



SCBLA

South Carolina Black Lawyers Association

Newsletter

May 2022

Dear SCBLA Family,

I hope you are doing well and had a productive first quarter of 2022. It is hard to believe it has been six months since we convened for our 2021 Annual Conference in Charleston, SC. If you were unable to attend, you missed a treat! Hats off to Lakesha Jeffries and her committee on (another) fabulous conference! Please check out the conference recap and pictures within this issue. We can't wait to see what the committee has in store for 2022!

I would like to recognize the recipient of the 2022-2023 Matthew J. Perry Scholarship, Ms. India Whaley. Ms. Whaley is a 2023 Juris Doctor/IMBA Candidate at the University of South Carolina. Please read more about Ms. Whaley and the scholarship within this issue.

I would also like to recognize Judge J. Michelle Childs, who is receiving our Member Spotlight. In honor of Judge Childs, SCBLA is donating \$1,000.00 to the South Carolina Association for Justice ("SCAJ") Portrait Fund. SCAJ is recognizing the exceptional career of Judge Childs with the Outstanding Contribution to Justice Award this summer at their annual convention. In addition to the portrait fund, any remaining funds will be contributed to SCAJ scholarship funds at the USC School of Law and the Charleston School of Law in honor of Judge Childs. I know I speak for our entire organization when I say Judge Childs continues to make us proud!

I hope to see all of you on Wednesday at our Annual Legislative Fish Fry taking place May 4th at Coble Plaza (Lower Level Edventure). Due to the pandemic, this will be our first fish fry in three years! Please see inside this issue for invite and details. **This event is FREE for SCBLA Members, Black Caucus Members & their guests.**

As usual, this issue contains announcements regarding events and news affecting our membership and submitted by YOU for YOU. Please keep the submissions coming...we love hearing from you!

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S C B L A Presents



ALL YOU CAN EAT!

FISH

May 4th
Wednesday
STARTING AT
5:30PM -8PM

FRY



211 GERVAIS STREET

Columbia, SC

COBLE PLAZA

[LOWER LEVEL EDVENTURE]

\$20

NON-MEMBERS



Free for SCBLA Members, Black Caucus Members, & their guests

We hope to see you on
Wednesday at the Fish Fry!

If you have not yet registered,
you can do so [HERE!](#)

Conference Recap!

Your response to the 2021 19th annual CLE and conference was OVERWHELMING! Because of the large number of requests received we had to literally CLOSE the registration period. And for that, we give THANKS!

We all left the conference last year feeling inspired and renewed. Our presenters were phenomenal from start to finish and the tribute to Ms. Edna Primus and her legacy was heart-warming. We stand on the shoulders of greatness and are always reminded that our profession is more than just work. We are change agents and make black history every day that we show up. It gets hard, and we sometimes fall, but we endure.

Our annual conferences provide a wonderful opportunity and time for us to continue our education and reconnect in a way that feels very much like a Family Reunion. And so, we can't wait to see you again in September for our grand 20th ALL IN THE FAMILY Annual Conference and CLE. Save the dates now: September 22-23, 2022 in Charleston and be on the lookout for more information soon.

