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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members of the Bar:

It is with great pleasure that we, the Executive Committee of the Bar, present you with our new and updated newsletter. This is something that has been in the making for a couple of years and has finally come to fruition based primarily upon

the efforts of Brian Duffy, of our Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Charleston School of Law.

I am sure you have all noticed that we have also updated and improved our bar association website. This task took several months to accomplish and is, in very large part, due to the hard work of Bar Executive Committee member, Bobby Bernstein. It is important that all Bar members review their personal data on the website directory to ensure accuracy. We also ask that each member provide an updated photo for the site. This is important because these photos and information will be used in our new printed Lawyers' Directory, which will hopefully be published by the end of the year.

Recently, you received correspondence advising of new legislation implementing a new statewide circuit public defender system essentially comparable to our circuit solicitor system. I thank each of you for cooperating and participating in the selection process. The efficient and effective management and operation of our Public Defender Office is crucial to preserve the integrity of our criminal justice system. The Public Defender Office handles approximately 85% of all general sessions cases in our county. To put this in perspective, this would be the equivalent of one law firm in Charleston providing representation in 85% of all Charleston County common pleas cases. Undeniably, both the Bar and the community as a whole benefit immensely from the services of our Public Defender Office. Choosing the

selection panel, and thereafter their hiring of the chief public defender, is therefore extremely important.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Judge Pieper for his recent elevation to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. This is a monumental accomplishment and one which is fully deserved. On the circuit court bench, Judge Pieper was the consummate jurist. He conducted his courtroom with proper decorum and his trials with efficiency and in a dignified fashion. He was prompt in commencing court, and moreover, was timely in his rulings. His treatment of lawyers and parties was always respectful. In trial, he neither sought to participate nor interject, directly or indirectly, his personal sentiments in an effort to affect the outcome of a case. He truly endeavored to function as an impartial referee with a genuine desire to assist in the administration of justice. We should all, lawyers and judges alike, as officers of the court, strive to emulate Judge Pieper's professionalism and exemplary temperament.

Sincerely,
Jerry Theos



JUDICIAL NOTICE

Profile of The Honorable Daniel F. Pieper

Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals (November 2007)
Former Circuit Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

Hometown: Hanahan, SC
Undergraduate: College of Charleston
Law School: JD – USC; LLM – NYU

What are your hobbies?
Golf; Jet Skiing; 4 Wheeling; Gym

What is your favorite restaurant in the Charleston area?
Oak (downtown Charleston)

What is your dream vacation?
Greece and Greek Isles

What is your favorite book?
That's too tough! I read all the time and read all types of books. I can say that I recently was in Sam's and saw the book "In defense of Israel" and picked it up. On a lighter note, I honestly found the book about one of my trials, Die, Granda, Die, very good.

What is something about you that the Bar would be surprised to learn?
That I went surfing in Hawaii last year or that I want to go to medical school.

What is the toughest aspect of being a judge?
Sentencing. I think most judges would say that.

What is the most rewarding aspect of being a judge?
Dispute resolution – actually sitting down with everyone and seeing everyone leave satisfied with the judicial system.

Do you have a "legal hero" (past or present)? Who is it?
Hon. Sol Blatt, Jr., Senior U.S. District Judge

What is the most unusual or most amusing event which has happened in your courtroom?
I hate to mention it but it was probably very embarrassing for the one involved – but during the middle of an argument a person stood up in court and the person's pants fell down. However, the person didn't miss a beat and kept arguing while pulling the pants up and no one ever said a word about it. I was truly at a loss as to what to say or do.

During your practice of law what did you find to be the most valuable experience?
I was in private practice for a few years with a high school friend and the best lesson I learned at the time was how to deal with people.

What advice do you find yourself wanting to give the attorneys appearing before you?

Everyone always says this but there truly is no substitution for preparation. I would add "don't be a headnote lawyer" - learn to distinguish cases and understand the underlying policies. On another note - I would say to always remember your word means something. Treat everyone as you would have them treat you and give your colleagues the benefit of the doubt. The practice of law is becoming very stressful for a great many lawyers. I certainly have mellowed over the years as I have come to better understand all of the external influences upon the lives of our Bar members.

If you could change one thing about America's/South Carolina's judicial system, what would it be?

I may get a little criticism from some folks for this but while I believe the rotation system has some limited utility, it ultimately is inefficient. If I could personally change anything that is not substantive in nature, I would focus on quality of life issues for the judiciary.

