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## NEW LAWYERS' DIVISION

### Newsletter

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## November 2010

### NCAJ President Phil Baddour Wants Your Feedback!

NCAJ President Phil Baddour is very interested in finding out what NLD-ers thoughts, ideas and needs are in the area of CLE. Don't make President Baddour wonder too much now -- give him your feedback by taking this brief survey, [linked here](#).

President Baddour has selected Education as the 2010-11 NCAJ platform:

*Learning from each other...making the best even better:*

- o To increase our knowledge
- o To improve our skills
- o To instill our values

In line with that platform, certain education initiatives have been launched in the CLE area that include establishing first-rate NCAJ skills programs, developing top-notch CLE speakers, and most importantly, making certain that all NCAJ members are receiving the type of CLE that is needed in their respective practice areas or levels of practice.

Don't make the **President** wait for your feedback for one more minute! Participate NOW in this short CLE survey, [linked here and above](#).

After your feedback is gathered, results from the CLE survey will be reviewed by the NCAJ Education Committee and incorporated into future NCAJ CLE programming.

### Support the NCAJ Fall Food Drive: November 1-12

Donate food to **NCAJ's Dare to Care: Feed Those in Need Food Drive** sponsored by the **New Lawyers Division**.

**Over one million North Carolinians live in poverty and most receive emergency food each year from a food pantry or soup kitchen.** With this very difficult economic downturn and the upcoming holiday season, there is an increased need for emergency food assistance -- many food banks are nearly empty. *Don't let North Carolinians experience hunger -- let's stock those food bank shelves with food donations from NCAJ members!*

NCAJ has partnered with four food banks across the state to feed those North Carolinians in need: **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, Manna Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina and Food Bank of Eastern & Central North**

## Carolina.

**How can you help?** From Monday, November 1 through Friday, November 12, donation boxes will be located at host law firms, law schools and courthouses in cities across the state. Simply bring any non-perishable food item(s) to a drop-off location listed below. *Get the Word Out Too!* Pass on the NCAJ Food Drive information to colleagues, local county bar associations, etc.

### NCAJ FOOD DRIVE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

#### ASHEVILLE

Food Drive Coordinator: **Steve Agan**, *Hylar & Lopez, NLD Western Region Captain*  
 Host Law Firm: **Hylar & Lopez, PA**, *33 Orange Street*  
 Host Law Firm: **Grimes Teich Anderson LLP**, *535 College Street*  
 Host Law Firm: **Miller Marshall Roth**, *90 Southside Avenue, Suite 100*

#### CARY

Food Drive Coordinator: **Kristi Brown**, *The Jernigan Law Firm, NLD Vice Chair*  
 Host Law Firm: **The Law Office of D. Hardison Wood**, *1400 Crescent Green Drive, Suite 100*

#### CHARLOTTE

Food Drive Coordinator: **Brad Champion**, *Knox, Brotherton, Knox & Godfrey, NLD Charlotte Region Captain*  
 Food Drive Coordinator: **Chas Post**, *Powers McCartan PLLC, NLD Criminal Defense Section Liaison*  
 Host Law Firm: **Knox, Brotherton, Knox & Godfrey**, *817 East Trade Street*  
 Host Law Firm: **Powers McCartan PLLC**, *2412 Arty Avenue*

#### GREENSBORO

Food Drive Coordinator: **Megan Christenbury**, *Oxner Thomas + Permar, NLD Secretary*  
 Host Law Firm: **Karen Jackson Law**, *314 South Eugene Street*  
 Host Law Firm: **Oxner Thomas + Permar**, *1155 Revolution Mill Drive, Studio 4*  
 Other Donation Locations: **Guilford County Courthouse**, *201 South Eugene Street*  
**Elon University School of Law**, *201 North Greene Street*

#### RALEIGH

Food Drive Coordinator: **Kristi Brown**, *The Jernigan Law Firm, NLD Vice Chair*  
 Host Law Firm: **The Jernigan Law Firm**, *2626 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 330*  
 Host Law Firm: **Hardison & Cochran P.L.L.C.**, *4800 Six Forks Road, Suite 220*  
 Host Law Firm: **HensonFuerst, P.A.**, *2501 Blue Ridge Road*  
 Other Donation Location: **NCAJ HQ**, *1312 Annapolis Drive*

#### ROCKY MOUNT

Food Drive Coordinator: **Kristi Brown**, *The Jernigan Law Firm, NLD Vice Chair*  
 Host Law Firm: **HensonFuerst, P.A.**, *2317 Sunset Avenue*

#### WILMINGTON

Food Drive Coordinator: **Stewart Poisson**, *Poisson, Poisson & Bower PLLC, NLD Vice Chair*  
 Host Law Firm: **Poisson, Poisson & Bower PLLC**, *107 A North Second Street*  
 Host Law Firm: **Shipman & Wright, L.L.P.**, *575 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 106*

