLD Fall Meeting on Jekyll Island on the topic of how to run for YLD office and what kind of obligations and commitments that are required of YLD officers. Further, everyone is working together to plan intensive programming for the Midyear meeting that will be for young lawyers who are advancing to the next stage of their careers and will be appropriate for new partners and up and coming bar leaders. It is

our hope that this will become an annual programming opportunity that will be strengthened each year.

Committees, Programs and Projects

Advocates for Students with Disabilities

Co-Chairs: Emma Hetherington & Laurice Rutledge

The Advocates for Students with Disabilities Committees held a kick-off happy hour/meeting on Sept. 15 at Six Feet Under. Members gathered to get to know one another and learn of the committee's goals for the year.

Alumni Leadership Council

Chair: Sharri Edenfield

The Alumni Leadership Council is a new committee made up of YLD past presidents and other past members of the YLD. It was created to help retain the historical knowledge of the organization and its signature programming as well as provide input on the various leadership opportunities within the YLD.

Appellate Admissions

Co-Chairs: Kristen Cawley & Bryan Schivera

The Fall Mass Swearing In Ceremony for admission to the Supreme Court of Georgia, Court of Appeals of Georgia and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia was held on October 14. Justices and judges from the higher courts and Northern District presided over the Ceremony.

Aspiring Youth Program

Co-Chairs: Dwayne Brown & Vanessa Leo

The Aspiring Youth Program will start its Great Debaters program at the DeKalb Regional Youth Detention Center (DRYDC). The program is currently set to kick off in January 2015 and run for about 10-12 weeks. With the assistance of other YLD members, participants will enter the facility and work with the delinquent youth to improve their, reading, writing, critical thinking skills and organizing their thoughts logically. Another important factor will be mentoring these at risk youth to develop conflict resolution skills, along with discovering their emotional triggers and help them to obtain the skills necessary to communicate effectively.

Community Service Projects

Co-Chairs: Kimberly Bourroughs & Jessica Nix

The Community Service Projects Committee held its kick-off meeting on Oct. 8 at the Bar Center. Members met to get to know one another and learn of the committee's plans for the year.

Ethics & Professionalism

Co-Chairs: Ami Koldhekar & Neal Weinrich

The Ethics & Professionalism Committee held meetings in September and October and laid out plans for the year consisting of CLEs, writing articles for *The YLD Review*, co-hosting a happy hour with other YLD committees and presenting their annual Ethics & Professionalism Award.

Family Law

Co-Chairs: Katie Kiihnl, Jamie Perez & Kelly Reese

The Family Law Committee hosted its 9th annual Supreme Cork Silent Auction and Wine Tasting fundraiser on Oct. 16 at the 5 Seasons Brewery Westside. The event benefited the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer Foundation and was well-attended by 200 attorneys.

In August, the Committee hosted its first-ever CLE for family law associates and had many of the “lions” of family law speak. It was an exceptional learning experience and the Committee looks forward to making it an annual late summer event.

The Committee is also working on organizing its next “Meet the Judges” Happy Hour, with the next event to be with the Gwinnett County judges, hopefully before the New Year.

High School Mock Trial

Co-Chairs: Lee Ann Feeley, E. Righton Johnson & Adam Hebbard

The High School Mock Trial Committee hosted the 17th annual Law Academy at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters from September 18-21. Twenty-three high school students from across the state spent the four days in clinic-style sessions with attorneys and lawyers learning techniques and about the rules of evidence to prepare for the upcoming Georgia HSMT Competition. The Mock Trial office has registered over 115 teams for the 2015 Mock Trial season, where the teams will be preparing a civil case for trial in late January/early February.

Intellectual Property Law

Co-Chairs: Sonia Lakhany & Tiffany Logan

The Intellectual Property Law Committee held a networking event for its members on October 14. Committee members will participate the Saturday Lawyers Program with AVLF on December 6.

Juvenile Law

Co-Chairs: Araceli Jacobs & Deidre Merriman

The Juvenile Law Committee held a meeting in August with guest speaker Judge Peggy Walker, President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In September, the committee welcomed DFCS Juvenile Court Liaison Rachel Davidson as their keynote.

October’s meeting featured Joe Vignati, Assistant Commissioner for the DJJ. The committee is dedicated to providing speakers who will educate its members on Juvenile Code Implementation.

Labor & Employment Law

Co-Chairs: Alison Ballard, J. Stan Hill & Abby Larimer

The Labor & Employment Committee held a kickoff happy hour at Article 14 in Atlanta on September 10. The committee is planning a lunch meeting and CLE on e-discovery, with date to be determined and a half-day CLE on emerging topics in trade secret litigation, to be held in November or December.

Law-Related Education

Co-Chairs: Amy Andrews, Shiriki Cavitt & Teddy Reese

The YLD Law Related Education Committee started the 2014-2015 year off with a focus on organizing volunteers for the inaugural year of the iCivics program, a program that provides teachers with the materials and support to teach the importance of civic engagement to Georgia students. iCivics is a non-profit organization, founded and championed by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, that is designed to (1) teach students about American government and civil society, (2) invigorate students' civic learning through interactive and engaging learning resources, and (3) inspire students to be active participants in our democracy.

The Committee is excited to report that it has worked tirelessly to recruit volunteers and to date has received the commitment of over 100 volunteer lawyers to be placed in various classes in the following Georgia school districts during this Fall 2014 school year: Atlanta Public Schools, Columbus/Muscogee County schools, Liberty County schools; Wilkinson County schools and Savannah/Chatham County schools. We will also place volunteers in Tift County schools in the Fall of 2015. Now that we have had such an overwhelming response from local attorneys, the Committee is currently working to match each volunteer with local teachers within the next two weeks. By the end of October, the volunteers will be going into the various schools systems listed above and will work hands-on with the teachers to present to the students on various legal and governmental topics to be determined by the respective teacher with which the volunteer is placed. The program is therefore off to a great start and we look forward to hearing from the volunteers about their experiences in the classroom.

Law School Fellows Program

Chair: Sean Ditzel

The Law School Fellows Program was created in 2013-14 and provides stipends to a 3L and 2L from each of Georgia's law schools to attend YLD meetings. The program will be continued for the 2014-15 Bar year.

Leadership Academy

Co-Chairs: Rachel Fields, Anne Kaufold-Wiggins & Sarah Kjellin

The Leadership Academy is a program for young lawyers who are interested in developing their leadership skills as well as learning more about their profession, their communities and their state. The Leadership Academy Committee is currently selecting its 2015 Class which will begin in January.

Leadership Academy Alumni

Co-Chairs: Adriana Capifali & Titus Nichols

The Leadership Academy Alumni Committee is working on plans for a CLE during the Midyear Meeting. Topics will include professionalism, business development and running for political office.

Long Range Planning

Co-Chairs: Josh Bosin & Brantley Rowlen

See above initiatives

Litigation

Co-Chair: Kevin Patrick & Ryals Stone

The Litigation Committee began the year with a social where young litigators got to know their colleagues on an informal basis. Also, the committee will be recognizing the dedication and service of the judicial staff by hosting its annual Clerks' Luncheon during the holiday season, as well as a reception honoring the members of the judiciary and distinguished young litigators to conclude the Bar year. A strong emphasis on learning from the shared experiences of the stalwarts of the legal community will be forged through the Committee's annual "War Stores" Lecture Series, which is held in three-parts in the spring.

Military Support

Co-Chairs: Katie Dod, Quentin Marlin, Ed Piasta & Kristie Piasta

See above initiatives

Minorities in the Profession

Co-Chairs: Alex Barnett & Morgan Clemons

On Sept. 25, the Minorities in the Profession Committee (MIPC) hosted its Kickoff Happy Hour at Stir It Up in Midtown Atlanta. A goal of the event was to welcome new members to MIPC and gauge interest levels in various types of programming so it can best serve its members.

Public Interest Internship Program

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Fleeman & Kerry Nicholson

The Public Interest Internship Program will hold a reception on Nov. 3 at the Bar Center to honor the 2014 Finalists as well as past interns. Plans for the 2015 program will begin in the spring.

Real Estate

Co-Chairs: Sarah Madden & Doug Okorochoa

The Real Estate Committee is doing a service project to repair a bench and fountain memorial in Grant Park for former Federal Judge Erskine. A cleanup day is planned for this fall, and plans for more intensive repair work in the spring. The committee is also conducting a joint Lunch and Learn with the Ethics and Professionalism Committee in November.

William Daniel Invitational Mock Trial

Chair: Matt Jones

The William Daniel Invitational Mock Trial Competition will be held Nov. 21-23, at the Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta. Eighteen schools from across the country will compete.

Wills Clinic

Co-Chairs: Brandon Elijah & Katie Willett

On August 9, the YLD coordinated its third First Responders Wills Clinic for the first responders of Cobb County. The YLD First Responders Wills Clinic is a pro bono service project where attorney volunteers assist first responders in the preparation and execution of basic estate planning documents. The documents offered by the Wills Clinic include a Last Will & Testament, a Financial Power of Attorney, and an Advance Health Care Directive.

At the First Responders Wills Clinic in Cobb County, 20 volunteer attorneys and two non-attorney volunteers assisted 57 first responders and their spouses, preparing 171 estate planning documents and providing over 110 pro bono hours. To date, the YLD First Responders Wills Clinic has prepared 354 estate planning documents for 118 first responders and their spouses in over 332 pro bono hours.

Meetings

Committee Chair Orientation

The YLD held its annual Committee Chair Orientation in July where new committee chairs gather to get to know each other, learn tips for chairing a committee and hear from a slate of speakers on various topics.

Executive Committee Retreat

YLD Officers and Directors met on Friday, July 11 for a Media Training led by Linton Johnson followed by a Governmental Affairs Orientation led by Thomas Worthy. Attendees enjoyed a group dinner Friday night and the opportunity to get to know their fellow Executive Committee members. On Saturday, the group met to discuss the state of the YLD and this year's goals.

Summer Meeting

The YLD Summer Meeting was held August 14-17 in St. Pete Beach, FL at the Loews Don CeSar Hotel. The meeting kicked-off with a welcome reception on Thursday evening. Friday morning attendees met for breakfast and a CLE on ABA Involvement. Past YLD President Joe Dent and YLD Director of ABA Involvement Heather Riggs led the CLE. Two ABA YLD delegates from Florida joined the group as well. Friday evening attendees enjoyed a group dinner and lip syncing contest. Saturday morning attendees met for breakfast and the YLD General Session. The meeting concluded Saturday evening when the group took a bus to Ybor City to enjoy authentic Cuban food at Columbia complete with flamenco dancers.

Fall Meeting:

Jekyll Island Club Hotel
Jekyll Island, GA
October 31-Nov 2, 2014

Midyear Meeting:

Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA
January 8-11, 2015

Spring Meeting

Hyatt French Quarter
New Orleans, LA
March 19-21, 2015

Annual Meeting

Evergreen Conference Center
Stone Mountain, GA
June 18-21, 2015

Number of Young Lawyers by Counties Adjacent to ACTIVE Military Bases
(as of 9/12/2014)

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

<p><u>Robins Air Force Base- Houston County</u></p> <p>Bibb 181</p> <p>Houston 35</p> <p><u>Total = 216 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Macon YLD, Houston Circuit YLD</u></p>	<p><u>Ft. Benning- Muscogee County</u></p> <p>Muscogee 98</p> <p>Harris 2</p> <p><u>Total = 100 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Columbus YLD, Macon YLD, Houston Circuit YLD, Albany YLD</u></p>
<p><u>Marine Corps Logistics Base-Dougherty</u></p> <p>Dougherty 57</p> <p>Lee 1</p> <p><u>Total = 58 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Albany YLD, Valdosta YLD, Columbus YLD, Houston Circuit YLD</u></p>	<p><u>Moody Air Force Base- Lowndes</u></p> <p>Lowndes 57</p> <p><u>Total = 57 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Valdosta YLD, Albany YLD, Houston Circuit YLD, Macon YLD</u></p>

Number of Young Lawyers by Counties Adjacent to ACTIVE Military Bases
(as of 9/12/2014)

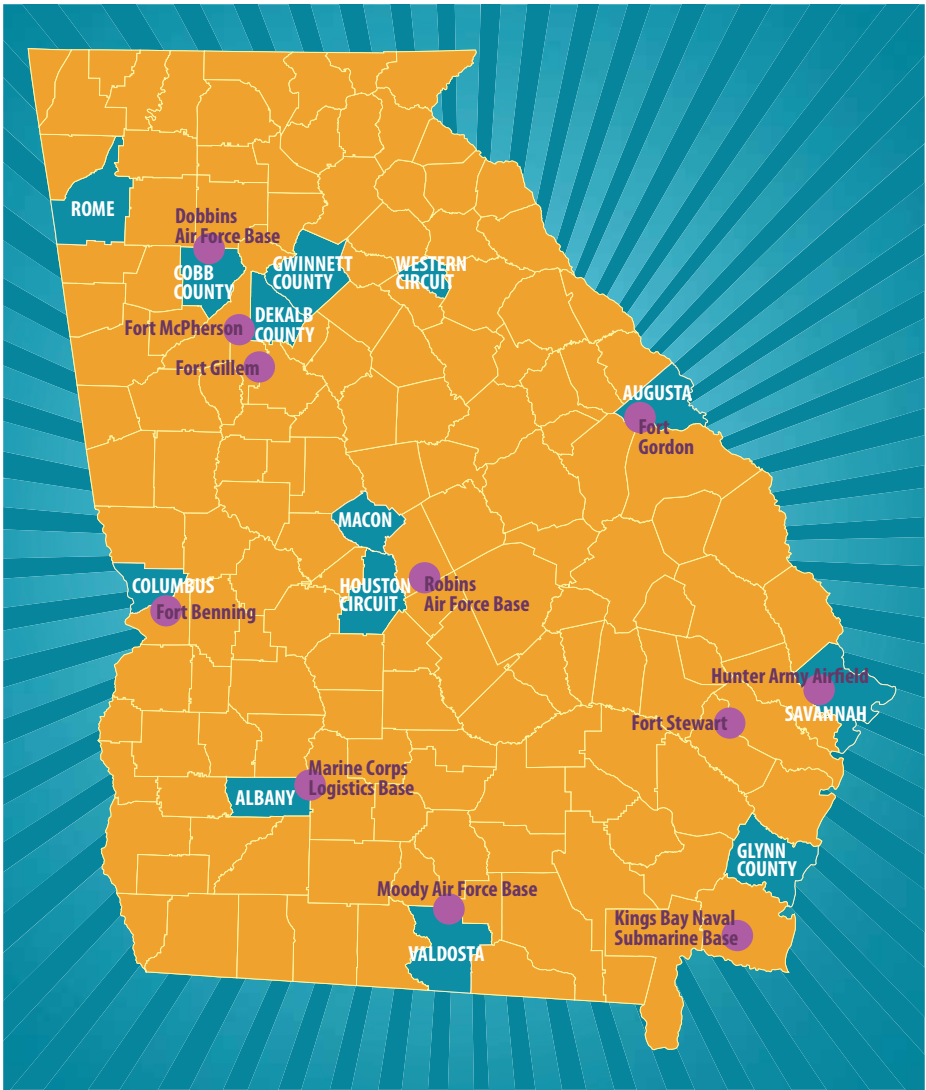
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

<u>Dobbins Air Force Base- Cobb County</u>	
Clayton	86
Cobb	729
Douglas	53
Paulding	31
Total = 899 potential YLD volunteers	
Nearby Affiliates: Rome YLD, Cobb YLD, Dekalb YLD, Gwinnett YLD	

Number of Young Lawyers by Counties Adjacent to ACTIVE Military Bases
(as of 9/12/2014)

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

<p><u>Ft. Gordon- Richmond County</u></p> <p>Columbia 25</p> <p>Richmond 131</p> <p><u>Total = 156 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Augusta YLD, Western Circuit YLD</u></p>	<p><u>Ft. Stewart – Liberty County</u></p> <p>Bryan 7</p> <p>Chatham 230</p> <p>Liberty 10</p> <p><u>Total = 247 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Savannah YLD, Glynn County YLD</u></p>
<p><u>Hunter Army Air Field- Chatham</u></p> <p>Bryan 7</p> <p>Chatham 230</p> <p>Liberty 10</p> <p><u>Total = 247 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Savannah YLD, Glynn County YLD</u></p>	<p><u>Kings Bay Naval Sub. Base- Camden</u></p> <p>Glynn 59</p> <p>Camden 6</p> <p><u>Total = 65 potential YLD volunteers adjacent to Base</u></p> <p><u>Nearby Affiliates: Savannah YLD, Glynn County YLD, Valdosta YLD</u></p>





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Memorandum to: Members, Board of Governors
From: Paula Frederick, General Counsel
Date: October 6, 2014
Re: Report of the Office of the General Counsel

I am pleased to report on the activity of the Office of the General Counsel.

The Office has had some staffing changes since my last report. Bar Counsel Robert McCormack retired at the end of August. We hired William “Bill” NeSmith, formerly of Americus, as the new Deputy General Counsel for the Bar Counsel unit. Grievance Counsel Carmen Rojas Rafter moved to Florida this summer. Wolanda Shelton is the new Grievance Counsel. Last but not least, John Shiptenko was promoted to Senior Assistant General Counsel in August.

Discipline: During September 2014 the OGC sent 250 Grievance forms to members of the public and received 206 filed Grievances. The Supreme Court of Georgia entered orders in twelve disciplinary cases from September 1 through October 6. The Year-to-Date Report on Lawyer Regulation (covering the period May 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014) appears at page 4 of this memorandum.

Rules Changes:

The following rules changes are pending or recently approved:

- Proposed revisions to the rules governing trust accounts, 1.15(I), (II), and (III), are pending at the Supreme Court. The proposal would require lawyers to have their IOLTA accounts in banks that have agreed to pay interest rates as high as the rates they pay on comparable non-IOLTA accounts.
- The Supreme Court approved revisions to Uniform Superior Court Rule 4.4 by order of September 18, 2014. As amended the rule requires lawyers who seek admission *pro hac vice* to pay an application fee for each case plus an annual fee during each year that the case remains open. The money generated by the annual fee will go to the Georgia Bar Foundation for its use in funding pro bono efforts.

- The Board will consider a package of proposed rules changes at the Fall and Midyear meetings. They include housekeeping amendments to Rules 4-110, 4-204.1, 4-111, and 12-107; revisions to standardize the time requirements for the Review Panel’s consideration of a disciplinary matter (Rules 4-217 and 4-219); provisions that clarify the meaning of Rules 1.6, 8.4 and 4-208.3; and three substantive changes:
 - A proposed revision to Rule 4-213 would require the Bar to pay for the hearing transcript in a disciplinary matter and clarifies when the Bar must purchase a copy of the transcript for a respondent who is unable to pay;
 - A proposed revision to Rule 3.5 would add a new Section (c) and Comment 7 to prohibit communication with a juror or prospective juror;
 - A new Rule 5.4(e) would allow Georgia lawyers to work with lawyers who are organized under alternative business structures.

Formal Advisory Opinion Board:

- On September 22, 2014 the Supreme Court approved Formal Advisory Opinion 13-1. The Court held that a Georgia lawyer may not ethically participate in a witness-only real estate closing.
- FAO Request No. 13-R2 – The Board has accepted the following question for drafting an opinion: May a lawyer contact and interview former employees of an organization represented by counsel when the former employees are bound by separation agreements governing non-disclosure and/or nondisparagement?
- The board is continuing its review of all existing opinions to determine whether they should be withdrawn or amended in light of recent revisions to the Rules of Professional Conduct. As a result of the review the board will revise and republish any old opinions that warrant amendment.

Lawsuits:

- The Bar is a defendant in one matter pending in the Northern District of Georgia. We have filed a Motion to Dismiss since the claim involves a litigant who is unhappy with the outcome of his custody case.
- The Executive Committee approved filing an amicus brief in a fee arbitration matter pending at the Court of Appeals. The purpose of the amicus was to respond to a challenge to the Bar Rules.

Continuing Legal Education: Staff from the OGC have presented the following CLE programs since my last report:

- *Ethics for Environmental Lawyers*; Environmental Law Section
- *The Myth of the Superwoman Attorney*; Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys
- *Ethics for Law Students Serving as Externs*; Emory University School of Law

- *Ethical Red Flags in the Public Sector*; ABA Government/Public Sector Lawyers Division
- *Disaster Planning*; ABA Webinar
- *Judicial Response to Lawyer Misconduct*; Juvenile Court Judges' Fall Conference
- *How the Advertising Rules Work*; John Marshall Law School
- *The Basics of Handling a State Bar Disciplinary Matter*; ICLE's Urgent Legal Matters
- *Avoiding Money-Based Ethics Complaints*; Solo/Small Firm seminar
- *Ethics Update*; Greenlaw
- *Ethics Update*; Appellate Court Clerks program

Committees and Other Projects:

- The Discovery of Electronically Stored Information Task Force continues its work to propose acceptable amendments to the Georgia Civil Practice Act to address discovery of electronically stored information. Different versions of bills based primarily on then pending federal rules amendments passed each house of the Georgia General Assembly last year, but with enough disparate provisions to prevent further action; it is expected to be taken up again in the next session. The Task Force has determined a bar-sponsored bill is desirable and that broader input is desirable on some specific topics, and has scheduled meetings for that purpose in September. It hopes to report its recommendations in time to allow the Bar to approve them through its normal processes before the 2015 General Assembly convenes.
- The Clients Security Fund has asked the Executive Committee for guidance in dealing with an increasing number of claims.

**Year-to-Date Report on Lawyer Regulation
May 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014**

Grievance forms requested and sent to public	1,454
Grievance forms sent back to Office of General Counsel for screening	836
Grievances pending as of 4/30/2014.....	<u>403</u>
TOTAL.....	1,239
Grievances referred to State Disciplinary Board members.....	103
Grievances being screened by Grievance Counsel (GC)	352
Grievances closed by Grievance Counsel.....	775
Grievances moved to moot status by GC after attorney was disbarred	<u>9</u>
TOTAL.....	1,239

Regulatory Action May 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014

	<u>Attorneys</u>	<u>Cases</u>
Letters of Admonition Accepted	6	7
Investigative Panel Reprimands Administered	9	12
Review Panel Reprimands	3	3
Public Reprimand	1	1
Suspensions	9	11
Disbarments/Voluntary Surrenders	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	33	39
Reinstatements Granted	3	
Reinstatements Denied	0	

MEMORANDUM FOR: Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia
FROM: Norman E. Zoller, attorney coordinating the
Military Legal Assistance Program

DATE: September 30, 2014
SUBJECT Status of the Military Legal Assistance Program

Background and Overview of Work: The Military Legal Assistance Program (MLAP) by the State Bar of Georgia is approaching its fifth full year of operation since its founding first under the aegis of Georgia Legal Services and then as its own separate entity. Since then, a **total of 1,280** connections have been made between a Georgia lawyer with a service member or veteran located throughout the State or from other places throughout the world, provided that jurisdiction of the case lies in a state or a federal court in Georgia, as summarized by category below.

In addition to processing requests for legal assistance, the program through oversight by the Military Legal Assistance Program Committee, also initiated or served as facilitator for other legal assistance-related activities to include the following:

- 1) New Legal Clinic at Georgia State University** Working in collaboration with the Military and Veterans Law Section, the College of Law, and the ROTC Department at Georgia State University, MLAP has assisted with creation of a new legal assistance clinic at Georgia State scheduled to begin formal operations on November 11, 2014, with a “soft opening” on October 15, 2014. This legal assistance clinic is similar to the one opened in February 2013 at Emory and will process requests for legal assistance principally from the more than 800 veterans enrolled at Georgia State. (Please see the MOU at **Exhibit A** and the Georgia State News Release at **Exhibit B**). Conceptually, law students (about 70 have thus far volunteered to take part in this program) will interview prospective clients along with an attorney mentor (thus far, about 25 lawyers have volunteered to take part in this program). Thereafter, depending on the nature of the legal issue, the client will be referred to a volunteer lawyer in this program to handle the legal issue or will refer the client to MLAP for processing under its standing referral procedures.

- 2) VA Accreditation.** A seven hour CLE program concerned with Georgia Military Law and VA Accreditation is scheduled to take place on November 4, 2014, in Atlanta. Among other speakers, this program will feature Brigadier General Charles N. Pede, commander of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and chief judge of the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals. This program will qualify lawyers to become accredited or to renew accreditation to practice before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (**Exhibit C**). The number of accredited lawyers in Georgia has increased from 160 in 2010 to now 634.

- 3) Emory Law Clinic Operations.** Working in conjunction with the Military and Veterans Law Section, the MLAP Committee assisted with establishment of the Emory Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans (ELVVCV). The Clinic opened in February 2013 and is processing requests for assistance and related veterans' issues on Tuesday afternoons during the semesters at the Law School. According to a report of September 16, 2014 (**Exhibit D**), from Lane Dennard, Program Co-Coordinator, a total of 45 students are currently taking part to serve as intake and research specialists, 64 lawyers are serving as mentors, and a total of 65 cases have thus far been processed.
- 4) Legal Assistance Clinic Operations.** In addition to MLAP, legal assistance clinics are operating at the following sites: VA Medical Centers (VAMC) at Augusta and Decatur, VA medical facilities at Carrollton and Fort McPherson, and law school clinics at Emory University and Georgia State University. Another legal clinic is being considered at the Dublin VAMC. Discussions there took with Dublin Bar officials on September 4, 2014.
- 5) Marshall Tuttle Award.** The Marshall-Tuttle Award is being given annually to an attorney who is deemed to be the outstanding lawyer providing *pro bono* or reduced-fee services to service members and veterans. The inaugural award was presented to Drew N. Early in 2011, the second award in 2012 to H. Lane Dennard, Jr., the third award to Cary S. King, and the fourth award to John Camp. It is envisioned that nominations for the fifth award will be solicited this Fall and that the award for 2014 would be presented in January 2015.
- 6) Cases Processed.** Below is a summary of the number and types of legal assistance cases received and referred to lawyers under the State Bar's Military Legal Assistance Program. Under the program, including the cases processed prior to its formal inception in 2009, **a total of 1,280 cases have been processed.** Further, a total of 32 additional cases are in process (i.e., in the pipeline), awaiting agreement authorizations from potential clients (24) or agreements from attorneys (8) to accept a case. Further, although the program does not handle criminal cases directly, about 190 inquiries have been received from veterans or service members seeking help on a criminal law matter (which are referred to the applicable county public defender or to a local bar association).

