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Board of Governors
Agenda Book



2017 Midyear Meeting
Atlanta, Ga.



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266th BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Saturday, January 7, 2017

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead
Atlanta, Georgia

Dress: Business

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Members are invited to attend and vote in the Midyear Members’ Meeting.

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2017 State Bar of Georgia

MIDYEAR MEETING

JANUARY 5-7, 2017

Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead | Atlanta, Ga.

Hotel deadline is Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

Final registration ends Friday, Dec. 16, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

- 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Registration | Table Top Displays
- 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.** YLD Cell Phone/Suit Drive
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** CLE: Technology in Practice: Avoiding Ethical Landmines and Maximizing Today's Technology Skills and Tools
- 12 – 2 p.m.** Appellate Practice Section Lunch
- 12 – 2 p.m.** Taxation Law Section Lunch
- 2 – 4 p.m.** Bar Center Committee
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** Family Law Section CLE
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Family Law Section Reception
- 6:30 – 9 p.m.** Past Presidents' Dinner
(by invitation only)
- 12 – 2 p.m.** General Practice & Trial Law Section Lunch
- 12 – 2 p.m.** ICLE Board Meeting
- 12:30 – 4 p.m.** Review Panel
- 2 – 5 p.m.** Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee
- 3 – 3:30 p.m.** YLD Nominating Committee
- 3:30 – 5 p.m.** Member Benefits Committee
- 3:30 – 5 p.m.** YLD General Session
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** National Association of Women Judges Reception
- 5 – 6 p.m.** Professional Liability Section Meeting and Program

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

- 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.** Registration | Table Top Displays
- 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.** YLD Cell Phone/Suit Drive
- 8 – 9 a.m.** Past Presidents' Breakfast
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** CLE: Moving Georgia Forward Through Innovative Pro Bono
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Joint Meeting of the Executive Committees of the Military Legal Assistance Program Committee and the Military/Veterans Law Section
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Investigative Panel
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** General Practice & Trial Law Section Board Meeting
- 12 – 2 p.m.** Aging Lawyers Task Force Committee
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Reception Honoring Supreme Court of Georgia Justices and Court of Appeals of Georgia Judges
- 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.** Board of Governors Dinner Honoring William P. "Bill" Smith III

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

- 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Registration | Table Top Displays
- 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.** YLD Cell Phone/Suit Drive
- 7 – 8 a.m.** Pilates 
- 7 – 8 a.m.** Zumba 
- 8:15 – 9 a.m.** SOLACE Committee
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Board of Governors Meeting
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** YLD Leadership Academy

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CLE | THURSDAY, JAN. 5

TECHNOLOGY IN PRACTICE: AVOIDING ETHICAL LANDMINES AND MAXIMIZING TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AND TOOLS

9 A.M. – 12 P.M. | 3 CLE hours

Lawyers have realized they have to understand how to use technology, but knowing what they need to be wary of for ethical compliance and then learning how to best use systems can create concerns. The presenters will discuss hot ethical landmines to steer clear of when using technology; review cutting-edge technologies including an assessment tool geared toward helping lawyers understand their proficiency with commonly used software; and show attendees the new face of Fastcase. Each of the panelists will walk through some of their favorite technology solutions, showing you exactly how they work and explaining the benefits of using them. With the new skills and tools learned in this session, lawyers will be armed to use their current technology better as soon as they leave.

TOPICS:

Ethical Considerations for Today's Technology

William J. Cobb, *Assistant General Counsel, State Bar of Georgia Office of the General Counsel, Atlanta*

The New Face of Fastcase: Presenting Fastcase 7

Sheila Baldwin, *Member Benefits Coordinator, Law Practice Management Program, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta*

Legal Tech Tools and Know-How in 7-Minutes

Sheila Baldwin; William J. Cobb; Natalie R. Kelly, *Director, Law Practice Management Program, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta*

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS



The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead

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404-237-2700

Cut-off date is Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, is our host hotel, offering a discounted room rate of \$179 single/double per night plus applicable taxes and the \$5 hotel/motel fee. To make reservations and receive our special rate, call The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, at 800-826-0708 and ask for the State Bar of Georgia Midyear Meeting rate.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, as rooms will be on a space and rate availability basis after this date. There are many events taking place in Atlanta during this time, so please be aware that you should make your hotel reservations as early as possible.

Check-in time: 3 p.m.

Check-out time: 12 p.m.



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CLE | FRIDAY, JAN. 6

MOVING GEORGIA FORWARD THROUGH INNOVATIVE PRO BONO

9 A.M. – 12 P.M. | ☺ 3 CLE hours

CHAIR:

Michael L. Monahan, *Director, Pro Bono Resource Center, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta*

TOPICS & SPEAKERS:

Pro Bono and Access to Justice as a Career Development Tool for Newer Lawyers

Sarah T. Babcock, *Lawyers for Equal Justice, Atlanta*; Stephanie A. Everett, *Lawyers for Equal Justice, Atlanta*

Pro Bono as a "Second Act" for Baby Boomer Lawyers

Eleanor M. "Ellie" Crosby-Lanier, *Professor, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens*; and Guy E. Lescault, *PTA, Atlanta*

The Justice Landscape in Georgia for Hard-to-Serve Georgians—and What We're Doing Now to Make Life and the Law Better for Them

Immigrants: Prof. Silas Allard, *Associate Director, Emory University Center for the Study of Law and Religion and Managing Editor, Journal of Law and Religion*

Seniors: Prof. Ellie Crosby-Lanier and Guy Lescault

Children: Michael Lucas, *Deputy Director, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation*

Veterans: Michael L. Monahan

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WELLNESS

SATURDAY, JAN. 7 | 7 - 8 A.M.

Pilates

Pilates is a form of exercise which emphasizes the balanced development of the body through core strength, flexibility and awareness in order to support efficient, graceful movement. Pilates is one of the most popular exercise systems in the country.

Zumba

Zumba is designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness

party. Benefits: a total workout, combining all elements of fitness—cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a wonderful feeling after class.

Spa Services

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- ➔ *Business attire is appropriate for all meetings and events.*

YLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: CELL PHONE/SUIT DRIVE Jan. 5-7 during registration hours

Please bring gently used suits and business clothing to the Midyear Meeting along with any used cell phones (should be cleared of all data). These items will be donated to various community shelters. Drop boxes will be located near the registration area.

RECEPTION HONORING SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA JUSTICES AND COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA JUDGES

Friday, Jan. 6 | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a reception honoring retiring Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson and retiring Court of Appeals of Georgia Judge Herbert E. Phipps. We welcome Chief Justice P. Harris Hines, Justice Michael P. Boggs, Justice Britt C. Grant and Justice Nels S. D. Peterson to the Supreme Court of Georgia, and Judge Charles J. "Charlie" Bethel, Judge Clyde Reese III and Judge Tillman E. "Tripp" Self III to the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS DINNER

Friday, Jan. 6 | 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Friday night's Board dinner will be in honor of William P. "Bill" Smith III. We will celebrate Bill's 32-year career with the State Bar of Georgia's Office of the General Counsel and thank him for his dedicated service to the State Bar as a committee chair, board member and general counsel. Everyone is welcome.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this form to register by checking all events you plan to attend. Registration is required for all events, including "no charge" functions. You may also register online at www.gabar.org. Final registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 16, 2016.


<p>Attendee Information</p> <p>Bar Number _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Nickname _____</p> <p>Spouse/Guest Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Special Needs / Dietary Restrictions _____</p>	<p>Board Functions</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Before Dec. 16</th> <th style="text-align: center;">After Dec. 16</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> BOG Dinner</td> <td>\$95 ____</td> <td>\$115 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> BOG Meeting.....</td> <td>N/C ____</td> <td>N/C ____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>CLE Programs</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Technology in Practice</td> <td>\$95 ____</td> <td>\$115 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Pro Bono.....</td> <td>\$95 ____</td> <td>\$115 ____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Section Events</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Practice Lunch.....</td> <td>\$35 ____</td> <td>\$55 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Family Law CLE Only.....</td> <td>\$30 ____</td> <td>\$50 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Family Law Reception Only.....</td> <td>N/C ____</td> <td>\$20 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Family Law CLE & Reception....</td> <td>\$30 ____</td> <td>\$50 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> General Practice & Trial Lunch ..</td> <td>\$77 ____</td> <td>\$97 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability Reception..</td> <td>N/C ____</td> <td>\$20 ____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Taxation Law Lunch.....</td> <td>N/C ____</td> <td>\$20 ____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>YLD Events</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> YLD General Session.....</td> <td>N/C ____</td> <td>N/C ____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Before Dec. 16	After Dec. 16	<input type="checkbox"/> BOG Dinner	\$95 ____	\$115 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> BOG Meeting.....	N/C ____	N/C ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology in Practice	\$95 ____	\$115 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Pro Bono.....	\$95 ____	\$115 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Practice Lunch.....	\$35 ____	\$55 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law CLE Only.....	\$30 ____	\$50 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law Reception Only.....	N/C ____	\$20 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law CLE & Reception....	\$30 ____	\$50 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> General Practice & Trial Lunch ..	\$77 ____	\$97 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability Reception..	N/C ____	\$20 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation Law Lunch.....	N/C ____	\$20 ____	<input type="checkbox"/> YLD General Session.....	N/C ____	N/C ____
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Registrations, along with payments, must be received at the State Bar on or before Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at which time pre-registration will close. Onsite registration will open at The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017.

Note: All pre-registrations and onsite registrations are subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Sarah Brown Akins	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e
Mark W. Alexander	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•
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Anthony B. Askew	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Joshua C. Bell	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Diane E. Bessen	•	•	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sherry Boston	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	e	•	•	•
Jeb T. Branham	•	•	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thomas Neal Brunt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thomas R. Burnside	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stephanie D. Burton	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•
JaDawnya C. Butler	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	e	•	•	•
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Randall H. Davis
J. Antonio Delcampo	e	e
Scott Dewitt Delius	n/a
Joseph W. Dent	e	e	.
Foy R. Devine	e	e
Thomas V. Duck, III
Susan E. Edlein	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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John A. Fitzner III	.	.	e	.	e	e	e	e	.
Gary Stuart Freed	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
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Kenneth B. Hodges
Phyllis J. Holmen	e
J. Marcus E. Howard	.	.	e	e	.	.	.	e
Amy V. Howell	.	.	e	.	e
Roy B. Huff Jr.	e	e	e	.	.	.	e	e	.
James W. Hurt
Christopher Huskins						
Stacey K. Hydrick	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.
James T. Irvin	.	.	.	e
William Dixon James	e	e	e
Curtis S. Jenkins
Lester B. Johnson, III
Dawn M. Jones	e

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	Amelia	Amelia										Amelia	Amelia	Callaway
Michael R. Jones, Sr.			•		•			•			•			•
Jennifer A. Jordan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•
Elena Kaplan	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•		e	•	•	•
Robert J. Kauffman	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John F. Kennedy	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
William J. Keogh, III	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Barry E. King	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Judy C. King	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Seth Kirschenbaum	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Catherine Koura	e	e	e	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e
Edward B. Krugman	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jeffrey R. Kuester	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•
Allegra Lawrence	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J. Alvin Leaphart	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•
Nicole C. Leet	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•
Ryan R. Leonard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•
Dawn Renee Levine	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
David S. Lipscomb	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dax Eric Lopez	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John Ryd Bush Long	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ronald A. Lowry	•	•	e	e	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
John Bell Manly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Samuel M. Matchett	e	e	•	•	•	e	e	e	•	e	•	e	•	e
William R. McCracken	•	•	•	e	•	e	e	e	•	•	•	e	e	•

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Letitia A. McDonald	e
Brad J. McFall			.								.			e
Ashley W. McLaughlin	.	.	e	.	e	.	.	e	.	.	e			.
Michael D. McRae	e	e			e			.
Terry L. Miller
W. Benjamin Mitcham	.	.	e
Jennifer C. Mock	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
William J. Monahan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.
Shondeana Morris	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Laura J. Murphree
Sam G. Nicholson	e	.	.	.
Dennis C. O'Brien	e
Patrick T. O'Connor
Samuel S. Olenz			
Jonathan B. Pannell	e
Joy Renea Parks	n/a
Carson Dane Perkins	
Will H. Pickett, Jr.						
W. Gregory Pope	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jill Pryor	e	e	.	.	e	e	e		e		.			.
William M. Ragland	.	.	e	.	.	e	e	e
Robert V. Rodatus	e	e	.	.	.	e	e	.	.	.	e	.	.	e
Tina S. Roddenbery
Buck Rogers

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Joseph Roseborough	
William C. Rumer	.	.	e	.	e	e	e	e	e
Claudia S. Saari	e	e
Aimee P. Sanders	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	.	.	e	e
Dennis C. Sanders	.	.	e
H. Burke Sherwood	n/a
Robert H. Smalley, III	e	.	e
Philip C. Smith
R. Rucker Smith
Daniel B. Snipes	.	.	.	e	e	.	.	e	e	.	.
R. Gary Spencer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	e
H. Craig Stafford	e	e
Lawrence A. Staggs
Lawton E. Stephens	.	.	e	e
C. Deen Strickland	e	.	.	.	e	.	.	e	.	.	.	e
Frank B. Strickland	.	.	e	e	e	e	e	.	.	.	e	e
Joseph C. Sumner, Jr.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Darrell Sutton																.
Michael B. Terry	e
Anita W. Thomas			e
Dwight L. Thomas	e	.	.	.	e	e
Edward D. Tolley		
Clayton Tomlinson	n/a	.	.	.	e
Martin E. Valbuena

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Carl R. Varnedoe		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
Nicki N. Vaughan	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Carl A. Veline, Jr.			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J. Henry Walker	•	•	•	•	e			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Janice M. Wallace	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•
Amy Carol Walters	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•
Jeffrey S. Ward	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•
Harold B. Watts	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John P. Webb	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Christopher F. West	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•
Nancy J. Whaley	•	•	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Paige R. Whitaker	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	
Sandra Wisenbaker	•	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	e	e	•
Kathleen Womack	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Douglas Woodruff	•	•	•	•	•	e	•	e	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gerald P. Word	•	•	•	•	e	e	e	•	•	e	•	•	•	•
Fred A. Zimmerman	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
• - attended meeting					n/a - not on BOG							e - excused absence		

Future Meetings Schedule

(12/16/2016)



Executive Committee

January 26, 2017	Court of Appeals Dinner, Location, TBD
Feb. 17-19, 2017	Joint Meeting with Supreme Court & Executive Committee, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, SC
April 20-23, 2017	Executive Cmte. Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Washington, DC
May 11, 2017	Flat Creek Lodge, Swainsboro, GA – tentative
April 13-15, 2018	Joint meeting Supreme Court/Executive Committee Barnsley Resort, Adairsville, GA

Board of Governors

Midyear 2017	January 5-7, 2017	The Ritz Carlton, Buckhead, GA
Spring 2017	March 31-April 2, 2017 <i>(Date changed)</i>	Ritz at Lake Oconee, Greensboro, GA
Annual 2017	June 8-11, 2017	Jekyll Island, GA
Fall 2017	Oct. 27-29, 2017	Westin, Jekyll Island, GA
Midyear 2018	Jan. 4-6, 2018	Westin Atlanta Perimeter North, Atlanta, GA
Spring 2018	March 9-11, 2018	Ritz at Lake Oconee, Greensboro, GA
Annual 2018	June 7-10, 2018	Omni Amelia Island, Amelia Island, FL

Young Lawyers Division

Midyear 2017	January 5-7, 2017	The Ritz Carlton, Buckhead, GA
Spring 2017	March 9-12, 2017	Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC
Annual 2017	June 8-11, 2017	Jekyll Island, GA
Summer 2017	Aug. 3-6, 2017	InterContinental, Austin, TX (contract pending)
Fall 2017	Nov. 9-12, 2017	Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, Young Harris, GA (contract pending)
Midyear 2018	Jan. 4-6, 2018	Westin Atlanta Perimeter North, Atlanta, GA
Annual 2018	June 7-10, 2018	Omni Amelia Island, Amelia Island, FL

American Bar Association Meetings

Midyear 2017	February 1-7, 2017	Miami, FL
Annual 2017	August 10-15, 2017	New York, NY
Midyear 2018	January 31-Feb. 6, 2018	Vancouver, British Columbia
Annual 2018	August 2-7, 2018	Chicago, IL
Midyear 2019	January 23-29, 2019	Las Vegas, NV
Annual 2019	August 8-13, 2019	San Francisco, CA
Midyear 2020	February 12-18, 2020	Austin, TX
Annual 2020	August 6-11, 2020	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Midyear 2021	February 10-16, 2021	Orlando, FL
Annual 2021	August 5-10, 2021	Chicago, IL

Southern Conference Meetings

2017	October 2017	Tennessee
2018	October 2018	Louisiana
2019	October 2019	Georgia
2020	October 2020	Florida

**Resolution of the
Technology Law Section,
State Bar of Georgia**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of technology law practitioners address privacy and security issues on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, in recent years, most continuing legal education and related programs sponsored by the Technology Law Section have addressed privacy and security issues as a part of such programs;

WHEREAS, in dialog with interested attorneys who practice specifically in the privacy and security areas, the Technology Law Section has learned that attorneys who practice privacy and security law do not necessarily perceive themselves as practicing technology law;

WHEREAS, the Technology Law Section desires to confirm its commitment to addressing all aspects of technology, privacy and security law practices, whether or not they overlap each other;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of attorneys who self-identify as privacy and security attorneys will benefit current members of the Technology Law Section; and

WHEREAS, the Technology Law Section intends to add programming and opportunities for interaction specifically targeting privacy and security legal practices while maintaining at least the same level and type of traditional programming and opportunities for interaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Technology Law Section hereby adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, Article 1, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Technology Law Section is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The name of this Section shall be the “Privacy & Technology Section”.

RESOLVED, Article 1, section 2, of the Bylaws of the Technology Law Section is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

This Section

- (i) serves attorneys who practice, or have an interest, in the law and business of technology, privacy or security,**
- (ii) encourages and facilitates interactions for these attorneys to learn, develop professional relationships, identify resources and serve others, and**
- (iii) embraces all of the business and legal aspects of each of these practices, recognizing that they frequently overlap each other and other areas of the law.**

RESOLVED, that upon enactment of these resolutions at a called meeting of the Technology Law Section, these resolutions be submitted to the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia for approval.

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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 21, 2016
The Lodge and Spa at Callaway/Pine Mountain, GA

The 265th meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia was held at the date and location shown above. Patrick T. O'Connor, President, presided.

Special Recognition

President Pat O'Connor recognized the members of the judiciary, the Past Presidents of the State Bar, and other special guests in attendance.

Roll Call

Secretary Darrell L. Sutton circulated the roll for signature. The list of those in attendance is attached as Exhibit A.

Future Meetings Schedule

The Board of Governors received a copy of the Future Meetings Schedule.

100th Anniversary of Women in the Profession

In connection with the State Bar of Georgia celebrating the 100th anniversary of the approval of legislation in 1916 that authorized women to practice law in Georgia, President Pat O'Connor recognized the following women lawyers for their contributions to the rule of law, the justice system, and careers exceeding half a century: Virginia Ware Killorin, Mary Ann E. Sears, Marilyn W. Carney, Louise Thornton Hornsby, and Margaret Robinson. Thereafter, the Board of Governors recognized all of the women lawyers in attendance.

Minutes of the 263rd and 264th Meetings of the Board of Governors

The minutes of the Board of Governors meetings on June 17 and June 18, 2016, at the Omni Amelia Island Hotel, Amelia Island, Florida, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Honoring Chief Justice Thompson

Following a report by President Pat O'Connor, the Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved a resolution recognizing out-going Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson for his outstanding service to the justice system of the State of Georgia. The resolution will be presented to Chief Justice Thompson at the Midyear Meeting.

Appointments to the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency (CCLC)

The Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, approved the appointment of Kent Altom and Anne Kaufold-Wiggins to the CCLC for three-year terms (2017-2019).

Proposed Bar Rules Changes

Following a report by Bill NeSmith, the Board of Governors took the following action on proposed changes to the Bar's rules:

Proposed Rule

1) Rule 1.501 License Fees (Exhibit C)

Action

A motion preserving the right of an attorney to have a hearing before termination at the five-year threshold in subsection (c) passed by majority hand vote

A motion recommending the amended rule to the Supreme Court of Georgia passed by unanimous voice vote

- 2) Rule 1-501.1 License Fee – Late Fee (Exhibit B) Approved recommending to the Supreme Court of Georgia by unanimous voice vote
- 3) Rule 4-402 Formal Advisory Opinion Board (Exhibit D) Approved recommending to the Supreme Court of Georgia by unanimous voice vote
- 4) Rule 5.5 Unauthorized Practice of Law, Multijurisdictional Practice of Law (Exhibit D) Approved recommending to the Supreme Court of Georgia by unanimous voice vote

Communications Committee PSAs

Communications Committee Co-chair Sonjui Kumar presented three PSAs that were developed for the Bar’s media campaign, “Who needs lawyers? We do.” This is in support of the Bar’s strategic plan initiative to increase the positive perception of the legal profession through the media. The PSAs feature actual clients whose lives were changed for the better due to the exceptional efforts of their attorneys. The PSAs will be launched on social media on Veterans Day. President Pat O’Connor reported to the Board of Governors that the media cost to push the PSAs on television and radio will be approximately \$250,000 and will be paid from the Cornerstones of Freedom line item of the 2016-17 State Bar budget.

Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)

President Pat O’Connor briefly reported on the issues and changes that have occurred at ICLE. This includes a State Bar ICLE Study Committee, chaired by Past President Hal Daniel, to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors on what to do if the ICLE Board of Trustees were to ask the State Bar to house ICLE. He also commended Dean Bo Rutledge and all the staff at the University of Georgia (UGA) for their helpfulness during the transition process.

ICLE Board of Trustees Report

Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman, ICLE Board of Trustees Chair, reported that ICLE, under interim Executive Director Doug Ashworth, is continuing to offer its full array of seminars with an abbreviated staff. He explained that ICLE is a consortium between the State Bar and Georgia’s five law schools. The staff was, and until December 31 are, employees of UGA as well as ICLE. Upon receiving information from a whistleblower, UGA conducted an audit of ICLE’s operations. When UGA was presented the findings of the audit, it terminated from its employment three ICLE staff. The ICLE Board of Trustees immediately suspended those employees from their ICLE employment to allow ICLE time to conduct its own audit. That suspension ended today and those employees are no longer associated with ICLE, two of the employees having resigned from ICLE and one having been conditionally terminated should ICLE not receive his resignation. In the meantime, the Board of Trustees has been looking at the future of ICLE as either a standalone entity or a commission or program of the State Bar. Following the Board of Trustees meeting today, the Trustees voted to enter into discussions with the State Bar about bringing ICLE under the Bar’s umbrella. Because of ICLE’s structure as an unincorporated 501(c)(3) organization, ICLE’s assets would go to the State Bar, but would be segregated for the sole purpose of ICLE. ICLE staff would be Bar employees, but an oversight board would still be able to set policies as to programming. To move forward in this direction, the State Bar needs approval for the execution of ICLE moving into the Bar.

State Bar ICLE Study Committee Report

Past President Hal Daniel, Chair of the ICLE Study Committee, reported on the actions and recommendations of the Committee. The Study Committee identified two options for consideration. Option one would fold ICLE into the State Bar as a Bar program with a standing committee for oversight. Option two would bring ICLE into the State Bar as a commission similar to the CCLC. Under option two, policy decisions would be made by the commission and it would develop its own rules of operation. The commission’s funding would come from the revenues it generates through CLE program fees. The employees would still be Bar employees. He reported that it was the consensus of the Study Committee that it would be a good thing for ICLE to be under the umbrella of the State Bar, and that it unanimously recommended option two, that ICLE be set up as a commission, but with a director different than the Bar’s executive director.

State Bar’s Interim Relationship with ICLE

President Pat O’Connor reported that instead of an interim relationship, the ICLE Board of Trustees is looking for the Bar to embrace the idea of a permanent relationship, subject to reviewing a specific proposal and the proposal being thoroughly vetted and approved. The Board of Governors meets only periodically, and in between, the Executive Committee has the authority to act on its behalf. He does not, however, want the Executive Committee to act without input and buy-in from the Board. The alternative is to reconvene another Board meeting, but timing for this is an issue because ICLE is in danger of losing more employees, and its affiliation with UGA ends on December 31. He opened-up the floor for discussion. David Cannon requested that the amount of the CLE reporting fees be revisited during this transition. President Pat O’Connor agreed that this, along with all ICLE operations, would be reviewed in the event ICLE is taken into the State Bar. The Board of Governors, by unanimous voice vote, endorsed the Executive Committee acting on the request that has been made by the ICLE Board of Trustees.

Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL)/Legislative Proposals

Following a report by ACL Committee Chair Jon Pannell, the Board of Governors took the following action on proposed legislation:

<u>Legislative Proposal</u>	<u>Germane to Purposes of the Bar</u>	<u>Support on Merits 2/3 Majority</u>
Georgia Appellate Practice and Educational Resource Center		
1) Funding Request	Passed by unanimous voice vote	Passed by unanimous voice vote
Nonprofit Law Section		
1) Redomestication of Nonprofit Corporations	Passed by unanimous voice vote	Passed by unanimous voice vote
Child Protection and Advocacy Section		
1) Juvenile Practice and Proceedings Proposal	Passed by unanimous voice vote	Passed by unanimous voice vote
Fiduciary Law Section		
1) Amendments to Georgia’s Rule Against Perpetuities and Additional Methods for Modifying Irrevocable Trust	Passed by unanimous voice vote	Passed by unanimous voice vote
2) Creation of a Georgia Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act	Passed by unanimous voice vote	Passed by unanimous voice vote

Jon Pannell announced that the next ACL Committee meeting is on November 29, 2016.

