

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2016



Firm News, Case Wins, Events,
Community News

Commercial Litigation Team Obtains Defense

Verdict in Defamation Case

[Joe Kingma](#), [Billy Newcomb](#) and [Matt Gass](#) recently obtained a

defense verdict in a defamation case brought by a large

corporate plaintiff who was represented by commercial

litigators from two large firms. Plaintiff sought general damages, punitive damages,

and recovery of two million dollars they spent on attorneys' fees.



Please click [here](#) for more information.



Basketball and Trial – It's All About Teamwork

 by [Joe Kingma](#)

We had a busy but rewarding few weeks in March defending a commercial defamation case. It is an important case that has been in the paper several times and the trial was filmed by an internet television network. After a long week at trial, I met Billy and Matt on Saturday to prepare for the closing and jury charges.

That Saturday night, I was player/coach in the *Jawbones v. Sawbones* (lawyers v. doctors)

charity basketball game. This is the fifth year that this event has been played to support the Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse

<http://www.sbsclubhouse.dreamhosters.com/>). Side by Side works with victims of brain injury and their families, helping them to be the best that they can be. Our firm has been proud to support this great cause since its inception. Last year we raised about \$76,000, but we lost the game to the doctors. I was asked to be the player coach and not just a player this year. I took it on because I like to help organize teams and make them successful.

Click [here](#) for full story and details of the fierce competition.

Congratulations to Thomas Carlock and Shannon Sprinkle - Daily Report Professional Excellence Honorees 2016

[Thomas Carlock](#) and [Shannon Sprinkle](#) are 2016 Honorees for the Daily

Report's Professional Excellence. Mr. Carlock is a Lifetime Achievement

Honoree; Ms. Sprinkle is an "On the Rise" Honoree.



**Save The Date for Professional Liability
Seminar for Accountants - May 19, 2016
Buckhead Club, Atlanta, GA**

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

[Joe Kingma](#) and the [Accounting Malpractice Defense Team](#) will present Risk Management for Audit and Accounting Firms.

Please contact Patricia O'Toole at potoole@carlockcopeland.com or 404.221.2268 for information regarding this program. CE/CPE/CLE Credits applied for.

[Click here for more information](#)



**South Carolina Risk Management for
Design Professionals Seminar in
Charleston, SC - June 2**

[Kent Stair](#), [Paul Sperry](#) and the [Design Professional Group](#) will review the latest concerns and hot topics related to risk management for design professionals.

June 2 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.

[Francis Marion Hotel](#), 387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

[Click here to RSVP for June 2nd event](#)



**Carlock, Copeland & Stair welcomes
Tracy Baker, Quinn Bennett and**

Tawny Mack.

[Tracy Baker](#) joins the firm as an Associate in the Workers' Compensation group. Tracy received her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University School of Business and her law degree from The University of Mississippi, School of Law.

[Quinn Bennett](#) joins the firm as an Associate working with the McGrew and Copeland teams. He received his undergraduate degree from Valdosta State University with a major in Political Science and his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

[Tawny Mack](#) joins the firm in the Atlanta office as an Associate in the Construction Group. Tawny received her undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, in Psychology from Georgia Southern University.

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We are proud to announce that nine of our lawyers have been selected for inclusion on the South Carolina Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars® lists for 2016.

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Recent Case Results

Motion for Summary Judgment Obtained for Non-Profit Property Owners

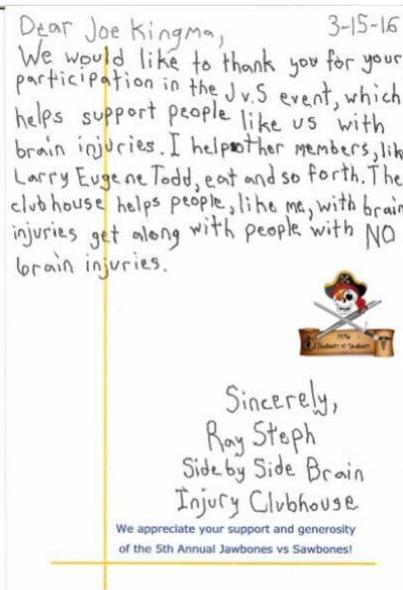
[Mike Ethridge](#) and [Jack Daniel](#) recently obtained dismissal for two non-profit entities facing several million dollars in alleged damages. The case involved three plaintiffs that were victims of violent criminal assaults at a condominium complex owned by the non-profit companies. The assailants that committed the assaults both received extensive prison sentences. Plaintiffs then sued several parties alleging that they failed to implement proper security measures at the housing complex where the assaults took place. After initial discovery, [Jack Daniel](#) argued for summary judgment on behalf of the non-profit property owners. The Circuit Court granted the motion, agreeing that as commercial landlords, the two non-profits did not owe a general duty to protect the Plaintiffs' from criminal acts of third parties.

Kent Stair and Patrick Norris Secured a Defense Verdict for their Mechanical Engineer Client

[Kent Stair](#) and [Patrick Norris](#) secured a defense verdict for their mechanical engineer client in Georgia after a two-day arbitration hearing in February. The claimant was seeking damages in excess of \$800,000 for allegedly faulty HVAC systems. The arbitrator ultimately found insufficient evidence to prove engineering malpractice.

[Click for Details and Case Results](#)

Latest Community News



Members of
the Atlanta

Construction and Workers' Compensation Practice Groups participated, alongside their clients, in a Habitat for Humanity build in East Point on April 9, 2016.



Kudos and
congratulations to
workers'

compensation associate, [Evan Beauchamp](#), on completing the Boston Marathon (26.2 miles) yesterday in 2 hours and 42 minutes (6:13 min/mile). He finished 158th in his age group (18-39) and 196 overall out of over 28,000 of the fastest runners in the world!!

Upcoming Events

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