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Message from the President

Why Are We Here?

As we begin another exciting year with the Greensboro Bar Association, the President's message might include a warm welcome, a few words about me, and an overview of the events and projects we're planning. While there's nothing wrong with that, I'd like to start with a more fundamental question: *Why?*

Why do we have a Greensboro Bar Association? Why do we choose to join, show up, and participate?

As we approach our centennial celebration, I feel deeply honored to be part of an organization with such strong roots and enduring impact. I am awed and grateful to follow in the footsteps of so many outstanding past presidents, but we can't rely on legacy alone. We must continuously re-consider the purposes of the organization for the present needs of our profession. Our "why" should guide everything we do. It helps us measure whether our activities are aligned with our purpose, and whether we're still meeting the needs of the legal community we serve.

So, why do we gather? Why do we keep this association alive? There is no single answer, but here are a few reasons that stand out to me:

Learning Together

GBA provides numerous CLE opportunities through lunch-and-learn events, our annual CLE fundraiser, and speakers at monthly meetings. We also learn informally, by sitting around tables, exchanging ideas, and hearing about each other's work and passions. Whether it's discovering a practice area you've never explored or picking up a more efficient workflow tip, we grow through shared knowledge.

Building Community

Our members come from large firms, small firms, solo practices, government, corporate counsel, and beyond. Some attorneys, especially in solo or small firm settings, crave camaraderie that's hard to find in daily practice. Even those in larger environments benefit from connecting beyond their usual circles. GBA events like mixers, the holiday party, and baseball games offer times when we can build relationships and simply enjoy each other's company.

Mutual Support

The legal profession can be emotionally and mentally taxing, with long hours, tough cases, and challenging clients. Programs like BarCARES offer essential support, but so does simply being with others who understand the demands of this work. When we connect, we remind each other that we're not alone. A shared story, a sympathetic ear, or even a bit of laughter can go a long way.

Serving Our Community

As former Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Johnson often said, "Service is the rent we pay for being on this earth." We as attorneys often possess skills, resources, and influence to make a difference for those in need around us. Our advantages come with an ethical responsibility to share back to our community. GBA supports

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of interest to the GBA by contacting
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CALENDAR NOTES

- September 9** GBA Board Meeting,
4:00 PM, Self Help Building Suite 820
- September 11** Real Property Section Meeting,
5:30 PM, Tuggle Duggins
- September 17** YLS Board Meeting,
12:00 PM, Self Help Building Suite 515
- September 18** Member Meeting,
5:30 PM, Starmount Forest Country Club
- September 20** Submission Deadline for October
Newsletter
- September 25** YLS Kick-off Event, 5:30 PM
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- October 1** Mix & Mingle,
5:30 PM, Grapes & Grains
- October 7** GBA Board Meeting,
4:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- October 15** YLS Board Meeting,
12:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- October 16** GBA Member Lunch,
12:30 PM, Greensboro Country Club

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

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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NEW MEMBERS

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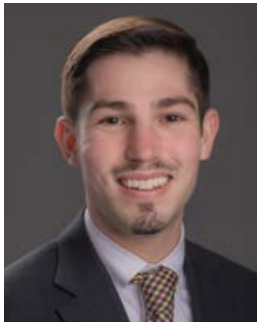


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Jonathan Parisi is
*President of the
Greensboro Bar
Association's Young
Lawyers Section and
Attorney at [Spangler
Estate Planning](#)*

Young Lawyers Section: Connections



My name is Jonathan M. Parisi, and I am an attorney with Spangler Estate Planning in Greensboro. I am honored to serve as President of the Young Lawyers Section for the 2025–2026 bar year, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our section and the young lawyers who make it thrive.

This year, our focus is threefold: (1) leading and participating in impactful community service, (2) offering valuable professional development opportunities tailored to early-career attorneys, and (3) building stronger connections across the entire bar through collaboration with other sections. We also remain committed to growth in two areas: (1) recruiting new members and (2) increasing engagement from those already involved..

