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UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLD THE DATE....

The **Young Lawyers Section** of the Broward County Bar Association and **Tomorrow's Rainbow** present the

9th Annual

BOWL-A-THON!

Saturday, April 9, 2011



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Broward County Bar Association's 2011
Law Day Luncheon

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**Broward County Bar
Association's
Young Lawyers' Section
Judicial Reception**

Thursday, May 12, 2011

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Broward County Bar Association Board of Directors Elections

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**ballots will be e-mailed
electronically on April 1st and
must be submitted by April 15, 2011**

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On Thursday, March 24, 2011, the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association hosted its monthly luncheon at the Tower Club. The March lunch, with a theme of "Big Firm Basics", highlighted shareholders Jason Oletsky of Akerman Senterfitt, Tom Aubin of Stearns Weaver Miller, Mike Marcil of Gunster, Paul Ranis of Greenberg Traurig and Rick Hutchison of Holland and Knight. Counsel participated in a panel discussion on, among other things, how and why they joined a "big firm", marketing advice for the young associate, their thoughts on community involvement, and positive and negative associate qualities they've had the opportunity to observe throughout their practice. The luncheon was a huge success and received significant positive feedback from all in attendance.



From Left to Right: A.J. Horowitz, Esq. of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. Mike Marcil, Esq. of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. Paul Ranis, Esq. of Greenberg Traurig, LLP Jason Oletsky, Esq. of Akerman Senterfitt, Ashley Sawyer Smith, Esq. of Akerman Senterfitt, Tom Aubin, Esq. of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., Tobi Lebowitz, Esq. of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., Rick Hutchison, Esq. of Holland & Knight LLP



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bruce Weihe

On an Independent Judiciary. As I mentioned in a Message published in the March Barrister, court funding and the fundamental independence of the judiciary are being addressed—on a critical platform—in this spring's legislative session. Since the beginning of the session, bills have been introduced and are moving faster than a bullet train through committee debate and ultimately to the floors of the House and the Senate for consideration and approval.

Much of the legislation, if enacted, will seriously weaken the judicial branch. The motives behind the suggested changes may be many, but to at least some degree, the legislation appears to be a reaction to last year's analysis by the courts that rejected legislative proposals as constitutionally invalid.

Once again, the public appears to be faced with a direct attack on the judiciary—a separate and **co-equal** branch of our government. Michael Napoleone, president of Palm Beach County Bar Association, writing in that Association's eNewsletter, aptly summarized the practical concerns raised by the current threat:

- (1) further delays in the processing of cases through lengthened judicial vacancies and reduced courthouse staffing, including reductions to staff of the clerk of court.
- (2) a diminished ability for the judiciary to make proper and well-founded decisions which may be unpopular.
- (3) increased politics in both the initial selection of judges as well as the retention of judges.
- (4) a destabilization of case law, including the Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (5) an inability for courts to continue to make

their own rules or to make changes to purely procedural rules without involving the Legislature.

Although compromises in the past week have tempered some of the issues, the threat is moving expeditiously through the legislature. I urge you, again, to become informed on all the issues, and to that end I encourage you to go to the Broward Bar blog and read, among other postings, the following:

- A "Legislative Briefing" from Mayanne Downs, The Florida Bar President.
- Summaries of all of the bills related to the judiciary that have been submitted to the legislature.

The Florida Bar and its representatives are doing an extremely effective job, presenting a clear voice to encourage the defeat of legislation that would undermine the independence of the judiciary. If you have any relationship with *any* legislators considering these bills, express yourself--tell the Senator or Representative of your concerns.

Best wishes as we continue to practice law, serve the public, and advocate on behalf of the judicial branch.

See you next month!



A Message from David L. Hirschberg President, Young Lawyers' Section

On March 24, 2011, the Young Lawyers Section (YLS) held its monthly luncheon at the Tower Club, with the topic being "Big Firm Basics."

The YLS would like to thank shareholders Jason Oletsky of Akerman Senterfitt, Tom Aubin of Stearns Weaver Miller, Mike Marcil of Gunster, and Paul Ranis of Greenberg Traurig for participating in a panel discussion on, among other things, the truths and myths of "big firm" litigation practice in Broward County, practice tips for associates, self-marketing and business development, and the importance of community involvement. Special recognition goes out to Ashley Sawyer, YLS Secretary, for organizing this luncheon.

The next YLS event is its annual charity Bowl-a-Thon, which will be Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Wilton Manors lanes. This year, the proceeds from the Bowl-a-Thon benefit Tomorrow's Rainbow, a special place for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. The Bowl-a-Thon is an extremely popular event with great food and prizes, so we recommend registering early as the event always sells out. The cost is \$50 per person, or \$250 for a team of six. For more information, please see the flyer contained in this month's Barrister or contact the Bowl-a-Thon chairperson, Matthew Lerner, at lernerlaw@bellsouth.net.

On April 28, 2011 at noon at the Tower Club, the YLS will hold its annual election meeting/luncheon. All active members of the Broward County Bar Association in good standing who either: (1) will not have attained the age of thirty-six (36) by July 1, 2011; or (2) have not begun their sixth year following the first date of admission to the highest court of any state, are eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors and/or to vote in the election. You must be present at this luncheon to vote and/or take part in the election. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, or if you have questions regarding how you can participate with or in the Young Lawyers Section, please feel free to call me at Gladstone & Weissman, P.A. at 954-761-9994 or dh@gwpa.com. Also, to register for this luncheon, please contact the BCBA office or visit www.browardbar.org.

