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## Award Honors Anthony's Legacy

The Inaugural Grady Anthony Public Service Award was presented posthumously to its namesake, Grady Anthony, at the 2022 South Carolina Bar Convention. The award was accepted on behalf of Grady by his brother, Jay Anthony. For those who knew Grady, the creation of this award in his honor requires no explanation. Grady's dedication to the legal profession, the Bar, the Young Lawyers Division, and the community was unparalleled. He participated in the Bar's Diversity Committee and served as chair of the Families Forever Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, where his favorite project was the Teddy Bear Drive, which collected over 200 stuffed animals to be distributed to adopted children. Grady's accomplishments and contributions to the community during his tragically short life speak for themselves.

Therefore, given Grady's dedication to those around him and his passion for serving others, the Grady Anthony Public Service Award was created in his honor. It is an annual award presented to the YLD member who has demonstrated – either during the preceding year or during years of service to the YLD – those qualities that Grady held so dearly. These include, but are not limited to, giving time and energy to helping others through YLD's various public service initiatives. The recipient must be a YLD member in good standing. The award shall be given at the sole discretion of the YLD President each year, in consultation with the Executive Committee.



## Get Involved

If you are interested in joining a committee for the 2022-2023 Bar Year, be on the lookout for the Committee Sign-Up brochure in May. If you have any questions about the committees, please contact Kimberly Snipes, [ksnipes@scbar.org](mailto:ksnipes@scbar.org).



A REPORT TO MEMBERS OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR  
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

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## Cinderella Project wraps another magical year

The Cinderella Project, a signature public service project YLD, returned in 2022 after pausing for the pandemic last prom season. In its 21st year, the Cinderella Project provides free, new or gently worn prom dresses for students who lack the resources to buy a gown for their high school prom.



“The ability to attend high school prom is considered a rite of passage to many,” said **Leslie McIntosh**, Cinderella Project Committee chair and partner at McIntosh, Sherard, Sullivan & Brousseau. “Every student should have the ability to attend without the worry of the expense associated with purchasing a dress, shoes, accessories, etc. Since its inception, the Cinderella Project has provided thousands of girls with the means to attend prom. There is nothing quite like seeing the joy and excitement on a girl’s face when she has found the perfect dress.”

Thank you to the coordinators and volunteers who made this event possible including firms **Burnette Shutt & McDaniel, PA**; **McIntosh Sherard Sul-**

**ivan & Brousseau; The Acquaviva Law Firm; Shelly Leeke Law Firm; The Law Office of Taylor Long, LLC; and Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC** who all served as drop-off locations for donations and **Bannister, Wyatt & Stalvey** who volunteered their time at the Upstate boutique.

The Cinderella Project will return in 2023 ready to make dreams come true again!

In addition, Leslie was recently highlighted for her work with the Cinderella Project as part of the Raising the Bar campaign on SC Bar social media channels.

“Leslie’s work with the Cinderella Project and with the SC Bar YLD as a whole over the years has been invaluable,” said YLD President Jeanmarie Tankersley. “Countless young women in this state, and their parents, have no doubt benefited from Leslie’s dedication to this project. Prom is something we all remember, and to make the experience not only financially easier on these families, but also a joyous, fun, occasion where these girls can feel and look beautiful, is something truly special. I’m so grateful to Leslie for all she’s done for our community.”

If you would like to nominate a friend, colleague or yourself to be featuring on Raising the Bar, visit [rtb.scbar.org](http://rtb.scbar.org).

## What’s Been Happening?



The Young Lawyers Division collaborated with the Bar’s Diversity Committee to present a CLE at the Bar Convention entitled “Qualified Immunity and the Hidden Manifestation of Bias.” YLD members **Emily Bridges** (co-chair of the Bar Convention Committee) and **La’Jessica Stringfellow**, (co-chair of the Protecting Our Youth Committee and 5th Circuit Representative) served as moderators of the panel.



