

President's Report

By Greg Ohanesian
BENNETTSVILLE

The Senior Lawyers Division is healthy and active, with over 5,500 members. Each year, the Division recognizes Bar Members who have been practicing law for 50 years. This distinguished group is known as, "Nifty Fifty." This year's luncheon was held on September 16th, at 300 Senate's End, in Columbia. Guest speakers included SC Bar President, J. Hagood Tighe and SC Supreme Court Justice George C. "Buck" James, Jr. There were 129 eligible members who were admitted to the SC Bar in 1972. To view pictures from the event, [click here](#).

The Division was granted two seats on the Board of Governors earlier this year. John McDougall and I are currently serving in this capacity. In October, members of the SLD Ex. Council and their guests gathered in Cashiers, NC for its SLD Fall Symposium. Attendees experienced an enlightening presentation by

Chief Justice James E. Lockemy on "Changing the World at Any Age." Attendees were also able to enjoy Cashiers Valley Leaf Festival. UofSC School of Law Palmetto Leader, a mobile law office, has been on the move. The Division's Pro Bono Committee Chair, Pam Robinson along with numerous volunteers have assisted with over 125 wills throughout the state since January. This program provides free legal services to rural and underserved communities. For additional information, [click here](#).

Mark your calendar for the 2023 Bar Convention scheduled for January 19th – 22nd, at the Columbia Metropolitan Conference Center. Our seminar is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th, 2:00-5:15 p.m. The program will focus on Human Trafficking. The Division will also host its annual (and popular) reception on Friday, January 20th, at the Conference Center. Additional

information is forthcoming.

In 1958, the SC Bar and the UofSC School of Law established the memorial repository and endowment fund known as Memory Hold the Door. I have the pleasure of serving on this committee, chaired by our very own Ex. Council member, Bobby Kilgo. The attorneys remembered in Memory Hold the Door represent a true honor roll of legal profession, selected by their fellow attorneys. The SC Bar Foundation graciously contributes funds toward the UofSC Educational Foundation in honor of those memorialized. For information on the history of the program and a list of those honored, please visit the SC Bar website at www.sctbar.org/ www.law.sc.edu/memory. I encouraged all of you to attend the 2023 program scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at the law school.

Finally, I want to thank each member of the SLD Ex. Council for their contributions in making our Division the best in the SC Bar.



Where are They Now?

By Robert S. Wells
LEXINGTON

Hello to the many lawyers I was fortunate enough to meet while Executive Director of the Bar. Now four years into retirement I have not done what I thought I would do. I have not travelled except to see family. I have not fished; a new rod and reel is available to the first person who wants it.

I have returned to favorite hobbies when I lived in Chicago – reading and eating. Chicago winters are conducive to such.

Reading is facilitated by keeping in touch with other readers who share book suggestions. Craig Garner and I meet over lunch every several months to loan each other books.

Lunches with Bar members, present and former Bar staff, and other friends are as often as I can schedule them. I have driven to Greenville to dine. And to those in Charleston who I promised to join for lunch, I will be contacting you after I submit this writing.

I supply labor in support of my wife's gardening. I tutored a neighbor's nine-year-old in math for three days until he asked if he had to sit there rather than play with friends. Perhaps he will return now that school has started.

Cat care remains a daily chore. We have two rescues in the household. We provide day care for two of a neighbor's cats who have adopted our yard. And neighbors regularly bring their dogs by for some TLC.

Mornings involve feeding the turtles and geese, followed by light exercise. I have remained cancer free since my two treatment periods and am thankful for that.

I know lawyers are reluctant to retire, but I highly recommend it. And I welcome book suggestions and lunch invitations at robwells@sc.rr.com.



We Want To Hear From You

If you are interested in submitting an article, book recommendation or other materials for the next issue of The Boomer Times, please forward your submission to Mills Gallivan at mgallivan@gwblawfirm.com or Tara Caine at tcaine@sctbar.org.

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2022 Hon. J. Mark Hayes, II Law Day Essay Contest

The Annual Law Day Essay Contest is sponsored by the Senior Lawyers Division and is opened to all 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in South Carolina.

The 2022 ABA Law Day Theme was "Towards a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change". Each student was asked to write 1000 words or less essay on the topic: "Discuss the role of the Constitution in achieving the goal or outcome of producing a 'more perfect union' as expressed in the Preamble."

We would like to extend out thanks to the following volunteer graders from the SC Circuit Court Judiciary: Judge Frank Addy (Greenwood), Judge Craig Brown (Florence), Judge Kristi Curtis (Sumter), Judge Dianne Goodstein (St. George), Judge Roger Henderson (Chestersfield), Judge Don Hocker (Laurens), Judge Robert Hood (Columbia), Judge Bentley Price (Charleston), and Judge Letitia Verdin (Greenville).

