

President's Year-End Wrap Up

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Some thoughts, notes, and commentary from the top of my head. Since all of you are wiser (supposedly that occurs when you turn 60) may I suggest you print two copies of this article. Read the first one and wait two hours. Now, write a short brief on the first copy you read. Next read the second copy and then do a short brief for the second copy. Compare your briefs. Note the similarities and differences. This can be stimulating and entertaining. I find it works better if you have a (generous) two-finger bourbon in between readings and briefs.

On a more serious note, although hampered by the foot cast, crutches, and don't forget the knee scooter, we had an enjoyable and productive time at the 2022 Bar Convention that was held in Greenville. The incoming SLD President, Greg Ohanesian did a wonderful job coordinating the Division seminar that focused on human trafficking. In addition to the CLE, fun and fellowship was had among Division members and their guests at the SLD Friday night reception.

After some unexpected delays, the Division was granted a second seat on the SC Bar Board of Governors. Beginning this fiscal year, the SLD President will serve as the second representative on the Board in hopes of bringing new and exciting ideas. The Division has over 5,000 eligible members of the Bar (60 and over) and we pride ourselves in being older wiser lawyers. "OWLS," right Carolyn Matthews? We sincerely want to thank the efforts of the Board of Governors, House of Delegates, and especially our Supreme Court for opening this position for the Division.

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A long-time goal of the SLD has been to find needed assistance for the hearing impaired in the courtrooms. Not only has there been concern for the hearing-impaired attorneys, but we have expanded the concerns to all the players in the courtroom: witnesses, jurors, Judges, bailiffs, court reporters and the list goes on and on. During the Convention, as I lounged in the easy chair, I had a visit from a highly respected circuit court judge, and in our conversation, we discussed the issue of hearing-impaired persons in courtrooms. He graciously agreed to meet with us and as a result of the meeting, he has helped move the ball forward and has already contacted Court Administration and court reporters. As luck would have it later that evening, we had a similar conversation with another circuit court judge on the same topic. Turned out he was hearing impaired, so we asked for his participation, and he has agreed. On behalf of the SLD we are so grateful for the time and efforts already in the works from these judges. As you have time, reach out to folks in your courtrooms and around your courthouse for ideas, thoughts, and comments. One key element will be funding, so your input is important. A huge THANK YOU to the Honorable Donald B. Hocker and Frank R. Addy, Jr. for their guidance and leadership.

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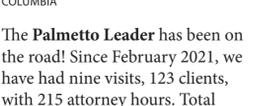
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Bar Members Inducted into Memory Hold the Door

By Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.
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The Memory Hold the Door Committee of the SC Bar hosted its first event since the pandemic on April 8 at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Twelve individuals were honored for their service. The Bar Foundation donated \$15,000 in their memory to the law school. Everyone was amazed at the new law school. Mary Sharp, SC Bar president, made opening remarks and Dean William C. Hubbard concluded the program with a thank you for the deceased members' service and the monetary donation. [View pictures of the event here.](#)



On the Road With the Palmetto Leader

By Pamela D. Robinson
COLUMBIA

The Palmetto Leader has been on the road! Since February 2021, we have had nine visits, 123 clients, with 215 attorney hours. Total percentage of clients pleased with services they received 100%.

Starting in August we will be back in service providing simple wills and health care powers of attorney to those in need in SC. We will still be going to rural areas. Recently we have partnered with local libraries and electric cooperatives with great success.

We would love to have senior lawyers either ride with us or meet us on site. We have not set up the dates or sites for the fall but to receive early notice of upcoming events, simply fill out this form. When you receive notice of upcoming events, don't hesitate as the volunteer slots fill up quickly!

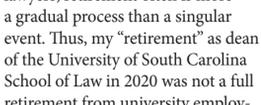
Not to worry if it has been years since you executed these specific services. Your experience interviewing clients is most valuable. There will be law students and templates ready to take care of the drafting, printing, etc. Time to channel your inner law professor! See you on the LEADER!

Experts at Adventure

By Nancy S. Layman
COLUMBIA

The Senior Lawyers departed on May 16th for their trip to Scotland and England. Twenty-six travelers are scheduled to visit Edinburgh to view castles, sample Scotch whiskey, and try on some tartans. Next, they'll travel south through Stratford-Upon-Avon with a stop at Beatrix Potter's cottage and a final destination in London.

If you were unable to join us for this trip, stay tuned for a new destination next year and the opportunity to travel with lively companions.



Serving Up Knowledge

By David D. Cantrell, Jr.
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Since 2016, the Senior Lawyers Division has sponsored a series of regional "Lunch and Learns" to allow members of the Division to, well, lunch and learn!

