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President of the
Greensboro Bar
Association

Message from the President

GBA Members,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the spring 2021 session of the Greensboro Bar Association. We have a lot of opportunities planned already, and I will outline them below.

I want to start by expressing my appreciation to those of you who took the time to fill out our mid-year survey. We have reviewed your responses and are responding to your requests. Overall, there was a request for more CLE opportunities and more opportunities to connect socially. In response, the GBA board has planned the following events so please mark your calendars:

- **Diversity Training** led by the Equity Paradigm, Foundations in Racial Equity, February 3 from 12:00-2:00 PM. In this interactive workshop, we will develop shared language and analysis around structural racism and its historical construction while reflecting deeply on the way it manifests in our individual experiences, organizational dynamics, and systemic outcomes. We hope that solo practitioners and small firms will take advantage of this opportunity. We are extending the opportunity for you to register up to 5 members of your staff or office to participate in the training with you. Registration is required. You can [register here](#).
- **Virtual Trivia**, presented by Sporacle Virtual Trivia, February 11 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Grab your GBA friends and challenge them to a trivia battle! Registration is required. You can [register here](#).
- **GBA Annual CLE**, February 18 starting at 1:10 PM. Need to meet your CLE requirements? We've got you covered. Come join us for an afternoon of CLE and get 4 hours of CLE credit, including a substance abuse credit. Registration and payment is required. You can [register here](#).
- **Nailed It Greensboro Event**, March 3 at 5:30 PM. Do you want to get in touch with your crafty side? Join us as we partner with Nailed It Greensboro to create signs for your home or office. The event will be virtual, and participants will be required to pay for and pick up their take home DIY project ahead of the event. Registration is limited to 30 people. You can [register here](#).

In addition to CLE and social events, the majority of you expressed a preference for lunch meetings over dinner meetings. In response, all of our membership meetings in spring 2021 will start at 12:30 PM. We will not have dinner meetings.

Finally, regarding the survey questions related to COVID, we have reviewed those responses and we appreciate your feedback. In response, Grant Sigmon, Chair of the Coronavirus Response Committee, and I met with the Leadership Team, consisting of Judge Craig, Judge Vincent, Avery Crump, John Nieman, and Lisa Johnson-Tonkins, to discuss the survey results. We have also partnered with Judge Vincent to co-author an article in this month's newsletter to address some of the concerns raised. You may access that article by [clicking here](#). Judge Vincent will be speaking at our February membership meeting to talk about some of these issues and answer questions from the membership. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Leadership Team as we navigate this pandemic together.

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You can contribute news or topics of interest to the GBA by contacting Editor Gabe Snyder: gsnyder@wardblacklaw.com

FEBRUARY CALENDAR NOTES

- February 3 Diversity Training, 12:00 PM, Zoom
- February 10 Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Zoom
- February 11 GBA Trivia Night, 5:30 PM, Zoom
- February 17 YLS Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Zoom
- February 18 Member Meeting, 12:30 PM, Zoom
- February 18 Annual CLE, 1:10, Zoom
- February 20 Submission Deadline
for February Newsletter

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CLERK OF COURT'S REQUEST

The Attorney Pick-Up Boxes in the Clerk of Court's office in Greensboro are overflowing, especially those on the civil side. Please check your pick-up box at the courthouse at your earliest opportunity.

NEW MEMBERS

Approved on January 13, 2021

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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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THE MODERN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Did you know that as many as 50% of U.S. adults make New Year's resolutions?

But fewer than 10% keep them.

Instead of a disappointing January filled with broken resolutions, let's revolutionize the process.

Instead, the trend is affirmations, a word of the year, or setting your intentions.

I talked with some of my friends in the Legal Marketing Association to get their take on both the process of setting New Year's goals, as well as the specifics of their plans.

Embrace Imperfection

Jen Bordeaux is the Director of Public Relations for New Direction Family Law. Jen's focus this year is an intention, she wants to embrace imperfection. The idea is not to get so bogged down in getting something perfect that she fails to get something done. Jen and the firm partners also set firm goals. While several of their goals focus on the business such as growing their podcast audience and following up on leads, they also thought holistically about the firm and they want to better manage compassion fatigue and nurture relationships.