Legislative Update

Rusty Sewell provided an update on the upcoming 2017 legislative session.

Review of the State Bar's Position on the JQC Amendment

Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman reviewed what transpired last year regarding the JQC issue and the State Bar's opposition to the proposed legislation during the last legislative session. He reminded the Board that this legislation was fast moving and it ultimately passed by only one vote. He also reminded the Board that research showed a media buy necessary to mount a media campaign against the JQC Amendment would cost \$4 million, and a public campaign by the Bar against the Amendment would likely harm the State Bar's ability to participate in the reworking of the legislation that will constitute the JQC if the Amendment passes. President Pat O'Connor stated that, in his view, when acting on this issue, the goal should be to make sound decisions that ultimately help improve the JQC.

JQC Legislative Task Force

President-elect Buck Rogers, JQC Legislative Task Force chair, reported on the activities of the Task Force. The Task Force conducted a cross-jurisdictional study and Georgia is in the minority with one of the smallest commissions and one without separate adjudicative and investigative panels. Both he and President Pat O'Connor were invited to sit-in on meetings of the JQC Rules Revision Committee chaired by Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias. That committee's proposed rules provide for a 12-member commission and a two-panel bifurcated system (investigative and hearing panel). Any rules changes that contemplate a two-panel JQC require a constitutional amendment dissolving the current JQC and allowing for it to be reconstituted otherwise. The Task Force supports those rules revisions, especially because they will allow for input by the State Bar in how a new JQC is constituted. The Task Force's recommendation is that the State Bar not take a formal position on the JQC constitutional amendment.

JQC Rules Revision Committee

Ed Tolley reported on the activities of the JQC Rules Revision Committee chaired by Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias, which is drafting new internal rules for the JQC in an effort to modernize Georgia's JQC. It is striving to provide for a system that the public can be confident in, while at the same time affording judges the due process they deserve.

If the JQC constitutional amendment is not approved, 7 commissioners, as presently constituted, will remain in place. If the amendment passes, however, the Committee is prepared to propose that the legislature approve a 12-member commission with two panels, investigative and hearing. Nine members would make up the investigative panel (3 lawyers, 3 judges, 3 public members) and would conduct investigations. The other 3 members would make up the hearing panel (1 lawyer, 1 judge, 1 public member) and adjudicate complaints. Of note, the proposed composition preserves appointments by the State Bar. The Committee is also dealing with rules on advisory opinions and provisions for members term limits, removals and disqualifications. Concerning the removal of judges, the Committee's position is that the Supreme Court will and should have the final review.

Constitutional Amendment 3 (JQC)

Seth Kirschenbaum presented a resolution opposing Constitutional Amendment 3. Following a motion and second that the State Bar pass the resolution opposing Constitutional Amendment 3, and a lengthy discussion among the Board members, the Board of Governors took the following action:

- 1) By 2/3 voice vote, failed to pass a motion to postpone action on the resolution until November 4, 2016;

- 2) By unanimous voice vote, approved an amended motion to change the language in the resolution of “Judicial Code of Conduct” to “Georgia Code of Judicial Conduct;”
- 3) By unanimous voice vote, accepted the amendment; and
- 4) By majority voice vote, approved a motion calling the questions; and
- 5) By a stand-up vote of 48 in favor to 55 opposed, failed to pass the amended resolution in opposition to Constitutional Amendment 3.

Report of the President

President Pat O’Connor reported that it has been a challenging but productive four months. At its core, the profession is about building relationships. He recognized the following recently deceased attorneys who were influential in their own rights: Past President Jeff Bramlett, John Mayoue and Aron Weiner. He stated that he is excited about the celebration of the 100th anniversary of women lawyers and the new PSAs. The State Bar is going to try and develop more PSAs in the future so if any lawyer has a story to tell they should contact Sarah Coole. He reported that the Bar’s leadership stepped up during the Bar exam issue. He recognized Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman for the work he has done in leading ICLE and also thanked the law school deans for their support. He especially thanked interim ICLE Executive Director Doug Ashworth for carrying the ICLE program forward. He has kept the Board members abreast of the issues and will continue to do so. He thanked the Board members for always doing their best and for the good debate today. He invited the Board members to become Fellows of the Georgia Bar Foundation. Funds generated by the Fellows program will be used to support indigent defense efforts. He announced that the Military Law Section is planning a WWI Commemorative Voyage to Belgium and France planned on October 2-14, 2017, and anyone interested in attending should contact Norman Zoller. He stated that he is honored to serve as Bar President; that we have accomplished a lot and have challenges ahead, but will continue to work as hard as we can, and thanked the Board members for their service.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Kenneth B. Hodges reported on the Bar’s finances and investments. The Board of Governors received copies of the combined Operations and Bar Center Consolidated Revenues and Expenditures Report as of June 30, 2015; Income Statement YTD for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2015; Bar Center Revenues and Expenditures Summary for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2015; State Bar Balance Sheet for June 30, 2015; and the Summary of Selected Payment Information at July 1, 2016.

Attorney Wellness Task Force Report

Attorney Wellness Task Force Chair Kenneth B. Hodges announced that the wellness program is participating in an Out of Darkness Walk on November 6, which is a walk to raise awareness about the issues of suicide. He also announced that there is a walk/fun run scheduled in the morning.

YLD Report

YLD President Jennifer Campbell Mock reported that in August the Women in the Profession Committee put together an exhibit and program to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women in the Profession. She thanked Morgan Clemons and her committee for creating such an outstanding program. The Estate Planning Committee continues to conduct its Wills Clinics around the state. The Law School Outreach Committee has visited all six law schools and has received a great response and feedback from the law students. The Leadership Academy applications have been sent out for this year’s Academy, and its first meeting will take place in Columbus. The Annual Signature Fundraiser will be held on February 25,

2017, and Georgia CASA is this year's beneficiary. She stated that the YLD would love to have any interested Board members attend an event and share their experiences with the young lawyers.

Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee

This report was moved to the Midyear Meeting. The Board of Governors received a handout of the Proposed Revisions to the Disciplinary Rules.

Aging Lawyers Task Force

This report was moved to the Midyear Meeting.

Member Benefits Committee Cloudlaw/Zeekbeek

Member Benefits Committee Chair John Kennedy reported that the committee is looking at a proposal from CloudLaw, Inc. to create linked member directories that help consumers find active Georgia attorneys on Zeekbeek.com. Features members can take advantage of include the ability to create customized profiles that consumers can search to find a lawyer, establish unique URLs that allow members to use the profile page as a personal website, and several others. It would be a free service for State Bar members and a good resource to members of the public needing lawyers. The Committee will continue to study the proposal and report further at the Midyear Meeting.

Law-Related Program and Virtual Law Museum

This report was moved to the Midyear Meeting.

BASICS Fundraiser

BASICS Committee Chair Seth Kirschenbaum announced that the BASICS program is planning a 40th Anniversary Gala fundraiser on March 4, 2017.

Executive Committee Minutes

The Board of Governors received copies of the minutes from Executive Committee meetings held on May 19, June 29, and August 16, 2016.

Strategic Plan Update

The Board members received a written report on the Strategic Plan.

Office of the General Counsel

The Board of Governors received a written report on the activities of the Office of the General Counsel.

Military Legal Assistance Program (MLAP)

The Board of Governors received a written report on the activities of the MLAP.

Consumer Assistance Program

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

Law Practice Management Program

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

Unlicensed Practice of Law

The Board of Governors received a written report on the Formal Investigations undertaken by the Unlicensed Practice of Law Program.

Communications Update

The Board of Governors received a written report on the Bar's Communications at a glance.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Darrell L. Sutton, Secretary

Patrick T. O'Connor, President

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

2016-2017

MINUTES OF MEETING 2

November 29, 2016

State Bar of Georgia Headquarters

Atlanta, GA

The second meeting of the 2016-2017 State Bar of Georgia Advisory Committee on Legislation ("ACL") was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

ATTENDANCE

The following members and liaisons were present: Jonathan Pannell (Chair), Pat O'Connor (Executive Committee Liaison), Christine Butcher (Staff Liaison), Mark Alexander, Thomas Burnside, Ivy Cadle, Carol Clark, Patricia Gorham, Stephanie Graham, Curtis Jenkins, Dawn Jones, Ryan Leonard, Judge Lawton Stephens, Frank Strickland, Nancy Whaley, Thomas Worthy and Senator Josh McKoon.

The following members and liaisons participated via conference call: Tracy Benzo, J. Anderson Davis, Harold Franklin, Patricia Gorham, Stephanie Graham, Curtis Jenkins, Elena Kaplan, Dennis Sanders, Dan Snipes, Carl Varnedoe, J. Henry Walker, and Judge Benjamin Brinson.

Other present included: Buck Rogers (Executive Committee), Rusty Sewell (consultant), Wanda Segars (consultant), Mark Middleton (consultant), Jeff Davis, Paula Frederick, Bill Smith, Jessica Rock, Claudine Wilkinson, Ken Shigley, Bret Channess, Tracy Mason, Tyler Mashburn, Ashley Garner, Bryan Tyson, Vicky Kimbrell, Bob Bray, Derrick Pope, Pilar Prinz, Shannon Weathers, Eric John, Sandy Lee, Anne Lewis, Nicki Vaughn, Carl Barnado, and Brian Kammer.

CALL TO ORDER

ACL Chair Jon Pannell called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Roll call was taken by signature. Persons attending the meeting, including those participating by phone, introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting were unanimously 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 midyear meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on January 7, 2017.

1. **Antenuptial Agreements.** Pilar Prinz presented the proposal for the Family Law Section, which amends O.C.G.A. 19-3-62(a) and others to provide that all antenuptial agreements between parties contemplating a future settlement upon one spouse must be in writing and must be attested by at least two witnesses. This legislation had been previously supported by the ACL and the Board of Governors in anticipation of the 2015 legislative session. The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on January 7, 2017.

2. **Funding Support for E-filing Portal.** Ken Shigley presented on behalf of the Judicial Council's Technology Committee. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is asking for \$500,000 in the FY18 state budget to implement a statewide e-filing portal. The e-filing portal is intended to interface with the current systems used by the Superior Court clerks, so that attorneys, paralegal, and administrative assistants can access each county's e-filing system through one central domain, creating a "one-stop shop". The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on January 7, 2017.

3. **Savings Statute.** Bret Channess of the Real Property Section presented this proposal, which seeks to amend current Georgia law by allowing for constructive notice of an improperly executed recordable instrument that is nevertheless accepted for recording by the clerk. The legislation also expands the allowable use of affidavits to cure defects in execution to allow for either official or unofficial witnesses to provide such an affidavit. The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on January 7, 2017.

4. **Assessed Fees for Condo Letters.** Bret Channess of the Real Property Section presented this proposal, which seeks to revise O.C.G.A. 44-3-109 and 44-3-232 to expressly state fees and the specific amounts that can be charged by a condominium association for payoff letters. The committee was favorable to the intent of the legislation, which is to notify consumers of exactly which fees they may be required to pay. However, the committee expressed concerns that the maximum amount (\$35) that could be assessed by the legislation was arbitrary. No action was taken by the committee on this proposed legislation.

5. Civil Immunity for Property Damage Related to Animals in Locked Motor

Vehicles. Jessica Rock and Claudine Wilkinson presented this proposal on behalf of the Animal Law Section, which seeks to amend O.C.G.A. 51-1-29 to provide civil immunity for property damage when removing a domesticated animal in imminent danger of harm from a locked motor vehicle. After discussion, the committee voted that the proposed legislation failed to comply with the standard set out in *Keller v. State Bar of California*.

6. Funding Request for Legal Representation for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Derrick Pope of Georgia Legal Services presented this proposal on behalf of the Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession. The proposal asks for renewed funding of \$2.5 million to the Administrative Office of the Courts for grants to legal services providers for representation of victims of domestic violence. The *Keller* vote was unanimous. The vote supporting this proposal was unanimous. The Board of Governors will consider this proposal on January 7, 2017.

Election and Political Law Update

Christine Butcher updated the committee on the results of the November 8, 2016 election. The House gained two new attorneys, Meagan Hanson and Deborah Silcox, and the Senate gained one attorney, Blake Tillery. As a result of Congressman Tom Price's appointment as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a few of members of the Georgia General Assembly will likely resign from their seats to run for this newly open congressional seat. Rusty Sewell gave an overview of potential new committee assignments and chairmanships for the 2017 legislative session.

Judiciary Update

Tracy Mason gave a brief update from the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts.

Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, Chair Jon Pannell adjourned the meeting at 11:38 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) and other code sections 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, at least one of whom shall be a notary.
2. This legislation will eliminate the confusion concerning what constitutes a “marriage article”, eliminate a parol marriage article, and limit 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, at least one of whom shall be a notary.
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. 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.
4. There are no known opponents of the proposed legislation. This is the same proposed legislation that was included in the State Bar legislative package for the past 2 years. There was positive feedback on HB 405 in the legislature and we request that it be re-included in this year’s bar legislative package.
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.

Marvin Solomiany, Family Law Section Chairperson

Pilar Prinz, Family Law Section, Legislative Liaison

EXHIBIT "A

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

See HB 405 in last revised version at the attached link:

: <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20152016/HB/405>

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 405:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 13 and Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code
2 of Georgia Annotated, relating to the defense of the statute of frauds in contracts and
3 marriage generally, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to agreements required
4 to be in writing; to change provisions relating to marriage articles; to provide for a definition;
5 to clarify provisions relating to antenuptial agreements; to repeal provisions relating to
6 recording certain documents; to modernize terminology and repeal arcane concepts; to
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
11 defense of the statute of frauds in contracts, is amended by revising Code Section 13-5-30,
12 relating to agreements required to be in writing, as follows:

13 "13-5-30.

14 To make the following obligations binding on the promisor, the promise must be in writing
15 and signed by the party to be charged therewith or some person lawfully authorized by him
16 or her:

- 17 (1) A promise by an executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee to answer damages out
18 of his or her own estate;
- 19 (2) A promise to answer for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another;
- 20 (3) Any agreement made upon consideration of marriage; ~~except marriage articles as~~
21 ~~provided in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 19;~~
- 22 (4) Any contract for sale of lands, or any interest in, or concerning lands;
- 23 (5) Any agreement that is not to be performed within one year from the making thereof;
- 24 (6) Any promise to revive a debt barred by a statute of limitation; and
- 25 (7) Any commitment to lend money."

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SECTION 2.

27 Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to marriage
 28 generally, is amended by revising Article 3, relating to marriage articles, contracts, and
 29 settlements, as follows:

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"ARTICLE 3

31 19-3-60.

32 (a) As used in this article, the term 'antenuptial agreement' means a contract entered into
 33 prior to a marriage that determines property rights or contemplates a future settlement upon
 34 one spouse as to a future resolution of issues, including, but not limited to, year's support,
 35 spousal support, and equitable division of property.

36 (b) Marriage is a valuable consideration; and a spouse stands, as to property of the other
 37 spouse settled upon a spouse by marriage contract, as do other purchasers for value,
 38 provided that by the contract a spouse shall not incapacitate himself or herself from paying
 39 his or her existing just debts.

40 19-3-61.

41 The minority of either party to ~~marriage articles, as defined in subsection (a) of Code~~
 42 ~~Section 19-3-62;~~ an antenuptial agreement or to a marriage contract shall not invalidate it,
 43 so long as the party is of lawful age to contract marriage.

44 19-3-62.

45 An antenuptial agreement shall be in writing, signed by both parties who agree to be bound,
 46 and attested by at least two witnesses, one of whom shall be a notary public. Antenuptial
 47 agreements shall be liberally construed to carry into effect the intention of the parties, and
 48 no want of form or technical expression shall invalidate such agreements.

49 ~~(a) As used in this article, the term 'marriage articles' means any antenuptial agreement~~
 50 ~~between the parties to a marriage contemplating a future settlement upon one spouse.~~
 51 ~~Marriage articles, whether by parol or in writing, may be executed and enforced by a court~~
 52 ~~of equity at the instance of the spouse at any time during the life of the other spouse, so~~
 53 ~~long as the rights of third persons, purchasers, or creditors, in good faith and without~~
 54 ~~notice, are not affected thereby.~~

55 ~~(b) An agreement perfect in itself which needs no future conveyance to effect its purposes~~
 56 ~~is an executed contract and does not come under the definition of marriage articles.~~

57 19-3-63.

58 Every marriage contract in writing, made in contemplation of marriage, shall be liberally
59 construed to carry into effect the intention of the parties, and no want of form or technical
60 expression shall invalidate the same. ~~The contract must~~ Such marriage contract shall be
61 in writing, signed by both parties who agree to be bound, and attested by at least two
62 witnesses, one of whom shall be a notary public.

63 19-3-64.

64 A spouse may voluntarily execute an antenuptial agreement, ~~described in Code Section~~
65 ~~19-3-62~~ or he or she may at any time during the marriage, either indirectly through trustees
66 or directly to his or her spouse, convey any property to which he or she has title, subject
67 to the rights of prior purchasers or creditors without notice.

68 19-3-65.

69 The judge of the superior court of the county of a spouse's domicile may at any time, upon
70 petition, exercise equitable powers in appointing, removing, or substituting trustees or in
71 granting any order for the protection of the trust estate, exercising a wise discretion as to
72 the terms on which the appointment shall be made or on which the order shall be granted.
73 ~~The proceeding in each case shall be transmitted to the clerk of the superior court, to be~~
74 ~~recorded in the book of the minutes of the court.~~

75 19-3-66.

76 (a) Marriage contracts and postnuptial settlements shall be enforced at the instance of all
77 persons in whose favor there are limitations of the estate.

78 (b) Antenuptial agreements may be enforced by a court of equity at the instance of:

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80 ~~executed only at the instance of the~~ The parties to the marriage; contract and the

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82 ~~persons, purchasers, or creditors in good faith and without notice are not affected; or~~

83 (3) ~~The offspring of the marriage and their heirs at any time after the death of a spouse;~~
84 ~~but, when executed at their instance provided, however, that when enforced at the~~
85 ~~instance of such offspring and their heirs, the court may execute also enforce~~ in favor of
86 other persons ~~and volunteers.~~

87 ~~19-3-67:~~

88 ~~(a)~~ Every marriage contract and every voluntary settlement made by one spouse with the
89 ~~other, whether or not in execution of marriage articles, shall be recorded in the office of the~~

90 clerk of the superior court of the county of the residence of the spouse making the
 91 settlement within three months after the execution thereof. If such a contract or settlement
 92 is made in another state and the parties subsequently move into this state, the same shall
 93 be recorded within three months from the move. If the settled property is in this state and
 94 the parties reside in another state, the record shall be made in the county where the property
 95 is located within the time specified above.

96 (b) A contract or settlement which is not recorded as provided in subsection (a) of this
 97 Code section shall be of no force or effect against one who, bona fide and without notice,
 98 becomes a purchaser, creditor, or surety before the actual recording of the same.

99 ~~19-3-68:~~

100 (a) ~~If the trustee or the spouse having possession of a marriage contract or settlement fails~~
 101 ~~or refuses to have the same recorded, the other spouse or any person acting on behalf of the~~
 102 ~~spouse may apply to the judge of the superior court at any time for an order compelling its~~
 103 ~~recordation. The application of the spouse or other person, when entered on the minutes~~
 104 ~~of the superior court, shall be a notice equivalent to the record of the marriage contract or~~
 105 ~~trust deed.~~

106 (b) ~~A trustee refusing after demand to record a marriage contract or settlement shall be~~
 107 ~~personally liable to his beneficiary for all damages sustained by reason of his failure to~~
 108 ~~record."~~

109 **SECTION 3.**

110 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Kenneth Shigley, State Bar Representative

CC: Justice Harold Melton, Standing Committee on Technology Chair
Mr. Jorge Basto, Sub-committee Chair

FROM: Ms. Wendy Hosch, Judicial Information Services Manager

RE: Centralized Customer eAccess Portal for Court Services

DATE: November 16, 2016

Message: Collaboration of state justice partners including judicial, executive, and legislative representatives facilitates ease of use and access by court customers, from public to professional. This cross agency collaboration mirrors many other justice initiatives spearheaded by Chief Justice Thompson and Governor Deal.

Background: The Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Technology, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is requesting \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 to build phase 1 of a central court eAccess Portal. This funding request will be presented to the General Assembly by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

The Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia published a Resolution on Electronic Court Filing in 2011 that was used as a reference and guide in the creation of a functional requirements document and project cost estimate. Due to positive changes in the environment at the state level on broad collaborative technology solutions, this project garnered wide support throughout justice system participants. The project scope supports and addresses many of the critical features outlined in Exhibit A of this Resolution. Standards and practical application would be under the direction of the Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Technology.

Reference

Board of Governors Resolution on Electronic Court Filing (2011)

Exhibit A Critical Features

- Single Portal – Proposal for single portal hosted by the Judicial Council at georgiacourts.gov website
- Single Login – technology solution to leverage single master account administered by the customer portal. Use existing credentials or apply for new master account credentials
- Authentication – managed by central customer portal, shares trusted partner status through token exchange
- Transmission – redirect customer / attorney to clerk’s document or e-filing portal for package creation, generation, payments, searches, notifications, purchases by electronic means
- Support vendor agnostic environment to allow multiple technology solutions and future growth
- Web browser environment in support of multiple platforms and vendors through standards oversight
- Timeliness – near real time transmissions with date and time stamps, as well as filing stamps from clerks’ office, electronic communications as supported by vendors under clerk directions
- Electronic signatures – supported by e-filing vendors, in vendor agnostic environment through the use of standards
- Mobility – standards and access by promoting mobility standards of anytime, any platform within current appropriate technology standards. May not support out of date technologies
- Leverages – existing relationships and local controls through clerks and e-file vendors, through technology handoffs
- Accommodates – changes in the environment and technology through one centralized portal
- Standards driven – Judicial Council Standing Committee on Technology, oversight body inclusive of courts, clerks, bar, executive and legislative participants

PROPOSAL RE: CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE OF IMPROPERLY EXECUTED DEEDS, MORTGAGES, DEEDS TO SECURE DEBT, AND OTHER RECORDABLE INSTRUMENTS

1. Specific legislation has been prepared and is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. This legislation will change Georgia law by allowing for constructive notice of improperly executed recordable instruments that are nevertheless accepted for recording by the clerk. Constructive notice begins four (4) years after the date it is accepted for recording by the clerk. Furthermore, the legislation expands the allowable use of affidavits to cure defects in execution to allow for either official or unofficial witnesses to provide such an affidavit.
3. Under current Georgia law, a deed, mortgage, deed to secure debt, or bill of sale to secure debt which is signed by the maker and accepted by the clerk for recording, but not attested by an officer as provided in O.C.G.A. § 44-2-15 and attested by one other witness (or if the attestation is defective, such as a missing notary seal), does not provide constructive notice to subsequent bona fide purchasers. *See Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Gordon*, 292 Ga. 474, 479 S.E.2d 368 (2013); *U.S. Bank Nat'l Ass'n v. Gordon*, 289 Ga. 12, 709 S.E.2d 258 (2011). This applies equally to all recordable instruments. *See* O.C.G.A. § 44-2-14(a). Further, under current Georgia law, if a deed is signed by the maker and accepted for recording by the clerk but is not attested to by an officer as provided in O.C.G.A. § 44-2-15, it may be cured at any time by the recording of an affidavit from the subscribing witness. *See* O.C.G.A. § 44-2-18. The current law does not allow for an affidavit to cure the missing signature of an unofficial witness. The proposed Act revises O.C.G.A. § 44-2-18 to allow for a missing unofficial witness signature to be cured.
4. Potential proponents of the legislation are title insurers, who often must pay expensive settlements to their insured lenders or to bankruptcy trustees. If a borrower under a security deed files for bankruptcy, and the trustee determines that it is improperly executed, they can file an action to set aside the security deed and sell the property. For this reason, bankruptcy trustees may be opposed to the legislation. Other proponents of the legislation may include secured creditors and lenders who rely upon their security interests being properly recorded in the deed records.
5. The Bankruptcy Section and Creditors' Rights Section may have an interest in the legislation.
6. The Real Property Law Section recommends that this proposal be adopted by the State Bar of Georgia.

EXHIBIT "A"

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 14 of Title 44 and Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the recordation of mortgages, deed to secure debt, and bills of sale to secure debt so as to provide that mortgages with certain patent defects but accepted by the clerk for recording shall nevertheless provide constructive notice to subsequent bona fide purchasers; and to allow certain defects to be corrected by affidavit at any time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

Section 1. A new Section 44-2-14(e) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is established as follows:

If any deed to realty or personalty or any mortgage, deed to secure debt, bond for title, or other recordable instrument is not attested or acknowledged as provided by law but nevertheless filed for record in the clerk of the superior court's office in the county or counties where the land is located, such instrument shall be constructive notice to subsequent bona fide purchasers in the absence of fraud beginning four (4) years from the date that said instrument was filed for record.

Section 2. Section 44-14-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is established as follows:

In order to admit a mortgage to record, it shall be signed by the maker, attested by an officer as provided in Code Section 44-2-15, and attested by one other witness.

