



April 2018 News and Updates

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President's Corner: ME 2 WE; CLE recognition and Law Day

By S. Carlton Rouse



Over the past month, the Bar continued its dedicated efforts to provide informative, educational and accessible CLE opportunities to assist members in satisfying their annual educational requirements of the Georgia Bar. On March 15th, the Criminal Defense section, by and through Sean Goldstein, Constancia Carter and Richard Armond, offered a successful full-day CLE to local attorneys. Similarly, on March 23rd, under the leadership of Don Osborne and Dodie Sachs, the Bar provided a full day CLE on "Getting Paid" and changes to the evidence code. On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, the Bar collaborated with Rachel Lazarus and the Gwinnett Pro Bono Project to offer an additional CLE on the effective use of technology available in our local courtrooms.

Later this month, there will be plenty of great opportunities to connect with other lawyers, judges and members of our local community by and through our Law Day Program. We encourage everyone to come out and participate.

As always, thank you for your commitment to this organization, your input and your support.

Should you wish to contact me directly, you can email me at: s.carlton@rouseonlaw.com.

#GCBASOCIAL: Me 2 We

April 20, 2018 GCBA Luncheon: The Stocking Strangler

Join us at our April luncheon at the 1818 Club from 11:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., featuring guest speaker Honorable William J. Smith, Superior Court of Muscogee County, Judge Smith, who prosecuted the Columbus, Georgia "stocking strangler" in the late 80's, will be telling his side of the story regarding the controversial prosecution and conviction of the serial killer, who was executed last month.

This case received the attention of countless national media outlets. Learn more about the controversy in this [2007 article](#) published by Vanity Fair.

[Register Now!](#)



Atlanta United Watch Party

GCBA will be hosting a Atlanta United Watch Party at Universal Joint in downtown Lawrenceville on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. Atlanta United will be taking on Sporting Kansas City. It should be a great game! Please RSVP to [Jon Setzer](#) if you plan on attending.

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Gwinnett Legal Food Frenzy
April 16-27

Click [Here](#) and [Here](#) and [Here](#) for more details

It is not too late to join Legal Food Frenzy fundraising competition, benefiting Atlanta Community Food Bank. During six years of this project (supported by the office of Attorney General, Georgia Bar Association, and YLD) Georgia's Legal Community raised over \$1.5 Million and provided 6 million meals.

You can join us by registering at galegalfoodfrenzy.org/sign-up. The competition will run from April 16-27. If you sign up before April 1 you will get 100 bonus points, but the registration will remain open until the end of the campaign. Spread the word about this year's campaign and you will receive 100 bonus points for the referral of new team. Invite your clients, colleagues, competitors, and opposite counsel to join! Anybody can compete in their category - legal firms (organized by the size), corporate counsel, legal organizations, clerks and judges.

Remember, it is our collective impact as lawyers that is really making a difference in the lives of the 1 in 5 children who face hunger in our community. **11% of the population in Gwinnett live in food insecure households.** For every \$1 we raise, the food bank can distribute 4 meals to these children and their families. I hope you will join me in helping to end hunger by making this the biggest Legal Food Frenzy to date!

Contact Alfia Tarassenko for the registration and competition support and information: 404 918 3588 cell or afia.tarassenko@acfb.org

LAW DAY 2018



Schedule of Events

Flag Football and Movie on the Lawn Fundraiser
April 14, 4:00pm
Rhodes Jordan Park, Pavilion 3
100 E. Crogan St. - Lawrenceville
[Click here for details](#)
[Click here to REGISTER](#)

Presidential Power Panel Discussion
April 19, 2:00 pm
Georgia Gwinnett College, CISCO Auditorium
1000 University Center Ln. - Lawrenceville
FREE
[Click here for details](#)

Judge's Reception
April 26, 11:30 am
GJAC Brezeway
75 Langley Dr. - Lawrenceville
RSVP to [Amina Bakari](#) (by April 23th)

Law Day Banquet
April 27, 6:30 pm
Berkeley Hills Country Club
2300 Pond Road - Duluth
[Click here to REGISTER](#) (by April 20th)

Proclamation of Law Day
May 1, 2:00pm
GJAC Auditorium - 75 Langley Dr. - Lawrenceville

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GCBA NEWS AND SECTION UPDATES

Membership Queries

GCBA is works to ensure all of its member lists and referral lists are kept as up to date as possible.