Below are the results of the 2022 Law Day Essay Contest:

Overall Best Essay Writer: Elizabeth Heckman, Greenville High School, (Greenville)
Essay Title: The Constitution as a Compass Navigating Towards Justice for All

12th Grade Best Essay Writer: Jonathan Drake, Landrum High School, (Campobello)
Essay Title: Exploring a Perfect Union

11th Grade Best Essay Writer: Michael Adolf, Byrnes High School, (Duncan)
Essay Title: How the Lack of Environmental Protections Granted by the US Constitution is a Direct Breach of the Ideals Ex-

Investing in Pro Bono is an Investment in Employees

By Pamela D. Robinson
COLUMBIA

Have you ever thought about how to explain your pro bono culture, experience, and efforts during an interview?

When you are thinking of hiring a new associate or a law clerk, what do you tell them? Do they ask what your pro bono policy is? What do you say?

All good questions and ones that every lawyer should be able to answer whether you are in a firm, an agency, legal department or RETIRED! Being able to articulate your pro bono philosophy should be an integral part of your own professional identity. Sharing that wisdom is important to the next generation of lawyers.

How do you get started? As a starting point it is important to be aware of what issues potential employees are interested in exploring. In 2022 the ABA updated its publication "The Path to Pro Bono: An Interviewing Tool for Law Students".

Starting from the potential employee point of view is a great place to launch the interview. The Tool has a few suggested issues that law students might want to explore in an interview:

- Count pro bono hours as billable hours.
- Consider attorneys' commitment to pro bono activity as a favorable factor in advancement and compensation decisions.
- Set annual goals regarding the number of hours contributed through firm pro bono programs and the number of attorneys who participate.
- Establish and maintain systems that ensure that firm pro bono programs are managed effectively, that participating attorneys receive training and guidance, and that the highest levels of firm management oversee and participate in their programs.
- Provide opportunities to participate in pro bono through sabbatical and part-time pro bono programs, fellowships, or rotation programs.

Employees want to know about pro bono, and you need to be able to respond. The current employment climate is extremely competitive and if your firm or organization wants to hire and invest in the best applicant, pro bono is on the table. Time to talk to your colleagues, check your policies and honestly evaluate your firm or organizations culture.

pressed in the Preamble

10th Grade Best Essay Writer (tie): Marc Baker, Landrum High School, (Campobello)
Essay Title: Perfect Union: A Perpetual Improvement

Katlyn Marie Short, Spartanburg County Early College High School, (Spartanburg)
Essay Title: Baby Steps: Celebrating the Victories to Encourage More

9th Grade Best Essay Writer: Noah Brooks Bethea, Marion High School, (Marion)
Essay Title: Fulfilling the Promise of

the Constitution

Essay Writer of Distinction included: Samuel Altman, AMI Kids White Pines (Jonesville), Elizabeth "Betsy" Bailey, Academy Magnet High School (N. Charleston), Wendy Bravo, SCECHS (Spartanburg), Erin Hensel, Greenville High School (Greenville), Andrew Jillson, Dorman High School (Roebuck), Emily Kilgen, Pickens High School (Pickens), Perry W. Littleton, Pickens High School (Pickens), Jacob Santeler, Pickens High School (Pickens), and Hannah Walker Pickens High School (Pickens).

Next year's Law Day theme will be "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration".

Edinburgh to London: Senior Lawyers Travel Again

By Nancy S. Layman
COLUMBIA

Once again, the Senior Lawyers have been on the move. On our recent trip in May, 24 lawyers and their companions flew overnight from Charlotte, N.C. to London and then took a short flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. We were met there by our guide, Andrew, and a large touring bus which was to be our form of transport until we reached London. Our driver, Ishmael, drove us to the voco Edinburgh Haymarket hotel, a modern hotel in downtown Edinburgh where we relaxed (and napped) that afternoon. Next morning, after a hearty breakfast, we toured Edinburgh, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visited Edinburgh Castle. Located on top of an extinct volcano, the castle has spectacular views of the city. It is here that many of the defining events of Scottish history took place. Of the choice of activities offered that afternoon, most travelers opted for the Scotch Whiskey Experience. At the top of Edinburgh's Royal Mile is the facility containing over 3,000 bottles of Scotch, where we learned about Scotch whiskey production and sampled a small glass of Scotch.



