

Robertson named Town Attorney



Trudy H. Robertson

At the October 8 Town Council meeting Trudy Hartzog Robertson was appointed as attorney for the Town of St. George. Mrs. Robertson is a partner with Moore and Van Allen, PLLC in Charleston.

Mrs. Robertson, a native of St. George, is the daughter of Lyn and Linda Hartzog Howell and the late Donald William Hartzog. She is married to Thomas Matthew Robertson who grew up in Saluda, S.C. The Robertsons have two daughters, Mary Grace, age six, and Emma Connor, age five, who attend Dorchester Academy.

Their two year old son, Thomas Matthew, Jr., attends preschool at St. George United Methodist Church. The Robertsons are active members at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Walterboro.

Trudy graduated from Dorchester Academy and received her B.S. Degree in Math from Columbia College. During college she began to consider a career in law. After a year off, she entered the University of South Carolina School of Law and graduated in 1992. For the next two years, she served a clerkship in Charleston under U.S. District Judge David C. Norton.

From 1994 until 1999, she worked with Holmes Thomson Law Firm in Charleston, then joined Moore and Van Allen in 1999. She was made a partner in 2001.

Moore and Van Allen handle a vast array of legal areas: business, commercial, employment issues, litigation, real estate, trust and estates, banking and insurance, insurance litigation, and health care. The firm also maintains offices in Charlotte and the Raleigh-Durham Research Triangle in North Carolina.

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Twenty-five attorneys are located in the Charleston firm and are available to advise Mrs. Robertson. "I believe I can offer the Town of St. George valuable legal services, tailored to help the Town achieve its goals and objectives in a cost efficient manner," said Mrs. Robertson.

In a recent interview Mrs. Robertson said that she and Tom moved back to St. George because of the small town atmosphere and strong sense of community. This is their permanent home. They

wanted to rear their children here.

Recently, they purchased and restored the Parler-Howell home built by Attorney and Mrs. J.D. Parler. The home then was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Howell. Mrs. Howell also was a well-known member of the legal community, serving as legal secretary to both Mr. Parler and Attorney Jim Bell for forty years. "She was an outstanding secretary," says Mr. Bell, "A true lady who could do everything." Now the home continues its history in the area legal community.

When questioned about hobbies and outside

activities, Mrs. Robertson quickly replied, "Our children, our church, and our family."

In the interest of town finances, Mrs. Robertson will not be required to attend every council meeting in any professional capacity. She will, however, be ever present when needed, both at meetings and during the week.

"I look on serving St. George in this capacity as a privilege. I am eager to work with the mayor, the members of town council, and the town employees. Where your home is, your heart is and I am at home."
