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To say there has been a lot of activity since our last *Boomer Times* would be a huge understatement. A symposium, Lunch and Learn, Ex. Council meetings, international travel, and celebrations of senior lawyers, Law Day essay contest winners, have all taken place and provided SLD members with extraordinary opportunities. This is in addition to SLD Officers attendance at the Bar's Board of Governors and House of Delegates meetings.

In the Spring, members had the opportunity to hear from SC Supreme Court Justice John W. Kittredge, a former 13th Circuit Court Judge. Justice Kittredge spoke on Civility in the Court, the Judicial selection process and appreciating the practice of law. The lunch and learn was held in Greenville and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Division sponsored its 13th Annual "The Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II Law Day Essay Contest." The best overall winner was Jada Fox of Dorman High School. She will be recognized at the 2024 SC Bar Convention during the House of Delegates meeting on Thursday, January 18th. Her winning essay was entitled, "[To Heal a Nation](#)". A list of grade winners and additional information is located further along in this issue. Congratulations to all the winners!

In May, a group of 30 senior lawyers and their guests embarked on a remarkable trip to Croatia. Once there they enjoyed a cruise along the Dalmatian Coast of the Adriatic Sea. You may read more about their ex-

citng adventure below. The Division would like to thank Nancy Layman for coordinating another fantastic excursion!

On September 15th, the Division along with the USC School of Law, recognized SC Bar members who were admitted in 1973 and the USC School of Law 1973 graduates. Over 100 attendees enjoyed lunch while listening to our guest speaker, the Honorable Kaye G. Hearn. It was a huge success honoring close to 50 members. To view the program and list of honorees, please visit [Nifty Fifty](#).



In October, the Division hosted its Fall Symposium at the Westin Poinsett Hotel, in Greenville. After a lovely reception on Friday night, guests enjoyed breakfast and a presentation from SC Supreme Court Justice D. Garrison "Gary" Hill on Saturday morning. Justice Hill discussed his experiences in the Court. Attendees were engaged and offered their opinions concerning the Courts.

The SLD Ex. Council met several times during the year, including a retreat in Charleston and engaged in various discussions designed to continue and cultivate the SLD's opportunities to impact the practice of law in the State of South Carolina.

Earlier the Ex. Council voted to amend the SLD By-Laws to establish



Congratulations To Francis J. Cornely!

Francis "Frank" Cornely, of The Cornely Law Firm in Charleston, is the 2023 SLD Pro Bono Award Recipient. He will be recognized at the SC Bar House of Delegates meeting on January 18th, in conjunction with the 2024 SC Bar Convention. This award is presented to an individual nominated and selected by their professional peers, for meritorious service to employment and labor law practice in the State of South Carolina.

that the Division's Representatives to the SC Bar House of Delegates will be selected by the Ex. Council. Previously these positions were filled by the President, and immediate past President, who already served in the House due to their positions on the Board of Governors. The intent is to expand the presence of SLD in the House of Delegates. This amendment has been forwarded for Bar approval.

It is the belief of this group that the SLD members possess a wealth of knowledge and experiences that can benefit the entire Bar like no other group. The programs set out above are just some of the ways members, individually and as a group, give back to the profession, while enjoying the company of fellow attorneys.

Attorney, Know Thyself

Catherine H. Kennedy
COLUMBIA

The Senior Lawyers Division is pleased to be sponsoring a seminar at the 2024 SC Bar Convention at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston. The seminar is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, from 1:30 to 4:45 p.m. We have teamed up with the Bar's Wellness Committee to present "*Attorney, Know Thyself*", which qualifies for 3.0 MCLE credit hours, including up to 3.0 SA/MH credit hours. The Division will also host a reception for SLD members and their guests from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 19th, in the Academy Room at the Rivera Theatre across the street from the Charleston Place Hotel.

Prior to the seminar, each participant is provided and encouraged to complete the Enneagram personality system test (the test will also be available at the seminar to those who sign up late). Each personality type has a distinct way of seeing and interacting with the world.

At the beginning of the seminar, a trained Enneagram coach will present an introduction to the Enneagram system, including an overview of the nine personality types and their core motivations, desires, and fears. Next a panel of lawyers will engage in a discussion about how they have used the Enneagram as a tool in their practice and relationships and what they have noticed in their own mindfulness over the previous months. The discussion will also cover how their Enneagram type relates to their practice and personal choices as well as what they might explore as next steps.