#### WINSTON-SALEM

Host Law Firm & Food Drive Coordination: **Hartsoe & Associates, P.C.**, *1068 West Fourth Street*

*Many Thanks for Your Food Donations & Continued Support!*

## Upcoming Events – Save These Dates!

### NCAJ REGIONAL MEETING - RSVP TODAY!

*November 18, 2010, 5 to 7 PM*  
*Graham, Nuckolls & Brown, PLLC*  
*321 Evans Street, Suite 200*  
*Greenville*

NCAJ member, **Buddy Conner**, and his colleagues at *Graham, Nuckolls & Brown, PLLC*, on behalf of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, cordially invite you to attend a reception at their law offices in Greenville. What better way to get to know NCAJ than by socializing with fellow NCAJ members in your community!

The NCAJ Regional Meeting is free of charge and open to NCAJ members and non-members -- invite a non-member to attend the meeting with you! For more details or to RSVP, please email [Liz@ncaj.com](mailto:Liz@ncaj.com).

**CROSS-TRAINING FOR PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DWI ISSUES THAT CAN IMPACT YOUR CASE - [REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

November 19, 2010  
 Sheraton Downtown  
 Raleigh

Join CLE Program Chair, **Bill Powers**, for a seminar for civil attorneys representing the victim of an impaired driver. These cases present special challenges to the civil practitioner. The first challenge is that a conviction for a DWI is never a guarantee.

This seminar will prepare you to:

- Hit the ground running.
- Navigate the unfamiliar ground of District Criminal Court.
- Ensure a helpful conviction.
- Get the criminal defense attorney on your side against the insurance company by developing a bad faith case.
- Gather information on the defendant to show a jury why a large punitive damage verdict is necessary to deter future impaired driving.

[Click here](#) for a detailed brochure.

[Click here](#) to register.

Can't attend the LIVE seminar? Call 866.702.3278 or go to [www.fastcle.com](http://www.fastcle.com) to register for the LIVE WEBCAST.

Interested in other CLE? [Click here](#) for the full schedule of upcoming NCAJ CLEs.

#### **UPCOMING SECTION & DIVISION EVENTS - RSVP TODAY!**

All NCAJ members are welcome to attend any NCAJ Section or Division event. For more details or to RSVP, please email [AndreaD@ncaj.com](mailto:AndreaD@ncaj.com).

*Nov 12:* Employment Law Section Regional Meetings, Locations: Raleigh, Durham, Charlotte, Greenville

*Dec TBD:* Criminal Defense Section Regional Social, Charlotte

*Dec 2:* Workers Comp Section Meeting, NCAJ, Raleigh

*Dec 9:* DAS ALJ Networking Reception, Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro

*Dec 15:* Criminal Defense Section Social, Greensboro

*February 4, 2011:* Employment Law Section Cocktail Reception, NCAJ, Raleigh

*March TBD:* NLD Charlotte Regional Division Social, Charlotte

*March 23:* Mexican Consulate Reception, NCAJ, Raleigh

## **A How-To...NCAJ's Listservs**

**NCAJ's listservs are tremendous resources that provide a wealth of information to listserv members on a 24/7 basis, at the office, at home, on your hand-held or anywhere in between!** NCAJ's listservs give you access to advice from members statewide willing to answer those vexing questions that come up from time to time. In court and need a quick answer? Want to strategize next steps in your case? Need a legal form and don't have it handy? Post a email message to one of NCAJ's 22 listservs and get an immediate response from members statewide.

Using any of NCAJ's listservs is EASY -- [click here](#) for a handy listserv FAQ.

NCAJ's listservs are only as secure as NCAJ members make them -- [click here](#) to review the NCAJ Listserv Protocol.

#### **LISTSERV TIPS**

- To set-up your listserv account, please email [AndreaD@ncaj.com](mailto:AndreaD@ncaj.com) -- a NCAJ member can not set-up his/her listserv account directly with Trialsmith.
- Once subscribed to a NCAJ listserv, read the Welcome message that is emailed to you from the NCAJ listserv -- it contains a bunch of great information for you regarding that specific NCAJ listserv.
- Please DO NOT forward any NCAJ listserv messages - this only further enhances the security and integrity of

NCAJ's listservs.

- Please email [Robyn@ncaj.com](mailto:Robyn@ncaj.com) PRIOR to making a post promoting a non-NCAJ CLE on any NCAJ listserv.
- If you would like to search the NCAJ listserv archives housed on the Trialsmith website, [www.trialsmith.com](http://www.trialsmith.com), you first need to setup your username and password with Trialsmith (your NCAJ username and password are not necessarily the username and password you will use on the Trialsmith website).