Judge Pieper also serves as an adjunct professor at the Charleston School of Law and was one of the first persons hired to teach criminal law. He also teaches a course in Equity. Judge Pieper said that teaching has really been very rewarding. "I really love exploring the nuances and policies of the law with my students. The students are amazing and dedicated and the school has become an important part of my life." Judge Pieper thanks Deans Gershon and Zisk for their continued support and guidance.

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

by The Steinberg Law Firm, LLP.

On July 1, 2007 major substantive and procedural changes were made to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act. Many of the changes pose potential "traps for the unwary," especially for unrepresented workers who make up 92% of all claims. Whether you represent injured workers, employers or insurance carriers, you should have a general understanding of the changes. The amendments apply to all injuries which occur after July 1, 2007.

Appeals will now go directly to the Court of Appeals. Unlike a notice of appeal in a civil case, the notice of appeal in a workers' compensation case must state the specific grounds of appeal. A positive change for injured workers is that weekly benefits and medical treatment must be provided during the appeal. All claims and defenses must be stated with "specificity." Claims alleging injuries to "all body parts" or answers alleging "all defenses under the Act" are prohibited. There is a new statute of limitations for repetitive trauma injuries. The old limitation was two years from the last date of employment. The new rule is two years from the date the injured worker knew or should have known he suffered a compensable injury, but in no case more than seven years after leaving a job.

In *Tiller vs. National Health Care Center of Sumter*, 513 S.E.2d 843, 846 (S.C. 1999), the Supreme Court held that expert medical testimony was not required in workers' compensation cases. The Commission could consider any evidence, including the testimony of injured workers, in deciding a claim. The new amendments now require expert medical testimony "stated to a reasonable degree of medical certainty," not only to establish causation but to establish what specific future treatment is needed to "lessen the period of disability." The right to future treatment can be lost under certain circumstances after a year.

The shoulder and hip are now scheduled members under § 42-9-30. A worker who sustains a 50% loss of use of the back is still presumed totally and permanently disabled, but the presumption is now rebuttable. A worker who is

found to have more than a 50% loss of use of the back but is not totally disabled, however, is awarded compensation based on 500 weeks. In order for a pre-existing condition to be considered in awarding disability for injuries to more than one scheduled member, it must be shown by expert medical testimony that the injuries either aggravated the pre-existing condition or the pre-existing condition aggravated the injuries.

Healthcare providers may now communicate directly with the employer, carrier, or rehabilitation specialist. The employee must be notified, advised of the nature of anticipated discussion and provided with copies of written questions. The employee has the right to be present, but only if the communication is "known in advance." Communications not made in accordance with the amendments are not admissible.

An injured worker who successfully brings an action to enforce an order of the Commission must be awarded attorneys' fees and costs and the carrier can be fined up to \$500 for each day of violation. Violations of Commission orders must be reported to the Department of Insurance, which can impose additional sanctions.

This article does not attempt to discuss every change to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act. There are stiffer fraud provisions, exclusions for independent truckers under "bona-fide agreements," the phasing out of the Second Injury Fund by 2013, and many other changes. A copy of the Act may be found at www.steinberglawfirm.com.

The Charleston County Bar newsletter wants to hear from you. We are now accepting article submissions from our members. If you have a timely topic you would like to submit for consideration, please contact Julie Kemp at 843-724-6669 /jkemp@ycrlaw.com. Please note that articles will be reviewed and selected by the Bar Executive Committee. We cannot guarantee publication.

TECHNICAL TIPS

EVALUATING RESOURCES FOR LEGAL RESEARCH

by Rachel Fisher, Esquire, Reference Librarian
Charleston School of Law's Sol Blatt, Jr. Law Library

The fall means law firms will be welcoming new associates fresh from graduation and bar studies. Introducing the "new lawyers" to your firm's culture and expectations should address research skills. Consider this season to be the ideal time not only to train the "new lawyers" but also make sure that the "old lawyers" are in step with changes in research products.

Legal researchers generally fall into two camps: book and byte. It is no surprise that many "new lawyers" fall into the byte camp. Using computers since grade school, it is often their research tool of choice. Print should not necessarily be preferred over punching a keyboard, but new researchers should make the commitment to evaluate the type of information that they need, and learn the vendors who supply it, before hitting an expensive commercial source.