Jen's intention resonated with Chris Moyer, the Marketing Coordinator for Hedrick Gardner. Chris declared that embracing imperfection would be his intention for the New Year as well. Later that day, he memorialized his intention with a printed version in his workspace so he has a daily reminder. As we continued to talk, our group recognized that striving for perfection was something all of us experienced and it was no accident that we were working in the legal profession, one that is loaded with high achievers. Chris felt we were on to something if we could take off some of the self-imposed pressure.

Focus

Raven Hicks, Marketing and Business Development Manager at Teague Campbell, is starting 2021 by setting broad goals like better self-care and striving for good

enough rather than the 200% she usually strives for. "Moving forward is a pace" is an encouragement from her fitness coach friend which reminds us that everyone doesn't have to be a marathon runner to be in the race.

Raven is encouraging the lawyers at Teague Campbell to use "focus" as their 2021 mantra. In general, lawyers face many distractions, client emergencies, overbooked calendars, as well as multiple marketing and business development goals. While choosing to focus on doing a few things well, Raven is not asking them to ignore the full strategic plan, but rather to take it one step at a time. Her lawyers have responded positively to the request and appreciate the opportunity to do less rather than more.

Hayley Pickard is a new member of the Teague Campbell team and is working as a Marketing Specialist. While part of her goals involves learning more about the firm and her new job, she set some intentions for herself, along with a straight up, old fashioned goal – run a marathon! She plans to run the City of Oaks marathon in November.

Hayley also plans to journal daily as a check-in with herself and her focus on her whole person – body, mind and spirit.

The Modern Journal

Journals are another of the modern New Year's resolutions revolutions.

Lindsay Tiffany, Marketing & Client Services Manager with Wyrick Robbins is also planning to journal in 2021. Lindsay follows an Instagram influencer who recommends a journal focused on four things – and they can be as simple as a moment of gratitude for coffee. Lindsay bought herself and her best friend the same journal so they can provide accountability to one another and enjoy a joint journey in practicing gratitude.

Lindsay also shared an online resource with, YearCompass, available at www.yearcompass.com. YearCompass is a free worksheet that helps you reflect on your year and plan the next one. Discover questions and prompts to create your 2021 journey.

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Hillary Kies is President of the Greensboro Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and is an attorney with *Turning Point Litigation*.

Young Lawyers Section: Connections

Wine & Design Kickoff Party

The Young Lawyers Section will host its annual kickoff party this February by holding a Zoom Wine & Design Party. Paint, supplies, and instructions will be provided for you and a guest. More details about the event will follow, so keep an eye on your email. We look forward to seeing you!

Facebook Group

Have a question about practice? Procedure? Which clerk to talk to? The Young Lawyers Section has created a private Facebook Group for its members to communicate with one another about the ins and outs of practicing law. A link to the Group can be found at [Greensboro Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Group](#). Please request to join and ask your peers for any legal advice you may need!



Connect With Us

Do you want more information about upcoming Young Lawyers Section events or how you can get involved? Visit our website at www.greensboroyls.org, email Hillary Kies (hkies@turningpointlit.com) to make sure you are on the listserv, and follow us on Facebook ([Greensboro Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section](#)). If you have missed the opportunity to connect with the Young Lawyers Section, we hope to see you at one of our February events!

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Inspired by Lindsay's intention to journal, Marty Martin, whose law practice focuses on nonprofits, shared his story about what it meant to discover his father's 1938 diary recently. Written while a college student, his father's journal was an unexpected gift providing perspective and a message across the intervening decades. As the "gray hair" in our marketing group, Marty shared his thoughts as a Baby Boomer with the group's Millennials. He reminded us of the importance of legacy and family and encouraged the members to treasure our relationships because that is what is important.

