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*President of the
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Message from the President

This time of year in the annual GBA cycle always brings to mind leadership and service. At our March membership meeting, we recognized Centennial Award winners Teresa Vincent and Jim Slaughter. This award is co-sponsored by the NC Bar Association and recognizes outstanding and exemplary community service. In her remarks, Judge Vincent recalled the quote (often attributed to Shirley Chisholm or in a different wording to Muhammad Ali) that “service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.” Jim recalled times and ways that GBA members have been deeply involved as leaders and volunteers with almost every major project or initiative in the city.

Many of us may recall another quotation on this topic: “With great power comes great responsibility,” the immortal advice of Uncle Ben to young Peter Parker. As attorneys we may not generally view ourselves as powerful in the ways that Spider-Man is. Certainly, a law license doesn’t come with web shooters, though some of us may develop a degree of Spidey-sense to look out for our clients. We do hold a set of specialized skills that empower us to make significant impacts to our community. These are not only about legal knowledge, but things like careful planning, foresight, analysis, communication, and leadership. And these powers come with the responsibility to use our gifts and skills to improve our city and our community in what ways we can. When we invest our time and our commitment into service, we have an impact far greater than our numbers.

This month, we also recognized members in the Herb Falk Society, for more than 75 hours of pro bono work in the last year. In April, we’ll recognize members for our second year of the Robert Cone Society, for community service outside the sphere of legal services. We also know that many of you engage in a variety of forms of service, but choose not to complete the reporting forms. Perhaps you prefer not to be recognized, or maybe you’re so busy in service you don’t have time to fill out extra paperwork. Regardless, clearly, many of you are paying your rent to live on this earth, and are keeping alive the legacy of leadership by GBA.

As an Association, it is important that we lift up our models and examples of service. Generally, this is not because they long for recognition; true service is not offered as a tool to seek the applause of our peers. Rather, as we recognize them, we inspire ourselves and others to stay involved. Whether reported and recognized or not, I hope each of you are continuing to find the ways you can use your super-powers to make a difference for others around you.

Hon. Bill Davis
President, Greensboro Bar Association
and the 24th Judicial District Bar

You can contribute news or topics of interest to the GBA by contacting Editor Preston Edwards:
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CALENDAR NOTES

- April 7 GBA Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- April 9 Real Property Section, 5:30 PM, Tuggle Duggins
- April 11 Benefit for Legal Aid, 5:30 PM, Boxcar Bar + Arcade
- April 15 YLS Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- April 16 Free Headshots, 3:00 PM, Starmount
- April 16 Annual Joint Meeting of GBA and 24th Judicial District Bar, 5:30 PM, Starmount
[REGISTER HERE](#)
- April 20 May Newsletter Submission Deadline
- April 22 Spring Break-fast Corporate Connect, 8:30 AM, VF Headquarters

- May 1 Law Day Event, 1:00 PM, Old Guilford County Courthouse
- May 12 GBA Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- May 14 YLS End of Year Party, 5:30 PM, Oden Brewing
- May 15 Sound Healing, TBD, Radiance Yoga
- May 20 YLS Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- May 21 Swearing-in Ceremony, 3:00 PM, Federal Courthouse
- May 31 Picnic at the Ballpark, 1:30 PM, First National Bank Field

[GBA Events Online](#) [Legal Community Events](#)

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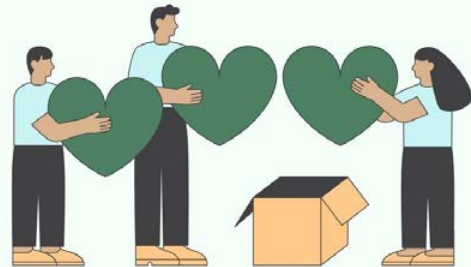
NEW MEMBER

Approved on March 10, 2026

Consuela Simmons
NewtekOne
Category: Newly Licensed
Endorser: Tekia R. Bazemore

DONATION DRIVE

SPONSORED BY GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
BENEFITTING THE FAMILY ROOM FOSTER CARE RESOURCE CENTER



WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2026
JOINT GBA & 24TH DISTRICT MEETING
STARMOUNT COUNTRY CLUB
5:30PM

THURSDAY MAY 14, 2026
YLS END OF YEAR PARTY
ODEN BREWING
5:30PM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT ITEMS WE ARE RAISING AND WHAT THE FOSTER CARE RESOURCE CENTER IS IN NEED OF!