Whether you're just starting out or looking to expand your network and skillset, YLS is here to support and connect you. We can't wait to kick off the year with our upcoming events and continue building a strong foundation for the future of our legal community!

YLS Announces 2025-2026 Board Members

YLS is pleased to announce its board for the 2025-2026 year: Jonathan M. Parisi (President), Casey Robinson (President-Elect), Tyler Nullmeyer (Past President), Ben Rafté (Treasurer), Zachary Kovach (Secretary), Allison (Allie) Dunlap, Alexis Holloway, Andrew Carter, Elizabeth Robertson, Hunter Amos, Misha Henley, and Mike Casterlow.

YLS Spring-Swearing-In Ceremony, End of the Year Event, & Summer Baseball Game

On May 16, 2025, YLS sponsored a spring swearing-in ceremony at the Old Guilford County Courthouse. Congratulations to the twelve individuals that were sworn into state or federal court!

On May 22, 2025, YLS hosted its end of the year event at Oden Brewing Co. During this event, YLS conducted its annual election of officers. YLS thanks its members and their families for attending and making the event a success!

In July 2025, YLS members and their families cheered on the Greensboro Grasshoppers to victory against the Bowling Green Cavemen. It was a great turnout. We enjoyed an evening of baseball, good food, and even better company. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a fun and memorable summer event!

Upcoming YLS Events:

At 5:30 PM, on Thursday, September 25, 2025, YLS will be hosting a Kick-Off Event! The location will be announced at a later date. All YLS members and their families are invited!

Fall Swearing-In Ceremony – YLS is planning a Fall-Swearing- In Ceremony for October or November 2025. Additional details, application materials, and instructions will be available soon. If you know any newly licensed attorneys, please let them know about this event.

For more information about YLS events & service opportunities, follow us on [Facebook: Greensboro Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section.](#)

Connect with YLS:

To provide feedback & suggestions for future events/programming, please email the Young Lawyers Section at info@greensboroyls.org.

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



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FINISHING STRONG: A FALL RESET FOR LAW FIRM OWNERS

As summer winds down and the pace of practice picks up, the fall season offers a natural opportunity to regroup, refocus, and position your practice for a strong year-end finish. For many solo and small firm lawyers, the fourth quarter is about more than just closing out files—it's about laying the foundation for a successful new year. Here are some practical steps to guide your fall reset.

Take Control of Your Financial Health

The fourth quarter is the ideal time to tighten up financial practices:

- **Billing and Collections:** Review your accounts receivable, follow up on overdue invoices, and consider incentives for prompt payment before year end.
- **Tax Planning:** Meet with your accountant to evaluate deductions, retirement contributions, and year-end expenses. A little planning now can reduce surprises in April.
- **Budget for Next Year:** Look at where your money went this year—marketing, staffing, technology—and set a realistic budget for 2026.

Reconnect with Clients and Referral Sources

Your strongest relationships deserve attention before the holidays:

- **Client Outreach:** Send a personalized note, holiday card, or newsletter highlighting your firm's successes and updates.
- **Client Appreciation:** Consider hosting a small gathering, webinar, or virtual update as a way to thank clients and keep them engaged.
- **Referral Network:** Reach out to referral sources with a thank-you and a reminder of the services you provide. Ask them how you can return the favor of referring work – who are their target clients and what is their sweet spot for work.

Refresh Your Operations

A little administrative cleanup now makes the new year less stressful:

- **File Review:** Close matters where possible and archive closed files.
- **Technology Tune-Up:** Update your software, organize digital files, and back up your client data.

- **Policies and Procedures:** Review engagement letters, fee agreements, and office manuals to ensure they reflect current practice. Check out the many risk management resources available on our website: [Risk Management Hub - Lawyers Mutual Insurance NC](#).

