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## Message from the President

Welcome back!

As this is my first column as your new GBA President, I wanted to begin by thanking our past President, Lisa Arthur for leaving everything in great shape and making it easy for me.

I was hoping to be writing to tell you that COVID is behind us (or mostly anyway) and we are moving to live meetings for all our Greensboro Bar Association activities: board meetings, membership meetings, seminars and events. As everyone knows the emergence of the Delta variant has changed a lot of plans and, unfortunately, has changed ours as well.

Based on the information available to us, we decided that our board meetings will be virtual, at least for September and October and our September membership meeting (September 15, 2021) will have to be virtual as well. We will decide on future meetings on a month by month basis. Of course, one plus about the virtual meetings is they are really easy to attend (you don't even have to get up) so we hope to see a lot of members there. In addition to our speaker programs, we are working on some additional activities to at least simulate the networking we all like so much at the live meetings.

Speaking of speakers, our schedule is almost full through the May 2022 meeting and we have some great topics lined up. Our first speaker (September) is Mark Phillips, the president of Phillips Collection, one of the area's best furniture companies and a leader in design. Mark has some great stories about the business and sourcing furniture materials in faraway places. You'll like it.

We've also set up our committee leaders and committee members for the coming year and we're looking forward to the energy they bring to all aspects of the GBA. Our Habitat for Humanity effort is cranking up again, thanks to the passion and work of Bill Cooke, the Habitat committee and others. The beginning of construction on the newest Habitat house has been delayed because of you know what but look for information from the committee on the new schedule and signups. It's a great team building exercise and won't cost you anything (except of course for the generous contributions to the effort we hope you'll make).

Even though we've been working on the committees, there are still lots of opportunities for committee work and we always need volunteers. Please check the committees and see what interests you or just call any board member (including me) and we'll make suggestions.

One committee I'm particularly interested in is the mentoring committee, chaired by Hillary Kies. It's a great opportunity for the newer lawyers to meet and benefit from the more experienced (trying not to say older) ones.

The work of our sections also continues. As always our Young Lawyers Section has a full slate and we expect Family Law and Real Property to be active as well.

Despite the COVID thing, we look forward to a great year.

**Desmond Sheridan**  
GBA President, 2021-2022

You can contribute news or topics of interest to the GBA by contacting Editor Jonathan M. Parisi:  
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# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR NOTES

- September 8 GBA Board Meeting,  
4:00 PM, Zoom
- September 15 Member Meeting,  
12:30 PM, Zoom
- September 15 YLS Board Meeting,  
12:00 PM, Zoom
- September 20 Submission Deadline  
for October Newsletter

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## Wellness Corner

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#### Legal Services

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For bid information & questions, contact Shayla Parker at [parkers3@gcsnc.com](mailto:parkers3@gcsnc.com). Proposal documents are available through the GCS website at <https://www.gcsnc.com/Domain/2434>. Click on Bid Solicitations, then Current Bids, under quote #6379. There will not be a pre-bid associated with this proposal.

*Minority and Women Owned Businesses are encouraged to submit bids for this project. The Guilford County Board of Education awards public contract without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicapped condition as defined by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 168A-3. GCS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids presented, and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities.*

GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS  
[Shayla Parker](#), Director of Purchasing

## NOTICE

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# NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

*Each summer, Lawyers Mutual participates in the North Carolina Bar Association Minorities in the Profession 1L Summer Associate Program. This summer we have been fortunate to have Shawn Singleton from North Carolina Central University School of Law with us for six weeks. Shawn and I collaborated on this story, and I hope it helps you realize you are not alone in any of the emotions you have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

## Shawn Singleton's Story

My first couple of weeks in North Carolina were difficult. I moved to Durham from Virginia Beach, Virginia – hours away from all of my friends and most of my family. When I moved down, the country was still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, so there were not many places open. Since I knew no one and could go nowhere, I was stuck in my apartment.