Family Law	631 (with 59 previous)
Contested Divorce	235
Uncontested Divorce	17
Divorce Enforcement	9
	2

Child Support	84
Guardianship/Adoption	59
Visitation	26
Child Custody	142
Consumer Law	93
Housing/Property	76
Foreclosure	20
Veterans Benefits/Disability	176
Wills/Estates/Probate	64
Employment/USERRA/SCRA	35
Bankruptcy	18
Insurance	16
Personal Injury	33
Property Damage	3
Worker's Compensation	2
Contract	4
Medical Malpractice	5
Toxic Substances	5
Other	99
	1,280

Exhibits:

- A) MOU concerning the Legal Assistance Clinic at GA State University.
- B) News Release concerning the Legal Assistance Clinic at GA State University.
- C) VA Accreditation CLE Program to be conducted November 4, 2014.
- D) Emory Law School Operations Report of September 16, 2014.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION OF THE
STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
AND
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ITS COLLEGE OF LAW,
AND ITS ARMY ROTC DEPARTMENT
FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY LEGAL CLINIC
FOR VETERANS MATRICULATING AT GSU**

This agreement, when duly executed and approved by the GSU College of Law, the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) of Georgia State University and the Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, establishes the relationship between Georgia State University and the Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

The Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia (hereafter Mil/Vets Law Section) intends to offer legal assistance to veterans enrolled at Georgia State University and instructional opportunities to students enrolled at its College of Law pursuant to which Mil/Vets Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys will to provide legal assistance and/or advice to veterans free of charge and support to GSU's law students.

This Agreement shall be for an indefinite period, commencing on the date of execution of this MOU. However, either party may terminate this Agreement for any or no reason whatsoever upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be interpreted to infer any right to a continued contractual relationship between Georgia State University, Army ROTC, and the Mil/Vets Law Section.

In connection with its participation in this voluntary GSU legal clinic, the Mil/Vets Law Section and its members and other volunteer attorneys will comply with all applicable provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 104-91, the Family Medical leave Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of and all related regulations, and will not discriminate against any person on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, religion or religious affiliation, sexual orientation, race, color, gender, disability, or age.

Nothing in this agreement is intended to be contrary to state or federal laws. In the event of conflict between terms of this agreement and any applicable state or federal law, that state or federal law will supersede the terms of this agreement. In the event of conflict between state and federal law, federal law will govern.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. OBLIGATIONS OF MIL/VETS LAW SECTION:

- a. Consistent with ethical and other applicable rules, to the extent any veteran and/or his/her family, referred to Mil/Vets Law Section by GSU from Mil/Vets Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys and Mil/Vets Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys agree to provide such advice, Mil/Vets Law Section and its members and other volunteer attorneys will provide such legal advice to veterans and/or his/her family free of charge during clinic hours.
- b. Members of the Mil/Vets Law Section will recruit volunteer lawyers to staff a legal clinic at the ROTC offices, some of whom will serve as mentors and supervisors of volunteer GSU law students.
- c. Members of the Mil/Vets Law Section will work with College of Law officials in creating appropriate opportunities by late August 2014 for law school students to become involved with the reception/ legal assistance / counseling processes benefitting veterans.
- d. Members of the Mil/Vets Law Section will work with Georgia ICLE to provide a CLE opportunity for law students to attend a VA Accreditation seminar in the Fall of each year.
- e. Mil/Vets law Section will work with GSU's Enrollment Services Specialist, or that position's successor, in developing information for circulation to veterans enrolled at GSU about this program designed to provide legal assistance to them.
- f. Mil/Vets Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys retain the right to accept or to decline providing advice to any veteran or his/her family referred by GSU.
- g. Mil/Vets Law Section Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys will not represent veterans or their families referred to

Mil/Vets Law Section by GSU in any matter in which GSU is an adverse party.

- h. Mil/Vets Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys will not use contacts made as a part of the legal clinic process to further their respective private practices. However, nothing herein should be interpreted to prevent a volunteer attorney from representing veterans in the attorney's private practice for a fee if they are not referred to the attorney through the GSU Legal Clinic.
- i. Mil/Vet Law Section members will act to further the purposes of a Section of the State Bar of Georgia contemplated under provisions of Article XIV of the By-Laws of the State Bar of Georgia.

2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE ROTC DEPARTMENT

- a. Work with Mil/Section Law Section to inform veterans enrolled at GSU about the GSU Legal Clinic and make veterans aware of the clinic.
- b. Provide space and other limited support service to the lawyers who will counsel with GSU veterans seeking legal assistance. At a later time it may be determined that these offices may be repositioned to a different location on campus.
- c. Operate and manage the GSU legal clinic facilities.
- d. Orient Mil/Section Law Section members and other volunteer attorneys about the GSU facilities' rules and regulations.
- e. Provide suitable space for legal services enabling a private location for confidential discussions with clients.
- f. To the extent feasible, provide routine access to internet, availability to photocopier, printer, desktop automation including hardware and standard office software (if not provided by the participating attorneys), and storage for attorney materials.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW

- a. Objective: The objective of the Georgia State Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans is to assist principally those students enrolled at GSU who have served our country, with legal issues that they face, especially claims for service-connected disability, illness and injury.
- b. Administration
 - 1) Name: The name of the Clinic is the GSU Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans.

- 2) **Student Participation:** The students in the Clinic will be volunteers. At this point, no class credit will be provided. However, students who work in the Clinic will receive pro bono credits under the College of Law Pro Bono Recognition Program, and will be recognized for such service at graduation.
- 3) **Faculty Leadership and Student Training:** Faculty leadership and oversight will be provided by Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Roy Sobelson, as well as any other administrator(s) or faculty member(s) acting by his designation. The training of all student volunteers will be conducted by representatives of the Mil/Vets section, who will ensure the student volunteers are properly trained for, and supervised in, the provision of legal services in the clinic.
- 4) **Time and Location:** The Clinic will be open during the academic semester at certain hours which will be broadly publicized. This should facilitate parking in the student parking deck. Space has been reserved in Offices of the Army ROTC. It is understood that the conference room should be sufficient for small group meetings or interviews with individual clients, as well as strategy and status update sessions involving students and supervising attorneys.
- 5) **Case Management:** The Clinic will implement a case management system. The precise components of a system which will best meet the Clinic's needs is currently under study.
- 6) **The Work of the Clinic (what cases will be accepted)**

The Clinic will normally accept the following types of cases:

- a. Disability claims before the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
The focus of this work will be appeals to the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims. Moreover, the Clinic will consider acceptance of an existing VA claim where there is a demonstrated need for legal research and/or additional fact-finding. Initial claims may also be referred to the Georgia Department of Veteran Services.
- b. Pension claims before the VA -- This includes the "need" based pension and the pension that may be available to the surviving

spouse or children based on the service-connected death of a veteran.

- c. Claims for an increased rating before the Regional Office of the VA.
 - d. Claims for Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU) before the VA.
 - e. Request to reopen a claim previously denied by the VA.
 - f. Applications for discharge upgrade and record correction.
 - g. Other VA issues including assistance with VA healthcare and VA determination of incompetency.
 - h. Employment law claims and representation: This includes claims by veterans under the Uniform Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act (USERRA). The Clinic will also consider providing non-litigation “preventive” advice to small non-profit organizations that represent veterans.
 - i. Criminal records: The Clinic will consider assisting veterans with problems associated with their records of arrest and conviction. This work includes efforts to update and correct these records, as well as expungement of the record when allowed by the Georgia statute. These activities are civil in nature, and the Clinic may not become involved in the underlying criminal cases, but may make referrals elsewhere.
 - j. Policy issues such as the creation of veterans’ courts and issues arising under the Uniform Deployed Parent’s Custody and Visitation Act (UDPCVA).
 - k. The Clinic may consider assistance with consumer law matters and real property matters.
 - l. THE CLINIC WILL NOT ACCEPT: Malpractice actions; legal actions against governmental entities.
- 7) Sources of Referral: Cases to the Clinic will likely be referred from:
- a. Veterans enrolled at Georgia State University.

- b. The Military Legal Assistance Program Committee of the State Bar of Georgia (contact is Norman Zoller at normanz@gabar.org).
- c. The Veterans' Legal Clinic at the VA Hospital in Decatur (contact is Cary King at [<cary@jacobsking.com>](mailto:cary@jacobsking.com)).
- d. Other veterans referred through the ROTC Department.

It is anticipated that initially a sufficient number of cases will be referred from the sources referenced in items (a), (b), (c), and (d).

- e. Referrals from practicing attorneys who will serve as mentors for the GSU students.
- f. National Veterans' Legal Service Program (NVLSP) (contact is Tracy Connor).
- g. Veterans' Consortium Pro Bono Program (cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims). See www.vetsprobono.org.
- h. Service organizations like the American Legion, VFW, DAV and Georgia Vietnam Veterans' Alliance (contact Marvin Myers).
- i. Service Women's Action Network (SWAN); reference www.servicewomen.org.
- j. Atlanta Vietnam Veterans' Business Association (contact is Cary King).

8) Point of Contact: Initially the point of contact at the Clinic will be Associate Dean Roy M. Sobelson, Suite 417 at the College of Law, rsobelson@gsu.edu.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

a. All individually identifiable personal and health information shall be treated as confidential by the parties in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations governing the confidentiality and privacy of individually identifiable personal and health information, including, but without limitation, the Health Insurance

Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); of 5 U.S.C. § 552a (Privacy Act), 38 U.S.C. § 5701 (Confidentiality of Claimants Records), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA), 38 § 5705 (Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records), 38 U.S.C. § 7332 (Confidentiality of Certain Medical Records) and related federal laws, rules and regulations, and GSU regulations.

b. All individually identifiable personal information and any notes or other documents relating to legal issues or legal advice in accordance with applicable State Bar of Georgia rules governing the confidentiality and privacy of clients, shall be treated as confidential by the parties.

5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

For the purposes of this MOU, the relationship of the parties shall not be construed or interpreted to be a partnership, association, joint venture or agency. The relationship of the parties is an independent contractor relationship and not agents, representatives, or employees of the other party. No party shall have the authority to make any statements, representations, or commitments of any kind or to take any action that shall be binding on another party, except as may be expressly provided for herein or authorized in writing.

6. WARRANTIES

Mil/Vets Law Section and GSU hereby represent and warrant to each other that each party has full power and authority to enter into and perform this MOU without violating the terms of any other contract by doing so, and that the person(s) signing this MOU on such party's behalf has been duly authorized and empowered to enter into this MOU.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Each party represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and other governmental requirements applicable to its respective businesses and to the provision and receipt of services pursuant to this Agreement.

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This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with

Georgia law, except in those circumstances where federal law directly applies in which circumstance federal law shall govern.

9. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement supersedes all prior and contemporaneous communications, understandings and agreements of or between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the transaction contemplated herein.

10. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended, modified or superseded, and any of the terms, covenants, representations, warranties or conditions hereof may be waived, only by a written instrument executed by the parties hereto or, in the case of a waiver, by the party waiving compliance.

11. NOTICES

Any Notice provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when received by personal delivery or United States certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to Mil/Vets Law Section:

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104 Marietta St.,NW
Atlanta GA 30303

If to Georgia State University:

Dean of the College of Law
Georgia State University
140 Decatur Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

Notice of a change in name and/or address by either party to the information referenced above shall be in writing and provided in accordance the provisions of this Notice section.

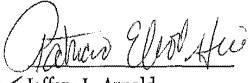
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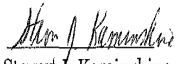
IN WITNESS THEREOF, The Parties have executed this Agreement in Atlanta, Georgia, this 29th day of August, 2014.


MIL/VETS Law Section

GSU College of Law

Army ROTC

for 
Jeffery L. Arnold
Chair, Mil/Vets Law Section
State Bar of Georgia


Steven J. Kaminshine
Dean


William J. Brooks, LTC
U.S. Army
Chair, Dept of Mil Science

New Law Clinic to Help Veterans

9/8/2014

Georgia State University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) department, representatives of the State Bar of Georgia's Military and Veterans Law Section and the College of Law will start a new legal clinic this month for more than 800 veterans enrolled at the university.

Roy Sobelson, associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law, will provide faculty leadership and oversight for the new clinic, the Georgia State University Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans. An informational session about volunteering for the clinic is planned for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Room 100.

"The new clinic for university veterans will allow law students to translate what they have learned in classes to real application in a setting where they are carefully supervised by experienced lawyers," Sobelson says. "In addition, this is a vehicle by which we can inculcate our students a spirit of public service, which is demonstrated by the dozens of volunteer lawyers who will work with this project."

Georgia State Law students will assist in conducting initial interviews and counseling with the veterans in the new clinic. Also, students will work with a cadre of experienced volunteer lawyers who will serve as mentors while helping to address and resolve legal issues involved.

"Within four months, this clinic came together and everyone stepped forward quickly to begin helping," says Norman Zoller, coordinating attorney with the State Bar of Georgia for its Military Legal Assistance Program. "This clinic is a hybrid and different from others in the state in that it deals with veterans and service members of the National Guard and the active Reserves."

"This clinic is another key component of the comprehensive strategy to be a truly military friendly campus," says Army Lt. Col. William J. Brooks, chair of the Georgia State Department of Military Science and Leadership, "This is just one more way we're helping veterans achieve their education, continue their service to the military and realize the benefits they have earned."

Alumni and military veterans Steven (J.D. '05) and Patricia Shewmaker of the Atlanta law firm Shewmaker and Shewmaker, will assist with the clinic on campus.

"There are a lot of veterans returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and other past wars, and they are facing some unique legal issues," Patricia Shewmaker (J.D. '08) says. "It's great to see Georgia State Law stepping up and taking this role in the community."

Students will assist with a wide range of legal matters from disability and pension claims to the more typical civil or criminal matters that can face anyone. Students

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will also get hands on experience in such areas as drafting a will or handling a divorce or property dispute, among the legal matters.

Although students will not receive academic credit, volunteer hours will be credited toward their pro bono hours as they provide a much needed service. In addition, students will gain valuable experience and network with practicing attorneys.

“The new clinic underscores how Georgia State Law is a nationally recognized law school of quality,” Patricia Shewmaker says.

VA ACCREDITATION

FEATURED SPEAKER



Brigadier General Charles N. Pede is the Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals. He holds a LL.M. in Military Law and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Study. He attended the Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Graduate Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Brigadier General Pede's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. He is also entitled to wear the Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

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AGENDA

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Presiding: *Jeffery L. Arnold*, Program Co-Chair; Section Chair, Military and Veterans Law, State Bar of Georgia; *Jeffery L. Arnold P.C.*, Hinesville
Steven P. Shewmaker, Program Co-Chair; Shewmaker & Shewmaker, LLC, Atlanta
Norman E. Zoller, Program Co-Chair, Coordinating Attorney, Military Legal Assistance Program, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta

7:30 **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
 (All attendees must check in upon arrival. A jacket or sweater is recommended.)

7:55 **WELCOME AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW**
Steven P. Shewmaker

8:00 **BASIC ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS PROCEDURES; REPRESENTATION BEFORE THE VA**
Patricia A. Elrod-Hill, The Elrod-Hill Law Firm, LLC, Norcross

8:45 **DIC AND PENSION**
Victoria H. Watkins, Attorney at Law, Marietta

9:30 **STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE PANEL**
 Panelists TBD

10:30 **BREAK**

10:45 **PROFESSIONALISM**
Brig. Gen. Charles N. Pede, Brigadier General, Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency; Chief Judge U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, Fort Belvoir, VA

11:45 **LUNCH** (Included in registration fee)
 Section Meeting
Jeffery L. Arnold

12:30 **RIGHT TO APPEAL AND DISABILITY COMPENSATION**
Douglas Sullivan, McElreath & Stevens, LLC, Atlanta

1:45 **VA CASE LAW UPDATE**
Drew N. Early, Shewmaker & Shewmaker, LLC, Atlanta

2:30 **BREAK**

2:45 **ETHICS**
George Edward Bradford Jr., Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Atlanta

3:45 **UPDATE ON GEORGIA VETERANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
H. Lane Denmark, Jr., Attorney at Law, Madison
V. Sharon "Sharr" Edenfield, Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Classens, P.C., Statesboro
Cary S. King, Jacobs & King LLC, Atlanta
Edward A. Piasta, Law & Moran Attorneys at Law, Atlanta
Prof. Roy M. Sobelson, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta
Norman E. Zoller

4:15 **ADJOURN**

Based on the availability of key participants, this CLE program is being conducted on Tuesday, November 4, which we know is Election Day. This is not inappropriate, as through this CLE we strive to improve the legal assistance we provide to our service members and veterans. We encourage you to vote early or on your way home following the CLE program.

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EMORY LAW VOLUNTEER CLINIC FOR VETERANS
Accountability Court Conference

Lane Dennard

September 16, 2014

- A. Introductions
 - 1. Lynn Adam
 - 2. Will Evans
 - 3. Patrick Hartobey
- B. Background: With active support from the Military/Veterans Section of the State Bar and the Military Legal Assistance Program, the Emory Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans opened in February, 2013. This Clinic is off to a successful start.
- C. Summary of Cases and Involvement by Attorney Mentors and Student Volunteers
 - 1. 65 Cases/Matters
 - 2. 45 Student Volunteers (including four summer interns)
 - 3. 64 Lawyers volunteered for participation; 34 have participated at this point
 - 4. 5 cases pending intake
- D. Cases and Matters by Type
 - 1. VA disability cases and claims for increased rating
 - 2. Service related [DIC] and need based pensions
 - 3. Appellate cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (5 cases, 3 of which we have won)
 - 4. Discharge upgrade and military records correction (4 cases)
 - 5. Correction of records in VA healthcare system
 - 6. Employment law (Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance)
 - 7. Wills, Medical Directives and Powers of Attorney (5 cases; 3 cases have been completed)

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8. 38 U.S.C. §1151 – disability caused by the fault or neglect of VA healthcare
9. Amicus briefs to the Ninth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court (Garcia, Ritchie and Brannan)
 - (a) Garcia in Ninth Circuit - Should an employer be considered “notified” that a Veteran with PTSD has a disability protected by the ADA after a first debilitating incident (in this case an off job flash back)?
 - (b) Ritchie in the Supreme Court – Should there be an exception to the Supreme Court’s holding in Ferez that active service members are immune from liability for their conduct?
 - (c) Andrew Brannan - Joined amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, Vietnam Veteran on Georgia’s death row diagnosed 100% disabled with PTSD prior to the offense; participating in proceedings before the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles.
10. Three significant policy initiatives: Veterans Courts, Homeless Veterans, and PTSD/mental health
 - (a) Papers on Veterans Courts presented to the Governor’s Criminal Justice Reform Council and House Legislative Counsel; legislation has been passed and signed by the Governor
 - (b) Spoke at the Accountability Courts Conference in May of 2013; scheduled to speak at Conference in September of 2014
 - (c) CHALENG Event and Stand Down for Homeless Veterans organized by the VA Hospital (5 students participated in interviews of 20 homeless veterans for possible cases)
 - (d) Research on mental health/PTSD as it relates to less than honorable discharges

E. Referral sources

1. Cases coming in directly to the Clinic (Fellow: Christopher Pitts) (new e-mail address and phone number for the Clinic: 404-727-0605; lawveteransclinic@emory.edu)
2. Cases referred by the Military Legal Assistance Committee of the State Bar
3. Five cases referred by the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program in Washington
4. Discharge upgrade cases referred by the Georgia Department of Veterans Services
5. Legal Clinic at the VA Hospital

6. Atlanta Legal Aid
7. DeKalb County Community Development Board

F. Publicity/Activities

1. Georgia Bar Journal
2. Emory Law Journal
3. Emory News
4. EmoryWire
5. AJC
6. Website
7. Brochure
8. Accountability Court Conferences—May 20-22, 2013; September 16, 2014
9. Homeless Veterans Stand Down
10. Awards to student leaders (one student received the National Award for Leadership in the Clinic)
11. Clinic received the State Bar of Georgia Law School Excellence in Access to Justice Award
12. Clinic awarded the 2014 Emory University Most Outstanding Service/Volunteer Organization

G. Successful Activities

1. Strong student leadership
2. Enthusiastic student participation and good work by most of the volunteers
3. Most student volunteers have had a successful clinical experience
4. Procedures have worked well and may need only slight modification
5. Strong support from the Military/Veterans Section of the State Bar and MLAP
6. Drew Early has been a helpful resource for Co-Director
7. Good referrals and a good overall case load and case mix; currently at peak capacity with several cases pending intake

8. \$5,000 stipends for 3 Summer Interns; ½ stipend for 1 additional intern working part time
 9. Successful public policy work in Veterans Courts and Homeless Veterans
 10. Drew Early is currently teaching a course for credit on VA disability law
- H. Disposition in Cases – The Clinic has already obtained several successful dispositions despite the slow moving nature of the VA process.
1. For one client with a 100% rating for PTSD, a VA determination of incompetency was reversed. For that same client the VA awarded special compensation of \$1,160 per month for the physical effects of the Veteran’s PTSD condition.
 2. Of the five cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, we have already prevailed in 3 cases. In these situations, the client’s disability claims were remanded to the Board of Veterans Appeals for further consideration of the Veteran’s claim.
 3. The Clinic has also succeeded in helping Veterans navigate internal VA procedures (e.g., GI bill and VA payment of private hospital bill for emergency treatment).
 4. In a case referred by MLAP we represented the widow of an Iraqi War combat Veteran with four minor children at home. The VA Regional Office in Philadelphia had denied the client’s claim for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). We appealed that decision arguing that the Client should be entitled to a pension because a service connected disability was a significant contributing cause of her husband’s death. The Clinic prevailed in the appeal and the Client was granted a DIC pension of \$2,638 per month and the children were granted GI Bill educational benefits as well as assistance with health care. The Veteran’s widow was also awarded back pay of about \$26,000.
 5. For another veteran who has service connected PTSD his disability rating was increased from 20% to 70%. This increased his compensation by about \$1,000 per month.
 6. For a retired Army veteran with 100% disability for Agent Orange the amount of back pay due was increased by \$98,910. This was based on the veteran’s claim that the award should go back to the time he was diagnosed as having heart disease rather than starting it when heart disease was added to the VA’s Agent Orange list.
- I. Challenges for the future
1. Transition to new leadership after Spring Semester, 2013/14

2. Students (new student leaders are Sion New, Angela Hwang). We have an AmeriCorps Fellow, Christopher Pitts.
 3. Co-Director (possibilities: staff attorney, Equal Access to Justice Fellow, part time staff attorney)
 4. Maintain and increase student interest; needs some rejuvenation
 5. Continue to recruit qualified pro bono lawyers who will accept VA disability cases.
- J. Guidelines for Pro Bono Counsel/Mentors (attached)

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

October 2, 2014

The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) continues to serve both the public and members of the Bar, as it has since 1995. To date during the last calendar year CAP has handled around 10,816 new or “unique” contacts (calls, letters, emails, faxes, and rare walk-ins). This does not include repeat calls, letters, emails, or follow-up contacts. CAP itself has handled 77.84% of these contacts. The remaining 22.16% have been referred to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) for investigation by way of grievances filed. It is beyond the scope of CAP’s responsibility to investigate or handle allegations of serious ethical misconduct.

CAP’s staff consists of three administrative assistants and two attorneys. CAP directly answers “live” about 95% of the calls received. The CAP Helpline is used when no one is available to answer calls live or for calls that come in after business hours. Calls that are not answered live are returned within the same or the next working day. CAP’s response to the voluminous mail, emails, and faxes, is usually within one working day.

On occasion CAP’s two attorneys contact members of the Bar by telephone, fax, or letter, at the request of clients. It is often helpful for attorneys to receive a confidential, non-disciplinary courtesy call, letting the attorneys know that their clients have contacted the Bar with various complaints or concerns. In order to facilitate communication between clients and attorneys, CAP notifies attorneys that their clients wish to hear from them, do not understand what is happening on their cases, need updates on case status, or, in the case of former clients, need their files. Realizing that CAP has heard only one side of the situation, CAP does not presume to advise attorneys on how to practice law or to assert the client’s position as true and correct. Each CAP call to an attorney is just a “heads-up” or courtesy call. None of CAP’s actions reach attorneys’ permanent records, and all of CAP actions are confidential.

CAP is the contact point of the Bar for persons complaining about attorneys who are delinquent in paying their court ordered child support. Under OCGA 19-6-28.1 an attorney obligated to pay child support can be administratively suspended from the practice of law, if the custodial parent submits a certified copy of an order verifying the arrearage. The suspension is lifted once certain requirements are met in accordance

with the Code and Bar rules. There was no child support case during the last calendar year.

CAP is also a contact point for the Judicial District Professionalism Program (JDPP). This involves inquiries from lawyers or judges concerning unprofessional conduct and incivility among peers. This program is private, confidential, voluntary, and non-disciplinary in nature. Its purpose is to open channels of communication by the informal use of local peer influence. During this past year there were two JDPP cases.

CAP has remained within its annual budget of \$551,242, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Law Practice Management Program
(Abbreviated report for the 2014-2015 Bar Year)

This is a summary of program events scheduled and completed during the period July 1-October 3, 2014.

Consultation Report

Consultations by City	
City	#
Alpharetta	1
Atlanta	6
Columbus	1
Douglasville	1
Dublin	1
Smyrna	3
Stone Mountain	1

Firm Size	#
1 Attorney	5
2-4 Attorneys	9
5-8 Attorneys	-
9-15 Attorneys	-
16+ Attorneys	-

Consultation Type	#
General	6
Technical	8
Grand Total	14

Speaking Engagements

There are a total of 11 completed and scheduled programs during this period. The Program's staff has given 5 continuing legal education and special presentations to Georgia lawyers and other related groups. These presentations have been held in various local and national venues. 6 programs are scheduled for future dates.

