

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

On October 28, 2010, the Sandy Springs Bar Association helped sponsor the 2nd Annual BASICS Reception, a highly successful anti-recidivism program of the State Bar of Georgia and put on by the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia.

We congratulate, the Host Committee: Avarita Hanson, Justice Leah Sears, Judge Thelma W. Cummings, Seth Kirschenbaum, Nancy Scott Rogers, Terry Walsh, Rita Williams, Kendall Butterworth, Rick Deane, Brandi Reeves. . . on a job well done.

Mark your calendars, our Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Flavor Cafe on Johnson Ferry Road, Sandy Springs, GA.

We promise a holiday mixture of new and old members judges, and Sandy Springs/Fulton County dignitaries.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child for the Sandy Springs Community Action Center.

Thank You!!

Thank you JMLS Academic Dean Michael Mears for speaking to us on "Legal education then and now" at our October 14th meeting.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Special Guest:



JUSTICE

**Attorney
G. Douglas Dillard**

Zoning/planning

DATE

November 11th, 2010

LOCATION

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Five Seasons at the Prado
11:45 to 1:00 - \$15.00

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BAR ASSOCIATION SUPPORT TO IMPROVE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Promoting citizenship & protecting society

In 1976, when Chief Justice Warren Burger, of the U.S. Supreme Court, challenged this nation's lawyers to become more involved in making improvements in the criminal justice system, no one could have foreseen that the BASICS program, established by the State Bar of Georgia, would survive for 30 years. But, as it begins its 31st year, we can proudly report that BASICS has survived and has been successful in its mission to improve our communities by helping reduce recidivism in the criminal justice system.

Although the BASICS Program provides services to inmates in the diversion and transition centers of the Georgia Department of Corrections, budgetary and political considerations impact the funding available to the program from the state of Georgia. Consequently, state financial support for BASICS is sporadic, making it necessary for BASICS to continually solicit private funding to carry out its mission.

The BASICS program has survived because of the sincerity of the inmate participants and their willingness to apply to their everyday lives the values they have learned from the BASICS program. Over the course of the last 30 years, BASICS has presented the "World of Works" curriculum to over 10,000 Georgia prison inmates. These inmates have returned to our society as contributing citizens, better able to secure and maintain steady employment and less likely to return to a life of crime. Some former inmates have even been inspired to start their own businesses after completing the BASICS program. Among the records available from the Department of Corrections, BASICS graduates have a recidivism rate of only 16 percent!! The BASICS program is very effective and contributes much to the criminal justice system, and ultimately, performs a great service for our society.

With a recidivism rate of around 16 percent, and a cost per inmate of considerably less than \$1,000, this program is an outstanding example of what education and training can do for everyone. Please consider donating to this worthy program. You can do so by clicking [here](#), and scrolling down to BASICS. Or by mailing your contribution to Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, 104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 630, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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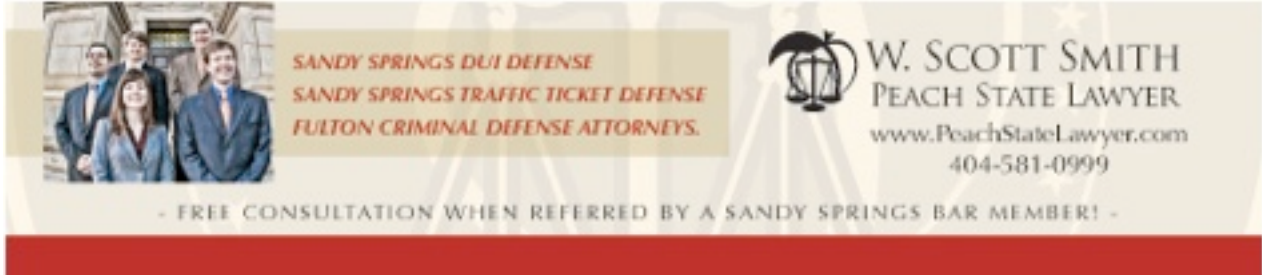
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