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What do **Alice F. Paylor, Robert W. Foster Sr., George M. and Kaye G. Hearn and Edward P. Perrin** have in common? They have all renewed their commitment at the Society of Justice level.

J. Edward Bell III and Susan C. Rosen are two new donors at this distinguished level.

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Rearranging Our Mission

The Bar Foundation Board is conducting a strategic thinking process with the goal of becoming a more proactive service arm of the SC Bar. In this process, the Board reflected upon the mission of the Foundation which was stated as, "To fund and support legal representation for low income citizens; provide law related education services to the public; improve the administration of justice and enhance the legal profession for members of the bench and bar of South Carolina."

That mission continues to define who we are, who we fund and what we do. We will now rephrase that mission to read as follows: **"Our mission is to fund the advancement of justice by improving access, education and accountability."**

Honor a Distinguished Member of the Bar

The Bar Foundation currently is accepting nominations for the 2008 DuRant Distinguished Public Service Award. Recipients are nominated and selected by their professional peers, establishing this recognition as one of the most prestigious statewide awards that members of the Bar can bestow on a fellow attorney.

Selection criteria include meritorious service to the law and the community. Eligibility is limited to living members of the South Carolina Bar. Sitting judges and current public office holders are not eligible; however, past service in such positions will be considered. The award recipient will be honored at the Bar Convention's plenary luncheon in January 2009.

Nomination forms may be obtained at www.sctbarfoundation.org or by calling Dee Sanders at (803) 765-0517. Nominators should return the application to the Foundation no later than November 3.

Foundation Helping Organizations Attract and Retain Legal Staff

The Bar Foundation announces awards totaling \$170,978 to 32 civil legal aid attorneys for loan repayment. This is the second year of awards through the Ness-Blatt Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) pushing the total upwards of \$330,000.

LRAP assistance is considered a forgivable loan. To have the loan forgiven, a participant shall complete a year of employment with a qualifying employer and make educational debt payments (interest and/or principal) that equal at least the amount of Foundation and other LRAP assistance received during the award year. By forgiving loan awards in exchange for service at the organization, the Foundation is hopeful that more hard-working and dedicated legal services lawyers will be able to remain in the legal services arena. For more information on the debt burden faced by legal services lawyers, please visit www.sctbarfoundation.org.

Memory Hold the Door – Harper, Martin and Todd Among Those to be Honored

The Bar Foundation is pleased to award \$15,000 in support of the SC Bar and USC Law's Memory Hold the Door program. Memory Hold the Door was established in 1858 to preserve "the spirit and high ethical and professional standards of past leaders of the legal profession."

The Foundation will contribute the funds in memory of those selected by the Memory Hold the Door committee. The funds will be utilized to promote the welfare of the legal profession by funding lectures and student scholarships, as well as academic research and related programs. To view the list of honorees, please visit www.sctbarfoundation.org. Individuals or firms wishing to honor these worthy individuals are asked to direct contributions to the Bar Foundation.

The ceremony will be held Thursday, January 22 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM during the SC Bar Convention at the Marriott Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach.

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Giving Season is Upon Us!

A fall newsletter would not be complete without a reminder that the giving season is upon us. The Foundation's annual report will come across your desk in early December, yet we realize that many members of the legal profession plan now in regard to charitable giving. If you question why you should support your Foundation, please consider the following:

- We fund programs that put non-violent dads in livable wage jobs so that they can pay child support and re-engage in the lives of their kids.
- We financially support non-profits that get women and their children out of abusive and life threatening situations.
- We fund initiatives that teach today's youth about the importance of being a good citizen and how they can make a positive difference in their communities.

These examples represent the tip of the iceberg when it comes to your Bar Foundation making a difference in South Carolina. For more details on how your Bar Foundation works for you, visit www.sctbarfoundation.org.

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