Section 3. Section 44-14-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended as follows:

Subject to Code Section 44-2-14(a)(1), a mortgage which is recorded in an improper office or which is so defectively recorded as not to give notice to a prudent inquirer shall not be held to be notice to subsequent bona fide purchasers. A mere formal mistake in the record shall not vitiate it.

Section 4. Section 44-2-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended as follows:

If a deed is neither attested by nor acknowledged before one of the officers named in Code Section 44-2-15, or is not attested by one other witness who is not one of the officers named in Code Section 44-2-15, or if an attestation or acknowledgement is defective, it may be recorded upon the affidavit of the person who failed to attest or acknowledge the deed or whose attestation or acknowledgement is otherwise defective, which affidavit shall be made before any one of the officers named in Code Section 44-2-15 and shall testify to the execution of the deed

and its attestation according to law. A substantial compliance with the requirements of this Code section shall be held sufficient in the absence of all suspicion of fraud.

Section 6. Sections 1 through 3 of this Act is effective as to deeds and other recordable instruments that are filed for record on or after the effective date of this Act. Section 4 of this Act is retroactive to the fullest extent provided for by the law.

Section 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.



State Bar of Georgia

Lawyers Serving the Public and the Justice System

September 28, 2016

Ms. Christine Butcher
Director of Governmental Affairs
State Bar of Georgia
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Re: Legislative Proposal – Domestic Violence Funding for 2018 SFY

Dear Christine:

We write on behalf of the State Bar's Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession 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 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 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 for the 2018 SFY. We understand that the Judicial Council is also making this specific dollar request in their budget and we ask that the Advisory Committee on Legislation to support it as well.

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. The General Assembly has recognized the importance of providing legal services to victims of domestic violence, and has provided funding to do so every year since. This year's appropriation was \$2,500,000, which is the same request that we are making for SFY 2017-18. This funding helps to provide assistance for the legal needs of survivors of domestic violence that would otherwise go unmet. In addition, each \$1 spent on temporary protective orders, saves \$30.75 in costs for law endorsement, hospital, incarceration, and community services. The Judicial Council is committing to this level and the State Bar of Georgia should stand with it.

The Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Professional is aware of no opposition to this proposal for the appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the 2018 SFY year. It is our 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.

We thank you for your consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,

Joyce Gist Lewis, Co-Chair
Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession

Derrick Alexander Pope, Co-Chair
Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession

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12/5/2016

State Bar of Georgia Consolidated Revenues and Expenditures as of October 31, 2016
Operations and Bar Center

Activity	2016-17 Net Dues	Actual YTD 2016-17			Budget 2016-17	
		# Memb.	Amount	% of Bud	# Memb.	Amount
Active	\$248	37,548	\$9,278,345	97.9%	38,560	\$9,476,080
Inactive	\$124	8,750	\$1,097,094	99.5%	8,890	\$1,103,060
Associates	\$100	12	\$1,200	60.0%	20	\$2,000
Foreign Legal Cnsit	\$248	8	\$1,984	100.0%	8	\$1,984
Students	\$0	194	\$0	0.0%	170	\$0
Emeritus	\$0	1,742	\$0	0.0%	1,650	\$0
Late Fees			\$260,575	104.2%		\$250,000
Prior Years Dues			\$927	13.2%		\$7,000
Total License & Dues		48,254	\$10,640,125	98.2%	47,648	\$10,840,124
Bar Center Revenue			\$985,164	25.8%		\$3,822,652
Alloc. Section Fees			\$131,556	100.0%		\$131,556
CSF Expense Reimb.			\$24,333	33.3%		\$73,000
Advertising & Sales			\$13,014	10.1%		\$128,700
Membership Income			\$46,232	29.3%		\$158,030
Interest Income			\$23,538	31.4%		\$75,000
Miscellaneous			\$256	10.2%		\$2,500
Total Revenue			\$11,864,218	77.9%		\$15,231,562
Total Expenses			\$5,008,404	30.4%		\$16,473,664
Net Gain (Loss)			\$6,855,814			(\$1,242,102)

State Bar Reserves

Board Designated Reserves

Operating Reserve	\$2,750,000
Bar Center Reserve	2,000,000
Litigation Reserve	300,000
Cornerstones of Freedom	600,000

Total Designated Reserves

\$5,650,000

Projected Surplus (Cash Basis) 6/30/17

Operations	(\$4,847,235)
Bar Center	\$9,374,781
Total Surplus	\$4,527,546

Total Reserves

\$10,177,546

State Bar of Georgia
Summary of Dues and Voluntary Contributions
At November 30

Total Number of Members at
 Apr 30 of prev Bar year (active and inactive)

	Dues Season May 2016 - July 2017	Dues Season May 2015- July 2016	Dues Season May 2014 - July 2015
46,659	<u>46,659</u>	<u>46,113</u>	<u>45,133</u>
Dues			
Active - Number Paid	37,990	37,376	36,717
Inactive - Number Paid	<u>8,766</u>	<u>8,677</u>	<u>8,608</u>
Total Number Paid	<u>46,756</u>	<u>46,053</u>	<u>45,325</u>
Percent Paid	<u>100.21%</u>	<u>99.87%</u>	<u>100.43%</u>
Total Amount Paid - Active and Inactive	<u>10,466,367</u>	<u>10,298,822</u>	<u>10,121,731</u>

Georgia Legal Services

Number Paid	<u>2,373</u>	<u>2,289</u>	<u>2,282</u>
Percent of Total Members Paid	<u>5.08%</u>	<u>4.97%</u>	<u>5.03%</u>
Amount Paid	<u>274,215</u>	<u>263,635</u>	<u>254,239</u>
Average Amount Paid	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 115</u>	<u>\$ 111</u>

Legislative

Number Paid	<u>5,929</u>	<u>5,982</u>	<u>6,490</u>
Percent of Total Members Paid	<u>12.68%</u>	<u>12.99%</u>	<u>14.32%</u>
Amount Paid	<u>556,382</u>	<u>563,129</u>	<u>613,625</u>
Average Amount Paid	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 95</u>

Projected 2016-17 Dues Year Totals

Georgia Legal Services	<u>\$ 285,000</u>
Legislative	<u>\$ 575,000</u>

**Contribution Amounts by Dues Year
(May 1 - April 30)**

	GLSP	Legislative
2015 - 2016	<u>\$ 264,493</u>	<u>\$ 565,004</u>
2014 - 2015	<u>\$ 255,713</u>	<u>\$ 640,505</u>
2013 - 2014	<u>\$ 241,362</u>	<u>\$ 691,736</u>
2012 - 2013	<u>\$ 244,707</u>	<u>\$ 685,283</u>
2011 - 2012	<u>\$ 240,678</u>	<u>\$ 656,254</u>
2010 - 2011	<u>\$ 241,772</u>	<u>\$ 657,526</u>
2009 - 2010	<u>\$ 235,276</u>	<u>\$ 650,806</u>
2008 - 2009	<u>\$ 249,480</u>	<u>\$ 660,570</u>
2007 - 2008	<u>\$ 264,255</u>	<u>\$ 1,235,022</u>
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

December 1, 2016

State Bar of Georgia
Income Statement YTD - Operations Only
For the Four Months Ending October 31, 2016

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Ytd % of Bud
Revenues			
Dues - Active	\$ 9,280,329	\$ 9,476,080	97.93
Dues - Inactive	1,097,094	1,103,060	99.46
Dues - Misc. Types	1,200	3,984	30.12
Dues - Late Fees	261,502	257,000	101.75
Total Dues & Licenses	10,640,125	10,840,124	98.16
Section Expense Reimb.	131,556	131,556	100.00
CSF Expense Reimb.	24,333	73,000	33.33
Advertising and Sales	13,014	128,700	10.11
Membership Income	26,207	88,030	29.77
Pro Hac Vice Admissions	78,225	270,000	28.97
Pro Hac Vice GBF Contra Acct	(58,200)	(200,000)	29.10
Savannah Misc Income	0	0	0.00
Interest Income	23,538	75,000	31.38
Miscellaneous Revenues	256	2,500	10.24
Total Revenues	10,879,054	11,408,910	95.36
Expenses			
Administration	713,706	2,170,534	32.88
Management Info Systems	166,950	512,534	32.57
General Counsel	1,191,344	3,782,882	31.49
Consumer Assistance Pgm.	192,086	584,716	32.85
Communications	260,926	857,983	30.41
Fee Arbitration	168,785	554,826	30.42
Law Related Education	115,137	360,491	31.94
Law Practice Management	145,829	448,829	32.49
Coastal Georgia Office	71,744	221,838	32.34
South Georgia Office	51,690	168,371	30.70
Younger Lawyers Division	187,535	523,118	35.85
Unauthorized Practice of Law	260,401	798,730	32.60
Standards of the Profession	73,960	238,441	31.02
High School Mock Trial	22,902	106,317	21.54
Sections	43,776	131,556	33.28
Lawyer's Assistance Pgm	18,652	59,000	31.61
Pro Bono	70,739	212,216	33.33
Fastcase	66,531	207,000	32.14
Officers' Expenses	39,613	185,628	21.34
BASICS Program Contribution	150,000	150,000	100.00
Resource Center Contribution	110,332	110,332	100.00
Military/Vets Pro Bono	35,879	103,742	34.58
Other Expenses	(25,422)	1,051,830	(2.42)
Total Expenses	4,133,095	13,540,914	30.52
Net Income	\$ 6,745,959	\$ (2,132,004)	(316.41)

12/5/2016

State Bar of Georgia - Bar Center
Revenues and Expenditures - Executive Summary
For the Four Months Ended October 31, 2016

Activity	YTD 10/31/16		Budget
	Actual	% Budget	FY 17
Income and Cash Receipts			
CCLC Contribution	\$0	0.0%	\$1,300,000
Interest Income	\$3,808	25.4%	\$15,000
Member Assessment	\$225,256	76.4%	\$295,000
Room Rentals and Various Charges	\$12,656	37.7%	\$33,600
Parking Revenues	\$111,627	38.9%	\$287,235
Rental Income	\$432,403	33.4%	\$1,293,576
Operating Budget Transfer	\$199,414	33.3%	\$598,241
Total Income and Cash Receipts	\$985,164	25.8%	\$3,822,652
Expenses and Cash Disbursements			
Building Rehabilitation	\$15,760	21.0%	\$75,000
Conference Floor Renovations	\$0	0.0%	\$20,000
Tenant Improvements	\$0	0.0%	\$25,000
Furniture and Equipment	\$52,822	78.3%	\$67,500
Architect and Design	\$0	0.0%	\$10,000
Parking Deck Enhancements	\$0	0.0%	\$307,000
Median and Landscaping	\$0	0.0%	\$5,000
Woodrow Wilson Exhibit and Law Museum	\$0	0.0%	\$5,000
President's Conference Room	\$4,740	94.8%	\$5,000
Law Related Education	\$6,490	24.5%	\$26,500
Conference Center Operating Expenses	\$142,581	28.1%	\$507,999
Third Floor Contingency	\$553	2.2%	\$25,000
Building Operating Expenses	\$556,943	33.7%	\$1,653,780
Parking Deck Operating Expenses	\$95,420	38.8%	\$245,894
Legal and Due Diligence Fees	\$0	0.0%	\$0
Total Expenses and Cash Disbursements	\$875,309	29.4%	\$2,978,673
Net Cash Flow	\$109,855		\$843,979

State Bar of Georgia
Investment Performance Comparison
2005-2016

	Yields				Period End Balances									
	All MMKT	BOA/ML Inv Port	Georgia Bank CD's	SunTrust Inv Port	Blended Yield	All Cash/MMKT**	Georgia Bank CD's	Fidelity MMKT	BOA/ML MMKT*	Synovus MMKT	ServisFirst MMKT	SunTrust Cash/MMKT	Total Book Investments	Total Cash and Investments**
Averages, 2005	3.02%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.02%	16,580,537	-	-	9,403,471	-	-	7,177,066	-	16,580,537
Averages, 2006	4.87%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.87%	18,922,787	-	-	16,874,290	-	-	2,048,497	-	18,922,787
Averages, 2007	5.21%	4.58%	N/A	5.06%	5.06%	13,657,096	-	-	12,152,455	-	-	1,526,658	8,229,072	21,886,168
Averages, 2008	3.01%	3.59%	N/A	3.88%	3.33%	12,912,090	-	1,886,579	9,292,693	-	-	1,732,818	11,160,834	24,072,925
Averages, 2009	0.52%	2.83%	N/A	N/A	1.38%	16,672,270	-	4,564,309	8,545,018	-	-	3,562,943	7,946,088	24,618,358
Averages, 2010	0.18%	2.22%	N/A	N/A	1.07%	15,151,444	-	4,576,043	6,345,455	-	-	4,229,945	8,323,979	23,475,423
Averages, 2011	0.10%	1.85%	N/A	N/A	0.76%	15,641,096	-	4,582,870	6,878,861	-	-	4,179,364	7,030,212	22,671,307
Averages, 2012	0.11%	1.14%	N/A	N/A	0.57%	16,077,038	-	4,588,278	7,378,420	-	-	4,110,340	9,401,250	25,478,288
Averages, 2013	0.07%	0.74%	N/A	N/A	0.32%	18,772,091	-	3,826,012	10,839,546	-	-	4,106,533	8,636,500	27,408,591
Averages, 2014	0.14%	0.68%	0.69%	N/A	0.31%	21,234,480	972,848	9	16,770,960	-	-	4,359,345	6,930,100	28,894,216
Averages, 2015	0.45%	0.78%	0.69%	N/A	0.50%	24,598,537	1,150,942	9	4,535,435	7,874,110	-	11,938,811	3,328,063	29,077,563
Averages, 1Q16	0.45%	0.83%	0.69%	N/A	0.49%	23,909,233	1,005,906	9	2,287,470	10,863,056	-	8,753,499	1,903,000	26,822,139
Averages, 2Q16	0.42%	0.87%	0.69%	N/A	0.46%	25,246,868	1,010,765	9	3,379,620	10,877,960	-	8,979,637	1,488,000	27,745,653
Averages, 3Q16	0.39%	0.89%	0.00%	N/A	0.40%	30,947,922	-	9	7,790,960	10,892,330	2,268,976	9,995,048	1,073,333	32,021,256
October 2016	0.39%	0.85%	0.00%	N/A	0.40%	29,689,820	-	9	8,715,029	10,901,567	2,272,781	7,800,434	908,000	30,597,820

* Includes CCLC

** Includes CCLC, Client Security Fund and Bar Center Operating Acts

**State Bar of Georgia
 Cornerstones of Freedom Fund
 Activity Report
 Through October 31, 2016**

7/1/16 Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Interest Income on Fund	576
Expenditures:	
Writing Services	18,230
Virtual Law Museum	-
Media Monitoring	700
Schoolgroup Travel-LRE	237
Media Campaign--Need Lawyers	420
Wellness Program and Website	2,431
Miscellaneous	-
	<u>22,019</u>
Net Balance 10/31/16	<u><u>\$ 578,557</u></u>
Replenishment Needed From Surplus At June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ 21,443</u></u>

**State Bar of Georgia
 Legislative Fund
 Activity Report
 Through October 31, 2016**

7/1/16 Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 1,166,942</u>
Interest Income on Fund	1,359
Contributions	554,303
Expenditures:	
Staff and Contract Lobbyists	113,322
Legislative Committee Expense	1,056
Grassroots Efforts	2,285
Travel	1,865
Shared Office Allocation	6,379
Miscellaneous	2,050
	<u>126,957</u>
Net Fund Balance 10/31/16	<u><u>\$ 1,595,647</u></u>

State Bar of Georgia
Balance Sheet
October 31, 2016

ASSETS - Current Assets

Total Cash & Short-Term Investments 24,049,487

Investment - Merrill Lynch 908,559

Investment - Fidelity 9

Investment - Georgia Banks 0

Total Long-Term Investments 908,568

Accounts Receivable 49,213

Accrued Interest Receivable 1,812

Due from Related Orgs/Emp (78,060)

Prepaid Expenses 571,070

Bar Center Prepaid Expenses 66,185

Total Other Assets 610,220

Total Current Assets 25,568,275

Fixed Assets

Furniture & Equipment 6,458,238

Bar Center 26,609,049

Accum. Depreciation (18,900,245)

Total Fixed Assets 14,167,042

Total Assets \$ 39,735,317

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Accounts Payable \$ 244,025

Other Current Liabilities 540,623

Vacation & Pers Day Accrual 491,126

Due to Client Security Fund 2,003,515

Deferred Income 36,635

BC-Accrued Expenses 42,198

C&W - Deferred Rent Income 69,547

Total Current Liabilities 3,427,669

Total Long Term Liabilities 0

Fund Balances - Beg. of Year

Total Fund Balances - Beg. of Year 28,481,924

YTD Activity 7,825,723

Total Liabilities & Capital \$ 39,735,316



January 5-7, 2017

Board of Governors
State Bar of Georgia
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: January 5-7, 2017 Report to the Board of Governors

Board Members:

It is my privilege to report to the Board on the activities of the State Bar of Georgia YLD. The YLD is committed to continually promoting the mission of our Bar through its younger members, who number nearly 10,000. During this Bar year, the YLD will continue the great programs and projects from past Bar years and improve their initiatives. This report will bring you up to date on our activities and accomplishments so far this year.

YLD Committees

- **Advocates for Students with Disabilities**

Co-Chairs: Clayton Adams & Susan Haynes

This committee held a lunch meeting on Oct. 20 at 12 p.m. at the Bar Center, featuring member and guest speaker Torin Togut, on the topic of Bullying and Disability. This committee held a lunch meeting on Nov. 17 at 12 p.m. at the Bar Center to discuss future topics and meetings. This committee joined forces with the YLD Juvenile Law Committee for their annual holiday party and gift drive on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at Sidebar. They enjoyed refreshment, gift collection, and a merry time and brought gifts for kids in foster care, age 14+, such as gift cards to Target, Walmart and iTunes.

- **Community Service Projects**

Co-Chairs: Justin Wolfe & Zack Howard

This committee met and helped Trees Atlanta plant trees on Oct. 22 in the morning, in a neighborhood in Atlanta. They held a lunch meeting on Nov. 2 at 12 p.m. at the Bar Center to get ideas for future service projects. They volunteered with Atlanta Legal Aid's 26th Annual Run for Justice on Nov. 12 from 7 - 10:30 a.m. to work registration and direct folks along the course. The 5K benefitted the general operating fund of Atlanta Legal Aid, which provides legal services to low-income metro Atlanta residents. This committee joined forces with the YLD Litigation Committee for a joint Holiday Party on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Big Sky in Buckhead. This was a great opportunity for networking and enjoying the holiday season while helping those in need. Guests were

asked to bring monetary donations for the beneficiary of the night: sponsorship of a family through Atlanta Legal Aid. They also hosted a DFCS Holiday Gift Wrapping Party on Dec. 17 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the DFCS Holiday Warehouse to wrap gifts to be given to children and families served by Fulton County DFCS through the Joy of Sharing Program.

- **Disaster Legal Assistance**

Chair: Bert Noble

This committee was mobilized through a memorandum of understanding between the Georgia YLD, the ABA and FEMA, to provide disaster legal assistance to those in need after a natural disaster. The people of Savannah and Brunswick, GA were hit hard after Hurricane Matthew, which struck the Georgia coast on Oct. 8. A Disaster Relief Hotline has been established and is monitored regularly. Bert Noble directs calls to volunteer attorneys. This committee has issued a call for attorneys to take calls and cases with issues related to insurance, consumer fraud, loss of identity documents, housing law and more.

- **Estate & Elder Law**

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Thomas & Amanda N. Moyer

This committee held a Wills Clinic on Oct. 8 in Dallas, GA to benefit first responders.

- **Family Law**

Co-Chairs: Michaela Mericle & Jonathan Brezel

This committee held a drive to assist pro se Georgians with completion and filing of child support worksheets. This was a convenient and easy way to serve the community through one-time legal assistance from the comfort of member's offices or homes on their schedule. This committee held a very well-attended bowling party on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at Bowlmor Lanes. This committee held a planning meeting on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at Stern & Edlin to plan the annual Supreme Cork, including possible dates and creating teams to handle different aspects of the event.

- **Intellectual Property Law**

Co-Chairs: Sonia Lakhany & Tiffany Logan

This committee partnered with the State Bar IP Section for a volunteer opportunity with Georgia Lawyers for the Arts (GLA) on Nov. 2 from 1-5 p.m. (30 minute sessions) at King Plow Arts Center. They hosted a free legal clinic for low-income artists and assisted with pro bono legal services such as copyright, trademark, and general contract issues.

- **Juvenile Law**

Co-Chairs: Mark Brooks & Josh Lingsch

This committee joined forces with the YLD Advocates for Students with Disabilities Committee for their annual holiday party and gift drive on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at Sidebar. They enjoyed refreshment, gift collection, and a merry time and brought gifts for kids in foster care, age 14+, such as gift cards to Target, Walmart and iTunes.

- **Labor & Employment**

- **Co-Chairs: Alyssa Peters & Lisa Knottek**

- This committee hosted a happy hour on Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Front Page News in Midtown to kick off the Bar year and enjoy delicious appetizers and cocktails while getting to know fellow members.

- **Leadership Academy**

- **Co-Chairs: Ashley Akins, Ron Daniels & Elizabeth O'Neal**

- This committee just selected over 40 attorneys for the Class of 2017. This prestigious program of the State Bar of Georgia is for young lawyers who are interested in developing their leadership skills as well as learning more about their profession, their communities and their state. Sessions include Becoming a Leader in the Bar and YLD; Lawyers as Leaders in State Government; Professionalism; Pro Bono and Community Service; Developing Your Leadership Skills; Closing Session and Graduation.

- **Litigation**

- **Co-Chairs: Jake Evans & Megan Pearson**

- This committee held an In-House Panel Discussion on Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at Thompson Hine's office in Buckhead. This lunch featured three esteemed in-house attorneys and discussed in-house versus private practice, tips for going in-house, and what in-house counsel expect from outside counsel. They held their annual Clerk's Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy in Buckhead on Dec. 7 from 12-1:30 p.m. This luncheon honored the Law Clerks in Georgia. This committee joined forces with the YLD Community Service Projects Committee for a joint Holiday Party on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Big Sky in Buckhead. This was a great opportunity for networking and enjoying the holiday season while helping those in need. Guests were asked to bring monetary donations for the beneficiary of the night: sponsorship of a family through Atlanta Legal Aid.

- **Public Interest Internship Program**

- **Co-Chairs: Jana Edmondson-Cooper & Kerry Nicholson**

- This committee held a meeting on Oct. 4 at the Bar Center to kick off the Bar year and plan the 2016 Finalists Reception. They proudly held their 4th Annual Finalists Reception to honor the 2016 finalists and grant recipients on Oct. 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bar Center Gallery, featuring words from the 2016 grant recipients, keynote speaker Judge Dillard of the Georgia Court of Appeals, and serving drinks and hors d'oeuvres. This committee volunteered with Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation on Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to help low-income Georgians.

- **Real Estate Law**

- **Co-Chairs: Chris Collier & Kaitlin Horlander**

- This committee hosted a happy hour on Oct. 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Marlow's Tavern at Emory Point to kick off the Bar year and meet new members.

- **Signature Fundraiser**

- **Co-Chairs: Audrey Bergeson, Rizza O'Connor & Katie Willett**

- This committee is excited to announce the YLD's biggest night of the year! Join us for the 11th Annual YLD Signature Fundraiser – a black-tie optional gala - on February 25, 2017 from 7-11 p.m. at Terminus 330. This year's beneficiary is Georgia CASA, Inc. -

ensuring that children in abused and neglected homes receive representation from qualified, compassionate adult volunteers who fight for and protect their human rights. The evening features carnival games, photo booth, DJ, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, a raffle and more!

- **Solo/Small Firm**

- **Co-Chairs: Ichechi Alikor & Jacob Poole**

- This committee held a happy hour on Oct. 12 at Hudson Grille Downtown to kick off the Bar year and meet new members. They held a successful lunch CLE on Oct. 17 at the Bar Center, featuring Rhett Marlow from LexHelper.

- **Women in the Profession**

- **Co-Chairs: Morgan Clemons & Baylie Fry**

- This committee held a well-attended weekend retreat in Blue Ridge, GA, Oct. 6-9, 2016. The retreat included morning yoga, group breakfast, workshops, CLE credit, group lunches, apple picking, team building activities, exploring Blue Ridge, group dinners, and a sunrise mountain walk. This committee held a lunch on Dec. 14 at 12 p.m. at Owen, Gleaton, Egan, Jones & Sweeney's office in Midtown. This lunch featured Aaron's Division Lead Counsel, Heather Calhoun, who discussed her path to going in-house at Aaron's, the differences between in-house and private practice and tips for making the transition from private practice to in-house.

YLD Affiliates

- **Augusta YLD**

- The Augusta YLD hosted Thanksgiving Dinner "Under The Bridge" on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. under the Calhoun Expressway Bridge at 15th St. in Augusta, GA. They provided meals, coats and other resources for about 1,500 individuals.

- **Houston County YLD**

- The Houston County YLD hosted a Fall BBQ on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Perry, GA at the residence of distinguished Perry attorney Larry Walker of Walker Hulbert Gray & Moore, LLP. This was a great time of eating delicious food, meeting new friends, and watching football.

Quarterly Meetings

In addition to the work load of our many committees, and YLD Affiliates, YLD members gather four times over the course of the Bar year during quarterly meetings to report on their committee work, socialize, and plan and organize division-wide projects.