Finally, the YLS is excited to promote two amazing events in the month of May. On Thursday, May 12, 2011, the YLS will host its annual Judicial Reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the New River Rotunda in downtown Fort Lauderdale. All Broward County Bar Association members should have already received a mailer for the event. This is a special event as every Judge and General Magistrate in Broward County, as well as the Judges sitting before the Fourth DCA, are hand-delivered a special invitation to this reception in their honor. We are presently looking for a title sponsor for the event, which is \$2,500.00, and includes twenty (20) free tickets to the Reception. There are also numerous other sponsorship opportunities as well, and we encourage you to refer to the flyer contained in this month's Barrister. If you are interested in sponsoring or registering for the event, or have any questions, please contact the Judicial Reception chairperson, Shayna Reitman, at shaynareitman@gmail.com.

Additionally, on May 19, 2011 at noon at the Tower Club, newly elected Chief Judge Peter Weinstein will be the guest speaker at the YLS monthly luncheon. Judge Weinstein will discuss his goals as Chief Judge, ongoing projects at the Courthouse, as well as other interesting topics. We encourage you to contact the BCBA office or visit www.browardbar.org to register for this luncheon.

We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful events and thank you for your support of the Young Lawyers Section.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, April 9, 2011 YLS Annual Charity Bowl-A-Thon
Thursday, May 12, 2011 YLS Annual Judicial Reception
Thursday, May 19, 2011 YLS Monthly Luncheon. Guest Speaker Newly Elected Chief Judge Peter Weinstein.

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How to Measure Marketing Success

By Margaret Grisdela

The search for new legal clients assumes an increased intensity as old prospecting tools lose their effectiveness in today's challenging economy.

Take Google AdWords as one example. Now that many law firms (especially in the consumer sector) are advertising online with these pay-per-click campaigns, the price per click has trended upwards while the number of service providers vying for prospect attention is more than can fit on one Google search engine results page.

Referrals from other attorneys, the traditional mainstay of most lawyer business development efforts, also loses some effectiveness as law firms accept lower value work they might have previously have referred out to a smaller competitor.

Chances are you are probably asking yourself how you can increase the success ratio for business development within your own law firm.

The answer starts with an analysis of your current marketing campaigns. You can't manage what you can't measure, according to the management maxim attributed to Peter Drucker.

The good news is that marketing is all about testing, with a focus on identifying the type and mix of campaigns that works best to create new clients for your law practice.

When analyzing the effectiveness of your campaigns, the primary question to be answered is: are you getting new business? You may be getting a lot of inquiries, but the prospects need to exhibit a reasonable conversion rate to new business in order for a campaign to be successful.

Inspect your Business Development Results

When you know your campaign expenses, you can measure costs against net revenue gained to determine your return on investment (ROI).

Here are some questions to ask when analyzing the results of your marketing campaigns:

- Are we targeting the right audience? Are there niche

markets we should pursue?

- Are we targeting the right geography?
- Are we meeting our goals? If not, are we above or below budget?
- How can current campaigns be modified to improve results?
- What is our most effective lead generator?
- Should we increase/decrease campaign frequency?
- What is our cost of customer acquisition?
- What is our lifetime customer value?
- Are there campaigns we have not tried but should, like social media?

Looking at your current revenue base, what sources have been most effective in generating business for your firm? Referrals from other attorneys and word-of-mouth advertising are primary business drivers for many law firms, in part perhaps because these are frequently the primary forms of marketing.

Source analysis exercises will help you to understand the effectiveness of different originating sources based on the number of accounts, and how much of your revenue is driven by each source category.

Marketing is a business tool that, when used properly, will help you to reach the right audience at the right time with the right message. Marketing is also a process and not an event, meaning that successful marketing campaigns evolve over time to deliver the client mix best suited to your law firm. If your current business development efforts are not delivering results, it is time to revitalize your efforts!

About the Author: Margaret Grisdela is the author of *Courting Your Clients* (now in its 2nd edition) and president of Legal Expert Connections, a national legal marketing agency. She is the social media sponsor for the BCBA and manages the blog. Contact her at 561-266-1030 or mg@legalexpertconnections.com

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IN MEMORY

Our friend and colleague, Robert Alexander (Bob) Ware, Jr, 79, passed away February 28th, 2011, in Mount Dora, Florida, after an extended illness. Bob was born in Birmingham, Alabama but lived and grew up in Miami, Florida, from infancy. He graduated from Miami High School in 1949 where he played defensive end on the football team; on the track team he ran hurdles and pole vaulted. In 2003 he was inducted into the Miami High Football Hall of Fame. A double Gator, Bob graduated from the University of Florida and the UF Law School. He served his country as an officer in the United States Navy.

Bob practiced law in Miami and Fort Lauderdale for 42 years. He was a partner at English, McCaughan & O'Bryan and was well known as a successful eminent domain and commercial litigator. He and his wife Sara retired to Mount Dora in 1999.

Bob's former partners at EMO remember him as "the type of man, both personally and professionally, that we all aspire to emulate." He was one of the "nicest and most generous people the world will ever know." He was a "true gentleman in every sense of the word." He will be missed.

By Sara M. Sandler, Esq.



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW

By Nancy Little Hoffmann

1. Attorney's Fees/Law of the Case

Suffolk Construction Company, Inc. v. First Sealord Surety, Inc.,
36 Fla. L. Weekly D610 (Fla. 3rd DCA March 23, 2011).

Once a district court of appeal has granted a party's motion for entitlement to appellate attorney's fees, and directed the trial court to determine the amount, that ruling becomes the law of the case. The Third District held that the entitlement issue cannot again be addressed on an appeal from the attorney's fee final judgment.