Subsequently, attendees will break out into groups by type. To facilitate discussion, question prompts will be given about the practice of law as well as life outside of law, including leisure, and personal wellness. The discussion will include suggestions for mental health, as well as physical health and enjoyment. A final wrap-up will offer tips on self-care and stress management, including ways to recognize and avoid burnout. Time will be left for questions at the end.

As a result of the seminar, participants will have a deeper understanding of themselves, their business and interpersonal relationships, and their individual wellness. They should be able to approach life with more self-awareness, empathy and understanding. This seminar is sure to reach capacity, [so sign up early](#). We look forward to having you with us!

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

W. Hugh McAngus, Jr.
COLUMBIA

Every Day is Saturday!

I am a fortunate man indeed. I have a wonderful, beautiful wife, six great kids, 5 awesome daughters and sons in law and eleven perfect grandkids. What else could a man ask for? Not much!

I am blessed to have had a great career, helping grow a small boutique law firm to a 270-lawyer firm with 18 offices in 8 states with the greatest people in the world. Besides the success of our firm the highlights of my career are to have been recognized by my peers with the Hemphill Award by the SCDTAA and the Worthy Adversary Award by SCAG.

Now I am retired and no longer "getting paid by the hour and older

by the minute" as the late Jimmy Buffet sang in "It's 5 o'clock somewhere". Retirement has been defined as "to cease work" or "to give up work". Nothing could be further from the truth. I am as busy as ever doing whatever I want to do, but with no professional duties.

Friends express reluctance to retire, fearing they may be bored, as work has been their only focus. They have no other interests or outlets than work and family. You know who you are. To them I say, "get a life!". There is so much more to life than work. Don't be defined by your profession alone.

To be happy in retirement you need three things: Family, friends and hobbies or things that you are passionate about. My passions



other than family (especially those grandkids) and friends are hunting, fishing, golf, and travel. All of these involve family and friends. I could not be happier or more fulfilled. I don't miss work other than the friends there. I still keep up with them as well.

When folks ask me about retirement and my schedule, my stock reply is "every day is Saturday" and it is. Come join me in this next stage of our lives. You can't imagine what you are missing. Don't let time pass you by.

Report from the ABA Annual Meeting

Bev A. Carroll
MORTON & GETTYS, ROCK HILL

I had the opportunity to represent the SC Bar as a Bar Delegate to the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in August in Denver, Colorado. I have served as one of the SC Bar's delegates for two years and during that service, I have attended four ABA meetings and four House of Delegates meetings there. Many other SC Bar members and Bar staff attended this meeting, serving in a variety of roles ranging from membership in affiliate groups and committees to sitting on panels for seminars and in the House of Delegates.

I am proud to report that the SC Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD) was recognized in Denver with the Outstanding Affiliate Award for the Prince Charming Project, the "That Will Never Happen" CLE, the SC Bar YLD newsletter (which is published through the major assistance of the Bar's Communication Division), and for its outstanding comprehensive work on the state level. I am hopeful that our group can discuss getting our Senior Lawyers Division more engaged at the ABA Senior Lawyers Division.

The highlight of the meeting was the recognition of Fred Gray with the ABA Medal, the highest honor given by the ABA. Mr. Gray is currently 92 years of age and still practices law in his home state of Alabama. Because he was not allowed entry into a law school in Alabama because he was black, he attended Case Western Reserve in Ohio. He immediately returned to his hometown of Montgomery, and he still practices there. When the civil rights movement started, he worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He represented Claudette Colvin, who was arrested before Rosa Parks for refusing to move from her seat on a bus, and then Ms. Parks. He was instrumental in numerous

significant civil rights cases including the successful challenge to the admission of black students at the University of Alabama. He was also counsel for the plaintiffs in the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, which resulted in a settlement of \$10 million for the plaintiffs. Thereafter he founded the Tuskegee History Center, focusing attention on what happened. He was one of two black legislators elected to the Alabama legislature and was later nominated for the federal district court, although his nomination was blocked by one of the white Alabama senators. In his closing at the ABA Annual Meeting, he vowed that he would continue to fight discrimination until the day he died. It was fantastic.