The YLD Summer Meeting took place August Aug. 18-21, 2016, at The King & Prince Beach and Golf Resort, on St. Simons Island, GA. Events included a welcome reception, group dinner, General Session, service project, group outing to Redfern Village and CLE entitled "Marketing for Young Lawyers."

The YLD Fall Meeting took place Nov. 3-6, 2016, at Disney's Yacht Club Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Events included a welcome reception, group breakfasts, CLE, free time to enjoy the parks, group dinner and safari ride in Disney's Animal Kingdom and General Session.

The YLD has several more meetings planned this Bar year, as follows:

Midyear Meeting

Jan. 5-7, 2017

The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead

Atlanta, Ga.

Held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia

Spring Meeting

March 9-12, 2017

The Omni Grove Park Inn

Asheville, N.C.

Annual Meeting

June 8-11, 2017

Jekyll Island, Ga.

Held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia

I hope the Commission shares in my enthusiasm for the great work the YLD does. Please let me know if there are any projects you have in your local communities that the YLD can assist with, or if I can be of service to you in any way.

Truly Yours,



Jennifer Mock
2016-17 YLD President



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Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession
2017 Commitment to Equality Awards

Call for Nominations

On behalf of the State Bar of Georgia's Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession, we are pleased to issue this Call for Nominations for the 2017 Commitment to Equality Awards. These awards recognize those who promote diversity in the legal profession and who provide opportunities for members of underrepresented groups. Each year, we honor select individuals and corporations or legal organizations for their enduring faithfulness to these goals. To aid us in identifying these persons, we would appreciate your nominating an individual or organization you believe deserves recognition.

Enclosed is a nomination form which includes the criteria for the award and procedures for making a nomination. The deadline for making a submission is Friday, January 27, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Program Chair Sherwin K. Figueroa at (770) 528-3337 or sherwin.figueroa@cobbcounty.org.

Thank you for your consideration and be sure to save Thursday, May 4, 2017, for the awards ceremony to be held at the Georgia State University's School of Law.

Sincerely,

[Signature of Joyce Gist Lewis]

Joyce Gist Lewis
Committee Co-chairperson

[Signature of Derrick Pope]

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Nomination Form

2017 Commitment to Equality Awards

Name of Nominee

Title/Position

Firm/ Company Name/Organization

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City State Zip

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Categories

Please indicate the category that describes most accurately the nominee's present position or activity.

- academia
- business sector/corporate
- government
- judiciary
- legal author/journalist
- non-profit
- private practice
- prosecutor/public defender
- state, local, or minority bar
- other _____

Your name

Title/Position

Firm/ Company Name/Organization

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COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE
INCLUSION IN THE PROFESSION
COMMITMENT
TO EQUALITY AWARDS

PURPOSE OF AWARDS

The Commitment to Equality Awards recognize the efforts of lawyers and legal employers who are committed to providing opportunities that foster a more diverse legal profession for members of underrepresented groups in Georgia. These awards are presented to lawyers who not only personally excel in their own practice, but who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting diversity in the legal profession.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. Significant contribution(s) the individual or employer has made to the advancement of diversity in the legal profession.
2. Ways the individual or employer has influenced members of underrepresented groups to pursue legal careers.
3. Whether the individual or entity has opened doors for lawyers of underrepresented groups in a variety of job settings that were historically closed to them.
4. Whether the individual or employer has advanced opportunities for lawyers in underrepresented groups within a practice area or segment of the profession.
5. (For individuals only) Professional excellence achieved in the nominee's field.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Send this nomination form, a statement using the criteria listed above in support of the nominee, and the nominee's resume or biography (for corporations, brief history and diversity mission statement, if any).
2. Send materials to: *electronic submission only*
Sherwin K. Figueroa, Esq.
sherwin.figueroa@cobbcounty.org
3. Send materials by **January 27, 2017**

Please save **Thursday, May, 4, 2017** for the Awards reception to be held at the Georgia State University's Law School



Our Vision	Lawyers Serving the Public and the Justice System
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Our Mission	<p>The purposes of the State Bar of Georgia are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To foster among the members of the bar of this State the principles of duty and service to the public • To improve the administration of justice • To advance the science of law
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Our Positioning Statements

Positioning statements describe how the organization will respond to key trends impacting its success.

Regulation of Practice

We believe that an effective disciplinary process is important to both the profession and the public. **Therefore**, in order to improve and promote our ability to discipline ourselves and to make the system more effective and efficient, **we will**:

- Continue to review the entire disciplinary process and implement recommended improvements;
- Support adequate funding and resources to carry out these recommendations; and
- Develop a non-disciplinary system for intervention with respect to mentally impaired lawyers.

Access to Justice

We believe that there is a lack of access to justice for many people and that we, as a profession, have an obligation to provide and promote access. **Therefore, we will** analyze options the Bar can utilize to provide funding and delivery of services to achieve access by:

- Enhancing the use of technology to serve people in areas with unmet legal needs;
- Continuing to explore private and public funding options; and
- Encouraging members to provide pro bono services and contribute to legal services organizations.

Lawyer Wellness

We believe that too many lawyers are experiencing high levels of stress and are unhealthy and unhappy, adversely affecting their personal lives and their effectiveness as lawyers. **Therefore we will**:

- Promote health and wellness among our members and staff;
- Increase awareness of existing Bar programs, such as the Lawyer Assistance Program, Law Practice Management and Suicide Prevention, to help lawyers recognize when they (or others) are in need of help;
- Develop a progressive diversion and non disciplinary system for intervention with respect to aging and impaired lawyers;
- Develop more CLEs on work/life balance; and
- Consider a mandatory one-hour CLE on overall wellness issues.

Integrating New Delivery Methods

We believe that the delivery of legal services is changing and more people are relying on self-help services.

Therefore we will assist our members and the public to adapt to the changing climate for the practice of law by:

- Informing the public of the benefits of using lawyers and the risks of some alternatives;
- Embracing technology and other delivery methods; and
- Integrating the effective use of technology.

The Importance of Our Role

We believe that we need to promote the importance of a mandatory Bar and its programs to both the public and our members. **Therefore, we will** educate the public about the State Bar of Georgia and what we do, and provide and/or eliminate programs as appropriate/relevant for a mandatory bar/members.

Our Priorities	
Priority Strategy	Who
A1. Support disciplinary rules committee in their efforts to revise rules to streamline the process and to address transparency and implement appropriate recommendations.	Bob Kauffman
A2. Publicize outcome of successful UPL cases to better inform public.	UPL
B1. Promote increased state and federal funding for criminal and civil legal access programs.	ACL
B4. Encourage the incorporation of the importance of access to justice as part of CLE in general.	Sections, Nicki Vaughan
B5. Promote and develop additional access to justice initiatives in addition to the recommendations of the Civil Legal Services Task Force.	Bob Kauffman, Pat O'Connor
C1. Develop recommended programs and services to better enhance members' professional and personal lives.	Jeff Kuester, Wellness Taskforce, LAP
C2. Educate members about services and resources that can enhance their professional practice.	Communications
C5. Recommend an approach for adapting to changes in the delivery of legal services.	TBD
D2. Improve communications with the public about the disciplinary system and its outcomes.	TBD
E1. Work with the Sections to increase awareness, visibility and value of Section CLEs.	Sections, Communications

When	Our Monitoring Plan
Executive Committee	Are we doing what we said we were going to do? The Executive Committee will review the strategic plan at each meeting to ensure continued progress.
Quarterly	Are we getting the results we want to get? The Board will review each priority strategy and updates on any objectives for which information is available.
Annually	What adjustments do we need to make to our targets and our priorities? The plan will be updated and an annual report provided at the annual meeting.

Our Goals

Our Objectives

NA – Not available
TBD – To be determined

A. Regulation of Practice
Provide a highly efficient, expedient, and fair disciplinary process, and enforce the rules and regulations concerning the unauthorized practice of law.

		Base	1 st Year	3 rd Year
1	Decrease the median amount of time between the receipt of a grievance and resolution of the grievance.	TBD	100% of base	90% of base
2	Increase the public's and lawyers' perception that the disciplinary system is fair as measured by:	NA	Baseline	20% ↑ base
	• Bi-annual survey of the public			
	• Bi-annual survey of members	NA	Baseline	20% ↑ base
3	Decrease the number of grievances filed annually.	1997 Filed FY '14-'15	5% ↓ base	10% ↓ base
4	Limit the unauthorized practice of law as measured by the # of identified UPL cases filed annually.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
5	Increase % of identified UPL cases resolved annually.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base

B. Access
Increase access to justice for all.

1	Decrease the number of people annually with legal needs that are not being served (those unqualified /unable to serve due to lack of resources), as measured by numbers provided by GLSP and ALAS.	TBD	10% ↓ base	20% ↓ base
	Increase the number of people annually served by GLSP and ALAS.	TBD	10% ↑ base	20% ↑ base
2	Increase the number of hours volunteer lawyers provide annually on pro bono matters as measured by reporting and/or member surveys.	TBD	10% ↑ base	20% ↑ base
3	Increase the number of lawyers annually who provide pro bono service as measured by reporting and/or member surveys.	TBD	10% ↑ base	20% ↑ base
	Increase the awareness and availability of court or bar provided self-help legal resources in courthouses/public libraries throughout the state as measured by the numbers received from court and library personnel.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
4	Increase awareness of the importance of access to justice issues through educational and lobbying efforts aimed at bar members, the public and the legislature, as measured by:	TBD	10% ↑ base	20% ↑ base
	• Increased member funding for access programs			
	• Increased member participation in funding access programs	8%	12%	16%
	• Increased public funding for access programs	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
	• Increased legislative funding for access programs	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base

C. Member Services
Enhance the professional and personal lives of lawyers.

1	Increase % of lawyers indicating, by a survey, that our services and resources have:	NA	Base	10% ↑ base
	• Enhanced their professional lives			
	• Enhanced their personal lives	NA	Base	10% ↑ base
2	Increase number of people participating in the following key programs who indicate a professional and personal enhancement:	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
	• LPM			
	• CLEs	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
	• LAP	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
	• Wellness	NA	Base	10% ↑ base
3	Increase satisfaction with being a lawyer, as measured by survey.	NA	Base	5% ↑ base
4	Decrease # of known lawyer suicides annually.	NA	Base	5% ↓ base

D. Reputation
Promote positive perception of the legal system and the legal profession.

1	Increase % of public with a positive view of the legal system as measured by a bi-annual survey.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
2	Increase the positive perception of the legal profession through the media as measured by the number of positive exposures -	TBD	10% ↑ base	15% ↑ base
	• Identified by the Communications Department.			
	• Originated by the Communications Department.	TBD	10% ↑ base	15% ↑ base
3	Increase % of Bar members who have a positive view of the State Bar as measured by an annual survey of Bar members.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
4	Increase the public's awareness that the State Bar is diligently and proactively prosecuting lawyers who violate the public trust as measured by bi-annual surveys of the public.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base

E. Lawyer Competency
Provide effective practice tools and educational resources to improve lawyer competency and ensure continued competence.

1	Increase # of section-sponsored CLE's and the % of section members who annually attend them.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
2	Improve technology training and provide CLE credit.	TBD	+1	+2
3	Increase # of members who utilize LPM resources.	TBD	5% ↑ base	10% ↑ base
4	Increase % of CLEs that contain a wellness component.	TBD	10% ↑ base	20% ↑ base
5	Require all Section-sponsored CLEs to have one hour of ethics for every 6-hours of instruction.	TBD	5% ↓ base	10% ↓ base

Our Critical Success Factors and Barriers

Our Strategies

Priority

CSFs & Barriers

- Adequate staffing for investigations
- High awareness of disciplinary process
- Lack of transparency in discipline process
- Lack of effective education for lawyers about the nature of grievance
- Lack of adherence to the law
- Lack of lawyers to serve people
- Lack of enforcement of rules

A1	Support disciplinary rules committee in their efforts to revise rules to streamline the process and to address transparency and implement appropriate recommendations.
A2	Publicize outcome of successful UPL cases to inform the public and increase public awareness of UPL.
A3	Develop a non-disciplinary system for intervention with respect to mentally impaired lawyers.

CSFs & Barriers

- Significant funding for servicing needs
- Adequate # of service providers committed to pro bono
- Appropriate means of communicating availability of services
- Willingness to house resources
- High participation in CLE and learning
- Higher awareness of the value of receiving higher education
- Lack of awareness of the problem by the public, legislature and lawyers

B1	Promote increased state and federal funding for criminal and civil legal access programs.
B2	Encourage reporting of annual pro bono hours.
B3	Establish Bar-supported self-help legal resources in each circuit to increase access to information.
B4	Encourage the incorporation of the importance of access to justice as part of CLE in general.
B5	Promote and develop additional access to justice initiatives in addition to the recommendations of the Civil Legal Services Task Force.

CSFs & Barriers

- High awareness of service availability and the benefits
- Better coordination with law schools on setting expectations for our lawyers
- Better awareness of the reality of practicing and balancing life
- High stress, life imbalance, over extension
- Lack of perspective on expectations
- Lack of control over the practice
- Unwillingness to talk about weaknesses

C1	Develop recommended programs and services to better enhance members' professional and personal lives.
C2	Educate members about services and resources which can enhance their professional practice.
C3	Educate future lawyers about expectations of being lawyers.
C4	Encourage wellness programming to improve work/life balance.
C5	Recommend an approach for adapting to changes in the delivery of legal services.

CSFs & Barriers

- More competent lawyers
- Perception that we are adequately policing our own
- High awareness of our good work
- High awareness of the perception lawyers' actions have on the public's perception
- Lawyers behaving badly
- Low public perception of lawyers
- Perceived bias that we are self-serving in addressing this
- Lack of ability to be open about disciplinary matters (confidentially)

D1	Promote the positive role of lawyers and the value of the legal system through various media
D2	Improve communications with the public about the disciplinary system and its outcomes.

CSFs & Barriers

- High participation in CLE and learning
- Higher awareness of the value of receiving higher education
- Lack of evaluation of learning
- Low expectation of value
- "Know-it-all" attitude
- Inability to accurately measure competency

E1	Work with the Sections to increase awareness, visibility and value of Section CLEs.
E2	Educate members thru CLE how to avoid common ethical complaints.

**Additional sub-strategies appear in the Appendix document)*

Our Priorities

Priority Strategy – Action Taken	Who
A1. Support disciplinary rules committee in their efforts to revise rules to streamline the process and to address transparency and implement appropriate recommendations.	Bob Kauffman Disciplinary Rules Committee
A1. The disciplinary rules committee will be presenting proposed rules changes to the Board of Governors as an information item at the Fall Meeting which address these issues. The BOG will be asked to vote on these recommendations at the Midyear meeting in January 2017.	
A2. Publicize outcome of successful UPL cases to better inform public.	UPL
A2. The UPL Committee has taken action to better publicize the outcome of UPL cases on the State Bar website by placing cease and desist affidavits online so the public can be better informed when action is taken. The Committee has also decided to put the UPL complaint form online so that it is more accessible to members and the public.	
B1. Promote increased state and federal funding for criminal and civil legal access programs.	ACL
B1. President Pat O'Connor, our government affairs director, and other Board of Governors members, travelled to Washington, D.C. in the spring of 2016 to attend ABA lobbying day and met with Georgia lawmakers to continue our efforts in promoting funding for legal services programs. The State Bar will also continue our support for continued state funding for domestic violence issues.	
B4. Encourage the incorporation of the importance of access to justice as part of CLE in general.	Sections, Nicki Vaughan
B4. The Access to Justice Committee, along with the State Bar Pro Bono Project, has created a pro bono messaging campaign with video and print materials which seek to encourage attorneys to become more involved in pro bono work. The media campaign is called: "Due Justice. Do Pro Bono." Look for the campaign to launch very soon with short video vignettes being shown prior to CLE seminars.	

B5. Promote and develop additional access to justice initiatives in addition to the recommendations of the Civil Legal Services Task Force.	Bob, Pat
B5. The State Bar is participating in the “ABA Free Legal Answers” initiative. Resources can be found at www.georgiafreelegalanswers.org . This free service allows the public to post a legal question every 30 days and receive a free response from a GA attorney. Lawyers are being recruited now to participate. We have also collecting articles for an upcoming issue of the <i>Georgia Bar Journal</i> devoted to public interest and pro bono work.	
C1. Develop recommended programs and services to better enhance members’ professional and personal lives.	Jeff Kuester, Wellness Taskforce, LAP
C1. The work of the Wellness Task Force continues. A website can be found with wellness resources at lawyerslivingwell.org . Each Board meeting features a wellness CLE as well as a focus on physical fitness activities. President O’Connor has appointed an Aging in the Law Task Force to determine the Bar’s response to the “gray wave” of aging lawyers, their transition out of practice and other concerns. The Lawyer Assistance Program is developing a peer-to-peer online portal to help connect lawyer mentors with those who need assistance with such issues as depression, anxiety or addiction.	Ken Hodges, Chair Darrell Sutton, Co-Chair Bill Gentry, Co-Chair Jeff Kuester, Chair
C2. Educate members about services and resources that can enhance their professional practice.	Communications
C2. We have taken more concerted and targeted steps to promote Bar programs that assist members in their practices. We are promoting these programs through email, social media, the State Bar website and in our print publications.	
C5. Recommend an approach for adapting to changes in the delivery of legal services.	TBD
C5. At the Fall BOG meeting, you will hear about the opportunities the State Bar has to partner with CloudLaw’s enhanced membership	

<p>directory called “Zeekbeek.” This service is an ethics focused, bar centric lawyer search tool which could be used to enhance a member’s online profile and availability to accept cases in a specific area of practice. The enhanced membership profile would be offered as a free service to all members.</p>	
<p>D1. This priority was recently added by the Executive Committee: Promote the positive role of lawyers and the value of the legal system through various media.</p>	
<p>D1. The Cornerstones of Freedom Committee, along with the State Bar Communications staff, has contracted with a Georgia-based media consultant to develop a series of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) which will promote the stories of actual clients whose lives were positively impacted by the work of a Georgia attorney. We previously asked our members to share these stories and after receiving numerous responses, the Committee selected three stories and the campaign will launch this fall. You will have an opportunity to view these PSAs at the Fall Board meeting.</p>	
<p>D2. Improve communications with the public about the disciplinary system and its outcomes.</p>	TBD
<p>D2. A member’s public disciplinary history appears in the online membership profile which is viewable by the public. We have also provided a direct link on the member’s profile page to any public orders issued pertaining to that member.</p>	
<p>E1. Work with the Sections to increase awareness, visibility and value of Section CLEs.</p>	Sections, Communications
<p>E1. We believe that Sections provide the greatest opportunity for networking and education about specific areas of practice. Each Section will plan and produce at least one CLE course for their section members during the bar year. We are also encouraging sections to plan events and networking opportunities for their members.</p>	

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Friday and Saturday, September 9-10, 2016
The Brice Hotel/Savannah, GA**

Members Participating:

Patrick T. O'Connor, President; Brian D. (Buck) Rogers, President-elect; Kenneth B. Hodges, III, Treasurer; Darrell L. Sutton, Secretary; Robert J. Kauffman, Immediate Past President; Jennifer Campbell Mock, YLD President; Nicole C. Leet, YLD President-elect, John R.B. Long, YLD Immediate Past President; Thomas R. Burnside, III; Elizabeth Louise Fite; Phyllis Holmen; Dawn Jones; David S. Lipscomb; and Nicki Vaughn.

Staff Participating:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Christine Butcher, Director of Governmental Affairs; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; Steve Laine, Chief Financial Officer; and Bill NeSmith, Deputy General Counsel.

Call to Order

President Pat O'Connor called the meeting to order. All members of the Executive Committee were in attendance as indicated above. After that, he stated that a Legislative Report has been added to the agenda.

Future Meetings Schedule

President Pat O'Connor referred the Executive Committee to the Future Meetings Schedule.

Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the August 16, 2016, meeting of the Executive Committee were approved, as revised, by unanimous voice vote.

Members Requesting Resignation

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-208, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following resignation requests: Joan H. Marler-470933, Karen W. Grochau-076153, Robert P. Hotchkiss-368425, Maxell Paul Clayton-624244, Erica H. Peden-975093, Irving Handelman-322825, Craig Bryant-091550, Joyce Kramer-428973, Almalee P. Guttschall-315935, Robert E. Toone-714670, Robert W. Lough-458524, Chenwei Zhang-705671, Michael Dennis Ronan-613879, Lisa-Marie Ross-615185, Caitlin Berberich-601182, Kevin Cox Angstenberger-613049, Robin Terry-435121, Laurence Harry Margolis-470580, Rebecca F. Bracewell-073587, Ronald Edward Houser-369236, Whitney Travis-177646, Courtney H. Chacos-347055, Winifred J. Rush-619530, Davis Roy Mellon-501205, Anila Sundaram-558210, Kenneth Terrell Dismukes Jr.-142101

Members Requesting Disabled Status

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-202, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following requests for disabled status: Joyce F. Sims-648510, George C. Turner, Jr.-719237

Member Request for Military Dues Waiver

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, granted a Military Dues Waiver request for Evan McCulloch.

The Executive Committee discussed if the required active duty income information on the waiver form should be removed, but the consensus was that it provides valuable information in determining the requests.

Office of Bar Admissions

President Pat O'Connor recounted the recent challenges facing the State Bar and the legal profession arising with the proposed reconstitution of Judicial Qualifications Commission, the recent ICLE audit, and the scoring issues at the Office of Bar Admissions. He reported that hearings started yesterday by the JQC House Study Committee, to which Jeff Davis was called to testify. He announced that Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman will report on the ICLE issues and President-elect Buck Rogers will report on the work of the Task Force.

President O'Connor reported that he was called to a meeting ten days ago with Past President John Sammon, Board of Bar Examiners Chair, and Tom Cauthorn about the Office of Bar Admissions scoring errors on the July 2015 and February 2016 bar examinations, affecting 90 test takers. Past President Sammon said he was going to personally call everyone to apologize and would issue a press release later that day. President O'Connor reported that once he learned about the scoring errors, he immediately reported them to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors to let them know what was going on. The scoring errors have been reported nationally as the largest and most egregious bar exam error in the history of the nation. While the State Bar does not administer or grade the bar exam, the public's perception and that of some lawyers is that it is Bar related.

JQC Legislation Task Force

President-elect Buck Rogers, Chair of the JQC Legislation Task Force, reported that Task Force member Dennis O'Brien did a survey on how other states structure their judicial disciplinary commissions and Georgia was in the minority with one of the smallest commissions and one without separate adjudicative and investigative panels. The Task Force is proposing expanding the commission to strengthen the due process system by separating the investigative function from the adjudicative function. The Task Force will meet again before the Fall Board meeting. At the Fall Board meeting it will report on its activities and provide talking points to the Board members to use with their constituents so that the State Bar's message is consistent.

President-elect Buck Rogers and Jeff Davis reported on Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias' committee that is working on revising the rules of the JQC. The Supreme Court of Georgia has the authority to implement the rules of the JQC regardless of whether or not the constitutional amendment passes. The rules revisions have been a multi-year project. The committee's proposed rules provide for a larger committee and a two-panel bifurcated system (investigative and hearing panel). Any rules changes that contemplate a two-panel JQC will require a constitutional amendment. The State Bar hopes to have proposals from both entities, which will have to go through the State Bar's legislative process and to the Board of Governors.

President Pat O'Connor reported that he met with Representative Wendell Willard last week and discussed that the State Bar wants Bar involvement in the JQC appointment process.

Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman reminded the Executive Committee that if the constitutional amendment passes, the State Bar needs to be ready to submit 10 names for each of the two Bar's appointments to the reconstituted JQC after January 1, 2017.

Proposed Disciplinary Rules Changes

Paula Frederick, after briefly providing a historical perspective of the current disciplinary process, reviewed several proposed revisions to the disciplinary rules as recommended by the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee.

Dawn Jones expressed her belief that David Lipscomb should abstain from voting on the proposed disciplinary rules revisions because he represents respondents in disciplinary cases. President Pat O'Connor said the point raised is worthy of discussion; in fact, he has already asked the Officers, to the extent any of them represent respondents, to decline from doing so while they are Officers, even though there are no rules prohibiting it. David Lipscomb explained that he has represented respondents in disciplinary cases for years and has always divulged that information, and he feels no need to abstain considering that it will be up to the Board of Governors to approve the proposed revisions to the disciplinary rules.

Following that, the Executive Committee took the following action:

1. A motion and second to refer back to Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee a proposal that leaves the Review Panel in place with its current duties, but with time limits on its decision process and term limits for the chair, failed by a hand vote of 3 in favor to 10 opposed; and
2. A motion and second that the Executive Committee support the recommendations of the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee, but deferring to the Board of Governors for discussion and approval at the Fall Board meeting, passed by a hand vote of 10 in favor to 3 opposed.

The Executive Committee requested that a summary of revisions by rule, and cost estimates for any budget impact created by them, be included in the agenda materials.