2. Discovery/First Party Bad Faith

Genovese v. Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company,
36 Fla. L. Weekly S97 (Fla. March 17, 2011).

Answering a certified question of great public importance, the supreme court held that its prior opinion in *Allstate Indemnity Company v. Ruiz*, permitting discovery of work product in first-party bad faith actions, did not also apply to attorney/client privileged communications in the same circumstances. In cases where the insurer has hired an attorney to both investigate the underlying claim and render legal advice, and the claim of privilege is asserted, the trial court should conduct an in camera inspection to determine whether the requested materials involved the rendering of legal advice.

State Farm Florida Insurance Company v. Puig,
36 Fla. L. Weekly D608 (Fla. 3rd DCA March 23, 2011).

In a post-Wilma case, the homeowners sued State Farm for bad faith underpayment of their damage claim. In response to their discovery request, the trial court ordered production of the entire claim file, including documents prepared after the conclusion of the underlying litigation. The Third District granted certiorari, upholding production of the work product materials prepared before conclusion of the underlying litigation, but holding the homeowners were not entitled to materials produced thereafter. The trial court also departed from the essential requirements of law in holding that the attorney/client privilege did not apply in a first party bad faith action. [Note that a week before this opinion was released, the supreme court had reached the same conclusion, upholding the attorney/client privilege in such cases. See *Genovese*, above.]

3. Procedure/Vacating Voluntary Dismissal

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Haercherl,
36 Fla. L. Weekly D567 (Fla. 4th DCA March 16, 2011).

Where a plaintiff mistakenly filed a notice of voluntary dismissal with prejudice and thereafter moved to vacate it pursuant to rule 1.540(b), the trial court concluded that it lacked jurisdiction to grant that relief. Reversing, the Fourth District held that a voluntary dismissal is a "proceeding," and that rule 1.540(b) may be invoked even though for all other purposes the trial court has lost jurisdiction over the cause.

4. Retainer Agreement/Arbitration

Mintz & Fraade, P.C. v. Beta Drywall Acquisition, LLC,
36 Fla. L. Weekly D605 (Fla. 4th DCA March 23, 2011).

In a legal malpractice action, the Fourth District reversed the denial of a motion to compel arbitration in New York in accordance with the retainer agreement. The court held that while an agreement to arbitrate future disputes in another state is outside the authority of the Florida Arbitration Code, Florida courts may enforce an arbitration clause if the agreement is governed by the Federal Arbitration Act. Because the agreement involved parties in differing states, the FAA applied. The Fourth District also upheld the choice of law provision, finding New York law did not contravene Florida's public policy.

5. Workers' Compensation/Attorney's Fees

Kauffman v. Community Inclusions, Inc.,
36 Fla. L. Weekly D622 (Fla. 1st DCA March 23, 2011).

The First District has rejected a constitutional challenge to section 440.34, Florida Statutes, as amended effective July 1, 2009. That amendment, passed by the legislature in reaction to *Murray v. Mariner Health*, 994 So. 2d 1051 (Fla. 2008), restricts a worker's attorney's fees to a set percentage of benefits obtained rather than a "reasonable" fee. In this case, the JCC found a reasonable fee to be \$25,075.00 but awarded a fee of only \$684.41 as mandated by the statutory formula.

Nancy Little Hoffmann is a Board-Certified Appellate Lawyer practicing in the Fort Lauderdale area since 1974. She may be contacted at 954-771-0606 or by e-mail at NLHappeals@aol.com.



In memory of Tracey McPharlin, a Broward County Bar member and former Chair of the Florida Bar Public Interest Law Section who passed away on November 6, 2010, the BCBA is launching the Tracey McPharlin *pro bono* dependency recruitment Initiative. Tracey who was a partner at the firm of Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A. made her name and career advocating for the rights of children in the foster care system. She cared deeply for children who were disabled, vulnerable or in the foster care system. In a career only lasting 10 years, Tracey did a lifetime of work that will improve the lives of thousands of foster children.

The Initiative's goal is to recruit, train and support *pro bono* attorneys who will represent at risk children at all proceedings affecting their safety, permanency, health, and well-being. These goals will be accomplished through partnerships and with public and private entities involved in the child welfare system. Besides the BCBA and the 17th Circuit Pro Bono Committee, the Initiative will be a collaboration of Legal Aid Services of Broward County, Broward Lawyer's Care, and Florida's Children First who will recruit and train *pro bono* attorneys, matching the attorneys with juvenile clients after the attorneys have completed Dependency Court Training.

Attorneys committed to representing a child in the Juvenile Court will receive CLE training in basic advanced dependency issues and will also receive ongoing support from the above organizations, Specialized CLE certified trainings will be offered in the areas of representing dependent youth, mental health issues, psychotropic medications, placement in residential treatment facilities, educational issues including IDEA, developmental disabilities, and ethical issues involving the representation of children.

The Florida Bar Association has long recognized the need for children to be represented in Florida's Juvenile Courts and has supported legislative action to attain that goal through the Florida Bar Legal Needs of Children Committee. Until the Bar's legislative goals for children are achieved it is imperative that Florida's attorneys step up and provide desperately needed *pro bono* support to vulnerable children. It is the Bar's hope that the Tracey McPharlin Pro Bono Initiative will help meet the needs of our at risk children in memory of Tracey continue her advocacy efforts by ensuring that children in or at risk of entering the child welfare system in Broward County have their voices heard by the Court and are afforded representation. For more information about volunteering to represent a child in foster care, please contact Art Goldberg at 954-764-8040.

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Come Celebrate National Caramel Popcorn Day!