Invest in Your Team and Yourself

The end of the year is a natural time for reflection and growth:

- **Staff Evaluations:** Complete performance reviews, set goals for 2026, and discuss professional development opportunities.
- **Holiday Planning:** Set your holiday schedule early and communicate client coverage in advance.
- **CLE and Compliance:** Double-check your continuing education and licensing requirements before December 31. Remember our CLE on-demand platform if you need additional hours, free for insureds, a fee for those not insured: [On-Demand CLE - Lawyers Mutual Insurance NC](#).

Plan Strategically for 2026

Use this season to look forward with intention:

- **Set Priorities:** Identify your top three goals for 2026—whether that's building a new practice area, improving efficiency, or adding staff.
- **Marketing Plan:** Draft a simple Q1 plan now that includes articles, presentations, or networking opportunities.
- **Succession and Growth:** For solos and small firms, year-end is a good checkpoint to evaluate succession planning, associate development, or buy/sell opportunities.

A Final Thought

The fall season offers more than just a return to routines - and pumpkin spice everything! It's an opportunity to reset, refresh, and realign your practice with your long-term goals. Even small steps in the fourth quarter can create momentum that carries you into the new year with confidence and clarity.

Camille Stell is Vice President of Risk & Practice Management for Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Co. of NC and is the co-author of the book, RESPECT – An Insight to Attorney Compensation Plans, 2nd Edition published October 2024. Continue this conversation by contacting Camille at camille@lawyersmutualinc.com or 800.662.8843.

ROBERT C. CONE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SOCIETY 2025

The Community Involvement Committee would like to invite you to start now and keep track of your hours in service to community organizations that are outside of the eligibility of the Herb Falk Society. We want to recognize the good work GBA members are doing in the community with the distinction of being named a member of the Robert C. Cone Community Involvement Society.

This will be for service outside of the service as contemplated by the rules of professional conduct. Like the Herb Falk Society, the Community Involvement Society is based on service above 75 hours.

For questions, please contact Community Involvement Committee Chair Jason Hicks at jasonfhicks@gmail.com

CONNECT WITH A GBA SECTION TODAY!

Joining a law section is not just about adding another line to your resume; it's about diving headfirst into a vibrant community where legal minds converge. If you would like to mingle and connect with seasoned or young professionals in your practice area, collaboration in one of these sections can help as all are eager to share their insights and innovate new ideas as a community.

This is your chance to expand your network, forge meaningful connections, or develop mentor relationships. So, unleash your curiosity and get ready to engage in lively discussions that could spark the next big legal breakthrough.

Scan the QR code for [More Information and Section Registration](#)



PRO BONO AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Established in 1996, the Greensboro Bar Association's Pro Bono Award recognizes a GBA member for their significant contributions to providing free legal services to those in need. The Pro Bono Award acknowledges a member who has demonstrated a strong commitment to pro bono work, helping those who lack access to legal representation. The awardee has made a meaningful impact in supporting the community and upholding the principle of equal justice.

[View the list of past recipients](#)

The deadline to submit nominations for this year's Pro Bono Award is **October 1**.

[Nominations are accepted here](#)

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Legal Aid with fundraising events, offers scholarships, and provides grants through the Foundation. We also have a history of getting together in service projects such as Ask a Lawyer, Habitat houses, or our Elementary School project. By doing these together in the association, we multiply the impact that any of us might have separately.

Representing the Profession

Let's face it: lawyers don't always get the best reputation. We know the essential role we play in upholding the rule of law and helping communities function. Through our collective work, GBA members embody the best of our profession; we are committed, ethical, and service-minded. Together, we help shape the public's understanding of what it really means to be a lawyer.

These are just a few reasons I believe in GBA. I'm sure you have your own. What's important is this: we are stronger together. Our impact is greater, our experience is richer, and our profession is better when we support each other and grow as a community.

