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A WORD FROM OUR MANAGING PARTNER

The attorneys and staff of Young Clement Rivers want to thank all of our clients for another mutually successful year. As always, we appreciate your business and look forward to our continuing relationship.

The current difficult economic climate continues to affect us all; however, we believe that better days are on the horizon. We are grateful for the loyalty shown by the clients and friends of our law firm and we continue to take pride in the strength and vitality of the firm.

We remain mindful of the fact that the law firm's relationship with its clients is of paramount impor-

tance. To that end, we pledge to continue to provide our clients with efficient, first-rate legal services, delivered with integrity. Above all, we wish you continued success in your professional and personal endeavors.

Wilbur E. Johnson
Managing Partner



YCR WELCOMES RAYMOND BURROUGHS AND BRIAN MCELREATH

YCR is pleased that we have been able to continue to grow and hire new attorneys to better help our clients, even in the midst of tough economic times.

YCR welcomes Raymond Burroughs and Brian McElreath as associate attorneys.



Raymond William Burroughs practices primarily with the firm's Tax, Estate Planning and Probate and Commercial Transactions practice groups. Ray has a BA in History, a BS

in International Business, a JD from USC, and a Master of Laws in Taxation. He is a member of the Charleston Tax Council and Charleston Tax Roundtable.



Brian P. McElreath practices in the Workers' Compensation group and the Longshore and

Harbor Workers' practice group.

Brian received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 2003 jointly from North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and a Juris Doctor from the Charleston School of Law in May of 2009. During law school, Brian was a member of the Maritime Law Bulletin.



YCR SERVICES YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT

YCR has several attorneys with niche practices. Jeffrey Wiseman has developed a practice helping insurance companies investigate fraud. He typically helps investigate house or car fires.



Our tax attorneys are of late working with clients on the new estate tax law. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001 has completely repealed the estate tax and the generation-skipping transfer tax for individuals passing away in 2010, for now. The end result of the change in the tax law for 2010 may mean that people need to change their estate plan as soon as possible. YCR tax attorneys are here to help ensure that their clients' estate documents are appropriate to meet the changes in the law.

The Captive Insurance Group attorneys at Young Clement Rivers advise companies on all aspects of using alternative risk transfer mechanisms, like captive insurance companies ("Captives"), as a solution to a variety of insurance problems. Captives have become the norm for larger business entities, and now many smaller entities, and even groups of individuals, have come to see Captives as a better way to insure property, workers compensation, general and auto liability, professional liability, and product liability risk. Many employers also have begun using Captives to insure some employee benefit risks such as group life, long term disability, medical stop loss, and pension and postretirement benefits. Operating a Captive allows an insured to retain and pre-fund part of its risk internally and offers the potential of turning expenses like premium and commissions into assets.

Young Clement Rivers was one of the first in the state to begin working in this area after legislation was passed in 2000 allowing the formation and use of Captives. The practice group's dedicated focus has earned it a solid reputation for its ability to handle even the most complex alternative risk transfer arrangements and financing. To date, the group's attorneys have assisted in establishing approximately 45 Captives. The group's attorneys assist clients in determining whether they would benefit from establishing a captive as an alternative to traditional insurance, and participate in the necessary planning and ongoing management of the captive entity, including serving as general counsel to the entity if needed.

TRUCKING AND TRANSPORTATION PRACTICE GROUP DEVELOPS FACEBOOK DISCOVERY METHODS

Brandt Horton and Duke Highfield of the Trucking and Transportation Practice Group have been instrumental in developing case law regarding a new avenue of discovery in personal injury cases: Social Networking Accounts (SNW).

Social Networking Sites like Facebook and MySpace provide a snapshot of the user's relationships and state of mind at the time of the content's posting, allowing users to post and share a wide range of information regarding their activities and interests, as well

as photographs depicting their physical conditions.

Because personal injury cases typically revolve around the plaintiff's claims of physical and emotional injuries, information contained on these sites often provides a relevant and accurate depiction of the Plaintiff's emotional and physical states and the affect these alleged injuries have on his or her everyday life. Using a precise sequence of discovery requests, Horton and Highfield determine if the plaintiff maintains such accounts and then seek

production of all postings, status updates and photographs that they contain.

The two Young Clement attorneys have successfully secured many Orders in state and federal court finding this information both relevant and discoverable and compelling production from the plaintiff. In many instances, the information and photographs obtained contradict claims of physical limitations and depression, leading to favorable impeachment evidence and reduced settlement demands.

Special points of interest:

- Our Special Task Litigation group is excited to have recently taken on the defense of a manufacturer in 3 federal lawsuits involving a large oil spill
- Rutledge Young just had his 30th anniversary as an AV rated lawyer, which is the highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethics
- Several YCR attorneys are regularly named as one of South Carolina's "Super Lawyers." For 2010, YCR's lawyers named were Stephen Brown, Carol Ervin, Shawn Daughtridge Wallace, and Rutledge Young.



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