Thursday, April 7, 2011

YOLO's O Lounge

333 East Las Olas Boulevard, Ft Lauderdale 33301

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

\$5 (members, Judiciary and law students)

\$10 (non members)

\$25 (new membership + event admission)

Admission includes 1 FREE drink ticket and appetizers.

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Saturday, April 9, 2011 • 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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**NOMINATION APPLICATION FOR THE
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PAUL MAY PROFESSIONALISM IN PRACTICE AWARD**

Award Candidate Nominated:

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Law Firm _____

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Telephone _____

Person Nominating:

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Law Firm _____

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-A candidate for the award may nominate him/herself.

-Nomination Applications must be received on or before Monday, May 16, 2011.

Nominations should be submitted to:

David L. Hirschberg • President, BCBA Young Lawyers Section
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One Financial Plaza, Suite 2208
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Criteria for Nomination:

1. Current contributing member of the BCBA, in good standing, who either: (1) had not attained the age of thirty-six (36) prior to July 1, 2010; or (2) have not begun their sixth year following the first date of admission to the highest court of any state.
2. Exhibition of the highest degree of professionalism in accordance with BCBA Standards of Professional Conduct and the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. Demonstrated respect for the law and preservation of decorum and integrity of the legal system.
4. Conduct which has enhanced the image of the legal professional, either through practice or programs and activities that educate the public about the law or the American legal system.
5. Additional general characteristics may include:
 - A role model for the legal community
 - Integrity
 - Timeliness and promptness
 - Mentoring of others
 - Zealous advocacy while maintaining civility
 - Decorum and demeanor
 - Credibility
 - Courtesy to counsel, the court, and the parties
 - Preparedness
6. Current members of the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors are not eligible for this year's award.

Additional information required about the nominee:

Please attach an explanation of why the Nominee rises above others in exhibiting professionalism in his/her practice of law, bar activities, community activities, or other organizations and include specific examples of conduct (You may also attach a resume, if available).



JUDICIAL RECEPTION

(Complimentary for all Members of the Judiciary)

Thursday, May 12, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

New River Center Rotunda

200 East Las Olas Boulevard

(Sun-Sentinel Building -- SW corner of Las Olas Blvd. & SE 3rd Ave.)

LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIP

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Advance RSVP BCBA Members	\$35.00
Advance RSVP Non-Members	\$45.00
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Entrance tickets include complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and desserts.
RSVP by May 5, 2011.

For sponsorship information or to RSVP, please contact:

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The Broward County Bar Association's
2011 Law Day Luncheon

Law Day Luncheon

Sponsorship Opportunities

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(Includes 8 Lunch Tickets)

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*Guy Wheeler, 2010 Law Day recipient of the Liberty
Bell Award, with Judge Melanie May, Carlos Llorente,
BCBA Past President, and Angel Petti Rosenberg*

Law Day Luncheon

Date: Friday, May 6th, 2011

Time: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Robert A. "Bob" Butterworth, Esq.
(Former Florida Attorney General & Secretary of Florida
Department of Children and Families)

Location: The Tower Club
100 S.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

\$35.00 per person

Judiciary - Complimentary

**Make reservations early as seating is limited*

To RSVP go to www.browardbar.org/events or contact

Traci Lewis at 954.832.3618

email: tracilewis@bellsouth.net

1051 S.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33316

St. Thomas More Society of South Florida

22nd Annual Red Mass, Reception & Dinner

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Red Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski
6:00 P.M.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
901 N.E. 2nd Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Complimentary Reception - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner – 8:30 P.M.

Marriott Harbor Beach Resort
3030 Holiday Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Guest Speaker: Donna E. Shalala, President of the University of Miami

\$ 65.00 per person

The Archbishop Edward McCarthy annual award will be presented at the dinner to **Magistrate Lurana S. Snow, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida.**

Limited Seating/Reservations only/Reservations Deadline is May 20, 2011

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2011 Election Calendar

The election ballot will be e-mailed to you and posted on our website on April 1st
Voting closes April 15th
There is no paper ballot
Results will be released on May 15

Office of the Secretary- One available seat to be filled in the 2011 Election
Central Area- Four available seats to be filled in the 2011 Election
Northeast Area- One available seat to be filled in the 2011 Election

2011 Candidates by Geographical Area

Term of office: July 01, 2011- June 30, 2012

Office of the Secretary

John Jordan



Law Firm: John G. Jordan P A
Area of Practice: Family Law, Mediation, Probate, Real Property
Law School: University of Miami
Year Admitted in Florida Bar: 1973

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for almost twelve years. I have been a member of the Broward County Bar since 1984. In 2008, I was honored to receive the Lynn Futch Professionalism In Practice Award.

As a result of my involvement on the Board of Directors, I am familiar with the operations of the Broward County Bar Association. I currently serve on the Budget Committee and on the Professionalism Committee, which recently expanded the mentoring program. I was a past chairman of the Broward County Bar Bench and Bar Committee.

In 2004, I became the Chairman of Legal Aid Services of Broward County, Inc., after being on its Board of Directors for several years. In 1993, I received the Broward Lawyers Care pro Bono Award.

I have been practicing law for over thirty-five years in Broward County. I worked in the courthouse as a General Magistrate and as an assistant Public Defender.

In 1985, I started in private practice. I am certified as a Family Mediator and as a Civil Circuit Mediator. I enjoy a Martindale Hubble AV rating.

With the Florida Bar, I was a Chairman of a Grievance Committee. I served on several committees with the Family Law Section. I was a local Kiwanis Club President. I sat as a Chairman on the Board of Adjustments for the City of Fort Lauderdale for several years. I have been an Attorneys Title Insurance Fund Member since 1973.

