



November 2018 Newsletter

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President's Corner :

By Jon Setzer
It sometimes takes until this time of the year for it to really feel like autumn in the Atlanta area, but now that it has, the leaves are changing colors and falling from the trees. It's a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one. As the weather changes, so does the time it takes to commute to and from work. I hope you all have found ways to make the most of your commute.



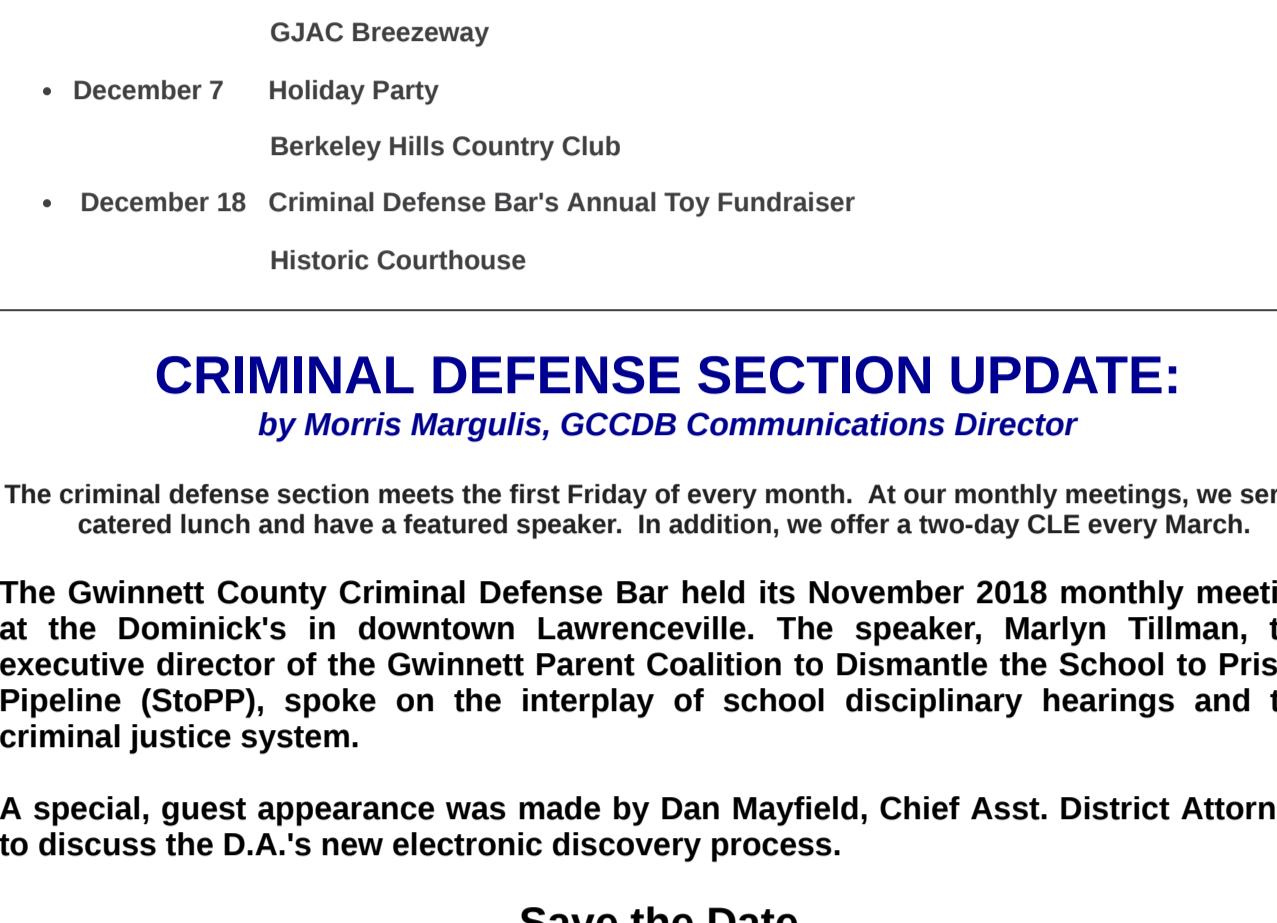
Especially here in Gwinnett County, we've been fortunate to have judges who take the bench seriously and treat their job as a calling. When new judges have taken the bench, they usually do so one or two at a time. This year, we've had three judges appointed to the bench, and our newest judge was appointed Recorder's Court Judge taking the bench. While the new Recorder's Court Judge has not been appointed yet, we do know what our new Superior and State Court Judges will be. I hope you will join us for their luncheon on November 16. I also hope you will join me in honoring our outgoing judges on November 28.

