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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **Columbia's McCrory Construction expands Southeastern presence with new Upstate office**

Citing "a robust business climate and strong demand from repeat customers and new business," 98-year-old McCrory Construction Company is adding a regional office in Greenville, South Carolina to serve clients in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina's Upstate region, company officials have announced. The office will represent the firm's first full-service office outside of its Columbia, S.C. headquarters in nearly a century of existence.

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### **LS3P Announces Merger with Hubbard Architecture LLC**

LS3P, an architecture, interiors and planning firm founded in Charleston, SC and with an office in Columbia, and Hubbard Architecture LLC of Myrtle Beach, SC announced a merger of the two firms as of January 1, 2016. [See More](#)

### **SCWCEA Membership elects 2016 Officers and new members to Board of Directors**

The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association announced the newly elected 2016 Officers and new members to the Board of Directors at its annual business meeting on December 11, 2015. [See More](#)

### **SC Bar Foundation honors Hollings with statewide DuRant award**

The South Carolina Bar Foundation announced that Senator Ernest Frederick "Fritz" Hollings has been selected as the 2015 DuRant Distinguished Public Service Award recipient for meritorious service to the law and community. [See More](#)

### **Cayce's Mayor Pro Tem selected for National Public Safety Committee**

Cayce's District Two City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem, Skip Jenkins, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Public Safety & Crime Prevention committee. [See More](#)

### **Rogers Harrell joins Murphy Grantland**

Governor Nikki Haley requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding. [See More](#)

### **Riggs Partners recognized for healthcare marketing excellence**

Work developed by Riggs Partners for Beaufort Memorial Hospital was recognized with six awards, including Best in Show, at the Carolinas HealthCare Public Relations & Marketing Society's (CHPRMS) annual Wallies and Golden Tusk Awards on Nov. 20. [See More](#)

### **Mashburn Construction welcomes Heather Felthaus**

Heather Felthaus joins Mashburn's Columbia office as a Project Administrator. [See More](#)

### **Two USC law students receive D. Reece Williams III Trial Advocacy Award**

Two students at the University of South Carolina School of Law have been honored with the D. Reece Williams III Trial Advocacy Award after they won the school's mock trial competition. [See More](#)

### **Saluda Shoals Foundation receives \$8,000 from Heart 'N Soul Band at Christmas Dinner & Dance for South Carolina Flood Relief**

The Saluda Shoals Foundation has been selected to receive an \$8,000 donation from Columbia-based band, Heart 'N Soul, a nonprofit organization whose moto is "Having Fun Giving Back". [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant facilitates lease of Asian fusion restaurant at Columbiana Crossing**

NAI Avant Director of Retail Patrick Palmer, CCIM, along with NAI Avant broker John Metts, procured the lease of ±5,934 square feet of retail space, next to the Columbiana Mall, to a new Asian fusion restaurant. [See More](#)

### **How To Mix Coworkers and Cocktails Like a Professional**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "With lots of parties, lunches, events and cocktail receptions taking place in the next few weeks mixing business and pleasure is the name of the game this season, but these are ordinary social situations. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when mixing coworkers and cocktails so that you remain professional and come through

### **Town of Lexington receives upgraded credit rating from Moody's Investors Service**

Moody's Investors Service announced in November 2015, an upgraded credit rating for the Town of Lexington Combined Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds from A1 (strong) to Aa3 (very strong) and confirmed its MIG-1 short term rating (highest) for the Town's short-term water and sewer revenue obligations. [See More](#)

### **Ringing the bell for The Salvation Army with The Rotary Club of Lake Murray-Irmo**

On December 12, 2015 The Rotary Club of Lake Murray-Irmo spent the day doing their annual ringing of the bell for The Salvation Army. [See More](#)

### **Critical Sales Secrets – What you may be doing wrong**

Business Advice from Jerry Bellune: "If you read last week, you learned the 5 key steps. These are what we must do to win our prospects." [Read More](#)

### **Miller-Valentine recognized for excellence in construction**

Miller-Valentine Construction was recognized for excellence in construction at the 14th annual awards banquet hosted by the Associated Builders and Contractors of the Carolinas. [See More](#)

### **Select Health earns recognition for Multicultural Health Care Excellence from NCQA**

Select Health of South Carolina and its First Choice Medicaid health plan have again earned Multicultural Health Care Distinction from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. [See More](#)

### **New members join Coker College Board of Trustees**

Governor Nikki Haley requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding. [See More](#)

### **Kershaw Co. Sheriff's Foundation Deputy of the Year Award given to KCSO Sergeant Kyle Hewitt**

Saturday, December 12, 2015 Kershaw County Sheriff's Sergeant Kyle Hewitt came to the Sheriff's Office Christmas lunch thinking one of the deputies on his shift won the 2015

### **Winthrop poll shows majority of South Carolinians support increase in gas tax**

With the General Assembly set to begin session in less than a month, the most recent Winthrop University poll shows South Carolina voters continue to overwhelmingly support decisive action to fix the state's crumbling infrastructure. [See More](#)

### **Toy donations needed at Salvation Army Christmas warehouse**

The Salvation Army begins the distribution of toy donations to local families in need Monday, December 14th through December 18th. [See More](#)

### **Bottles Beverage Superstore to open December 16th**

Coming to the Plaza across from Whole Foods Market, that was formally the site of K-Mart. Bottles Beverage Superstore will open its doors December 16th after only suffering minor flood damage. [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 multinational tax muddle**

"Whoever wins the White House next year will have to deal with an issue of almost-impenetrable complexity and contentiousness: How to tax multinational companies?" [Read More](#)

### **Kathleen Parker: The few, the foolish**

"As the Islamic State amped up attacks around the world, the Pentagon responded by bravely announcing that American women will now be put in direct ground combat." [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](#)

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