I received my JD from the University of Miami Law School and my BBA degree, with a marketing major, from the University of Notre Dame, School of Business. I served in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves (1969 – 1975) and I am presently a Judge Advocate for a local U. S. Marine Corps League detachment.

As Secretary, I will strive to keep the expenses down, increase the income and expand the membership. I would encourage our members to take a more active role. We should seek to expand the benefits of the members. I feel

we should continually upgrade our web site with more features for our members.

This is our community and our Bar Association. We strive to make it the best. I would appreciate the chance to use my experience to continue to serve the Broward County Bar Association as its Secretary. I appreciate your vote for me.

Ed Holodak



Law Firm: Edward F. Holodak, P.A.
Area of Practice: Commercial and Civil Litigation; Association Law
Law School: University of Florida
Year Admitted to the Florida Bar: 1995
Year Joining BCBA: 1995

I am seeking the office of secretary for this year's Board of Directors for the Broward County Bar Association. I have been a member of the Association since becoming an attorney and I was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2003. In years past, I have served on the Bench/Bar Committee, the Technology Committee and am currently chair of the Membership Committee, working extremely hard with the current administration to increase our membership numbers to new heights. As a solo practitioner I have come to know the importance of the BCBA and the crucial role it does and can play in interaction between the bench, the legal community and the community we serve. I believe the Bar Association must play a large and critical role in the development of the new courthouse, and increase the image of the legal community to those we serve in Broward County and beyond. I look forward to working the Executive Board and the entire BCBA community to achieve these goals and more.

DIRECTORS

Northeast Area

Stuart House



Law Firm: Giunta & House, P.A.
Area Of Practice: Family Law
Law School: University of South Carolina
Year Admitted To Florida Bar: 1991
Year Joining BCBA: 1993

I have practiced family law in Broward County since 1992, and have been a member of the Broward County Bar Association since 1993. Over the years I have been active with the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, having previously served on the Rules Committee and the Attorney Fee Committee, and presently serving on the After-Born Children Sub-Committee of the Support Issues Committee. I have also long been involved with the North Broward Bar Association, having previously served as President. It is my privilege to currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association, representing the Northeast area. I was also a member of the Board in 2005, 2006, and 2007, during which time I functioned as Liaison to the Family Law Section. In my current tenure on the Board, I have had the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and have worked effectively with my colleagues to generate several proposed Amendments to the By-Laws which will be voted on by the membership at large at the annual meeting in June. While I am honored to presently serve on the Board, I am even more excited and enthused about the opportunities going forward. If elected, I welcome the opportunity to continue to effectively work with my colleagues on the Board in a manner designed to promote the best interests of the members of the local bar, as well as the legal community in general. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Berger



Law Firm: Carpenter & Berger
Area of Practice: Corporate and Real Estate
Law School: University of Miami
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1989
Year Joining BCBA: 2008???

I am seeking a seat on the BCBA's Board of Directors as a representative of the Northeast area. Based on my diverse professional background, I believe that I would bring a unique perspective to the Board. After graduating law school, I practiced in Miami for 5 years as a commercial/real estate litigator at larger law firms. For the next 14 years, I was President and General Counsel of a family business with manufacturing, wholesale, retail and internet operations. I returned to the private practice of law about 3 ½ years ago as a partner in a small, boutique corporate and real estate law firm in Ft. Lauderdale. I want to get more involved in my profession and therefore would greatly appreciate your support and the opportunity to serve my constituents in the BCBA.

Central Area

Jim Cobb



Law Firm: Attorney Generals Office of Statewide Prosecution
Area of Practice: AV Rated and Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law
Law School: University of Toledo
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1989
Year Joining BCBA: 1990

I am seeking this opportunity to serve on the Broward Bar's Board of Directors as a representative of the Central Broward Area. As a member, I am proud of the achievements the Bar has been able to realize over the past few years and would like to participate on your behalf in the exciting projects anticipated for the near future. I would appreciate the chance to work new projects as a member of the Board and would be grateful for your continued support allowing me to represent lawyers in Central Broward in this capacity.

Jeff Harris



Law Firm: Jeffrey Harris P.A.
Area of Practice: Criminal Law, Florida Bar Board Certified
Law School: DePaul University
Year admitted to the Florida Bar: 1975
Year Joining BCBA: 1978

During my career I have always tried to give back to the legal community by serving as chair and member of the Broward County Bar Association's Bench-Bar Committee, serving as chair of the Criminal Law Committee and organizing the criminal law seminar at the recent Broward County Bar Association Convention. I have also served as president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, president of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and I am presently serving on the Florida Bar Executive Committee of the Criminal Law Section. This service, along with being a private practitioner for many years, allows me a unique perspective of the Broward County legal community. I would truly appreciate an opportunity to share my ideas with fellow members of the Board of Directors and honored to be so elected.

Scott Chitoff



Law Firm: Brinkley Morgan
Area of Practice: Business Litigation
Law School: Nova Southeastern University
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 2000
Year Joining BCBA: 2000

I am seeking election to Broward Bar's Board of Directors to represent the Central Area. I have extensive experience with our local Bar and The Florida Bar. I am a Past-President of the Young Lawyers Section and served for four years on The Florida Bar's Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors. During my time as President of the Young Lawyers Section I directed the rebranding of the organization, a dramatic increase in sponsorship and event revenues and the utilization of electronic media to increase awareness of and participation in our programs and events. I also represent the Broward Bar as its representative to the Broward County Commission's Courthouse Task Force. In each of these roles, I have been exposed to issues confronting our local Bar and developed relationships with the principals affecting those issues. I believe my background and experience best suits me to serve as your Bar representative.