Wellness Corner

BarCARES is a confidential, short-term intervention program provided cost-free to members of the 24th Judicial District Bar and other participating judicial district bars, voluntary bar associations and law schools. If you would like additional information about the program and/or its availability in your area, please contact the BarCARES coordinator at 919.929.1227 or 1.800.640.0735 or click on the icon below.

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NOTICE

Submissions for consideration for the Greensboro Bar Association Newsletter should be made to Preston Edwards at preston@denclaw.com. All written submissions should be made in Word format and should be in complete and final form, and any photographs should be submitted in jpeg format. Any photographs submitted should contain a caption identifying the person or persons in the photograph and, where applicable, other information necessary to understand the context of the photograph. Submissions made in other formats, including e-mail text submissions, may not be considered for publication.



Jonathan Parisi is President of the Greensboro Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and Attorney at [Spangler Estate Planning](#)

Young Lawyers Section: Connections



As we head further into the spring, the Young Lawyers Section continues to stay active through service, professional development, and opportunities to connect with fellow members of the Greensboro Bar. Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in and support the work of the YLS—we are proud of the energy and enthusiasm our members bring to the Section.

Serving Our Community at Greensboro Urban Ministries

In early March, the YLS had a wonderful turnout for its volunteer evening at Greensboro Urban Ministries. A full team of young lawyers, including several of our newest members, came together to prepare and serve dinner for more than seventy individuals in our community.

It was a meaningful evening of service and fellowship, and we are grateful to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the event a success. Opportunities like this are a reminder of the impact our profession can have beyond the courtroom and office.

Backpack Beginnings Service Day

On **March 26**, the YLS participated in a volunteer service day with Backpack Beginnings, where members helped prepare and organize supplies that support children and families in our community facing food insecurity.

We appreciate everyone who took time out of their schedules to contribute. Service events like these are an important part of the YLS mission, and it is always encouraging to see strong participation from our members.

New YLS Initiative – Free Headshot Day

The YLS is also excited to sponsor a new initiative designed to support our members' professional development: Free Headshots for GBA members at the **April 16th** GBA meeting.

Professional headshots will be provided onsite, with participants receiving a professionally edited digital photo following the event. A full article with details and the signup link appears on page 8 of this newsletter, but we encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity to refresh their professional photos.

Spring Swearing-In Ceremony for New Attorneys

Finally, the YLS is pleased to host our annual Spring Swearing-In Ceremony for attorneys who have recently passed the bar exam and wish to be admitted to practice in North Carolina state and/or federal court.

The ceremony will be held on:

Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 3:00P.M.
United States Courthouse
324 W. Market Street, Greensboro
Courtroom 3 (Third Floor)

Any new attorneys interested in participating should email younglawyerssection@greensborobar.org to request application materials.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with the newest members of our profession!

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THE HIDDEN COSTS OF UNUSED TECHNOLOGY IN YOUR LAW FIRM

Law firms today are investing more than ever in technology - practice management systems, document automation tools, AI solutions, billing platforms, and more. On paper, these tools promise efficiency, better client service, and reduced risk.

However, in many solo or small firms a different reality exists.

The tools are there... but they're not being fully used.

Some are only partially implemented, others are quietly abandoned after rollout, and a few are forgotten entirely - what the industry often calls "shelfware."