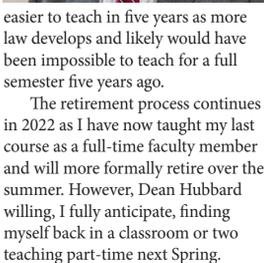
The primary purpose of these programs is to provide an opportunity to gather with colleagues in a small, intimate setting for a meal and thought-provoking conversations. At the end of each session there is a question-and-answer session which often becomes one of the highlights of the day.

To date, programs have been held in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston. There have been a wide variety of speakers. Greenville Mayor Knox White took attendees through the history of the remarkable development and revitalization of downtown Greenville. Former Mayor Joseph Riley spoke about Charleston, the prac-

tice of law and life. Supreme Court Justice Kay G. Hearn recounted her journey that took a little girl all the way to the Supreme Court. Andrew Whitman of the SC Mental Toughness Training Center spoke on how to handle high stress situations, professionally and personally. Another event gave us insight into the nationally recognized Clemson University Social Media Listening Center. And one of the Columbia events allowed us to tour the law school.

COVID caused the "Lunch and Learns" to be suspended but we believe that now is the perfect time to resume and move forward. We hope to be announcing new events soon and to possibly add some more locations. Be on the lookout for announcements and invitations. Also, please feel free to send in suggestions for topics and speakers.

We hope to see you at a SLD "Lunch and Learn" soon.



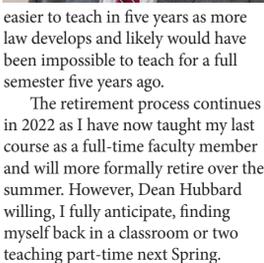
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Retirement can indeed be a rewarding process.

Where are They Now?

By Robert M. Wilcox
COLUMBIA

For law professors, as for practicing lawyers, retirement often is more a gradual process than a singular event. Thus, my "retirement" as dean of the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2020 was not a full retirement from university employment or from teaching. I have taught a full course load over the past year, refreshing my teaching skills in Professional Responsibility and Property, and even adding a new area of teaching in Cybersecurity Law. It was hard work, but much fun, to dive into an emerging field like cybersecurity law, which is a course that will be much



easier to teach in five years as more law develops and likely would have been impossible to teach for a full semester five years ago.

The retirement process continues in 2022 as I have now taught my last course as a full-time faculty member and will more formally retire over the summer. However, Dean Hubbard willing, I fully anticipate, finding myself back in a classroom or two teaching part-time next Spring.

My newest professional labor of love has been the South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. Over the past year, a group of 13 lawyers heading the Society of more than 250 members approved a strategic plan for the society, worked with the great assistance of the South Carolina Bar Foundation to create a new interactive website (please take a look at www.scschistory.org), restored a portrait of John Belton O'Neal, and organized the Society's annual meeting program to honor the legacy of Chief Justice Ernest Finney. Over the summer, we are hiring law student interns to help with the research of key court decisions, the lives of justices, and the careers of important lawyers. Together, we are planning future live and electronic programs for the Society. The Society's oral history library is readily available to the public and will be growing in coverage over the years ahead.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022
SEPTEMBER 16
Nifty Fifty Luncheon
"Celebrating the 1972 Admittees"
The Hall @ Senate's End, Columbia
(Invitation Only)

OCTOBER 6-9
Fall Symposium
Pebble Creek Village, Cashiers, NC

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS
AUGUST 3, Noon, Columbia
NOVEMBER 2, 10 a.m., conf. call

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

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

Pro Bono Award

The Senior Lawyers Division would like to recognize its members for their outstanding pro bono contributions. The recognition focuses on the improvement of the civil legal system and the legal profession through pro bono publico service to those unable to afford the services of an attorney. There will be one award per judicial region. The awards are presented annually by the Division at a suitable event. Nominations are accepted electronically with a deadline of October 1st. [Click here](#) to nominate a colleague for the SLD Pro Bono Award.

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What Is Crystal Bridges?

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Okay, March 2021. Fully vaxed. Travel trip to Provence postponed for the third time. Blue skies and warm weather with the car fully serviced. COVID case map shows the least infection in Arkansas and Washington state. Which way to head? The choice is obvious. Time to get out of here! Destination: Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, Arkansas (and points in between).