Jay Kim



Law Firm: Ward Kim Vaughan & Lerner LLP
Area of Practice: Commercial litigation
Law School: University of Florida
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1998
BCBA Member Since: 2005

The Broward County Bar Association does a great job of serving its members and the legal profession by promoting professionalism, supporting an independent judiciary, and establishing a network of support. I would like to contribute to these goals of the BCBA so that we as a legal community can give them the priority they deserve.

With my past and current service to The Florida Bar and the local bars, I have shown my commitment to furthering a noble and well-respected legal community. In addition to the Broward County Bar Association's Professionalism Committee, where I chair the Mentoring Subcommittee, I have chaired The Florida Bar Grievance Committee and currently serve as a vice-chair of the Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee. I am also a board member and vice-chair of Legal Aid Service of Broward County as well as Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida. I am a supporter of diversity in the legal profession, and was the founding president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida, where I am also a current board member.

As a member of the BCBA's board of directors, I hope to build upon the excellent work of the past and current leadership for the betterment of the BCBA and its service to the legal community of Broward County.

Steven Lubell



Law Firm: Lubell & Rosen, LLC
Area of Practice: Medical Malpractice Defense
Law School: University of Florida
Florida Bar Admission: 1994
BCBA Admission: 1995

My name is Steven L. Lubell and I am seeking a position on the Board of Directors for the Central District of the Broward County Bar Association, which includes Fort Lauderdale.

The Broward County Bar Association (“BCBA”) is an excellent business and social networking resource for Broward County attorneys. It serves a critical role in the community; providing for affordable legal services, relevant CLE programs at low or no cost and setting the highest standard for legal professionalism throughout the community. Currently, only approximately 25% of Broward County attorneys are BCBA members. The larger our organization becomes, the more useful it will be to everyone.

As a member of the Board of Directors, some of my primary goals are:

- Increasing membership via incentive programs that offer firm and individual member discounts to both new and returning members;
- Obtaining favorable member benefits for BCBA members from ancillary businesses, such as court reporters and process servers;
- Setting up networking “mixers” with non-attorney professional groups, such as the Broward County Medical Association and other local societies.

I am a Broward County native, born in Hollywood, Florida. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1990 and my law degree from the University of Florida, with honors, in 1993. Since my admission to the Florida Bar in 1994 and BCBA in 1995, I co-founded Lubell & Rosen, LLC, a medical-malpractice defense firm with offices in Fort Lauderdale and New York. I am a Florida Bar Board Certified civil trial lawyer and “AV Rated” by Martindale-Hubbell. I am also licensed to practice law in New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Texas and the District of Columbia.

Denise Jensen



Law Firm: Gladstone & Weissman, P.A.
Area of Practice: Family Law
Law School: Nova Southeastern University
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 2002
Year Joining BCBA: 2002

For the last two years, I have served as the Chair of the Family Law Section of the BCBA and was honored to receive the Practice Section Chair Award last year. It would be my privilege to broaden my involvement with the BCBA as a member of the Board of Directors and participate in the leadership of this great organization. I would be grateful for your support in order to allow me to represent you in this capacity.

Florida Bar Board of Governors Meeting Summary

At its March 25, 2011, meeting in Orlando, The Florida Bar Board of Governors:

- Approved the Bar budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The budget projects revenues of around \$38 million and slightly less expenditures.

- Heard former Bar President Miles McGrane, chair of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, ask the board to oppose a proposed constitutional amendment in the Florida Legislature that would dramatically reduce confidentiality of complaints made to the JQC. The board later in the meeting adopted a legislative position opposing such changes.

- Heard the final recommendations from the Special Committee to Study Mandatory Paralegal Regulation, which have been referred to the Program Evaluation Committee. The special committee recommended that lawyers could not in any communications refer to support staff as a paralegal unless that person is a Florida Registered Paralegal. A minority report from the special committee opposes that recommendation. During the Program Evaluation Committee report, Chair Greg Coleman said the Bar had surveyed registered paralegals and out of more than 2,000 responses, only 40 were in favor of mandatory paralegal regulation.

- Approved a legislative position opposing numerous pending legislative bills and proposed constitutional amendments which would dramatically undermine the courts as now written. Opposed bills include splitting the Supreme Court into civil and criminal supreme courts, eliminating the Bar's role in nominating candidates for some judicial nominating commission seats, removing JNCs from the selection process for DCA judges and Supreme Court justices (that bill also creates Senate confirmation for those jurists), and requiring that justices and DCA judges get 60 percent approval in retention elections. (Another measure would have the Legislature take over procedural rule-making from the Supreme Court; the Bar already has a legislative position opposing that.) The board approved resolution also set out four principles for legislation affecting the judicial branch: a stable, secure, adequate, and permanent source of funding for the courts; the efficient, fair, and impartial functioning of the courts and administration of justice that recognizes the courts as a co-equal branch of government; providing access to the courts and legal services for all Floridians; and a continued meaningful role in the judicial selection process.

- Also as part of the legislative discussion, the board heard Barry Richard, the Bar's outside legal counsel, recount his discussions with the Speaker of the House's office regarding Richard's personal views on legislative issues. Richard told the Speaker's office that he did not represent the Bar on legislative matters, and that he could not speak for or commit the Bar to any legislative position. Those discussions apparently will help lead to a dramatic change in various House proposals with a resulting lesser impact on the courts.

- By a separate motion (as noted above), the board also approved a legislative position opposing the proposed consti-

tutional amendment that at some point in the process would make public all complaints filed against judges with the JQC.