The result? Hidden costs that quietly drain your firm's profitability, productivity, and even increase your risk exposure.

This isn't a deep technical dive. Instead, it's a quick, practical look at a problem many firms face - unused technology - and the real costs that come with it. Additionally, there are a few straightforward ways to address this issue.

Financial waste. Every unused or underused tool represents money left on the table.

- Monthly subscription fees for features you never touch.
- Investing in new tools when existing ones could do the job.
- Paying for implementations that never fully take hold.

For solo or small firms operating on tight margins, even modest inefficiencies compound quickly.

Inefficiency and lost time. When technology isn't fully adopted, people revert to what feels familiar, even if it's slower.

- Drafting documents manually instead of using automation.
- Tracking deadlines in spreadsheets instead of a centralized system.
- Recreating work that software was designed to streamline.

This leads to more administrative work, longer turnaround times, and less time spent on billable or strategic activities.

Increased risk exposure. Inconsistent use of systems isn't just inefficient - it can be dangerous.

- Missed deadlines due to fragmented calendaring.
- Disorganized or incomplete client files.
- Lack of documentation or audit trails.

For lawyers, these gaps can quickly become ethical issues or malpractice risks. Technology is often purchased to reduce risk but only achieves this if it's used consistently.

Frustration and low adoption. Too many tools, not enough clarity.

- Attorneys feel overwhelmed by multiple platforms.
- Staff create "workarounds" like personal spreadsheets or notes.
- Systems compete instead of working together.

This creates a fragmented environment where no one fully trusts the technology and adoption continues to decline.

Why technology goes unused.

If the benefits are clear, why does this happen so often?

Lack of training. Many firms invest in onboarding, but not in reinforcement.

- Training happens once, then disappears.
- New hires never receive proper instruction.
- Advanced features remain undiscovered.

Without continuous learning, even the best tools become underutilized.

Poor implementation. Technology without workflow is just software.

- No clear processes tied to the tool.
- No defined expectations for usage.
- Decisions made without considering how work actually gets done.

The result: tools that don't fit naturally into daily practice.

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Resistance to change. Lawyers are trained to rely on what works.

- “We’ve always done it this way.”
- Preference for familiar processes, even if inefficient.
- Skepticism about new systems.

Without clear benefits and ease of use, adoption stalls.

Lack of ownership. In many small firms, technology responsibility is unclear.

- No one is accountable for ensuring usage.
- No one monitors whether systems are working.
- No one drives improvement.

When technology becomes “everyone’s job,” it often becomes no one’s priority.

Maximize what’s there. The good news? You likely don’t need more technology. You need to better leverage what you already own.

Conduct a simple technology audit. Start with a basic question: What are we paying for?

Make a list of all your tools and categorize them:

- Fully used.
- Partially used.
- Rarely or never used.

This alone often reveals immediate opportunities to cut costs or increase value.

Focus on small wins. Avoid the temptation to overhaul everything at once.

Instead:

- Identify one underused feature that could save time.
- Introduce it into a specific workflow.
- Build from there.

Incremental improvements are far more sustainable than sweeping changes.

Standardize your processes. Technology works best when paired with consistency.

- Create simple, firm-wide standards such as:
- Where documents are stored and how they’re named.
- How tasks and deadlines are entered and tracked.

When automation tools should be used.

Consistency drives adoption—and reduces risk.

Invest in ongoing training. Training shouldn’t be a one-time event.

- Schedule periodic refreshers.
- Share quick tips or discoveries.
- Encourage exploration of features.

Even 10–15 minutes of focused learning can unlock significant efficiencies.

Eliminate redundancy. If you’re using multiple tools for the same function, simplify.

- Consolidate where possible.
- Retire unused systems.
- Ensure your core tools are doing the heavy lifting.

Fewer, well-used tools are far more effective than a crowded tech stack.

Overcoming common barriers. “We don’t have time.” You don’t have time not to address this. Every inefficient process is costing you time daily. Even small improvements can reclaim hours each week.