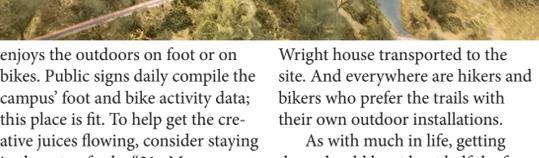
Not so obvious to you? What if children of the richest family in America decided to challenge H. L. Mencken's famous notion of the South being "The Sahara of the Bozarts." Artistically sterile? Us? Hence, Bentonville in the northwest corner of Arkansas is not only the home of Walmart, but also the site of one of the finest collections of American art in the country housed within a unique campus named Crystal Bridges. The destination is known for its creative small-town vibe, outdoorsy life, and natural beauty. Arkansas earns its motto as the "Natural State." You must go there to believe it!

Alice Walton, who continues to add to her impressive collection of American painting, sculpture, crafts, and textiles, chose world famous architect Moshe Safdie to design structures to house the collection and more. The wooded ravine, where she and her siblings played as children, with falling water and rocks so inspired Safdie that he sketched the design of Crystal Bridges on site during that first visit.

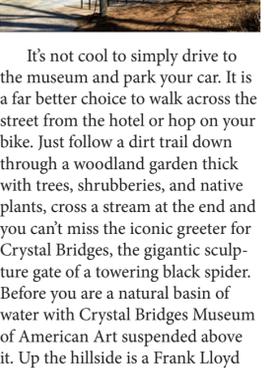
This complex is a totally unique natural space filled with creatively positioned and suspended buildings to house a collection that is way beyond superb. The narrative of America and its history unfolds on the walls, on stands in front of you and in alcoves. But turn around from the interior walls and your eyes are filled with crystal pools of water, cliffs of woodland greenery and rock outcroppings. Awesome.

Beyond the art, Bentonville enjoys the outdoors on foot or on bikes. Public signs daily compile the campus' foot and bike activity data; this place is fit. To help get the creative juices flowing, consider staying in the artsy, funky "21c Museum Hotel." You can't miss it. It's the one with a green penguin on the roof located between the downtown and the Crystal Bridges campus.

It's not cool to simply drive to the museum and park your car. It is a far better choice to walk across the street from the hotel or hop on your bike. Just follow a dirt trail down through a woodland garden thick with trees, shrubberies, and native plants, cross a stream at the end and you can't miss the iconic greeter for Crystal Bridges, the gigantic sculpture of a towering black spider. Before you are a natural basin of water with Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art suspended above it. Up the hillside is a Frank Lloyd



Wright house transported to the site. And everywhere are hikers and bikers who prefer the trails with their own outdoor installations.



Through Little Rock and head northwest passing lakes, timber forests and spectacular scenery with granite outcroppings announcing the Ozarks. Along with Walmart, this is the home territory of the University of Arkansas, JB Hunt Trucking and Tyson Foods. More affluence and energy than you might be expecting.

The way home is up to you. Nat-chez? New Orleans? Jackson? The Gulf Coast? No poor choices.

Consider Crystal Bridges as a do-able destination. For us it is among the BEST OF AMERICA and worth the drive from South Carolina!

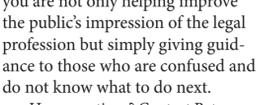
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As with much in life, getting there should be at least half the fun. The first leg of the drive from South Carolina might be Birmingham or Nashville. We suggest Memphis, Tennessee with a night at the historic Peabody Hotel. Stay long enough to experience its traditional duck parades through the classic lobby twice a day. Don't believe that? Check out their website! Ducks, then barbecue at the famous Rendez Vous just across the street from the Peabody and a short walk to Beale Street. Graceland, if you are so inclined. The true Memphis experience.

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SC Free Legal Answers

By Pamela D. Robinson
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June is a special month. We celebrate National Acordion Month, National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month, National Iced Tea Month and best of all, National Team-Linators Month. We can all kick off this month of celebration by participating in a Friday Blitz.

Pack up that laptop and join the SC Bar Pro Bono Program at the USC School of Law from 2-5 on Friday, June 3 as we work to address the backlog of questions posted to SC.FreeLegalAnswers.org. Your years of wisdom can be put to great use. The public has questions, and we can provide answers. Take a few moments to sign up and read the FAQs for lawyers. You will remain anonymous but will see the name of the client. Questions are posted in a variety of civil categories such as Family Law, Housing, Health Care, Probate, Bankruptcy and more. Even better you can review the question and return it to the queue if you decide not to respond.

SC Free Legal Answers is one of the easiest pro bono projects available. By responding to questions, you are not only helping improve the public's impression of the legal profession but simply giving guidance to those who are confused and do not know what to do next.

Have questions? Contact Betsy Goodale betsy.goodale@scbar.org or Pamela Robinson Robinspd@law.sc.edu

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