Yours in Solidarity,

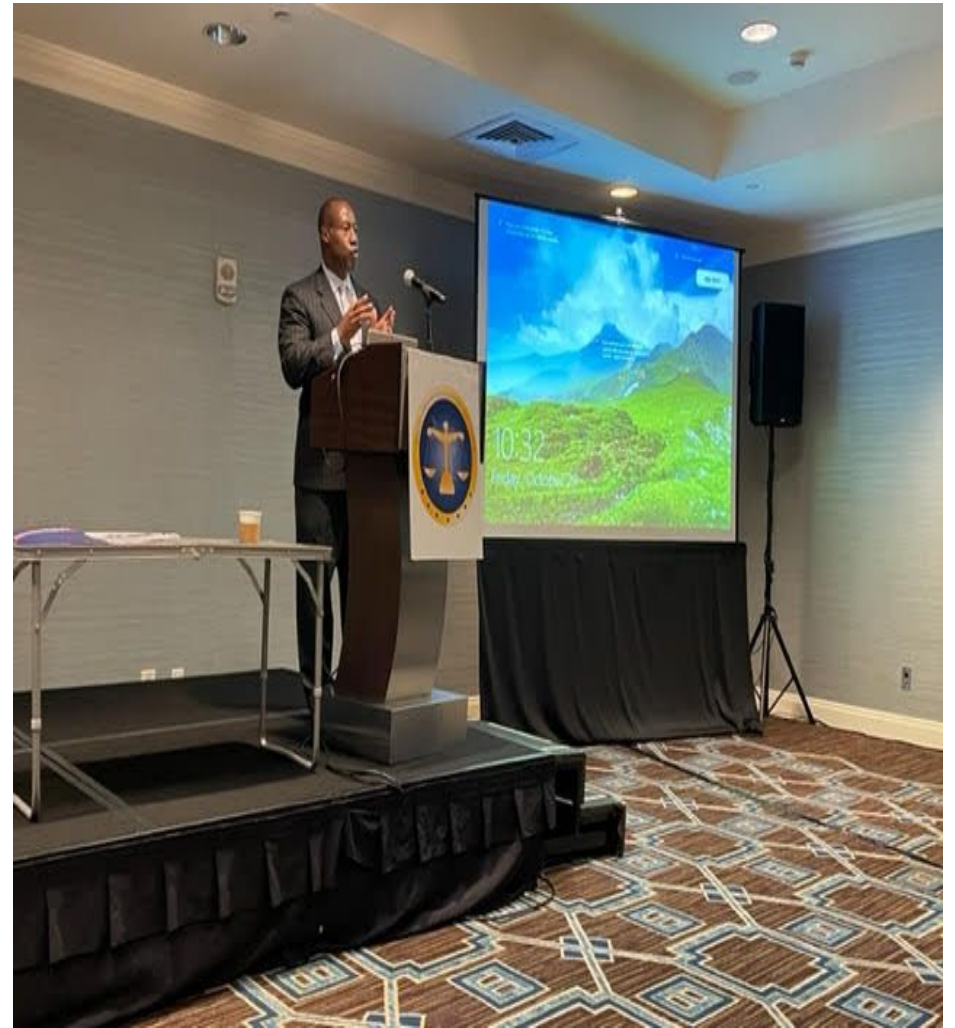
Lakesha Jeffries

Leslie Simpson

2022 Annual Conference Chairs



Pictured above, from left to right, are Judge Martin, Judge Benjamin, Judge Glover, and Judge Stoney during discussions with the Judiciary Panel.



Pictured above are 1) Carl Solomon and 2) John Mobley; speaker/sponsors at the conference!



Pictured above are 1) Andrea Loney and Breon Walker with Tina Herbert accepting the Matthew J. Perry Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Edna Smith Primas, who received the award posthumously; 2) Andrea Loney presenting and 3) SC Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty during the Judiciary Panel discussion.



Members at the Thursday evening reception.



Matthew J. Perry Scholarship

SCBLA is currently accepting applications for the 2022-2024 Matthew J. Perry Scholarship.

The scholarship award is \$500.00/semester for two (2) years, provided the award recipient satisfies the renewal requirements of enrollment and of maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA.

The eligibility requirements are outlined below:

- Be a citizen of the U.S.;
- Have successfully completed the first year of law school;
- Have and maintain a GPA of at least 2.5; and
- Have completed at least 25 hours of community service (preferred but not required)

The application process is outlined below:

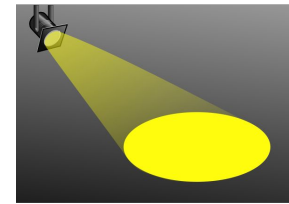
- One (1) page statement regarding why the applicant should receive the scholarship, including community involvement; and
- Official law school transcript

The submission deadline is June 30, 2022. Please return the requested information to SCBLA at scblaweb@gmail.com. Award recipient(s) will be contacted prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year.



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Member Spotlight



April's Member Spotlight focuses on **Judge J. Michelle Childs!**

Upon graduating from law school, Judge Childs became an associate attorney at Nexsen Pruet Jacobs and Pollard law firm (1992 to 2000). She then became the first black female partner in a major law firm in the state of South Carolina. Thereafter, she received two gubernatorial appointments to become the Deputy Director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (2000-02) and a Commissioner on the South Carolina Worker's Compensation Commission (2002-06). She was then elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to be an at-large Circuit Court Judge (2006-10).

She now serves as a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina (2010-present), having been appointed by President Barack Obama.

Judge Childs was on President Biden's short list for nominee to the United States Supreme Court. She is his current pick for the federal appeals court in Washington, D.C.

As indicated, SCBLA is donating \$1,000.00 to the South Carolina Association for Justice ("SCAJ") Portrait Fund in honor of Judge Childs!

Join us in celebrating Judge Childs and keeping her and her family in our prayers!

Announcements

Member, **Leslie Simpson** has been added to the Voorhees College Board of Trustees! Join us in congratulating, Leslie! Check out the press release [here!](#)



Anderson City Council appointed **Carolyn E. Galloway** to the position of Associate Municipal Judge. Judge Galloway is the first female and first African-American to serve as a Municipal Judge in Anderson. See the [press release](#). Join us in congratulating her!

SCBLA's Communications Committee is seeking 2-3 volunteers to assist with rolling out the monthly **Newsletter!** If you are interested and have related experience, please email [Jasmine!](#)

Job Vacancies

- Attorney I, Law Clerk (Floater)

If interested, please submit your resume, 3 references, and writing samples as directed below to:

Tiffany Raines, Esquire
South Carolina Court Administration
1220 Senate Street, Suite 200
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
traines@sccourts.org

Deadline to apply is May 16th.

- Assistant United States Attorney

The District of South Carolina is seeking applications from experienced attorneys for three permanent Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) positions. These positions are in their Criminal Division with two positions in our Columbia office and one position in our Greenville office.

Deadline to apply is May 5th.

Learn more here : [USAJOBS - Job Announcement](#)



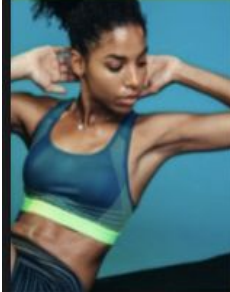



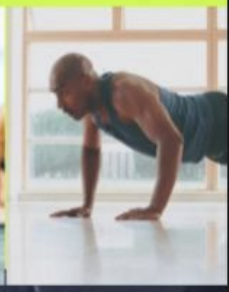
Also, feel free to check out his Instagram page [@b_roc07](#) or contact him at bfit07@yahoo.com.

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5 WAYS TO CHANGE INTO HEALTHY LIFE

- 1. PRAY AND MEDITATE**
- 2. GET A PERSONAL TRAINER**
- 3. DO CARDIO EXERCISES**
- 3. LIFT WEIGHTS**
- 4. EAT HEALTHY AND PORTIONS**
- 5. STRETCH AND DO AT LEAST ONE EXERCISE A DAY**

TOP EXERCISES TO DO AT HOME

AB TWISTS	SQUATS	LUNGES	PLANKS	PUSHUPS
				

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