A short time later, I started law school online at North Carolina Central University, which made things even more challenging. Taking classes online did not make law school easier. We still had to read all the material. We still had to come to class, with our cameras on. We still had to pray not to be cold called.

Some might argue that taking classes online was actually more difficult. Sometimes your Internet will go out, or your hand-me-down laptop will shut off randomly, or the professor will have technical problems and be incomprehensible. There is also something lost by not being able to learn in person, and even more lost when you are being tasked with learning from a pre-recorded lecture.

Despite the difficulties, I was able to stay on top of everything and do what was asked of me. I'm glad I didn't have a breakdown, which is what some 2Ls and 3Ls said happened to them, but I was already starting to feel fatigued after just a few weeks in.

My Civil Procedure professor gave us a worksheet to do over a weekend on Rule 4. When assigning the worksheet to us, he encouraged us to get into study groups to work on it. My professor said no one makes it in the legal profession alone, and that he still helps and receives help from the people he went to law school with.

I had never been a part of a study group before. When it came to academics, I always worked alone. Since my grades were good, I never saw the need to change that. The statement that "no one can make it in the legal profession alone" made me remember lessons from previous jobs I worked.

The first lesson came during my time as a manual laborer at an event venue from 2017-2020. The job consisted of long, late hours, little pay, and few breaks. During these harrowing shifts, I would often think to myself: "What am I doing here? What are any of us doing here?"

I don't know what my co-workers' answers to those questions were, but I discovered that what kept me coming back was my team – our interactions and conversations as we worked throughout the night. That job taught me that I could get through anything if I was doing it with the right team.

The second lesson came while I worked at a summer camp from the summers of 2014-2019. My responsibilities during those times changed every summer, from being a dishwasher to helping co-run the camp. Because I worked so long and in so many different roles, I was able to gain a great understanding of how camp worked.

In my time there, I learned that the best determination of whether it would be a good summer wasn't funding, weather, programming, or which kids attended. The biggest determining factor was the staff – picking good leaders able to motivate their staff, making sure that there is as little interpersonal drama as possible, and keeping workers focused on the mission. If those could be achieved, the summer would be a great one.

And so, out of a desire to listen to my professor's advice, a belief in the idea that collaboration can make bad experiences bearable and produce great outcomes, and a need to get out of the house and talk to other people, I decided to join a study group. Joining the group was one of the best decisions I have made.

My study group helped me revolutionize my study habits so I could better perform in law school. I never needed to use flashcards before, but my study partners wanted them, so we made flash cards together. My regular tools for retaining information were only taking me so far, but flash cards took my retention to the next level. My study group helped me realize that.



Co-Author Shawn Singleton is a summer intern with Lawyers Mutual and a rising 2L at the North Carolina Central University School of Law.

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## Young Lawyers Section: Connections

The Young Lawyers Section is excited to kick off the 2021-2022 year!

### Swearing-In Ceremony:

YLS is planning a Fall Swearing-In Ceremony in early October 2021. The date of the Swearing-In Ceremony will be announced when it is confirmed. As always, we encourage all members of the GBA to join us and support our newly licensed attorneys! If you are a newly licensed attorney, or if you know a newly licensed attorney, please e-mail Tyler Nullmeyer at [tnullmeyer@turningpointlit.com](mailto:tnullmeyer@turningpointlit.com) to receive the application materials that will be available in September 2021.

### Connect with YLS:

YLS is in the process of scheduling a virtual social event for our members. An e-mail blast will be sent out in the coming weeks regarding this event. We hope you can join us!

Do you have any ideas for future YLS events, service projects, and/or socially distant activities? Please share by emailing Nicole Scallon at [nscallon@hensonlawyers.com](mailto:nscallon@hensonlawyers.com).

Do you want more information about upcoming YLS events or to find out how you can get involved? Check out our website at [www.greensboroyls.org](http://www.greensboroyls.org). Also follow us on [Facebook](#) @GreensboroBarYLS.