Brain Food

Shannon Lanier, Marketing Communication Strategist with Poston Communications, shared advice from Dr. Sanja Gupta's new book "Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age". In the New Year, when many of our goals revolve around food and diet, his advice for brain food is berries, so Shannon is adding berries to her list of go-to foods for 2021. Shannon also related to many of our common concerns and she vows to be kinder to herself this year with a focus on the whole self.

Build on What You Are Already Doing Well

Jodi Coverly, Director of Marketing and Business Development for Hutchison PLLC, said that as she contemplated the New Year and how to inspire her firm, she focused on not trying to control what everyone else does. Instead, Jodi's mantra is to work with the willing. Forcing people in a direction they don't want to go is ineffective. Her firm goal for the year is to build on what the firm is already doing well such as creating content which is particularly important in a virtual world.

I hope you enjoyed getting to know a few of our members better. And that you are inspired to set resolutions, intentions, mantras or affirmations, or that you pick up a journal this New Year.

If you are interested in learning more about the Legal Marketing Association, visit www.legalmarketing.org or continue this conversation by contacting Camille Stell at camille@lawyersmutualconsulting.com or 800.662.8843.

VIRTUAL GBA TRIVIA NIGHT



What do you know? We'll find out when you join the GBA for Virtual Trivia Night. Test your skill in this warm up to an anticipated Battle of the Bars rematch with the High Point Bar Association.

The food and drinks are on you (because you will be playing from your living room) but the fun is on the GBA!

Join us on Thursday, February 11 at 5:30 PM. Registration is required. Limited to 30 players.

Members registered as individuals will be randomly assigned to a team upon arrival. Members wanting to form their own team of 4-6 players should ask one teammate to register and add each team member (and each player's email address) to their reservation as a guest.

[Register Here](#)

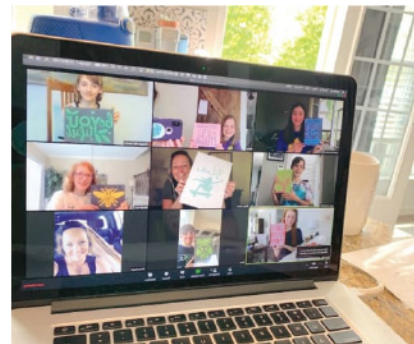
NAILED IT CRAFT NIGHT

March 3rd at 5:30 PM

Do you want to get in touch with your crafty side? Join us as we partner with Nailed It Greensboro to create signs for your home or office. The event will be virtual and participants will be required to pay for and pick up their take home DIY project ahead of the event. Registration is limited to 30 people.



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REGISTER NOW FOR ANNUAL CLE FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Need last minute CLE? GBA is sponsoring a 4 hour CLE event on February 18, 2021 at 1:15 pm, right after the GBA monthly lunch meeting. CLE ends at 5:25. The event will be virtual so it will be easy to attend and get your last minute hours for 2020, or get a jump on 2021.

We have some great speakers and the program will include a special presentation about the legal history of Jim Crow laws in North Carolina, the required substance abuse hour, a refresher on trust account management, a legislative update and a judges panel.

The early registration discounted cost is \$110 for GBA members and \$130 for nonmembers. The non-discounted price (after February 11, 2021) is \$130 for GBA members and \$150 for nonmembers.

[Register Here!](#)

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**GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION
2021 ANNUAL CLE
FEBRUARY 18, 2021; 1:10 PM – 5:30 PM**

Credit: Application pending for 4 hours (including 1 hour substance abuse).

AGENDA

Greeting and opening remarks (1:10 PM – 1:15 PM)

Jim Crow in North Carolina (1:15 PM – 2:15 PM, 60 minutes)
presented by Dr. Richard A. Paschal

Paschal surveys the Jim Crow laws enacted by the North Carolina legislature from 1865 to 1920. He reveals how the laws and statutes do not fully explain the true extent of racial discrimination created through the implementation of law.

The Lawyer Shall ... The Lawyer Shall Not ... North Carolina Trust Accounting (2:15 PM – 2:45 PM, 30 minutes)
presented by Jonathan W. Biggs

“The Lawyer Shall” . . . and “the Lawyer Shall Not” are prominent phrases in the 2016 revision to the North Carolina State Bar trust accounting rules. In this hour we will review the commandments sent down from the State Bar, the protections they require, and the procedures they outline.

