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Gwinnett County Bar Association
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September 2019 Newsletter

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President's Corner

President-Elect
Jennifer Kanyamibwa
2019-2020

By Donald Lee

The kids are back in school, college football Saturdays are in full swing and the leaves are beginning to change color. Fall is in the air and it is my turn as president. It is an honor/privilege to be the person to whom all are referred to when something goes wrong. I am sworn in at our Bench Bar Luncheon on August 1, and not long after, with aggressiveness with formal invitations, I will host my first event, the Fall Luncheon on September 12. Mark your calendars! Attending is a great personal or foundation or all, and I cannot be overstated enough how important it is to our Bar Association. Our Fall Luncheon is renowned upon search or so to be able to practice in this classic and beautiful courtroom.

September 20th is our next meeting and will feature Lawrenceville Mayor Judy Jordan Johnson and City Manager Chuck Warbington. Almost all of us call Lawrenceville our work home and we want to know what is going on in our city. Lawrenceville is growing and we are excited to see the final product. I am curious to know what other plans and ideas of growth our leaders have for our city. Our Bar Association is a part of our community and Lawrenceville has it delicately navigate in making their South Lawn vision a reality. Please join us!

September Luncheon

September 20, 2019 at 12pm, at
The 1818 Club
6500 Sugarloaf Pkwy.
Duluth, GA 30097

This month we present
Lawrenceville Mayor Julie Jordan Johnson and
City Manager Chuck Warbington
as our guest speakers.

August Luncheon Recap

We had a fantastic turnout for our August Luncheon, co-sponsored by GARMS and AVERA-CAC. Board Member Todd Ivanyo thanked for the work done by Attorney Rodney Davis, who is a Board Member of both organizations, for the work done to AVERA-CAC. Todd also made a tribute to this year's changing society!

GCBA NEWS and SECTION UPDATES

Judge Rodney Harris appointed as the next Gwinnett County Juvenile Court Judge!

The Superior Court judge nominated to Gwinnett's juvenile court judge is the seasoned prosecutor Judge Rodney Harris. Gov. Kemp appointed Judge Harris Wednesday to the Superior Court bench.

Many of the Peach Presidents had great ideas for future programming for the GCBA. I look forward to working on all of these ideas and more. Please let me know what you would like to see happen.

Judge Harris brings years of Juvenile Court experience to the bench. He began practicing in Juvenile Court as a prosecutor in 1994 and has been a Gwinnett County Juvenile Court Judge since 2000 and an Associate Judge of Juvenile Court.

Judge Harris has a long history of private leadership in juvenile community support to young people.

Judge Harris is a graduate of Georgia State University and Georgia State University College of Law. He was the Other Lawyer Recent Member Award for Community Service and the Recent Lawyer Pro Bono Outstanding Service Award.

2019 Past Presidents' Dinner

by Keith Harris, GCBA President-Elect

In August, the GCBA honored our past presidents with a dinner at 2018 Public House Restaurant in the Gwinnett Historic District. The food was great, the drinks were plentiful, and the company was even better! We thanked our Past Presidents for their service and for their continued support of our association. We appreciate the sacrifices we have made and our offered for the both while you were of the Board of Directors and beyond.

Many of the Past Presidents had great ideas for future programming for the GCBA. I look forward to working on all of these ideas and more. Please let me know what you would like to see happen. I am seeing all solutions to share with the membership. We will be featuring their comments in future newsletters.

Past Presidents, please continue to share your input and perspective. I look forward to seeing you at Past President's Dinner in the future.

See who all attended

2019 Gear City Bar/GABWA Annual Judicial Reception

Some familiar Gwinnett faces were in attendance at the Annual Gear City Bar/GABWA Judicial Reception last month. Can you name all the Gwinnett folks you see? (Photo credit: Jim Hooper Photography)

Family Law Section Update

by Jane Lynn - Section Chair

The Family Law Section meets, discusses judges, mediators, lawyers, and Scheider by sharing their experiences and information. Our meetings are informal and we discuss what we want to discuss that year. If you missed the Lunch, see a senior member for the extremely useful sheet information we provided. Our next meeting will be on September 12 at noon. Please RSVP to Jane Lynn at jane@janelynnlaw.com. Jane Lynn, Chair of Attorneys will act as Judge Schneider's clerk to take notes of your comments.

Our next meeting will take place on October 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Gwinnett County Courthouse Courtroom 1000 (Judge Tracy Mason's courtroom). Please RSVP to Jane Lynn at jane@janelynnlaw.com. Jane Lynn will be in attendance and will be taking notes of your comments and concerns. Please RSVP to Jane Lynn at jane@janelynnlaw.com. Jane Lynn will be in attendance and will be taking notes of your comments and concerns.

Please remember to be polite! Be Family Law Section - Jane Lynn, Chair

If you have an interest in the Family Law Section, please be review updates and events

Jane Lynn, Chair

We will announce our speaker for October 20, 2019 both in a couple of weeks.