- Bar Chief Legislative Counsel Steve Metz said after a rocky start, the courts appeared to be doing reasonably well in the budget process for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The House preliminary plan would have cut judicial salaries by 8 percent, but the Speaker interceded and included enough money to keep judicial salaries intact. Attempts to reduce overall judicial pensions appear to have failed, although judges may wind up contributing to their pensions, as will other state employees including court staff.

- Chief Justice Charles Canady spoke to the board on the court's current year budget crisis, caused by a sharp reduction in foreclosure filings which provide the bulk of the court system's funding. He said House and Senate leaders were amenable to a plan for the courts to borrow funding to make it to the end of the fiscal year, but that Gov. Rick Scott asked for more information and so far had only agreed to provide funding to keep the courts going until the end of April. He also praised the House Speaker for restoring money to prevent a judicial salary cut, which Canady said would have undermined the ability to attract and keep qualified judges. He warned, though, that the preliminary House budget, perhaps by mistake, eliminated 14 law clerks from the Supreme Court, which he said would substantially undermine the court's ability to efficiently handle cases.

- Heard from Mark Schlakman, of the Florida State University Center for Human Rights, who presented a letter from former Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero calling for the Bar to endorse a review of Florida's death penalty process. President Downs said the Executive Committee will review and act on that matter.

- Approved, at the recommendation of the Member Benefits Committee, three new benefits for Bar members: Medjet Assistance, an insurance program guaranteeing medical transport when traveling; Sears Commercial Marketplace, which offers a wide range of online shopping for home and office products; and STI Tabs3 Trust Accounting Software, which assists lawyers in setting up and maintaining their trust accounts.

- Heard Board Review Committee of Professional Ethics Chair Carl Schwait report that the committee will be presenting its recommendations for amending Bar advertising rules at the board's May 27 meeting. He said the Supreme Court has ordered that the amendments be submitted to it no later than July 5.

- Recommended to the Supreme Court Winston W. Gardner, Jr., of Orlando, Steven S. Oscher of Tampa, and Marni F. Stahlman of Winter Park to replace Arnell Bryant-Willis as a public member on the board.

BROWARD BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
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Over the years, the Broward Bar Foundation has received gifts, most from members of the Broward County Bar Association, in memory of departed colleagues. However, the Foundation has received very little publicity and is underutilized.

One of the original members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation was Roger H. Staley. Roger's recent passing prompted many of us to reconsider the Foundation. Many of Roger's friends and colleagues expressed their desire to do something more than just send flowers to his funeral.

In this spirit, the Board of Trustees of the Foundation has initiated a fund drive in Roger's memory. At the conclusion of the fund drive on May 31, 2011, the day after Memorial Day, the Foundation will host a reception to be held at the Broward County Bar Association offices to which all donors will be invited.

Roger was a founding member and the first president of the Attorney's Real Estate Council of Broward County, Inc. In his memory, the Council has donated a portrait of Roger to the Association to be displayed in honor of all of Roger's contributions to the acquisition and financing of the Norma B. Howard Bar Center. Contributors of up to \$100 will be recognized as "Donors"; contributors of up to \$1,000 shall be recognized as "Friends," and contributors of \$1,000 or more shall be recognized as "Colleagues."

Depending on the level of support for this fund drive, the Foundation will establish a lasting memorial in Roger's memory, perhaps a book award for real property law, or perhaps a scholarship in Roger's memory.

Everyone who knew Roger loved him. If you knew him, the Foundation asks that you honor his memory with a charitable donation to the Broward Bar Foundation, Inc. Please mail your donations to the Foundation's President, Peter Portley, at 2211 E. Sample Road, Suite 204, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064. If you would like, enclose a note with your favorite memory of Roger. We will compile these notes and present them to his widow, Beverly.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact John Hume johnhume@bellsouth.net

The Broward Bar Foundation, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) exempt organization. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible.

If you didn't know Roger - you missed a lot - take a look at the Resolution adopted by the Broward County Bar Association. Just click on the link below.

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He specializes in the areas of criminal law and domestic violence cases. He is a very dedicated pro-bono attorney who is always willing to accept cases helping victims of domestic violence. He has been a member of the bar since the year 2001 and remains in good standing.

Mary Jo Rivero

Mary Jo Rivero, joined the BLC panel in the year 1997 She has taken more 22 cases over the past 13 years with the more than 120 hours to date. She specializes in areas of Bankruptcy, Family Law; Divorce, Collaborative Law, Name, Changes, Mediation, Child Custody, Child Support.

Mary Jo Rivero was admitted to the Florida Bar 1988, 1989 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Mary Jo Rivero attended the University of Miami, J.D. She also attended college at Florida State University. Mary Jo Rivero is always willing to help Broward Lawyers Care.



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Brent Trapana Appointed Editor-in-Chief of Nova Law Review

Brent Trapana has been appointed to serve the Nova Law Review as Editor-in-Chief during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Brent is the nephew of former BCBA President Victor DeBianchi and BCBA Members Geraldine DeBianchi and Paul DeBianchi, and is the stepson of BCBA Member Gordon James. During the Summer of 2009, Brent interned at the BCBA, and last summer clerked with the Nova Southeastern Law School Dean.

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Front Row from left: Barbara Prager, Executive Director of Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Inc.; Anthony Karrat, Executive Director of Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc.; Chief Judge Elect Peter Weinstein; Bruce Weihe, President of BCBA; Jorge Hurtado, Chair, 17th Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee; Frank Wagner, Vice President, Sabadell United Bank; Back Row from left: Gary Singer, Chair, BCBA Real Property Section Chair; Alan Pascal, President, Broward County Hispanic Bar Association; Gary Yordan.