Getting buy-in. Focus on what matters most:

- Saving time.
- Reducing stress.
- Minimizing risk.
- Improving client service.

When the benefits are clear and immediate, adoption follows.

Building confidence. Not every lawyer needs to be a tech expert.

But every lawyer should feel comfortable using the core systems of their firm. Create a culture where learning is encouraged—and questions are welcomed.

Turning cost into value. Technology should be an asset - not an expense that quietly drains resources.

For solo and small firms, the opportunity is significant:

- Increase efficiency without hiring additional staff.
- Reduce risk through consistency and documentation.
- Improve profitability by maximizing existing investments.

The takeaway is simple: you don’t need more tools. You need to get more out of the ones you already have.

When your technology is fully utilized, it stops being “shelfware” - and starts becoming a true competitive advantage.

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JUDGE TERESA VINCENT AND JIM SLAUGHTER RECEIVE CENTENNIAL AWARD

The Centennial award for outstanding and exemplary community service was presented to Judge Teresa Vincent and Jim Slaughter at the General Membership meeting of the GBA on March 19th, 2026.

Judge Vincent's career has been defined by service and a steadfast commitment to fairness. She started her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney and was elected as a District Court Judge in 2000. In a judicial career spanning more than two decades, she handled a wide variety of district court matters. She was known for her calm presence, careful preparation, and respect for the people in the courtroom.

In 2019, Judge Vincent made history when she was selected to become the first African-American woman to serve as Chief District Court Judge of Guilford County. From this position, she widened access to justice, strengthened trust in our county, and made the courts a better place for the community we serve.

One of the most impactful roles that Judge Vincent played during her time on the bench was overseeing the Drug Treatment Court. This program helps people get through major drug addiction issues and rehabilitates them. Judge Vincent made a significant impact in the community through her service by implementing practical innovations such as helping people obtain transportation to be able to get to court to participate.

In addition to her work on the bench, she served in leadership roles within the Greensboro Bar Association including a term as President. She helped mentor new lawyers and judges. Through this leadership and mentorship, she set a standard of professionalism for the entire bar.

Were these the extent of her accomplishments, it still would have constituted an incredible career. However, Judge Vincent extended her influence into the greater community with countless hours of dedicated service with various organizations. She has served as a Family Services of the Piedmont Presenter, President of the North Carolina Association of District Court Judges, Guilford Inns of Court, Jack & Jill of America, Junior League of Greensboro, North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission, North Carolina State Bar Specialization Board, Elon Law School Externship Program Mentor, North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, Women's Resource Center Board, Women's Professional Forum, Guilford County Association of Black Lawyers, Greensboro History Museum Board, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., President of the Greensboro Chapter of The Links, North Carolina State Board of Specialization, and the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners, among other organizations. We congratulate this impactful, generational leader on the receipt of an award which recognizes her great contributions to our community and our profession.



Gerald Walden presents to Judge Teresa Vincent



Eloise Hassell presents to Jim Slaughter

Jim Slaughter grew up in Kannapolis, NC. There, he participated in Boy Scouts and achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle. With a lifelong love of history, law and public service, he did his Eagle Scout Project on the history of Public Schools in Cabarrus County. He still serves as an assistant scoutmaster for a Boy Scout troop where his three sons all achieved the rank of Eagle.

Later, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There, while serving as the Head of the UNC Student legislature, he met the love of his life and later wife, Tamara. She was the head of the UNC Greensboro student legislature when they met. It was love at first parliamentary vote.

After his education at UNC, he has used his love of law, history, and parliamentary politics to volunteer and serve his community. Serving as an Elder and Clerk of Session at the First Presbyterian Church here in

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Greensboro, Chair of the NC Democratic Party Council of Review, Chair of Ethics of the American Institute of Parliamentarians and later President of the same, Chair of the NC Youth Advisory Council, and Co-Chair on the National Conference for Community Justice annual fundraiser. Further, he volunteered his expertise on numerous state commissions including the Governor's Crime Commission.