ABA Governance

The structure of the House of Delegates is very similar to the Bar's House of Delegates; representatives from regions as well representatives from a variety of committees, sections, and other groups, make up the body, together with members of the Board of Governors. The bulk of work for the House of Delegates is to consider Resolutions from a variety of sources on a variety of subjects; some examples are the standards for bar exams and law school admission, protection of election workers, civility, criminal sentencing, homelessness, guardianship, child tax credit, and the full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Act. I continue to be impressed with the degree of work that goes into these resolutions. Typically, multiple groups are involved in the development of the resolution and its fine-tuning. I have taken my charge as a SC Bar delegate to weigh what my South Carolina colleagues may favor, but ultimately, to use my own best judgment as I assume all delegates do.

With the August meeting, I completed my service as a State Bar

delegate. I am being succeeded in that role by Roy Laney. I am confident Roy will offer outstanding representation as he has done in all his Bar service.

However, my service with the American Bar Association is not completed. I have been elected to the ABA Board of Governors, representing the 19th District, which includes South Carolina, Iowa, and Oregon. Yes, I raised the same question - why those three states - the best answer I got is that it is population driven and the seat rotates between those three states. In any regard, it is a tremendous honor for me, and I believe a good opportunity for our state bar. My term is for three years and started with my election at the end of the August House of Delegates meeting.

The service on the ABA Board of Governors has already proved intense. Before my election, I attended the June Board of Governors meeting at the ABA headquarters in Chicago and the meeting in Denver. Each Board member is required to serve on one of three committees. Those committees are Finance, Membership Services, and Profession, Public Service and Diversity; I was appointed to Membership Services. That committee is responsible for membership, continuing legal education, communications and media relations, and publishing among other things. In addition, we are required to serve as a liaison to 34 committees, sections, divisions, and other groups. I was appointed as a liaison for three groups: Diversity in the Educational Pipeline, the Standing Committee on Public Protection in the Provision of Legal Services, and the Standing Committee on Continuing Education. I believe all three of these groups represent the interests of our Bar.

The Board is scheduled to meet four times a year - two times in

person at the Mid-Year and Annual Meeting and two virtual meetings. The meetings typically occur over two days. The ABA's current President, Mary Smith (who I note is the first Native American to serve in this role) has asked the three standing committees to meet monthly and has stated that BOG members may attend any/all these meetings. The reason for this request is that it has become evident that the Board meetings get bogged down in committee issues, which has interfered with some more substantive issues affecting the ABA as a whole. We are also asked to attend the meetings of the groups to which we are the assigned liaison.

I have been able to attend each of the committee meetings and the other group meetings, which has aided my understanding of the ABA. I will say that while I have been a member of the ABA since my first year of practice in 1981, I have not been involved in the same degree as some of the Board members but believe that perspective is important in determining the future of the ABA. The biggest issue facing the ABA is declining membership and revenue shortage. As a voluntary organization, it is not a surprising development. I believe that the ABA has an important role representing attorneys nationwide and its affiliates around the world and while there are complaints that it is "political," I am guided by something that someone said to me a couple of years ago about the ABA - "If not the ABA, who?" The ABA represents many voices, opinions, and issues, while providing lawyers in multiple legal disciplines an opportunity to meet and work with people with whom they can share expertise.

Senior Lawyers Travel Again - To Croatia!

Nancy S. Layman
COLUMBIA

"Thanks to all for another wonderful experience to travel to places I never imagined going and, in a manner, I never thought possible!!"

"While we are glad to be safely home, we're already looking forward to soon traveling again with such an affable group of friends, old and new."

"Dobar Dan" (Good After-

noon!) to everyone. "Hvala" (Thank you) for being such excellent traveling companions! . . . It was a splendid trip, and I am ready to plan the next one."

"A huge thank you to everyone for the warm welcome to the new travelers."

These were just a few of the complimentary responses from travelers following the Senior Lawyers' recent trip to Croatia. Leaving Charlotte May 4, we flew to Munich on Lufthansa Airlines and then from Munich to Split, Croatia, arriving the following day. Located on the Adriatic Sea 135 airmiles across from the Abruzzo region on the coast of Italy, the Croatian coast has become a tourist destination, especially in the summers when numerous ships and yachts dock in its many ports. In 2022, Croatia welcomed 18.9 million tourists, 37 percent more than the previous year.¹ For a country slightly smaller than West Virginia,² that's a considerable achievement. Facilitating tourism was the replacement of the kuna on January 1, 2023, with the euro as the official Croatian currency. Although small restaurants and stores still use the kuna, credit cards and the euro are most frequently used.