The next day we drove to the town of St. Andrews, named for its patron saint and known worldwide as The Home of Golf. We were even able to observe a few players practicing their swings at the St. Andrews Old Course. St. Andrews College is Scotland's oldest university, a rival of Oxford and Cambridge, and gives the town its collegiate feel. The ruins of St. Andrews castle to the north of the city is what remains of the main residence of the bishops and archbishops of St. Andrews in Medieval Scotland. Below ground was the "bottle dungeon" with prison cells more akin to cages than to cells. We continued to St. Andrews Cathedral, our last stop for the day. Constructed in the twelfth century, it dominated the history of the medieval Church in Scotland until the Protestant Reformation in 1560. And for those of us brave enough to try it for lunch at a local pub, there was pork and haggis sausages (made from the heart, liver, and lungs of sheep). Delicious! Next, traveling south, Dumfries Abbey and Palace was our last stop. This is the burial spot of seven Scottish kings, the last of whom was Robert the Bruce in 1329.

The Lake District, known from the poetry of Sir Thomas Grey and, especially William Wordsworth ("I Wander'd Lonely as a Cloud") was our next destination, the region known as Cumbria in the northwest part of England.

Traveling past fields of nancy and cows, we headed south the following day to the Windermere region where we stopped for a visit to Carlisle, administrative capital of Cumbria. The remains of its castle have dominated the city for nine centuries. The site was a working fortress until the 20th century and once housed Mary, Queen of Scots



when she fled to England. Next morning, at the Lake District, we cruised on an open boat in Lake Windermere, England's largest lake, our captain providing commentary. The shoreline was often wooded with secluded bays and the occasional estate. Sailboat races were taking place while we were there, and the captain carefully dodged them and kept out of their way.

Afterward, as our bus driver skillfully maneuvered the narrow passage up to Hill Top, oncoming drivers were forced to stop and hug the side of the road. Home of Beatrix Potter, author of 23 children's books, such as The Tale of Peter Rabbit and The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck, the house looks as if Potter might return any minute. Left primarily with instructors and housekeepers rather than her parents, Potter began writing the stories in letters to her governess's children. She was a talented illustrator, interested in nature, farming and conservation. In her late forties she married a lawyer who helped her acquire over 4,000 acres of the countryside, which she later deeded to the National Trust of England.



Wending our way down, we stopped the following day at Stratford-Upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace. Visitors can still tour the half-timbered house where he was born, grew up, and lived for the first five years of his married life with his wife Anne Hathaway and their children. A popular site, it is visited by millions of tourists annually. Further travel south on our way to our final destination—London, we stopped at Windsor Castle, home to Queen Elizabeth, who this year celebrated her Platinum Jubilee—70 years on the throne of England. Two travelers caught a glimpse of the Queen as she entered her coach on the way to the Chelsea Flower Show. The Changing of the Guard ceremony, the elegant State Rooms and St. George's Chapel were highlights of this stop.

Our three-day stay in London was filled with activity. The Tower of London on the river Thames is nearly 1,000 years old. The tower has served various purposes over the years: as palace, barracks, zoo, and a prison for such as Sir Walter Raleigh, Anne Boleyn, and Guy Fawkes.

Here the crown jewels, said to be worth over 20 billion pounds, are on display, viewed from a moving sidewalk to prevent dawdlers. Another highlight of our London visit was St. Paul's Cathedral. Originally designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the 17th century, the dome murals and Victorian mosaics provided the backdrop for the funerals of Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher. In the crypt below lie the tombs of historical figures such as Lord Nelson and the Duke of Wellington. One further site was Temple Church, built by the Knights Templar in the twelfth century. It was here in 1215 that King John, confronting the barons, agreed to sign the Magna Carta.



Our final full day was spent partly at Old Bailey, the criminal court of London. We were given our choice among 11 cases to observe. Many of us chose the trial of Faye McShane, accused of "pushing her boyfriend into a third-story window following a drink and drugs binge." (If found guilty, she would likely spend time in prison since England has no death penalty.) The barristers in their elaborate wigs and flowing gowns added emphasis to the "Rumpole of the Old Bailey" mood. An additional highlight was provided afterward at a nearby pub, where we sipped a pint while a barrister and crime reporter shared their true criminal law experiences. A farewell dinner at our hotel was held that night.

One required activity before we left was to secure documentation that we were each Covid-free before boarding our return flight. The CDC requirement was met with a trip to a local pharmacy where we were tested within 24 hours of departure and given proof of a negative Covid test. It was a small inconvenience considering the overall joy the trip provided. Nowhere were dogs better behaved, nowhere on a leash or calmly ensconced on a pallet in a pub. Nowhere are countryside flowers lovelier. And if there was ever a doubt that the British venerate their Queen or that they'll always be an England, this adventure confirmed it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023
JANUARY 19-22
S.C. Bar Convention
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

MARCH 10-12
Executive Council Annual Retreat,
Mt. Pleasant

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