Sometimes it seems as though this time of year is longer than other parts of the year for everyone, with more time to attend to family and friends. As the holidays approach, we will be looking forward to the time off from work and the hustle and bustle of the New Year forces us back into our normal work days. For us in the Gwinnett Bar Association, we will start thinking about celebrating our holidays with fellowship and fun, including as we do every year, the annual Holiday Luncheon at the 1818 Club on December 10.

After that, I hope that everyone takes some time for themselves and their families. We will not have a luncheon in December, but we will return in January, hopefully recharged for all the change that is coming.

October Luncheon

We hope you enjoyed hearing from Ellen Gerstein with the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services and each political candidate that was able to join us at our last meeting on October 19, 2018.



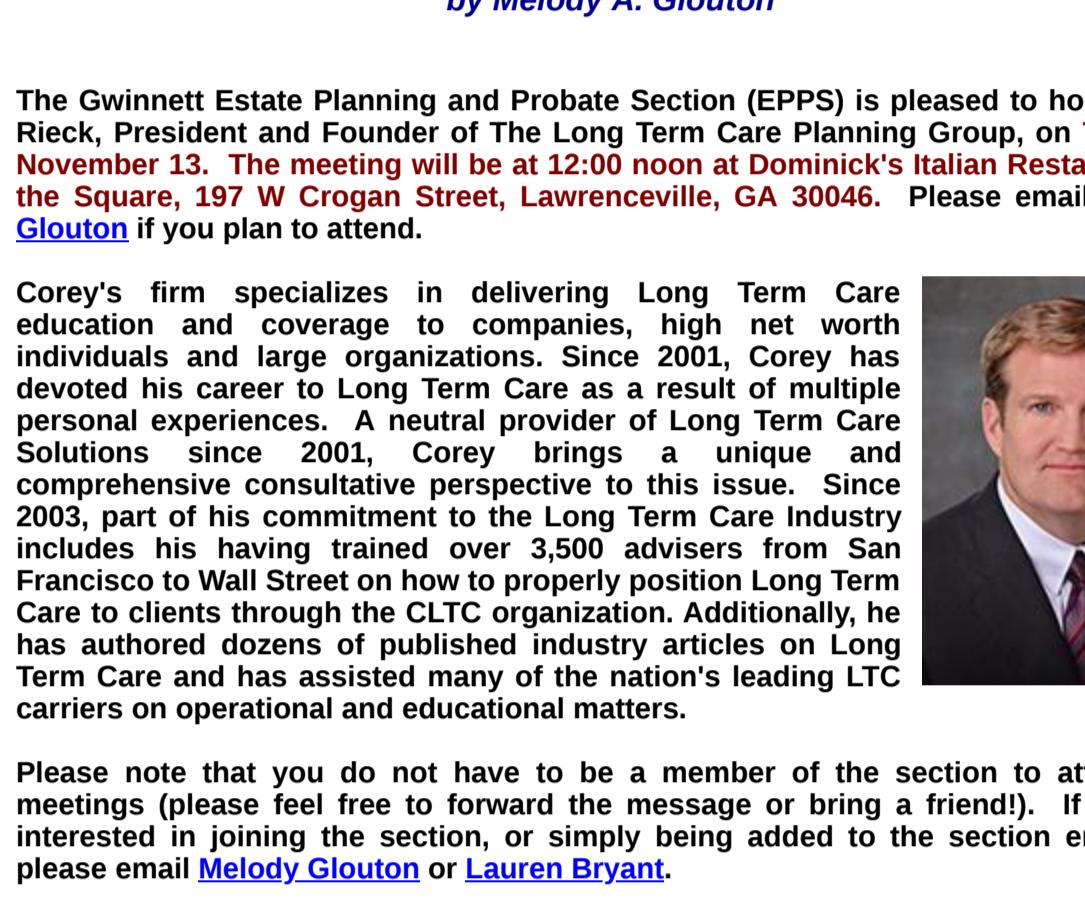
November Luncheon

Friday November 16, 2018 12:00pm

The 1818 Club

6500 Sugarloaf Parkway #300
Duluth, GA 30097

Join us for our next meeting featuring the three newly elected judges to Superior and State court, Tracey Mason, Tracie Cason and Ronda Colvin-Leary. Each of them will speak as they transition into taking the bench in January 2019.



[Click Here to Register for the November Luncheon!](#)

GCBA NEWS AND SECTION UPDATES

Mark Your Calendars!

This Year's Monthly Meetings:

- November 16
- January 13
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17

Other Events:

- November 28 Judicial Reception Honoring Retiring Judges
GJAC Breezeway
- December 7 Holiday Party
Berkeley Hills Country Club
- December 10 Criminal Defense Bar's Annual Toy Fundraiser
Historic Courthouse

CRIMINAL DEFENSE SECTION UPDATE:

by Morris Margulis, CCCDB Communications Director

The criminal defense section meets the first Friday of every month. At our monthly meetings, we serve a catered lunch and have a featured speaker. In addition, we offer a two-day CLE every March.

The Gwinnett County Criminal Defense Bar held its November 2018 monthly meeting at the D.A.'s in downtown Lawrenceville. The speaker, Marty Tillman, the executive director of the Gwinnett Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline (StopPP), spoke on the interplay of school discipline hearings and the criminal justice system.