Originally part of Yugoslavia, Croatia declared its independence on June 25, 1991. On the same day Serbia, to the south and east of Croatia, declared its independence from Croatia.³ After years of conflict, Croatia prospered and now counts tourism and agriculture among the main contributors to its economy.⁴ For the Senior Lawyers, this trip marked a landmark: our tenth trip abroad. Of the 30 lawyers and their companions on the trip, 26 had traveled with us before. Within two weeks of the first Croatia announcement, 90% of the reservations had been filled. For the first time this



trip was primarily by ship, which was restricted to our group. Our visits were along the Dalmatian coast starting in Split. Temperatures were in the comfortable 70's during the day and a bit cooler in the evening. All nights but the first and last were spent on the *MV Fantazija*, a three-level "motor yacht" managed by Katarina Cruise Lines that accommodated all of us with room to spare. No other passengers were on the trip. We ate all breakfasts and some lunches and dinners on board. All the meals were plentiful, the service excellent, and the view of the Croatian coast as we sailed magnificent. Our guide, Mira, was with us the entire time—explaining what we would see next, introducing us to the crew, and even joining in the dancing one evening.

After spending the first night at the Hotel Cornaro in Split, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we boarded the *Fantazija* where our luggage was delivered, then soon left the ship for a tour of Split. Like the rest of the Dalmatian Coast, the streets, buildings, and background mountains are covered in limestone. A strong Italian influence pervades the Coast, observable in the architecture of churches, ancient buildings, and schools. In the Old Town is Diocletian's Palace, dating to the late 3rd century A.D. and once used as both a villa and a garrison. The palace is



now surrounded by shops, restaurants, cafés, and boutiques. Diocletian was a soldier and became emperor at the age of 40. When he died, he was laid to rest in an octagonal mausoleum around which the cathedral of Split was built.⁵ After strolling through the town, we returned to our ship in the late afternoon for a welcome cocktail reception from our guide Mira and our essential yacht master, "Captain Nemo."

Ten nautical miles from Split is the town of Bol on the island of Brač where we sailed the following day. "Zlatni Rat," or The Golden Cape there, is known as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Also in Bol are fine wineries, whose grapes grow incredibly up vertical rocks. We visited Stina Winery, one of the oldest Dalmatian wine cooperatives, toured the many rooms with casks of fermenting wine, and wound up in the tasting room to enjoy Plavac red, rose Opal or Vugava white. All good. A short sail from Brač is the island of Hvar to the south, which bills itself as "the sunniest island in the

incredible. At night we had pizza at an open-air restaurant. We docked in Korčula that night stepping across two ships similar to ours that were docked in the same location. At one end of one ship, was an area full of bicycles used by the ship's land and sea tourists to ride through the islands.

Then it was off to Dubrovnik, about 42 nautical miles east of Korčula. On the way we stopped at the island of Mljet, more than a third of which is contained within Mljet National Park, also called "The Green Island." The Park is rich with animal life and fauna, many of which are protected species. The walk up the stone path and stone steps toward the park was difficult and sometimes slippery. At the top of the steps in two groups we boarded pontoon boats for the Benedictine Chapel on the Isle of St. Mary, which houses beautiful stained-glass portraits of Mary and St. Benedict. Back at Mljet we descended the stone steps and entered our ship for lunch and some rest while the ship headed east for Dubrovnik.

Dubrovnik was a short ride from Mljet and that night, a buffet dinner was served on board. Once the ship moored, our guide Mira gave a brief lecture on the history and architecture of the city. After, we had the option of taking a brief walk about Dubrovnik. The next day we gained more information and a greater appreciation of this city which was surrounded in the thirteenth century by thick, fortified walls and white streets. A bus took us from our ship to mid-city Dubrovnik. After a walking tour of the old city, we took a cable car to the top of Mount Srđ, the Dubrovnik flag flying atop the mountain. In the distance we could see the countries of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Other highlights of the day were a visit to a Hard Rock Café in the old city and the Red History Museum, which tells the story of the rise and fall of communism in Croatia and focuses on everyday life under Communism. After a cable car ride down the mountain and a short walk back, we were on our ship again, docked in Dubrovnik.