- July 29, 2014 National Bar Association (NBA) 89th Annual Convention & Exhibits CLE, *Social Media & Your Law Firm: Untapped Reward & Unknown Danger Panel Discussion* (Avarita Hanson, Paula Frederick, Natalie Kelly, Randall M. Kessler, Phaedra Parks), Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia.
- August 7, 2014 American Bar Association, Law Practice Division Annual Meeting, *Safely and Ethically Navigating the Cloud* (Natalie Kelly), Hilton Boston Back Bay, Boston, Massachusetts.
- August 14, 2014 LPM Solo & Small Firm Summer 2014 CLE (sponsored), *Using Financial Reports to Make Sense Of It All* (Natalie Kelly); *Billing & Collecting--Effective Tips and Tricks to Get Paid* (Natalie Kelly), Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 47 attendees.
- August 19, 2014 Transitioning into Law Practice Program (TILPP) Group Mentoring CLE, *The Virtual Law Office-Model Mentoring C* (Natalie Kelly), Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 134 attendees.
- September 12, 2014 Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA) Solo/Small Firm Symposium, *Smooth Operators: The Business of Law--Setting Fees/Case Management* (Natalie Kelly), Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

- October 17, 2014 Basic Fiduciary Practice CLE, *Law Practice Management* (Sheila Baldwin), Hilton Garden Inn, Macon, Georgia.
- October 30, 2014 LPM Solo & Small Firm Fall 2014 CLE: *Driving Business to Your Law Practice* (sponsored), *How to Build a Website in One Hour* (Natalie Kelly); Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 24 pre-registrations.
- November 7, 2017 TILPP Mentor Orientation CLE, *State Bar of Georgia Resources for Mentors and Beginning Lawyers* (Sheila Baldwin), Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

- November 14, 2014 Cobb County Bar Solo/Small Firm Section CLE, *Don't Reinvent the Wheel! Creating Systems to Make Your Practice Easier and Profitable* (Natalie Kelly), Board of Commissioners Room, Marietta, Georgia.
- February 13, 2015 LPM Solo & Small Firm Winter 2015 CLE (sponsored), Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
- April 24, 2015 LPM Solo & Small Firm Spring 2015 CLE (sponsored), Georgia Bar Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

Office Visits

LPM distributed **187** Starting Your Georgia Law Practice booklets as requested by attorneys. There were **27** startup discussions conducted by the Program via office visits.

Resource Library

Our lending library has a grand total of **1,332** books, CDs, and DVDs for checkout to members and their staff with an option to pick up materials at the Bar Center or to be mailed. During this period, there were a total of **162** checkouts by **63** patrons.

Software Library

The Program has a Software Library that consists of complete, working copies of software applications. Many of these products are legal specific, and require more guidance when being demonstrated than general applications. During this period, there were no office visits made to look at software programs in the Software Library.

Fastcase Report

During this period, a grand total of **27** members have attended Fastcase CLE seminars.

Since the decision was made to transition to Fastcase, **1,214** attorneys and **58** staff members have attended Fastcase live training. Others have taken advantage of webinar training.

Fastcase Reported Problems	
Member Reported Issue(s)	Fastcase Response / Resolutions
8/6/14 Member called to compliment the Member Benefits committee on the best contribution the State Bar has ever made in its history.	8/6/14 Sheila Baldwin, member benefits coordinator, passed this compliment on to the Fastcase staff.
9/17/14 Two members called asking when the 2014 statutes would be available.	9/17/14 Will check with owners and get back with Sheila. In the meantime, inform members that the statutes are searchable alongside the 2014 Georgia Acts for the most up to date information.
9/24/14 Couldn't find the citation on a case decided March 6, 2014, only found by case name and slip number.	9/29/14 Fastcase gets the new slip opinions on almost immediately but the citations publish a bit later. To ensure that we only need to touch each published opinion once (to include official and regional citation/pagination), we are usually a little bit slower to get the published version online. Will be glad to send an updated version of the case to member.
9/30/14 Follow Up: Sheila inquired if this was a recent change in their timeline.	9/30/14 It's not a recent change. Reporters are updated on a quarterly basis with full citation/pagination.

Partner Usage Report for State Bar of Georgia from July 1-October 3, 2014

		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
First Time Logins	2014	4,054	1,352	806	75	6,287
Total Logins	2014	18,215	18,637	18,029	2,078	56,959
Total Users Who Logged In	2014	4,054	4,087	3,986	1,173	13,300
New Premium Subscriptions	2014	0	0	0	0	0
Searches Conducted	2014	102,435	104,858	100,752	11,254	319,299
Documents Viewed	2014	154,723	156,769	152,122	16,696	480,310
Documents Printed	2014	15,217	15,108	15,359	1,831	47,515
Total Transactions	2014	272,375	276,375	268,233	29,781	847,124



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MEMORANDUM

TO: President Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, Executive Committee and Members of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia

FROM: Avarita L. Hanson, Executive Director

RE: Report on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

DATE: Prepared October 3, 2014 for the Fall 2014 BOG Meeting

It is my pleasure to update you on the activities of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism now under the leadership of Chief Justice Hugh Thompson in his second year at the helm.

For Georgia lawyers, as often articulated by former Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Benham, professionalism encompasses competence, civility, pro bono, community service and ensuring access to justice. At the behest of Justice Benham, in 1996 the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism crafted and unanimously approved its mission statement as a clear and understandable guide for then and into the future, brief enough to keep in mind, and having a primary focus on a single strategic thrust while broad enough to allow for flexibility in implementation. That statement of professionalism guiding Georgia lawyers today is as follows:

The mission of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism is to support and encourage lawyers to exercise the highest levels of professional integrity in their relationships with their clients, other lawyers, the courts, and the public and to fulfill their obligations to improve the law and the legal system and to ensure access to that system.

This 2014-2015 bar year, the Commission is focusing on ensuring access to justice. Lawyers display their adherence to the tenets of professionalism in many ways in the course of their lives and practice environments, including our commitment to access to justice. Chief Justice Hugh Thompson said in his 2014 State of the Judiciary Address, "As Georgia continues to grow in population and diversity, access to justice is a challenge requiring the commitment and hard work of us all." State Bar President Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker has also made access to justice a primary focus of her administration and, among other things, is orchestrating a plan to steer lawyers to Georgia counties with none.

With your continued guidance, leadership and participation we will not merely stand on our laurels, the Georgia Bar and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism will continue to be the leaders in legal professionalism.

Below is a summary of the Commission's current operations and upcoming activities.

1. **MEETINGS.** The Commission holds three (3) meetings each year. It met on September 26, 2014, and will again meet on January 30, 2015 and May 8, 2015.
2. **MEMBERS.** The Commission consists of twenty-two (22) members including Chief Justice Thompson and this year welcomed (5) **new members:** V. Sharon Edenfield (YLD President, Statesboro); Dean Malcolm Morris (Atlanta's John Marshall Law School); Wanda Morris (Home Depot, Atlanta); Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker (President, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta) and R. Kyle Williams (Decatur). **Returning members** include: Professor Frank Alexander (Emory); Professor Clark D. Cunningham (Georgia State); The Hon. David P. Darden (State Court of Cobb County, Marietta, Council of State Court Judges); Jennifer M. Davis (Georgia Defense Lawyers Association, Public Member, Atlanta); J. Antonio DelCampo (DelCampo, Weber & Grayson, LLC, Atlanta); Associate Dean A. James Elliott (Emory, Atlanta); C. Joy Lampley Fortson (U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Atlanta); Professor Matthew Hall (University of Georgia, Athens); Dawn M. Jones (The Firm of Dawn M. Jones, LLC, Atlanta); The Hon. Steve C. Jones (Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta), Professor Patrick Longan (Mercer); The Hon. M. Yvette Miller (Georgia Court of Appeals, Atlanta); The Hon. Kathy S. Palmer (Middle Judicial District Superior Court, Swainsboro, Council of Superior Court Judges); Claudia Saari (DeKalb County Public Defender, Decatur) and Lynne E. Scroggins (Atlanta Medical Center, Public Member, Atlanta).
3. **CLEs.** The Commission approves more than 800 Professionalism CLE programs each year. Professionalism CLE programs continue to be creatively designed to address practice-specific professionalism issues, as well as recent trends in the legal profession and legal education, such as generational connecting, professional use of technology and social media, and changes to the ABA Standards for law school accreditation.

Executive Director Avarita Hanson presented several CLEs in the last few months.

In July, she presented 2 CLEs at the 89th National Bar Annual Convention in Atlanta and organized 2 additional CLE programs for that meeting:

- *Social Media & Your Law Firm: Untapped Reward & Unknown Danger*, July 29, 2014
- *Hot Topics in Ethics and Professionalism*, July 29, 2014
- *Forum on the Future of Legal Education*, July 30, 2014
- *Keeping Up with the Changing Times: How to Advertise Your Firm*, July 30, 2014

On August 19, 2014, she presented a CLE at the Group Mentoring Program, *Communicating Professionally with the Bench, Bar and Your Clients*.

Other CLE's Ms. Hanson is scheduled to present during the remainder of 2014 include:

- *Moral Achievement: The Defining Characteristic of Good Lawyering*, The Law Partners, First Monday, October 6, 2014;
- *Managing Your 'Street Cred': Tips and Resources*, Solo and Small Firm Fall Seminar, October 30, 2014;
- *Clients, Colleagues, and Court: Dealing with Difficult Personalities and Situations, Including Sexual Harassment*, GABWA's 5th Thursday Lunch Program, October 30, 2014;
- *Communicating Professionally in the Digital Age*, YLD Fall Meeting, October 31, 2014; and
- *Generational Connecting*, Mentor Orientation Program, November 7, 2014

4. **LAW SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS ON PROFESSIONALISM**

In partnership with the State Bar's Committee on Professionalism and all six (6) Georgia law schools, for the twenty-second year the Commission conducted law school orientations on Professionalism in August of 2014 at all Georgia law schools. More than 200 judges, attorneys and legal educators served as group leaders in discussions with groups of incoming, transfer and visiting students to address professionalism and ethical challenges affecting law students and legal professionals.

This year's keynote speakers stressed the importance of one's reputation to a professional image. The keynote speakers were:

- Atlanta's John Marshall Law School – Judge Jay M. Roth, State Court Fulton County
- Emory – Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, State Bar President, Atlanta Beltline, Inc.
- Georgia State University College of Law - DeKalb County District Attorney Robert D. James, Jr.
- Mercer – Judge Philip T. Raymond III, Superior Court of the Macon Judicial Circuit
- Savannah Law School – Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Chatham County Juvenile Court
- University of Georgia – Judge J. Randal Hall, U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Georgia, Augusta

5. Convocation on Professionalism: Aging in the Law – It’s More Than a Senior Moment. The Commission will present its 2014 Convocation Professionalism addressing the theme: *Aging in The Law: It’s More than A Senior Moment*, on Wednesday, **November 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Carter Center in Atlanta.** This promises to be another important and impactful CLE event. Here's why:

- The Commission's Task Force on Aging (Nicole Iannarone, Avarita Hanson, Co-Chairs; Belinda Sauslberry, Project Coordinator), has met monthly since May to review the Bar's response to aging lawyers issues and provide input and assistance in developing the Convocation;
- The ICLE staff (Director Steve Harper and Doug Ashworth) have provided skillful assistance in developing the brochure for the program and its marketing to Georgia attorneys;
- It has been approved for 6 CLE credit hours, including 1 Professionalism Hour and 1 Ethics Hour;
- An excellent faculty is confirmed for this CLE event that includes moderators, judges, attorneys, law professors, physicians and others who will expertly address the issues;
- It is a historic collaboration of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism with Emory University and the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education in Georgia;
- The anticipated audience includes all immediately affected by issues of aging lawyers including judges, attorneys, staff, family and friends; and
- It will be held at the Carter Presidential Center, a national historic facility which is greatly conducive to learning.

This program is designed to address what is happening every day: lawyers who were once as sharp as a tack and never missed a step begin to stumble through simple thoughts, can't find the right words and begin to mentally wander. What do you do when a lawyer begins to exhibit signs of cognitive impairment? What are your responsibilities to the firm, law office, clients, the lawyer and the public? What resources are available to guide your decision-making and help? This program draws on the expertise and experiences of local and out of state bar leaders, physicians and mental health professionals, lawyer assistance programs, lawyer discipline and professional liability professionals to analyze the impact of cognitive impairment from multiple perspectives and give practical direction to lawyers and judges faced with a colleague showing signs of age-related impairment. It also recognizes the importance of planning for transition out of active law practice or a second season.

We hope to have lots of participation from Board of Governors members and their staff. Attached is the official registration form from ICLE. Please plan to attend and please invite colleagues, family and friends to join you.

6. **16th Annual Justice Benham Community Service Awards Program – Call for Nominations.** Nominations are now being accepted for the 16th Annual Justice Benham Awards for Community Service. The deadline is **Friday, November 21, 2014**. Awards will be presented at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015** at the Georgia Bar Center with a reception following. This event is free and open to the public. (See flyer attached.)

7. **Access to Justice: Incubator Project Support Approved.** We are pleased to announce that at its September 26, 2014 meeting, the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism approved a request for funding for an Incubator Project from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Commission committed to provide \$15,000 as seed money for the planning and development of an incubator project. An incubator is where a law school or bar organization funds office space and provides other support including free or reduced rent, supervision, CLE and technology to relatively new lawyers for a short period of time in exchange for the lawyers providing legal services to low or modest means clients. The incubator proposed for Georgia contemplates a collaboration of all the Georgia law schools, the State Bar and other entities and a July 1, 2015 starting date. Funding is to enable the project consultant (Bucky Askew) to plan and develop the project by the contemplated starting date. The proposal is in line with Chief Justice Thompson’s and State Bar President Perkins-Hooker’s priorities to promote access to justice.

8. **Other Programs and Activities:** The Commission continues to work closely with the State Bar’s Transition Into Law Practice Program (Mentoring Program) and other entities on professionalism programs. We will continue to present information in our Professionalism Page articles published in the *Georgia Bar Journal*, on the State Bar’s webpage and e-news to Bar members, on the Commission’s Facebook and YouTube pages, with the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency through reports at its Fall and Spring meetings, through ICLE’s CLE notices and other publications. We continue to connect with the national and international professionalism movement through the American Bar Association and its related entities (Consortium on Professionalism Initiatives, Center for Professional Responsibility and Committee on Professionalism) and the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (NIFTEP) lead by Georgia State’s Professor Clark Cunningham.

In closing, clearly we do not want to miss an opportunity to spread the good news about the Georgia Bar’s commitment to professionalism. I must express my thanks for the tremendous support the Commission receives from the Board of Governors, CCLC, ICLE and the State Bar of Georgia members and staff. This support enables the Commission to fulfill its mission to support and encourage lawyers to exercise the highest levels of professional integrity in their relationships with their clients, other lawyers, the courts, and the public, to fulfill their obligations to improve the law and the legal system, and to ensure access to that system.

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October 3, 2014
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Please know that I, and the other members of the Commission staff (Ms. Terie Latala, Assistant Director; Ms. Nneka Harris-Daniel, Administrative Assistants), stand ready to carry out our duties in fostering legal professionalism education and activities in Georgia. Let us know whenever we can assist you.

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Attachments

- Convocation on Professionalism Flyer
- Benham Community Service Awards Nomination Form
- 2014 Law School Orientations on Professionalism Report

WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 12, 2014

CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

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Aging in the Law: It's More Than a Senior Moment!

This seminar is approved for 6 Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education (MCJE) credit hours for Superior Court, State Court and Magistrate Court Judges. Six MCJE credit hours for Judges of Juvenile Court, Probate Court and Municipal Court have been applied for, and are pending. Judges of Juvenile Court, Probate Court and Municipal Court should contact their respective ICJE staff contact for updated accreditation information.

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\$155
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\$185
On-site for Active Status Attorneys

\$95
Advance for Inactive Status Attorneys and Non-Attorneys

\$105
On-site for Inactive Status Attorneys and Non-Attorneys

I am unable to attend. Please send program materials and bill me. (BOOK AND PRICE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER SEMINAR.)

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AGENDA

Presiding: *Hon. Hugh P. Thompson*, Program Co-Chair, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia, Atlanta

Avarita L. Hanson, Program Co-Chair, Task Force on Aging Lawyers, State Bar of Georgia; Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Atlanta
Nicole G. Iannarone, Program Co-Chair, Task Force on Aging Lawyers, State Bar of Georgia; Clinical Professor, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta
Steven Hobbs, Program Moderator, Professor, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL

- 8:00 **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
(All attendees must check in upon arrival. A jacket or sweater is recommended.)
- 8:55 **WELCOME AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW**
Avarita L. Hanson
Nicole G. Iannarone
- 9:10 **WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN TRANSITIONING OUT OF LAW PRACTICE WITH GRACE AND DIGNITY**
State Bar representatives provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities for the Bar to address issues of aging lawyers, including access to justice and upward mentoring.
Moderator: *Rita Sheffey*, Hunton & Williams LLP, Atlanta
Panelists:
Allan B. Head, Executive Director, North Carolina Bar Association, Cary, NC
Terry Tottenham, Chair, Aging Lawyers Issues Task Force, State Bar of Texas; Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Austin, TX
Gerald Edenfield, Past President, State Bar of Georgia; Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Classens, P.C., Statesboro
V. Sharon Edenfield, President, Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Georgia; Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Classens, P.C., Statesboro
- 10:20 **BREAK**
- 10:30 **COGNITIVE COMPETENCE: IT'S NOT JUST REMAINING RELEVANT; IT'S ABOUT BEING COMPETENT**
What is cognitive decline and how is it identified? How can cognitive decline be professionally and self assessed?
Moderator: *Manica L. Parker, M.D.*, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Emory Clinic Wesley Woods, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta
Panelists:
Allan Levey, M.D., PhD, Director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center; Professor, Department of Neurology, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta
James J. Lah, M.D., PhD, ADRC, Director, Cognitive Neurology Program; Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta
LaSham Hughes, MBA, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, Atlanta

- 11:45 **LUNCHEON PROGRAM**
Greetings: *Pattise M. Perkins-Hooker*, President, State Bar of Georgia; Atlanta Belltline, Inc., Atlanta
Program: A Conversation Between Friends: To Be or Not To Be An Active Senior Lawyer. How and when does a lawyer decide to remain actively practicing?
Moderator: *Hon. Brenda S. Hill Cole*, Retired Senior Judge, State Court of Fulton County; JAMS, Atlanta
Conversants:
John T. Marshall, Retired, Bryan Cave, Atlanta
Charles Shaffer, Jr., Retired, King & Spalding, Atlanta
Harriet Shaffer, Family Member, Atlanta
Discussants:
A. Paul Cadenhead, Fellow LaBriola LLP, Atlanta
Hon. Stephanie B. Manis, Senior Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Atlanta
Curtis L. Mack, Retired, McGuire Woods, Atlanta
- 1:15 **BREAK**
- 1:30 **TRANSITIONING OUT OF PRACTICE: PLANNING, PRACTICE ALTERNATIVES, INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT**
What are options for succession planning, second seasons, business planning, intervention and support for lawyers, judges, staff and family members?
Moderator: *Michael Monahan*, Director, Pro Bono Project, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta
Panelists:
Allan B. Head
Jenny E. Jensen, The Jensen Firm, Atlanta and Norcross
Darrell L. Sutton, Immediate Past-President, Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Georgia; Sutton Law Group, LLC, Marietta
Terry Tottenham
Hon. Pinkie T. Toomer, Judge, Fulton County Probate Court, Atlanta
- 2:30 **BREAK**
- 2:45 **DID I MAKE A MISTAKE? DISCIPLINARY SITUATIONS AND OPTIONS FOR LAWYERS AND JUDGES**
Moderator: *Paula J. Frederick*, Office of the General Counsel, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta
Panelists:
Jeffrey R. Davis, Executive Director, Commission on Continuing Legal Education, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta
Johannes S. Kingma, Carlock Copeland, LLP, Atlanta
Jenny K. Mittelman, Office of the General Counsel, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta
Nicole G. Iannarone
- 3:45 **WRAP-UP: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**
Using audience response technology, this question and answer session will garner feedback from participants regarding future directions of the Bench, Bar and others to address issues of aging lawyers.
Moderators:
Steven Hobbs
Nicole G. Iannarone
- 4:30 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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**The State Bar of Georgia and The Chief Justice's
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is seeking nominations for the
**16th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for
Community Service**

The State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism invite nominations for the 16th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service. Awards will be presented at a special ceremony on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015** at the Georgia Bar Center.

Judges and lawyers meet the criteria for these awards if they have combined a professional career with outstanding service and dedication to their communities through voluntary participation in community organizations, government-sponsored activities, or humanitarian work outside of their professional practice. Contributions may be made in any field, including but not limited to: social service, education, faith-based efforts, sports, youth and mentoring, recreation, the arts, or politics.

Eligibility: Nominees must: **1)** be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia; **2)** have a record of outstanding community service and continuous service over a period of time to one or more cause, organization or activity; **3)** not be a member of the Selection Committee, staff of the State Bar of Georgia or Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism; and **4)** not be in a judicial or political race for 2014 and 2015.

16th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service Nomination Form
(You may submit more than one nomination)

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address:* _____

(* Please use either the nominee's work or home address that corresponds with the location of their most significant community service.)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator:

Name:** _____

(** For organizations, identify a contact person in addition to the name of the organization.)

Address: _____

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In addition to this form, nomination must also be accompanied by:

- A Nomination Narrative:** Explain how the nominee meets the award criteria described above. Specify the nature of the contributions and identify those who have benefitted from the nominee's involvement. Specify when and how long the nominee participated in each identified activity.
- Biographical Information:** Attach a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.
- Letters of Support:** Include 2 letters of support from individuals and/or organizations in the community that describe the nominee's work and the contributions made.

Submission of Material: Send nominations to Nneka Harris-Daniel, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Suite 620, 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 • Phone: (404) 225-5040 • Fax: (404) 225-5041 • Email: Nneka@jcpga.org. **All Nominations must be postmarked by November 14, 2014**

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Law School Orientations on Professionalism 2014 Report



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~GREETINGS~

For more than two decades, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism have enjoyed a partnership in successfully presenting annual law school orientations on professionalism. This program has touched thousands of law students and hundreds of attorneys.

Engaging Georgia jurists, practitioners, law professors and administrators with incoming law students in situational learning about ethics and professionalism is a valuable tool to encourage adherence to the highest values of the profession from the very start. It is also a time for the students to begin formulating their professional identity, as well as an opportunity for the lawyers to reflect on their professional identity.

Many thanks to Chief Justice Hugh Thompson for his leadership of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and the Commission's other twenty-one members, advisors and liaisons for their continued support of this signature program and to the Committee on Professionalism. Members of the bench and bar are invited to participate in the 2015 Law School Orientations on Professionalism and renew and recharge their commitment to the most noble and highest ideals of our profession.



Very truly,
Avarita L. Hanson
Executive Director, Chief Justice's
Commission on Professionalism

"Our greatest satisfaction as lawyers may not be our greatest fee, but what we have done for the greater good— our clients, judges, the courts and the public."



In Service,
Elizabeth Fite
Chair, State Bar Committee on Professionalism

Orientations on Professionalism Purpose

"Good points bringing "to life" that which is spelled out in writing"



"It illustrated a clear boundary between ethics and professionalism and instilled confidence in myself that doing the right thing is still something to be admired."

The Orientations on Professionalism emphasize the importance of adherence to the code or rules of ethics while at the same time going beyond what is minimally required by legal ethics rules to the values of what is called professionalism among the lawyers and judges of Georgia: competence, character, civility, commitment to the rule of law, to the lawyer's role as officer of the court, to public, and community service. The message to the law students is identical to the message of Professionalism Continuing Legal Education required of all active members of the State Bar of Georgia: that the function of lawyers is to assist clients in the proper use of the legal system, to represent the client's interests in a vigorous and committed manner, while at the same time remaining conscious of duties to other lawyers, the legal system, and the community in general.

The Orientation on Professionalism is a two-hour program that begins with a keynote address by a member of the judiciary or bar leader giving personal reflections on what professionalism means. The Student Professional Conduct Pledge is then administered to the entire group of students. By reciting the pledge, students signify their intent to join the community of the law school by embracing its values.

The heart of the Professionalism Orientations is the breakout session. Here group leaders assist students in ex-

amining hypotheticals designed to provoke discussion of professionalism and ethical issues. To help bridge the gap between law school and law practice, the hypotheticals focus on issues that arise in both the law school and law practice contexts.

Group leaders are made up of practicing lawyers, judges, and law faculty. Students are divided into groups of eight to ten with two leaders per group. An effort is made to insure geographic, practice area, gender, and racial diversity among group leaders.

After the breakout session, the Professionalism Committee, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, and the school co-host a reception or lunch for students, group leaders, and faculty. The Professionalism Committee members assist in identifying and securing the keynote speaker, and sharing the history of orientations with the law school. The Commission provides staffing, coordination, and funding for the programs.







The Orientations on Professionalism reach over 1000 law students and attract more than 200 Georgia lawyers, judges, and law faculty as speakers and group leaders. The evaluations from students and group leaders and follow-up reports from law school faculty lead to the conclusion that the programs are successful in giving the students an understanding of professionalism and a professionalism perspective to take

into their classes on substantive law. One student commented, "It is reassuring to hear how important the majority of the legal community in Georgia regards the issue of professionalism." Another said, "I appreciate the notion that professionalism starts now, not after (if, when) we pass the Bar. This actually has provoked my interest in further study of the issues." Yet another summed up the program by saying, "From this exercise, I learned that I don't have to discard my personal ethical values in order to become a lawyer."

The Orientations on Professionalism at the six law schools in Georgia have attracted national attention over the years. A number of law schools have contacted the Commission on Professionalism to ask for information. To our knowledge, forty to fifty other law schools in the country conduct similar programs modeled on the Georgia programs.

These Professionalism Orientations have proved successful not only in fostering an awareness of professionalism in entering law students, but also in serving as a vehicle to bring the legal community – lawyers, judges, law students, and faculty – together for a shared professional experience.

Programs At A Glance

SCHOOL	SPEAKER	NO. OF STUDENTS	NO. OF GROUP LEADERS
 EMORY LAW	Ms. Patrise Perkins-Hooker Honorable David E.	360	59
 GEORGIA STATE LAW	Honorable Robert D. James, Jr.	210	41
 ATLANTA'S JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL	Honorable Jay M. Roth	150	34
 MERCER UNIVERSITY WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW	Honorable Philip T. Raymond, III	146	40
 SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF LAW	Honorable Lisa G. Colbert	54	6
 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	Honorable J. Randal Hall	218	54

"The program showed visual examples of professionalism and then explained how and why professionalism matters."

"I am attending law school because I have a desire to better society and uphold justice, help those less fortunate."

"It reminded me that I should be guided by a code of ethics in my professional career and not to forget my core values and morals that I have as a person so I can carry it with me throughout law school."



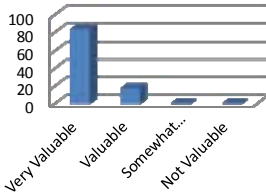
Group Leaders Evaluations

I enjoyed this program as a 1L and was able to bring that experience to the new students taking the plunge. Loved it and will be back next year!