Please feel free to contact [Jon Setzer](#) for any membership queries or to update your contact information.

Please contact [Danielle Britt Mays](#) for any questions regarding the attorney referral lists.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE SECTION UPDATE

by Richard Armond, GCDCB Communications Director

The Gwinnett County Bar Association Criminal Defense Section hosted our annual CLE on March 15 and 16, 2018, which was sponsored by Embassy National Bank, Thomson Reuters|Indivivo and Mirrored Counseling. The CLE included topics involving running our practices and the business side of law, as well as substantive criminal law topics. Featured speaker Phoebe Judge from the awarding winning podcast "Criminal" (thisiscriminal.com) spoke to attendees at lunchtime on March 16.

The Gwinnett County Criminal Defense Bar (GCCDB) also hosted a judicial candidates forum for our monthly meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 11:45 AM in Conference Room C of the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. All candidates for open Gwinnett County superior and state court judgeships were invited.

Interested in joining the section or want to RSVP for a meeting? Please contact section President [Constancia Carter](#).

THANK YOU PRO BONO MARCH VOLUNTEERS

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LEGAL UPDATES

BRUNO v. LIGHT, Georgia Court of Appeals, A17A1967, Feb. 28, 2018
Be Careful about "Love Thy Neighbor!"
by Margaret Gettle Washburn, cont. ed.



In this lively case, the Court of Appeals, Judge Barnes, Presiding, found that Mr. Bruno and Ms. Light, two neighbors, were both right and both wrong. This case analyzes stalking protective orders under both Title 19 and Title 16.

[Click here to read the full article](#)



Motions to Enforce Settlement Agreements

By Dodie Sachs, Esq.
Originally published in the Family Law Review

Due to the fact that the negotiations in a family law case are frequently protracted, there is often a dispute as to the specific terms of settlement at the end of the negotiations. In many situations, complex reemotions regarding the parties' children or division of assets are described simply in negotiations and in the memorialization of settlement. For example at mediation or during settlement discussions, the parties may agree that Mom has custody of the children without further discussion of specific terms. When the parties attempt to transform the simple statement regarding custody of the children into fully developed settlement agreement language, disputes often arise as the full language typically covers several pages. When disputes over specific language arise, the legal standard as to what is an enforceable settlement agreement and what is not can be unclear.

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REMINDER FOR FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONERS

The two Excel child support calculators and the EZ paper worksheet will be discontinued effective September 30, 2018. Make the transition today to the Online Child Support Calculator.

The link for sign up is <https://lcsconlinecalc.georgiacourts.gov/ontendweb/index.php>

2017 Child Support Guidelines Training and CLE

The Georgia Commission on Child Support is offering training sessions to judges, judicial staff, attorneys and legal staff, and Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) agents and attorneys at various locations throughout the state. The training events are offered between November 2017 and May 2018. Generally, three topics are covered at these events: the Online Child Support Calculator, the Child Support Guidelines, and the Income Deduction process. The training has been approved for three CLE hours for attorneys.

The guidelines training will focus on legislative changes to the statute (O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15) that took effect on July 1, 2017. The calculator training is offered on the Online Child Support Calculator only. The Income Deduction Order (IDO) training will focus on the process in private cases. There is no cost to attend the training. Attorneys will be responsible for payment of their own CLE credits directly to the Georgia Bar Association. You must register to attend and ensure available seating.

[Click here to register](#) and select the date and location that works for your schedule.

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