If you would like to be added to the YLS email list, please email Nicole Scallon at [nscallon@hensonlawyers.com](mailto:nscallon@hensonlawyers.com).

YLS would like to celebrate life's milestones with our members. Email [info@greensboroyls.org](mailto:info@greensboroyls.org) to share personal and professional updates about yourself that you would like celebrated on the YLS Facebook page.

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My study group members are great at helping each other. If someone feels like they're not understanding a concept, the entire group will help them catch up. We do this for two reasons: 1) No one is left behind, and 2) the members of the group ask thought-provoking questions, prompting each of us to have a deeper understanding of the concepts.

My social needs were also met by my study group. We are study partners, but also genuine friends. None of us are from Durham, so we have taken the time to explore the city together, we've celebrated birthdays and holidays together, and we provide support for each other. When I had a family member die in November 2020, my study group was there for me while I was in North Carolina and away from the rest of my family.

Our study group started with the goal of all of us making it to the top 10% of our class. For the most part, we have met that goal. Because of my amazing study group, I had a GPA that qualified me for the Minorities in the Profession Program. Through the program, I received an internship at Lawyers Mutual. It's my belief that without my study group, I would not be where I am today.

### Camille Stell's story

As I mentioned in an earlier column, I have felt ALL the emotions during this pandemic. Anxious, depressed, tired, lethargic, happy to be home, sad to be isolated, and even guilty for having a job that allowed me to work remotely.

We began working remotely in March 2020 and by the Fall, I could begin to feel myself wearing down. I was physically tired and emotionally exhausted. I was sad about being isolated but scared to go out for fear of getting sick. I knew I needed to talk with a professional mental health provider, but I could barely muster the energy to keep one foot in front of the other.

I reached out to Laura Mahr, the mindfulness expert with Conscious Legal Minds, and she gave me some suggestions for finding a therapist. However, it was a challenge to find someone who was taking on new patients. I grew frustrated and once the holidays arrived, I stopped looking.

In early 2021, I started my search again. I had one disastrous in-person session before I found Jill. Through MindPath Care Centers, I was able to have video chats

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# GBA HABITAT HOUSE BUILD DELAYED

Our Greensboro Bar Habitat Project continues to move forward. We have two things to share.

First, Great News! Thanks to many generous contributions from so many of you, we have completed the fundraising for the house. A total of over \$63,348 has been contributed by the GBA membership. The GBA Foundation will contribute the balance of our \$75,000 commitment. We cannot thank you enough for this success, which shows your heart for this work and your dedication to our community. We have also received volunteer commitments from six building teams – the District Court Judges, Fox Rothschild, Brooks Pierce, Schell Bray, Nexsen Pruet, and the Syngenta Legal Department; and many of you have signed up as individual volunteers on the Giving Page. So, we have a great head start on our volunteer recruitment for the house construction.

Second, we want to let you know of a delay in starting construction. We had been planning on starting September 18. We have decided to delay the start until early next year. The homeowner that Habitat was considering for our house is still working to qualify with Habitat, and so our homeowner will probably come from the next round of homeowner applicants. The delay will give Habitat more time to select a homeowner for us. The other reason for the postponement is the new COVID outbreak and our concern about whether it will be safe for our volunteers to work together this Fall. After reviewing all options, our committee decided that the best alternative is to wait until our homeowner has been selected and the COVID uncertainty is behind us.

We will share the new starting date and full construction schedule well in advance. We will also schedule the building teams and open a website for individual members to volunteer for their preferred work dates.

Many thanks for your enthusiastic and generous support for this project. We look forward to working with you and our homeowner at the site and to building on the success we have already achieved.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact Bill Cooke at [wocjr@bellsouth.net](mailto:wocjr@bellsouth.net) or by calling him at 336-772-5923.

Best to you all. We will be in touch!