To set-up a username and password to search the NCAJ listserv archive on the Trialsmith website:

- Go to [www.trialsmith.com](http://www.trialsmith.com)
- Click on Join in the upper right corner
- Choose Subscribe Now from the drop-down menu
- Choose North Carolina Advocates for Justice from the drop-down menu
- Click on View Plans
- Choose the Basic Plan (\$0.00 for 12 months)
- Click Continue at the bottom of the page
- Click I Agree to the License Agreement
- Enter your contact information and choose your username and password
- Click Continue. Trialsmith vets all access requests so please allow 1 hour for Trialsmith to research and approve your request.

Not participating in NCAJ's listservs yet (what are you waiting for?) or have a question about the NCAJ Listserv Protocol? Please email [AndreaD@ncaj.com](mailto:AndreaD@ncaj.com).

## Division Member News

*Congratulations & Much Success to the NLD-ers listed below in their individual endeavors!*

**Amanda Blackman Phillips** will be hanging out a shingle in mid-November. **Amanda** can be reached at *The Law Offices of Amanda Blackman Phillips*, PLLC, P.O. Box 519, Lewisville, NC, (336) 945-4500, [amandaphillips@triad.nrr.com](mailto:amandaphillips@triad.nrr.com).

**Charlie Hall** of *Legal Aid of NC* in Winston-Salem, reports that he and his wife, Amany Said Hall, a licensed Egyptian attorney, held a wedding reception on July 29, 2010 celebrating their marriage on October 28, 2009. In addition, **Charlie** is a volunteer Ombudsman for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (an agency of the Department of Defense). **Charlie** brokered a settlement between employer and service member whereby employer compensated service member with one month's pay due to employer's violation under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

**Jimmy Haynes**, formerly of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, has joined *Benson, Brown & Faucher, PLLC* in Greensboro as an associate, practicing in the areas of personal injury litigation, business litigation and real estate.

**Karen Jackson** announces the opening of her practice, *Karen E. Jackson, Attorney at Law*, at 314 South Eugene Street in Greensboro. The practice will focus on issues related to criminal/traffic defense and family/juvenile law. **Karen** serves as the NLD Family Law Section Liaison, is a member of the Family Law, Juvenile Defense and Criminal Defense Sections and can be contacted at [karenjacksonlaw@gmail.com](mailto:karenjacksonlaw@gmail.com) or (336) 273-0049.

**Marty Rosenbluth** is now the Executive Director of the *N.C. Immigrants Rights Project*, a new non-profit organization based in Durham. The Immigrant Rights Project will focus on training and capacity building for non-immigration attorneys on how they can better protect their clients under the current cooperation agreements between local law enforcement agencies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. **Marty** can be contacted at [marty@immigrantrightsproject.org](mailto:marty@immigrantrightsproject.org).

**Joseph Schmitz** of *Hartsoe & Associates, P.C.*, reports that the firm, with its principal office in Winston-Salem, has opened a new office in Greensboro, representing clients in domestic, bankruptcy, tax relief, personal injury and other civil litigation matters.

## 2010-11 New Lawyers Division Officers

**Chair** [Elizabeth Stewart Poisson](#) (Wilmington)  
**Vice Chair** [Kristina Brown](#) (Raleigh)  
**Secretary** [Megan Christenbury](#) (Greensboro)  
**Immediate Past Chair** [Ben Whitley](#) (Raleigh)  
**CLE Chair** [Matthew Ballew](#) (Raleigh)  
**Publications Chair** [Jesse Rigsby, IV](#) (Raleigh)

### NLD Regional Captains:

**Region 1 - Eastern** [Meredith Hinton](#) (Greenville)  
**Region 2 - Southern** [Elizabeth Stewart Poisson](#) (Wilmington)  
**Region 3 - Triangle** [Joseph Baznik](#) (Raleigh)  
**Region 4 - Triad** [Rhett Johnson](#) (Winston-Salem), [Whitney Wallace](#) (Salisbury)  
**Region 5 - Charlotte** [Brad Champion](#) (Charlotte)  
**Region 6 - Western** [Steve Agan](#) (Asheville)

### NLD Liaisons:

**Auto Torts** [Meredith Hinton](#) (Greenville)  
**Civil Rights** [Russell Johnson](#) (Raleigh)  
**Consumer Areas of Practice** [J. Matt Norris](#) (Raleigh)  
**Criminal Defense** [Toussaint Romain](#) (Charlotte), [Chas Post](#) (Charlotte)  
**Disability Advocacy** [Ashley Maxwell](#) (Raleigh)  
**Eminent Domain** [Benjamin Mount](#) (Raleigh)  
**Employment Law** [Vanessa Lucas](#) (Raleigh)  
**Family Law** [Karen Jackson](#) (Greensboro)  
**Hispanic Latino Legal Issues** [Anabel Rosa](#) (Durham)  
**Juvenile Defense** [Brandi Clemmons](#) (Durham)  
**Products Liability** [Scott Harris](#) (Raleigh)  
**Professional Negligence** [Will Elam](#) (Charlotte)

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