

Upcoming Events

Bar Meeting & Luncheon

The next monthly luncheon meeting of the 28th Judicial District Bar will convene at 12:30 on Wednesday, **October 10, 2007** at the YMI Cultural Center, 39 South Market St. Cost of the luncheon is \$10 for members and \$18 for guests. Our speaker will be **Bob Christy** the Clerk of Court and **Otto DeBruhl** the Register of Deeds. Please email your RSVP to greta@ashevillebuncombelaw.net, by Monday **October 8, 2007**. You may pay by cash or check at the door.

NCAWA Annual Conference on October 4-6

The 2007 North Carolina Association of Women Attorney's (NCAWA) Annual Conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort in Wrightsville Beach on October 4-6. Please see the NCAWA.org website for details. Our own **Susan M. "Smitty" Dotson-Smith** will be elected as the incoming president at the conference.

Buncombe County Women Attorneys Monthly Luncheon Location has been Changed

Women's Lunch meeting has two changes. Even if you rarely join us, please make an effort to attend the **October 17th** luncheon which will be at **Limones**. All women attorneys who have recently been sworn in will be invited, along with their sponsors. Please join us in letting these new members of the bar meet the generous women attorneys who practice here.

The November lunch will be the fourth Wednesday of the month, **November 28th**, rather than on the third Wednesday, to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving preparations. The Buncombe County women attorneys will gather for the lunch at the Cafe on the Square in downtown Asheville at 12:30 p.m. on **November 28, 2007**. Although an RSVP is not required, it is helpful if I can tell the restaurant by noon on Tuesday how many of us to expect. Please let **Sheila M. Lambert** know if you are able to attend by telephone (828) 252-6700, by fax (828) 253-0509 or by email slattorney@aol.com.

NCBAW/Ginsburg Event

The **North Carolina Bar Association Women** in the Profession Committee cordially invites you to The Changing Face of Justice: A View From The Bench featuring A Conversation with The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The event will be on **Thursday, October 18, 2007** at the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa. This event is currently **sold out**. *Any one who has an extra ticket please contact our bar.*

The CEO of the **NC Academy of Trial Lawyers**, Dick Taylor and Joe Cheshire, have invited all members of the Buncombe County Bar to the NCATL Criminal Law Section meeting on **October 19**. The meeting will be held at Tressas at 28 Broadway in downtown Asheville from 4-6 pm. Joe Cheshire, President of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers will be one of the speakers of the event. Please contact Liz Avery-Jones, Public Education Coordinator for the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers by email at liz@ncatl.org if you have any questions.

Holiday/Charity Toy Drive Party for all Bar Members on Friday, December 14.

We are looking for sponsors of this event. Please contact the bar administrator if you'd like to be a sponsor. Celine and Company is catering the event.

Awards and Honors

Chief Justice (ret) Harry C. Martin's received the **Franklin Flaschner Award** last month at the American Bar Association Meeting in San Francisco. **Honorable Harry C. Martin**, Chief Justice (Ret.) of the Cherokee Supreme Court was selected by the American Bar Association's (ABA) National Conference of Specialized Court Judges as the recipient of the Franklin N. Flaschner Award. The Flaschner Award is given annually by the ABA's National Conference of Specialized Court Judges to the nation's most outstanding Judge in a Court of special or limited jurisdiction. Chief Justice Martin was selected for this prestigious national award because of his work in creating the Cherokee Court.



Justice Martin was presented with the Flaschner Award by his son, **Judge J. Matthew Martin** at the ABA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco on August 9th. In accepting the Flaschner Award, Chief Justice Martin reminded those in the audience that it is the specialized Judges that see most of the cases filed across the nation and thus, despite our national conscience that the Supreme Court of the United States is the most significant Court in the country, it falls to the specialized Courts to be the most important Courts in protecting the rights and liberties of individuals.

Chief Justice William Boyum stated "On behalf of all of the Judges and staff in the Judicial Branch of Tribal government, we congratulate Justice Martin on this major, national award. In addition to this being a worthy honor for Justice Martin regarding his work in the Judicial Branch, his receipt of the Flaschner Award also serves to underscore the national recognition that our Judicial Branch continues to receive as a respected and valid Court system."

J. Matthew Martin, Associate Judge for the Cherokee Court has also been re-appointed by the Principal Chief to another term as Associate Judge of the Tribal Court and that the North Carolina State Bar has appointed me to its Board of Legal Specialization for a 3 year term.

Martin Reidinger was confirmed by the full U.S. Senate as a Federal District Court Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. His work will take him back and forth between Charlotte and Asheville. There will be a commemoration of his confirmation in November, 2007.

