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SC Bar Foundation announces officers for 2015–2016

COLUMBIA, SC — The South Carolina Bar Foundation announces officers for 2015-2016: Marie-Louise Ramsdale, president; Sidney J. Evering II, president-elect; and J. René Josey, secretary/treasurer. As officers, they will work with the Bar Foundation to advance justice to all South Carolina citizens through the outreach programs and services offered by the nonprofit's 19 grantee organizations. Their terms begin July 1.

Marie-Louise Ramsdale is the principal lawyer of the Ramsdale Law Firm, LLC, in Mount Pleasant. With her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, she practices solely in the area of family law. Ramsdale has a wide range of experience in serving nonprofits including past leadership of City Year Columbia and South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness. She is a member of the SC Bar House of Delegates and serves as a volunteer for fee dispute resolution issues.

Sidney J. Evering II is with the law firm of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP. He practices in the areas of public finance, economic development and local government while also serving as Director of Diversity for the firm. In his role as Director of Diversity, Mr. Evering works closely with Parker Poe's Diversity Committee to promote and facilitate an environment of inclusion for all employees through education, special initiatives, and hiring and retention practices. After obtaining his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from USC and his Juris Doctor at the USC School of Law, Evering began his career as an attorney with the South Carolina Association of Counties. Evering is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Black Lawyers Association and the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Diversity Council and Legislative Agenda Task Force committees. Evering has served his community as a member of Leadership South Carolina Class of 2007 and the City Year Columbia board of directors. In 2013, he was named as one of The State's 20 under 40 and recognized by the USC Black Law Students Association with the Jonathan Jasper Wright Award, which is given to an outstanding member of the legal community.

J. René Josey received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. After his first decade in practice, Josey was chosen by then-President Bill Clinton to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, a position Josey held from 1996 through 2001. He began his private practice with Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, PA in 2001, where he is a shareholder with the firm. In addition to the private practice of law, Josey is an adjunct professor and mentor at University of South Carolina School of Law. Josey also serves as a member of South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization. Previously, Josey served as a lecturer in American Government in the Political Science Department of Francis Marion University. An active member of the community, Josey has served numerous charitable and volunteer organizations, and he is a former soccer coach and team manager.

To learn more about the SC Bar Foundation and the work of its grantee organizations, please visit www.scbarfoundation.org.

About the SC Bar Foundation

The South Carolina Bar Foundation funds the advancement of justice by improving access, education and accountability. Since 1987, the Foundation has allocated approximately \$49.7 million to various law-related organizations that work on behalf of the justice community. For more information, visit scbarfoundation.org.

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