

Upcoming Historical Events

North Carolina Copy of the Bill of Rights on View at UNC Asheville, Reception on Nov. 7, 6:00-7:30pm, Nov. 8-10; Liberty and Freedom Festival Set for Nov. 9, 2007

The Bill of Rights affects the lives of every American in profound ways each day, yet few have ever seen the original document that was created for the State of North Carolina. Those in Western North Carolina will have that opportunity when the state's copy of the Bill of Rights, which is currently on a seven-city tour, stops at UNC Asheville's Ramsey Library November 8-10 for public viewing. UNC Asheville is the only stop in Western North Carolina and the only university selected for the brief, historic tour.

There is a reception by invitation & exhibition viewing on **Wednesday, November 7** from 6:00-7:00 pm.. *Please contact bar administrator if you'd like to go.* The fragile parchment document will be on display a limited number of hours each day to prevent light damage. Free public viewings will be held from 5-7 p.m. on **Thursday, Nov. 8; 3-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9;** and 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 10.**

A host of special events have been planned while the Bill of Rights is on campus. On **Friday, Nov. 9**, an engaging and diverse 1700s period festival will lead up to a keynote talk by **North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Willis P. Whichard.** The "Liberty and Freedom Festival" will be held on UNC Asheville's Quad from 5-7 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 9.** The event will feature period music, dramatic readings, craft demonstrations, reenactments and educational displays from a range of organizations, including Vance Birthplace, Smith-McDowell House Museum, Stevenson Rare Coins & Jewelry, and the Center for Diversity Education.

North Carolina's copy of the Bill of Rights is one of 14 copies of the proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution prepared by three federal clerks in 1789. A copy was drafted for the governor of each of the existing 13 states to peruse as the adoption of the 12 amendments to the Constitution was debated; the other copy was for the federal government. After the ratification of the first 10 amendments in 1791, North Carolina retained custody of its copy of the document.

It is believed that the historic document was taken from the North Carolina State Capitol in 1865 during the Union occupation of Raleigh in the final days of the Civil War. It was recovered in an undercover operation in 2003; dealers were trying to sell the document to a museum in Philadelphia. The Bill of Rights came home to North Carolina in 2005 after 140 years.

"There is history in every corner of North Carolina, and this tour is part of 'History Happens Here,' Cultural Resources' departmental theme for 2007," said Lisbeth C. Evans, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. "We would like to thank our partners in Asheville for helping us bring the Bill of Rights there."

In addition to the Bill of Rights exhibit, a number of speakers and panels will take place on campus. The public is invited to attend these free events. For more information, resources for teachers and a complete schedule of events, click on www.unca.edu/bill-of-rights/ or call UNC Asheville's Public Information Office at 828/251-6526.

Thank you to **Lindsay Hearn** for submitting this to our newsletter. Our bar's executive committee designated \$500 from our budget to help sponsors this event. Thank you bar members for your support.

Upcoming Events

Bar Meeting & Luncheon & Vote on Nominations for Public Defender

The next monthly luncheon meeting of the 28th Judicial District Bar will convene at 12:30 on **Wednesday, November 14, 2007** at the YMI Cultural Center, 39 South Market St. Cost of the luncheon is \$10 for members and \$18 for guests. Please email by Monday **November 12, 2007**, your RSVP to greta@ashevilleuncombelaw.net. You may pay by cash or check at the door.

Our speaker will be UNCA professor, **Mark Gibney**. Mark Gibney is the Belk Distinguished Professor at UNC-Asheville where he teaches courses on Civil Liberties, Constitutional Law, U.S. Immigration/Refugee Law & Policy, International Law, and Human Rights. His newest books include the edited volume "The Age of Apology: Facing Up to the Past" (Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 2007) and "International Human Rights Law: Returning to Universal Principles," (Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming). He will be speaking on immigration.