As we begin this new year, let's keep this conversation going. I invite you to share your own "why." Feel free to share with me, our Board members, or just amongst yourselves why the GBA is important to you. If you have friends who are not a part of GBA, maybe share with them some of the reasons the organization is worthwhile and invite them to join us! Together, we can shape what the GBA means today and for the next 100 years.



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



ROBERT G. “BOB” BAYNES

July 4, 1939 – July 31, 2025

Robert G. “Bob” Baynes, 86, of Pinehurst, NC, passed away on July 31, 2025, in Pinehurst, NC, supported by the love of his family. Born in Wilson, NC on July 4, 1939, Bob was the youngest child of the late Lacy G. Baynes, Sr., and the late Eula P. Baynes. At an early age, his family settled in Greensboro, NC, where he lived and worked for most of his life. Bob graduated from Greensboro Senior High School (now Grimsley) in 1957 and the University of North Carolina in 1961, where he majored in English and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He received his Juris Doctor degree with highest honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1964.

Bob was admitted to the bar and proudly joined the firm of Adams, Kleemeier, Hagan, Hannah & Fouts (now Maynard Nexsen) in 1964, where he practiced until his retirement in 2014. He was the epitome of the term “attorney and counselor at law,” spending countless hours serving his clients, the firm, and the legal profession at large. If there were ever an ethical or business law question within his firm or at many others, colleagues would reach out to ask for his advice and good counsel. Bob was a member of the Greensboro Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He served the North Carolina State Bar with distinction over five decades, in roles which included Councilor (1980-1986); Vice President (1986-1987); President-Elect (1987-1988), and President (1988-1989). He also served as a Vice-Chair of the North Carolina State Bar Client Security Fund (1990-1991) and as its Chair (1992-1994), and as member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates (1993-1996). He was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to serve on the North Carolina Commission on Business Laws and the Economy (1994-1998). The Commission was instrumental in the creation of the North Carolina Business Court.

Outside of service to his profession, Bob was a proud and longtime member of the Rotary Club of Greensboro, serving as President (1986-1987). The Rotary Club brought him great pleasure, and he enjoyed decades of friendship and service with his fellow Rotarians. Bob was a nearly lifelong member of West Market Street United Methodist Church, serving on numerous committees and holding leadership roles, including Chair of the Administrative Board (2007-2009). He was a lifeguard at Greensboro Country Club in high school and college, and it is estimated that he taught over two hundred children to swim during those years. Later, as a longtime Club member, he served on many committees and as Secretary in 1999. Many organizations were helped by Bob’s service, including but not limited to, the Greensboro Urban Ministry, Junior Achievement, where he often went unannounced to help young people with reading, writing, and financial literacy, and the Legacy Fund at West Market Street United Methodist Church, created to sustain the physical buildings of the church for future generations.

Bob was a proud alumnus and supporter of the UNC Tarheels, a fan of the New York Yankees from childhood, and an avid follower of horseback riding events. He enjoyed playing golf, gardening, and time at the coast when not working or volunteering. He loved his Labrador Retrievers, Snoopy and Sunny, and enjoyed the training and nurturing of his four-legged friends during his lifetime. He was a talented armchair sports analyst, often