Marty Price to present at World Mediation Forum in Israel

Marty Price J.D., Director of Mediation at Healers of Conflicts Law & Conflict Resolution Center, has been invited to present at the VI International Conference of the World Mediation Forum in Jerusalem, October 6 - 11. "For me, this is a dream come true!" said Marty. "Over 25 years ago, when I completed my first mediation training, I said that my ultimate goal would be to mediate a lasting peace in the Middle East. Perhaps this is where this work actually begins for me."

In addition to the professional honor and recognition, there is also a more personally spiritual dimension for Marty. "I am a Jew who has never been to Israel," he said. For more info about the World Mediation Forum, see www.wmf2007.com. In addition, contributions to cover Marty's travel expenses can be made to the Restorative Justice Resource Center (an IRS 501c3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization); P.O. Box 903; Weaverville, NC 28787 .

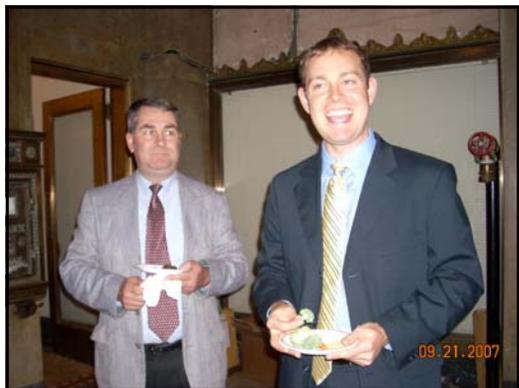
Swearing in Ceremony and Reception

Judge Winner presided in the swearing in ceremony for **Robert C. Carpenter, Jeffrey Burton Connolly, Chad Ray Donnahoo, Zachary F. Lamb, Brian G. Morrison, and Beth Mauer. Susan Anderson was introduced as well as Betsy Holt.** Robert (Bo) Carpenter was introduced by John Hunter. Jeffrey Connolly was introduced by his father, **Joe Connolly.** Chad Ray Donnahoo was introduced by **Patsy Brison.** Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Holt was introduced by **Judge Martin Reidinger** Brian Morrison was introduced by **Tom Grella** and swore the oath on one of the Mcquire, Wood partner's old bible. Susan Anderson was introduced by **Bill Whalen,** but not sworn in (since she had already been sworn in) and Beth Mauer Cramer was sworn in.

The reception that followed in the rotunda was sponsored by **Attorney's Title.** Please let them know you appreciate their support. We would like to thank **Cathie St. John-Ritzen** who graciously volunteered to organize the orientation for new attorneys and **Aleece Hillier** who led the orientation.



Above and below are the pictures from the Swearing in Ceremony and reception in the court-house rotunda.



Membership News

Share your news! Whether professional or personal, we want to share your significant news with other members of the bar. Contact greta@ashevillebuncombela.com or 252-5733.

Office Space For Rent:

Office space (1300+ square feet) available 1/08 in Pack Square with **Jane (Dearwester) Soboleski, Soboleski Law, PC** at 9 Pack Square SW, Suite 301, Asheville, NC 28801, (828) 350-1311, Fax: (828) 350-1411, jane@soboleskilaw.com, Jane says, "I currently share the office space with one other attorney, and he would like to stay. There are 3 large offices spaces and a large conference room. The space could house 3-4 attorneys with staff."

Office suite sharing opportunity for desirable space in BB&T building. Suite 1509; space available late December. Amenities include large lobby with long range mountain views, two well appointed conference rooms, and break room with kitchen. Possibility of sharing other expenses such as copy machine, on line research and comprehensive library. Space is suitable for two small or solo practices, with staff. Contact **Joel Stevenson** at 255-7703 or **Robb Hill** at 210-8171.

Moves:

Christopher M. Craig, of Craig and Associates, PC has moved to 2 Wall Street, Suite 101, The Historic Miles Building, Asheville, NC 28801. He can be reached at the same phone numbers (828) 258-2888 and (866) 846-3492 fax or by chris@chriscraiglaw.com.

Frederick S. Barbour of the Barbour Law Firm, PLLC is a new firm that has been in business since July 1, 2007. In **mid-November**, it will relocate to 21 Battery Park, Suite 201, Asheville, NC 28801. The phone 828-232-9156 and fax 828-232-9158 and email: fbarbour@blfpllc.com will remain the same.

Congratulations on your Marriage!