Steps to Select Resources Wisely

Lawyers need to know the current law in order to provide legal advice. There are now more research tools than ever to research the law. Take a few seconds to determine if case law, secondary sources or fee services are the best resource to answer your question. Next, identify the resources available to you, considering the content and the content provider. Lastly, consider the cost associated with using the resource.

Lawyers would be wise to keep abreast of new online resources and of new features for more traditional internet resources, so that, when they do choose to research online, they can be effective researchers. Some vendors, like the U.S. government, make particular types of information available for free. Of course, if it takes you longer to research a topic using a print or free resource than finding the same information using a fee-based service, then you are wasting a valuable resource, your time. On the other hand, although commercial vendors may make the task of finding information easier, they often charge large sums of money for access to information. A general rule of thumb for most commercial vendors is that the bigger the database, the more expensive the search. Researchers who step outside the firm's information plan will likely pay retail fees for the search. When searching online, use the smallest database that will answer your question, but search as broadly as possible. Then use available tools, like "Locate" in Westlaw and "Focus" in LexisNexis, to narrow your results. Understanding how the tools work saves you money and helps you become a cost-effective researcher.

Free and Low Cost Resources Get the Job Done

There is concern with using the free online resources for research. The "you get what you pay for" mentality suggests that if you are not paying for the source, it is not worth much. However, some entities, particularly state and fed-

eral governments, are making a wealth of reliable resources available over the Web.

The following list breaks down some of the content and coverage for South Carolina cases, regulatory, legislative and municipal research for both the web and Casemaker.

Case Research:

Casemaker:

South Carolina Cases, South Carolina Library; South Carolina Cases

- Supreme Court Vol. 55–present (1899–present)
- Court of Appeals Vol. 502–present (1983–present)
- Unpublished opinions (April 2004–present)
- U.S. District Court (1994–present)

Internet:

South Carolina Supreme Court opinions
(<http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/opinions/index.cfm>)
• opinions from 1997–present

South Carolina Court of Appeals opinions
(<http://www.sccourts.org/opinions/index.cfm>)
• opinions from 1999–present

Shearhouse Advance Sheets for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
(<http://www.sccourts.org/opinions/indexADV.cfm>)
• opinions from 2000–present

Court Research:

South Carolina Courts, South Carolina Judicial Department
(<http://www.sccourts.org/>)

- links to South Carolina court rosters (<http://www.sccourts.org/trial/caseSearch.cfm>) and clerk of court contact information (<http://www.sccourts.org/trial/clerks/clerkListCoPF.cfm>)

United States District Court, District of South Carolina
(<http://www.scd.uscourts.gov/>)

U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
(<http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/>)

- includes opinions and free alert service for opinions. Also, Findlaw has a case summary newsletter for 4th Circuit opinions at (<http://newsletters.findlaw.com/nl/>)

Justia.com, Federal District Court Filings & Dockets
(<http://dockets.justia.com/>)

- Allows users to search and track (using RSS feeds) new civil case filings in the U.S. district courts. Pacer subscription required to access the entire document.

Regulatory Materials

Casemaker:

South Carolina Administrative Code, South Carolina Library, South Carolina Regulations

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- includes current year only

Internet:

South Carolina Administrative Code, South Carolina General Assembly
(<http://www.scstatehouse.net/coderegs/statmast.htm>)

South Carolina State Register
(<http://www.scstatehouse.net/aregist.htm>)

Legislative Research

CaseMaker:

Code of Laws of South Carolina, South Carolina Library; South Carolina Code

- includes current year only

Internet:

(<http://www.scstatehouse.net>)
Code of Laws of South Carolina, South Carolina General Assembly.

South Carolina Legislature Online

(<http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/archives.html>)
• Acts from 1980 - present (includes a list from Session 101 to present)

Municipal Research

BRB Publications' Free Resource Center
(<http://www.brbpub.com/pubrecsites.asp?h=1>)

- Contains a free, comprehensive and searchable list of state and local public record sites. By selecting the link to "State, County and City Sites," the researcher is brought to an alphabetical state listing. The alphabetical state listing links the researcher to an alphabetical arrangement of the free public information available on the web by county.