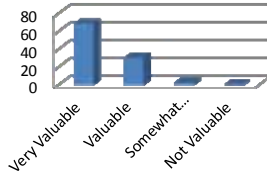
"Great idea to expose 1L students to ethics and professionalism"

"Enjoyed giving back, meeting other lawyers & students"

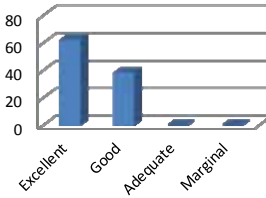
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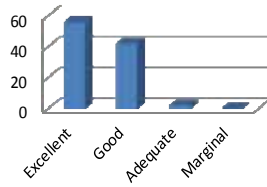
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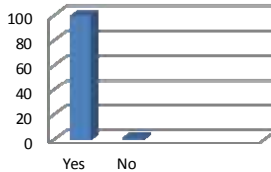
Effectiveness of keynote speaker (not evaluated at Emory)



Effectiveness of length of program (not evaluated at Emory)



Was this program effective in introducing the concept of professionalism in the practice of law (Emory only)

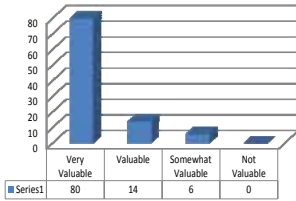


"A very valuable orientation session that should be implemented on a regular basis"

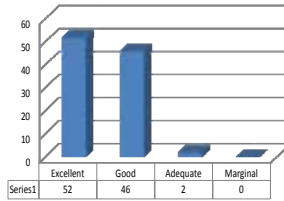
"Small groups are a great format for these discussions"

Student Evaluations

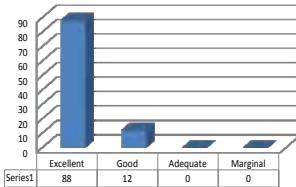
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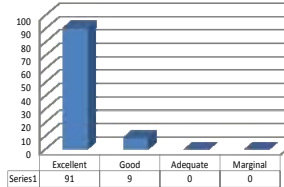
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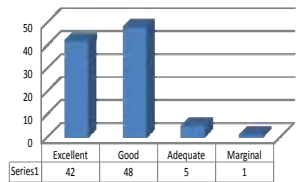
Effectiveness of keynote speaker



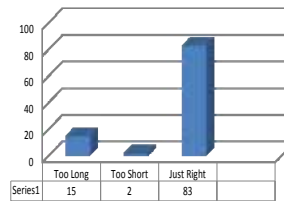
Effectiveness of group leaders



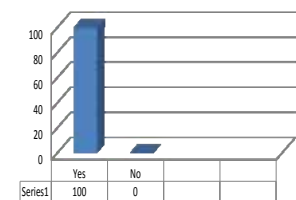
Was the program placed at an opportune time in the orientation schedule (not evaluated by Emory)



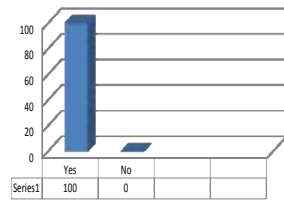
Was the length of the program (not evaluated by Emory)



Did you find it Valuable to include all three perspective among the group leaders - Lawyers, Judges, Professors (Emory only)



Was this program effective in introducing the core professionalism values of Emory Law School (Emory only)



"The Program has placed a strong emphasis on professionalism"

"It has given me a firm understanding of how to conduct myself as a professional"

"Group Leaders were phenomenal at explaining professionalism and what it entails"

Emory University Law School



State Bar President, Patrise Perkins-Hooker speaking to the students about professionalism

"I could spend a day or more going over the hypos, very interesting and informative"



Students reciting Professional Conduct Code Pledge

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CODE PLEDGE

I, _____, as a student entering Emory University School of Law, understand that I am joining an academic community and embarking on a professional career. The Law School community and the legal profession share important values that are expressed in the Statement of Values and the Emory University School of Law Honor Code. I have read the Statement of Values and the Code and will conduct my academic, professional and personal life to honor those shared values.

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*Emory Law School conducts its orientation in two sessions, the first of which is scheduled during the summer orientation for incoming students, and the second which occurs during the first year students' second semester in January.

Emory University Law School



Georgia State University College of Law



Speaker, Hon. Robert D. James,
inspiring incoming
students

*“very
motivational
speaker”*



GSU law students reciting
Professional Honor Code Pledge

PROFESSIONAL HONOR CODE PLEDGE

I, _____, as a student entering
Georgia State University College of Law, understand that I am joining an
academic community and embarking on a professional career. The Law School
community and the legal profession share important values that are expressed
in the Georgia State University College of Law Honor Code. I have read the
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Signature

Date

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Georgia State University College of Law



Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL PLEDGE

As I begin the study of law at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, I acknowledge and accept the privilege and the responsibilities inherent in my becoming a lawyer and the high standards and ideals that accompany such an undertaking.

Accordingly, I pledge that I will, at all times, conduct myself with the dignity befitting an advocate and counselor in a learned profession. I commit myself to service without prejudice, integrity without compromise and the diligent performance of my duties with the utmost good faith.

I acknowledge that I will be a zealous advocate but will act with courtesy and cooperation toward others and I will at all times, personally and professionally, conduct myself in a professional manner. I will remember that my responsibilities to the legal professional should control my conduct, both as a student of the law, and therefore, as a member of the bar. I here by accept my new status as a professional and will approach my colleagues and adversaries alike with the same integrity, professionalism and civility that the practice of law demands. This pledge I take freely and upon my honor.



Hon. Jay M. Roth giving students valuable examples of professionalism

"We brought up some of the judge's points in discussing hypos"

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AJMLS Students repeating Law School Pledge

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School



Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law

A LAW STUDENT'S CREED

I, _____, as a student entering the Walter F. George School of Law, understand that I am embarking on a course of study that will enable me to join the legal profession. I also understand that as a member of the legal profession, and as a member of this community of learning, I will be expected to conduct myself at all times with honor and professionalism. Therefore, I pledge as follows:

To the faculty, I offer my attention, my diligence, and my respect. I will strive to excel in my studies so that my future clients will benefit from the knowledge and skill that I may acquire here.

To my fellow students, I offer my support, my respect, and my courtesy. I will strive to make our association a collegial and fruitful one, in which we may depend upon each other for the benefit of all.

To the legal profession, I offer my service. I will strive to become a true professional and to learn to practice my craft as a calling, in the spirit of public service.

Mercer University Group Leaders:

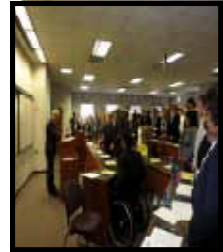
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Hon. Philip T. Raymond, III
 speaking to students at
 Mercer.

*"Enjoyed
 the personal
 stories to
 humanize
 the speaker"*



Mercer students reciting
 pledge

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Savannah Law School

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Judge Colbert speaking to students at Savannah Law School's orientation session

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Law Student's Oath of Professionalism

As I begin the study of law at Savannah Law School, I acknowledge and accept the privileges and responsibilities inherent in my becoming a lawyer, and the high standards and ideals that accompany such an undertaking.

Accordingly, I pledge that I will at all times conduct myself with the dignity befitting an advocate and counselor in a learned profession.

I commit myself to service without prejudice, integrity without compromise, and the diligent performance of my duties with the utmost good faith.

I acknowledge that I will be a zealous advocate, but will act with courtesy and cooperation toward others, and I will at all times, personally and professionally, conduct myself in a professional manner.

I will remember that my responsibilities to the legal profession should control my conduct both as a student of the law and, therefore, as a member of the bar.

I hereby accept my new status as a professional, and I will approach my colleagues and adversaries alike with the same integrity, professionalism and civility that the practice of law demands.

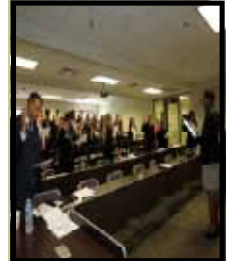
I pledge to conduct myself in accordance with and abide by Savannah Law School's Code of Student Responsibility.

This pledge I take freely and upon my honor.



Hon. Lisa G. Colbert giving oath to the students

"Great experience and wisdom to share"



Savannah Law School students reciting oath

Savannah Law School



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"This is a wonderful program with thought provoking situations to consider. I was also impressed with the level of knowledge/expertise of the group leader."

"It was helpful hearing from attorneys who are actually practicing, running a business and encountering similar situations in real life."



Hon. J. Randal Hall, presented timely speech to UGA Law students

"A terrific overview that was a good lead-in for the program."

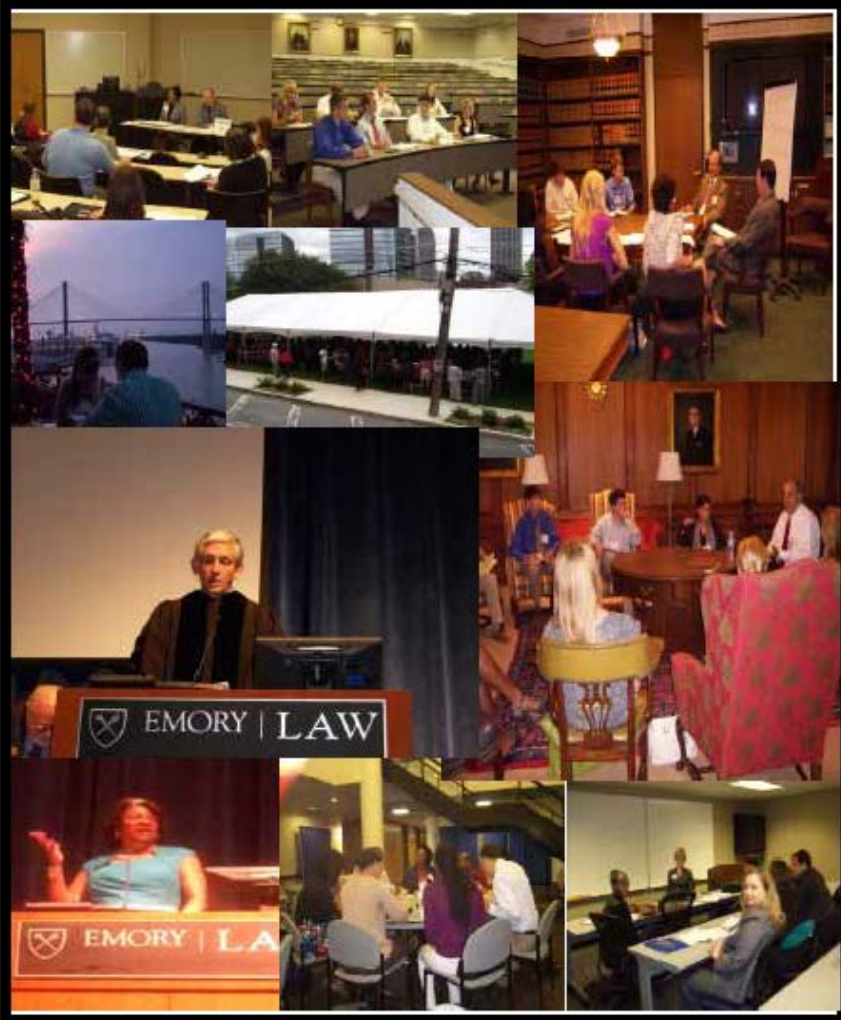


Students in breakout session with group leaders

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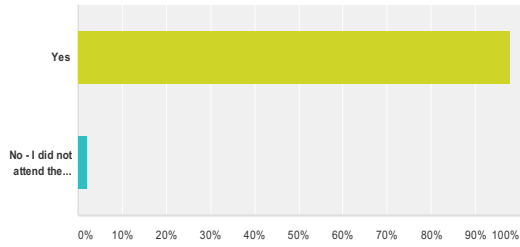


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2014 Annual Meeting

Q1 Did you attend the annual meeting?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 1

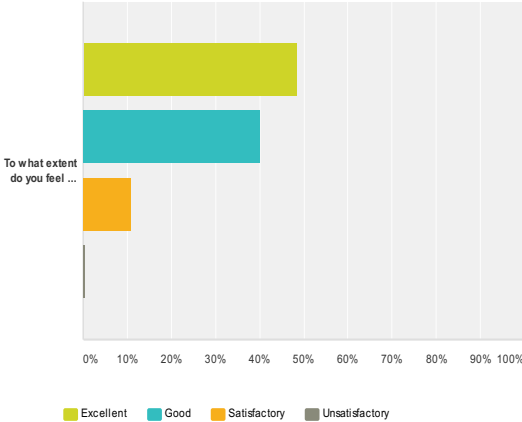


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	97.86%	183
No - I did not attend the Annual meeting	2.14%	4
Total		187

2014 Annual Meeting

Q2 MEETING OBJECTIVE: To provide participants with an educational program and networking opportunity to increase their effectiveness in the legal industry.

Answered: 165 Skipped: 23

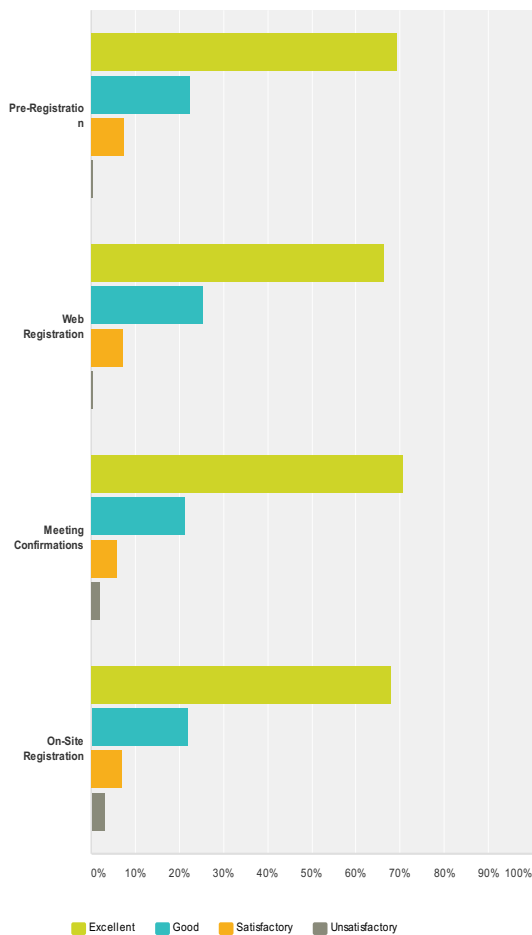


	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
To what extent do you feel the above objective was met?	48.48% 80	40.00% 66	10.31% 18	0.61% 1	165

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Q3 How would you rate the registration process?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 12



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Pre-Registration	69.38% 111	22.50% 36	7.50% 12	0.63% 1	160
Web Registration	66.42% 91	25.55% 35	7.30% 10	0.73% 1	137
Meeting Confirmations	70.86% 107	21.19% 32	5.96% 9	1.99% 3	151
On-Site Registration	67.97% 87	21.88% 28	7.03% 9	3.13% 4	128

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	As a first time attendee, I found the registration form confusing. Before speaking with someone I did not gather from the form that the entire meeting/registration was a la carte.	7/17/2014 11:35 AM
2	received multiple automated invoices in differing amounts when I attempted to register.	7/16/2014 3:28 PM

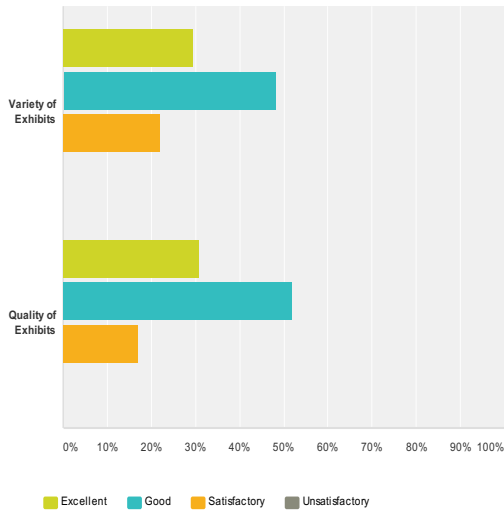
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3	the confirmations had some events listed on the wrong days/times. that was corrected on site.	6/25/2014 9:57 PM
4	I would have appreciated an opportunity to stay at the host resort hotel. I believe that it was completely booked prior to an annual meeting registration packet being sent to members.	6/24/2014 6:43 PM
5	Someone pre-registered me for the Investigative Panel meeting so I did not deal with this aspect myself. I didn't bother to register for the rest of the stuff.	6/23/2014 9:06 PM
6	There should be a registration table at Opening Night.	6/23/2014 4:37 PM
7	Michelle Gamer is outstanding.	6/23/2014 3:21 PM
8	Many thanks to Michelle and Gaik for their kind help.	6/23/2014 2:56 PM
9	The hotel sold out too fast.	6/23/2014 2:41 PM
10	I was not told there was on-site registration.	6/23/2014 2:18 PM
11	There were major issues with the website. It was down, and submitted double billing numbers.	6/23/2014 2:16 PM
12	State Bar Staff always very friendly and helpful	6/23/2014 2:14 PM

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Q4 How would you rate the Legal Exhibit Hall?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 20



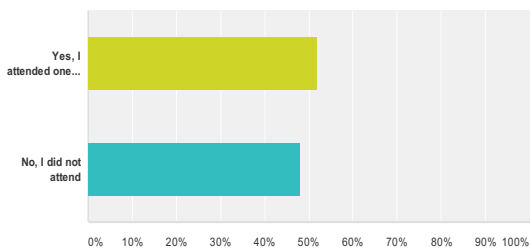
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Variety of Exhibits	29.53% 44	48.32% 72	22.15% 33	0.00% 0	149
Quality of Exhibits	30.82% 45	52.05% 76	17.12% 25	0.00% 0	146

#	Additional Comments:	Date
1	More exhibits would be nice.	7/17/2014 12:24 PM
2	always done like a bazaar with second rate exhibits	7/17/2014 11:35 AM
3	I really don't pay attention.	7/16/2014 3:37 PM
4	Stetson was missing	7/16/2014 3:24 PM
5	where was Westlaw and where was the jewelry vendor?	7/3/2014 2:30 PM
6	I miss Nancy, who sold jewelry in the past.	6/25/2014 9:57 PM
7	Need more vendors.	6/23/2014 11:09 PM
8	Barely glanced at them.	6/23/2014 9:06 PM
9	I was glad to see the addition of the High School Mock Trial table in the exhibit hall.	6/23/2014 4:57 PM
10	I missed Stetson Univ this year. They have the best give aways	6/23/2014 4:51 PM
11	I believe there were more exhibitors in 2010. But overall, the Legal Exhibit Hall was good.	6/23/2014 2:16 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q5 Did you attend any Alumni events listed? • Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Alumni Reception • Emory University School of Law Reception • Georgia State University Law School Alumni Reception • Mercer University School of Law Alumni Reception • UGA Law School Alumni Breakfast & Awards • UGA Law School Alumni Reception

Answered: 175 Skipped: 13

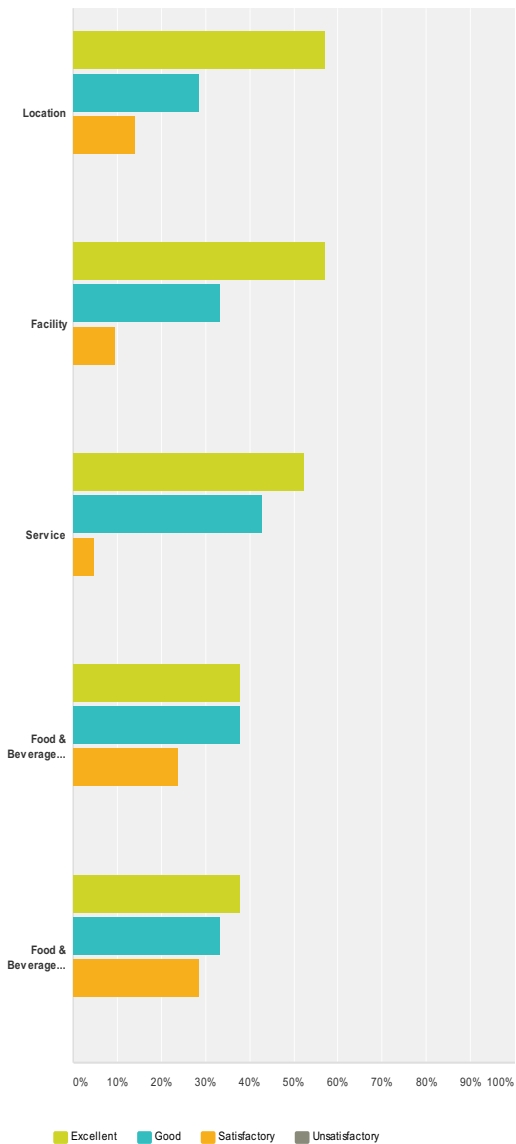


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes, I attended one or multiple events	52.00%	91
No, I did not attend	48.00%	84
Total		175

2014 Annual Meeting

Q6 Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Alumni Reception

Answered: 21 Skipped: 167



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	57.14% 12	28.57% 6	14.29% 3	0.00% 0	21

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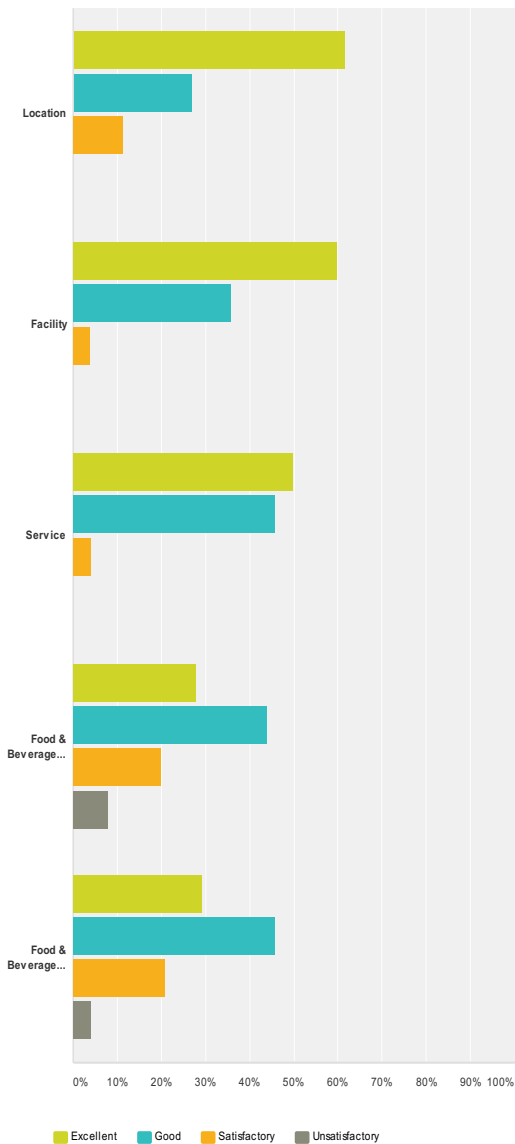
Facility	57.14% 12	33.33% 7	9.52% 2	0.00% 0	21
Service	52.38% 11	42.86% 9	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	21
Food & Beverage Selection	38.10% 8	38.10% 8	23.81% 5	0.00% 0	21
Food & Beverage Quality	38.10% 8	33.33% 7	28.57% 6	0.00% 0	21

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
	There are no responses.	