On August 11, 2007, **Jennifer L. Belter** of Matney & Associates, P.A., married James Lawrence Formichella and is now **Jennifer Belter Formichella**. Jennifer is with Matney & Associates, P.A. and her contact info. is: 22 South Pack Square, Ste 402, PO Box 7345, Asheville, NC 28802, 828-258-3395, 828-255-0868 – Fax.

Congratulations to Heather Newton who has been certified by the Administrative Office of the Courts to mediate estate and guardianship matters before the Clerk of Superior Court. She has been a certified Superior Court mediator since 1995.

Congratulations to Beth Mauer on her recent marriage and welcome to our bar!

Legal Resources & Employment Placement Services, Co. is closing after a wonderful 11 years serving the Buncombe County Attorneys with their staffing needs.

Please welcome **James Reynolds** of 11 Pineview Rd., Asheville, NC 28804 as a new member. He can be reached by phone (214)995-7880 or by email atjamesoreynolds@yahoo.com.

Law Books for Sale: Reasonable offers considered at 21 Page Ave, contact **Paul Rifkin** at 252-1333.

Membership News Continued

Legal Resources & Employment Placement Services, Co. is closing after a wonderful 11 years serving the Buncombe County Attorneys with their staffing needs. The owner, **Cynthia Alleman** (formerly Cooke), will be devoting more of her time to her family and her law practice—focusing on Guardianship for Adults who are not competent to handle their own affairs, and Assisting Clients with Wills, Power of Attorney and Probate matters. She has enjoyed the past 11 years as President of Legal Resources and the placement of over 500 employees. Cynthia can be reached at: Cynthia Alleman, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 276, Asheville, NC 28802. By phone 828-253-6092 or by email at Cynthia@AshevilleLaw.us

For Sale: a 18 X 33 X 30" metal filing cabinet with locking door and combination safe, two drawers for letter files, one drawer for two rows of index cards for \$50.00 sale. Contact **T. Bentley Leonard**, Attorney at Tel: (828) 255 0456 and Fax: (828) 252 6469.

Ed Krause has his new book out OUR NEXT OF KIN

Ed has been practicing law in Western North Carolina since 1973 and his practice is located in Asheville. This book is the second in a series written by Mr. Krause and it is a sequel to OUR KINFOLKS. One of the boys in OUR KINFOLKS is now twenty-four and in his last year at law school. His high school friend, a Native American who loves and protects birds, is mysteriously murdered. The young lawyer decides to move back to his hometown and establish a law practice so he can investigate his friend's death.



Ed is currently writing the third book in this trilogy, OUR KINDRED SPIRITS. The following is a schedule of book signing's of Ed Krause. Saturday, 10/6, 10:00 a.m at Madison County Heritage Festival, Mars Hill, NC and Thursday, 10/11, 7:00 p.m. at Malaprop's Bookstore, Asheville, NC and Saturday, 10/13, 10:00 a.m. at Mountain Glory, Downtown Marion, NC, and Saturday, 10/27, 2:00 p.m. at Burke County Library, Morganton, NC for the month of October. 2007. Ed lives in Marion with his wife, Jean and dog. You can reach him through his publisher at parkwaypub@hotmail.com.



Doug Bailey, Sheila Lambert, Judge Hill, and Jay Watson pictured left at bar's open house at 64 Broadway.

The Open House for the Bar's New Office last month on September 20, 2007 was a lot of fun. A special thanks to legal assistant **Susan Purdue and her husband Paul** for providing the tables for our Open House and to **Derrick Bailey** who helped with setting up the reception.

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Dear Members,

This has been an energizing month with the bar lunch meeting, open house, and swearing in ceremony as the highlights of the month. Some of you may be getting messages from our group email provider mailman-bounces@main.nc.us that states you have been removed from the bar's email group list. Your filter on your computer is probably blocking our bar's emails from your inbox, due to spam filtering or possibly your server. **You must approve us as a legitimate email so as to allow these emails to be received.**

Over 450 members are currently receiving email instead of printed newsletters which saves our bar over **\$900** a month in printing and postage. *Please let us know if your contact information has changed.*

I've received an email for fraud prevention written by an anonymous attorney who learned the following tips after having his wallet and identity stolen. Maybe this will help prevent problems for any of you who are so unfortunate to find yourself in this predicament. *Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday.*

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'
2. When writing a check to pay on your credit card account, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary, but if you have it printed, any one can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad.
5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were **stolen**. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
7. Call the 3 (Equifax:800-525-6285 , Experian: 888-397-3742, TransUnion:800-680-7289) national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number (800-269-0271). I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that had called to tell me an application for **credit** was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact **you** by phone to authorize new credit.

Sincerely,
Greta Camp