Pisgah Legal Services Honors Local Attorneys and Celebrates 29th Anniversary at Jazz for Justice

Pisgah Legal Services will thank all supporters and recognize outstanding volunteer attorneys at its first annual Jazz for Justice Event on **November 7**. The event will honor volunteers and donors that help make it possible to fulfill PLS' mission to pursue justice by providing legal assistance and advocacy to help low-income people in Western North Carolina meet their basic needs and improve their lives. At the event Pisgah Legal Services will also celebrate 29 years of providing free civil legal services to low-income people in Western North Carolina.

Special honorees at the event include outstanding volunteers **Kerry A. Friedman**, an attorney at **Patla, Straus, Robinson and Moore, P.A.** and **Larry S. McDevitt**, an attorney at **The Van Winkle Law Firm**.

Kerry Friedman will be named Board Member Emeritus in recognition of his exemplary service as a multi-term member and President of the PLS Board of Directors, and has been invaluable as a volunteer when off the Board. The Board Member Emeritus Award was inspired by the dedication and commitment of **Karl H. Straus**, PLS' first Board Member Emeritus. **Eleanor M. Owen** won the second award in 2003.

Larry McDevitt will receive the **Roy Davis Award**, established in honor of **Roy W. Davis, Jr.** to recognize individuals for their exemplary work to provide a larger measure of justice to the poor in our region. McDevitt has been an active volunteer locally and nationally, was instrumental to helping PLS serve more clients when funding to PLS was cut in 1998, and played a key role in helping to settle a lawsuit to establish Pisgah Legal Services' ownership of the Gudger House, its main office in Asheville. **Judge Walter Allen** received this award in 2003.

PLS depends on volunteer lawyers to serve more than 740 clients annually. Pisgah Legal Services will also recognize 67 private attorneys that have provided pro bono services to PLS clients for twenty years or more through the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers Program. PLS' clients include disadvantaged children, victims of domestic violence, the elderly, persons with disabilities, immigrants and the working poor.

Jazz for Justice will be **Wednesday, November 7** at 6pm at the Grove Park Inn. Tickets are available by calling Kit Rains at 210-3410 or emailing kit@pisgahlegal.org.

Upcoming Events Continued

Invitation to Bar Members to Community Events

Pardee Hospital Foundation invites you to lunch and seminar on Philanthropic Financial Planning on **November 6, 2007**, 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the Broadmoor Club on Highway 280, Fletcher, NC. Register directly by Fax, (828) 696-4665, or Email: libby.hodan@pardeehospital.org.

On Friday, November 9, there is the “**Good for the Soul**” annual fundraiser for [All Souls Counseling Center](http://jkimwright.com/allsouls.htm), a nonprofit organization offering quality counseling services to uninsured and underinsured residents of Western North Carolina. The attire is dressy/casual, tickets are \$50, and can be purchased by calling 828-259-3369, or in person at 23 Orange Street, or by PayPal. <http://jkimwright.com/allsouls.htm>.

CLE Opportunity

Don't miss the final installment of the "Peacemaking and the Law" CLE series--- "***Peace from Within-Finding Balance in the Practice of Law,***" which will feature mental health stories of four attorneys: **Mae Creadick, Michael Drye, Judy Rudolph, and Ed Kraus** on **November 7, 2007** at 12:30 p.m. at the Windows on the Park (Biltmore Building, Pack Square, Downtown Asheville). The cost is \$25.00 (covering the luncheon, credit registration fee to the NC Bar and associated costs). We will be exploring issues of depression and anxiety, as well as the recently emerging realization that attorneys can suffer from "secondary" post-traumatic stress disorder **relative to** circumstances surrounding their work. A short presentation will be offered at the outset by **Jennifer Foster**, who will speak about the growing crisis in the legal profession, reviewing literature and studies of attorney well-being. Please join us for intensely personal and uplifting presentations from our brethren. This event is approved for Ethics/Mental Health CLE credit by the North Carolina State Bar is brought to you by the Asheville Holistic Lawyers Association and The Cutting Edge Law Magazine. **Register by contacting Gina Drew** (gina@ginadrew.com, gina@cuttingedgelaw.com), 828.242.6310. Make checks payable to The Cutting Edge Law Magazine.