2014 Annual Meeting

Q7 Emory University School of Law Reception

Answered: 26 Skipped: 162



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	61.54% 16	26.92% 7	11.54% 3	0.00% 0	26

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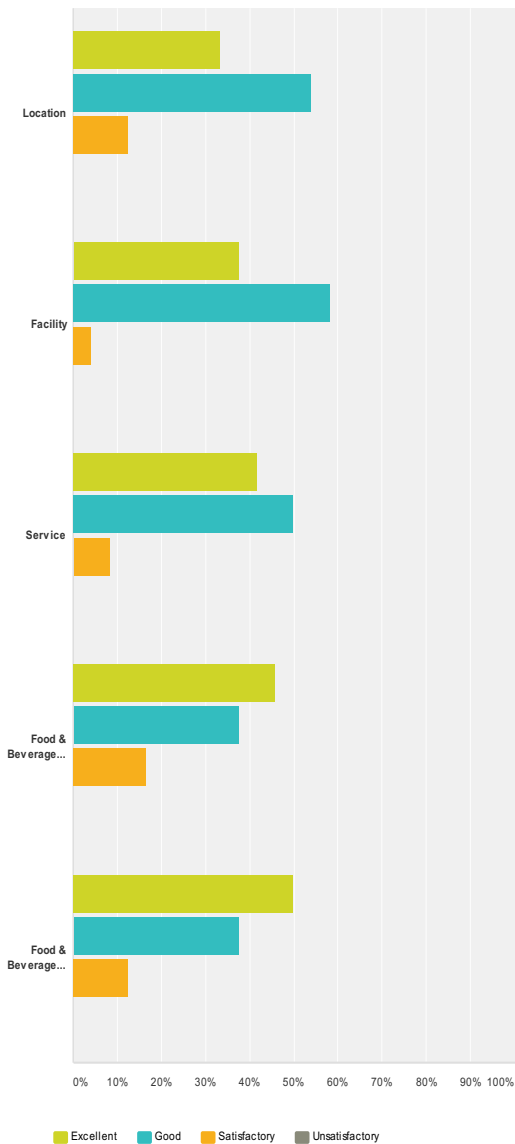
Facility	60.00% 15	36.00% 9	4.00% 1	0.00% 0	25
Service	50.00% 12	45.83% 11	4.17% 1	0.00% 0	24
Food & Beverage Selection	28.00% 7	44.00% 11	20.00% 5	8.00% 2	25
Food & Beverage Quality	29.17% 7	45.83% 11	20.83% 5	4.17% 1	24

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	Cannot believe that the food was minimal and gone before we arrived...we were at one other reception...this was suppose to replace the breakfast...very bad turnout as well... maybe ask for sponsors and do it correctly	6/23/2014 4:43 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q8 Georgia State University Law School Alumni Reception

Answered: 24 Skipped: 164



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	33.33% 8	54.17% 13	12.50% 3	0.00% 0	24

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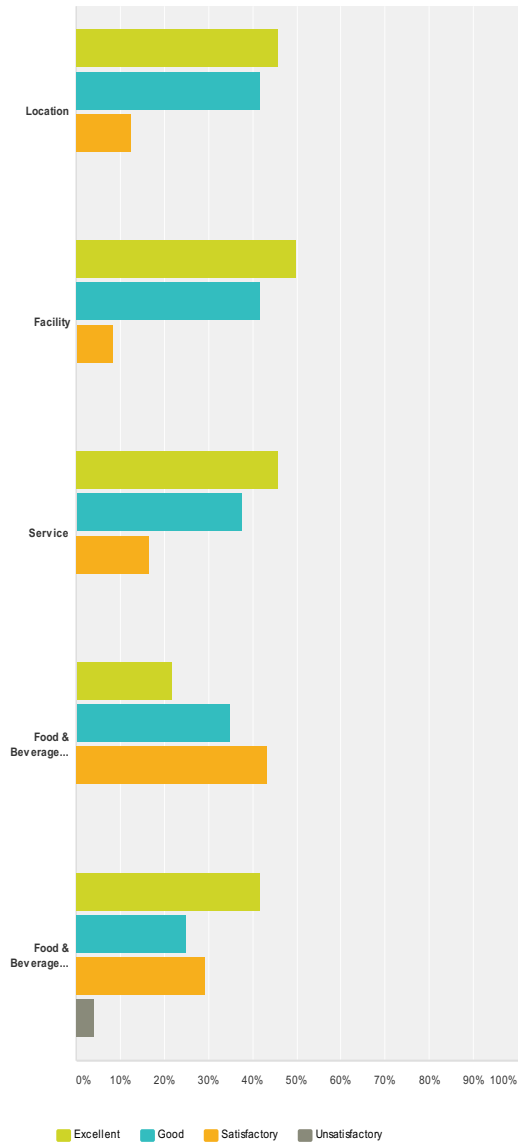
Facility	37.50% 9	58.33% 14	4.17% 1	0.00% 0	24
Service	41.67% 10	50.00% 12	8.33% 2	0.00% 0	24
Food & Beverage Selection	45.83% 11	37.50% 9	16.67% 4	0.00% 0	24
Food & Beverage Quality	50.00% 12	37.50% 9	12.50% 3	0.00% 0	24

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	Great job as always, Vicki Dye.	6/23/2014 9:08 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q9 Mercer University School of Law Alumni Reception

Answered: 24 Skipped: 164



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	45.83% 11	41.67% 10	12.50% 3	0.00% 0	24

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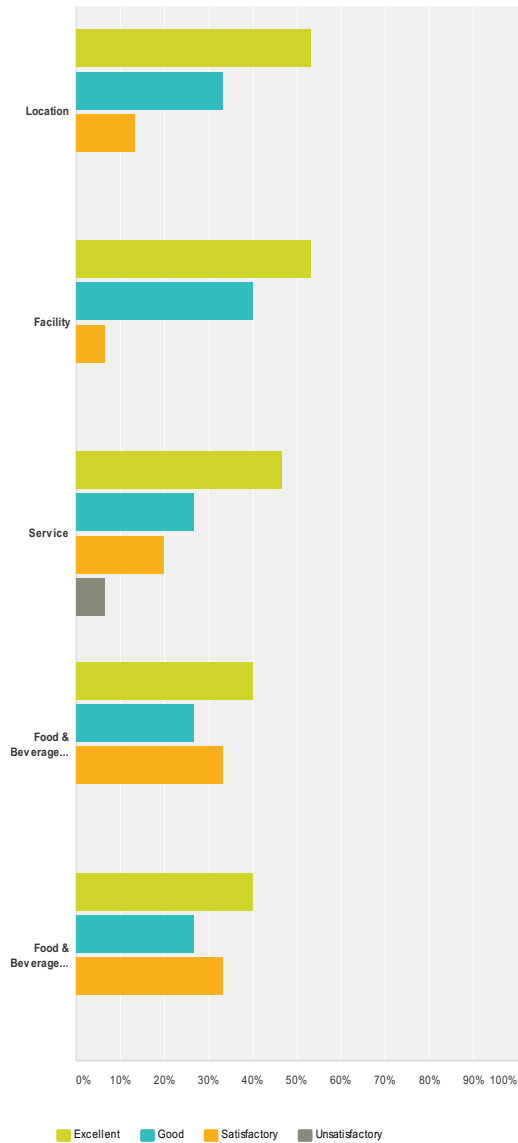
Facility	50.00% 12	41.67% 10	8.33% 2	0.00% 0	24
Service	45.83% 11	37.50% 9	16.67% 4	0.00% 0	24
Food & Beverage Selection	21.74% 5	34.78% 8	43.48% 10	0.00% 0	23
Food & Beverage Quality	41.67% 10	25.00% 6	29.17% 7	4.17% 1	24

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	Name tags would be nice	7/16/2014 3:46 PM
2	Depending upon the number of RSVPs, Mercer Law should have a smaller room. Our room was far too large for the number of people that attended.	6/23/2014 2:30 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q10 UGA Law School Alumni Breakfast & Awards

Answered: 15 Skipped: 173



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	53.33% 8	33.33% 5	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	15

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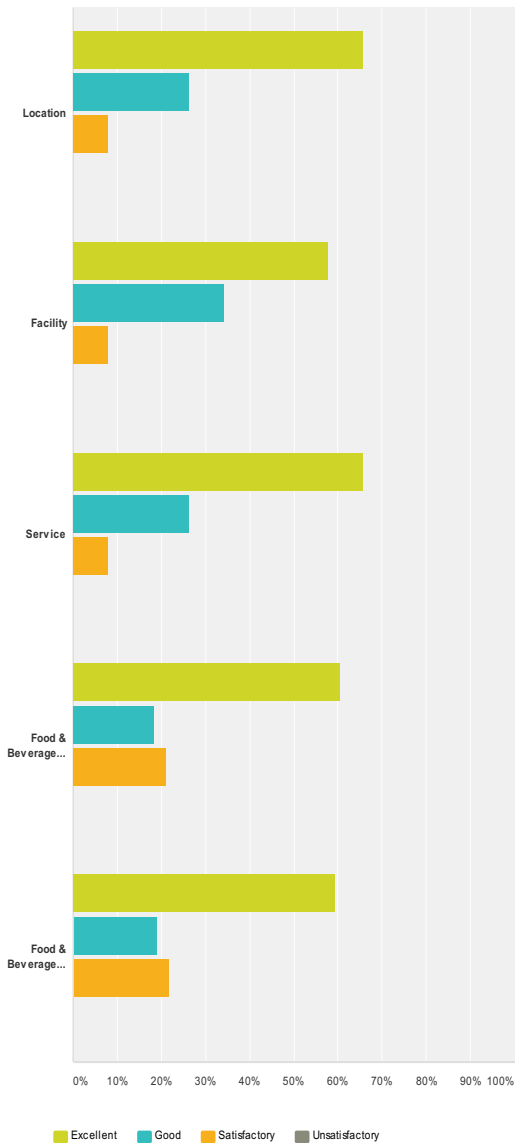
Facility	53.33% 8	40.00% 6	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15
Service	46.67% 7	26.67% 4	20.00% 3	6.67% 1	15
Food & Beverage Selection	40.00% 6	26.67% 4	33.33% 5	0.00% 0	15
Food & Beverage Quality	40.00% 6	26.67% 4	33.33% 5	0.00% 0	15

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	can you tell that I am a uga grad	7/17/2014 11:36 AM
2	Did not attend	7/17/2014 10:33 AM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q11 UGA Law School Alumni Reception

Answered: 38 Skipped: 150



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	65.79% 25	26.32% 10	7.89% 3	0.00% 0	38
Facility	57.89% 22	34.21% 13	7.89% 3	0.00% 0	38

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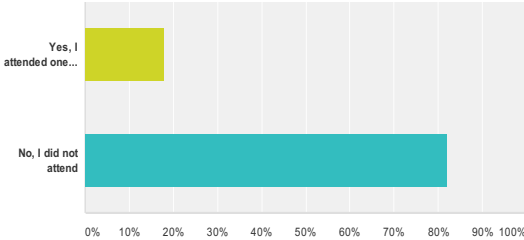
Service	65.79% 25	26.32% 10	7.89% 3	0.00% 0	38
Food & Beverage Selection	60.53% 23	18.42% 7	21.05% 8	0.00% 0	38
Food & Beverage Quality	59.46% 22	18.92% 7	21.62% 8	0.00% 0	37

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	The rooms always seem so small. It's hard to move around and visit.	7/17/2014 5:05 PM
2	Best drinks and best food!	7/17/2014 12:25 PM
3	Go Dogs!	6/23/2014 2:57 PM
4	The food and drink selection were great! Got to see some "old" faces and meet some new ones. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed it!	6/23/2014 2:17 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q12 Did you attend any Section events listed? • Criminal Law Lunch • General Practice & Trial Law Breakfast • General Practice & Trial Law Reception • Judicial Lunch

Answered: 173 Skipped: 15

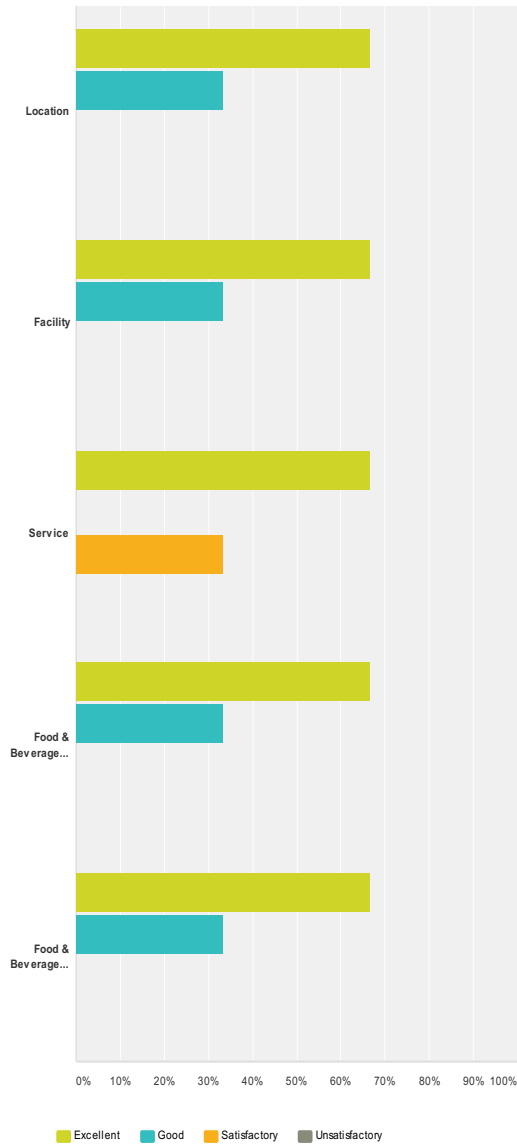


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, I attended one or multiple events	17.92%	31
No, I did not attend	82.08%	142
Total		173

2014 Annual Meeting

Q13 Criminal Law Lunch

Answered: 3 Skipped: 185



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
Facility	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3

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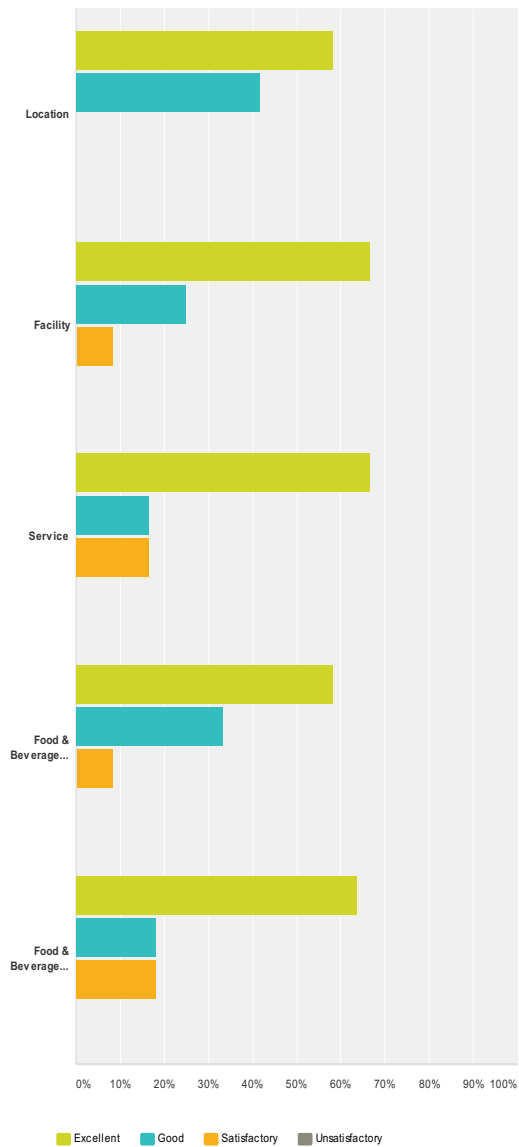
Service	66.67% 2	0.00% 0	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	3
Food & Beverage Selection	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
Food & Beverage Quality	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	It was a great presentation and well attended	7/16/2014 3:24 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q14 General Practice & Trial Breakfast, Tradition of Excellence

Answered: 12 Skipped: 176



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	58.33% 7	41.67% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12

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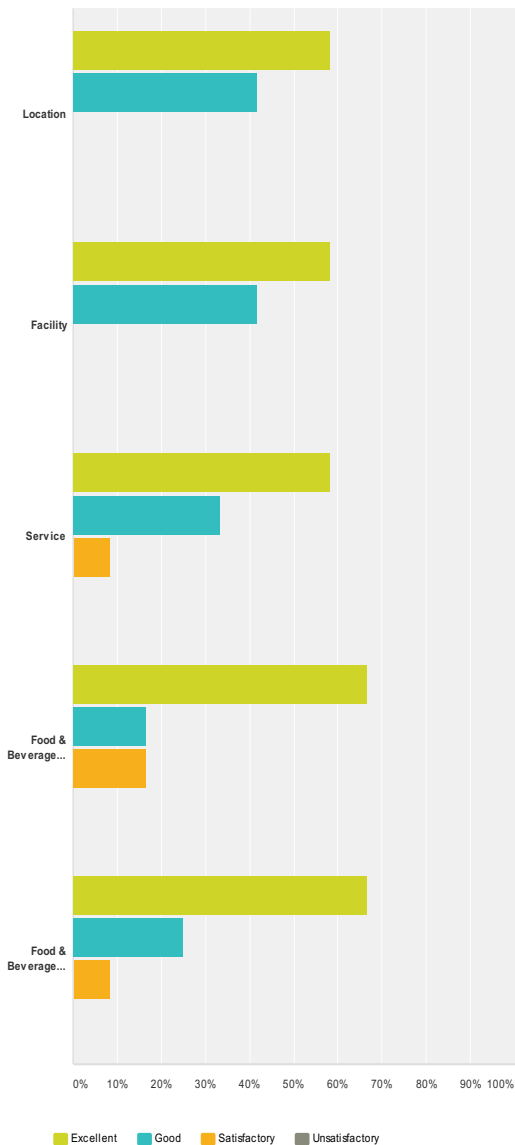
Facility	66.67% 8	25.00% 3	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	12
Service	66.67% 8	16.67% 2	16.67% 2	0.00% 0	12
Food & Beverage Selection	58.33% 7	33.33% 4	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	12
Food & Beverage Quality	63.64% 7	18.18% 2	18.18% 2	0.00% 0	11

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	Would like to see this breakfast at 8:00 or 8:30 versus 7:00. More people would likely attend with a later start.	7/16/2014 3:34 PM
2	superb	6/23/2014 4:43 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q15 General Practice & Trial Reception, Tradition of Excellence

Answered: 12 Skipped: 176



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	58.33%	41.67%	0.00%	0.00%	12
	7	5	0	0	

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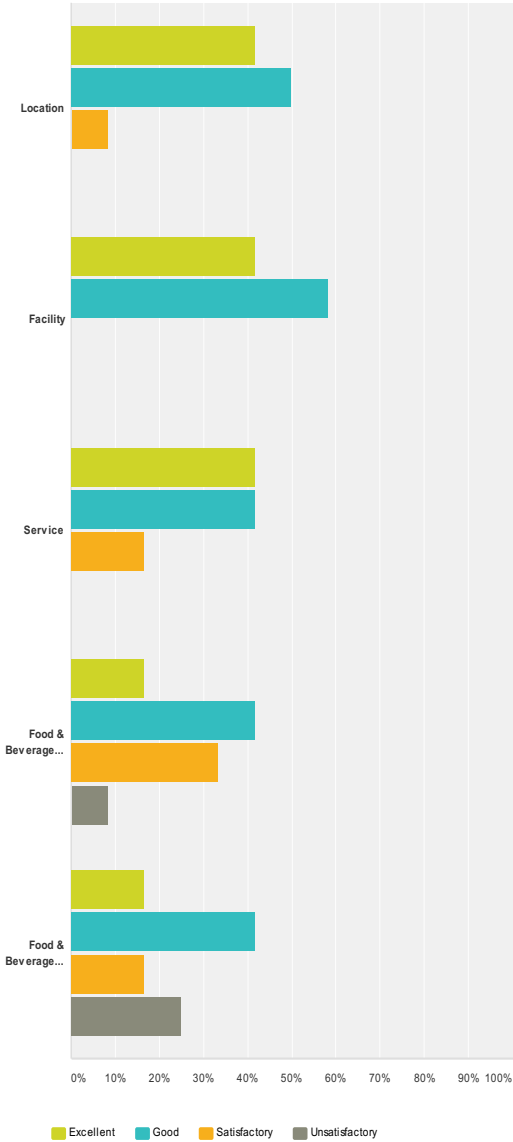
Facility	58.33% 7	41.67% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12
Service	58.33% 7	33.33% 4	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	12
Food & Beverage Selection	66.67% 8	16.67% 2	16.67% 2	0.00% 0	12
Food & Beverage Quality	66.67% 8	25.00% 3	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	12

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	LAMB CHOPS WERE GREAT. MADE A PIG OF MYSELF. BETTY DID US PROUD! BAR WAS GOOD BUT NOT AS GOOD AS MERCER'S	6/23/2014 5:49 PM
2	Over the top!! TYVM	6/23/2014 4:43 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q16 Judicial Lunch

Answered: 12 Skipped: 176



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	41.67% 5	50.00% 6	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	12
Facility	41.67% 5	58.33% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12

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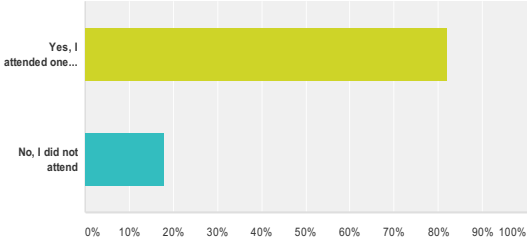
Service	41.67% 5	41.67% 5	16.67% 2	0.00% 0	12
Food & Beverage Selection	16.67% 2	41.67% 5	33.33% 4	8.33% 1	12
Food & Beverage Quality	16.67% 2	41.67% 5	16.67% 2	25.00% 3	12

#	If you have specific comments, please tell us	Date
1	Best Judicial Section Lunch yet	7/21/2014 9:48 AM
2	Bad food, but that may have been the menu choice	6/23/2014 4:20 PM

2014 Annual Meeting

Q17 Did you attend any receptions listed? • Opening Night Reception • Bloody Mary Reception • Supreme Court Reception/Presidential Inaugural Gala • Commitment to Equality Awards Reception • GAAAA/GABWA/Gate City Annual Bid Whist Tournament • Reception Honoring Incoming President Patrise Perkins-Hooker

Answered: 172 Skipped: 16

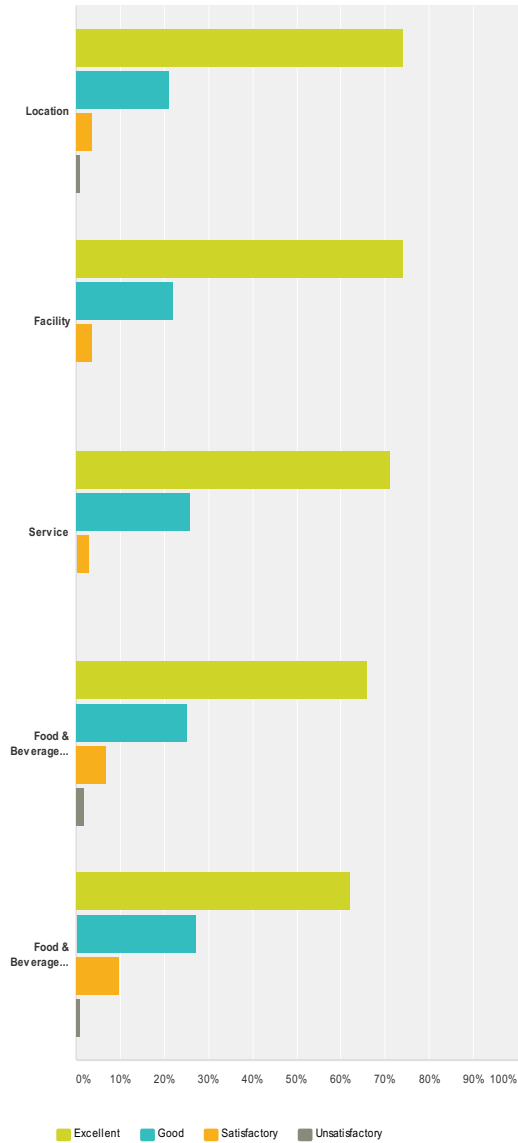


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, I attended one or multiple Receptions	81.98%	141
No, I did not attend	18.02%	31
Total		172

2014 Annual Meeting

Q18 Opening Night Festival

Answered: 104 Skipped: 84



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	74.04% 77	21.15% 22	3.85% 4	0.96% 1	104
Facility	74.04% 77	22.12% 23	3.85% 4	0.00% 0	104

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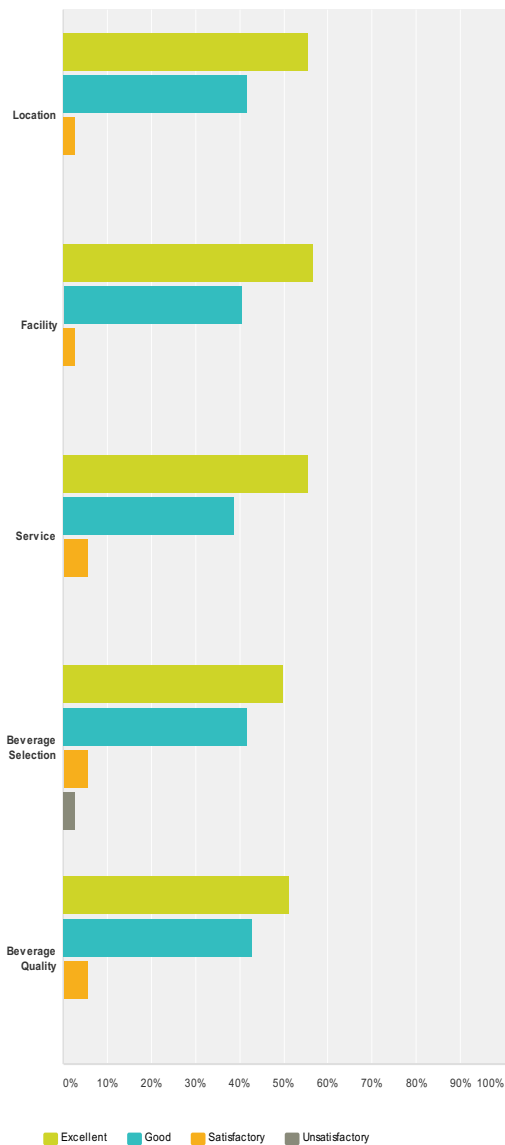
Service	71.15% 74	25.96% 27	2.88% 3	0.00% 0	104
Food & Beverage Selection	66.02% 68	25.24% 26	6.80% 7	1.94% 2	103
Food & Beverage Quality	62.14% 64	27.18% 28	9.71% 10	0.97% 1	103

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	The kids menu had better dessert items than the adult menu. Gotta have something chocolate!!!	7/17/2014 12:28 PM
2	well done	7/17/2014 11:37 AM
3	The desserts this year were woefully lacking. The DJ was excellent!	7/16/2014 9:33 PM
4	Did not attend	7/7/2014 10:31 AM
5	didn't attend	7/3/2014 2:32 PM
6	Nice to be outside but not on the windy beach	6/25/2014 10:00 PM
7	didn't attend	6/24/2014 7:53 PM
8	Did not attend	6/24/2014 6:44 PM
9	I did not attend.	6/24/2014 11:16 AM
10	had a blow out on way down so i didn't make it.	6/24/2014 10:02 AM
11	very well done. TYVM for the large number of people but would have like a chance to win prizes as we did in/on Hilton Head	6/23/2014 8:09 PM
12	The guarding of the children's food table was a bit much.	6/23/2014 3:23 PM
13	Great job this year. Much better than on the other side where it can be very windy in the evening.	6/23/2014 2:55 PM
14	Did not attend.	6/23/2014 2:51 PM
15	great job with the kid zone!!!	6/23/2014 2:50 PM
16	Always enjoyed the poolside opening night receptions but a change up is ok	6/23/2014 2:46 PM
17	Excellent and healthy food choices!	6/23/2014 2:43 PM
18	It would have been nicer around the pool or on the beach. But given the chance of rain, this location worked.	6/23/2014 2:28 PM

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Q19 Bloody Mary Reception

Answered: 37 Skipped: 151



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	55.56% 20	41.67% 15	2.78% 1	0.00% 0	36
Facility	56.76% 21	40.54% 15	2.70% 1	0.00% 0	37

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Service	55.56% 20	38.89% 14	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	36
Beverage Selection	50.00% 18	41.67% 15	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	36
Beverage Quality	51.43% 18	42.86% 15	5.71% 2	0.00% 0	35

