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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### Collins & Lacy welcomes new Chief Operating Officer

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced W. Carl Martin has joined the firm as Chief Operating Officer. Martin will manage the firm's financial, human resources, facilities, marketing, and operations. Prior to joining Collins & Lacy, Martin served for over 30 years in management in the healthcare industry, including his past role of Chief Operating Officer at Providence Hospitals in Columbia, South Carolina. [Read More](#)

### Exceed Real Estate School opens in downtown Columbia

Exceed Real Estate School has opened in downtown Columbia at 3020 Devine Street. Exceed Real Estate School currently offers licensing courses required to obtain a South Carolina Real Estate license as well as continuing education courses for realtors. [See More](#)

### \$200,000 federal grant awarded to SC Technical College System to expand apprenticeship in South Carolina

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded the SC Technical College System a \$200,000 grant to expand apprenticeship in the state. This grant is part of the ApprenticeshipUSA State Accelerator Grants designed to expand and expedite registered apprenticeship programs nationwide. [See More](#)

### Now accepting nominations for next class of Liberty Fellows

To date, over 500 women and men from all regions of South Carolina have helped identify collaborative leaders in the state by participating in the nomination process. [See More](#)

### IntelliSystems' Mike McGhee promoted to Technical Operations Manager

IntelliSystems is proud to announce the promotion of Mike McGhee from Senior Technical Engineer to Technical Operations Manager. [See More](#)

### **How to Offer Feedback in an Office Obsessed With Being Positive**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Over the past several years employers have been focused on creating positive work environments that they started requiring employees to maintain them in their handbooks, but recently that requirement essentially be 'happy at work' was challenged and defeated by the U.S. National Labor Relations Board, ruling employers cannot force you to be happy." [Read More](#)

### **Bryana Mistretta joins Colliers International as Research Coordinator**

Colliers International announced that Bryana Mistretta has joined its Research team as Research Coordinator. In this role, she is responsible for collecting market data and creating market reports for various property types statewide. [See More](#)

### **M. B. Kahn renovates historic Seibels building in Columbia**

The Seibels Bruce Group, Inc. (Seibels) is partnering with M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. to complete renovations of its historic headquarters located at 1501 Lady Street in Columbia. [See More](#)

### **National Defense Briefs**

NATIONAL DEFENSE BRIEFS is a series produced by National Defense Consultants, LLC, aimed at informing readers with timely military and homeland security news updates, trends, definitions, and short commentaries. Defense issues are inextricably connected to business. In that, MidlandsBiz.com and National Defense Consultants presents the "National Defense Briefs" that matter. [See More](#)

### **Colliers International welcomes Amber Willoughby as Property Administrator**

Colliers International, South Carolina announced that Amber Willoughby has joined its Real Estate Management Services (REMS) division as a Property Administrator. [See More](#)

### **Philanthropy is good business**

By Bethany M. Griffith: While many of us are involved with charities or philanthropic opportunities personally, involving your business in giving back has the power to create a positive impact on both the charities you give to, and your business. [See More](#)

### **District Five graduates over 1,100 students, 2016 graduating class earns over \$146 million in scholarships**

Lexington-Richland School District Five's class of 2016 walked the stage on May 31 and June 1 to receive their high school diplomas. [See More](#)

### **Will Choate joins Colliers International as Brokerage Associate**

Colliers International announced that Will Choate has joined the firm as a Brokerage Associate. Choate will be a member of the Columbia office brokerage team, focusing on the leasing and sale of office properties throughout the Columbia market. [See More](#)

### **South Carolina State Museum announces new blockbuster traveling exhibit, RACE: Are We So Different?**

The South Carolina State Museum is proud to announce its new blockbuster traveling exhibit, RACE: Are We So Different? presented by Central Carolina Community Foundation. [See More](#)

### **Secrets of Entrepreneurship – Do you have the entrepreneurial spirit?**

By Jerry Bellune: Entrepreneurs think differently from the rest of us. They possess a childlike faith in their own success. [See More](#)

### **Reginald Thomas joins Moore Beauston & Woodham, LLP**

Moore Beauston & Woodham L.L.P., a full service accounting and consulting firm with offices in Charleston, West Columbia, Greenville and Hartsville announced that Reginald Thomas recently joined the Tax and Business Consulting practice as a Staff Accountant in the firm's West Columbia office. [See More](#)

### **Richland One announces various awards, honors**

Three Students Named Finalists for Gates Millennium Scholarship. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant Broker Roger Winn awarded prestigious Society of Industrial and Office Realtors Member (SIOR) designation**

NAI Avant announced that senior broker Roger Winn, SIOR, recently earned the prestigious Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) designation. [See More](#)

### **Jonathan Huggins joins Moore Beauston & Woodham, LLP**

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](#)

### **ERG Payroll & HR launches integrated health benefit**

#### **platform**

ERG launched a fully integrated payroll and benefits platform for small to mid-sized businesses. ERG is simplifying the process of offering health benefits to employees by combining easy-to-use technology with a network of local benefits providers. [See More](#)

### **CBRE negotiates sale of 1554 Old Dairy Drive**

CBRE has finalized the sale of 1554 Old Dairy Drive, in the Southeast Columbia submarket in Richland County. CBRE's Ben Brantley provided expertise to complete the transaction on behalf of seller ODR Warehouse, LLC. [See More](#)

### **Lexington One honors 1,500 graduates**

Lexington County School District One honored 1,500 graduates from the district's five high schools on Friday, June 3, 2016, and Saturday, June 4, 2016, at the University of South Carolina's Colonial Life Arena. [See More](#)

### **First Reliance makes partial redemption of TARP preferred and notices intent to redeem all remaining shares outstanding**

The Company also announced that it has sent required thirty day notice letters to owners informing them of redemption of the remaining 11,349 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and 767 shares of Series B Preferred Stock, subject to receipt of requisite regulatory approval. [See More](#)

### **Top grossing movies – June 6**

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; X-Men: Apocalypse; Me Before You; Alice Through The Looking Glass. [See More](#)

### **Coker College's Master of Applied Criminology Program now accepting applications for fall 2016 semester**

Coker College's postgraduate Master of Science in Applied Criminology degree program was recently accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is now accepting applications for the fall 2016 semester, which will begin on Aug. 8, 2016. [See More](#)

### **Employee Relations Law Series**

June 9 - Learn practical knowledge about complex employment laws in Midlands Technical College's Certificate in Employee Relations Law Series. [See More](#)

### **Palmetto Health presents free 2016 Teen Health Summit**

June 10 - Palmetto Health invites teens and parents to the 2016 Teen Health Summit Friday, June 10, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at Dreher High School. This year's theme is "Uprising: Disrupting Common Culture." [See More](#)

### **6th Annual Columbia Charity Golf Tournament**

June 10 - This tournament is for everyone but the outstanding location reminds us of the service of our soldiers and veterans. [See More](#)

### **The Brookland Foundation 20th Annual Charity Golf**

#### **Classic**

June 17 - The Brookland Foundation is excited about their upcoming golf tournament. This year they invite you to participate in the 20th Annual Golf Classic. [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: Obama's legacy of a pre-post-racial era**

"As Barack Obama's presidency takes a backseat to the psychodrama known as the 2016 election, historians, speculators and revisionists are busy writing his presidential epitaph."

[Read More](#)

### **Robert Samuelson: Have U.S. wages stagnated? Probably**

#### **not**

"How many times have you heard that Americans' wages have stagnated? Countless commentators (including me) have repeated this complaint. Naturally, politicians of both parties — Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump — deplore it." [Read More](#)

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