Buncombe County Women Attorneys Monthly Luncheon has been Changed

All Buncombe County women attorneys are invited to the informal monthly lunch at Cafe on the Square in downtown Asheville at 12:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 28, 2007**. Please *RSVP* to **Sheila Lambert** at slattorney@aol.com by noon on **Tuesday, November 27, 2007**. The lunch date has been changed to the fourth Wednesday for November only, to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving celebrations. **Pictures from October's women's meeting and luncheon at Limones above.**

Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Susan M. Dotson-Smith “Smitty”** 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.

Outgoing President **Harriet Twiggs Smalls** of Smith Moore handed her gavel to incoming **President Susan M. Dotson-Smith**, at the 29th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys (NCAWA) last month. **Smitty is on far right with our bar members at the NCAWA conference in Wrightsville Beach.**

“As a Native North Carolinian with a grandmother, a mother, and two daughters, I look to NCAWA to help preserve, and create laws which increase the status of women in this state. I rely on this organization to lead the other lawyers and legislators in this state toward a better tomorrow. This organization has done so consistently and we will continue to do so in the future.”

At the annual meeting, the incoming President outlined an ambitious agenda for the year. We will celebrate the 30th year of NCAWA in the mountains of Western North Carolina, so I hope that everyone marks **October 2-4th, 2008** on their calendar. Smitty also intends to develop two special committees to focus on existing areas of discrimination in the legal environment in NC. “I hope to rededicate our commitment to leadership and increased participation of women in the legal profession. We’ve made great strides at the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, now we need to also apply our efforts on the Superior Court level and at the bar leadership levels. We’ll do this through task forces committed to increasing the number of women bar councilors and women Superior Court Judges,” said Dotson-Smith. It is going to be an exciting year full of celebration and growth. Nurture. Network. Participate. Lead. That’s what we do and who we are, and I am thrilled to advance these goals.”

Bill Wolcott of William F. Wolcott, III, P.A. is pleased to announce that he has been certified by the Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct Mediations before the Clerk of Superior Court. Bill has been active as a Mediator and conducting mediated settlement conferences since 1994 as a DRC-certified Mediator for Superior Court civil actions.

October has been a busy month for **J. Kim Wright** who co-produced an intergenerational conference for visionaries called the Imagine-Nation Conference in Dallas, TX. Kim was a panelist at the Lawyers as Peacemakers series sponsored by the Asheville Holistic Lawyers Alliance. After being the class agent for homecoming at Warren Wilson for reunion years 1972 to 1982, she finished up her chapter about the new peacemaking approaches to resolving legal issues for the 6th Edition of Deborah Arron’s What Can You Do With a Law Degree? with the new edition expected out at the end of 2007. Kim was also on the planning committee at Washburn Law School’s Humanizing Legal Education conference in Topeka, Kansas this month. Kim co-hosted the “Diversity Café” at the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals annual conference in Toronto. She also presented a workshop on collaborative law at the Lawyers as Peacemakers regional conference hosted by the Memphis Bar Association. Kim can be contacted at Healers of Conflicts Law & Conflict Resolution Center’s at 61 Logan Circle, Asheville, NC 28806 and 828-258-7019, (cell) 407-963-5127.

Awards and Honors

Pisgah Legal Services' Outstanding Volunteer Attorneys with 20+ Years of Service to the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers Program

Sharon A. Alexander
Mary Elizabeth Arrowood
H. Paul Averette, Jr.
Frederick S. Barbour
Donald Barton
William T. Biggers
J. Chris Callahan
Walter C. Carpenter
Scott Carter
Vincent Childress
William Clarke
Joseph A. Connolly
S. Jerome Crow
Richard S. Daniels
Sara H. Davis
Donna K. Douglas
Cynthia Eller
Carol Eubank
Phillip R. Feagan
Perry Fisher
Robert A. Freeman, III
Kerry A. Friedman
Ingrid K. Friesen
William C. Frue, Jr.
C. David Gantt
Sue B. Gilliam
Steven I. Goldstein
Stephen Grabenstein
David G. Gray
Edwin R. Groce
Larry C. Harris, Jr.
Edward C. Hay, Jr.
David R. Hillier
Lawrence A. Hogan

