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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

First Citizens Bank's Vista district properties to make final calls for proposals

After an extremely successful announcement in April and several months of marketing, the Colliers International brokerage team representing First Citizens Bank on the Park and Lady properties has announced that the last call for proposals will be August 26. [Read More](#)

Mayor Benjamin named 2016 Small and Minority Business Advocate of the Year

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin has been named the 2016 Small & Minority Business Advocate of the Year by the Columbia Chamber for his commitment to the city's thriving business community and continued support of the Chamber. [See More](#)

BNTD's Nichols named "Lawyer of the Year" and Bluestein, Delgado and Sullivan included in 2017 Best Lawyers

The Best Lawyers in America© has selected Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson and Delgado (BNTD) partner John Nichols as a "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of appellate practice. [See More](#)

First Citizens Bank and Blue Flour Bakery announce alliance on Main Street

First Citizens Bank announced it has formed an alliance with Blue Flour Bakery, based in Irmo, S.C. [See More](#)

Best Lawyers in America selects McKay and Settana

The McKay Firm is pleased to announce that two of the firm's Partners, Mr. Julius W. "Jay" McKay, II, and Daniel R. Settana Jr., have been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America© 2017. [See More](#)

Robinson McFadden lawyers named to the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers

Robinson McFadden announce that ten lawyers have been named to the 2017 Edition of Best Lawyers. [See More](#)

SC Ports Authority posts fiscal year operating earnings of \$39 million

The South Carolina Ports Authority reported 2016 fiscal year-end operating earnings of \$39 million, revenues of \$211 million and operating expenses of \$172 million. [See More](#)

Simple Steps to Regain Your Focus at Work

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: "School is starting back and summer vacations are ending, which means it's time to buckle down and regain focus at the office." [Read More](#)

Dominion Foundation donates \$5,000 to Sesqui State Park Spillway Project

The Dominion Foundation is donating \$5,000 to Sesquicentennial State Park to help cleanup and beautify the park's historic stone spillway, a channel built by the Civilian Conservation Corps more than 75 years ago. [See More](#)

Moore Beauston & Woodham LLP announces staff addition

Moore Beauston & Woodham L.L.P., a full service accounting and consulting firm with offices in Charleston, Greenville, Hartsville, and West Columbia announced an addition to its staff. [See More](#)

Historic Columbia presents the 38th annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture on Sept. 17

Join Historic Columbia at Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. Now in its 38th year, this free outdoor festival brings artisans, dancers, musicians and storytellers together to celebrate South Carolina's black history and culture on the grounds of the Mann-Simons Site. [See More](#)

Brandon Jones named partner at The McKay Firm

The McKay Firm is pleased to announce that Brandon Jones has been named as a Partner in the law firm. [See More](#)

Bondex, Inc. expanding Edgefield County manufacturing operations

Bondex, Inc., a globally-recognized manufacturer of thermally-bonded nonwoven substrates, is expanding its manufacturing operations in Edgefield County, South Carolina. The project is expected to bring \$11.5 million in new investment and lead to the creation of 17 new jobs. [See More](#)

Columbia College's Goodall Gallery presents Critical Materiality featuring works by three S.C. women artists August 22 – October 16

The Goodall Gallery at Columbia College is pleased to kick off its 2016-17 season with "Critical Materiality" featuring clay works by three S.C. women artists: Mary Carlisle, Glenda Guion and Ashley Welsh. [See More](#)

Avvo brings fixed-price legal help to South Carolina

Online legal services marketplace Avvo announced that local residents in Connecticut, Nevada, South Carolina, and Utah now have access to fast and transparent legal help with the availability of Avvo Legal Services, a shopping experience designed to make hiring a local attorney for a clear price as easy as the click of a button. [See More](#)

Mullikin Law provided legal services-support to Republic of Maldives

The Mullikin Law Firm (MLF) – in coordination with the American Bar Association–United Nations Development Programme (ABA-UNDP) International Legal Resource Center (ILRC) – was retained to examine best practices for legal services to support the Republic of Maldives, an island nation in the Indian Ocean. [See More](#)

Foundation for a Greater Greenwood County supports GSSM's Accelerate virtual engineering program

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) received a \$10,000 investment from the Foundation for a Greater Greenwood County in support of GSSM's virtual engineering program, Accelerate. [See More](#)

EDTS named to 2016 Inc 5000 list for seventh consecutive year

Southeastern IT consultancy EDTS, however, has now moved into rarified air, being named today to Inc. Magazine's prestigious 5000 Fastest-Growing Private Companies for 2016 — the seventh consecutive year that the IT company has achieved that honor. [See More](#)

City of Columbia announces #LoveColumbia2016 Photo Challenge winners

The #LoveColumbia Photo Challenge is a City initiative that encouraged citizens of Columbia to submit photos via social media of the images they love in the City. [See More](#)

AMCOL Systems welcomes new Chief Compliance Officer

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](#)

Boyer Construction breaks ground on Arts and Recreation for Sandhills School

Boyer Commercial Construction, Inc. broke ground Wednesday on a new Arts and Recreation facility for Sandhills School. [See More](#)

Operation Clean Sweep in Orangeburg County

Much of Mike O'Cain's time is consumed with being president of O'Cain Construction Company Inc., a successful construction company, but that did not stop him from carving out time to construct an ambitious prevention campaign to tackle what he sees as a mounting litter problem across Orangeburg County. [See More](#)

Truematter wins Telerik Sitefinity "Website of the Quarter" award for excellent user experience

Truematter's website created for Avtec Inc. has been named a Progress® Sitefinity™ "Website of the Quarter" which puts truematter and the website in the running for "Website of the Year" in December. [See More](#)

Jennifer Harding named relocation director for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Carolinas

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has appointed Jennifer Harding, formerly with Russell & Jeffcoat, as the new relocation director for the Carolinas. [See More](#)

Avant expands investments in the heart of the Vista with 919 Washington Street acquisition

Avant recently purchased 919 Washington Street in the Vista for a long-term property holding. The office building comprises approximately 3,450 square feet and the property has nearly 50 coveted parking spaces. [See More](#)

Law change makes donating to Habitat for Humanity easier

South Carolina residents now can donate to the South Carolina Association for Habitat for Humanity Affiliates from their South Carolina income tax returns. [See More](#)

Za's on Devine hosts live, local music series

Customers at Za's on Devine – the neighborhood go-to for fresh, seasonal dishes and salads, Italian-inspired classics, wood-fired pizzas and hand-picked wines – can sip, relax and listen to live, local music each Wednesday and Friday evening. [See More](#)

SCCEBA Business Roundtable: Clean Transportation

August 24 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - In partnership with SCANA, SCCEBA will host a roundtable discussion on our Clean Transportation Plan. [See More](#)

City of Columbia Disaster Relief Public Outreach Meeting

August 25 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - The City of Columbia is holding a community outreach meeting to give City residents an opportunity to provide their input on how the City of Columbia can best use the grant funds it will receive in response to the October 2015 flood. [See More](#)

8th Annual Long's Barstool Classic

August 26 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Join us for the 8th Annual Long's Barstool Classic – an 8 hole putt-putt bar crawl through all of your favorite Five Points bars and restaurants! [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](#)

Kathleen Parker: John Oliver has given us the best defense of newspapers ever

"Every couple of years or so, I feel the need to whine about the plight of newspapers. It's August. I'm Trumped out. So today's the day." [Read More](#)

Robert Samuelson: Is student debt ruining the recovery?

"Maybe the college student debt burden isn't so crushing after all. That's the surprising gist of a new study by economists at the president's Council of Economic Advisers (CEA)." [Read More](#)

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