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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### A Conversation with Lindsey Graham

Senator Lindsey Graham reflects on his experiences in the presidential campaign and looks ahead to major issues confronting our nation in 2016. What role will he play in the race for the GOP nomination going forward? Who, if anyone, will he support? What are his thoughts about the current frontrunners, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz? What role will the South Carolina primary play? [Read More](#)

### Richardson Plowden names Rollins a shareholder

Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. announced that attorney Clifford Rollins has been named a shareholder in the Firm. [See More](#)

### S.C. Arts Commission welcomes Ashley Kerns Brown as arts education director

Ashley Kerns Brown has joined the staff of the South Carolina Arts Commission as arts education program director. [See More](#)

### Restaurant Week Columbia

Restaurant week is an eleven-day celebration of South Carolina cuisine at hundreds of participating restaurants this week. Check out the interactive guide here. [See More](#)

### The Affordable Care Act brings change for employers in 2016

By Molly Thomas: Becoming familiar with the proposed changes to the Affordable Care Act and its rules and regulations will help employers understand how the Affordable Care Act of 2014 will affect how manage health insurance for their employees in 2016. [See More](#)

### **Collins & Lacy attorney selected as an honoree for the 2016 South Carolina Leadership in Law Awards**

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced that Christian Stegmaier has been chosen as a 2016 South Carolina Leadership in Law Award honoree. [See More](#)

### **Darla Moore School of Business Graduate, Pedro De Abreu, finalist in the 2016 Forbes 30 Under 30**

University of South Carolina and Darla Moore School of Business graduate (USC '14), Pedro De Abreu, 26, was one of the finalists of the 2016 FORBES magazine 30 Under 30. [See More](#)

### **Gov. Nikki Haley announces statewide domestic violence reforms**

Governor Nikki Haley, members of the South Carolina Domestic Violence Task Force, and solicitors from around the state held a Statehouse press conference announcing the implementation of the first set of significant, statewide reforms to address domestic violence in South Carolina. [See More](#)

### **Sowell Gray law firm celebrates 20th year with yearlong community service**

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte celebrates 20 years practicing law in Columbia, SC with a yearlong commitment to service projects that give back to the community. [See More](#)

### **Healthy Hands Cooking awarded multi-year alliance with USC/Columbia Technology Incubator**

Healthy Hands Cooking, in the battle against childhood obesity, is thrilled to announce its membership in USC/Columbia Technology Incubator to expand and improve its online training, certification, support, and class registration experience for its instructors and parents. [See More](#)

### **Russell & Jeffcoat Real Estate combines forces**

Russell & Jeffcoat Real Estate announced the consolidation of their northeast Columbia area offices. [See More](#)

### **The New Rules For 2016**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "As 2015 draws to a close, it's only natural to wave good-bye to trends, styles and habits of the past year and look for fresh and different ones to embrace for the new year ahead." [Read More](#)

### **United Way State Association CEO to step down as leader**

After ten years of leadership, Tim Ervolina is making plans to step down as President and CEO of United Way Association of South Carolina in 2016. [See More](#)

### **The Update on the Pharmaceutical Detective Investigations: Billion Dollar Drugs that can Permanently Disable or Even Cause Death**

"The Update on the Pharmaceutical Detective Investigations: Billion Dollar Drugs that can Permanently Disable or Even Cause Death," Sagacious Partners' Science Café with Dr. Charles Bennett. [See More](#)

### **Wilkes Law Firm attorney elected Vice President of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association Young Lawyers Division**

The Wilkes Law Firm, P.A. announced that Derek Newberry has been elected to serve as the vice president of the Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association. [See More](#)

### **12 More Must-Read Books for 2016 – What separates successes from other people?**

Business Advice from Jerry Bellune: "What separates successes from other people? Jim Rohn said poor people have big TV sets. Successful people have big libraries." [Read More](#)

### **Richland County Business Service Center marks 10th anniversary**

Every January, the local business community begins a new cycle of renewing business licenses – and for the past 10 years, the County's Business Service Center has helped assist every type of business, from small mom-and-pop shops to large companies, navigate the process. [See More](#)

