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About Our Upcoming Speaker:

Herman Cain



Herman Cain grew up poor in Atlanta, Georgia. Both of his parents struggled to care for him and his brother. His mother worked as a domestic and his father held several jobs, including serving as a chauffeur for the Coca-Cola Co. Cain's parents stressed the importance of education, a lesson he took to heart. In 1967, Cain graduated from Morehouse College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He continued his studies at Purdue University, earning a master's degree in computer science. During this time, Cain worked for the U.S. Navy. There he helped design fire control systems.

With his advanced technical skills, Cain became a systems analyst for Coca-Cola. He then moved in 1977 to food giant Pillsbury where he worked his way up to vice president. Switching from information technology to business management, Cain went to work at the company's Burger King division. Cain learned the ropes by manning the grills himself and eventually became a regional vice president for the fast-food chain. In 1986, Cain took on his biggest business challenge. He accepted the post of president and CEO of the failing Godfather's Pizza chain. In fourteen months, Cain managed to turn the pizza chain around, cutting the number of stores by a third and boosted sales at the remaining restaurants. He and other executives later bought the chain from Pillsbury.

In 2004, Cain sought political office for the first time. He failed in his bid to win one of Georgia's Senate seats. Undeterred, Cain threw himself into the race for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination. In August 2011, Cain came in fourth in the Iowa Straw Poll, beating out such better known candidates as Rick Perry and Mitt Romney. He won the Florida Straw Poll a month later.

Today, Cain lives in Sandy Springs, Georgia, with his wife Gloria. The couple have two children and several grandchildren. A devoted fan of gospel music, Cain once recorded his own album of religious songs. He has also hosted his own radio show for an Atlanta station and written several books.

Save The Dates

February 26
Herman Cain

March 2

Spirit Night - Slices of Hope Pizza
660 Peeksville Rd Locust Grove
Sponsored by current graduating class
of Henry County Drug Court .
Contact [Mindy Bowen](#) for info.

March 12

Wills Clinic - Henry Judicial Center
9 a.m. - 1p.m.

March 18

Mike Monahan w/ GLSP,
Pam Hampton w/ Clayton Pro Bono
Project
and Executives Directors for several
local community non-profits.

April 22

Law Day with Bobbie Lee Cook
Presentation for Mock Trial Winners

May 20

Legislative Update
Brian Strickland and Andy Welch



Advice from the Bench: Judge Brian Amero

Henry County Superior Court

Superior Court is less about love and valentines than it is about love lost, forbidden love, lust and perversion. If you've ever sat through a divorce trial with multiple paramours or a sex trial (child molestation, rape, incest, sodomy), you know what I mean.

Unfortunately, the only love we tend to see overflowing in Superior Court is the love of pain killers, opiates, and methamphetamines. These addictions are jealous lovers. They lay claim to your body and soul. They take your family and friends, your career, your skin, your teeth, your sanity and, much too often these days, your life.

In particular, with regard to painkillers and opioids, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found a continued sharp increase in opioid-involved deaths in 2014, reporting 24,648 such deaths.¹

Locally, we are seeing a similar increase in opioid addiction and shocking news stories involving allegations of over-prescription.

For those of you who don't know, we have an Adult Felony Drug Court and a Resource Court here in Henry County that can help with this problem. These programs involve individual and group counselling, frequent random drug testing and an incentive and sanction matrix designed to reinforce our cognitive behavioral therapy-based curriculum which is well known to be an evidence-based best practice.

So, if you are representing someone who appears to be the throes of addiction and seems beyond help, my advice from the bench is that you call Craig Ogilvie, the Director of Accountability Courts, and see if you can not only resolve a criminal charge, but perhaps quite literally save a life.

¹ [Funding to Address the Prescription Opioid Abuse Epidemic.](#)

² [How drug warnings slipped by in the 'Dr. Death' case.](#)

Member Spotlight: Jennifer Lewis



I am Jen Lewis, a Supervising Attorney at the Flint Judicial Circuit Office of the Public Defender, located in McDonough, Georgia. I, along with eight other attorneys, work for Gary Bowman, the Circuit Public Defender. I am excited and proud to be profiled in the Henry County Bar Association Newsletter! I graduated from East Stroudsburg University, Pennsylvania, in 2000, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Sociology and Spanish, as well as a minor in Social Work. After teaching high school Spanish for three years in Charlotte, North Carolina, I followed my dream of being an attorney and went to law school at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California. In 2006, I earned my Juris Doctorate with a specialization in Litigation.