*GBA Habitat Committee*



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## SIGN-UP FOR GBA COMMITTEE SERVICE TODAY

GBA committees work to provide our members with continuing legal education, networking and fellowship opportunities, and peer recognition for outstanding service to our association and the community. More importantly, participation promotes volunteerism and support for area schools and non-profits; and we partner with Legal Aid

of North Carolina to remove legal barriers to economic opportunities through criminal record expunctions provided by the Second Chance Project. To join a committee today, download ([PDF](#) or [DOCX](#)) or print the Committee Service Form on p10 and return the completed form to the [GBA office](#).

## HAROLD “HAL” FRANKLIN GREESON

March 10, 1941 – May 31, 2021

Lifelong Greensboro resident Harold “Hal” Franklin Greeson passed away Monday, May 31, 2021, at the age of 80. He was born in south Greensboro on March 10, 1941, to AW and Isobel Greeson and graduated from Greensboro Senior High School in 1959.

An accomplished attorney and Demon Deacon through and through, he completed undergraduate and law studies at Wake Forest University. He started his career in civil and criminal law, later becoming an expert in personal injury, malpractice and plaintiff law. A member of local, state and national bar associations, along with Advocates for Justice, he answered the call for civic duty honorably when court-appointed, as in the trials after the 1979 clash between members of the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party and Communist Workers’ Party that led to his involvement in a retrospective on the History Channel.

A lifetime member of the Greensboro Jaycees, and a distinguished “Old Timer”, he served as president in 1972. His work with the Jaycees led to a Jaycee International Senator post, the highest honor that can be bestowed by the organization for outstanding service. He also was a member and trustee of the Greensboro Elks Club where you would often find him playing pool and spending time with friends at the lodge on Wednesday night. When not at the Elks Club or at grandkids’ sporting events, he would be using his talented woodworking skills to make just the right gift.

An avid fisherman, Hal enjoyed the annual family beach trips that offered him opportunities to fish in the surf, off the pier or in the deep sea. Those beach trips have yielded fond memories of Papa Hal’s many antics – from wearing a grass skirt and coconuts to impersonating Sonny Bono in a Sonny and Cher sing-a-long – all to get a laugh. He loved playing the guitar, sampling themed cuisine each year, watching the grandkids’ original productions, and telling endless stories.

Hal is survived by his wife, Sherry Greeson; his children, Harold Franklin Greeson, Jr. and wife Debbie of High Point; Abigail Brooks Steelhammer and husband John of Mooresville; Mark Christian Weaver and wife Corrie of Greensboro; Derrick Gray Weaver and wife Coleman Weaver; Jenson Weaver; and Patterson Williams and her husband Zach.

## BENJAMIN S. MARKS, JR.

March 21, 1934 – June 30, 2021

Ben, a native of Greensboro, attended the University of North Carolina, both for undergraduate and law school. Upon graduating from law school, Ben served as a member of JAG in the Air Force during the Korean War. Ben returned home after the war and on a blind date met and married the love of his life, Elaine Horowitz, from Charleston, South Carolina.

Ben and Elaine came back to make their home in Greensboro, and proceeded to have four children. Ben practiced law for sixty years, was city solicitor, and was very involved in his community. He was a past president of both Temple Emanuel and Sertoma Club.

Ben is survived by his wife, Elaine, and his daughters Anne Podber (Harlan), Gail Marks, Karen Marks, and his son Michael Marks (Beth). Ben was grandfather to Jeff (Angel) Marks, Greg Marks, Morgan Podber, and Renee Podber. Ben is also survived by his brother Edgar Marks (Annamarie). Ben was the brother of Arnold Marks (Naomi), and Bill Marks, both of whom preceded him in death. He was an adored uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was fortunate to live in a wonderful community and leaves behind many family and friends.



# THREE BROOKS PIERCE ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT FOR PRO BONO WORK

Three Brooks Pierce attorneys and Greensboro Bar Association members have been honored by the North Carolina Supreme Court for providing 50 or more hours of pro bono legal services in 2020. Bill Cary, Jamey Lowdermilk, and Sarah Saint were among 589 attorneys statewide named to the 2020 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society.