The next day swells tossed the ship as we headed west to the Pelješac peninsula. But they calmed eventually, and we landed on the peninsula, which is especially known for its red wine. Prior to attending a typical village party and eating traditional Croatian dishes that night, two couples threw an unannounced cocktail party on board to celebrate their anniversaries. The crew surprised everyone with a cake lit with sparklers. That evening, by bus, we climbed a large hill to a local farm where donkeys roamed, and produce was abundant. Then we entered a banquet room for a hearty farm-to-table dinner. We were served by the owner in traditional Croatian dress, including a colorful vest and hat. Dinner was meat and potatoes, red wine, and a layered chocolate cake. Full and tired, we returned to the ship. The next day would be a day-long ride back to Split.

Rough waters in the morning careened the yacht from side to side. But again, the Adriatic calmed eventually as we headed west. The evening featured a special farewell "Captain's Dinner." A piano player and a singer provided lively Croatian music and soon most everyone was dancing, including our Captain. That evening we arrived in Split and spent the night on board. Next morning, we returned to the Hotel Cornaro. The last day was ours to spend in Split. However, a 5:30 AM departure the following day led most of us to retire early that last night.

It was a great trip. Memories of the enormous limestone walls, churches, olive trees, grapevines and beautiful cities still linger. We now say "Zivilni" when we clink our glasses, the Croatian toast encompassing the good wishes of its people: "Be filled with life!" Best of all was the companionship of our fellow travelers, the insight and friendliness of our guide, the attentiveness of the staff onboard, and the astute navigation of our capable Captain.

Endnotes

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Memory Hold the Door

In 1958, the South Carolina Bar and the University of South Carolina School of Law established Memory Hold the Door, to preserve for the inspiration of future generations the high ethical and professional standards of past leaders of the legal profession by acclaiming and extolling their virtues. The School of Law displays Memory Hold the Door books in the library.

The South Carolina Bar Foundation raises money to recognize the legal giants included each year. The purpose of the funds is to promote, through the University of South Carolina School of Law, the welfare of the legal profession by using the income for scholarships.

The Memory Hold the Door Committee has charge of identifying and selecting individuals worthy of inclusion. The lawyers remembered, therefore, represent a true Honor Roll of the legal profession, selected by their fellow lawyers as best exemplifying the qualities of integrity, professionalism and skill required of the Bench and Bar.

The below SC Bar members will be recognized during the 2024 Memory Hold the Door Ceremony scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on May 9th, in the Hon. Karen J. Williams Courtroom at the USC School of Law, 1525 Senate Street, in Columbia. A reception will immediately follow the program, in the Perrin Family room at the law school.

For additional information, please contact Tara G. Caine at tcaine@s sbar.org.

MHTD Honorees

- Hon. G. Ross Anderson, Jr., Anderson
- Grady B. Anthony, Greenville
- Hon. Daniel B. Causey, III, Darlington
- Hon. Edward B. Cottingham, Sr., Bennettsville
- L. Franklin Elmore, Greenville
- Prof. John P. Freeman, Columbia
- Johnnie Sue D. Fulton, Greenville
- Hon. Judy Bridges McMahon, Charleston
- Shawn L. Reeves, Columbia
- Albert V. Smith, Spartanburg



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@s sbar.org.

Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration

The Senior Lawyers Division Recognizes Winners of the Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II, Law Day Essay Contest.

Each participating student was asked to write an essay related to the ABA's theme "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration." Students were asked to write an essay of 1,000 words or less on civics (the study of the rights and duties of citizenship) and why the founding fathers believed them to be important to the success of the American democratic experiment in self-governance.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Overall Best Essay Writer

Jada Fox, Dorman High School

(Roebuck), *To Heal A Nation*

12th Grade Best Essay Writer

Mylah Mathis, James F. Byrnes High School (Duncan), *The Age of Dot-com Democracy*

11th Grade Best Essay Writer

Katlyn Short, Spartanburg County Early College High School (Spartanburg), *Fights Against Rights: Consequences of Police Power in the Wrong Hands*

10th Grade Best Essay Writer

Elizabeth Heckman, Greenville Senior High Academy of Law, Business & Finance (Greenville), *Fighting Factionalism: Freedom, Civility, and the American Experiment*

9th Grade Best Essay Writer

Allison Mathews, Spartanburg County Early College High School (Spartanburg), *The Foundational Elements of American Democracy*

The Division would like to thank Judge Mark Hayes for his generosity and support of this project. SLD would also like to acknowledge Circuit Judges Bill Seals, Robert Hood, Carmen Mullen, Frank Addy, Bentley Price, and Alex Hyman for serving as graders for this year's essay contest.

To view the list of Essay Writers of Distinction and for additional information on the contest, please visit [Law Day Essay Contest](#).