A life of service mixed with a love of history, law, and politics culminated in a wonderful career that influenced and changed our community for the better. The GBA was pleased to present the Centennial Award to Jim Slaughter.

SPRING BREAK-FAST CORPORATE CONNECT

The Business and Corporate Law Section is hosting a Spring Break-fast networking event on **Wednesday, April 22** from 8:30-10:00. The event will be held at VF's corporate headquarters at 105 Corporate Center Boulevard in Greensboro.

All GBA members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Ben Edwards at ben.edwards@lfg.com.

LAW DAY SAVE THE DATE

The Greensboro Bar Association will host a Law Day program on **May 1, 2026**, at 1:00 PM in the County Commission Meeting Room at the Old Courthouse. This year's theme is "*The Rule of Law and the American Dream.*" Please save the date and plan to join us as we recognize the vital role the rule of law plays in our community.



GBA 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Beginning in 2022, the Greensboro Bar Association awards two scholarships each year to current Elon Law Students. These scholarships are for \$2,000.00 each. Students were invited to apply for consideration as one of the student scholarship recipients.

We are pleased to announce and recognize this year's scholarship recipients. Our recipients demonstrated a dedication to the Guilford County community and the value they place on their academic excellence.

Abigail "Abby" MacKnight



Abby MacKnight

Abby MacKnight is a second-year law student at Elon University School of Law. She is from Charlottesville, Virginia and attended the University of Virginia. She studied Psychology and American Sign Language, earning her Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2016. While she originally planned to pursue a career in teaching, her studies led her to a strong interest in working with youth involved in the court system.

Prior to attending law school, Abby worked for eight years as a Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. In this role, she helped many young people and their families navigate the complex juvenile court system, including commitment and re-entry into the community. She managed several specialized caseloads including youth with substance use disorders, mental health disorders, gang involvement, and problematic sexual behavior.

Abby is a Symposium Editor for *Elon Law Review* and is currently planning the 2026 *Elon Law Review* Symposium. She is a member of the Moot Court Board and serves as a student mentor. Some of her favorite activities in law school have included working with the Teen Court program, the Innocence Project, and teaching a group of girls at the Guilford Juvenile Detention Center about their rights and the court process.

Abby spent last summer working at the York County Public Defender's Office in York, South Carolina. She looks forward to completing a judicial residency with Judge Trosch in the Mecklenburg County Superior Court this spring and working at a law firm this summer. She hopes to practice in criminal law or family law after graduation, with a special focus on juvenile advocacy.

In her free time, Abby enjoys spending time with her partner, friends, family, reading, traveling, and trying new restaurants and coffee shops around Greensboro.

Anna Paige Sherrill



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Anna Paige Sherrill is a first-year law student at Elon University School of Law. Originally from Charlotte, she earned her undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Economics from Appalachian State University. During her undergraduate studies, she developed a strong interest in the legal system, and the role attorneys play in protecting individual rights and ensuring access to justice.

Before attending law school, Anna Paige gained experience working at a criminal defense firm in North Carolina's High Country. In this role, she assisted with legal research, case preparation, and courtroom observation. She gained early exposure to litigation and client advocacy. This experience strengthened her interest in pursuing a legal career and in serving communities where access to legal resources may be limited.

During law school, Anna Paige focused on building practical legal skills through academic involvement and hands-on experience. She is the treasurer of *Elon Law's Innocence Project Organization*, where she reviews trial transcripts and evidentiary records in post-conviction cases and assists with memoranda analyzing potential legal claims. Through this work, she has developed a deeper appreciation for careful legal analysis.

Anna Paige has accepted a summer internship with the Gaston County Public Defender's Office, where she looks forward to gaining further experience in criminal defense and public service.

