

# ARBITRATION NEWS

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SOLICITOR E. L. CLEMENTS, III, ADDRESSES THE ATTENDEES AT THE ARBITRATOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.



DR. ALLIE E. BROOKS, JR. REMINDS ARBITRATORS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE ARBITRATOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON.

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**DIRECTOR'S BOX**

**LOOK WHAT YOU DID!**



Solicitor Ed Clements presenting donations to Family Support Administrator, Carla Ammons, Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Family Support Services.

Monetary donations totaling over \$2,000 were provided to local community donation sites! **All** donations were earned by our kids!

Gift donations totaling over \$4,800 were provided to approved, local charities! **All** donations were earned by our kids!

A few of our charities:

Harvest Hope Food Banks	\$2,485.65
Tools for Schools	\$763.73
Christmas in July	\$1,353.90
Flo. Co. Disabilities & Special Needs Board	\$837.99
<small>(Totals based on completion date – end of the year)</small>	

Over 6,800 hours of community services were provided to our community!

(All totals based on completion date – end of the year)



The Insiders at our December Insiders Program continue to make an impact on our future leaders in our community.

Thanks to **Bill and Carol Hall** for catering our annual Arbitrator Appreciation Luncheon. It was a delicious meal enjoyed by all! And thanks also to **Gene Wells**, Manager of the **Leatherman Senior Center**, for the wonderful surroundings. Everyone had a great time! Thanks for treating us so special!

Dear Arbitrators,

**Happy New Year!** Can you believe it is 2012? According to some of my paperwork, I'm still in 2011, but I'll do my best to fix that. We look forward to working with you and all of our community partners in this New Year.

Thanks to everyone who joined us at our annual Arbitrator Appreciation Luncheon in December. Dr. Allie E. Brooks, Jr., Superintendent for Florence School District One, gave a wonderful keynote speech which kept us wide awake even after that delicious meal. Thanks to Dr. Brooks for helping make our luncheon a success. The Leatherman Senior Center is an amazing facility and the staff that take care of it are such great folks! Thanks to Kammy Benton, RSVP Director, for pulling together the decorations and set up; she goes far beyond her job duties for our community. And of course, thank you to our Solicitor, Ed Clements, for providing us with this opportunity to fellowship and appreciate YOU! We would also like to thank all the Arbitrators who held hearings during the weeks before Christmas. With all of the holiday stress and craziness that abounds at times, you gave comfort to families in need, and you made the celebration of Christmas mean even more. And one more "Thank You" to all who remembered us at Christmas; your thoughtfulness is always greatly appreciated. Our Arbitrators are the best!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year's Eve! Keep checking your email for cases to be scheduled and your snail mail for those awesome pictures of you guys with our local Chik-Fil-A cow!

Take Care,

**TIPS FOR MEANINGFUL HEARINGS:**

- \*\* **Make sure everyone is introduced.**
- \*\* **Listen to everyone.** Everyone gets a chance to speak and be heard. Sometimes victims need to vent, you decide how long is appropriate, but **everyone gets a chance to speak.**
- \*\* **It is not mandatory** for the Officer or the Victim to attend. If they are not present then **you must become the spokesman for the victim.** Every crime has a victim; the youngster must attempt to understand this through your words if the victim is not there.
- \*\* **Juveniles 12 to 14 are very hard to place** at community service sites. Please ask a parent or guardian if they are a member of a Church where their youngster could work if they are under 14 years of age.

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Intern Courtney Gee poses with the Chick-Fil-A Cow at the Arbitrator's Luncheon. Thanks, Courtney, for helping make it all possible!

**Special Thanks to  
Pepsi Cola Company  
of Florence**

Pepsi Cola has generously assisted our program and donated snacks for our Volunteer Arbitrators. Thank you **Pepsi** for giving back to your community!



# Thanks a MILLION!



Solicitor Ed Clements and April Watson presented Patrick Bucher an award for holding over 100 cases.



Solicitor Ed Clements and April Watson presented John Gable an award for holding over 100 cases.



April Watson, Arbitration Director, takes time to point out the many sponsors who made this Arbitration Luncheon possible. Thanks to ALL our Sponsors!



**From us to you, Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year from the Solicitor's Office!**