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anticipating what the next play should be or reacting with dismay about missed opportunities. Bob was a patient listener, a source of calm in every storm, and the consummate professional always. He was understated, humble, and kind, and an advocate for fairness, the rule of law, and treating others well. Despite early challenges, Bob was proud of his heritage and family, and he was the first to offer his service and assistance when called to act. Most of all, and for anyone who knew him, his pride and greatest sources of happiness were his children and grandchildren, and time with family. It was an unwritten but well-known rule at the law firm, “if one of my children calls, put them through or find me immediately” – that was the directive without exception. Until the end, he was always present, attentive, and supportive of his children and their chosen interests and careers.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Abbie Baynes, and her children, Ben Nason and Sara Parker; his son, Dillon Baynes and partner, William Luziano; and his son, Jonathan Baynes, daughter-in-law, Barbara, and their children, Ben Palmer, Drew Palmer, and Lilly Palmer. He was predeceased by Elizabeth (Libby) Garvin Baynes, mother of his children. Bob is also survived by his brother, Lacy G. Baynes, Jr. and wife Lena, his nieces Ellison Hunter and husband, Jeff, their son, Adam Hunter, and daughter Lee Hunter Baissana (Joshua); Kathryn McLawhorn and husband, James, their son, Drew McLawhorn, and daughter, Parker McLawhorn; and, by the love of his life, Doreen Donathan Wicker, her son Charles Wicker, Jr., wife Jody, and daughter Hasely, and her daughter Elizabeth (Liz) Wicker.



CHARLES WILLIAM SAUNDERS, JR.

August 28, 1942 – June 10, 2024

Charles William Saunders, Jr., of Greensboro, North Carolina, passed away at age 81 on Monday, June 10, 2024, at Heritage Greens Senior Living Center.

Charles was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, to the late Charles W. Saunders, Sr. and Doris Jefferson Saunders on August 28, 1942. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Eden, North Carolina.

Charles served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Army and graduated from Wofford College and the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. He built a distinguished career at First Union Bank, later Wachovia and Wells Fargo, advising clients on financial planning as a trust officer. He was a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and the Greensboro Bar Association.

Charles was very active, running marathons and pursuing outdoor adventures across the world. He was involved with First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro as well as Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

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Charles committed himself fully to fostering youth and community development. He was a board member of A & T State University, the Guilford Child Development Center, Greensboro Rotary, Senior Resources of Guilford, and North Carolina for Community and Justice. Through a volunteer reading program, he met and mentored Trae White, who became a family friend.

Charles is survived by his wife, Victoria Vanstory Saunders; his step-daughters Kelly Youngken Smith (Rob) of Arlington, Virginia, and Abigail Youngken Compton (Matthew) of Arlington, Virginia; four grandsons; niece Deb Stewart of Raleigh, North Carolina, and nephews Barry Gillespie of Geneva, Alabama, Tim Gillespie of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Bradley Gillespie of Acworth, Georgia. His parents and his sister, Ann Gillespie, precede him in death.



EDGAR BEAUREGARDE FISHER, JR.

August 5, 1935 – April 21, 2025

Edgar B. Fisher, Jr., 89, of Greensboro, North Carolina, passed away on April 21, 2025, at Beacon Place surrounded by the love of his family. Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on August 5, 1935, Edgar was the youngest child of the late Rev. Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, Sr. and the late Ruth Knight Fisher. His early years were spent in Methodist parsonages across North Carolina, and he attended three different high schools before graduating from Durham High School in 1953.

Edgar attended Duke University, where he was both Secretary and President of the Student Government Association. He was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society. After graduation in 1957, he received a Rockefeller Brothers Theological Scholarship to attend Yale University for one year. After completing the program, Edgar enrolled in Duke Law School, where he served on the Editorial Board of the Duke Law Journal before graduating in 1961.

During law school, he married Elizabeth Carlton Prickett from Burlington in 1960, whom he loved unconditionally and dearly for the 64-plus years of their marriage.

After law school, he joined the Brooks Pierce law firm in Greensboro, where he practiced for almost 60 years before retiring in 2019. During his distinguished career, he was a highly respected lawyer who frequently spoke on real estate and estate planning matters and later became an Adjunct Professor at the Elon University School of Law.

Edgar was an active member at West Market Street United Methodist Church in Greensboro, where he was Chairman of the Administrative Board, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and an Adult Sunday School teacher. He was also a Trustee of the Northern District of the United Methodist Church.

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In addition to his leadership and service at the church, Edgar was actively involved in The Children's Home of Winston-Salem, the Greensboro Housing Authority, and the Greensboro Duke Alumni Association. He also served as President of the Greensboro Country Club.