Aging Lawyers Task Force

Secretary Darrell Sutton, co-chair of the Aging Lawyers Task Force, provided a preliminary informational report from the Task Force. It began with a demographic overview showing the graying of America, which statistically shows a shrinking population of young lawyers and rising population of aging lawyers. This is important because age is the single greatest risk factor of cognitive impairment, so based on the statistics, the number of lawyers who reach and exceed the age of 65 will continue to rise, which means the State Bar will see an increasing number of lawyers every year with cognitive impairment. Dealing with aging issues requires a balance of empathy and sensitivity. There are a number of State Bar and bar-related entities working on the aging issue, but their efforts are not coordinated. He and co-chair Bill Gentry have spent the last three months gathering information before meeting with the other members of the Task Force. They have identified immediate term, short term and long term goals for the Task Force. In the immediate term, there is a need to develop a non-disciplinary track for cognitively impaired lawyers, including the creation of a membership classification that makes it acceptable for attorneys to step away from their practices, and a place to house initiatives relating to aging lawyers and be a source of information and education, such as a Senior Lawyers Division. In the short term, there needs to be the development of significant educational programming to inform lawyers at a younger age about issues they may face as they age, finding ways for young lawyers to partner with older lawyers that may be transitioning out of the law practice, and engaging other stakeholders to provide older lawyers, not cognitively impaired, the opportunity for pro bono or other services. In the long term, all of the ideas need to come together and be placed in a platform where they can endure for the long term and be supported by the State Bar.

Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman reported that the Attorney Wellness Task Force has discussed the idea of a mandatory 1-hour mental health CLE. Dawn Jones reported that preventative CLE's would be better attended. YLD President-elect Nicole Leet discussed mentorships, like SCORE, and the need to have more young lawyers on the Task Force.

ICLE Update

Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman, Chair of the ICLE Board of Trustees, reported on the history of ICLE, the whistle-blower complaint, the University of Georgia's (UGA) audit and findings, and the UGA triage committee's recommended firing of three ICLE staff. When the ICLE Trustees met, it recommended the suspension of the three staff with pay and to undertake its own audit by the accounting firm of Cherry Bekaert. In the meantime, the Attorney General's office is now seeking information from ICLE. Doug Ashworth was appointed the interim director, an accounting temp has been hired, and two more temps are to be hired to provide administrative support. The Trustees have appointed an audit committee and a long-range planning committee. Options facing the Trustees in the very near future include 1) working out an acceptable arrangement with UGA so ICLE stays under UGA's umbrella, 2) having ICLE incorporate into a stand-alone non-profit entity, or 3) folding ICLE into the State Bar. All options are complex but may need to be decided on in the next 60-90 days. In the meantime, the State Bar is looking at what would be entailed if ICLE is folded into the State Bar or becomes a stand-alone entity.

President Pat O'Connor reported that he is appointing a Bar committee to study the latter two options and be ready to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and Board of Governors if they become necessary.

The Executive Committee received a copy of the Limited Review of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education from the University of Georgia's Internal Auditing Division and two *Daily Report* articles on the ICLE audit.

Proposed Revisions to Rule 5.5, Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct

Following a report by Bill NeSmith, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Board of Governors proposed revisions to Rule 5.5 (Exhibit A), Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct.

Section 7. Emeritus Members

Following a report by Bill NeSmith, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Board of Governors proposed amendments to Article 1, Section 7 as follows:

Section 7. Emeritus Members

In addition to the classes of membership provided in the preceding sections of this Article, the Membership Department may approve or disapprove applications for emeritus member status as provided for in Rule 1-202(d) of the Bar Rules. Applications for emeritus membership shall be on forms prescribed by the Membership Department.

Emeritus membership shall have the same privileges, rights, duties and responsibilities as active membership, except that emeritus members shall not give legal advice or otherwise practice law, except as set out in Rule 1-202(d), nor shall they hold office in the State Bar.

Emeritus members may be required to pay section dues at the option of each section of the State Bar.

At the sole discretion of the Membership Department, a member who has attained the age of 70 years, and who has been admitted to the practice of law for at least 25 years, may be placed in emeritus status in the event the Membership Department is unable to locate or contact the qualifying member and provided there is no pending disciplinary action against the member

Sponsorship Request

Following a report by President Pat O'Connor and Jeff Davis, the Executive Committee, by a hand vote of 8 in favor to 4 opposed, approved proposed State Bar of Georgia Sponsorship Guidelines, as revised (Exhibit B).

The Executive Committee, by majority voice vote, approved a \$600 request from Emory Law's Black Law Students Association for its 10th Annual Lecture Series. The funding request for the balance due for a reception held for ABA President Linda Klein was withdrawn as additional sponsorships from other entities covered the cost.

Officer Allowance Accounts

President Pat O'Connor stated that two proposed Officer Expense Reimbursement Policies handed out at the meeting were for information purposes only and will be an action item at a future meeting.

CloudLaw/Zeekbeek Consortium (State Bar Enhanced Membership Directory)

Jeff Davis reported on a proposal for a potential partnership with CloudLaw, Inc. to create linked member directories that help consumers find active attorneys on Zeekbeek.com. Features members can take advantage of include the ability to create customized profiles that consumers can search to find a lawyer, establish unique URLs that allow members to use the profile page as a personal website, and several others. It would be a free service for State Bar members and a good resource to members of the public needing lawyers.

Bill NeSmith reported that the Member Benefits Committee met to discuss the proposal, but took no action so that it can have a presentation by CloudLaw at its next meeting. The proposal will be an information item at the Fall Board meeting.

President's Report

President Pat O'Connor reported that the 2016 Media Campaign is going very well. He thanked the Executive Committee and Bar staff for their commitment and assistance in dealing with the issues brought forth by the ICLE audit, the Office of Bar Admissions scoring issues, and the reconstitution of the JQC. He thanked Jeff Davis and Steve Laine for their assistance to ICLE's staff. He announced that the Advisory Committee on Legislation will meet on September 14, and he thanked Christine Butcher for her work on its behalf. He requested that the Executive Committee read the policies and guidelines provided to them by Paula Frederick.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Hodges and Bar CFO Steve Laine reported on the State Bar's finances and investments. The Executive Committee received copies of the Consolidated (Operational and Bar Center) Revenues and Expenditures Report as of June 30, 2016; Income Statement YTD for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2016; Bar Center Revenues and Expenditures Summary for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2016; State Bar Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2016; Summary of Dues and Voluntary Contributions at July 31, 2016; Legislative Fund and Cornerstones of Freedom Fund Activity Reports through June 30, 2016; and the 2015-16 Bar Year Overall Financial Impacts.

Legislative Report

After the Executive Committee approved adding the Legislative Report to the meeting agenda by unanimous voice vote, Christine Butcher provided an update on the legislative proposals that will be presented to the Advisory Committee on Legislation at its September 14 meeting.

Strategic Plan

The Executive Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan's Priority Strategy. Many of the Priority Strategies

have been or are being accomplished, and they will be reported to the Board of Governors at the Fall Board meeting. Following that, by unanimous voice vote, the Executive Committee approved incorporating Strategy D-1, *Promote the positive role of lawyers and the value of the legal system through various media*, into the Priority Strategy list. President O'Connor also discussed the need for the establishment of the baselines. These quantifiable targets are needed in order to measure the success of the goals. He instructed Bar staff to plug in the baseline figures where data and information is currently available by no later than the Midyear Meeting. Other baselines will need to be determined by surveys.

YLD Report

YLD President Jennifer Campbell Mock reported on the activities of the YLD. The YLD Summer Meeting took place at St. Simons Island on August 18-21, 2016. It featured a CLE on Marketing for Young Lawyers and an afternoon service project benefitting CASA Glynn County. She thanked everyone who attended the 100th Anniversary of Women in the Profession Celebration on August 24, 2016, and recognized Morgan Clemons, Chair of the Women in the Profession Committee, for all of her work in putting the program together. She also thanked the Executive Committee members who responded to her invitation to attend one of the YLD meetings this year to meet and share their experiences with the YLD members. The YLD Fall Meeting will take place in Orlando, Florida, on November 3-6, 2016.

Executive Director's Report

There was no Executive Director report as the items were covered elsewhere throughout the meeting.

Office of General Counsel Report

Paula Frederick reported on the activities of the Office of General Counsel. She discussed proposed internal operating rules developed by the Insurance Committee. The policy states that the Insurance Committee will come to the Executive Director or the Executive Committee before responding to a request for information of a sensitive nature. Along the lines of the aging attorney population, she reported that she is going to ask the Personnel Committee to help her develop a succession plan for the Office of General Counsel.

Employee Background Checks

Jeff Davis reported that a proposal on Bar employee background checks is not yet ready for review or action.

Media Articles

The Executive Committee received a copy of an nbcnews.com article on *Justice Department Says Poor Can't be Held When They Can't Afford Bail*, and a myajc.com op-ed on the *Integrity of Georgia Judicial Disciplinary Process Under Attack*.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Elizabeth Fite reported that the Executive Committee will be receiving an invitation from King and Spalding for its September 29th program raising awareness about the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Fund constitutional amendment on the November ballot. Attorney General Sam Olens is the guest speaker.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Darrell L. Sutton, Secretary

Approved:



Patrick T. O'Connor, President

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, November 17, 2016
State Bar Building/Atlanta, GA**

Members Participating:

Patrick T. O'Connor, President; Brian D. (Buck) Rogers, President-elect; Kenneth B. Hodges, III, Treasurer; Darrell L. Sutton, Secretary (by phone); Robert J. Kauffman, Immediate Past President; Jennifer Campbell Mock, YLD President; Nicole C. Leet, YLD President-elect, John R.B. Long, YLD Immediate Past President; Thomas R. Burnside, III; Elizabeth Louise Fite; Dawn Jones; David S. Lipscomb; and Nicki Vaughn.

Members Absent:

Phyllis Holmen.

Staff Participating:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Christine Butcher, Director of Governmental Affairs; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Paula Frederick, General Counsel (by phone); Steve Laine, Chief Financial Officer; and Bill NeSmith, Deputy General Counsel.

Call to Order

President Pat O'Connor called the meeting to order. Members of the Executive Committee in attendance are indicated above.

Future Meetings Schedule

President Pat O'Connor referred the Executive Committee to the Future Meetings Schedule.

Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 9, 2016, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Members Requesting Resignation

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-208, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following resignation requests: Bruce Allen Baldwin -034230, Matthew C. Sperry-672008, Deborah Nell Bedsole-046720, Robert J. Storms-685530, Whitney A. Rappole-225514, David R. Mellon-501205, Howard G. Pick-692593, Diana J. Pomeranz-583283, Jean Lees Wyant-778906, Sherrie Brown Cavin-117925, Harris Weems Henderson-772007, Miriam Moore Bryant-520130, Jack Thomas Brooks-085050, Agnes T. McCabe-481065, Frederick Brown-087550, William N. Hershman-349514, Cecilia M. Cooper-185285, Kristie Porter Davies-584810, Walter J. Orze-554915, Justin S. Mann-200923, James E. Epstein-249550, Karen Boyd Williams-195870, Kevin M. O'Connor-549225, Thomas Russell Wrenn-347617, Richard F. Williamson-765350, George Chris Olson-954507, Jeanne Olverson-553463, Steven L. Harris-006840, Kimberly H. Jardine-359410, Stanley M. Stevens-680850, Laree Martin-473395, Judith C. Emken-247405.

Following a report by Bill NeSmith on an additional resignation request, the Executive Committee, by majority voice vote, approved the resignation request from Peter H. Song-666960.

Members Requesting Disabled Status

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-202, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following requests for disabled status: Shirleen Matlock-156688, William A. McNeil-498636, Murphy A. Cooper-186170.

Approval of ICLE Transfer

Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman presented a Letter of Intent (Nonbinding Proposed Terms and Certain Binding Agreements Concerning the Proposed Transfer of Assets to a State Bar of Georgia-Owned Entity) and proposed set of ICLE rules of governance. The Letter of Intent outlines the procedures of the State Bar taking over ICLE, including ICLE transferring and assigning all its rights, assets, goodwill, names and trademarks to the State Bar, and the State Bar assuming all obligations and liabilities of ICLE. All related agreements and instruments will be effective simultaneously on December 31, 2016. Effective January 1, 2017, the State Bar will hire each of the current ICLE employees who accept its offer of employment. Under the proposed new rules, ICLE will be overseen by a Board of 13 members: the Immediate Past President of the State Bar, seven members of the State Bar appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Governors, and one member from each of the ABA accredited law schools operating in the State appointed by the deans of the respective law schools. All of ICLE's assets will be conveyed to the State Bar of Georgia Foundation. Immediate Past President Kauffman reported that the ICLE Board of Trustees voted in favor of the proposed Letter of Intent and proposed rules of governance. Approval from the Executive Committee and the law schools (member entities) is needed to authorize President Pat O'Connor to execute the closing documents. The proposed rules will be presented to the Board of Governors at the January Board meeting.

Jeff Davis and Immediate Past President Kauffman explained that the Bar's Executive Director serves as both the director of the State Bar and the CCLC, and each entity pays half of the director's compensation. A change in that relationship has been approved by the CCLC. Effective January 1, 2017, Jeff Davis will no longer be acting in the capacity of Executive Director of CCLC. DeeDee Worley, currently serving in a dual role as Assistant CLE Director and Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, and also compensated by both entities, will become the new CLE Director reporting directly to, and compensate only by, the CCLC. The CCLC also approved moving the Transition into Law Practice Program (TILP) under its umbrella. The program will be funded by the CCLC and the TILPP Director will report directly to it.

The Executive Committee took the following action on the ICLE transfer:

1. By unanimous voice vote, approved the proposed Letter of Intent (Nonbinding Proposed Terms and Certain Binding Agreements Concerning the Proposed Transfer of Assets to a State Bar of Georgia-Owned Entity) (Exhibit A), and
2. By unanimous voice vote, approved the proposed ICLE rules of governance, as amended to reflect new wording in the immunity clause (Exhibit B).

The Executive Committee took the following action on the actions of the CCLC:

1. By unanimous voice vote, approved shifting the Executive Director's role and Assistant CLE Director's role with CCLC, and
2. By unanimous voice vote, approved moving the TILPP under the CCLC.

Officer Allowance Policy Changes

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Employee Background Check Policy

Jeff Davis reported that the State Bar will have an employee background check policy in place by the end of the year.

Retirement Dinner for Bill Smith

Following a request by Paula Frederick, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the State Bar spending up to \$1,000 on a gift for Bill Smith, who is retiring at the end of the year, and paying for any Bar staff who wish to attend his retirement dinner at the Midyear Meeting. The funds for staff to attend the dinner will be paid from the Board of Governors Meetings line item.

President's Report

President Pat O'Connor reported that the ICLE transition has taken up a lot of Bar leadership and staff time, but it has been well invested. He thanked the staff and Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman for all of their efforts. He reported that with the passing of Constitutional Amendment 3, the State Bar is going to provide names to the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor who each appoint a lawyer to the JQC based upon the list of ten names provided to them by the Board of Governors, and he asked for the Executive Committee members to submit names to him to include on the list.

Christine Butcher reported that moving forward we will begin conversations on fixing HB 808 pertaining to the JQC. Jeff Davis reported that at a meeting several weeks ago with Representative Wendell Willard and Justice David Nahmias, Representative Willard was encouraged about the JQC proposal put forward by Ed Tolley at the Fall Board of Governors meeting. President-elect Buck Rogers, Chair of the JQC Legislative Task Force, announced that the Task Force will meet on November 29. He wants to expand the mission of the Task Force and consider recruiting non Board members to help it with its efforts.

Strategic Plan

Jeff Davis provided an update on the Strategic Plan. He reported that the Georgia Bar Foundation has received a grant from the Justice For All Advisory Committee to develop a Strategic Action Plan in Georgia. The State Bar's Access to Justice Committee and other stakeholders in the civil justice community will work together on this initiative.

Nicki Vaughan reported that the pro bono videos are ready for distribution. The videos highlight pro bono service in an engaging way. They can be shown on rotation for CLE programming purposes, be available on the State Bar's website, and embedded in the sites of pro bono and other advocacy organizations in Georgia.

President Pat O'Connor reported that he has shown the Bar's media campaign PSA's at two local bar meetings and they were very well received.

Secretary Darrell Sutton, Co-chair of the Aging Lawyers Task Force, reported that he and co-chair William Gentry are meeting with the Senior Lawyers Section next week as the Task Force continues working on guidelines and protocols to respond to and assist lawyers who are experiencing age-related issues.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Hodges and Bar CFO Steve Laine reported on the State Bar's finances and investments. The Executive Committee received copies of the Consolidated (Operational and Bar Center) Revenues and Expenditures Report as of September 30, 2016; Income Statement YTD for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016; Bar Center Revenues and Expenditures for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016; State Bar Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2016; Summary of Dues and Voluntary Contributions as of September 30, 2016; Legislative Fund and Cornerstones of Freedom Fund Activity Reports through September 30, 2016; and Summary of Investment Portfolio as of September 30, 2016.

YLD Report

YLD President Jennifer Campbell Mock reported on the activities of the YLD. The YLD Fall meeting in

Orlando, Florida, received lots of positive feedback. Leadership Academy applications are being reviewed and selection will begin for the 2017 class. The YLD holiday party will take place on December 9, 2016. The Annual Signature Fundraiser will be held on February 25, 2017, and CASA is the beneficiary. She encouraged the Executive Committee members to attend and become a sponsor of the event.

Executive Director's Report

Jeff Davis reported that we are making progress on getting the 5th floor up and running as a data center. Enabled Energy has now reported that it has two possible business partners that want to look at the 5th floor with the possibility of managing it for that purpose. Immediate Past President Bob Kauffman reported that the Bar Center Committee is meeting in January in conjunction with the Midyear Meeting and will be updated on this development.

Office of General Counsel Report

Upon a motion and second, the Executive Committee moved into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. After that, a motion was made and seconded to move out of Executive Session.

Board of Governors Minutes

The Executive Committee received a copy of the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on October 21, 2016.

July 2016 Georgia Bar Examination General Statistic Summary

The Executive Committee received a copy of the July 2016 Georgia Bar Examination Pass List.

Bar Leadership Article "NCPB, NABE both Address Alcohol, Substance Abuse, Mental Health"

The Executive Committee received a copy of a *Bar Leader* article titled "At 2016 Annual Meeting, NCPB, NABE, address alcohol, substance abuse, mental health problems."

Daily Report Article "Connecting to Save Colleagues' Lives"

The Executive Committee received a *Daily Report* article on "Connecting to Save Colleagues' Lives."

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Darrell L. Sutton, Secretary

Approved:



Patrick T. O'Connor, President

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

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WOLANDA R. SHELTON
Grievance Counsel

Memorandum

To: Members, Board of Governors
From: Paula Frederick
Date: December 2016
Re: Activity of the Office of the General Counsel

I am pleased to report on the activity of the Office of the General Counsel for the period since the Fall Board of Governors meeting.

Discipline: During October and November 2016 the OGC sent 528 Grievance forms to members of the public and received 264 filed Grievances. The Supreme Court of Georgia entered orders in 12 disciplinary cases during the two-month period. The Year-to-Date Report on Lawyer Regulation (covering the period May 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016) appears at page 3 of this memorandum.

Rules Changes:

- By Order of November 7 the Supreme Court amended several of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The changes include new Rule 1.7(d), creating an exception to the conflicts rules for part-time prosecutors; Rule 4.4(b) regarding receipt of information that was inadvertently sent; and Rule 5.3(d) regarding a lawyer's obligations to supervise a staff person who is a suspended or disbarred lawyer. The new rules are available on the Bar's website.
- The Disciplinary Rules & Procedures Committee will hold an informational session regarding proposed changes to the procedural rules for disciplinary cases at the Midyear Board of Governors meeting and they will be presented for a vote at the Spring meeting.
- At the Fall meeting the Board approved proposed revisions to Rule 5.5 that provide penalties for a lawyer who is admitted *pro hac vice* who fails to pay all required fees. The proposal will be filed with the Supreme Court in the coming weeks.

Formal Advisory Opinions:

- Formal Advisory Opinion 16-3 (15-R1) is now final. It finds that a sole practitioner may not use a firm name that includes the words "group" or "& Associates" because both terms imply that the solo practices with other lawyers, and thus are misleading. The draft

opinion was filed with the Supreme Court and neither the Bar nor the requesting party requested review of the opinion. The Court declined to review the opinion on its own motion, so it is now binding on the Bar and upon the person who requested the opinion.

- Formal Advisory Opinion 16-2 is a redrafted version of old opinion 10-2 that prohibits a lawyer appointed to serve as both legal counsel and guardian ad litem for a child in a termination of parental rights case from advocating termination over the child's objection. A Petition for Discretionary Review of the opinion was docketed on November 10, 2106.

**Year-to-Date Report on Lawyer Regulation
May 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016**

Grievance forms requested and sent to public1,830

Grievance forms sent back to Office of General Counsel for screening1,061

Grievances pending as of 4/30/16.....343

TOTAL 1,404

Grievances referred to State Disciplinary Board members 135

Grievances being screened by Grievance Counsel (GC) 269

Grievances closed by Grievance Counsel 990

Grievances moved to moot status by GC after attorney was disbarred.....10

TOTAL 1,404

Regulatory Action May 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016

	<u>Attorneys</u>	<u>Cases</u>
Letters of Admonition Accepted	19	19
Investigative Panel Reprimands Administered	16	18
Review Panel Reprimands	2	3
Public Reprimands	0	0
Suspensions	14	20
Disbarments/Voluntary Surrenders	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	61	71
Reinstatements Granted	1	
Reinstatements Denied	0	

State Bar of Georgia South Georgia Office Statistics January to November 2016

Month	Misc. Meetings	Depos/Video Conf.	Mediation	Walk-ins	CLE/Training	Total Events	Total Using Office
January, 2016	2	3 1 VC	4	11	6	27	60
February	3	2 1 VC	0	13	9	28	68
March	3	1 Depos	3	9	11	27	94
April	3	4 Depos	5	20	3	35	98
May	2	3 Depos 2 VC	6	14	0	25	70
June	5	6 Depos	2	10	2	25	110
July	2	6 Depos	2	13	0	23	44
August	3	9 Depos 1 VC	1	4	1	18	99
September	1	5 1 VC	4	19	3	27	101
October	2	2 1 VC	2	7	6	19	96
November	3	4 45 Depos 7 VC	5	9	6	27	102
	29	45 Depos 7 VC	34	129	47	281	942

Attorney Locations:

Adel,	Cairo	Fitzgerald	Macon	Pelham	Tifton
Albany	Claxton	Gray	Manchester	Pensacola, Fla	Ty Ty
Alpharetta	Columbus	Hawkinsville	McRae	Perry	Valdosta
Americus	Cordele	Hazlehurst	Montgomery, Ala	Placeville, CO	Vienna
Ashburn	Cuthbert	Homerville	Moultrie	Pooler	Warner Robbins
Atlanta	Dawson	Hudson, Fla	Nashville	Quitman	Waycross
Axon	Decatur	Jacksonville, Fla	Norman Park	Savannah	Wimauna, Fla
Bainbridge	Donaldsonville	Jekyll Island	Ochlocknee	Shellman	Winter Garden, Fla
Blackshear	Douglas	Kathleen	Ocilla	St. Simons	
Bonaire	Duluth	Leesburg	Oglethorpe	Sylvester	
Bonita S, Fla	Eastman	Los Angeles, CA	Oviedo, Fla	Tallahassee, Fla	
Brunswick	Evans	Lyons	Palatka, Fla	Thomasville	

State Bar of Georgia Coastal Georgia Office Statistics January 2015 to November 2016							
Month	Client/Misc Mtgs	Depositions	Mediation/ Arbitration	Walk-ins	CLE Opportunities/ Training	Total Events	Total Number of People Using Facility (Clients and Attorneys)
Jan-16	4	2	1	5	6	18	64
February	3	3	6	3	6	21	155
March	6	5	4	4	10	29	249
April	4	5	5	0	2	16	90
May	4	2	4	1	1	12	74
June	8	4	2	3	3	20	66
July	3	5	5	0	0	13	52
August	4	3	7	0	2	16	76
September	6	7	6	0	2	21	142
October	4	3	3	0	4	14	56
November	5	7	3	2	4	21	96
December	TBD						
Year Total:	51	46	46	18	40	201	1120

Attorney Locations For 2016: Savannah, Atlanta, Pooler, Rincon, Alpharetta, St. Simons Island, Tampa (FL), Darien, Charleston (SC), Statesboro, Lawrenceville, Brunswick, Columbus, Richmond Hill, Hinesville, Jacksonville (FL), Macon, Athens, Waycross, Augusta, Valdosta, Tucker, Metter, Cordele, Sylvania, Lexington, Canton, Covington, Lyons, Thomasville, Norcross, Arlington (VA), Decatur, San Antonio (TX), Dunwoody.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia

**FROM: Norman E. Zoller, attorney coordinating the
Military Legal Assistance Program**

DATE: December 8, 2016

SUBJECT Status of the Military Legal Assistance Program

Background and Overview of Work: Today marks the *seventh anniversary* of the founding of the State Bar of Georgia's Military Legal Assistance Program (MLAP), the main objective of which has been and remains to connect lawyers with service members and veterans who need legal assistance. Thus far, 1,773 service members or veterans have been so connected as shown below. Here are program highlights since the report to the Board of Governor at its Fall Meeting at Callaway Gardens.

- 1) Legal Clinics at Georgia Law Schools.** Along with Professor Charles Shanor, Lane Dennard, and Drew Early at Emory University; and Dean Steve Kaminshine, Associate Dean Roy Sobelson, Patricia Shewmaker, and Steve Shewmaker at Georgia State University, helped facilitate establishment of legal clinics in the law schools at Emory (which began in February 2013 [current status shown at **Attachment A**]) and Georgia State University (which began in November 2014). Further, the *Military Times* has recently reported that Georgia State University and its 53,919 students ranks seventh in the Nation as the Best College for Veterans (for 2017, article at **Attachment B**). Similar clinics are also being planned or considered at the University of Georgia and at Mercer University.
- 2) Legal Assistance Clinics at VA Medical Facilities.** In addition to the MLAP and the law schools, legal assistance clinics are operating at five VA medical facilities: VA Medical Centers (VAMC) at Augusta and Decatur, VA medical facilities at Carrollton, Fort McPherson, and Rome. Other legal clinics remain under consideration for the Dublin VAMC and at the VA medical facility in Savannah (a subcommittee for which is being co-chaired by Patti-Elrod Hill and Pat Hooks), in Athens, and in Macon.
- 3) Veterans' Courts.** Veterans' courts are organized and remain operational now in 19 judicial circuits representing 41 counties. A new court is near formal

operations in DeKalb County, and another in Newton County is scheduled to begin next month.