Stigma. What is it? How to reduce it. (2:50 PM – 3:50 PM, 60 minutes, substance abuse portion)
presented by Mat Sandifer

The workshop will review some definitions and manifestations of the stigma associated with substance use disorder and discuss approaches to reducing stigma, leading to increased access to services and compliance with evidence-based treatment interventions.

Break (3:50 PM – 3:55 PM, 5 minutes)

North Carolina Legislative Update and Election Recap (3:55 PM – 4:25 PM, 30 minutes)
presented by Michelle L. Frazier

A look back at the 2020 legislative session of the North Carolina General Assembly and the November election, followed by a look ahead to the 2021-2022 legislative session highlighting topics of interest to attorneys.

Judges' Panel (4:25 PM – 5:25 PM, 60 minutes)
featuring Judge Lora Cabbage, Judge Marcus, Shields and moderator Kimberly Bullock Gatling

Events of 2020, including ongoing loss of life in African-American communities and resulting demands for justice, shed harsh light on racism in all corners of our society. A panel of African-American jurists from various levels of the North Carolina courts discuss systemic racism in our legal system.

Adjournment (5:25 PM)

[Register for Annual CLE Here](#)

COVID COURTHOUSE OPERATIONS FAQ

On January 11, 2021, Lisa Arthur, President of the GBA and Grant Sigmon, Chair of the GBA's Coronavirus Response Committee, met with members of the Leadership Team to discuss the GBA survey results. GBA members' concerns related to COVID, as set forth in the survey responses, were presented anonymously to the Leadership Team. As a result of that meeting, we are providing the following information to guide your understanding and to address common themes in the survey responses. Judge Vincent, who is also a member of the Leadership Team, co-authored this article and will be speaking at our February membership meeting to address these topics.

Who makes decisions at the local level about courthouse operations during COVID?

The Leadership Team, comprised of Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Craig, Chief District Court Judge Vincent, elected District Attorney Avery Crump, elected Public Defender John Nieman, and elected Clerk of Court Lisa Johnson-Tonkins, are tasked with making decisions about COVID operations. However, not all decisions can be made by this body. Some decisions are made by the Administrative Office of the Courts (hereinafter "AOC") or the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Also, the Leadership Team is not a policy-setting board. They strive to reach consensus among the group because of the intertwining of all their departments; however, policies and procedures remain the responsibility of the elected officials who comprise the committee. Thus, the ultimate decision on how to run Superior Court rests with Judge Craig; for District Court, Judge Vincent; for operations of the Clerk, the Clerk of Court Lisa Johnson-Tonkins; for the District Attorney's office, Avery Crump; and John Nieman for the Public Defender's office. All members of the Leadership Team have received Executive Leadership training by the North Carolina School of Government.

Why is there not a designated member of the private bar as a formal part of the Leadership Team?

It would be impractical to involve a member of the private bar when most decisions are made by the Leadership Team emergently and frequently. In addition, the AOC provides a recommended framework concerning the composition of the Leadership Team which our Judicial District implemented by including the aforementioned elected officials. However, the Leadership Team is available to hear and consider opinions from the private bar and views GBA members as always having "a seat at the table." Members of the private bar should feel free to raise questions or concerns with members of the Leadership Team directly or communicate with Lisa or Grant and we will make sure that your questions or concerns are addressed.

Why can the courthouse not release the names of individuals who have COVID?

Many of you raised the point that notifications about COVID exposure are meaningless when the person with COVID cannot be identified. Unfortunately, the Leadership Team cannot release the identities of individuals with COVID due to multiple privacy laws, HIPAA regulations, and a specific directive from the AOC. However, everyone is encouraged to use the following contact tracing app from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, called "SlowCOVIDNC," which should assist in these efforts. The more people use it, the better we can isolate after exposure and prevent the spread.