South Carolina Libraries

Coleman Karesh Law Library South Carolina Reference Desk

- (http://www.law.sc.edu/library/research_aids/sceref.shtml)
- The law librarians at Coleman Karesh Law Library provide links to the South Carolina courts and lawmakers. Links also connect researchers to the court opinions available for free.

Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library

(<http://www.lawsources.com/also/usa.cgi?sc>)

- The law librarians at Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library provide a link to Law Sources' South Carolina legal resources. Law Source provides drop down search boxes to connect researchers to statutes and court opinions available for free. Forms and other resources are also provided.

South Carolina State Library

(<http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/>)

- The librarians at the South Carolina State Library provide useful links, including a state agency directory, at its website. Access the links by selecting the online resources button at the top toolbar on the site.

Legal Research Engine

(<http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/WhatWeDo/ResearchGuides/Legal-Research-Engine.cfm>)

- Try using a legal research engine instead of a regular search engine like Google, to retrieve topical legal research guides. Cornell University offers the Legal Information Institute (LII), ranked as the most linked resource in the field of law, which archives the full-text of primary U.S. legal documents including constitutions, codes, and court opinions. LII also provides an overview of specific legal topics, organized in a user friendly format with references to U.S. Code sections, case law, and key internet resources.

HISTORICAL BRIEF

IN THE BEGINNING

The first settlers of Charles Town, who came in 1670, brought with them the enduring legacy of the "rights of Englishmen" created by the Magna Carta of 1215, centuries of parliamentary statutes and the English common law. Previously, King Charles asserted England's claim to North America by way of John Cabot's discovery in 1469.

The surviving records of 684 names of those who arrived in the first decade show that none of them were lawyers. Despite the absence of lawyers or courts, litigation began early in 1671. Historian and attorney, Edward McCrady,

found evidence of a Court of Common Pleas in operation as early as 1693, and he described it as a "scene of altercation and confusion." Without lawyers, the early residents had resorted to fisticuffs.

McCrady dated the beginning of the Charles Town legal profession from the arrival of Nicholas Trott, political veteran, seasoned advocate, and legal scholar in 1699.

Excerpt from Attorneys, Charles Town to Charleston, by Ruth Cupp; entire work presently being offered for sale by the Charleston County Bar for \$40.00. For more information call Julie Kemp at 843-724-6669.

PRO BONO MOMENTS

by Marvin H. Feingold
 Director/Legal Counsel
 Pro Bono Legal Services

Recent census statistics revealing that the Charleston area has regressed in the fight against poverty are of concern to those who care about justice and the livability of our community. Even before the new data was released in August 2007, rising violent crime rates in our community might have foretold such a report. The increased figures on domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, foreclosures, homelessness, evictions, and the number of people without health insurance, are all likely to be directly correlated to the backslide into poverty which our community is experiencing.

Charleston area attorneys have stepped up to the plate to do their part toward bridging the justice gap which contributes to the perpetuation of poverty. Since Charleston County Bar Association's Pro Bono Legal Services Program (PBLs) opened in November 2005, 1265 intakes have been generated. This year, PBLs surpassed the number of 2006 intakes in "cases placed with volunteer attorneys" within the first half of the year. With one staff attorney, a pro bono coordinator and two paralegals, the program has referred 239 cases to volunteer private attorneys to date. During that period, 408 clients have received advice and counsel by staff.

In 2007, PBLs began to perform in-house legal services such as pro se pleadings, wills and healthcare power of attorney documents. To meet the growing need for Family Court assistance, "Family Law Pro Se Clinics" are regularly available

for clients in simple legal matters. In these clinics, private attorney volunteers work with PBLs staff to prepare clients to file, serve and respond to legal actions. Additionally, PBLs staff and volunteers provide clients with advice on how to best conduct themselves in court.

PBLs completed its first successful summer for the Ackerman Pro Bono Fellowship Program (law student intern program). During the twelve-week program, eight law students interacted with clients, wrote motions and pleadings, and performed intakes to determine eligibility of clients and the merits of their cases. The interns helped coordinate pro se and wills clinics and participated in three seminars for local summer interns. One "in court" seminar provided summer interns the opportunity to observe Judge Pieper, circuit court judge, in actual motion docket proceedings. Following the proceedings, Judge Pieper invited discussion with the interns.