A special guest appearance was made by Dan Mayfield, Chief Asst. District Attorney, to discuss the D.A.'s new electronic discovery process.

Save the Date

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 11:30 a.m., CCCDB will hold our annual Toy Raiser at the Sean Goldstein Law Office. This is the largest annual event of the year and the highlight of the year, headed up by attorney Christine Koehler. Bring an unwrapped toy or make a \$20 donation (or more) that will benefit patients at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Enjoy a catered lunch and a raffle for GCDBB donations with many Gwinnett County judges and prosecutors for a great cause. For more information, including how to donate if you can't attend the lunch, contact Katie Huckaby.

2018 GCDBB State Officers:

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EPPS UPDATE: Future Meetings and Volunteer

by Melody A. Glouton

The Gwinnett Estate Planning and Probate Section (EPPS) is pleased to host Corey Rick, President of Cum Laude Long Term Care Planning Group, on Tuesday, November 20th. The meeting will be at the Sean Goldstein Law Office located on the Square, 197 W. Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Please email Melody.Glouton@jonesday.com if you plan to attend.

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Andrea L. Coenstant
William E. Fields
Thomas O'Brien
Kathryn Taylor Franklin

Probate Clinic

Michelle L. Bloch
Walter Brattain
Dawn C. Beans
Bruce R. Hawkins Jr.
Yessica M. Hernandez
Patricia O'Kelley
Ashley Scarpetti
John L. Welsh II

Corporate Law Clinic

Michael J. Smith
Craig W. Sherrin

Family Law Information Class

Dorothy "Dodie" Sachs

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: IT'S A BOY!

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DeQuinton wrote a letter to express his gratitude to the bar for the scholarship and to update us on his progress in school.

[Click here to read the letter](#)

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FIRM CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Chandler, Britt, & Jay, LLC is pleased to announce that Dorothy "Dodie" Sachs has joined the firm as an associate. Dodie's practice will remain focused in family law issues, and will expand the firm's family practice.

The firm is located at:

4350 South Lee Street

Buford, GA 30518

770.599.2500

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