### **City launches new banking program and financial empowerment initiatives**

Community Development is partnering up with BB&T, South State Bank and TD Bank to introduce "Bank On" Columbia. [See More](#)

### **The County of Lexington receives national recognition for addressing rural healthcare disparities**

The National Community Development Association is recognizing the County of Lexington with its 2016 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award. [See More](#)

### **Lexington One Board names three finalists for superintendent**

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees has chosen three finalists as it continues its search for a superintendent to replace retiring Superintendent Karen Woodward, Ed.D. [See More](#)

### **Turner Padget boosts Insurance Litigation practice with addition of three attorneys**

Turner Padget Graham & Laney, P.A. announces the further expansion of its Insurance Litigation practice with the addition of three attorneys: Greenville-based of counsel David L. Moore, and Charleston-based associates Brian J. Kern and William J. Horvath. [See More](#)

### **University of South Carolina's annual Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration breakfast This Morning**

South Carolina Sen. Marlon Kimpson will be the featured speaker at the University of South Carolina's annual Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration breakfast Tuesday, Jan. 12. [See More](#)

### **Richland County holds public meetings to gather residents' flooding input**

Residents affected by the historic October 2015 floods are invited to offer input that will help Richland County plan for future natural disasters. [See More](#)

### **Trailblaze Challenge offers life-changing experience for outdoor enthusiasts through Make-A-Wish South Carolina**

Make-A-Wish South Carolina invites hikers of all experience levels to take on a challenge – the Trailblaze Challenge. Participating hikers will make a life-changing impact on South Carolina kids with life-threatening medical conditions. [See More](#)

### **Help grow the movement to fight poverty in South Carolina**

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina has launched its #fightpovertysc campaign to encourage others to join in the movement to fight poverty in South Carolina. [See More](#)

### **State Museum debuts special collections at Columbia City Hall**

Experience the South Carolina State Museum at a special exhibit in the Gallery at City Hall, located at 1737 Main Street. [See More](#)

### **American Sign Language class at Lourie Center**

The Lourie Center will be offering an eight-week class on American Sign Language, Wednesdays February 3 through April 6, 2-3 pm. [See More](#)

### **Central Carolina Community Foundation accepting scholarship applications for 2016-2017 school year**

Central Carolina Community Foundation, the Midlands expert on philanthropy, is accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-2017 school year through March 15, 2016. [See More](#)

### **CRA issues call for nominations**

The CRA Board Development Committee is seeking recommendations for CRA Board nominees for the 2016-2019 board positions. [See More](#)

### **Conversations with Walter Edgar**

The University of South Carolina's popular annual series, Conversations with Walter Edgar, runs Jan. 12 – Feb. 9 and focuses on South Carolina's role in the American Revolutionary War. [See More](#)

### **City Center Partnership receives 2016 community pride grant from Palmetto Pride**

City Center Partnership announced it has received a grant in the amount of \$2,480 from Palmetto Pride to help the organization continue with its Planter Beautification Program. [See More](#)

### **Strings and Salsa brings locally-bred, Latin-influenced music and dance show to Harbison Theatre, Jan. 22, 2016**

Charleston-based Salsa group swings into the Midlands with spicy show. There's nothing like live Salsa dancing and Cuban-pop rhythms to spice up a cold winter night. [See More](#)

### **Events around Columbia and the Midlands**

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

### **Political cartoons from Robert Ariail**

Published on MidlandsBiz.com almost daily. [See More](#)

### **Robert Samuelson: The “hollowing” of the middle class?**

"We'll be hearing a lot about the middle class in the coming months. That's one sure bet for 2016, as both parties compete for votes." [Read More](#)

### **Kathleen Parker: Obsessed with guns**

"It is axiomatic that congressional Republicans will oppose anything smacking of “gun control,” which may as well be read as “Your mama.”” [Read More](#)

### **Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Out of touch or out of their minds? Maybe both!**

"In a survey conducted by a BIG benefits management company (a management and human resource consulting firm), they asked 365 CEO's and sales management executives, "What are the three key factors that separate high performing sales professionals from moderate to low performing sales professionals?"" [Read More](#)

### **MidlandsBiz Facebook Page**

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