Juvenile Law Section Update

by Kelly Kevin - Section President

The Juvenile Law Section will be working on raising money for a gently-used. We want to purchase duffel bags for those children who are placed in foster care. So often children are asked to leave their homes with nothing but a trash bag. We want to provide a duffel bag for each child who is placed in foster care. Please contact Kelly Kevin at kelly@kellykevinlaw.com if you would like to donate a duffel bag or if you would like to donate money to purchase duffel bags through Guardian. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kelly Kevin at kelly@kellykevinlaw.com.

Pro Bono Update

Thank you to this month's volunteers!

Pro Bono Representation	Probate Clinic
Ellen D. Anderson	Walter J. Clarke
Jane S. Cantrell	Donald Donovan
Jeffrey Dorfman	Nancy Gaines
Vanessa L Kelly	Sam Olteja
Jennifer Kanyamibwa	Ken Phillips
Michael V. Murphy	Jane P. Wilson
	Jack Wimpey
Consumer Law Clinic	**Family Law Information Clinic**
Sterling Raff Winsett	Sarah M. Steele
Kevin Gibbons	
Bert Hunt	
Christina A. Hagan	

Criminal Defense Section Update

by Laura Mayfield, GCCDB Communications Officer

The next meeting of the Gwinnett County Criminal Defense Bar is Friday, September 27 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be Tiana Garner, Chief Deputy Chief for the Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will be held in Longstreet Warehouse, 320 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road, Lawrenceville, GA.

The Gwinnett County Criminal Defense Bar held its August 2019 meeting at Longstreet Warehouse. Our speaker was Tiana Garner, Chief Deputy Chief for the Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office. Tiana gave us a thorough overview of her office and answered questions from the audience.

2019 GCCDB Slate of Officers

President-Elect: Jennifer Kanyamibwa
Vice President: Ken Phillips
Secretary: Jane Wilson
Treasurer: Walter Clarke
Immediate Past President: Nancy Gaines

Interested in joining the section or seeing the RSVP for a meeting, contact the President-Elect, Jennifer Kanyamibwa at Kanyamibwa@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A **CORRECTION** from last month's newsletter: we listed the Fall Luncheon for September 12. It actually falls on the first Friday in all but two, but **DECEMBER 6, 2019**. Make sure to amend your calendars!

The remainder of this calendar year's events:

- Sept. 20, 2019 - luncheon
- Oct. 18, 2019 - luncheon
- Oct. 19, 2019 - Law Enforcement Appreciation Picnic
- Nov. 15, 2019 - luncheon
- **Dec. 6, 2019** - Bench Party (no bar, luncheon)

The 2019 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Picnic is fast approaching on October 19, 2019 from 11:00-2:00 and we need your help!

As many of you are aware, each year the Gwinnett County Bar Association and Gwinnett Circuit Defenders Association host a picnic to support and thank our local law enforcement officers. This picnic provides an opportunity for our members to interact with our local law enforcement officers and their families. With donations from bar members flat you, we are able to purchase door prizes for the officers and their families. We need your help! We need volunteers to help with the picnic and having some dollars earmarked with working picnics. We can't make that happen without your help!

If you can donate money (please make checks payable to the GCBA) and want to be attention volunteer, please contact Jane Lynn at jane@janelynnlaw.com or Jennifer Kanyamibwa at Jennifer.Kanyamibwa@gwinnettcounty.com.

If you have an interest in the picnic, please contact Jennifer Kanyamibwa or Jennifer.Kanyamibwa@gwinnettcounty.com.

2019 Empire Atlanta
High School Mock Trial Competition

by Sarylene Vinson, Judge Recruitment Division - Empire Atlanta

On behalf of 400 volunteer lawyers, judges, and staff, I wanted to come to the attention of the Gwinnett County Bar Association to join us for a mock trial competition on September 21-23, 2019 at the Georgia Department of Law building. This is a fun, free, and CLE-approved event for attorneys and judges including 8 hours from the state of Georgia. These, one, day, trial competitions are a chance for students to learn about the law and the legal profession, and for attorneys and judges to volunteer their resources to serve as their judges.

Empire Atlanta is a non-profit organization in the Empire Mock Trial program, so this outreach is personal for me. I know what a difference this program can make in the lives of our students. I know what it means to our judges and attorneys who participate in judging in advocacy competitions. We need judges and mock court. Mock trials are a great way for attorneys to give back and experienced professionals are more than capable, especially for the an attorney volunteer.

Covenant Counseling Institute
Fifth Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 23, 2019
Stone Mountain Golf Club
5495 Stone Mountain Freeway
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Covenant Golf

Registration Begins at 11:00 AM
Lunch & Drinks
Shotgun Start 12:00 - Scramble Format
Dinner & Awards Ceremony Immediately Following

Prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
Raffle Prizes Throughout the Day

Registration Fee: $85.00 per Player
Limited spots this year, so sign up early!

Raffle Prizes Throughout the Day
Raffle Ticket Sales
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