I moved to Atlanta and began working at a national law firm in their Complex Civil Litigation Department. Working at Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. made me realize that I wanted to get into a courtroom and practice what I am passionate about - public defense. Nine years later, I continue to enjoy every minute of it. I love the challenge of helping our clients during what is often the hardest time in their already difficult lives, the importance of protecting our constitutional rights and the strategy required of trials. We Public Defenders always help the "underdog", which is greatly rewarding. Another rewarding aspect of my work is that it encompasses all of my professional training. I use my bilingual abilities when I represent Spanish-speaking clients, and I put my social work training to use when I help clients with mental health issues. I am the felony defense attorney in the Henry County Resource Court and I also work with this population in Superior Court. Every day is an interesting story from interesting people. I get to try cases in front of juries, which is fun, exciting and intellectually challenging! I always wanted to make a real difference in people's lives; I am privileged to be a Public Defender so I can do just that. My good fortune continues at home. I have been happily married to my husband, a Spanish teacher, for 14 years. We raise our family here in Henry County. Finally, I love to shop and I have a great collection of shoes! I am truly blessed in my personal and professional life.

Til Death Do Us Part



Karen Finnegan sued Joseph Finnegan for divorce in July 2007 after 26 years of marriage. Joe's defense was simple: He claimed that when his heart stopped in June 2004, his temporary death dissolved his marriage. His death was "temporary" because cardiopulmonary resuscitation revived him. In fact, Joe claimed that he later died two additional times, in 2004 and 2005. He therefore filed a motion captioned "Motion to Dismiss on the Grounds that the Defendant is No Longer Married to the Plaintiff Having Been Previously Completely, Although Not Permanently Dead." Since Joe's death wasn't permanent or irreversible, his motion was denied.

Source: [NBC News](#)



Chilling Divorce Tales

In the spirit of **Valentine's Day**, here are some tales of divorce stories guaranteed to make the most seasoned divorce attorneys, scratch their heads.



So Many Cats So Little Happiness

A man from southern Israel is divorcing his wife because she adopted 550 pet cats, the Times of Israel reported Wednesday. According to the paper, the unnamed man complained in his divorce docs that the hundreds of kitties hindered his home life at every turn: they blocked the entrance to the bathroom, swarmed the kitchen, and stalked him at mealtime by stealing his food off the table. And though the couple reportedly gave reconciliation a shot at the behest of the rabbinical court, the wife ultimately choose the cats over her husband, and the pair decided to go their separate ways.

Source: [Israel News](#)



A House Divided



A Cambodian man split his home in half by dragging half to his parents' property while leaving his wife and kids with the other. And how did he split his residence in two? With saws and some up-for-anything relatives. Apparently the man was disgruntled over an affair his wife was allegedly having with a local policeman.

Source: [NBC News](#)

My Kidney Or Pay Me

In 2001, Long Island surgeon, Dr. Richard Batista, donated his kidney to his wife, Dawnell, in order to save her life. Although the surgery was a success, the same cannot be said for the marriage which ended when Dawnell filed for divorce in 2005 after 15 years of marriage. Batista claims that his wife began cheating on him eighteen to twenty-four months after she received the transplant. Instead of fighting over the million-dollar home they shared, Batista asked that either his kidney be returned or that he be compensated for it. He sought \$1.5 million in damages. The Court denied his Petition finding that kidneys are not commodities.

Source: [NY Daily News](#)

Just for fun

FOR SALE:
WEDDING DRESS
Worn once by mistake.
Call Leslie.

DIVORCE
A friend of mine just
got divorced.
He and his wife split
the house.
He got the outside.

! WARNING
Marriage is the leading cause
of divorce.
FlashFunpages.com

Marriage is
grand. Divorce
is twenty
grand.


I've never been married, but I tell people
I'm divorced so they won't think
something's wrong with me.

A TRUE
love story
NEVER ENDS



The world's oldest married couple, with a combined age of 213 years, celebrated their 90th wedding anniversary in December 2015. Karam Chand, 110, and his wife Kartari Chand, 103, from Bradford, West Yorkshire will have a lot to reminisce about over a celebratory slice of cake. On December 11, 1925, the couple married in a Sikh ceremony in India when the country was still under British rule.

Source: Metro.co.uk