Katherine C. Pratt is now the full time Resource Development Coordinator for PBLs. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, and a graduate of University of South Carolina with a degree in Public Relations, Katherine began her career as Development Director for the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties. Katherine moved to Charleston in 2003 to serve as the Executive Director of Summerville DREAM, a non-profit aimed at revitalizing Summerville's historic downtown. At PBLs, her responsibilities include public relations and marketing efforts, grant writing and fundraising. Katherine will work closely with the PBLs Board of Directors to reach its long term planning goals and to help ensure that the organization meets the needs of the community.

COURT SCHEDULES

CIRCUIT COURT SCHEDULE - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(Court schedules are changing constantly; please verify current information through S.C. Court Administration or by checking the South Carolina Judicial Department website at <http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/calendar/index.cfm>)

October 1 Chas CP Maddox Chas CP Pieper Chas GS Young Chas GS Cooper Berk GS Jefferson	October 22 Chas CP Dennis Chas CP Pieper Chas GS Cottingham Chas GS Jefferson Berk GS Young	October 8 Chas AW Dennis Chas CP Few Chas CP Nicholson Chas GS Hughston Chas GS Pieper Berk CP Young	October 29 9th CPNJ Jefferson Chas CP Hughston Chas CP Lockemy Chas GS Pieper Chas GS Dennis	October 15 Chas CP Hughston 9th CPNJ Young Berk CP Dennis Berk GS Watson	November 5 9th CPNJ Early Chas CP Dennis Chas CP Hayes Chas GS Cottingham Chas GS Hughston	October 22 Berk GS Young November 12 9th CPNJ Maddox PCR Chas CP Macaulay Chas CP Hughston Chas GS Dennis	November 19 Berk GS Watson November 26 9th CPNJ Jefferson Chas CP Dennis Chas GS Hughston Chas GS Young Berk GS Cole	December 10 Chas CP Jefferson Chas CP Pieper Chas GS Dennis Chas GS Hughston Berk CP Maddox Berk GS Watson	December 17 Chas CP Dennis Chas CP Hughston Chas GS Nicholson Chas GS Young Berk GS Few
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CIRCUIT COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

October 1
1st CPNJ Williams

October 8
Dor GS Goodstein

October 15
Dor GS Early

October 29
Dor CP Goodstein

November 5
1st CPNJ Buckner PCR

November 12
Dor GS Goodstein

November 26
Dor CP Goodstein

December 3
Dor GS Goodstein
1st CPNJ Williams

December 10
Dor GS Goodstein

December 17
Dor CP Williams

FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

October 1
Chas Creech

Chas Andrews
Chas Woods
Chas Landis
Berk Edwards
Berk Garfinkel

October 8
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas McMahon
Chas Fender
Berk Bartlett
Berk Edwards

October 15
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas McMahon
Chas Andrews
Berk Cate
Berk McLin

October 22
Chas Brown
Chas Chewing
Chas Creech
Chas Landis
Berk Cate
Berk McMahon

October 29
Chas Cate
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas McMahon
Berk Abbott
Berk Andrews

November 5
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas McMahon
Chas Andrews

Berk Cate
Berk McLin

November 12
Chas Brown
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas McMahon
Berk Edwards

November 26
Chas Cate
Chas Landis
Chas Andrews
Chas Woods
Berk Chewing

December 3
Chas Creech
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas Andrews
Berk Cate
Berk McMahon

December 10
Chas Abbott
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas McMahon
Berk Edwards
Berk Andrews

December 17
Chas Garfinkel
Chas Landis
Chas Andrews
Berk Cate

FAMILY COURT SCHEDULE - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

October 1
Dor McLin

October 8
Dor Wylie

October 14
Dor Jones
Dor Knobel

October 22
Dor Wylie
Dor McLin

October 29
Dor McLin

November 5
Dor Johnson

November 12
Dor McLin
Dor Wylie

November 26
Dor McLin

December 3
Dor Johnson

December 10
Dor Wylie

December 17
Dor McLin
Dor Wylie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clekis Law Firm is pleased to announce that Sabrina R. Owen has become an associate of the firm. The firm is located at 171 Church Street, Suite 160, Charleston, SC 29402.

The Roxon Law Office is available to handle your DSS appointments for reasonable hourly fees per hearing, per case. Eliminate spending hours waiting outside Family Court. Tel. 853-0845

Mark C. Tanenbaum, P.A. is pleased to announce that Mia Lauren Maness has become "Of Counsel" to the firm. The

firm is located at 241-243 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC 29401. Tel. 577-5100; Fax 722-4688. Her e-mail address is mia@tanenbaumlaw.com.