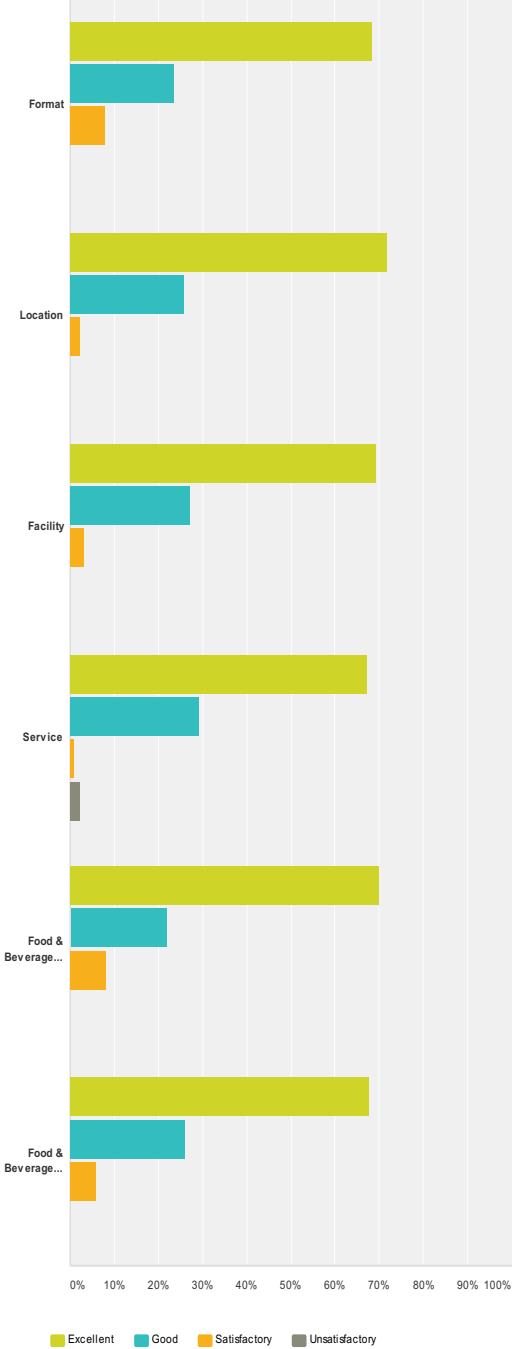
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1	Great bartenders and excellent drinks!	7/17/2014 12:28 PM
2	Did not attend	7/16/2014 3:26 PM
3	Did not attend	7/7/2014 10:31 AM
4	didn't attend	6/24/2014 7:53 PM
5	Did not attend	6/24/2014 6:44 PM
6	I did not attend.	6/24/2014 11:16 AM
7	we need NA Beer i. e. O'Doul's not St. Pauli Girl which is cheap and tasteless.	6/23/2014 8:09 PM
8	To me, this has become a very odd event, as a large number of people just take their drink and leave. I'm wondering if it should be reformatted or discontinued.	6/23/2014 3:23 PM
9	Did not attend.	6/23/2014 2:51 PM

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**Q20 Supreme Court Reception/Presidential
Gala**

Answered: 89 Skipped: 99

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	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Format	68.54% 61	23.60% 21	7.87% 7	0.00% 0	89
Location	71.91% 64	25.84% 23	2.25% 2	0.00% 0	89
Facility	69.32% 61	27.27% 24	3.41% 3	0.00% 0	88
Service	67.42% 60	29.21% 26	1.12% 1	2.25% 2	89
Food & Beverage Selection	70.11% 61	21.84% 19	8.05% 7	0.00% 0	87
Food & Beverage Quality	67.86% 57	26.19% 22	5.95% 5	0.00% 0	84

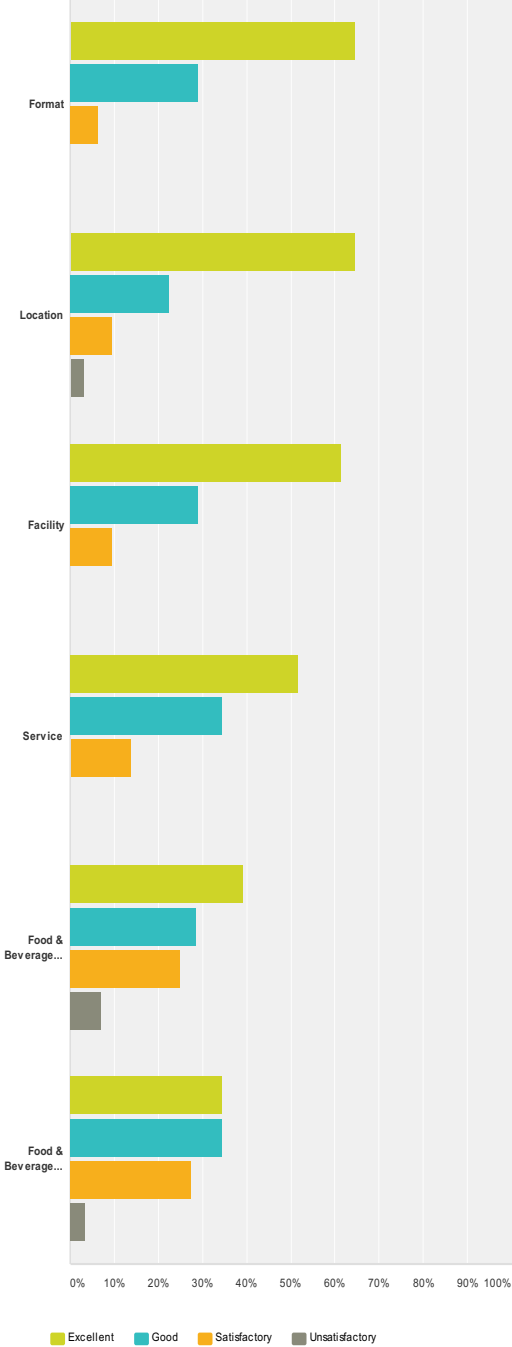
#	Additional Comments	Date
1	The band was phenomenal. You should use again next year.	7/17/2014 9:06 PM
2	Location was awkward with the divider between the two rooms. Food was okay. Loved the cigar bar and coffee station.	7/17/2014 12:28 PM
3	tried and true format	7/17/2014 11:37 AM
4	Hate buffet!	7/16/2014 3:46 PM
5	The food was outstanding!	7/16/2014 3:26 PM
6	Did Not attend	7/7/2014 10:31 AM
7	didn't attend	6/24/2014 7:53 PM
8	Uncertain if my wife could come, so i didn't register her. The on site fee for 1 dinner was \$175, my wife doesn't drink or eat seafood, so we ate off site and i saved \$100	6/24/2014 10:02 AM
9	Great format. Way better than a sit down dinner like we used to do. Was fun atmosphere and gave everyone more opportunities to meet and socialize.	6/24/2014 9:29 AM
10	The bar should remain open during the presentations. It's silly for it to close. The food at the Gala was exceptionally good this year.	6/23/2014 4:40 PM
11	closing the bar for the speeches was a stupid idea. A bunch of people, me included, went back to the hotel bar to get a drink and missed most of the speeches.	6/23/2014 3:00 PM
12	I didn't think the big room with all the tables worked as well as a series of smaller venues. It lead to people planting themselves and less circulation.	6/23/2014 2:55 PM
13	I think we need to bring back the 4th room that we used to have - sort of a game room. It could have pool, darts, comhole, ping pong, or casino games. The martini room should be smaller than it was this year. It works better as a more intimate setting.	6/23/2014 2:51 PM
14	Brevity and modesty are good qualities.	6/23/2014 2:46 PM
15	I cannot recall the last time I had so much fun. The food, bar locations, overall set-up, band, music, atmosphere, attorneys present and vibe ALL WERE SPECTACULAR. SPECTACULAR!	6/23/2014 2:20 PM

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Q21 Commitment to Equality Awards Reception

Answered: 31 Skipped: 157

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	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Format	64.52% 20	29.03% 9	6.45% 2	0.00% 0	31
Location	64.52% 20	22.58% 7	9.68% 3	3.23% 1	31
Facility	61.29% 19	29.03% 9	9.68% 3	0.00% 0	31
Service	51.72% 15	34.48% 10	13.79% 4	0.00% 0	29
Food & Beverage Selection	39.29% 11	28.57% 8	25.00% 7	7.14% 2	28
Food & Beverage Quality	34.48% 10	34.48% 10	27.59% 8	3.45% 1	29

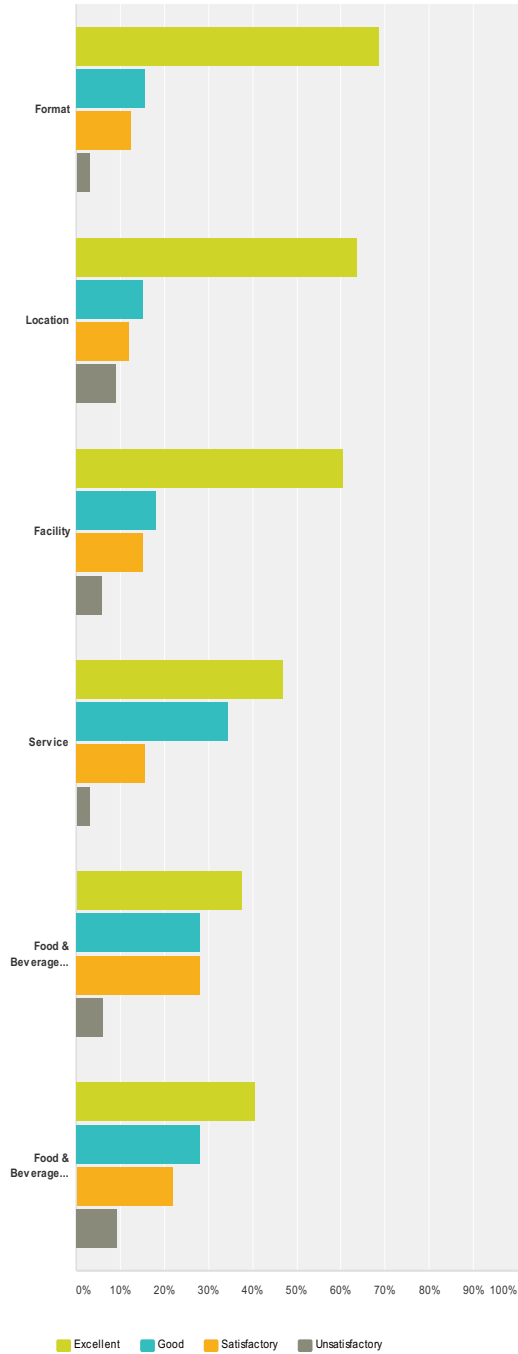
#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Did not attend.	7/16/2014 4:25 PM
2	didn't attend	7/3/2014 2:32 PM
3	didn't attend	6/24/2014 7:53 PM
4	Did not attend	6/24/2014 6:44 PM
5	I did not attend.	6/24/2014 11:16 AM
6	I did not attend.	6/23/2014 2:51 PM
7	Needed additional seating	6/23/2014 2:45 PM
8	Program, while short, was well-planned and executed. Honorees were fittingly recognized and had opportunity to respond.	6/23/2014 2:28 PM

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**Q22 GAAAA/GABWA/Gate City Annual Bid
Whist Tournament**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 155

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	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Format	68.75% 22	15.63% 5	12.50% 4	3.13% 1	32
Location	63.64% 21	15.15% 5	12.12% 4	9.09% 3	33
Facility	60.61% 20	18.18% 6	15.15% 5	6.06% 2	33
Service	46.88% 15	34.38% 11	15.63% 5	3.13% 1	32
Food & Beverage Selection	37.50% 12	28.13% 9	28.13% 9	6.25% 2	32
Food & Beverage Quality	40.63% 13	28.13% 9	21.88% 7	9.38% 3	32

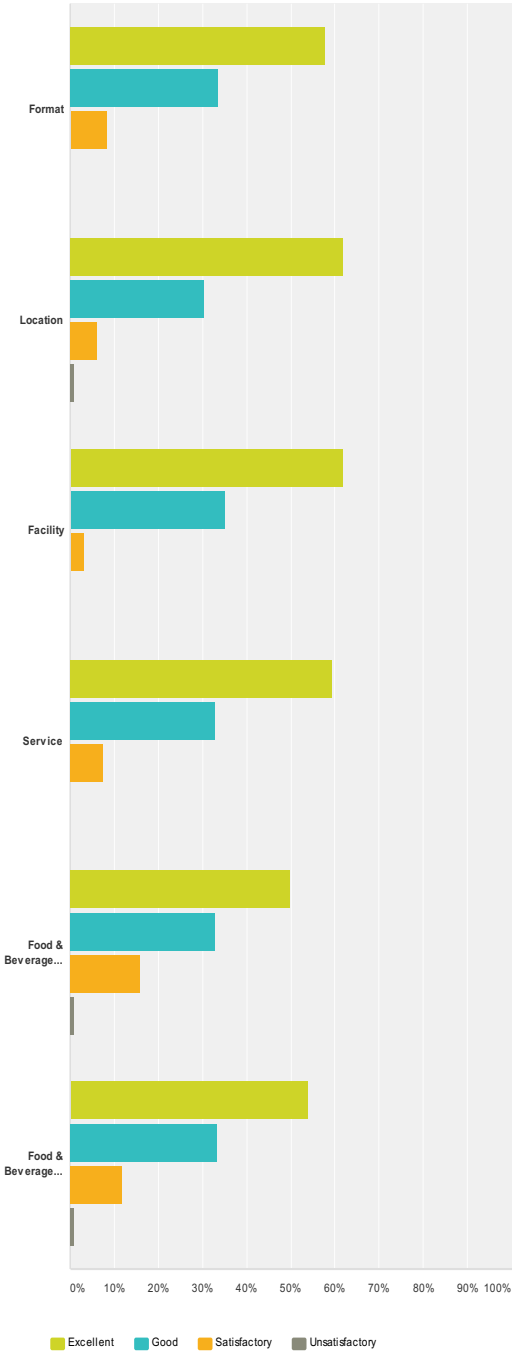
#	Additional Comments	Date
1	This location was much better than the random hotel room that has been used in the past. Lots of room and tables. The DJ was excellent.	7/17/2014 12:28 PM
2	Did not attend this.	7/17/2014 10:35 AM
3	Did not attend	7/16/2014 3:26 PM
4	The food/drinks were better prior years.	7/7/2014 10:31 AM
5	this is a house party, should not be in a ballroom	6/25/2014 10:00 PM
6	didn't attend	6/24/2014 7:53 PM
7	Did not attend	6/24/2014 6:44 PM
8	Great idea & hope it's continued. I signed up but was tired after a long day on Friday & did not attend.	6/23/2014 2:51 PM

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Q23 Reception Honoring Incoming President Patrise Perkins-Hooker

Answered: 95 Skipped: 93

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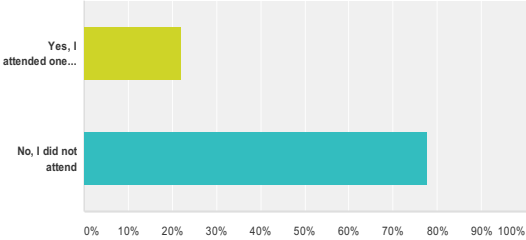
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Format	57.89% 55	33.68% 32	8.42% 8	0.00% 0	95
Location	62.11% 59	30.53% 29	6.32% 6	1.05% 1	95
Facility	61.70% 58	35.11% 33	3.19% 3	0.00% 0	94
Service	59.57% 56	32.98% 31	7.45% 7	0.00% 0	94
Food & Beverage Selection	50.00% 47	32.98% 31	15.96% 15	1.06% 1	94
Food & Beverage Quality	53.76% 50	33.33% 31	11.83% 11	1.08% 1	93

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Great bartenders and great drink!	7/17/2014 12:28 PM
2	Definitely one of the better receptions for an incoming president. Very lively, not a snoozer.	7/17/2014 10:35 AM
3	Did not attend	6/24/2014 6:44 PM
4	Did not attend.	6/23/2014 2:51 PM
5	Needed additional seating	6/23/2014 2:45 PM

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Q24 Did you attend any YLD functions listed? • YLD Leadership Academy • YLD Pool Party & Meet the Candidates Reception • YLD Past Presidents' Reception • YLD Dinner & Swearing-In Ceremony

Answered: 167 Skipped: 21

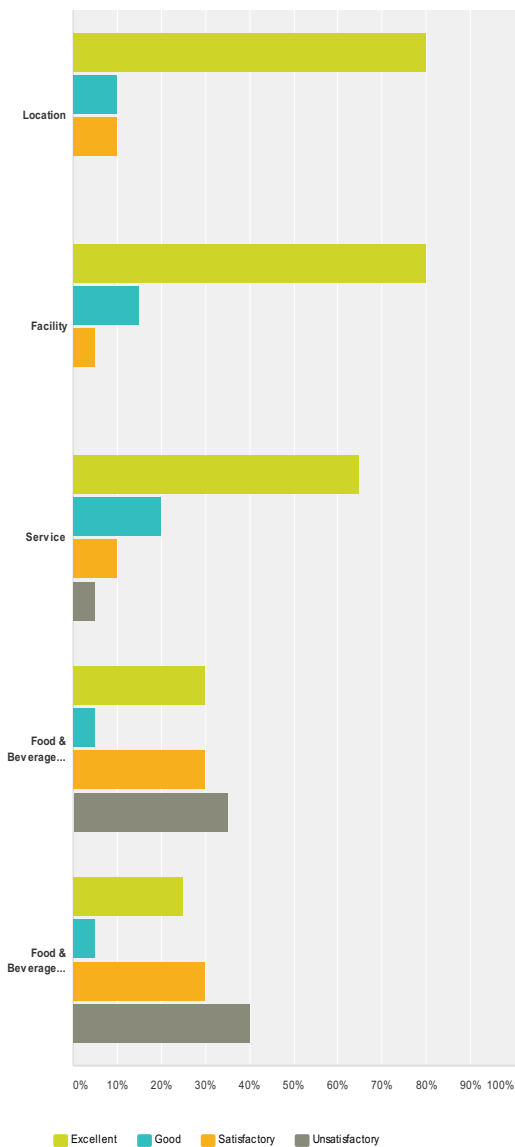


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, I attended one or multiple Receptions	22.16%	37
No, I did not attend	77.84%	130
Total		167

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Q25 YLD Leadership Academy

Answered: 20 Skipped: 168



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	80.00% 16	10.00% 2	10.00% 2	0.00% 0	20
Facility	80.00% 16	15.00% 3	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	20

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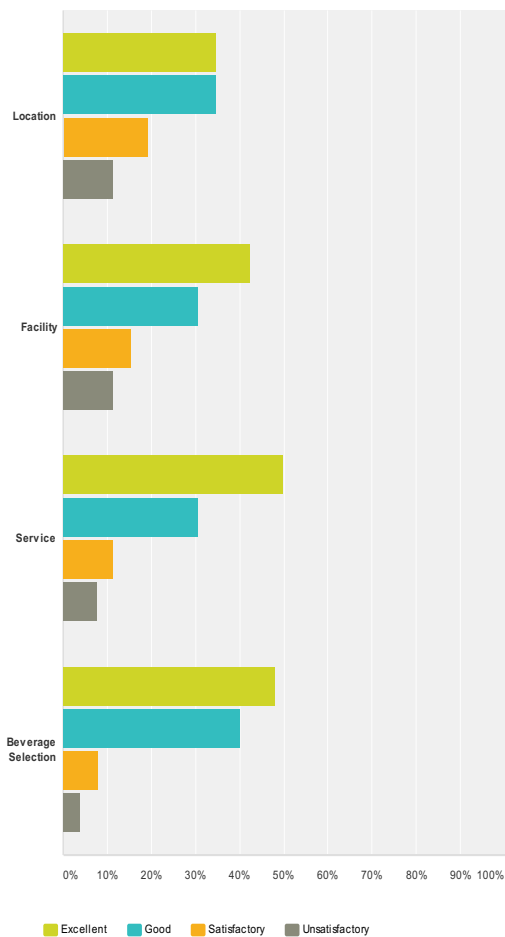
Service	65.00% 13	20.00% 4	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	20
Food & Beverage Selection	30.00% 6	5.00% 1	30.00% 6	35.00% 7	20
Food & Beverage Quality	25.00% 5	5.00% 1	30.00% 6	40.00% 8	20

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	We couldn't even identify the food. We had a debate at our table regarding whether it was fish or cheese served with the salad. In general, the food at the hotel was lousy.	6/25/2014 9:57 AM
2	The food was terrible at lunch	6/23/2014 2:20 PM
3	The food did not have any flavor and the selection was minimal.	6/23/2014 2:19 PM

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Q26 YLD Pool Party & Meet the Candidates Reception

Answered: 26 Skipped: 162



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	34.62% 9	34.62% 9	19.23% 5	11.54% 3	26
Facility	42.31% 11	30.77% 8	15.38% 4	11.54% 3	26
Service	50.00% 13	30.77% 8	11.54% 3	7.69% 2	26
Beverage Selection	48.00% 12	40.00% 10	8.00% 2	4.00% 1	25

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	I actually participated in the 5k but it was not listed here. Excellent time!	7/16/2014 9:34 PM
2	It was very hot	7/16/2014 3:47 PM

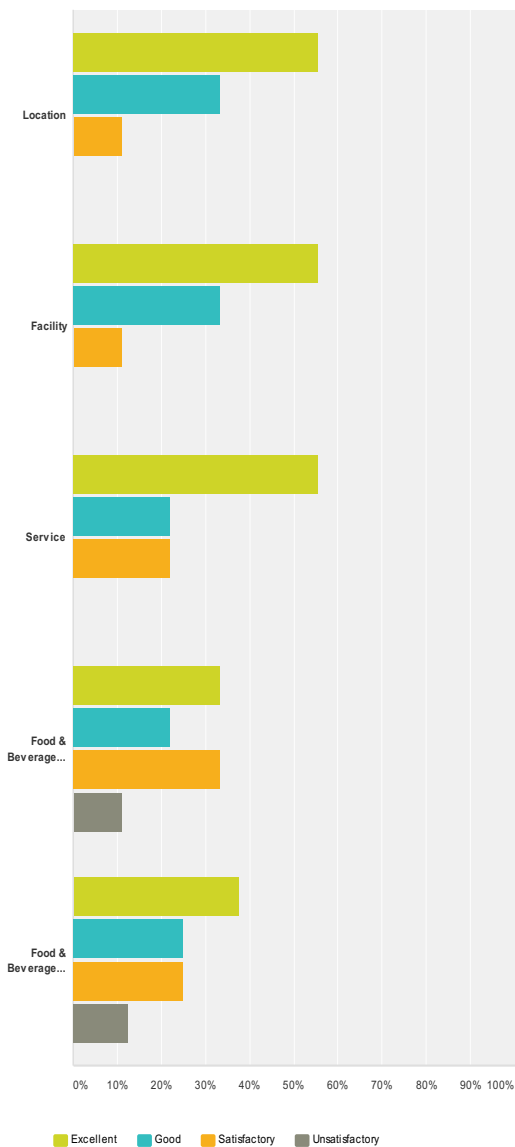
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3	There was no shade and it was extremely hot. We all stood huddled under the leaves of a palm tree in an attempt to stay cool and shaded.	6/25/2014 9:57 AM
4	no music.....	6/24/2014 7:54 PM
5	We could use shade umbrellas next year.	6/23/2014 2:44 PM
6	This year , unlike previous years, there was no shaded area for attendees. Attendees were forced to be in direct sunlight the entire time, which was not pleasant (despite being at a pool) in the extremely hot temperatures.	6/23/2014 2:43 PM
7	It was a hot, sunny day, so more shade would have been a good idea.	6/23/2014 2:31 PM
8	The location was incredibly hot and small and not terribly conducive to networking.	6/23/2014 2:20 PM

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Q27 YLD Past Presidents' Reception

Answered: 9 Skipped: 179



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	55.56% 5	33.33% 3	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	9
Facility	55.56% 5	33.33% 3	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	9

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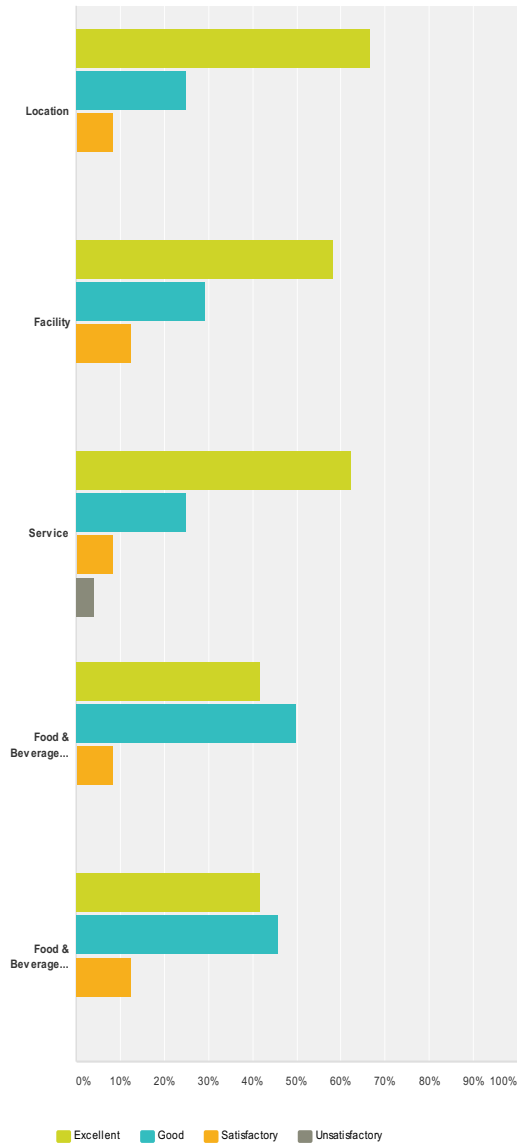
Service	55.56% 5	22.22% 2	22.22% 2	0.00% 0	9
Food & Beverage Selection	33.33% 3	22.22% 2	33.33% 3	11.11% 1	9
Food & Beverage Quality	37.50% 3	25.00% 2	25.00% 2	12.50% 1	8

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	There should be some small amount of food.	6/23/2014 3:25 PM

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Q28 YLD Dinner & Swearing-In Ceremony

Answered: 24 Skipped: 164



	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Location	66.67% 16	25.00% 6	8.33% 2	0.00% 0	24
Facility	58.33% 14	29.17% 7	12.50% 3	0.00% 0	24

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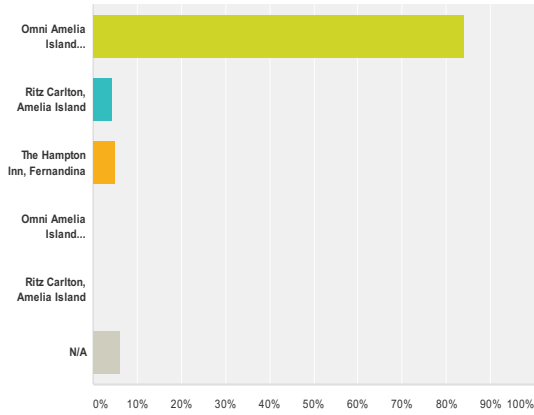
Service	62.50% 15	25.00% 6	8.33% 2	4.17% 1	24
Food & Beverage Selection	41.67% 10	50.00% 12	8.33% 2	0.00% 0	24
Food & Beverage Quality	41.67% 10	45.83% 11	12.50% 3	0.00% 0	24