- 4) **Oral Argument of Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.** On November 2, 2016, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, presided over by Chief Judge Robert N. Davis, conducted oral argument of a veterans claim case at the Emory College of Law. The event itself and a special reception on November 1, were sponsored by Emory in collaboration with the MLAP Committee and with the Military and Veterans Law Section.
- 5) **Collaborative Projects with Mil/Vets Law Section.** Two other projects with which MLAP is involved include, first, providing volunteer lawyers and judges with the Constitution Law Section and the American Legion during the period January through April 2017 for students who will make presentations concerning the Constitution; and second, undertaking a joint statewide effort with the Criminal Law Section to help locate criminal lawyers to assist veterans on criminal law issues. A joint CLE program is also being considered with the Criminal Law Section at the State Bar's Annual Meeting in June 2017. There is no plan, however, to increase the scope of responsibilities of MLAP to include criminal law cases; its scope remains the processing of civil law cases only.
- 6) **Travel to Belgium and France, Oct. 2-13, 2017, re: 100th Anniversary of World War I.** Together with the MLAP Committee and GA ICLE, the Military and Veterans Law Section is scheduled to conduct a Law Section-sponsored trip over the period October 2-13, 2017, to Belgium and France with a CLE program commemorating the 100th Anniversary of various World War I battle sites, memorials, and related events (**Attachment C**). This trip remains available to Georgia lawyers and their guests who may still register and take part through Road Scholar of Boston, Massachusetts. At this writing Road Scholar advises that five cabins remain. Interested lawyers should contact Road Scholar directly at 800/322-5315 for Program #22851.
- 7) **Strategic Plans for the Military Legal Assistance Program.** A special committee appointed by Eric Ballinger (consisting of himself, Drew Early, Jay Elmore, and Cary King) is considering the status and future direction of the MLAP program. Recommendations are being developed and will be presented to the State Bar's Program Committee and to the Finance Committee for consideration.
- 8) **Visits with Members of Bar Groups and Associations.** On October 24-25, 2016, I traveled to Washington, DC, in order to take part in an American Bar

Association’s planning meeting to create a nationwide legal assistance network. The purpose of this network will be to create a mechanism that enables the ABA to implement a national demonstration pilot or pilots. The main objective is to create the final guiding document encompassing plans, logistics, operations, funding, systems, etc., on what it means for a community to operate within and be supported by a growing network.

Further, on behalf of the MLAP and the Mil/Vets Law Section, on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016, Cary King and I met with about 60 lawyers at Jones Day (which is providing substantial legal and financial support to the ABA’s new legal assistance network), and on November 18 with about 40 lawyers at the Rome Bar Association.

9) Presentation of Marshall Tuttle Award. The 2015 recipient of the annual Marshall-Tuttle Award is Gregory Studdard, who was not able to be present at the Annual Meeting in June as he and his family were traveling in Europe. At the time it was noted that this award would be presented later. The award is scheduled to be presented by Eric Ballinger.

10) Cases Processed. Below is a summary of the number and types of requests for legal assistance received and referred to lawyers under the State Bar’s Military Legal Assistance Program. Under the program, **a total of 1,773 cases have been processed.** Further, a total of 38 additional cases are in process (i.e., in the pipeline), awaiting agreement authorizations from potential clients (31) or agreements from attorneys (7) to accept a case. Further, although the program does not handle criminal cases directly, about 400 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). A summary of cases processed by the MLAP by category follows:

Family Law		907 (including 59 previous)
Contested Divorce	367	
Uncontested Divorce	17	
Divorce Enforcement	16	
Child Support	120	
Guardianship/Adoption	91	
Visitation	36	
Child Custody	201	
Consumer Law		115
Housing/Property		106

Foreclosure	25
Veterans Benefits/Disability	248
Wills/Estates/Probate	96
Employment/USERRA/SCRA	50
Bankruptcy	24
Insurance	20
Personal Injury	39
Property Damage	3
Worker's Compensation	2
Contract	7
Medical Malpractice	6
Toxic Substances	5
Other	<u>120</u>
	1,773

Attachments:

- A) Report from Emory Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans, December 9, 2016.
- B) GA State University ranks seventh in U.S. for Veterans (from *Military Times*).
- C) Brochure concerning Military and Veterans Law Section sponsored-trip, October 2-13, 2017, to Belgium and France commemorating 100th Anniversary of WW I battle sites, memorials, and commemorative events.



Summary of Clinic's Work

Date: December 9, 2016

A. Summary of Cases and Involvement by Attorney Mentors and Student Volunteers

1. 166 Cases/Matters.
2. 37 Favorable Dispositions. Roughly \$4 million in projected economic benefits obtained, including backpay, estimated future economic benefits, and projected educational benefits.
3. Over 100 Student Volunteers have participated at this point (including nine summer interns from 2014–2016).
4. 72 Lawyers volunteered for participation; 52 have participated at this point.

B. Referral sources

1. Cases coming in directly to the Clinic (Fellow: Mallory Ball) (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. Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program in Washington
4. Legal Clinic at the VA Hospital
5. Atlanta Legal Aid
6. DeKalb County Community Development Board
7. Cobb County Veterans Court
8. Military Mondays with Starbucks
9. VA Homeless/HUDVASH Program
10. Cornerstone Training and Consulting

11. Army OneSource – Georgia/Florida Rep.
12. Georgia Blinded Veterans Association

C. Work accomplished since September 23, 2016

1. Roughly 100 veterans have been assisted, either through intake or substantial filings on behalf of the veteran.
2. Received roughly \$105,077.00 in back pay for veterans since September 23, 2016.
3. Discharge upgraded from Other Than Honorable to General Under Honorable Conditions for a Vietnam veteran with multiple disabilities on the Agent Orange presumption list.

D. Recent Publicity/Activities

1. Recruited volunteer attorneys at Kilpatrick Townsend and gave a discharge upgrade training presentation to those attorneys.
2. Article in the Emory News Center about the Clinic and Military Mondays published on November 10, 2016.

E. Clinic Wins Since September 22, 2016:

1. Vietnam era veteran's claim for service-connection on a secondary basis for anxiety and depression due to service-connected Melanoma was granted at 70%. He received \$38,000 in back pay.
2. PTSD increase from 50% to 70% plus an award for TDIU (100%) for a Vietnam combat veteran. He received over \$56,000 in back pay.
3. Vietnam veteran suffering from depression was granted service-connection after six years from the date of his original claim. He received \$11,000 in back pay.
4. Vietnam veteran with diabetes was granted service-connection on a presumptive basis due to Agent Orange exposure.
5. Air Force veteran's claim for service-connected Sleep Apnea secondary to his service-connected brain hemorrhage was granted after seven years.
6. A Tennessee court granted the request for waiver of court fees and costs related to a DUI for a veteran seeking a driver's license reinstatement. The Clinic assisted the veteran with finding a volunteer attorney in Tennessee to file the Affidavit of Indigency.

7. A Vietnam veteran with a Purple Heart, who suffers from combat-related PTSD, had his discharge upgraded from Other Than Honorable to General Under Honorable Conditions. He will now be eligible for VA benefits and the Clinic will help him with his claim for service-connection.

F. Challenges for the future

1. Maintain and increase student and attorney volunteer interest.
2. Find new sources of cases for our increased staff capacities. This includes our desire to expand our test case footprint and involvement with county veterans courts.
3. Fund raising.

J. Summary

The Clinic continues to maintain a good number of cases. There has been very active student participation but the need currently exists to recruit more outside attorney/mentors to work with the students. Those interested can contact Mallory Ball at mdball@emory.edu or 404-727-0605.

Reference material – Attorney/mentors should have access to the Veterans Benefit Manual by Stichman & Abrams; Federal Veterans Laws, Rules and Regulations, 2014 edition; and the Veterans Benefits Manual and Related Laws and Regulations on CD-ROM, all published by Lexis-Nexis.

The Nation should “care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.” – Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address (March 4, 1865).

BEST FOR VETS: COLLEGES 2017

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These are the top-finishing institutions that told us they offer bachelor's or graduate degrees or both.

Rank	College	Headquarters	Type	2015 enrollment			Policy agreement			Post-9/11 GI Bill
				Overall	Military	Veterans office	Principles of Excellence	8 Keys	DoD MOU	
1	University of South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	Public	48,793	1,588	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	New Brunswick, N.J.	Public	67,556	1,192	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Syracuse University	Syracuse, N.Y.	Private	21,789	464	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Armstrong State University	Savannah, Ga.	Public	7,103	384	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	D'Youville College	Buffalo, N.Y.	Private	2,909	232	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Colorado State University	Fort Collins, Colo.	Public	35,263 ^[1]	1,453 ^[1]	✓	✓		✓	
7	Georgia State University	Atlanta	Public	53,919	1,722	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	South Dakota State University	Brookings, S.D.	Public	12,589	273	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	University of Nebraska at Omaha	Omaha, Neb.	Public	15,526	890	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	The University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	Public	27,259	508	✓	✓	✓	✓	

[1] Based on 12-month unduplicated headcount for 2015-16 academic year
 [2] Military students not charged above TA cap, but nonmilitary may be

Methodology

We invited institutions of higher education across the U.S. to fill out a rigorous survey, numbering around 150 questions, about their operations involving current and former service members and their families. Those that identified themselves primarily as general education institutions were considered for these rankings; career and technical colleges were ranked in our October issue.

To create the rankings, we evaluated colleges' survey responses based on what veterans have told us is important to them, as well as on our own editorial judgment. We also factored in data

from the Veterans Affairs and Defense departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database. Broadly speaking, institutions were evaluated in five categories: university culture, academic outcomes/quality, student support, academic policies, and cost and financial aid. While the value of each section was comparable, university culture and academic outcomes/quality were worth the most in the survey, and cost/financial aid was worth the least. Many factors other than those listed in the chart were

considered when developing the rankings.

2015 enrollment data are as reported by the colleges in our survey for the fall 2015 semester, except where otherwise indicated. Military enrollment figures are measured similarly and apply to service members and veterans actually tracked by a school, not just students using military-related benefits, except where otherwise indicated.

Policy agreements show which of three major military and veteran education agreements a college has signed on to: the Principles of Excel-



Post-9/11 GI Bill							Full-time (part-time) retention rate		Graduation rate (transfer rate)		
Yellow Ribbon	Charged at or below TA cap	Staff support	Extracurriculars	Accreditation	Student-faculty ratio	Money per student on instruction	Overall	Military	Overall	Military	Default
★★★★	Undergraduate	★★★★	★★★★	SACS [R]	19:1	\$6,820	86% (62%)	83%	50% (8%)	68%	5%
n/a		★★★½	★★★★	MSOHE [R]	13:1	\$15,402	91% (60%)	83%	67% (19%)	52%	3%
★★★★	Undergraduate	★★★★	★★★★	MSOHE [R]	16:1	\$15,192	92% (64%)	95% (60%)	60%	67%	3%
★★★★	All	★★★★	★★★★	SACS [R]	17:1	\$6,105	70% (54%)	70% (66%)	30% (22%)	49%	7%
★★★★		★★★	★★★★	MSOHE [R]	9:1	\$9,847	78%	97%	44%	95%	5%
★★★★		★★★½	★★★★	HLC [R]	16:1	\$10,857	85% (71%)	86% (69%)	65% (10%)	86%	2%
★★★★	Undergraduate [R]	★★★★	★★★★	SACS [R]	21:1	\$7,241	81% (57%)	82% (63%)	53% (17%)	56%	9%
n/a	All	★★★★	★★★★	HLC [R]	17:1	\$7,951	77% (45%)	no data	57%	36%	4%
★★★★	All	★★★½	★★★★	HLC [R]	16:1	\$8,428	77% (45%)	72% (33%)	45% (31%)	49%	6%
★★★★		★★★½	★★★★	HLC [R]	17:1	\$17,259	80% (72%)	75%	60% (33%)	no data	4%

[3] Based on number of Defense Department and Veterans Affairs Department benefit users, as reported by the institutions on our survey
 [4] Based on 12-month unduplicated headcount for 2014-15 academic year
 [5] Data from fall 2014

lence, 8 Keys to Veterans' Success, and the most recent Defense Department Memorandum of Understanding. Whether an institution signed on to 8 Keys is based on VA data; information on other agreements was reported by schools in the survey.

Charged at or below Post-9/11 limits means an institution indicated that no Post-9/11 GI Bill recipient at the school, eligible at the 100 percent benefit level, was charged a tuition rate above what the Post-9/11 GI Bill covers during the 2015-16 academic year. Public schools must not charge out-of-state tuition rates to any student using the benefit for this to happen; private schools must not exceed the \$21,084.89 cap.

Yellow Ribbon rates a college's

participation in the Yellow Ribbon program, under which a school and the Veterans Affairs Department partner to partially or completely make up the difference between a school's tuition rate and the Post-9/11 GI Bill payment cap. Colleges with "n/a" indicated that the Post-9/11 GI Bill fully covered their tuition costs in the 2015-16 school year, so Yellow Ribbon was not needed. Stars are awarded based on the proportion of students receiving Yellow Ribbon scholarships and the value of those awards. Best rating = 4 stars.

Charged at or below TA cap shows whether a school's tuition rates were at or below the \$250-per-credit-hour limit set for most military tuition assistance in the 2015-16 school year.

Staff support rates the number of staff members an institution dedicates to veterans issues as a proportion of its military and veteran student population; the amount of time they spend on veterans issues; and the scope and frequency of military-related training for faculty, administrators and staff throughout the school.

Extracurriculars rates the number and activity level of student veteran groups at a college, as well as whether the school supports those groups financially. The ratings also consider initiatives to support military spouses and families, as well as nonacademic school events, such as service projects, Veterans Day programs and others.

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Accreditation indicates a school's institutional accreditation. [R] indicates regional accreditation, which is generally the most respected type of accreditation in the academic community and usually makes it easier to transfer academic credit to another school. ACICS: Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools; DETC: Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission; HLC: The Higher Learning Commission (North Central Association of Colleges and Schools); MSCHE: Middle States Commission on Higher Education; NCCU: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; NEASC: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education; SACS: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges; WASC: Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior College and University Commission; WASC-ACCJC: Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

Money per student on instruction data from the Education Department shows the average amount of money spent on instruction per full-time-equivalent student.

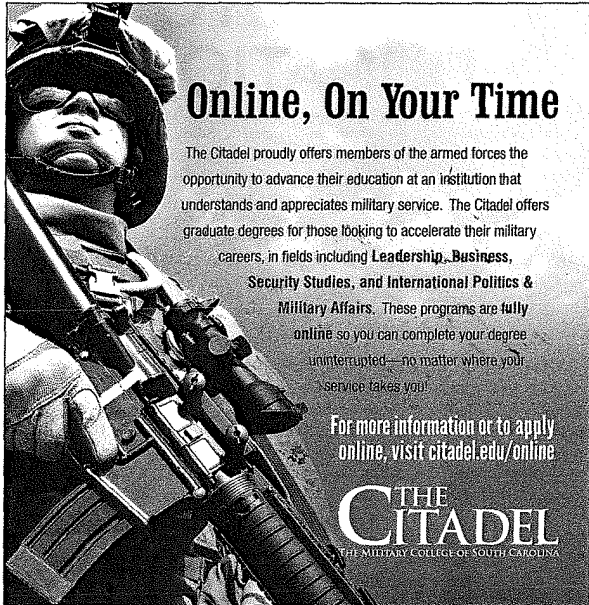
Retention rate data shows the proportion of a school's full-time and part-time students who returned to classes in the fall 2014 semester after they started at the school in 2013. The total rate comes from Education Department data and includes only first-time freshmen, both full-time and part-time. The military rate comes from schools reporting the data in our survey and includes both freshmen and transfer students in their first semester at the school. Among all schools tracked by the Education Department, the retention rate for first-time, full-time students starting in 2013 and continuing in 2014, the most recent years for which data is available, was

80 percent at four-year schools and 61 percent at two-year schools. Part-time retention rates are typically lower.

Graduation rate data shows the proportion of a school's students who graduated within 150 percent of the expected completion time for the degrees they pursued. This measures new students starting at a four-year school in 2008 and graduating by 2014, as well as new students starting at a two-year school in 2011 and graduating by 2014. The total rate comes from Education Department data and includes only first-time, full-time students, a category into which current and former service members rarely fall. However, the rate can provide some indication of academic success for the general student population. For schools that reported the information, the number in parentheses is the transfer-out rate for the same timeframe, which, if added to the graduation rate, may give a

more accurate representation of student success. The military rate comes from schools reporting the data in our survey and is calculated the same way, except it considers only students with military ties and is not limited to first-time, full-time students. Among all schools tracked by the Education Department, the average graduation rate was 54 percent at four-year schools and 31 percent at two-year schools for students graduating by 2014, the most recent year for which data is available.

Default rate data, from the Education Department, indicates the percentage of students from the 2013 graduating class, the most recent data available, who defaulted on loans within two years of beginning to repay them. Among all schools tracked by the Education Department, the average default rate was 9 percent for four-year schools and 18 percent for less-than-four-year schools.



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ROAD SCHOLAR

Road Scholar's Proposal to the Military and Veterans Law Section Of the State Bar of Georgia World War I Commemorative Voyage in Belgium and France Monday, October 2 to Friday, October 13, 2017

Background Information

Road Scholar, founded in 1975 as Elderhostel, is the not-for-profit leader in offering educational travel programs specifically designed for Baby Boomers and beyond. The breadth and depth of our offerings is unsurpassed with more than 5,500 learning adventures in 150 countries and all 50 states, serving more than 100,000 participants per year. At any given time, 2,000 Road Scholars are experiencing the world on our learning adventures.

Road Scholar's mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.

World War I Commemorative Voyage in Belgium and France

Road Scholar proposes offering Members of the Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia the following exclusive learning adventure – **World War I Commemorative Voyage in Belgium and France – from Monday, October 2 to Friday, October 13, 2017.**

Program Summary:

Arras. Somme. Chateau Thierry. Belleau Wood. Ypres. Flanders Field. These battlefields tell tales of great heroism and terrible loss. The German invasion of Belgium and France in World War I was devastating. Millions lost their lives, and millions more were wounded or displaced. On a journey both somber and powerful, honor their sacrifice and learn WWI history where it happened. Sail along the Belgian coastline and through the French countryside on a commemorative voyage to the major battlefields, memorials and cemeteries of the "Great War." Explore the underground tunnels of Arras, traverse the battlefields of Somme, and reflect at memorials across Belgium and France.

Special Guest Lecturer and Program Leader: Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Duff

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Duff was educated at Christ Church Cathedral Choir School and Dauntseys School. It was while he was at school and visiting his parents in Cyprus and India that his interest in history generally, and military history in particular, were kindled. He was commissioned from Sandhurst into the Royal Anglian Regiment. He served with 3 Royal Anglian (the successor regiment to the Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments) in UK, Germany,

Cyprus, Northern Ireland and Belize, commanding companies on operational tours in Cyprus, Northern Ireland and Belize. He also carried out regimental tours of duty as Adjutant/Training Officer of the Bermuda Regiment and as Training Major of 5 Royal Anglian. As a staff officer, he did tours in Military Operations, Intelligence and Security, Exercise Planning and finished his regular service as the officer responsible for the Arctic Warfare Training and Operations of the UK Element of the Allied Mobile Force. On leaving the Regular Army, Lieutenant Colonel Duff settled in Wiltshire and joined the Territorial Army (TA) serving with HQ 5 Airborne Brigade and then HQ 16 Air Assault Brigade.

Since leaving the TA, Lieutenant Colonel Duff has been able to indulge his lifelong interest in Military History by becoming a Battlefield Tour Guide and has conducted successful tours for schools, military groups and adults. His experience as an infantry soldier allows him to explain the battlefield from the view of the protagonists and thus combine the personal, professional and historical stories to bring the battlefield 'alive.' In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Duff is the Executive Producer and a Director of Battlefield History Television, a company producing military history documentaries. <http://www.battlefieldhistory.tv/>

Program Highlights:

- Pay your respects at the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial, and honor the fallen with a wreath-laying ceremony.
- Visit the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing, the largest memorial for Commonwealth forces in the world.
- Hear from World War I expert, Lieutenant Colonel Duff, about:
 - Europe 1914 – Causes of War
 - Battles 1914 – Armies
 - Battles 1915 – Trench Warfare
 - Major Battles conducted in 1916 and 1917

Activity Notes: This is an active program for people who enjoy walking as much as two miles a day.

Accommodations:

MS Victor Hugo, 6 nights

- Four-Star 2 deck ship built in 2000 and refurbished in 2010
- Cabins: 46 available¹
- Amenities: lounge-bar with a dance floor; dining room; large sundeck with deckchairs; gift shop; central heating and air-conditioning, 220V electricity, radar, radiophone, hairdryer, satellite TV, safe and Wi-Fi on board.

Hotel Mercure, Riems, 2 nights

¹Total capacity 92 double occupancy, however, we can offer single accommodations for an additional fee.

Crowne Plaza Paris Hotel, Paris, 2 nights

Cabin Categories

- Category 1: 19 upper deck cabins with one double bed or two twin beds, a picture window and private en suite facilities; 75 square feet
- Category 2: 27 main deck cabins with one double bed or two twin beds, a picture window and private en suite facilities; 75 square feet

Pricing:

- Category 1: Upper Deck – Double Occupancy: \$3,295
- Category 1: Upper Deck – Single Occupancy: \$4,855
- Category 2: Main Deck – Double Occupancy: \$3,095
- Category 2: Main Deck – Single Occupancy: \$4,555

Estimated Roundtrip Airfare:

Airfare is available through Road Scholar Travel Services with upgrades both to Premium Economy Class and Business Class upon request. For those travelling from cities other than Atlanta or New York, we will offer customized travel arrangements. We will also include a program only option for those who want to arrange their own travel or use frequent flyer miles.

- Atlanta, GA to Brussel, Belgium and Paris, France to Atlanta, GA \$1,200
- NYC, NY (JFK) to Brussel, Belgium and Paris, France to NYC, NY \$1,000

Program Price Includes:

- 10 nights of accommodations
- 28 Meals: B-10; L-8; D-10
- Expert-led lectures and field trips
- 2 CLE Classes (exclusive of customary GA ICLE fees)
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- English-Speaking Group Leaders to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- All gratuities
- All taxes and destination fees
- Pre-program informational materials including a recommended reading list
- The Road Scholar Emergency and Travel Assistance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

Meals on the Ship:

- Breakfast: self-service breakfast buffet includes a variety of choices such as eggs, sausages and cold cuts, yogurt, fresh fruit, breads and pastries, jams and jellies, juice, coffee, tea, water.
- Lunch: 3-course plated and served meals prepared fresh daily. Beverages include coffee, tea, mineral water, fruit juice, house wine, beer.
- Dinner: 3-course plated and served meals prepared fresh daily. Beverages include coffee, tea, mineral water, fruit juice, house wine, beer; other beverages such as Champagne and the special wine list are available for purchase.

Proposed Daily Itinerary:

Day 1 – Monday, October 2: Overnight Flight to Brussels, Belgium

Day 2 – Tuesday, October 3: Arrive Brussels and transfer to the Ship in Ostend

Arrive to Brussels and motor coach transfer to Ostend. We will board the ship starting at 6:00 pm. After settling into our cabins, join the Captain and crew for a Welcome Cocktail Party followed by dinner.

Dinner

Day 3 – Wednesday, October 4: Arrive Bruges, City Exploration

This morning enjoy the scenery and feel the rhythm of the cruise as we glide along. Arrival in Bruges is expected late morning. Following lunch, we'll set out on a field trip through this picturesque city. Founded around the 9th Century C.E., Bruges (Brugge) has been one of the most important cultural centers in northern Europe. It has also been of strategic importance in times of war. The Germans used the port of Zeebrugge in World War I for their U-boats. The historic city center is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site: "an outstanding example of a medieval historic settlement, which has maintained its historic fabric as this has evolved over the centuries, and where original Gothic constructions form part of the town's identity." Bruges is renowned for fine lace and fine arts, including one of Michelangelo's masterpieces, a marble Madonna With Child in the Church of Our Lady, the only one of his sculptures to leave Italy during his lifetime. Following our visit, we will enjoy a trip along the town's canals on board small motor boats where we will be able to see the town's most important buildings and monuments from a different perspective. Enjoy a free evening after dinner or join us in the lounge for entertainment.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 – Thursday, October 5: Bruges-Kortrijk, CLE Class, City of Ghent

This morning, we will offer the first of our CLE courses on board the ship. For those not participating in the class, there will be free time to take in the passing sights.