Apple App Store:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/slowcovidnc/id1526471580>

Google Play Store:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.nc.dhhs.exposurenotification&hl=en_US

What can we do about the mask rule not being enforced or social distancing not being followed?

If you raised a concern about a specific courtroom or area of the courthouse in the survey, it has been communicated to the Leadership Team and is being addressed. In the future, we cannot correct these issues unless we all communicate about problems. If you see a problem, please say something. The Leadership Team includes representatives from most areas in the courthouse. If it's about a courthouse employee, please say something to your GBA leaders or a member of the Leadership Team. If it is another member of the private bar, consider addressing the issue with that individual or raising it with us. If it is a courthouse patron, let us know the specifics: date, time, area of the courthouse and we will address it. We need your help in ensuring that everyone is following the rules.

Can any changes be made to the courthouse building to prevent the spread of COVID?

The courthouse building is funded and managed by the county. The county owns the physical facility and is solely responsible for security. The court system's relationship with the county, governed by statute, is akin to a landlord-tenant relationship; just like most tenants, the court system does not have specific control over many of the aspects of pandemic response. Changing the HVAC system or any structural change is not feasible at this time. The courtrooms and Clerk's office have implemented plexiglass screens and the Leadership Team is currently evaluating if there are ways to improve remote hearings. Resources are limited, but the Leadership Team is doing everything it can to make the courthouse as safe of an environment as possible.

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HERB FALK SOCIETY: 2020 REPORTING FORM AVAILABLE NOW



Manisha P. Patel

Form Due February 28, 2021

The Herb Falk Society was established to honor those members of the Greensboro Bar Association who contribute at least 75 hours of pro bono service each calendar year. The deadline for reporting pro bono work done in 2020 is February 28, 2021. The reporting has been simplified in recent years. [Complete and mail this form \(PDF\)](#) to the GBA office. This year, you can also report your hours online! Fill out the [Online Reporting Form](#) for as many pro bono activities you completed in 2020.

Questions or concerns? Reach out to Pro Bono Committee Chair [Manisha P. Patel](#).

PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE CLE



Allie Petrova

Allie Petrova will be presenting the following tax law course:

The Partnership Representative: What You Need to Know for Your Firm's and Clients' Sake

This course is intended for attorneys who do not dedicate their practice to federal tax law:

Starting with tax years beginning January 1, 2018, all business entities taxed as partnerships (IRS Form 1065 filers) are subject to the new IRS audit rules for tax partnerships.

As you know, the tax matters partner no longer exists. Under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA), Section 6223 requires each partnership, aside from eligible partnerships that elect out, to designate a partnership representative. The partnership representative has sole authority to act on the partnership's behalf in all matters related to IRS audits.

As indicated by priority initiatives and enforcement efforts, the Internal Revenue Service has heightened its focus on partnership audits. If you are a member of a tax partnership and a Schedule K-1 recipient, you need to know how your tax partnership will handle IRS audits and what that means for you.

The course will be scheduled in February (1 Hour of General CLE Credit – approval pending).

For additional information and registration details, please email: office@petrovalaw.com.

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As the COVID cases continue to rise in North Carolina, my thoughts are with all of those battling the virus and all of you as we continue to try to adapt to the new realities of practicing law in a pandemic. The GBA is here for you.

We encourage that you reach out to us if there is anything that we can do to help you during this time. Stay safe everyone, and we hope to connect with you virtually at one of our upcoming events.

Lisa Arthur

EIGHTEEN GREENSBORO BROOKS PIERCE ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY 2021 NORTH CAROLINA SUPER LAWYERS

Eighteen attorneys in the Greensboro office of Brooks Pierce have been named to the 2021 edition of *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, including three who were noted as “Rising Stars.” Firmwide, 32 attorneys were named to the list, including nine as “Rising Stars.”