In his spare time, Edgar was an avid gardener with expertise in growing beautiful hybrid tea rose bushes. With nicked hands from countless thorn injuries along with the wonderful smell of fish emulsion and cow manure, Edgar frequently attended rose show competitions throughout the Southeast, where his roses were often awarded the top prize of Queen of the Show. He also found immense joy in spending time with family at Oak Island, playing golf with his friends, eating ice cream, and talking endlessly about Duke sports especially basketball (at least with anyone who didn't walk away from the conversation).

But above all, Edgar will be remembered for his genuine kindness, outstanding character, compassionate and loving heart, and how much he adored his wife and family. He was humble but confident, with a heart for serving others and putting their interests above his own. A great listener, he made each person he encountered feel special and appreciated.

Edgar was predeceased by his parents, Rev. Dr. Edgar and Ruth Fisher, and his sister Ruth Anne Fisher Veazey.

Edgar is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Elizabeth Prickett Fisher, and by his three children: Elizabeth Fisher Page (Will) of Washington, North Carolina, Nancy Fisher Johnson (James) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Edgar Beauregarde Fisher III (Louisa) of Charlotte. Affectionately known as "Gran", he is also survived by eight wonderful grandchildren: Liza Page, Janie Page Wilson (Skye), William Page III, Jim Johnson, Davis Johnson, Beau Fisher, Amelia Fisher and George Fisher.



MAX DANIEL MCGINN

July 30, 1942 – April 15, 2025

Max Daniel "Dan" McGinn passed away peacefully at Well-Spring Retirement Community on April 15, 2025. Dan was born and raised in Lexington, North Carolina, and was the eldest son of the late Max Terry McGinn and Ethel Peck McGinn. He attended Lexington High School where he was president of his senior class and earned varsity letters in three sports. A natural leader and a gifted athlete, he was the starting point guard on the LHS basketball team, starting quarterback on the football team, and ace pitcher for the baseball team.

After high school, Dan accepted an academic scholarship to Wake Forest University, where he graduated magna cum laude and was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Wake Forest was also where he met his future wife, Judith McBee. Dan and Judy were married on June 3, 1965, and she took a job teaching while he attended Wake Forest University School of Law on another academic scholarship. He was Associate Editor of the Wake

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Forest Law Review and graduated second in his class. Upon graduation, Dan began his legal career at the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, office of the National Labor Relations Board.

In 1968, Dan and Judy had their first child, Brian, and Dan joined the United States Navy where he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps stationed in Pensacola, Florida. Upon completion of his service, the family moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, where Dan began a distinguished 50-year career with the Brooks Pierce law firm. Shortly after moving to Greensboro, Dan and Judy had their second child, Tracie.

When Dan joined the Brooks firm, he had the good fortune to work under and be trained by his mentor, the late Thornton Brooks, who taught him a lot about employment litigation but even more about how to be a well-respected attorney. Dan won many accolades in the legal community, consistently being ranked among the top labor/employment lawyers in the state. He represented companies in well over a hundred labor/employment lawsuits in federal court, argued a dozen cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and appeared before the United States Supreme Court.

Dan was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro and a member of the Greensboro Country Club. He served as an executive committee member and legal counsel for the United Way of Greater Greensboro for over a decade. He was an avid Wake Forest sports fan who had season tickets for football and basketball games for nearly 50 years, and he gave back to his alma mater as a member of the Deacon Club and by serving on the Law School Board of Visitors.

Dan is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Judy; his son, Brian McGinn (Angela McGinn) of Greensboro; his daughter Tracie Jurgensen (Erik Jurgensen) of McLean, Virginia; and his sister Linda Lancaster (Everette Lancaster), of Garner, North Carolina. Dan is also survived by four wonderful grandchildren, Audrey McGinn, Max McGinn, Lucy Jurgensen, and Lola Jurgensen.

