

# Henry County Bar Association

Promoting the legal profession in Henry County and providing fellowship for its members.

## You are Cordially Invited . . .

The HCBA January Luncheon is this Friday, February 23, 2018 at 12:00 noon at Anthony's Pizza. Our guest speaker is fellow HCBA member Honorable John A. "Trea" Pipkin III. Judge Pipkin was sworn in as Superior Court Judge for the Flint Judicial Circuit in January of 2018.

If you have not already RSVP'd and plan to attend please RSVP to Amanda Flora (Aflora@pandoralaw.com) no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

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### Upcoming Events:

February  
23 HCBA Monthly Luncheon

March-April  
TBD HCBA Networking Happy Hour

## Great Turnout for January Luncheon!

The HCBA January Luncheon was held on January 26 at Anthony's Pizza. Our speaker was Bryan Tyson, the Executive Director of the Georgia Public Defender Council. Mr. Tyson spoke on the importance of the role of the public defender in our judicial system.

Forty-four members of the HCBA attended the luncheon.

(Pictured L-R, HCBA President **Maritza Ramos**, **Bryan Tyson**, Executive Director of the Georgia Defender Council, and HCBA Vice-President **Amanda Flora**.)



## 2 Judge Godwin Portrait Unveiled



Chief Magistrate Judge Henry Godwin retired from the Magistrate Court of Henry County at the end of 2017. The Henry County Bar Association solicited donations from its members for a portrait of Judge Godwin that will hang in the Courthouse honoring his service to the Court and this community. The portrait was unveiled at the HCBA Christmas Party at Eagle's Brooke Country Club on December 7th.

Pictured L-R, *Chief Magistrate Judge **Henry Godwin**, Magistrate Court of Henry County, and Magistrate Judge **Wesley Shannon**, Magistrate Court of Henry County.*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to HCBA Member and Superior Court Judge **Brian J. Amero**, who was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges!

Congratulations to HCBA Member **Brian Strickland**, who was elected State Senator of District 17 on January 9<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to HCBA Member and new Superior Court Judge **John A. "Trea" Pipkin III**, who was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Nathan Deal in January!

If you would like to congratulate a colleague on a recent achievement or milestone, please pass along those congratulatory notes to one of the HCBA officers to include in a future newsletter.

### 3 State Bar Provides Wellness Resources

The State Bar of Georgia provides resources to its members to promote wellness in their professional and personal lives. The Attorney Wellness Task Force is made of a dedicated group of practicing Georgia attorneys, and includes HCBA Member *Megan Pearson*.

One State Bar initiative, the Lawyer Assistance Program, provides six (6) free counseling sessions per issue per year to State Bar members. It also provides a 24-hour confidential hotline at 1-800-327-9631 for members who have a personal problem causing significant concern. The SOLACE Program (Support of Lawyers, All Concern Encouraged) provides support to attorneys who experience significant life changing events in their families, such as illness, tragic injury, and fire loss. The Attorney Wellness Task Force also promotes a Suicide Awareness Campaign.

If you would like additional information on the Wellness Resources available to State Bar members, please visit the Wellness Initiative page in “Attorney Resources” on the State Bar web site.

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If you have an idea for a story or information you would like to share, please contact one of the 2018 HCBA Officers:

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