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Did not attend because the cost of the reception was too expensive.	7/17/2014 12:29 PM
2	didn't attend	6/24/2014 7:54 PM
3	Any way to put a time limit on the speeches? Event went on a little too long....	6/24/2014 12:39 PM
4	It was difficult to get a drink refill on non-alcoholic beverages.	6/23/2014 4:47 PM
5	The buffet was poorly organized. Starting at the salad table from the line, you had to somehow get a plate from the opposite side of the table, then start with toppings, then add the salad, then reach past the people trying to get plates to access the oil & vinegar. No other salad dressings were available.	6/23/2014 3:31 PM
6	This is a global comment for all meals – there was a surprising dearth of chocolate desserts.	6/23/2014 3:25 PM

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Q29 What was your choice of accommodations?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses	
Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort	84.18%	133
Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island	4.43%	7
The Hampton Inn, Fernandina	5.06%	8
Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort	0.00%	0
Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island	0.00%	0
N/A	6.33%	10
Total		158

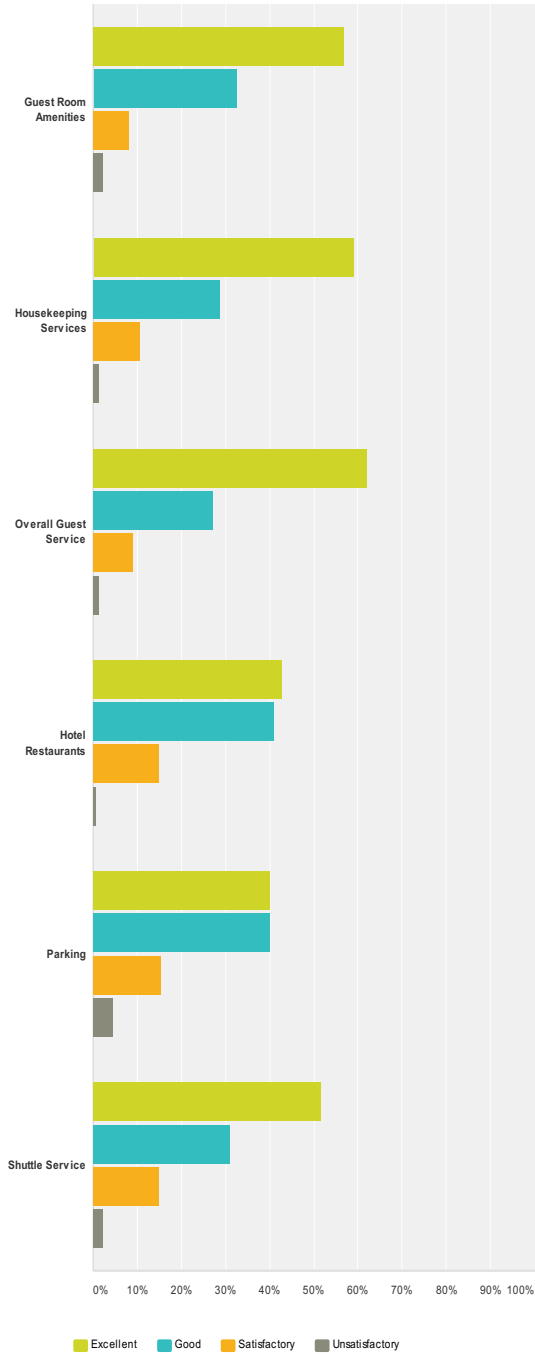
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Private condominium	7/17/2014 4:40 PM
2	Days Inn	7/17/2014 3:30 PM
3	Had to stay third night at Ritz -- not enough rooms available at Omni. Next time, state bar should reserve more.	7/17/2014 10:52 AM
4	KOA in Kingsland	6/24/2014 4:44 PM
5	Bed and Breakfast in town	6/24/2014 10:02 AM
6	Hampton inn on Sadler near beach	6/23/2014 9:09 PM
7	VRBO - rented a unit within the Amelia Island Plantation property	6/23/2014 4:48 PM
8	friends house	6/23/2014 3:54 PM
9	Condo	6/23/2014 3:20 PM
10	Amelia Hotel at the Beach	6/23/2014 3:11 PM
11	Mariott	6/23/2014 3:06 PM
12	The Florida Inn	6/23/2014 2:56 PM
13	Villas of Amelia Island	6/23/2014 2:38 PM
14	own house on Amelia Island	6/23/2014 2:35 PM
15	Because no rooms at Omni	6/23/2014 2:23 PM
16	Can Lake Lanier or Callaway Gardens accomodate us?	6/23/2014 2:21 PM
17	Stayed with my wife's parents at their home in Femandina Beach.	6/23/2014 2:18 PM

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Q30 Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort

Answered: 139 Skipped: 49

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	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Guest Room Amenities	57.04% 77	32.59% 44	8.15% 11	2.22% 3	135
Housekeeping Services	59.09% 78	28.79% 38	10.61% 14	1.52% 2	132
Overall Guest Service	62.12% 82	27.27% 36	9.09% 12	1.52% 2	132
Hotel Restaurants	42.86% 51	41.18% 49	15.13% 18	0.84% 1	119
Parking	40.00% 52	40.00% 52	15.38% 20	4.62% 6	130
Shuttle Service	51.72% 45	31.03% 27	14.94% 13	2.30% 2	87

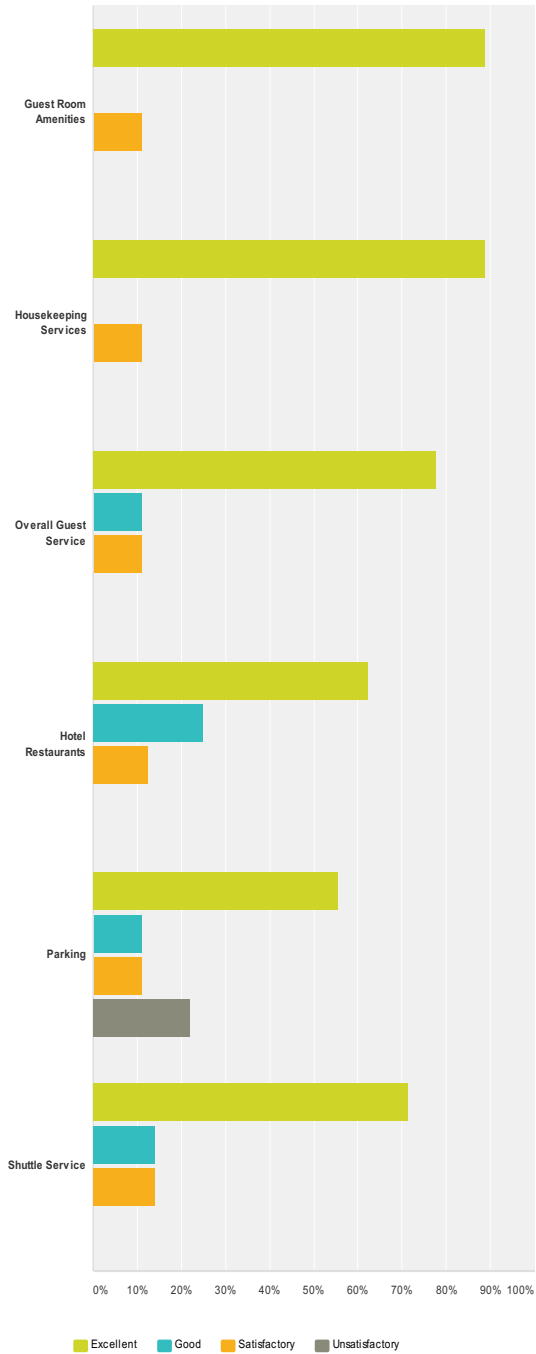
#	Additional Comments	Date
1	The hotel needs to work on their room pay system. There were a host of charges that did not apply to our bill and we were charged for.	7/21/2014 10:27 AM
2	Really enjoyed the resort! We should come back to this resort in the future!	7/17/2014 12:30 PM
3	The Villas were hit or miss. When I registered I asked for a facility with more than one bathroom. What I got was a huge villa with an enormous living room, nice kitchen, small bedroom and tiny bathroom. It was so small that Michael, our bellman, who admittedly who is a Marine and admittedly extra large, couldn't fit in. We got moved to another location that better suited our needs but provided a deal of chaos. The staff for the most part was helpful, especially the bell staff but they were severely undermanned to handle the Villas.	7/17/2014 10:39 AM
4	The rooms had little bugs that would get in from under the door because there was no barrier along the bottom. The rooms cost way too much to deal with bugs! I did complain to the main desk and they immediately came to address the issue, but they bugs still kept coming in due to the doors. I know multiple people that had the same issue.	7/16/2014 3:49 PM
5	Signs were bad at the hotel. The hotel is not as easy to get around as it was prior to the renovations.	7/7/2014 10:32 AM
6	didn't use the hotel restaurants	7/3/2014 2:33 PM
7	Upon arrival, our room was not ready and they didn't have the room I requested available. The staff member agreed to comp breakfast the following morning. However, when we arrived to the room, the accommodations were a lot smaller than originally stated (king size in exchange for two queen beds). They brought a rollaway upon request because the guests wouldn't fit. During the night, one of the guest woke up with a bug crawling on her so she saved it to show the staff the following morning. The staff moved us to another room (handicap) with two queens. They did comp breakfast the next morning upon checkout when I requested that it be removed from the bill per what the previous staff member had guaranteed me would be done. In addition, there was an additional charge that had not been made by myself or the other guest, so the staff member that was assisting with checkout.	6/26/2014 6:39 PM
8	The restaurants at the hotel were overpriced for the quality of food. PLAE and Falcon's Nest were much better. Self-parking was too far away and the path to the hotel entrance was not clearly labeled, causing confusion. The pool was great and the atmosphere by the firepits was very nice.	6/25/2014 10:00 AM
9	I would have appreciated an opportunity to book here. I believe that it was completely booked prior to an annual meeting registration packet being sent to members.	6/24/2014 6:45 PM
10	We had bad guest service. Repeated requests for towels, cleaning, a cot, etc., went unanswered.	6/24/2014 3:27 PM
11	Too expensive for me.	6/23/2014 9:10 PM
12	OUR ROOM WAS THE LAST ONE ON THE SOUTH END ON 4TH FLOOR. ROOM WAS CLEAN AND NICE BUT GETTING TO AND FROM WAS AWFUL WITH THREE YOUNG GRANDCHILDREN. WATER ON THE OUTSIDE WALKWAY WAS BAD. NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO DRAIN OR AT LEAST BLOW IT OFF AFTER A BLOWING RAIN.	6/23/2014 5:54 PM
13	Housekeeping did not show up the second day of the conference.	6/23/2014 4:41 PM
14	I stayed in a villa on the plantation. Very happy with it. Did not use the shuttle.	6/23/2014 3:09 PM
15	The big disappointment was that the Omni sold out early and we were relegated to the Hampton Inn. That meant a commute and family was left in the lurch as far as going to the beach and other activities was concerned.	6/23/2014 2:59 PM
16	We stayed in a villa but it had roaches so they sprayed every morning. Room service was poor. It took longer than stated and when we called because they left off food we ordered they took even longer.	6/23/2014 2:53 PM
17	Exceptional	6/23/2014 2:50 PM
18	great venue with excellent staff.	6/23/2014 2:30 PM
19	Since its expansion, this is the premiere resort of this location. The Meeting spaces are excellent with sufficient exhibit, registration and public areas. This is an excellent location for our annual meeting.	6/23/2014 2:29 PM
20	needed more attendants for our crowd for valet parking and the onslaught of luggage and registration	6/23/2014 2:18 PM

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Q31 Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island

Answered: 9 Skipped: 179

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	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Guest Room Amenities	88.89% 8	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	9
Housekeeping Services	88.89% 8	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	9
Overall Guest Service	77.78% 7	11.11% 1	11.11% 1	0.00% 0	9
Hotel Restaurants	62.50% 5	25.00% 2	12.50% 1	0.00% 0	8
Parking	55.56% 5	11.11% 1	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	9
Shuttle Service	71.43% 5	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	7

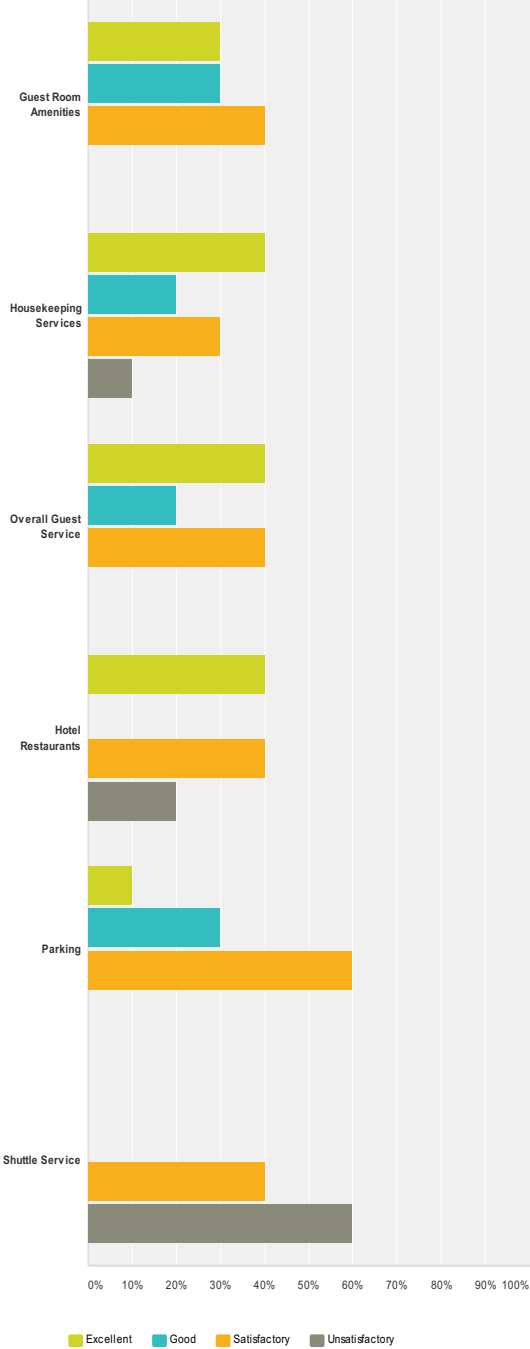
#	Additional Comments	Date
1	Parking was far too expensive.	7/17/2014 10:53 AM
2	Terrible valet!	7/16/2014 3:38 PM
3	NA	7/7/2014 10:32 AM
4	Did not stay here	6/24/2014 6:45 PM
5	Too expensive for me.	6/23/2014 9:10 PM
6	Don't recall my last stay at the Ritz - it was long ago.	6/23/2014 2:22 PM

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Q32 The Hampton Inn, Fernandina

Answered: 10 Skipped: 178

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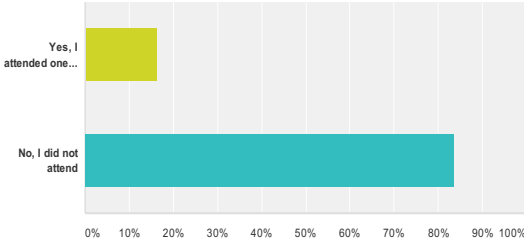
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Guest Room Amenities	30.00% 3	30.00% 3	40.00% 4	0.00% 0	10
Housekeeping Services	40.00% 4	20.00% 2	30.00% 3	10.00% 1	10
Overall Guest Service	40.00% 4	20.00% 2	40.00% 4	0.00% 0	10
Hotel Restaurants	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	40.00% 2	20.00% 1	5
Parking	10.00% 1	30.00% 3	60.00% 6	0.00% 0	10
Shuttle Service	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	40.00% 2	60.00% 3	5

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	NA	7/7/2014 10:32 AM
2	I stayed at one near beach. On the high end of my price range, but less than Omni and Ritz.	6/23/2014 9:10 PM
3	Not a great facility. Little in the way of service. I understand that it is a Hampton Inn. It was clean and modern.	6/23/2014 2:59 PM
4	Hampton was too far away. There is another Hampton closer & almost on the beach. The Hotel was very nice, but it's location was simply too far away from the AIP.	6/23/2014 2:53 PM
5	It would have been helpful to have a shuttle to the conference site.	6/23/2014 2:24 PM
6	Don't think I have been here.	6/23/2014 2:22 PM

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Q33 Did you attend any recreational activities? • Golf • Tennis • YLD /Pro Bono 5K Fun Run

Answered: 165 Skipped: 23

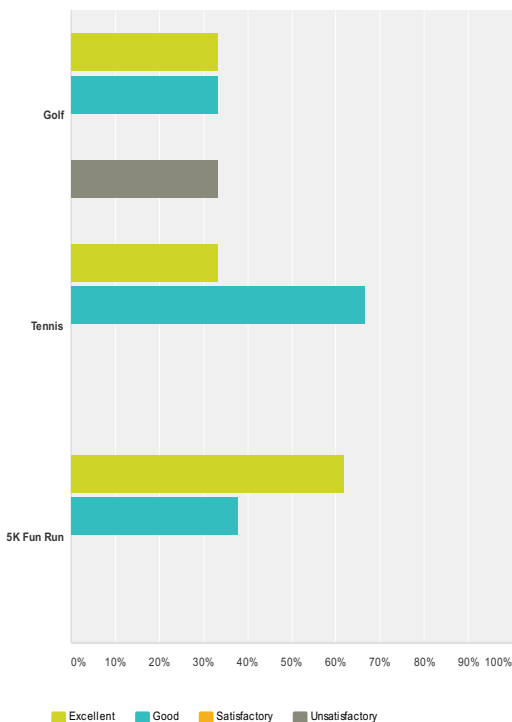


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I attended one or multiple Events	16.36% 27
No, I did not attend	83.64% 138
Total	165

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Q34 Recreational Activities: Golf, Tennis, Fun-Run, etc.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 161



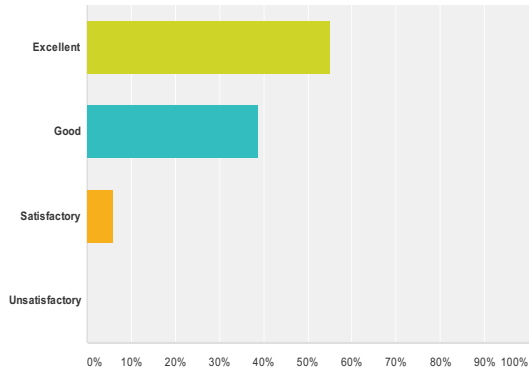
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Golf	33.33% 2	33.33% 2	0.00% 0	33.33% 2	6
Tennis	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
5K Fun Run	61.90% 13	38.10% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	21

#	Comments:	Date
1	Tennis was a lot of fun. My first at this event. I like it better than the Golf because the golf tournament is usually over priced and there is not enough time to allow to finish and then get back, clean up and get to the reception and inauguration. Always feel rude walking in the middle of the speeches. Golf should be Friday afternoon since there usually is not an event Friday evening. The Fun Run is well run every year. I liked being on the beach this year.	7/17/2014 10:42 AM
2	We were charged around \$180.00 for a round of golf, but after palying 11-12 holes we were stopped so that others could attend evening festivities. I am not sure any golfers were even attiding such functions.	7/16/2014 4:33 PM
3	I wish there were more participants for tennis!	7/16/2014 4:10 PM
4	For the price paid, the experience was unsatisfactory. Play was called after 13 holes, ostensibly to allow sufficient time to attend inaugural gala, and insufficient time at the driving range prior to start. Tournament needs to start much earlier, and cost should be considered. Given my experience this year, if cost is not significantly reduced, I will not likely participate in the future.	7/16/2014 3:41 PM
5	The fun run was a lot of fun and well organized.	6/25/2014 10:01 AM
6	Once handicaps are assigned and teamspicked, everyone should be on even playing field. There should be no handicap adjustments once play starts.	6/23/2014 2:56 PM

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Q35 In thinking about your entire event experience, please rate the overall conference below.

Answered: 165 Skipped: 23



Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	55.15% 91
Good	38.79% 64
Satisfactory	6.06% 10
Unsatisfactory	0.00% 0
Total	165

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Q36 What did you like the best?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 82

#	Responses	Date
1	Everything was GREAT!!	7/18/2014 5:41 PM
2	The convenience of the convention space once you were in the hall.	7/17/2014 5:08 PM
3	I enjoyed the resort and the events where I could network and hang out with my friends. The beach was also fantastic.	7/17/2014 12:34 PM
4	The location. It was a beautiful facility.	7/17/2014 12:07 PM
5	The location. The isolation limits distractions that are more prominent if am close to work or home.	7/17/2014 11:44 AM
6	social activities	7/17/2014 11:38 AM
7	Omni Plantation is better than ever. Perfect location for the annual meeting and always seems very well attended.	7/17/2014 10:55 AM
8	Opening night Gala. Great food, lots of fun.	7/17/2014 10:43 AM
9	Location at the Beach and the resort	7/17/2014 9:19 AM
10	I liked the location and the convenience of the property. Additionally, it was a great networking opportunity	7/17/2014 8:44 AM
11	The seminar on Judicial Diversity was excellent in content and exchange. The Opening Reception was lovely in generating fellowship.	7/17/2014 7:47 AM
12	Beach location, quality of hotel	7/17/2014 7:00 AM
13	Opportunity to observe BOG Meeting.	7/17/2014 1:25 AM
14	Gala	7/16/2014 10:38 PM
15	Presidential Gala.	7/16/2014 9:36 PM
16	location food band	7/16/2014 6:20 PM
17	Bar staff was on top of everything as usual	7/16/2014 6:08 PM
18	The opportunity to interact with diverse members of the bar.	7/16/2014 5:57 PM
19	The guest accommodations and amenities like the pool, restaurants, and beach areas.	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
20	Board of Govnors meetings	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
21	Spending time with friends and colleagues who are members of the Bar.	7/16/2014 4:20 PM
22	The Omni hotel	7/16/2014 4:11 PM
23	The Gala for the incoming President. The entertainment was great!!!	7/16/2014 3:50 PM
24	Opening Celebration	7/16/2014 3:50 PM
25	Traditions of Excellence breakfast and Supreme Court reception.	7/16/2014 3:46 PM
26	I like going to Amelia.	7/16/2014 3:39 PM
27	President's Gala	7/16/2014 3:32 PM
28	networking	7/16/2014 3:30 PM
29	The food was excellent, the speakers were outstanding. The location on the beach was great! Overall it was a first-rate conference. It was much better than last year's.	7/16/2014 3:28 PM
30	networking and meeting ole friends	7/16/2014 3:27 PM
31	Location and the networking	7/16/2014 3:23 PM
32	location	7/16/2014 3:21 PM
33	Supreme Court reception	7/16/2014 3:21 PM
34	The opening night reception was fantastic.	7/16/2014 3:18 PM
35	The installation of Patrise Perkins Hooler	7/7/2014 10:33 AM
36	good meeting room accommodations for the Board of Governors	7/3/2014 2:34 PM
37	Bar Staff	6/30/2014 9:44 AM
38	The Saturday night gala was extremely nice and well attended.	6/26/2014 6:40 PM
39	The newly redone resort was lovely and I enjoyed being at the beach.	6/25/2014 10:02 PM
40	Attendance	6/25/2014 1:57 PM
41	Spending time at the pool and dinner with friends.	6/25/2014 10:02 AM
42	location	6/24/2014 7:56 PM
43	CLE session with Natalie Kelly	6/24/2014 6:46 PM
44	Loved Amelia Island Plantation	6/24/2014 3:50 PM
45	The beach.	6/24/2014 3:27 PM

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46	Beach Location and Family atmosphere	6/24/2014 3:16 PM
47	The location!	6/24/2014 12:16 PM
48	I thoroughly enjoyed the congenial mood.	6/24/2014 11:24 AM
49	The beach.	6/24/2014 11:21 AM
50	This facility was much nicer than the ones used in the last few years.	6/24/2014 10:55 AM
51	It was all great.	6/24/2014 10:15 AM
52	Party Nation! They are amazing. I prefer the mixed format, with the business meeting first and then the dinner/reception.	6/24/2014 10:07 AM
53	Beach resort	6/24/2014 9:32 AM
54	location which was very popular with family	6/24/2014 6:34 AM
55	YLD fun run	6/23/2014 11:57 PM
56	Tradition of Excellence Breakfast	6/23/2014 11:14 PM
57	Beach.	6/23/2014 9:14 PM
58	OPENING NIGHT	6/23/2014 5:57 PM
59	the fact that the meetings were held at the hotel	6/23/2014 5:00 PM
60	he conference facilities were excellent and of sufficient size to accommodate the Bar	6/23/2014 4:55 PM
61	The location - beach locations are great because you can incorporate a family vacation.	6/23/2014 4:50 PM
62	The opportunity to network and build relationships with other attorneys. I also like the opportunity to build in a family vacation.	6/23/2014 4:45 PM
63	The Gala was absolutely phenomenal! I thoroughly enjoyed myself and it was the event where I made the most connections with other lawyers from all over the state. I also liked that all events were in one central location/facility.	6/23/2014 4:25 PM
64	Conference center	6/23/2014 4:24 PM
65	The facilities.	6/23/2014 4:08 PM
66	BOG meetings	6/23/2014 3:55 PM
67	artist in kids area at opening gala	6/23/2014 3:17 PM
68	Location - It was great returning to Amelia and they have done a wonderful job with the expansion and renovation.	6/23/2014 3:17 PM
69	Alumni Event	6/23/2014 3:12 PM
70	I was not able to participate in anything because I assisted with the silent auction the entire time. Overall the accommodations and exhibit hall were wonderful, however.	6/23/2014 3:11 PM
71	Nothing was special. Mediocre venue.	6/23/2014 3:10 PM
72	Food was good, and Amelia is a great place to have this, especially with proximity to Femandina beach	6/23/2014 3:03 PM
73	Fort Clinch & Old Town	6/23/2014 3:01 PM
74	networking	6/23/2014 3:01 PM
75	Excellent except for being frozen out of the Omni.	6/23/2014 3:00 PM
76	Amelia is a very nice place	6/23/2014 2:59 PM
77	location	6/23/2014 2:58 PM
78	The seminar on judicial diversity	6/23/2014 2:57 PM
79	The chance to hang out & talk to the Appellate judges of our courts.	6/23/2014 2:55 PM
80	Food	6/23/2014 2:54 PM
81	Location and amenities	6/23/2014 2:50 PM
82	Hotel accommodations, resort atmosphere, proximity to ocean, view, opportunities to network.	6/23/2014 2:49 PM
83	Beach, pool, fellowship	6/23/2014 2:48 PM
84	The beer selection during the opening night ceremony.	6/23/2014 2:47 PM
85	Opening Night Reception	6/23/2014 2:45 PM
86	Laid Back and the resort	6/23/2014 2:38 PM
87	excellent receptions and gatherings. excellent networking.	6/23/2014 2:37 PM
88	The location, gala format, excellent variety of CLEs and beach location.	6/23/2014 2:33 PM
89	hotel accommodations	6/23/2014 2:32 PM
90	The Leadership Academy luncheon was excellent and YLD Swearing-In Dinner were excellent.	6/23/2014 2:32 PM
91	The food was the best it's been in years.	6/23/2014 2:32 PM
92	The location at Amelia Island, plus the hotel and conference facilities	6/23/2014 2:30 PM
93	kids activities	6/23/2014 2:29 PM
94	Being at the Omni Plantation resort with many friends.	6/23/2014 2:28 PM
95	The Presidential GALA	6/23/2014 2:25 PM

