



What do I Love About Being a Lawyer?

By Beth Kinsinger, President, GCBA

Fellow GCBA Members:

I recently read an article in the ABA Journal entitled “Why I Love Being a Lawyer.” So, I asked several of our bar members what they “loved” about practicing law. Some people had good reasons, some people had funny reasons, and some simply said “I don’t.” Don’t worry, I won’t print those names here. However, it also got me to thinking, what do I “love” about practicing law? To be honest, I like winning (don’t we all), but more than that, I love being an advocate for my client, researching an issue, and finding a way to accomplish the objectives of my client. I enjoy preparing for hearings and figuring out the pieces to the puzzle that will be most compelling to a Judge. I love the feeling when I hit the “enter” button to e-file something that has consumed the previous days (and sometimes weeks!). I love the little bit of nerves I get anytime I stand up to argue a point in Court. We all have our reasons for having chosen this profession. I think it is good to reflect on what got us here and why we continue to do what we do. Let’s face it, the law is a profession which requires a great deal of time and commitment; we should like what we do – even if we don’t “love” it every minute.

In addition to being the month of “love,” February is also recognized as Black History Month. There are many activities

going on throughout Gwinnett in celebration of Black History Month. Some activities include the Gwinnett History Museum in Lawrenceville hosting local authors on February 26; many local libraries are also hosting Reading Relays throughout the month. In celebration of Black History Month, we have taken the opportunity to spotlight our newest addition to the Judiciary here in Gwinnett – Judge Rodney Harris.

This month’s newsletter also includes tips on typography – it’s not just what you write, but how it looks that’s important – process service, and some updates on the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers and its activities.

We have scheduled our celebration for Law Day 2011 on April 29 at the Sugarloaf Country Club; please mark your calendars! We will also celebrate and recognize our judiciary and their staff at a luncheon on May 6 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.

Finally, I hope to see you at our Bar Luncheon on February 18, 2011. Our speaker is Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard. Let’s give Judge Dillard a warm welcome to Gwinnett!

Until next month,

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