Dan will be remembered by family and friends as kind, generous, hardworking, steadfast and witty. He loved his family above all, but also loved the LA Dodgers, his dogs Murphy and Bandit, Wake Forest University, country music, and dark chocolate.

ALLIE PETROVA AND PETROVA LAW RECOGNIZED BY CHAMBERS USA 2025



Allie Petrova

Petrova Law is pleased to announce that [Chambers USA](#) has recognized the firm and Allie Petrova in the Tax practice area in [the 2025 edition of its USA Guide](#) to U.S. leading law firms.

Both the firm's [Tax department](#) and [Allie Petrova](#) received a Band 2 ranking in Tax in North Carolina. Only two percent of lawyers in the United States

receive Chambers rankings while only 0.5% of U.S. law firms are Chambers ranked.

According to Chambers USA: "Allie Petrova is highlighted for her strength in assisting clients with tax structuring, as well as disputes before the IRS."

Petrova Law's Tax department advises business owners, investors, and growth-oriented businesses on business tax matters. The firm represents clients before the United States Tax Court, the Internal Revenue Service, and the state taxing authorities in civil tax examinations, administrative appeals, and litigation where tax cases involving substantial income tax and penalty issues.

[Allie Petrova](#) delivers practical legal advice and tax-efficient strategic planning grounded in sophisticated experience and financial acumen.

Chambers and Partners is a world-renowned legal directory that identifies and ranks the most outstanding law firms and lawyers in over 180 jurisdictions throughout the world. Chambers USA contains over 50 different practice areas and sectors on a state and national level.

JONATHON WOODRUFF NAMED PARTNER AT LAW FIRM CAROLINAS



Jonathon Woodruff

Jonathon Woodruff has been named a partner at Law Firm Carolinas, which has five offices in North and South Carolina. A graduate of North Carolina Central University and Campbell University School of Law, Jonathon has experience in both civil and criminal law. He now focuses on representing community associations (HOAs and condominium associations) and supervises the firm's association assessment collections practice.

ARE YOU READY TO MIX-N-MINGLE?

The GBA's membership committee cordially invites you to a social gathering on Wednesday, October 1st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Grapes & Grains, A Speakeasy Tavern, 2001 Yanceyville Street, located under the historic smokestacks of Revolution Mill!

Your first drink is on the GBA, and we will have light hors d'oeuvres to share with the group!

Help us grow our membership by introducing local attorneys to all that the GBA has to offer. Members who bring a prospective new member will be entered into a raffle for a special prize!

We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship under the stacks!

[Register Here](#)



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Awards & Recognitions - Researches and makes recommendations to the Executive Board for annual awards, award recipients, and member recognitions.

Centennial Celebration - Plans event(s) to commemorate the GBA's 100th anniversary in 2029.

CLE - Plans and presents the GBA's CLE programs; 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.

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.

History & Archives - Conducts interviews with senior members of the Association; preserves GBA history and records.

Holiday Party - Decides on venue, menus, prizes and entertainment for the annual holiday party.

Legal Aid Fundraiser - Identifies a fundraiser project to benefit Legal Aid of NC, and organizes the event.

Membership - Recruits, retains, and engages members; focuses on participation by young lawyers; coordinates Welcome Wagon onboarding; plans Mix & Mingles.

Mentoring - Plans networking activities that pair newly licensed and veteran attorneys.

Newsletter/Print & Social Media - Edits the monthly newsletter; submits press releases.

Nominating - Presents a slate of candidates for new officers and 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; works with Legal Aid on pro bono projects.

Scholarships (Elon Law) - Evaluates applicants for eligibility and worthiness, assessing achievements, academic record, and letters of recommendation in order to identify the most deserving applicant(s).

Summer Law Connect - Plans summer mixers for members and law students with placements at law firms, public employers and corporate legal departments located in Guilford County.

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