Following lunch, we will depart for a guided tour of the historic city of Ghent, often referred to as “Belgium’s Best Kept Secret” – small enough to feel cozy but big enough to stay vibrant. It’s the capital and largest city of the East Flanders province and after Antwerp the largest municipality of Belgium. Much of the city’s medieval architecture remains intact and is remarkably well preserved and restored. Its center is the largest car free area in Belgium. We’ll return to the ship in Kortrijk. After dinner, enjoy an evening of music and dancing aboard the ship.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 – Friday, October 6: Kortrijk, Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Ypres

This morning, our full day field trip will begin with a visit to the Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and Memorial to the Missing, the largest for Commonwealth forces in the world. We’ll continue with a visit to the Passchendaele Museum, located in Zonnebeke Castle, which offers an overview of the deadly battle of 1917. An underground tunnel gives us an idea of what the life of a British soldier was like during that period. At lunch in a restaurant, we will enjoy some regional cheeses and wine. This afternoon, we’ll head for Ypres via Canada Corner, the site of the first Gas Attacks of WW1 and Essex Farm Cemetery, where John McCrae wrote the poem, “In Flanders Fields.” We will next visit the In Flanders Fields Museum, which presents the history of the First World War in the region of the Western Flanders Front, where more than 600,000 combatants died in these lands. After a short break in town, we’ll attend the Last Post Ceremony. The “Last Post” was the call of the bugle played particularly in the British Army to mark the end of the day’s work and the beginning of the evening’s rest. After our tour, we’ll return to the ship for dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6 – Saturday, October 7: Comines, Poperinge, Military Cemetery at Lijssenthoek

Following breakfast, we will depart by motor coach to Poperinge. On our way we will stop at Messines Ridge, the site of the highly successful British Offensive in 1917. In Poperinge, we will explore this charming town on a walking tour. This is one of only two towns in Belgium that was not occupied by the Germans during World War I. We’ll continue on to the military cemetery at Lijssenthoek. From 1915 to 1920, this was also the location of the largest evacuation hospital from the Ypres Salient battle zone. The visitor center tells the story of this unique site through the use of interactive exhibits. We’ll return to the ship in Kortrijk for lunch and enjoy some free time this afternoon. Following dinner, tonight’s entertainment will be provided by the crew.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Sunday, October 8: Arras-Carriere Wellington

Our field trip today will be to Arras. Each year, Arras attracts thousands of visitors to explore the city's architecture and historic buildings. We'll visit the Carrière Wellington, an enormous underground network of tunnels used by British Empire and Commonwealth forces during the World War I. After descending some 65 feet in a glass elevator, we'll learn about the memorial to the Battle of Arras of 1917 with audio guides. This afternoon, we cruise to Lille and tonight, for our last night aboard the ship, we will enjoy our gala evening and special dinner hosted by the Captain.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8 – Monday, October 9: Lille-Reims, Somme Cemetery & Memorial

Following breakfast, we'll say goodbye to the crew and disembark in Lille. We will travel by motor coach to the Somme American Cemetery and the site where United States troops assisted the British in breaking the Hindenburg Line in 1918. The actions of these men are often forgotten because they did not fight under General Pershing, but they won more Medals of Honor than any other United States Corps. In honor of the fallen, we will participate in a solemn wreath-laying ceremony. Late this afternoon, we will check into our hotel in Reims. Tonight dinner will be on your own to explore local cuisine in Reims.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9 – Tuesday, October 10: Meuse Argonne American Battlefields

Following breakfast, we will visit the Meuse Argonne American Battlefields. This is the biggest and most costly of US battles in WW1 with over 26,000 American dead. We will visit the sites of battles where Patton, Bradley, MacArthur and many other famous US politicians and soldiers fought. We will also visit Montfaucon, the Lost Battalion and Sergeant Alvin C. York Battles finishing our tour at the ABMC Cemetery at Romagne to pay our respect to 100,000 Americans who died in WW1.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10 – Wednesday, October 11: Reims Cathedral, Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood

This morning we will visit the Reims Cathedral, Notre-Dame de Reims (Our Lady of Reims), the seat of the Archdiocese of Reims, where the kings of France were crowned. Along with the cathedrals of Chartres and Amiens, Reims is a member of the illustrious triad of "High Gothic" or "Classical" French cathedrals built in the 13th century. Our next field trip is to Chateau-Thierry, where American troops – the American Expeditionary Force under General John "Black Jack" Pershing – engaged in one of their first battles. We'll see the Battle of the Marne monument and also visit the cemetery at Belleau Wood. We will then travel to Paris and check in at the Crowne Plaza Paris.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 11 – Thursday, October 12: CLE Class, Free Time

We will offer our second CLE Class at the hotel. For those not participating in the class, you will have free time to explore Paris. Lunch on your own and free afternoon. Tonight we will enjoy a special Farewell dinner.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 – Friday, October 13 – Program Concludes

Program concludes following breakfast.

Breakfast

Terms and Conditions

Commitment and Deposit Deadline: Thursday, December 1, 2016

To reserve only a portion of the ship for members of the Georgia Bar Association, Road Scholar will require a non-refundable \$1000 per person double occupancy for each bed; \$2,000 per person single occupancy.

After the December 1, 2016 deadline, Road Scholar will release the remaining space back to the cruise line.

Road Scholar’s minimum number to operate the program: 34

Road Scholar’s maximum number to operate the program: 92

While the \$1,000 per person deposit is non-refundable, the Georgia Bar Association will have the opportunity to substitute members (i.e. name change) without a fee up until 90 days prior to departure.

Individual Cancellation Schedule:

Final Payment Due: 6/25/2017		
Action:	Applies After:	Fee per Person:
Deposit	Due with enrollment	\$ 1000
Cancel up to 90 days prior to program start date	Date of Enrollment	\$ 1000
Cancel 89 to 60 days prior to program start date	7/6/2017	50 % of order total
Cancel less than 60 days prior to program start date	8/5/2017	100 % of order total

Please note that these penalties apply to the program only; airfare subject to different penalties.

Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance

Road Scholar is pleased to offer Road Scholar Trip Cancellation, Interruption & Travel Delay Insurance, protecting you against transfer/cancellation fees should you need to transfer to another program or cancel your program registration altogether. The insurance also provides benefits if you are delayed getting to or returning home from your program and protects your investment should you have an emergency during your program that causes you to miss program days or return home earlier than expected. Your airfare, whether purchased through Road Scholar or independently, is covered — an exceptional benefit and value offered exclusively to Road Scholar participants. This plan provides cancellation coverage for your trip and other insurance coverages that apply only during the covered trip.

Estimated Price: \$350

**CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
STATE BAR OF GEORGIA**

December 14, 2016

The Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) continues to serve both the public and members of the Bar, as it has since 1995. So far during the last calendar year CAP has handled around 11,259 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 79.12% of these contacts. The remaining 20.88% have been referred to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) for investigation by way of grievances sent to persons complaining about alleged violations of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct (GRPC). It is beyond the scope of CAP’s responsibility to investigate or handle allegations of such violations and ethical misconduct. However, CAP cannot refuse to request a grievance from OGC if someone demands it, even when CAP knows that it appears there is no violation of the GRPC.

CAP’s staff consists of three administrative assistants and two attorneys. CAP directly answers “live” about 97% 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 day.


CAP’s two attorneys often 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 concerns or complaints. 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 assert the client’s position is true and correct. Each CAP call is just a “heads-up” or courtesy call to the

attorney. Additionally, CAP gives attorneys a courtesy call just to let them know they will be receiving by mail an “update” letter, which is sending the attorney the client’s letter to CAP. None of CAP’s actions in this regard reach attorneys’ permanent records, and all 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 O.C.G.A. and Bar rules. There have been no such cases during this 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. There have been no JDPP cases during this time period.

CAP remains within its annual budget of \$566,563, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.



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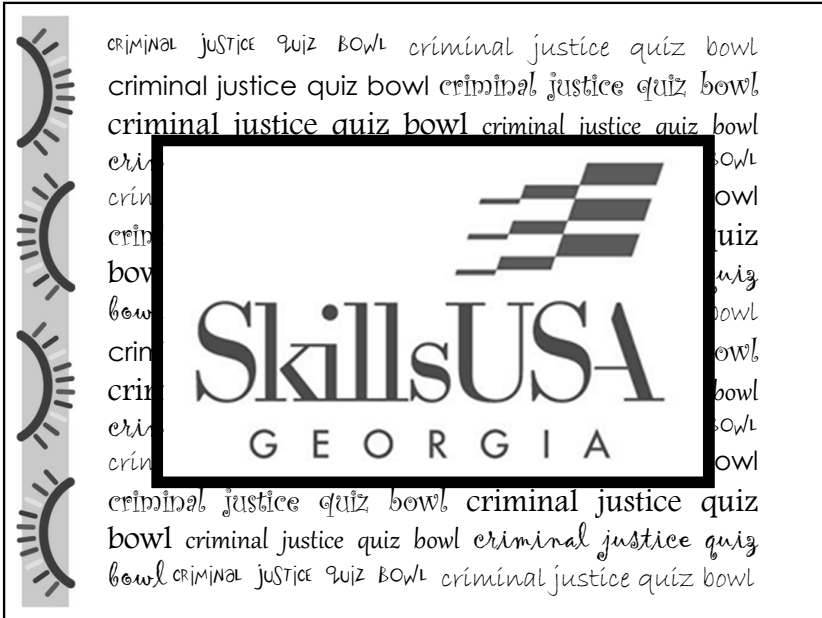
ACTIVITIES

- Journey Through Justice field trip
- Teacher workshops and conferences
- SkillsUSA Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl
- Civics & Law Honor Roll
- Course- and subject-specific LiveBinders
- Virtual Museum of Law



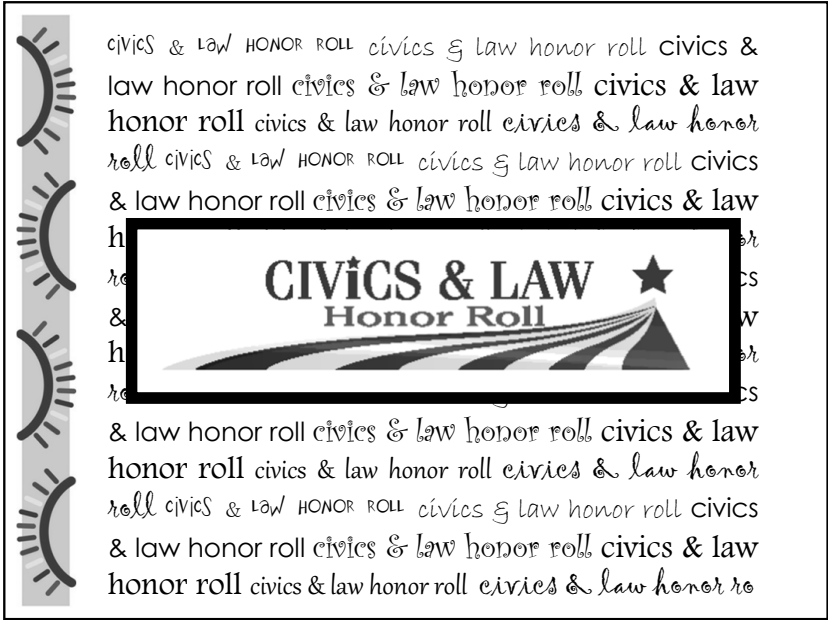
TEACHER WORKSHOPS

- County pre- and post-planning
- State conferences:
 - GACTE/TIEGA
 - GBEA
 - Constitution Day at the Capitol
 - GCSS/GISA
- National conferences:
 - ABA
 - National Partnership for Careers in LPSCS

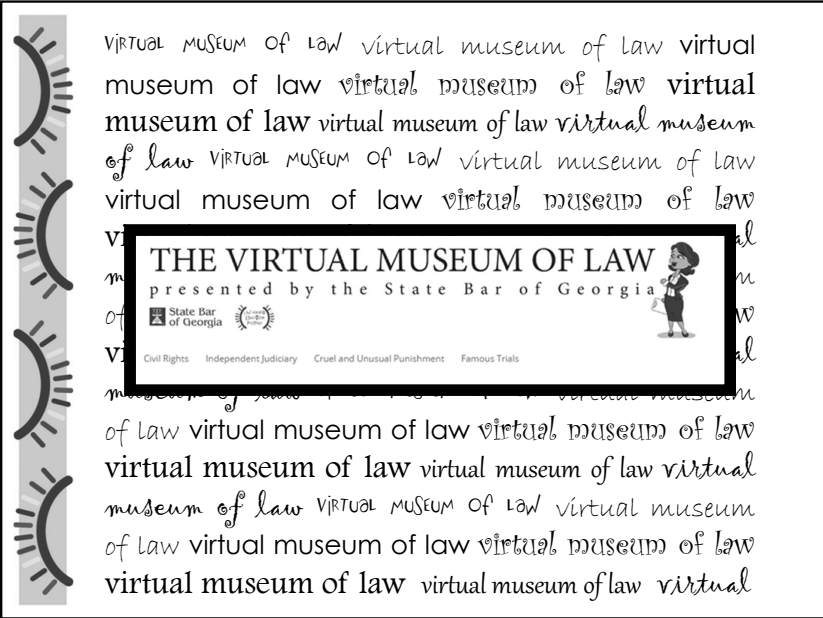


SKILLSUSA CRIMINAL JUSTICE QUIZ BOWL

- 14 teams from high schools across the state
- Three types of questions:
 - Academic knowledge
 - Current events
 - SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook
- Working to get 10 states to take competition to national level
- South Carolina uses our questions



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- CIVICS & LAW HONOR ROLL**
- Created by the ABA Commission on Civic Education in the Nation's Schools
 - Recognizes secondary school students from throughout United States who have demonstrated commitment to civic learning and engagement
 - Rollout in 2016-2017 school year
 - Replaces Georgia Law Honor Society




VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF LAW


- 4 walls
- 30 cases
- Animated videos and student quizzes posted at rate of 6 per year over 5 years
- Teacher-access-only LiveBinders

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Cruel and Unusual Punishment




The John Wayne Gacy Case
America's Killer Clown



Gregg v. Georgia
Capital Punishment Returns



Furman v. Georgia
A Moratorium on the Death
Penalty



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Gregg v. Georgia

Capital Punishment Returns




Lifting the death penalty moratorium imposed in 1972 by its decision in *Furman v. Georgia*, the U.S. Supreme Court held in the 1976 case of *Gregg v. Georgia* that capital punishment was not inherently "cruel and unusual." The Court upheld Georgia's new guidelines and procedures in capital punishment cases, which became a model for other states.





Students
Test your knowledge of this case by taking a short quiz after watching the video.


[Take the Quiz](#)



Teachers
Visit our LiveBinder to view lesson plans, classroom resources, and current events related to the issues in this case.

[View the LiveBinder](#)

For the LiveBinder access key, complete a LiveBinder Request Form and e-mail it, from your school e-mail address, to LRE@gabar.org.

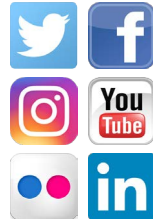
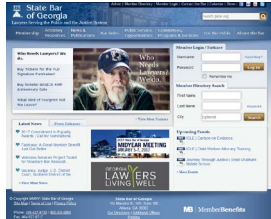


WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Make sure your child's teachers and school administrators are aware of our resources
- Spread the word through social media
- Talk to other members of the Bar
- Contribute resources to our LiveBinders

COMMUNICATIONS

Midyear 2017 Board Report (updated 12.16.16) *at a glance*



GEORGIA BAR JOURNAL

Redesigned: August 2016
 Budget: \$47,000/issue*
 Mailing List: 33,000
 Digital visits: 650/day
 *Offset by advertising.

DIRECTORY & HANDBOOK

Budget: \$56,000*
 Mailing List: 2,000
 Member cost: \$25
 Non-member cost: \$46
 *Offset by income.

WWW.GABAR.ORG

Redesigned: April 2012
 Pages: 1,381
 Budget: \$28,800/year
 Sessions/day: 7,524* (Dec. 7, 2016)
 Sessions/month: 160,282 (Nov. 2016)
 Sessions/year: 1,995,914 (12/15-11/16)
 Most popular page: Member Directory
 Recently Launched: lawyerslivingwell.org, thelawmuseum.org, ganeedslawyers.org, theyldreview.org
 Coming soon: georgiaLHL.org

*A session is the time period a user is actively engaged with a website. On average, a user views 5.53 pages per session.

PRESS RELEASES / MEDIA REPORT

2014-15 impressions: 4,276,899
 2015-16 impressions: 2,667,461
 2016-17 impressions: 1,070,691*
 Top media outlets: *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, Daily Report, Macon Telegraph, Savannah Morning News*

*To date.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: 2,304 followers
 Facebook: 3,906 likes
 Instagram: 23 posts
 Flickr: 4,028 photos
 YouTube: 41,087 views
 LinkedIn: 2,558 followers

GEORGIA NEEDS LAWYERS PSA CAMPAIGN

Agency: Dalton Agency
 Budget: \$90,000 (creative)
 \$250,000 (media buy)
 Launched: Dec. 7, 2016
 Runs through: June 30, 2017
 Deliverables: 3 PSAs (1-min./30-sec./10-sec. of each), a social media campaign plan, radio buy, TV buy, print ads and outdoor ads



PUBLISHED ARTICLES 2016-2017			Circulation
Date	Newspaper	Headline	
6/7/2016	Daily Report	State Bar of Georgia Opens Virtual Law Museum	3,055
6/12/2016	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	State Bar congratulates Brantley on DFCS advisory appointment	61,511
6/15/2016	Daily Report	Outgoing Ga. Bar President Reflects on Successful Year	3,055
6/15/2016	Trifton Gazette	Bar president congratulates award winner	4,431
6/17/2016	Savannah Morning News	Local attorney to be sworn in as State Bar of Ga. President	30,841
6/22/2016	Albany Herald	Ken Hodges named Georgia Bar Association treasurer	10,793
6/22/2016	Elberton Star	Judge R. Chris Phelps receives State Bar of Georgia Distinguished Service Award	3,584
6/22/2016	Hartwell Sun	Phelps honored by State Bar	5,027
6/23/2016	Marietta Daily Journal	Marietta lawyer installed as secretary of State Bar	13,556
6/23/2016	Albany Herald	Dougherty Judicial Circuit wins State Bar award	10,793
6/23/2016	Franklin County Citizen, Lavonia	Judge Phelps honored by State Bar of Georgia	3,469
6/24/2016	Henry Herald, McDonough	Henry County Bar Association receives awards during annual State Bar meeting	1,822
6/24/2016	Macon Telegraph	State Bar of Georgia selects award recipient	26,050
6/26/2016	Athens Banner-Herald	State Bar of Georgia awards UGA program	19,033
6/26/2016	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	Gwinnett Bar Association honored by State Bar	61,511
6/27/2016	Athens Banner-Herald	Family Law Section wins State Bar award	19,033
6/27/2016	Daily Tribune News, Cartersville	State Bar honors Cartersville native	5,209
6/28/2016	Statesboro Herald	Jennifer Mock will lead Ga. Young Lawyers Division	8,000
6/28/2016	Daily Report	(Officers Roundup)	3,055
6/29/2016	Elberton Star	Campbell elected to serve on the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors	3,584
6/30/2016	Madison County Journal, Danielsville	Phelps Receives State Bar of Georgia Distinguished Service Award	2,660
6/30/2016	Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville	Cansino elected to Georgia State Bar Board of Governors	2,640
7/1/2016	Atlanta Business Chronicle	GABWA honored with President's Cup	37,000
7/1/2016	Dekalb Champion, Decatur	Dekalb Bar Association honored with award	527
7/5/2016	Statesboro Herald	Statesboro native will lead State Bar of Georgia	8,000
7/6/2016	Daily Report	Georgia Legal Community Mourns Loss of Mike Cranford, Bar President Writes	3,055
7/6/2016	Soperton News	O'Connor Installed as 54th President of State Bar of Georgia	1,139
7/7/2016	Wilkinson County Post, Irwinton	Milledgeville attorney elected to State Bar's Board of Governors	1,331
7/7/2016	Franklin County Citizen, Lavonia	Campbell elected to State Bar's Board of Governors	3,469
7/10/2016	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	Columbus attorney Amy Walters elected to board of State Bar of Georgia	21,789
7/12/2016	Jackson Progress-Argus	Jackson attorney honored by State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division	2,665
7/12/2016	Newnan Times-Herald	Congratulations to district attorney on state appointment	9,551
7/14/2016	LaGrange Daily News	Congratulations to district attorney on state appointment	3,837
7/15/2016	Albany Herald	O'Connor: Judges are the foundation of the justice system	10,793
7/15/2016	Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville	Kauffman finishes term as president of State Bar	2,428

7/16/2016	Gainesville Times	Vaughan to serve again on committee for State Bar of Ga.	5,000
7/16/2016	Gainesville Times	Gainesville's Davies cited by State Bar's Young Lawyers group	5,000
7/18/2016	Savannah Morning News	Judge Abbot deserved prestigious honor	30,841
7/19/2016	Newton Citizen, Covington	Rogers installed as president-elect of State Bar; Geoffroy honored	6,500
7/20/2016	Troup County News, LaGrange	Congratulations to district attorney on state appointment	2,091
7/22/2016	Atlanta Business Chronicle	Honors & Awards (Sears - Burnside Award)	37,000
7/24/2016	Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville	Leonard elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	2,428
7/25/2016	Marietta Daily Journal	Congratulations to local attorney on presidency	13,556
7/27/2016	Calhoun Times	Letter to the Editor (Gordon County Bar)	4,170
8/1/2016	Macon Telegraph	Back to school	26,050
8/3/2016	Savannah Tribune	Savannah Law Camp Commended	8,000
8/5/2016	Daily Report	Georgia Legal Community Mourns Loss of John Mayoue, Bar President Writes	3,055
8/6/2016	Houston Home Journal, Perry	Congratulations to district attorney on state appointment	7,822
8/10/2016	Northside Neighbor	Congratulations to Buckhead attorney on appointment to state committee	18,050
8/11/2016	Augusta Chronicle	Young Lawyers of Augusta honored	36,696
8/11/2016	Bryan County News, Richmond Hill	Congratulations to Ray C. Smith	2,241
8/29/2016	Daily Report	Georgia Legal Community Mourns Loss of Jeff Bramlett	3,055
8/31/2016	Marietta Daily Journal	Georgia legal community mourns loss of Jeff Johnson	13,556
8/31/2016	Montgomery Monitor, Mount Vernon	Congratulations to Georgia's District Attorney of the Year	753
9/5/2016	Savannah Morning News	Aron Weiner: A gentleman, friend and inspirational lawyer	30,841
9/14/2016	Dodge County News, Eastman	Letter to the Editor (Timothy Vaughn)	4,681
9/28/2016	Americus Times-Recorder	Americus attorneys, judges named to State Bar of Georgia committees	2,209
9/28/2016	Baxley News Banner	Johnson named to State Bar's Children and the Courts Committee	4,628
9/30/2016	Statesboro Herald	Honoring Judge Neville on his passing	8,000
10/2/2016	Athens Banner-Herald	State Bar taps local attorneys, judges for boards	19,033
10/2/2016	Marietta Daily Journal	State Bar congratulates Chief Justice Harris Hines	13,556
10/3/2016	Daily Report	State Bar Congratulates Hines on Election as Chief Justice	3,055
10/6/2016	Franklin County Citizen, Lavonia	Judge Malcom named to State Bar committee	3,469
10/7/2016	Dalton Daily Citizen	Four local state bar members named to committees	8,415
10/9/2016	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer	Columbus judges and attorneys to serve on committees	21,789
10/9/2016	Douglas Enterprise	Local Attorney Named to State Bar's Member Benefits Committee	7,240
10/10/2016	Clayton News Daily, Jonesboro	Clayton County Bar members named to State Bar of Georgia committees	1,701
10/10/2016	Henry Herald, McDonough	Henry County attorneys, judges named to State Bar of Georgia committees	1,822
10/11/2016	Griffin Daily News	Griffin attorneys named to State Bar of Georgia committees	4,732
10/12/2016	Adel News Tribune	Perkins named to State Bar of Georgia' Bench & Bar Committee	2,940
10/12/2016	Polk County Standard Journal, Cedartown	Cedartown Attorneys Named to State Bar of Georgia Committees	2,901
10/12/2016	Columbia County News-Times, Evans	3 to serve on Bar committees	14,000

10/12/2016	Fitzgerald Herald Leader	Chasteen named to state Bar spot	4,827
10/12/2016	Jackson Herald, Jefferson	Jefferson attorney named to committee	3,980
10/12/2016	Metter Advertiser	Local attorney named to committee	1,868
10/12/2016	Berrien Press, Nashville	Judge Perkins Named to State Bar of Georgia's Bench & Bar Committee	3,678
10/13/2016	Madison County Journal, Danielsville	Judge Malcom named to State Bar of Georgia's bench and bar committee	2,660
10/13/2016	Hartwell Sun	Malcom named to state committee	5,027
10/13/2016	Pickens County Progress, Jasper	Jasper Attorneys named to State Bar of Georgia Committees	6,360
10/13/2016	Washington News-Reporter	DA Dennis Sanders new vice chairman of finance committee	2,612
10/13/2016	Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville	Attorney appointed to state committees	3,435
10/16/2016	Gainesville Times	Hall Countians chosen to State Bar of Ga. committees	5,000
10/18/2016	Rockdale Citizen, Conyers	Local judge, attorney named to State Bar committees	2,705
10/19/2016	Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth	Local attorney Jenkins named to Ga. bar panel	4,210
10/19/2016	Coastal Courier, Hinesville	Two attorneys on Bar panels	5,500
10/19/2016	Catoosa County News, Ringgold	Ringgold attorney named to State Bar of Georgia Committee post	1,529
10/20/2016	Valdosta Daily Times	Coleman Talley wins awards for food drive	10,290
10/22/2016	Savannah Morning News	37 area attorneys appointed to State Bar committees	30,841
10/22/2016	Valdosta Daily Times	A Round of Applause (Food Frenzy)	10,290
10/26/2016	Walker County Messenger, Lafayette	Judge, attorney named to State Bar of Georgia committee posts	2,009
10/27/2016	Alpharetta/Roswell Revue & News	North Fulton attorneys named to State Bar of Georgia committees	28,000
10/27/2016	Forsyth Herald	North Fulton attorneys named to State Bar of Georgia committees	17,000
10/27/2016	Johns Creek Herald	North Fulton attorneys named to State Bar of Georgia committees	20,000
10/27/2016	Milton Herald	North Fulton attorneys named to State Bar of Georgia committees	8,500
11/4/2016	Union Recorder, Milledgeville	Milledgeville attorney named to State Bar of Georgia Committees	5,030
11/6/2016	Times Herald, Newnan	Newnan bar members named to State Bar of Georgia committees	9,551
11/14/2016	Dalton Daily Citizen	Congratulations to Sen. Bethel on Court of Appeals appointment	8,415
11/21/2016	Daily Report	State Bar congratulates Georgia Judicial, AG appointees	3,055
11/27/2016	Macon Telegraph	Congratulations (Judge Self)	28,050
11/28/2016	Daily Report	Georgia Legal Community Mourns Loss of Judge Jack Etheridge	3,055
12/2/2016	Newton Citizen, Covington	Congrats to Kyle Haymore	2,091
12/3/2016	Gainesville Times	Letter: State legal community mourns Judge Mallis	5,000
12/3/2016	Savannah Morning News	State Bar recognizes two prosecutors	30,841
12/9/2016	Daily Report	Law Community Mourns State Bar Past President from Macon	3,055
12/9/2016	Daily Report	State Bar, Partners Present Pro Bono Awards for 2016	3,055
		TOTAL CIRCULATION	1,070,691



CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable Hugh F. Thompson (Chair)
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia

Professor Nathan S. Chapman
University of Georgia School of Law
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TO: President Patrick T. O'Connor, Officers, Executive Committee, Members of the Board of Governors

FROM: Avarita L. Hanson, Executive Director

DATE: December 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Midyear Update

It is my pleasure to update you on the activities of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism ("CJCP") for the State Bar of Georgia's Midyear Meeting of the 2016-2017 bar year. The CJCP is under the fourth year of Chief Justice Hugh Thompson's leadership and, with Chief Thompson's retirement at the end of 2016, we look back gratefully, while positively anticipating the leadership of Chief Justice-Elect P. Harris Hines and the new members of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

I. OVERVIEW

For Georgia lawyers, as often articulated by former Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Benham, professionalism encompasses competence, civility, pro bono, community and public 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.