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Barry B. Kempson
Edward B. Krause
Steven Kropelnicki
T. Bentley Leonard
Virginia P. Litzenberger
Harry Livingstain
Eleanor MacCorkle
B. B. Massagee, III
William H. Miller
George W. Moore
Waymon L. Morris
Robert M. Pitts
Susan Taylor Rash
Tobert J. Robinson
Randolph C. Romeo
Marc Rudow
George W. Saenger
Norman V. Schaich
Lloyd W. Sigman
William F. Slawter
Roger T. Smith
Albert Sneed
Ronald E. Sneed
Jack W. Stewart
Allan R. Tarleton
Henry E. Teich
Michael M. Thompson
Lex W. Veazy
Paul B. Welch, III
Sheryl Williams
William F. Wolcott, III
Kenneth R. Youngblood

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.net or 252-5733.

Please Welcome New Associate Member Pamela Mark Burke, an AV rated attorney who practiced in Orlando for 19 years has recently relocated to this area and joined as an Associate Member. While continuing to spend her free time in pursuit of her goal to become a published author of legal fiction, *Pam hopes to work part time at an area law firm.*

Welcome Lance Martin, new member to our bar.

Barbara Ann Davis, Sarah V. Corley, Aleece M. Hiller and Kathy E. Marth announce the expansion of their shared Mediation and Collaborative Law office space in the Public Service Building at 34 Wall Street, Suite 401. The added space offers greater conferencing options in a private, comfortable, professional, spacious and convenient downtown setting. The group plans to host an Open House in the spring. Before then, please feel free to drop by and check out the killer downtown and long-range views, or contact any member of the group to discuss mediation, meeting facilitation or Collaborative Law needs. Barbara A. Davis, 281-0446, bdavis@main.nc.us. Sarah V. Corley, Mediation Works, 299-9515, sarah@mediationworksnc.com, Aleece M. Hiller, Wall Street Law and Mediation, 215-7578, wallstreet-mediator@gmail.com, and Kathy E. Marth, 664-9292, kathymarth@mindspring.com

Job Openings:

IMMEDIATE OPENING for experienced litigation attorney for small boutique law firm in Asheville, North Carolina specializing in complex litigation, business law and employment law. Must be energetic, have a positive attitude, have courtroom experience and be very detail-oriented. Must be licensed in the State of North Carolina and have a minimum of 2 years experience. For a more in depth look at our law firm, please visit our website at www.wimerandjobe.com to see if you may be a perfect fit. You may email resumes to mwimer001@aol.com or send by mail to **Wimer & Jobe Law Firm**, 349 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

The Associate City Attorney is a new position created to provide support to the City Attorney's Office. es. Minimum qualifications are graduation from an accredited law school with juris doctor degree (or equivalent), and current license to practice law in North Carolina. Experience, especially in North Carolina local government, is highly desirable. The hiring range: \$40,000 -- \$44,000 / year and the deadline for submission of application is **November 16, 2007.**

Position Sought:

Legal Assistant or paralegal position (full-time) sought by Tristan St. Clair. Tristan has eight years experience in bankruptcy law and Social Security administration experience. Please contact her directly at (828) 231-3207 or email: stclair_tristan@hotmail.com

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

For Sale: A metal filing cabinet for \$50.00. Contact **T. Bentley Leonard**, (828) 255 0456 .
December.