Outside of law school, Anna Paige enjoys reading (specifically historical fiction novels), playing field hockey, swimming, trying new recipes in the kitchen, and hanging out with her friends. As a North Carolina native, Anna Paige values the opportunity to study and build her legal career in the region and hopes to continue serving communities across the state through her work in advocacy.

FREE HEADSHOTS BEFORE THE APRIL GBA MEETING

(Because Your LinkedIn Photo Is Probably From 2014)

Is your professional headshot a little... outdated? Was it taken before your current haircut, glasses, or entire career phase?

Good news! Immediately preceding the **April 16th Annual Joint Meeting of the GBA/24th Judicial District**, members can receive a complimentary professional headshot taken by an unexpected duo:

Sue Burch — retired judge, now photographer
Abigail Seymour — retired photographer, now lawyer

Between the two of them, they've seen people on their best days, worst days, and in court—so making you look great in a headshot should be easy.

We'll have professional lighting and a backdrop set up onsite, and each participant will receive one professionally edited digital headshot after the event.

How it works:

- Participants sign up for a 15-minute time slot during the meeting
- Each slot will photograph several members to keep things moving efficiently
- You'll receive one edited digital headshot after the event

Pro tip: Wear whatever you'd normally wear in court or on your firm website. The good news is you only need to look polished from the waist up.

[SIGN UP IN ADVANCE HERE](#)

**Spots are limited, so reserve your time in advance. Walk-ups will be accommodated if space allows.*

***Registration here is only for the headshot reservation. Please also register separately for your attendance at the Annual Joint Meeting.*

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION: CONNECTIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

YLS Member Spotlight: Bryan Hernandez, Chapman & Roberts, P.A.



Bryan Hernandez

Bryan Hernandez is an immigration attorney with Chapman & Roberts, representing individuals and families in immigration matters across the United States. Licensed in North Carolina and admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. His practice focuses on family-based petitions, humanitarian relief, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status matters.

What's one thing you wish you knew when you started practicing?

One thing I wish I had fully appreciated when I first started practicing is just how important it is to consistently stay up to date on the law and policy in your specific area of practice. That means actively participating in bar associations, professional organizations, and listservs where attorneys share updates and practical insights. This is especially true in immigration law, where statutes, regulations, agency policies, and enforcement priorities can change frequently.

What skills do you think are most important for young lawyers today?

Three skills are especially important: (1) Adaptability – Staying on top of constantly changing law while managing multiple cases and balancing the demands of practice; (2) Resilience and toughness – Mistakes and setbacks are inevitable, so it's critical to stay focused, keep moving forward, and lean on mentors; and (3) Humility – Even when things are going well and you feel like you're "crushing it," success is never permanent. Staying humble helps you continue learning, growing, and serving your clients effectively.

What's one thing on your professional bucket list?

One item on my professional bucket list is expanding my practice into areas that intersect with immigration law, such as family law (including adoptions), criminal law, and employment law. These areas often overlap with immigration matters and gaining experience in them would allow me to better serve clients.

Connect with YLS

The Young Lawyers Section would like to celebrate the personal milestones and professional accomplishments of its members. Email YLS at younglawyerssection@greensborobar.org to share achievements that you would like celebrated on our social media platform and in the GBA's member newsletter!

HERB FALK SOCIETY 2025 INDUCTEES

The Herb Falk Society honors those members of the Greensboro Bar Association who contribute at least 75 hours of pro bono service annually. The society was established in 2011 to honor the life and work of the late Herbert S. Falk, Jr., a former Greensboro Bar Association president who was deeply committed to pro bono service. The eleven individuals inducted for service completed in 2025 were recognized at the GBA member meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at Greensboro Country Club. They are:

Kearns Davis: 212.8 hours

PJ Lile-King: 112.9 hours

Jim Slaughter: 101 hours

Eloise Hassell: 89.8 hours

Jamey Lowdermilk 78.3 hours

Theodora Vaporis: 128.5 hours

Jason Hicks: 304.5 hours

Jonathan Parisi: 90 hours

Jonathan Wall: 115.9 hours

Beth Langley: 400.7 hours

Manisha P. Patel: 264.3 hours

Congratulations and thank you for your service!