II. PRIORITIES. For this 2016-2017 bar year, the Commission continues to focus 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 Thompson, since his 2014 State of the Judiciary Address advised, "As Georgia continues to grow in population and diversity, access to justice is a challenge requiring the commitment and hard work of us all." He reiterated his commitment to ensuring access to justice in his 2015 State of the Judiciary Address by quoting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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Several CJCP programs, activities and CLEs reflected Chief Justice Thompson's priority to improve access to justice.

III. MEETINGS. The CJCP holds three (3) meetings each year. It met on September 16, 2016 and it will meet on February 10, 2017. The May 2017 date has not been set.

IV. MEMBERS. The CJCP has a membership of twenty-two (22) persons, including Chief Justice Thompson. Its current members include: Professor Nathan S. Chapman (Dean's Designee, University of Georgia Law School, Athens), Professor Clark Cunningham (Dean's Designee, Georgia State College of Law, Atlanta), The Hon. David P. Darden (State Court of Cobb County, Marietta, Council of State Court Judges), J. Antonio DelCampo (Atlanta), Gerald M. Edenfield (Statesboro), A. James Elliott (Atlanta), C. Joy Lampley-Fortson (U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Atlanta), Hon. Horace Johnson (Alcovy Circuit Superior Court, Council of Superior Court Judges, Covington), Hon. Steve C. Jones (U.S. District Court, Atlanta), Professor Patrick E. Longan (Dean's Designee, Mercer Law School, Macon), Hon. Kellie McIntyre (Solicitor-General, Augusta), Hon. Carla Wong McMillian (Georgia Court of Appeals, Atlanta), Jennifer Campbell Mock (YLD President, Statesboro), Dean Malcolm Morris (Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Atlanta), Wanda M. Morris (Home Depot, Atlanta), Patrick T. O'Connor (President, State Bar of Georgia, Savannah), Claudia S. Saari (DeKalb County Public Defender, Decatur), Rita Sheffey (Dean's Designee, Emory School of Law, Atlanta), R. Kyle Williams (Decatur), and Monica L. Willis-Parker, M.D. (Emory Medical School/Alzheimers Disease Research Center, Atlanta).

V. PROFESSIONALISM CLES - REVIEW, APPROVAL AND SUPPORT

A. GENERAL. The CJCP continues to review and approve hundreds of CLE professionalism courses. Staff provides content, structure suggestions and materials, as requested.

B. PROFESSIONALISM CLES-AVARITA HANSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Executive Director, Avarita Hanson, presents, conceives, convenes, advises, facilitates and moderates CLE programs every year. During this year (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017), scheduled CLEs include:

1. *Aging in The Law*, Convocation on Professionalism, The Future Delivery of Legal Services, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, August 30, 2016
2. *Professionalism and The New Normal for Women Attorneys*, Professional Development Academy, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, October 5, 2016.
3. *Generational Connecting*, Mentor Orientation: Relationship Building in the 21st Century, State Bar of Georgia, Transition Into Law Practice Program, November 17, 2016

4. *How Can GABWA Make a Global Impact? A Conversation with Avarita Hanson, Esq. and Andrea Young, Esq., Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys General Body Meeting, November 17, 2016*
5. *Hot Topics in Professionalism, Georgia Hispanic Bar Association, February 16, 2017*

VI. SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

A. LAW SCHOOL ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

In partnership with the State Bar's Committee on Professionalism and Georgia law schools, for the twenty-fourth year the CJCP conducted law school orientations on Professionalism in August of 2016 at all 6 Georgia law schools (Atlanta's John Marshall, Emory, Georgia State, Mercer, UGA, Savannah). More than 200 judges, attorneys and legal educators served as group leaders in discussions with groups of incoming (entering, transfer and visiting) students to address professionalism and ethical challenges affecting law students and professionals. Students were engaged in discussions of professionalism issues from hypothetical situations written, reviewed and updated by the Committee. The timely and relevant situations encourage students learning appropriate responses to ethical challenges in law school and in practice. Students heard keynote addresses from prominent professionals. In addition to the Fall orientations, the Commission and the State Bar's Committee on Professionalism support two January orientations at Emory and Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. Plans are underway for 2017 law school orientations. Bar officers and board of governor members are invited to participate in the orientations.

B. 18TH ANNUAL CHIEF JUSTICE BENHAM COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The CJCP, along with the State Bar of Georgia, for the eighteenth year will present awards for community service at an evening ceremony **at the Georgia Bar Center on Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. Due to the generous support of the State Bar to supplement the CJCP's support, this program is free and open to the public. This event has drawn a crowd nearing 300 persons. The Awards Committee reviews and selects honorees for Lifetime Achievement and Community Service Awards. Honorees will have served a wide range of community organizations, government-sponsored activities, and humanitarian efforts outside of their professional practices and judicial duties. **Please see the attached Press Release for the names of this year's honorees and more details.**

C. CONVOCATION OF PROFESSIONALISM: THE NEW NORMAL FOR DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES

On August 30, 2016, the CJCP presented its all-day Convocation on Professionalism addressing the topic: "The New Normal for Delivery of Legal Services." This

program featured national and local legal experts and practitioners, along with technical experts, who presented cutting-edge information on the provision of legal services today and into the future. Mirroring the ABA's Report on the Delivery of Legal Services and featuring Georgia attorney and ABA President Linda Klein, this program garnered a lot of interest from the legal press and community for its focus on the use of technology and access to justice issues. See the December 2016 *Georgia Bar Journal* article for more information.

VII. SPECIAL PROJECT: AGING LAWYERS

Over the last few years, the CJCP has worked with State Bar leadership and staff, ICLE, the American Bar Association and other individuals and organizations to develop a professionalism approach to the issues of lawyers aging in the practice of law. This year, President Pat O'Connor created the Task Force on Aging Lawyers, chaired by BOG member William Gentry and State Bar Secretary Darrell Sutton. The Task Force has reviewed the issues, the activities of various bar entities who have addressed some of the issues and is making its recommendations to the Bar and to the Senior Lawyers Section. The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism continues to be a resource to the State Bar's Task Force on Aging Lawyers, Wellness Task Force, leadership and staff on these important issues.

VIII. CJCP Sponsorships of Professionalism Initiatives

The CJCP provides financial and technical support for initiatives that promote access to justice, mentoring and other important professionalism programs.

A. LAWYERS FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

The CJCP continues to support Lawyers for Equal Justice (L4EJ) with technical advice and support. It has an appointee to the L4EJ Board, Tony DelCampo, and its Executive Director serves ex-officio on the Board.

B. LANGUAGE ACCESS

Chief Justice Thompson and the Supreme Court have found the increased need for interpreters and others to improve access to justice for Georgia's diverse population. At its September 16, 2016 meeting, the Commission unanimously approved funding of \$2,000 to the Georgia Legal Services Program to support the 2016 CLE Program: *Eliminating Barriers to Justice III: Language Access, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Georgia's Criminal and Civil Justice Systems*. This program, held on October 20, 2016 at Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, also addressed the needs of deaf and hard of hearing persons.

C. MENTORING: TRANSITION INTO LAW PRACTICE PROGRAM

The CJCP provided support to the State Bar's Transition Into Law Practice Program for its Fall 2016 Mentor Orientation and Speed Networking Programs. Commission

support will also be used for the "Mentor of the Year" recognition program during the 2017 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Georgia.

IX. OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

A. OTHER PROGRAMS

The CJCP continues to work closely with the State Bar's Transition Into Law Practice Program (Mentoring Program) and its Director, Michelle West, as well as the Law Practice Management Program and its Director Natalie Kelly.

B. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

The CJCP's Professionalism Page, its regular column in the *Georgia Bar Journal*, is published six (6) times a year, along with related articles by Ms. Hanson and others. Recent articles this year include:

1. October 2016, Avarita L. Hanson, *Law School Orientations Earn Top Grades*
2. October 2016, Avarita L. Hanson, *Promoting the Engagement and Promotion of Women Attorneys* (GBJ/Feature)
3. December 2016, Avarita L. Hanson, *The Convocation on Professionalism: The New Normal for Delivery of Legal Services*

Commission information is readily available on the State Bar's webpage and e-news to bar members, and on the Commission's Facebook and YouTube pages. Information is spread nationally and internationally through our membership with the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility and Consortium on Professionalism Initiatives.

X. STAFF AND RESOURCES

The CJCP continues to operate with three (3) full-time staff members: Avarita L. Hanson, Esq. (Executive Director), Terie Latala (Assistant Director), and Nneka Harris-Daniel (Administrative Assistant). From time to time, the CJCP employs interns and others. The CJCP also reaches out to the legal community for volunteers; several attorneys and Georgia Bar staff volunteer to assist with the Benham Community Service Awards program.

The Commission performs its duties with a budget supported primarily by the \$15 surcharge per credit hour of Professionalism. With a stable fee and steady number of attorneys in compliance with their CLE requirements, revenue has not experienced growth, given normal increased expenses, activities and CLE programs. With oversight from the Commission's Finance and Personnel Committee, the Commission anticipates a future CLE fee adjustment, budget adjustments and it will remain fiscally sound.

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XI. CLOSING

The Georgia Supreme Court's lead started an international professionalism movement among the judiciary, organized bar and law schools to support and encourage conduct that strengthens the dignity, honor and integrity of the legal profession. Our reputation in Georgia for collaboration and civility for more than twenty-seven years is widely known and highly regarded. Today, our Commission remains a national and internationally esteemed leader of legal professionalism and continues to receive accolades for its thoughtful, excellent innovative programs.

We are thankful for the support the Commission receives from the President, Officers, Executive Committee and members of the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors, bar members and staff. Your 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 and to fulfill their obligations to improve the law and the legal system and to ensure access to that system.

With your continued assistance, the CJCP will continue to contribute to uplift legal professionalism in Georgia and elsewhere. Please do not hesitate to call upon me or our very dedicated and capable staff members, whenever we can assist you in advancing this important professional cause. Thank you.

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Attachments

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THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM PRESENT THE 18th ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Atlanta, GA. The 18th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service will be presented on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at a special ceremony. Since 1998, these awards have been presented to honor lawyers and judges in Georgia who have made significant contributions to their communities and demonstrate the positive contributions of members of the Bar beyond their legal or official work.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest recognition given by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, co-sponsors of the Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service. This year it will be awarded to three outstanding community and public servants, Mr. Neal W. Dickert of Augusta, Hon. Horace J. Johnson, Jr. of Covington and Sen. Leroy R. Johnson of Atlanta. This award is reserved for a lawyer or judge who, in addition to meeting the criteria for receiving the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, has demonstrated an extraordinarily long and distinguished commitment to volunteer participation in the community throughout his or her legal career.

Awards are given to selected attorneys in the judicial districts of Georgia from which nominations were received. This year's other recipients are: Ms. Denise M. Cooper, *Savannah*; Ms. Karen Baynes-Dunning, *Albany*; Ms. Erika B. Williams, *Bonaire*; Ms. Dawn M. Jones, *Atlanta*; Mr. Jeffrey Y. Lewis, *Atlanta*; Mr. W. Scott Sorrels, *Atlanta*; Hon. J. Virgil Costley, Jr., *Covington*.

These honorees have served a wide range of community organizations, government-sponsored activities, and humanitarian efforts outside of their professional practices and judicial duties. Their fields of service include: youth athletics and mentoring programs, literacy programs, social services, church and religious activities, politics, promotion and support for legal aid programs, community development, education, sports, recreation, and the arts. These awards recognize the commitment of Georgia lawyers to volunteerism, encourage all lawyers to become involved in community service, improve the quality of lawyers' lives through the satisfaction they derive from helping others, and raise the public image of lawyers. All honorees are members of the State Bar of Georgia.

The Awards Presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the State Bar of Georgia Headquarters, 104 Marietta Street N.W., Third Floor, Atlanta, Georgia and a reception will follow. Awards will be presented by Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham. Chief Justice Harris Hines and State Bar President Patrick T. O'Connor will bring special remarks and Bill Liss, Business Editor with WXIA Television News in Atlanta, will join in the ceremony. The Selection Committee is chaired by Janet G. Watts of Watts & Watts, Fayetteville, Georgia. The program is free and open to the public, but registration by February 24, 2017 is required.

For more information and to register, contact: Nneka Harris-Daniel, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism at (404) 225-5040.

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The Convocation on Professionalism: The New Normal for Delivery of Legal Services

Georgia lawyers tackle issues of practicing law, new technology and access to justice at the Convocation on Professionalism.

BY AVARITA L. HANSON



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(Left to right) Edward Ezekiel, Robb Hern, Dean Stephanie Powell and Shelia Manely.

What's on the horizon as the "new normal" for delivery of legal services? To answer that question, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (CJCP) presented its Convocation on Professionalism on Aug. 30, 2016. Since 1988, statewide convocations on professionalism have become an institutional fixture of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Each convocation has given greater impetus and sharper focus to professionalism issues.¹ The 2016 Convocation on Professionalism continued that tradition of bringing the Bar together to address timely and important issues widely affecting the profession by addressing the theme: The New Normal for Delivery of Legal Services. This topic reaches all facets of the legal community—academics, professors, solo, small and large firm practitioners, private and public attorneys, civil, criminal and administrative practitioners, the judiciary, and all types of diverse attorneys and clients.

The convocation was co-chaired by Prof. Timothy W. Floyd from Mercer Law, Prof. Nicole G. Iannarone from Georgia State University College of Law, Emory Law Associate Dean Rita A. Sheffey and CJCP Executive Director Avarita L. Hanson. The chairs and planners anticipated the American Bar Association's issuing the report of its Commission on the Future of Delivery of Legal Services in the United States just days before the convocation.² With 2017 ABA President Linda A. Klein scheduled to appear on the convocation program, it was clear that attendees would

hear about the key issues covered in the ABA's report, as well as Georgia initiatives.

The planning committee convened an array of national and local experts for the program that positioned it well for success, and attendees were provided with materials and references for future study, as well as a copy of the recent ABA publication, "The Relevant Lawyer: Reimagining the Future of the Legal Profession"

The program opened with a welcome by Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson, who stressed his administration's priority for expanding access to justice initiatives in Georgia. The first panel asked and answered questions regarding the definitions and perceptions of "access" and "justice" to the judicial system for both civil and criminal litigants. Lead by Prof. Iannarone and Paula J. Frederick, State Bar of Georgia General Counsel and member of the ABA Commission, information was provided about lawyer regulation and use of non-lawyers to provide access to justice. Federal Magistrate Judge Catherine M. Salinas shared her experiences as a rural Texas legal aid lawyer; as a pro bono lawyer with a large Atlanta law firm; and as a federal magistrate regarding the provision of justice and perception of attainable justice. Georgia State Law Prof. Lauren Sudeall Lucas added information about options for providing access to justice.

The second session, Embracing and Thriving with Tomorrow's Innovation and Today's Technology, moderated by Dean Sheffey, highlighted new models for providing legal services with a particular focus on rapidly evolving technology to assist lawyers. Natalie Kelly, director of the State Bar's Law Practice Management Program and past co-chair of the American Bar Association's annual TechShow, provided an overview of how lawyers use technology and emerging platforms to improve lawyer productivity and efficiency. Panelist Andrew M.J. Arruda, co-founder and CEO of Ross Intelligence, defined "artificial intelligence" and presented probable applications for lawyers that captured great interest of the audience. For Bar leaders, he says:

My recommendations for Bar leaders would be to ensure they stay open minded. Bar leaders are meant to pro-



(Left to right) Paula J. Frederick, Prof. Nicole G. Iannarone, Prof. Lauren Sudeall Lucas and Hon. Catherine M. Salinas.



(Left to right) Prof. Steven H. Hobbs and Linda A. Klein.

vide and maintain the practice of law as a profession in the spirit of a public service—a spirit of service which furthers the administration of justice. New technologies, including A. I. technology like ROSS, can help ensure better-skilled lawyers and new technology has the power to help individuals access a lawyer who previously could not afford one. Bar leaders should seek ways to work together with those in tech to ensure their Bar members are aware and have access to the latest and best technology.

To the extent that older lawyers use technology and want to become proficient with it, Arruda said:

My advice would be to openly seek out ways to improve your practice. While there is no substitute for experience and on-the-job learning, there is technology available that enables more efficient delivery of legal services. Keeping up-to-date with different legal technologies is arguably an ethical duty that lawyers have, so be sure to stay up-to-date and do not be afraid to try new technologies out to see if they can aid you in your practice. A legal career should be a journey of constant improvement.

Although younger lawyers may come to the profession with a current, and perhaps higher, proficiency with technology,

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they may need some impetus to use that technology to grow a practice and apply it to expanding access to justice. For this group, Arruda advised that the Bar:

... encourage young lawyers to be the voice of change in their organizations. While lawyers/firms have a bad reputation for being tech-a-phobic, a lot of the issue stems from lawyers not knowing what technology is available on the market and how they can use it. Young lawyers have the power to be great agents for change in their organizations, which will not only help their firms, but also their own careers and they gain a voice early on in their careers becoming the "experts" in technology at their firms.

Panelist John Mayer, developer and director of The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, advised that technology can be expanded to not only increase profits and educate law students, but to provide access to justice. He has worked with numerous civil legal aid organizations across the nation to, among other things, provide self-help options such as courthouse kiosks. Finally, Fast-case legal research engine founder and CEO Ed Walters rounded out the discussion on lawyers using legal research tools.

Mercer Law Prof. Timothy W. Floyd moderated the third session, *Entrepreneurs for Change—Public, Private and the Academy*: Georgia Showcase. Stephanie A. Everett provided an update of the state's incubator program, *Lawyers for Equal Justice*. Michael and Shelia Manely of the Manely Law Firm described how their Justice Café provides a supervised experience for emerging lawyers to provide low-fee services to clients while learning to practice law. Mercer Assistant Dean Stephanie Powell, who administers the State Bar YLD's Succession Planning Pilot Program, described how the program partners seasoned lawyers with younger lawyers for a mutually beneficial relationship that enables the mature attorney to transition out of practice and the newer lawyer to advance in practice. Robb Hern, director, Columbus and Legal Residency Program, Global Litigation Services, UnitedLex, along with Edward Ezekiel, also with

United Lex, discussed United Lex's Legal Residency Program, a program that enables new graduates to provide document review for larger firms.

Attendees were welcomed to the luncheon by State Bar President Patrick T. O'Connor and YLD President-Elect Nicole C. Leet, after which they enjoyed a conversation with ABA President Linda A. Klein and University of Alabama Law Prof. Steven H. Hobbs. This was a unique session during which Prof. Hobbs interviewed his former student from Washington & Lee Law School. Klein addressed her presidential priorities, provided information about the ABA report on the future delivery of legal services, and confirmed that her reason for becoming a lawyer was "to make a difference."

The first afternoon session was moderated by Fulton County Probate Judge Pinkie T. Toomer and reviewed the bench and Bar's efforts to meet the needs of all consumers of legal services. Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper, Georgia Legal Services Program's bilingual staff attorney, talked about language access and meeting the needs of deaf and hard of hearing litigants, as well as the important strides Georgia has made with the provision of interpreters. Bibb County Superior Court Clerk Erica L. Woodford discussed the changes she initiated to make the courthouse more user-friendly. DeKalb County Public Defender Claudia Saari reviewed her efforts to address the needs of pro se and misdemeanor offenders who are entitled to and need legal representation but often do not have a lawyer. Closing out the session was Clyde E. Mize Jr., State Bar Diversity Program chair and partner, Morris, Manning & Martin LLP. Mize recounted his own childhood experiences of questioning whether his periodically incarcerated father would "get justice" in the system, a soliloquy that gave the audience insights into some of today's important issues of access and justice.

The closing session, *Lawyers Living Well*, was moderated by Mercer Law Dean Daisy Hurst Floyd. Expanding on State Bar of Georgia Immediate Past President Robert J. "Bob" Kauffman's wellness initiatives, this session provided an intimate look at lawyers taking care of ourselves—from law school to prac-

tice to transitioning out of practice—and our professional obligation to be well and stay well in mind, body and spirit. Hanson provided an overview of the many reasons lawyers need to deal with aging in the law, what the CJCP is doing to inform and educate the Bar and its recommendations of disciplinary options and intervention, assistance and support. In support of this important subject, President O'Connor has appointed the Aging Lawyers Task Force to address the issues of aging lawyers. DeKalb State Court Judge Shondeana G. Morris provided a very personal account of dealing with her father's suicide and implored her colleagues to seek help through the Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program and other wellness initiatives. Dean Floyd ended this session by informing us about her studies of law students who enter law school healthy and altruistic and thereafter develop negative attitudes, habits and unhealthy lifestyles.

In conclusion, Hanson noted that lawyers like ABA President Linda Klein and entering law students share a powerful common driving force: they want to "make a difference." Professionalism ideals addressed in the convocation—like being open to learn and use new technology and actively committing to providing access to justice—can make a difference and will positively contribute to the profession's and individual lawyer's well-being. Arruda's advice to access to justice advocates is helpful to frame future directions and intentions:

Technology has the power to aid in bridging the access to justice divide. A new wave of tools, some enabled by artificial intelligence such as ROSS, now have the power to allow lawyers to do more than ever before humanly possible. Access to justice issues are rooted in many issues, but a lot of them stem from how hard it is to navigate through the complex infrastructure of the legal system—new technology now has the power to slice through the complex legal system in seconds, cutting out inefficiencies that previously priced people out of affordable legal representation. It is an exciting time in legal technology and because of this I also think it is an exciting time for access to justice in America.



(Left to right) Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper, Caludia S. Saari, Hon. Pinkie Toomer, Clyde E. Mize Jr. and Erica L. Woodford.

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In addition to the positive responses from attendees, the convocation attracted positive press for its coverage of options for access to justice and technological applications to law practice—new information, ideas and strategies.¹ Perhaps, the "new normal for delivery of legal services" will not only be aspirational—as our high professionalism ideals for lawyers often are—but maybe the new normal will become a reality for lawyers to stay apace with the marketplace, renew our dedication to our profession, and expand our ability to provide access to and justice in our legal system. ●



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Endnotes

1. *Convocations and Town Hall Meetings on Professionalism*: 1988—The Practice of Law: Is There Anything More to It Than Making Money? 1989—A New Era of Professionalism 1990—The Social Responsibilities of Lawyers in the Practice of Law: The Lawyer as Citizen 1991—Professionalism: Passing It Along (Mentoring)

- 1992—Town Hall Meetings: Attorney Concerns About Ethics and Professionalism
- 1993—Ethics: Beyond the Code
- 1994–96 Town Hall Meetings: Professionalism in Client Relations
- 1996—Professionalism and Community Service
- 1997—Professionalism and Public Service
- 2010—Law Practice 2010 and Beyond: Challenges and Opportunities
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