Membership News

The **State Bar and the North Carolina Supreme Court** have determined that all North Carolina lawyers must participate in the IOLTA program. Until now, participation in IOLTA has been voluntary and those of you who are already participating will not be affected by this change. However, if you are not currently in the IOLTA program, the new rules will require that you do so. The program takes effect on **January 1, 2008**. For information concerning the new requirements and the program's administration, please visit the program's website at www.ncbar.gov or call 919/828-0477. Thank you to our State Bar Councilor, **Howard Gum** for keeping us informed

Office Space For Rent:

At 179 Charlotte Street office suite, 1938 feet, available January 1, 2008. Contact: Scott Carter, Carter & Kropelnicki, PA, 181 Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801, email: sc@cartkrop.com, or 828-252-9804 or fax 251-1580.

There are **3 large offices spaces** and a large conference room at 9 Pack Square SW, Suite 301, Asheville, NC 28801. Contact Jane Soboleski at (828) 350-1311, Fax: (828) 350-1411, jane@soboleskilaw.com.

Office suite sharing in BB&T building. Suite 1509; space available late Dec. 2007. Contact **Joel Stevenson** at 255-7703 or **Robb Hill** at 210-8171.

NC Rally Team Brings Home Victory From the Targa Newfoundland Race/Rally on 9/ 8 -16, 2007

Harold Seagle, an Asheville Attorney and Stan Pendergraft of Charlotte, driver and navigator for Sea Eagle Racing, just ran the Time Warner Cable sponsored Porsche 911SC in the Targa Newfoundland Race/Rally, completing the week long endurance race with a first place finish in their racing class and, in the process, also winning the coveted Targa Plate for finishing all competition stages in under Trophy time. In addition, Seagle and Pendergraft, together with two other Porsche teams, competed for and won the "Kenzie Cup", racing against teams representing other automobile manufacturers competing in the race.

Targa Newfoundland is a grueling 2200 kilometer race/rally, run each year around the rugged shoreline and across the beautiful island of Newfoundland, Canada. The Targa is truly an international rally, with competing race teams coming from Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and the United States. Known as the "Iron Man" of motor sports competition, the race is a genuine test of the performance and endurance of cars, drivers, navigators and service crews. The race is run for the support of the Easter Seal Kids throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. This year, the racers and their sponsors raised more that **\$50,000** for these wonderful kids, and entertained many of them at car shows during the event. The race is to be covered in the near future in an hour long documentary on the SPEED channel. For more information on Sea Eagle Racing, Time Warner Cable, Road Runner High Speed Online and the other fine sponsors of this effort, go on the web to SeaEagleRacing.com. For information on Targa Newfoundland, go to TargaNewfoundland.com.

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Greetings From Your Bar Administrator



Dear Members,

Justice Ginsburg & Savannah Camp

Last month, I had the wonderful experience of having my fourteen year old daughter, **Savannah** meet **Justice Ginsburg** at the **NCBAW** event on October 18, 2007 as well as many other bar members and justices from our North Carolina courts. **Suzanne Reynolds**, former law clerk and current Professor of Law at Wake Forest University School of Law asked interesting questions to **Justice Ginsburg** as well as the audience participants.



President Judge Hill & Jacqueline Grant at Ginsburg Reception

Our bar members were well represented from attending, to sponsoring, to serving as Chair of Promotion Subcommittee (our own bar president elect **Patsy Brison**.) It was fascinating to watch and listen to the presentation on the “Changing Face of Justice” and listen to how far women attorneys in the practice of law have progressed.

Vice President Heidi Stewart on right, below



Tikkun Gottschalk & Rendi Mann-Stadt picture on left

I also enjoyed attending the Oct women’s special lunch at Limones and witnessed the crowning of our new local women’s chapter **Aleece Hiller** who was passed the baton of leadership in the form of mini tiara and wand.



Utilizing technology to meet your needs is one of my highest priorities. Technology should be our servant. I hope to master its many forms. Our web page will allow you access to your bar news letters and bar member directory. I appreciated your continued feedback in how we can best meet your needs and implement your suggestions and ideas. We now have surpassed the 600 mark with 611 current bar members.

Sincerely,
Greta Camp

Sheila Lambert on right, picture right and Susan Dotson-Smith on left, picture left



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