To top off an eventful Friday and a successful Bar Convention, members of the YLD joined together with South Carolina circuit court judges for an evening of fun at the South Carolina Bar YLD’s Annual Oyster Roast. YLD members enjoyed oysters, barbeque, fellowship, live music, and painting.



The YLD leadership committee braved the snowy weather to gather at the SC Bar Convention in Greenville in January! They enjoyed lunch together, shared accomplishments from the first half of the Bar year, and discussed plans for the remainder of 2022.

# Letter from the President



Dear Young Lawyers:  
2022 seems to already be flying by! It was great seeing so many of you **in person** at the Bar Convention in January. Thanks

to the leadership of **Emily Bridges, Julia Bradshaw, Meredith Ross, La'Jessica Stringfellow, Sutania Fuller**, and **Kimberly Snipes**, the YLD hosted several successful events during the Convention including a YLD leadership luncheon, a CLE co-hosted with the Diversity Committee, and an oyster roast at Larkin's Sawmill. Being with so many wonderful lawyers that I have missed the past two years brought me so much joy!

The YLD has been busy this quarter working to plan in-person events for young lawyers now that we seem to be through the worst of COVID. We are excited to get back to what we do best – bringing young lawyers together to network with more experienced lawyers and judges, develop their careers, and serve the community. The Diversity Committee held a movie night in Columbia to screen the film *Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America* and partnered with the University of South Carolina Civil Rights Center to bring you South Carolina civil rights legal history during Black History Month. The Cinderella Project has been in full swing across the state as students gear up for prom this year. Thank you to all of our Cinderella Project chairs (**Ash-**

**ley Hammack, Lauren Acquaviva, Renee Ballew, Madison McKissick, Elizabeth McCool, and Taylor Owens**) for all their hard work in putting these events together this year. I would like to say a special thank you to our statewide Cinderella Project chair **Leslie McIntosh**, for the time and love she has put into this program. If you have never participated in a Cinderella Project before, be sure to look out for announcements next year! You'll be glad you did.

We are looking forward to the next quarter of the Bar year and already have many great events on the horizon. In Darlington, you'll be able to find some young lawyers at the racetrack in March. Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) committee is assisting eligible individuals with their taxes this season, and Community Law Week programs will be held at the beginning of May. Circuit Representatives from around the state are working on courthouse keys events, wellness events, and more this spring and summer.

I am sure many of you all are feeling the pressure of work and life ramping up again with many COVID restrictions dropping and all types of events being put back on the calendar. These past two years have been incredibly challenging, and I know the transition into the "after times" is going to come with its own struggles. Please remember that the Bar is here and offers resources if and when you ever need help. Lawyers Helping Lawyers

is available to all lawyers, judges, and law students experiencing challenges with substance use, mental health, or stress. The Bar also provides five free hours of counseling. Call (855) 321-4384 to be referred to a counselor in your area (or simply ask your already-established counselor if they would take the credits). You can also check out our wellness website at [livingabovethebar.org](http://livingabovethebar.org) for more resources. This job is hard. It can be overwhelming at the best of times. Please do not hesitate to reach out when you need help. There are people in this community that care about you and are here whenever you ask.

If you would like to become more involved in the YLD, please review the list of committees on the YLD website. Reach out to me if you would like to help out with any of the committees or have any questions about the YLD. You can reach me at [jtankersley@cslaw.com](mailto:jtankersley@cslaw.com). I hope you all enjoy the extended sunlight and spring weather!

Sincerely,

Jeanmarie Tankersley



Paige Ornduff, Taylor Gilliam and Jeanmarie Tankersley represented the YLD at the annual SC Bar Board of Governors retreat. They are pictured here with board and staff members.



## Stars of the Quarter

**Julia Bradshaw**  
**Emily Bridges**  
**Meredith Ross**  
**Taylor Owens Wise**  
**Cherlyn Borjes**  
**Adrian Peguese**  
**Sam Kernodle**



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