L to R: Jason Hicks, Manisha Patel, Jamey Lowdermilk, Beth Langley, Jim Slaughter, Eloise Hassell, Jonathan Parisi, Kearns Davis, Jon Wall, President Bill Davis

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION MEMBER ADMISSIONS

The GBA's Young Lawyers Section is pleased to share that two of its members have recently been admitted to practice law in additional jurisdictions.

Elizabeth R. Robertson has been admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Elizabeth will be accepting personal injury matters in Virginia, including motor vehicle accidents, dog bites, slip-and-fall claims, and other injury-related cases.

Jonathan M. Parisi has been admitted to practice law in the State of Tennessee. Jonathan will be accepting estate planning, probate, and estate administration matters in Tennessee.

The Young Lawyers Section congratulates Elizabeth and Jonathan on this professional milestone and looks forward to seeing the continued impact of their work across state lines.



THE GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

A BENEFIT FOR LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday, April 11, 2026
5:30PM-7:30PM

Boxcar Bar + Arcade
120 W Lewis Street

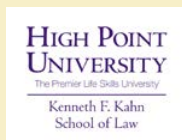
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Admission

\$60 - Early Bird ends 3/31
\$70 - Advance before 4/11
\$75 - At the door

or mail a check payable to
GBA Foundation to:
P.O. Box 1825
Greensboro, NC 27402

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SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027 ANNOUNCED

Announcing Slate of Greensboro Bar Association Officers and Directors 2026-2027

The following members have been nominated to serve as officers of the Greensboro Bar Association for a 1-year term starting June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2027:

President-Elect: Jonathan M. Parisi
Secretary: Hillary M. Kies
Treasurer: Davis McDonald

The following members have been nominated to serve as directors of the Greensboro Bar Association for a 3-year term starting June 1, 2026 and ending in May 31, 2029:

Judge A. Robinson Hassell
Jason F. Hicks
Angela F. Liverman

The nominations were submitted by the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee:

Manisha Patel (Chair), Judge Bill Davis, Abigail Peoples, Lora Cubbage, Eric Richardson, Jonathan Parisi, Alex Snow and Ben Edwards.

Announcing Slate of 24th Judicial District Bar Officers 2026-2027

The following members have been nominated to serve as officers of the Greensboro Bar Association for June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027:

Vice President: Jonathan M. Parisi
Secretary: Hillary M. Kies
Treasurer: Davis McDonald

The nominations were submitted by the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee:

Manisha Patel (Chair), Judge Bill Davis, Abigail Peoples, Lora Cubbage, Eric Richardson, Jonathan Parisi, Alex Snow and Ben Edwards.

Voting will take place at the Annual Joint Meeting of the Greensboro Bar Association and the 24th Judicial District Bar on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Starmount Forest Country Club.

[Register for Annual Meeting Here](#)

GBA Sponsored

SOUND HEALING EXPERIENCE

SAVE THE DATE

Exclusive event for GBA members only

Experience Highlights:

- Soothing sounds for chronic cognitive overload.
- Fast, effective stress relief –without talking, apps, or downtime.
- For anyone navigating pressure, deadlines, and decision fatigue.
- Private, structured, and deeply restorative.



MAY 15, 2026
FRIDAY

This is your reset.
Walk in wired. Walk out clear.

More information to follow



Learn More About Becoming a Board Certified Lawyer

Board certification formally recognizes a lawyer's proficiency and experience in a specific practice area. Key requirements:

- Licensed & in good standing with the NC State Bar
- Substantial involvement in the specialty field (past 5 years).
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