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96	Location	6/23/2014 2:24 PM
97	Amelia Island	6/23/2014 2:24 PM
98	The UGA Law School reception. I also though the CLEs I attended were VERY good. Excellent speakers. Also, enjoyed having Starbucks coffee for the CLEs	6/23/2014 2:23 PM
99	The Gala	6/23/2014 2:23 PM
100	The pool and service at the pool was awesome!!!	6/23/2014 2:22 PM
101	The location in Amelia	6/23/2014 2:22 PM
102	the location at the beach	6/23/2014 2:19 PM
103	The accomodations	6/23/2014 2:19 PM
104	Opening night reception.	6/23/2014 2:18 PM
105	Inauguration and Opening Reception.	6/23/2014 2:18 PM
106	The location - Amelia Island is great!	6/23/2014 2:17 PM

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Q37 What did you like the least?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 110

#	Responses	Date
1	You had to walk a mile every time you wanted to go somewhere, but, of course, that's nothing you can fix!	7/17/2014 5:08 PM
2	There was not much I didn't enjoy, but if I had to point to something it was the mosquitos.	7/17/2014 12:34 PM
3	I have no complaints.	7/17/2014 12:07 PM
4	The bugs.	7/17/2014 11:44 AM
5	cle	7/17/2014 11:38 AM
6	CLE offerings were not especially appealing this time.	7/17/2014 10:55 AM
7	Food at the closing event.	7/17/2014 10:43 AM
8	The installation program went a bit long	7/17/2014 9:19 AM
9	I was disappointed with the CLE structure. All of the CLE's were at an ala carte price, and there was a very limited opportunity to attend multiple classes. I found this to be a huge drawback compared to prior years.	7/17/2014 8:44 AM
10	Travel to and from Florida; long distances to walk in the heat in business clothes and heels, both to get to functions and to get to restaurants.	7/17/2014 7:47 AM
11	Food stations instead of plated dinner	7/17/2014 7:00 AM
12	High room rate	7/17/2014 1:25 AM
13	The Opening Night venue was not great. Oceanside would have been better	7/16/2014 6:08 PM
14	That I was there for some work, and not all play.	7/16/2014 5:57 PM
15	Some facilities seemed to not get proper food service.	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
16	golf tournament	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
17	meal options in the vicinity	7/16/2014 4:11 PM
18	The rooms	7/16/2014 3:50 PM
19	Annual Meeting	7/16/2014 3:50 PM
20	Golf tournament, accommodations (although service was very good), CLE selection/schedule.	7/16/2014 3:46 PM
21	Valet at Ritz	7/16/2014 3:39 PM
22	The location and food.	7/16/2014 3:28 PM
23	cost just keeps going higher in a bad economy	7/16/2014 3:27 PM
24	Exhibit Hall	7/16/2014 3:21 PM
25	The hotel did not have a room in the main hotel and I had to stay in a Villa. Terrible room.	7/16/2014 3:18 PM
26	the food at the Georgia breakfast	7/3/2014 2:34 PM
27	Check out (too many people at once and not enough resort staff)	6/30/2014 9:44 AM
28	The confusion with my hotel accommodations.	6/28/2014 6:40 PM
29	Terrible mosquito problem in and around room.	6/25/2014 1:57 PM
30	quality of the food in the hotel restaurants	6/25/2014 10:02 AM
31	food	6/24/2014 7:56 PM
32	Not being able to book a room at the Omni	6/24/2014 6:46 PM
33	The long drive to get there	6/24/2014 3:50 PM
34	The hotel service.	6/24/2014 3:27 PM
35	I don't really have any complaints about this meeting.	6/24/2014 10:55 AM
36	N/A	6/24/2014 10:15 AM
37	COST! \$175 onsite for dinner. Didn't play in golf tournament due to expense	6/24/2014 10:07 AM
38	Passing of the gavel	6/23/2014 11:14 PM
39	Long drive and expense. Plus I think these events should be in Georgia.	6/23/2014 9:14 PM
40	ACCESS TO OUR ROOM AND NO SHOWERS TO GET SAND OFF WHEN LEAVING THE BEACH	6/23/2014 5:57 PM
41	the parking situation was inconvenient	6/23/2014 5:00 PM
42	The exhibition space was too small and not very accessible.	6/23/2014 4:55 PM
43	The food at the leadership academy luncheon was awful.	6/23/2014 4:50 PM
44	Villas are hard to get to from hotel/conf center	6/23/2014 4:24 PM
45	the fact I could not get into the host hotel; the lack of substance of some of the CLE's	6/23/2014 4:17 PM

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46	the meetings.	6/23/2014 4:08 PM
47	hospitality room was inexplicably closed after presidential gala	6/23/2014 3:17 PM
48	Some of the food at committee meetings (chicken, for example) was tough and not very good. Some of the rooms for the receptions were tucked away and very tight.	6/23/2014 3:17 PM
49	See response to No. 15.	6/23/2014 3:11 PM
50	The distance going there and back.	6/23/2014 3:10 PM
51	closing the bar during the speeches at the president's reception.	6/23/2014 3:03 PM
52	the Heat	6/23/2014 3:01 PM
53	out of state	6/23/2014 3:01 PM
54	See above.	6/23/2014 3:00 PM
55	FREEZING CLE meeting rooms. I mean freezing! And noise from adjacent rooms on at least one occasion was very distracting.	6/23/2014 2:59 PM
56	food quality	6/23/2014 2:58 PM
57	the accommodations at the villa	6/23/2014 2:57 PM
58	The drive from the Hampton.	6/23/2014 2:55 PM
59	Room	6/23/2014 2:54 PM
60	Overly long description of how extremely historic the event was. Brevity and self deprecating humor can go a long way.	6/23/2014 2:48 PM
61	The chicken served at the YLD lunch.	6/23/2014 2:47 PM
62	The cost of the Innagural dinner is becoming cost prohibitive.	6/23/2014 2:45 PM
63	N/A	6/23/2014 2:41 PM
64	Lack of CLE programs	6/23/2014 2:38 PM
65	Nothing.	6/23/2014 2:33 PM
66	The YLD pool party was too hot and needed some shade.	6/23/2014 2:32 PM
67	CLE program on Judicial Diversity. It wasn't a CLE program at all. It was a complaint session about the racial composition of the Superior Court of Fulton County.	6/23/2014 2:30 PM
68	the drive home	6/23/2014 2:29 PM
69	the signage at the General Practice and Trial Section reception.	6/23/2014 2:28 PM
70	Tape replay of CLE	6/23/2014 2:24 PM
71	Hospitality suite location too far from main buildings.	6/23/2014 2:24 PM
72	It was FREEZING in the rooms where the CLEs were held. I was miserable most of the time. On the other hand, it's freezing at almost every CLE I attend. Even so, these were the coldest I've ever attended, and I've been attending CLEs for 30 years.	6/23/2014 2:23 PM
73	Double booking events, with times that there was nothing planned.	6/23/2014 2:23 PM
74	too far to travel	6/23/2014 2:21 PM
75	signed up for and did not attend the opening festivities as not what I expected, more family oriented, which is good, just did not appeal to me necessarily	6/23/2014 2:19 PM
76	The food at the YLD luncheon	6/23/2014 2:19 PM
77	Registration process.	6/23/2014 2:18 PM
78	N/A	6/23/2014 2:17 PM

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Q38 Future program or topic ideas?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 166

#	Responses	Date
1	Try to have a YLD targeted CLE.	7/17/2014 5:08 PM
2	I will think on this.	7/17/2014 7:47 AM
3	Change the CLE structure to include something like legislation that will go into effect on July 1st of the year.	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
4	none	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
5	How to build your brand	7/16/2014 3:50 PM
6	Have more CLE	7/16/2014 3:39 PM
7	Public Finance/Municipal Bonds	7/16/2014 3:32 PM
8	Intercultural competence skills for lawyers in global practice.	7/16/2014 3:21 PM
9	None	6/26/2014 6:40 PM
10	entertainment law, or something to connect the young lawyers and seasoned (older) attorneys.	6/24/2014 7:56 PM
11	Family and Juvenile Law	6/24/2014 3:16 PM
12	Continue to hold meeting in a resort venue	6/24/2014 6:34 AM
13	Hold these things in Atlanta	6/23/2014 3:10 PM
14	Go to Savannah	6/23/2014 3:01 PM
15	the future of the practice of law and new technology, e-filing, etc.	6/23/2014 2:58 PM
16	Offer more juvenile law topics, especially with new Code implementation this year.	6/23/2014 2:49 PM
17	Trial Bench and Bar interaction	6/23/2014 2:38 PM
18	Please do not go to Stone Mountain. It is symbolically and logistically a poor choice. Most of the attendees are from Metro-Atlanta and there is no incentive to stay overnight. There is no real beach. There are few opportunities for dining and networking with colleagues and friends. No sit down dinners with speakers, please. Keep the gala format.	6/23/2014 2:33 PM
19	YLD Leadership Academy Alumni event	6/23/2014 2:32 PM
20	More Ethics CLEs.	6/23/2014 2:28 PM
21	We should keep them at the beach because the children love it.	6/23/2014 2:22 PM
22	Yes, choose Amelia Island, not Stone Mountain!	6/23/2014 2:17 PM

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Q39 Other comments or suggestions?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 148

#	Responses	Date
1	Please consider a beach destination again in the future.	7/17/2014 9:07 PM
2	n/a	7/17/2014 5:08 PM
3	I do not plan to attend next year's state bar meeting at Stone Mountain Park. It is not a destination I would enjoy as a meeting place. My friends and I plan to go to the Omni at Amelia Island next summer.	7/17/2014 12:34 PM
4	new idea for presidential gala.	7/17/2014 11:38 AM
5	Reserve more rooms. Applicants who waited a couple of weeks were completely shut out at the Plantation. I very much preferred the Omni to my stay at the Ritz.	7/17/2014 10:55 AM
6	Keep the Annual Meeting at a beach resort. The Omni is a wonderful location.	7/17/2014 9:19 AM
7	It was a sheer delight to take part in such a monumental occasion-- the swearing in of the first person of color.	7/16/2014 5:57 PM
8	Keep the annual meeting at Amelia.	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
9	see above	7/16/2014 4:34 PM
10	CLE schedule could be better to allow for more opportunities to attend more seminars.	7/16/2014 3:46 PM
11	I like the Amelia Island or Hilton Head Island locations. I do not think Stone Mountain is a good choice.	7/16/2014 3:32 PM
12	Move the annual meeting to a better location in 2015. Stone Mtn park is not a good option.	7/17/2014 10:33 AM
13	None	6/26/2014 6:40 PM
14	The idea of spending several days at Stone Mountain does not appeal to me at all. Who made this decision?	6/25/2014 10:02 PM
15	Thanks for putting on another great meeting!	6/24/2014 1:09 PM
16	Keep the annual meeting at the beach!	6/24/2014 11:21 AM
17	Ms. Michelle Gamer is absolutely the best!	6/24/2014 10:15 AM
18	Meeting Director Michelle Gamer is awesome. She does a great job of juggling multiple task while accommodating everyone in a pleasant and professional manner.	6/24/2014 9:32 AM
19	Amelia is too far away.	6/23/2014 11:14 PM
20	I did a happy dance when I saw next year will be Stone Mountain. This is a bar association, not a travel club. I can use the savings to put toward a vacation to go where I want to go!	6/23/2014 9:14 PM
21	the cost to attend some of the functions is prohibitive to a state employee like me. I would be able to attend more functions if there was a cheaper rate for state employees who don't make as much as private attorneys and who don't have firms reimbursing expenses.	6/23/2014 5:00 PM
22	Next year's conference does not hold the same potential as what I like best about the conference. I anticipate most Atlanta attorneys will not stay overnight at Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain would not be a choice for my family to also build in a vacation.	6/23/2014 4:45 PM
23	Overall great job by the staff at the Bar. And a special thank you to Mary McAfee of YLD and Michele Gamer!	6/23/2014 4:25 PM
24	We should continue to have the annual meetings at either Amelia Island or Hilton Head Island.	6/23/2014 4:24 PM
25	Keep having it at Amelia Island!	6/23/2014 3:55 PM
26	It seems silly to leave the state for such an event.	6/23/2014 3:33 PM
27	Another fine job by Michelle Gamer	6/23/2014 3:17 PM
28	We have a huge building for use in Atlanta that is always empty. Why do we have to go to Florida to have a convention when 85% of the lawyers in Georgia live/work within about a 1 hour drive of Atlanta? A huge waste of time and money--and gas	6/23/2014 3:10 PM
29	Stone Mountain?? Really??? Very, very bad idea. See you in 2 years.	6/23/2014 3:03 PM
30	I did not attend the events, I'm somewhat new so, I will attend the next meeting events.	6/23/2014 3:01 PM
31	Reserve more rooms.	6/23/2014 3:00 PM
32	Well done! Thanks for all you do.	6/23/2014 2:59 PM
33	Please move the annual convention for 2015 to savannah or hilton head	6/23/2014 2:59 PM
34	better information on location of events and meetings	6/23/2014 2:58 PM
35	Sign a ten year contract with Omni Amelia Island Plantation. ought to negotiate great deals especially in out years. Plenty of room and a good destination, not this jumping around for locales unlikely to entice many to attend, such as Stone Mountain or Myrtle Beach....	6/23/2014 2:37 PM
36	The Bar staff continues to provide dedicated and excellent service.	6/23/2014 2:33 PM
37	Keep having the annual meeting at the Omni Plantation.	6/23/2014 2:28 PM
38	Turn the thermostat UP.	6/23/2014 2:23 PM
39	Tell Stone Mountain I said hey, because I will be skipping that meeting location.	6/23/2014 2:17 PM
40	I attended only the Investigative Panel meeting, and I took time to walk through the Exhibitors and to look at their presentations.	6/23/2014 2:16 PM

2014-15 Media Report

PUBLISHED ARTICLES		Headline	Circulation	Readership
Date	Newspaper			
6/4/2014	Daily Report	Georgia legal community mourns loss of Wyc Orr	3,413	
6/4/2014	Cherokee Ledger-News, Woodstock	Kudos for Law Day celebration	40,000	
6/5/2014	The Times, Gainesville	State Bar mourns loss of Wyc Orr	17,906	
6/5/2014	Daily Report**	State bar's next president reflects the role of diversity	3,413	338,400/mo.
6/6/2014	Daily Report	State bar's next president reflects the role of diversity	3,413	
6/9/2014	Savannah Morning News	Patrick O'Connor sworn as State Bar of Georgia secretary	42,741	
6/9/2014	Daily Report**	Social Media Approves of First African-American State Bar of Georgia President		338,400/mo.
6/9/2014	Daily Report**	State Bar of Georgia Swears in First African-American President		338,400/mo.
6/10/2014	Atlanta Journal Constitution**	The State Bar has a New President		2,23mill.
6/11/2014	Atlanta Business Chronicle	Perkins-Hooker named 52nd president of State Bar of Georgia	30,935	
6/11/2014	Atlanta Daily World	State Bar of Georgia swears in first black president to lead the lawyer's association	150,000	
6/11/2014	Atlanta Daily World**	State Bar of Georgia swears in first black president to lead the lawyer's association	15,000	
6/16/2014	Daily Report**	Complete Coverage of the State Bar of Georgia 2014 Annual Meeting		338,400/mo.
6/18/2014	Metro Spirit, Augusta	Long adds to his list of titles	40,000	
6/18/2014	Marietta Daily Journal	Local elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	15,043	
6/18/2014	Atlanta Journal Constitution**	Up Close: Patrice Perkins-Hooker		2,23mill
6/19/2014	Statesboro Herald	Edenfield is new YLD president	6,926	
6/20/2014	Athens Banner-Herald	UGA grad, Maysville native named employee of the year by state bar	13,644	
6/21/2014	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	Norcross attorney honored by State Bar of Georgia	63,276	
6/21/2014	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	Local association honored by State Bar of Georgia	63,276	
6/21/2014	Atlanta Inquirer*	State Bar Swears in First Black President		200,000
6/24/2014	Atlanta Inquirer**	State Bar Swears in First Black President*		200,000
6/24/2014	South Fulton Neighbor	South Fulton resident is state bar's first black president	24,200	
6/24/2014	South Fulton Neighbor**	South Fulton resident is state bar's first black president		17,490
6/24/2014	Augusta Chronicle	Milstones: Jack Long	47,177	
6/25/2014	Marietta Daily Journal	Sutton completes term as president of State Bar's young lawyer org.	15,043	
6/26/2014	The Atlanta Voice*	State Bar of Georgia swears in first African-American president	40,000	
6/26/2014	The Atlanta Voice**	State Bar of Georgia swears in first African-American president*		120,000
6/28/2014	The Times, Gainesville	Vaughan elected to State Bar committee	17,906	
7/1/2014	Atlanta Tribune	New president of Georgia Bar Association		35,000
7/8/2014	Brookhaven Neighbor	State Bar of Georgia installs new officers	36,750	
7/8/2014	Brookhaven Neighbor**	State Bar of Georgia installs new officers		18,375
7/8/2014	Northside Neighbor News	State Bar of Georgia installs new officers		34,980
7/8/2014	Northside Neighbor News**	State Bar of Georgia installs new officers		17,490
7/9/2014	Savannah Tribune*	Patrice Perkins-Hooker installed as 52nd president of State Bar	10,000	
7/9/2014	Savannah Tribune**	Patrice Perkins-Hooker installed as 52nd president of State Bar*		5,000
7/14/2014	Cobb Business Journal	Local elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	7,000	

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7/14/2014	Savannah Herald*	Patrise Perkins-Hooker installed as 52nd president of State Bar of Georgia	12,000	12,000
7/14/2014	Savannah Herald**	Patrise Perkins-Hooker installed as 52nd president of State Bar of Georgia*		12,000
7/16/2014	Vaidosta Daily Times	Legal Food Frency winner	13,573	
7/16/2014	The True Citizen, Waynesboro	Judge Fryhofer was an inspiration	4,455	
7/16/2014	Houston Home Journal, Perry	Congrats to Legal Food Frency winner	11,191	
7/22/2014	Alpharetta Roswell Revue & News**	New State Bar president announced		140,000
7/22/2014	Alpharetta Roswell Revue & News**	New State Bar president announced		70,000
7/22/2014	The Forsyth Herald**	New State Bar president announced		17,490
7/23/2014	The Milton Herald	New State Bar president announced		140,000
7/23/2014	The Forsyth Herald	New State Bar president announced		34,980
7/23/2014	North DeKalb Neighbor	Congratulations to solicitor-general's office for success in legal food frenzy	22,000	
7/23/2014	The Johns Creek Herald**	New State Bar president announced		70,000
7/24/2014	The Johns Creek Herald	New State Bar president announced		140,000
7/25/2014	Albany Herald	Georgia Legal Services earns national award	11,893	
7/25/2014	Daily Report	Georgia legal community mourns loss of Judge Owen Forrester	3,413	
7/26/2014	CrossRoads News, DeKalb	Sherry Boston nabs state award for top food drive	28,000	
7/28/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to new Georgia Legal Services president	3,413	
7/28/2014	Athens Banner-Herald	Legal program earned national honor	13,644	
7/29/2014	Savannah Morning News	3 Savannah attorneys named to state bar's YLD leadership roles	42,741	
7/30/2014	Daily Report	Board of Young Lawyers Division announced	63,276	
7/31/2014	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	Duluth attorneys appointed to state bar YLD Board of Directors		
8/1/2014	Rolling Out Weekly Magazine**	Perkins-Hooker makes history as first black president, State Bar of Georgia (video)	966,000/mo.	
8/2/2014	Marietta Daily Journal	Marietta attorneys named to Bar division board	15,043	
8/3/2014	Albany Herald	LEGAL: Sarah F. Kjellin	11,893	
8/6/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to Judge Carnes on Senate confirmation	3,413	
8/6/2014	Forsyth Herald	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta	17,000	
8/6/2014	Forsyth Herald**	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta		70,000
8/7/2014	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	Loss to community, profession	31,659	
8/7/2014	Revue & News, Alpharetta/Roswell	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta	28,000	
8/7/2014	Johns Creek Herald	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta	20,000	
8/7/2014	Johns Creek Herald**	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta		70,000
8/8/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to Ernest Greer on receiving national honor	3,413	
8/10/2014	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	Columbus attorneys appointed to Young Lawyers Division board	31,659	
8/13/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to Shigley on election to national post	11,450	
8/14/2014	Northside Neighbor	Story of Georgia's Lawyers in Now in 2nd Printing	3,413	
8/14/2014	Northside Neighbor	Congratulations to Shigley on election to national post	34,980	
8/14/2014	Monticello News	Congratulations to Shigley on election to national post		17,490
8/14/2014	Henry Neighbor	Leifers to the Editor ... Congratulations!	2,535	
8/14/2014	Henry Neighbor	Congratulations to Shigley on election to national post	15,500	

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8/15/2014	Atlanta Business Chronicle	Perkins-Hooker takes helm of State Bar of Georgia	35,029
8/15/2014	Henry Herald, McDonough	Stockbridge attorney gets state bar appointment	2,126
8/16/2014	Milton Herald	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta	8,500
8/16/2014	Milton Herald**	Young lawyers' community outreach director from Alpharetta	70,000
8/17/2014	Statesboro Herald	State bar congratulates Franklin on honor	6,926
8/18/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to JQC members on Freedom of Information Award	3,413
8/19/2014	Daily Report	Harvey Weitz was an Outstanding Lawyer, Community Leader and Friend	31,659
8/20/2014	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	Georgia attorney one of three pilots who retrieved second American	31,659
8/21/2014	Times Courier, Ellijay	Weaver salute	6,056
8/21/2014	Pickens County Progress, Jasper	Letter to the Editor, re: Judge Weaver	6,947
8/21/2014	Daily Report	Cartersville Attorney Commended for Ebola Mission Role	3,413
8/21/2014	Morgan County Citizen, Madison	Congrats to Jeff Davis	4,490
8/21/2014	Harris County Journal, Hamilton	Congratulations and thanks, Judge	3,800
8/22/2014	Atlanta Jewish Times	Georgia legal community mourns loss of attorney	6,553
8/26/2014	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	Bravo, Judge	31,659
8/27/2014	Jones County News, Gray	Lawson installed as Co-Editor	4,175
8/31/2014	Savannah Morning News	Attorney Harvey Weitz: A true professional	42,741
9/3/2014	The Blackshear Times	Georgia legal community mourns loss of Francis Houston	3,264
9/3/2014	Atlanta Beltline News (blog)	An interview with Patrise Perkins-Hooker, President of the State Bar of Georgia	
9/4/2014	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	Former Gwinnett judge honored for continuing education efforts	63,276
9/4/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to Augusta DA on Statewide Award	3,413
9/5/2014	Northeast Georgian, Comelia	Congratulations to Weidner	7,370
9/7/2014	Vaidosta Daily Times	Congratulating Golden	13,573
9/7/2014	Columbia County News Times, Evans	Wright's selection for District Attorney honor is well-deserved	17,500
9/9/2014	True Citizen, Waynesboro	Congratulations to District Attorney on statewide award	4,455
9/11/2014	Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville	Legal community mourns loss of Superior Court Judge James L. Cline	3,567
9/11/2014	The Herald Journal, Greensboro	Georgia Legal Community Mourns Loss of Judge Cline	4,579
9/11/2014	The Monticello News	Legal Community Mourns Loss of Judge Cline	2,535
9/16/2014	The Macon Telegraph	Local bar president	43,051
9/19/2014	Daily Report	Congratulations to Jill Pryor on her confirmation by the Senate	3,413
9/21/2014	The Walton Tribune, Monroe	Mourning loss of judge	2,590
9/30/2014	Daily Report	Georgia legal community mourns loss of David Hendrick	3,413
10/9/2014	Northside Neighbor	Georgia legal community mourns loss of Hendrick	34,980
10/10/2014	Atlanta Business Chronicle	2014 Law and Accounting Who's Who Metro Atlanta	35,029
10/10/2014	Atlanta Business Chronicle**	2014 Law and Accounting Who's Who Metro Atlanta	
		TOTAL CIRCULATION	1,387,208

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TELEVISION			
6/1/2014	WAGA-TV FOX 5: The Georgia Gang		66,000
7/1/2014	WSB-TV Editorial: People to People Interview		562,000
7/1/2014	FGTV Cable Access: Fulton Today Interview	(segment aired for 7 days)	varies
RADIO			
6/1/2014	Unity FM Online International: Power of Yes		TBD
WIRE SERVICE			
6/1/2014	AP WIRE - Miami	Source: Daybook**	
6/1/2014	AP Wire - Atlanta	Source: AJC**	
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING			
6/1/2014	Facebook: Atlanta Voice		Followers/Page Likes
6/1/2014	Twitter @WSBTVNewsdesk	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	5,941
		Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	5,859
		"Congrats to the GA Bar Assn's first African-American President, Patrise Perkins-Hooker, sworn in last week.#wsbtv"	
6/13/2014	Twitter mention @gtalumni	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	2,360
		"GT Alumna, Patrise Perkins-Hooker, was recently sworn in as the 1st African American president of the State Bar of GA"	
8/1/2014	Facebook: GLSP	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	225
8/1/2014	Twitter mention @johnneaves	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	1,599
8/1/2014	Twitter mention @ovbrantley	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	381
8/1/2014	Twitter mention @homebardeal	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker's installation as 52nd president	59
9/2/2014	Twitter mention @jamsimmons1aw	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker	1,039
9/3/2014	Twitter mention @jtimearlx	Mentioned Patrise Perkins-Hooker	312
OTHER MEDIA PLACEMENTS			
Fall 2014	The YLD Review	From the State Bar President	
9/8/2014	GSA Law Website	New Legal Clinic To Help Veterans at Georgia State University	
Dec. 2014	National Bar Association Magazine	http://law.gsu.edu/2014/09/08/new-legal-clinic-to-help-veterans-georgia-state-university/	
		upcoming issue	
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