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Hazel Ferri, a local lawyer, has completely retired from the practice of law. While Hazel entered semi-retirement after working at the Public Defender's Office, she continued to give her time to the Lowcountry AIDS Clinic where she has served as a volunteer since the Clinic's inception in 1990. This past August, Hazel decided to step down from her volunteer position at the Clinic. During her time there, she served with enthusiasm and brought a wealth of compassion and interest to the needs of the Clinic's clients. She was always willing to fill in at the last moment for other members of the clinic's staff if a conflict arose. Additionally, over the

past sixteen years, she performed more hours of volunteer work at the Clinic than any other lawyer in Charleston.

On Friday, December 14 the Charleston Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Charleston School of Law will sponsor a seminar on "Hot Topics in Trial Practice." The seminar will feature an all-star faculty covering litigation issues from both the plaintiff's and defendant's perspectives, as well as views from the Bench. Watch the Charleston County Bar website for more details.

JURY VERDICTS - through August 2007

CHARLESTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JURY VERDICTS

(Information supplied by Clerk of Court's Office)

05-CP-10-4532

Concetta Joiner vs. Larry Oglesby

Attorneys: Plaintiff: John P. Hayes
Defendant: Max G. Mahaffee

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Defendant.

05-CP-10-4847

George I. Griffith, Jr. vs. Niki Taylor Reisberg

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Walter S. Ameika
Defendant: Christopher W. Nickels

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$8,500.00 actual damages.

05-CP-10-5037

Deborah Robison vs. Deborah Ann Carroll

Attorneys: Plaintiff: David L. Savage
Defendant: Max G. Mahaffee

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$13,000.00 actual damages.

06-CP-10-0305

Paul A. Burns vs. Andrew John Adkins

Attorneys: Plaintiff: James R. Brauchle
Defendant: Barrett R. Brewer

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$15,000.00 actual damages.

06-CP-10-0589

John W. Carrigg vs. Mable W. Gilbert

Attorneys: Plaintiff: John W. Carrigg, Jr.
Defendant: Barrett R. Brewer

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$12,277.08 actual damages.

06-CP-10-0618

Ernest Jenkins vs. Rugheimer-Young Associates, Inc.

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Gregg Myers
Defendant: Eric M. Johnsen

Cause of Action: Contract-Other

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$375,000.00 actual damages.

06-CP-10-1266

South Carolina Department of Transportation vs. Penny Creek Associates

Attorneys: Plaintiff: James A. Stuckey
Defendant: Michael A. Scardato

Cause of Action: Condemnation

Verdict: For the Defendant in the amount of \$43,680.00 actual damages.

06-CP-10-1438

Prospec Electronics of SC, Inc. vs. Comdoc Business System, Inc.

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Michael R. Daniel
Defendant: Harvey W. McCormick, III

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$20,000.00 actual damages.

JURY VERDICTS • continued from page 8

06-CP-10-1878

Arthur and Ingrid Brisacher, vs. Asian Design & Construction, Inc. and Ronualdo Y. Luat

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Walter H. Bundy, Jr.
Defendants: Alex Apostolou

Cause of Action: Breach of Contract

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$42,000.00 actual damages and \$52,500.00 punitive damages.

06-CP-10-2500

Alice Ballares vs. Gudrun Garvey

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Michael A. Maucher
Defendant: David S. Cobb

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000.00 actual damages.

06-CP-10-2314

Wanda P. Brown vs. Joshua M. Broome

Attorneys: Plaintiff: Thad J. Doughty
Defendant: Michael J. Ferri

Cause of Action: Motor Vehicle Accident

Verdict: For the Plaintiff in the amount of \$1,365.00 actual damages.

FEDERAL COURT JURY VERDICTS

(There are no Federal Court verdicts for this quarter)

- DOCUMENT SCANNING
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- OCR/PDF CONVERSION
- LOAD FILE CREATION
- DIGITAL PRINTING/BLOWBACKS
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- LARGE FORMAT SCANNING/
PRINTING COLOR/BLACK & WHITE
- PRESENTATION GRAPHICS/CHARTS
MOUNTING ON FOAM BOARD
- CUSTOM TIMELINE CREATION
- MULTIMEDIA SERVICES AUDIO/
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