Cary has been practicing for 45 years, and his experience includes counseling employers through difficult employment decisions, litigation and mediation, especially in employment and environmental disputes. In recent years, he has focused on the emerging legal field of climate change and resilience, particularly in coastal areas. His 2020 pro bono work primarily supported the North Carolina Coastal Federation and The Pew Charitable Trusts in efforts to advance the North Carolina Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan. He facilitated 16 workshops that convened experts in stormwater management to create specific recommendations to promote the use of nature-based systems to reduce flooding and improve water quality.

Lowdermilk brings her experience as a law clerk in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to guide her clients through the complicated bankruptcy process. She also represents

businesses and individuals in complex commercial matters in state and federal courts. In her pro bono work, she helped a public health organization develop vendor agreements for a new food hub, designed in part to reduce food insecurity exacerbated by the pandemic. She also advised a music organization on its annual festival and related events, including its first ever virtual programming. Additionally, she served as pro bono defense counsel for several individuals arrested during protests against police brutality and for voting rights.

Saint focuses her practice on broadening awareness of diversity issues within organizations. She counsels companies, educational institutions and other organizations on compliance with state and federal civil rights regulations, including Title VII and Title IX, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. She defends businesses in civil rights litigation when necessary. Her pro bono activities in 2020 focused on representing a prisoner in Section 1983 cruel and unusual punishment litigation against North Carolina Department of Corrections employees. She also represented trans\* North Carolinians seeking legal name and gender marker changes on their government identification documents.

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## ATTORNEY REID PHILLIPS NAMED TO BUSINESS NORTH CAROLINA'S "POWER LIST"

Brooks Pierce's managing partner Reid Phillips has been named to *Business North Carolina's* inaugural "Power List" of the most influential business leaders in the state. He was included in a section specifically focused on leaders in the legal profession, with 43 attorneys selected out of the more than 28,000 licensed lawyers in North Carolina.

Phillips focuses his practice on litigation, primarily for large companies facing complex disputes. A lawyer for more than 40 years, he has given much of his time to the advancement of the legal profession. He has served as a member of the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners and chair of the NCBA's Strategic Planning and Emerging Trends Committee. He chaired the NCBA's Young Lawyers Division and served on the association's board of governors and executive committee as well as the North Carolina State Bar Ethics Committee. He also served as president of the Greensboro Bar Association. He currently serves as a vice president of the North Carolina Bar Association.

An active member of the community, Phillips served as chairman of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and as the chairman of the LeBauer Park steering committee. In addition, he served as chair of the War Memorial Commission and was a member of the board of directors for the Weatherspoon Art Museum Association.

Phillips has received numerous other awards and recognitions. In 2019, he was presented with the North Carolina Bar Association's Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. Public Service Award. In 2018, he was awarded Leadership Greensboro's Denise E. Maleska Leadership Service Award and the Greensboro Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award. In 2017, *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* named him one of its "Leaders in the Law." He has also been recognized numerous times by *The Best Lawyers in America*, *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite," *Chambers USA* and *Benchmark Litigation*.

# ATTORNEY MANISHA P. PATEL SWORN INTO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Manisha P. Patel

Family law attorney Manisha P. Patel was sworn into the Board of Directors for the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) on Friday, August 6, 2021. NCWBA is a non-profit affiliate of the American Bar Association (ABA) with a vote in the ABA House of Delegates, dedicated to serving the needs of women's bar associations and their members. Representation in the ABA House of Delegates adds to the voice of women lawyers to the debate and vote on many key ABA resolutions. Member organizations, like the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, are women's bar associations whose missions include focusing on the needs of women in the legal profession and furthering women's rights under the law.

NCWBA's Annual Leadership Summit began on Thursday, August 5, 2021, and will continue through August 12, 2021, coinciding with the ABA's 2021 Annual Meeting. To learn more about the NCWBA and the Annual Leadership Summit, information can be found at [www.ncwba.org](http://www.ncwba.org).

