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Attorneys at Lanier and Knight, LLC, offer a variety of legal expertise

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As an Associate Attorney with local law firm, Lanier and Knight, LLC, Jennifer L. Queen is providing the Summerville area with legal services specializing in general civil litigation, personal injury, real estate litigation, and commercial litigation.

Queen joined the firm this past May after graduating from the University of South Carolina, School of Law in May of 2000.

A Charleston native, Queen received her bachelor of arts in history and political science from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida in 1996.

While attending college and graduate school, Queen acquired plenty of law experience as a legal secretary, and as a law clerk for a firm in Columbia that influenced her direction of study. "The exposure to different areas of law helped me to decide to practice civil litigation with a focus on personal injury, real estate litigation, and commercial litigation," says Queen.

Practicing law in the low-country was no mistake for Queen. In fact, she says that growing up in the Charleston area attracted her to return to launch her career.

Although every profession has its challenges, Queen's passion for the field of law spawns from a sincere desire of helping others.

"Law school was difficult, but the reward of assisting people who have

been injured by the wrong doing of others provides fulfillment for all the hard work," Queen asserts.

Located on 207 East third North St. in Summerville, Lanier and Knight, LLC, has experienced some growth since owner, Troy Guerard Knight, opened the firm in August of 1999.

Originally starting off with only one attorney, Lanier and Knight, LLC, now has three attorneys practicing in the office with a significant increase in staff members as well. Currently the firm employs five paralegals/secretaries,

one office manager, and one investigator that complement the work of these three lawyers.

Due to the increase in growth, Lanier and Knight, LLC, recently relocated to the new, larger facility on East Third North Street from 405 North Magnolia St. in Summerville.

"This growth is directly related to the willingness of people of Summerville and Dorchester County to trust this firm with their legal needs," says Queen.

This family-oriented firm focuses on the needs of Summerville and Dorchester county residents. Their hometown approach helps eliminate some of the skepticism of legal problems and allows the attorneys and staff at Lanier and Knight to assist those who

may not seek appropriate legal advice.

No one understands what it's like to work in an atmosphere of a strong family foundation more so than Troy Guerard Knight, except for maybe his sister, Kelly Knight Byrd, who is also an Associate Attorney with Lanier and Knight, LLC.

Troy and Kelly's mother, Rhonda, also works for the firm as the office manager.

"I truly enjoy being able to work with my family and believe it gives our firm a unique quality," says Byrd.



The Knights grew up in a family where the law was considered very sacred.

Troy Knight and Kelly Knight Byrd's grandfather, the late Carl Knight, was sheriff of Dorchester County for 28 years. And their father is Captain L.C. Knight of the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) for the metropolitan area.

Kelly Knight Byrd joined the firm in August of 2000 as a law clerk and received her license to practice law shortly thereafter in November. Her legal specialties include real estate transactions and corporate work.

"I have the opportunity to play a role in assisting people with the American dream of home ownership," she says.

Born and raised in Summerville, Byrd is a 1992 graduate of Summerville High School and a 1996 graduate of the College of Charleston.

Following graduation from college, Byrd went on to pursue her law degree at the University of South Carolina, School of Law and graduated in May of 2000.

Lanier and Knight, LLC also specializes in transactional work and litigation in state and federal courts in the following areas: automobile and other vehicle accidents; premises and product liability; injuries resulting from accidents and/or negligence of others; wrongful death; real estate; contracts and contract disputes; worker's compensation cases; business sales and litigation; corporations and corporate disputes and other areas of civil law.

Troy Knight has served as president of the Summerville Dorchester Museum, the Dorchester County Bar Association and Dorchester Public Defender Corporation. He has represented Dorchester Habitat for Humanities and the Dorchester Branch of the Salvation Army, and is a member of the Exchange club, as well as the Kiwanis Club.

With a variety of legal services offered, Lanier and Knight, LLC is sure to have the legal expertise you need. For more information call the offices of the Lanier and Knight, LLC at (843) 821-9700.