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis. For more information about the *Super Lawyers* methodology, visit http://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection_process.html

The Greensboro Brooks Pierce attorneys recognized as 2021 Super Lawyers are:

- *Jimmy Adams* for Business Litigation
- *Arty Bolick* for Construction Litigation
- *Mark Davidson* for Business/Corporate
- *Kearns Davis* for Criminal Defense: White Collar, Top 10 North Carolina Lawyers
- *George House* for Environmental Litigation
- *Bob King* for Environmental Law
- *Beth Langley* for Employment and Labor
- *Dan McGinn* for Employment and Labor
- *Jeff Oleynick* for Bankruptcy: Business
- *Jim Phillips* for Business Litigation, Top 100 North Carolina Lawyers
- *Reid Phillips* for Business Litigation
- *David Sar* for Intellectual Property Litigation
- *Bob Singer* for Banking
- *John Small* for Bankruptcy: Business
- *Jennifer Van Zant* for Business Litigation, Top 50 Women Lawyers

The Greensboro Brooks Pierce attorneys recognized as 2021 “Rising Stars” are:

- *Kim Marston* for Business Litigation
- *Clint Morse* for Business Litigation
- *Elizabeth Troutman* for Schools and Education

THIRTEEN GREENSBORO BROOKS PIERCE ATTORNEYS NAMED TO BUSINESS NORTH CAROLINA’S 2021 “LEGAL ELITE” AND “HALL OF FAME”

Thirteen attorneys in the Greensboro office of Brooks Pierce have been recognized by their peers for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *Business North Carolina’s* “Legal Elite” and “Hall of Fame,” a listing of the state’s top lawyers in business-related practice areas.

Each year, *Business North Carolina* sends ballots to members of the North Carolina Bar Association who are residents of the state. Voters are asked one question: “Of the Tar Heel lawyers whose work you have observed firsthand, whom would you rate among the current best in these categories?” Voters are not allowed to vote for themselves and may only select members of their own firms if they also select out-of-firm lawyers in the same categories, with the out-of-firm votes weighted more heavily. Attorneys who receive the most votes in their respective categories become permanent members of the “Legal Elite” Hall of Fame. For more information about the “Legal Elite” methodology, visit <http://businessnc.com/special-sections/legal-elite/>.

The Greensboro Brooks Pierce attorneys named to *Business North Carolina’s* 2021 “Legal Elite” are:

- *Arty Bolick* for Construction
- *John Cross* for Business
- *Kearns Davis* for Litigation
- *Alex Elkan* for Environmental
- *Beth Langley* for Employment
- *Clint Morse* for Bankruptcy
- *Jeff Oleynick* for Bankruptcy
- *Justin Outling* for Litigation
- *Bo Rodenbough* for Real Estate
- *David Sar* for Intellectual Property
- *Adam Tarleton* for Tax & Estate
- *Elizabeth Troutman* for Young Guns
- *Jennifer Van Zant* for Appellate & Litigation

John Cross was also named to the Hall of Fame for Corporate Law this year. Greensboro Brooks Pierce attorneys previously named to the Hall of Fame are:

- *Mark Davidson* for Business
- *Kearns Davis* for Criminal Law
- *George House* for Environmental
- *Jennifer Van Zant* for Antitrust

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Are jury trials ever going to resume and if so, how will they be safe?

The Leadership Team is carefully evaluating this question and hopes to resume jury trials as soon as they are able to safely do so. This decision will not be made lightly, but we all understand the need for the courthouse to remain operational. Please pay attention to the Administrative Orders as they are released.

What can be done about the irregularity of courthouse shutdowns?

Not much. We are in an unprecedented situation. The Leadership Team has to make the difficult decision to shut down the courthouse when it is in the best interests of the courthouse employees and the public.

How is the courthouse cleaned to prevent the spread of COVID?

Courtrooms are cleaned daily in high touch areas with recommended and approved commercial grade products to eradicate the virus and other harmful bacteria and germs.

Where can I go to find out more information about the courthouse during COVID?

The GBA website has information related to COVID closures and exposures. All GBA members also receive emails regularly with courthouse notifications.

Other questions or concerns?

Reach out to us! [Lisa Arthur](#), [Grant Sigmon](#), or [Judge Teresa Vincent](#)



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