"I am honored to serve in this national leadership role and to represent women attorneys of North Carolina," says Patel. "I hope to use this national forum for exchanging ideas with leaders across the country, information vital to organizational growth, and success in today's profession." Patel is currently the Immediate Past-President of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys after two terms as President in 2019 and in 2020. Patel also serves on the Board of Directors for Legal Aid of North Carolina, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, and the Greensboro Bar Association.

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## LAW FIRM CAROLINAS: NEW PARTNERS, OFFICES AND LAWYERS

Law Firm Carolinas announces that [Jon Raymer](#), who practices commercial and residential real estate here in Greensboro, has been named Partner.

There have also been several recent additions to the firm: [Andrew Brower](#) and [Jonathon Woodruff](#) have joined the Greensboro office. Andrew Brower heads the firm's Estate Planning & Administration Department (wills, trusts, probate and guardianships). Jonathon Woodruff practices community association law and HOA/condo assessment collections.

Two firm offices have relocated to newer, larger spaces. The Wilmington Office has moved to 219 Racine Drive. The Raleigh Office has moved to 3000 Highwoods Boulevard. In addition, the firm has recently announced the opening of a Columbia, South Carolina, office. Managing partner Keith Black states that the firm changes, new attorneys, and office locations position the firm to better serve both existing and future clients.





with a therapist. Jill's advice and guidance helped me to take control of my mental health situation and to realize that asking for help was not a sign of weakness, but of strength. I continue to talk with Jill and have seen steady improvement since the Spring of this year.

I am more focused on work and able to accomplish projects with more concentration. My mood has lifted, and my emotions are more in check. I am feeling more hopeful and optimistic, much more like myself. I regret waiting so long to reach out. Of course, the depression was a factor in not being able to motivate myself, while the Pandemic had health care providers in short supply.

Don't wait—reach out if you need help. There are many resources available through various bar associations across the state. Also, sharing your challenges with a group of friends as Shawn did can provide relief.

2020-2021 showed us that humans can't excel when we are isolated, and we need community in order to thrive. Shawn's professor shared a great wisdom that no one

makes it in the legal profession alone. The poet John Donne expressed this sentiment in his poem, "No man Is an Island", in part below:

*No man is an island, entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.*

*Any man's death diminishes me, because  
I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know  
for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

*Shawn Singleton is an Old Dominion University Monarch, a rising 2L at the North Carolina Central University School of Law, a reader and writer who enjoys participating in the National Novel Writing Month Challenge each November. Shawn was a 2021 summer intern with Lawyers Mutual.*

*Camille Stell is the President of Lawyers Mutual Consulting & Services and works with law firms to modernize their law practices through strategic planning and succession planning.*



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## COUNT ME IN FOR 2021-22 COMMITTEE SERVICE

If you would like to serve on a GBA committee for the 2021-22 FY, **please indicate up to three preferences by placing 1, 2 or 3 by your choices below (1 being your 1<sup>st</sup> choice, etc.).** If you currently serve on a committee and would like to continue, we ask that you also complete and return this form.

*[See following page for list of committee descriptions]*

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## Committee Descriptions

- **Awards & Recognitions-** Researches and makes recommendations to the Executive Board for annual awards, award recipients, and member recognitions.
- **CLE-** Plans and presents the Association's CLE programs for the coming year; expands and enhances the number of CLE offerings of GBA.
- **Community Involvement-** Recommends community service projects to the Association to adopt and runs such projects.
- **Directory-** Promotes the benefits of member participation in the GBA online directory; collects headshots; updates profiles.
- **Elementary School Project-** Arranges a program or project for benefit of students to enhance interest in learning; coordinates the elementary book drive where students are gifted a book at the holidays.
- **Habitat for Humanity-** Raises all funds and provides volunteers to build the GBA's 9th house.
- **History & Archives-** Conducts interviews with senior members of the Association; preserves GBA history and records.
- **Holiday Party-** Decides on location, plans menus, prizes and entertainment for the annual holiday party.
- **Membership-** Recruits, retains, and engages members; focuses on participation by young lawyers; publicizes and encourages participation in the online membership directory.
- **Memorials-** Monitors newspaper obituaries and contacts members regarding deceased members; publishes memorials in newsletter; maintains archives.
- **Mentoring-** Plans networking events and activities that pair newly licensed and veteran attorneys.
- **Nominating-** Presents a slate of candidates for new officers and 3 new directors for the upcoming year, to be presented to the Executive Committee in March, published in the newsletter, and voted on at the April Annual Meeting of the Association.
- **Pro Bono-** Publicizes pro bono opportunities to the membership; recognizes Herb Falk Society inductees; provides Second Chance Project expunction trainings; works with Legal Aid on pro bono projects.



# GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION

## 2020-21 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| OFFICE                   | NAME                    | PHONE        |
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| President                | Desmond G. Sheridan     | 336-609-5135 |
| President-Elect          | Hon. Marcus A. Shields  | 336-412-7800 |
| Immediate Past President | Lisa W. Arthur          | 336-378-5318 |
| Secretary                | Molly A. Hilburn-Holte  | 336-412-7777 |
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| Director (2022) 1st      | Rosetta Davidson Davis  | 336-373-7796 |
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| Director (2022) 2nd      | Jennifer G. Mencarini   | 214-418-2611 |
| Director (2023) 2nd      | Gerald L. Walden, Jr.   | 336-217-4636 |
| Director (2023) 2nd      | Adam G. Kerr            | 336-500-7599 |
| Director (2023) 2nd      | Karen McKeithen Schaede | 336-333-7907 |
| Director (2024) 1st      | Hon. Michelle Fletcher  | 336-412-7800 |
| Director (2024) 1st      | Manisha P. Patel        | 336-203-8882 |
| Director (2024) 1st      | L. Nicole Patino        | 336-325-7565 |

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

|                                   |                         |              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Awards and Recognitions           | Jim Bryan               | 336-373-1600 |
| CLE (Lunch & Learns)              | Kristen Redman          | 540-312-6865 |
| Community Involvement             | TBD                     |              |
| Directory                         | Chelsea Anderson Peele  | 336-579-0166 |
|                                   | Karen McKeithen Schaede | 336-333-7907 |
| Elementary School Project         | Erin Reis               | 336-851-8066 |
|                                   | Adam Kerr               | 336-500-7599 |
| Habitat for Humanity              | Bill Cooke              | 336-772-5923 |
| High Point Bar Liaison            | Nicole Patino           | 336-325-7565 |
|                                   | Rebecca Costello        | 336-885-3124 |
| History and Archives              | Mark Gaylord            | 336-273-1797 |
|                                   | Larry Moore             | 336-379-0123 |
| Holiday Party                     | Rosetta Davidson Davis  | 336-373-7796 |
| Judicial Liaison                  | Hon. Michelle Fletcher  | 336-412-7800 |
| Legal Aid Fundraiser              | TBD                     |              |
| Long Range Plan                   | Hon. Michelle Fletcher  | 336-412-7800 |
|                                   | Eric Richardson         | 336-904-9000 |
| Membership (Welcome, Recruitment) | Jennifer Mencarini      | 336-279-9254 |
|                                   | Sarah Roane             | 336-332-6128 |
| Mentoring                         | Hillary Kies            | 336-645-3322 |
| Memorials                         | Richard Gabriel         | 336-275-9381 |
| Newsletter/Social Media           | Jon Parisi              | 336-252-1033 |
| Nominating                        | Lisa Arthur             | 336-378-5318 |
| Pro Bono                          | Manisha Patel           | 336-203-8882 |
| Scholarship                       | Hon. Marcus Shields     | 336-412-7800 |
|                                   | Gerald Walden           | 336-217-4636 |

## SECTION HEADS

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|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Family Law    | Megan E. Spidell       | 336-907-7047 |
| Real Property | Margaret R. Kantlehner | 336-650-6528 |
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## OFFICE

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