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2011

Friday, April 1st:

Solo/ Small Networking Lunch. Noon. Champps, 6401 N. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale (954) 491-9335. RSVP to: John O'brien (954) 782-9066 and or johnobrienlaw@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 6th:

The Broward County Chapter of the Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc. Monthly Dinner Meeting. With guest speaker the newly elected Chief Judge of Broward County the Honorable Judge Peter Weinstein, on the topic "The Future of the Broward County Judicial System". Coral Ridge Yacht Club, 2800 Yacht Club Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale. Networking begins at 6:00p.m. followed by dinner and lecture. Dinner is \$29.00 for paralegals who are not members of the Paralegal Association of Florida. For more information contact lbono@krupnicklaw.com.

Wednesday, April 6th:

Bar at the Bar Networking Happy Hour. Gatsby's 1805 University Dr., Davie. Semi-private room with use of two pool tables. Half-priced tables, complimentary appetizers, \$4 pizzas available. No RSVP necessary- No charge. For more information call Traci Lewis at 954-764-8040 Ext. 202.

Thursday, April 7th:

Legal Aid's NEXT Event, Celebrating National Caramel Popcorn Day. Yolo's O Lounge, 333 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft Lauderdale 33301. 5:30-7:30p.m. \$5 (members, judiciary and law students) \$10 (non-members) \$25 new membership and event admission. Admission includes 1 free drink ticket and appetizers. To RSVP log on to: <http://legalaids.org/popcornparty/>

Thursday, April 7th:

South Broward Bar Monthly Luncheon. 12:00p.m. at The Ark Restaurant. Luncheon speaker The recently elected Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit, The Hon. Peter Weinstein. For more information or to RSVP call 954-924-8441.

Friday, April 8th:

Broward County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section Presents "Everything You Wanted to Know About The Means Test But Were Afraid to Ask". Sponsored By: A 123 Credit Counselors, Inc.

and A 24/7 Bankruptcy Class, Inc. CLE credits applied for. Broward County Bar Association

Norma B. Howard Center 1051 SE 3rd Ave Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316. 11:30 -12:00 registration

12:00-1:30 lunch and program \$10 for members of Broward County Bar Association \$20 for non-members. To RSVP log on to: www.broward-bar.org/events.

Friday, April 8th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Lunch. Noon. El Mariachi, 1203 N. University Drive, Ramblewood Square, Coral Springs, (954) 753-3788. RSVP to: Evan Ostfeld (954) 227-7529 and or evan@Attorney4life.com.

Saturday, April 9th:

The 9th Annual YLS Bowl-A-Thon. 5:00p.m.- 8:00p.m. Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors. See more information on page 8 of Barrister.

Saturday, April 9th:

4 Hour Minor Guardianship Class. 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m. Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Cost: \$100. Attorneys welcome, approved by the Florida Bar for CLE Credits. To sign up please contact Tish at 954-764-8040 Ext. 200.

Monday, April 11th:

FREE CLE Seminar. Kaufman Rossin & Co. Financial Investigations Lunch and Learn. 12:00 to 1:30p.m. Lunch provided. Held at the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Register at www.kaufmanrossin.com/CLE.

Tuesday, April 12th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Lunch. Noon. East City Grill, 1800 Bell Tower Lane, Weston (954) 659-3339. RSVP to: Rick Woolf (954) 252-0043 and or rwoolf@woolffinancial.com.

Tuesday, April 12th:

North Broward Bar Lunch. 11:45. Lunch with Florida Bar President Mayanne Downs. Galuppi's Restaurant, 1103 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach. Cost: \$17 NBBA and/or BCBA Member; \$20 Non-Members. Payable by check or cash to the NBBA. RSVP to Andrew Daire, NBBA President, by e-mail at: ajd@carls.com

Wednesday, April 13th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Noon. Olive Garden, 807 South University Drive, Plantation (954) 424-7201. RSVP to: John Rizvi (954) 452-0033 and or johnrizvi@ideaatorneys.com.

Wednesday, April 13th:

Stephen R. Booher Inn of Court Dinner Meeting. Renaissance Hotel, 1617 SE 17th Street Causeway, Fort Lauderdale. Contact: Traci Lewis, Administrator at tracilewis@bellsouth.net. No Charge to Inn of Court Members - \$55- Non Members / \$45 Students, Governmental and Judiciary.

Thursday, April 14th:

BCBA official court reporting sponsor Boss Certified Realtime Reporting Open House. 5:30-7:30p.m. 515 E. Las Olas Blvd., Suite 100, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301. RSVP to: info@bossreporting.com or 954-467-6867.

Thursday, April 14th:

Broward County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Presents "How to Avoid an Impasse - What Attorneys and Mediators Should Know. CLE credits applied for Broward County Bar Association. Norma B. Howard Center 1051 SE 3rd Ave Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316. 11:30 -12:00 registration 12:00-1:30 lunch and program. \$15 for members of Broward Bar Association \$25 for non-members.

Thursday, April 14th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Lunch. Noon. Bimini Boat Yard, 1555 SE 17th Street, Ft. Lauderdale (954) 525-7400. RSVP to: Beth Lindie (954) 764-5400 and or blindie@lawyers.com

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MAY 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2011

Saturday, April 16th:

8 Hour Adult Guardianship Class. 9:00a.m.- 5:00p.m. Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Cost: \$180. Guardian for anyone over the age of 18. Attorneys welcome, approved by the Florida Bar for CLE Credits. To sign up please contact Tish at 954-764-8040 Ext. 200.

Wednesday, April 20th:

Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators April Educational Dinner. Tropical Acres Restaurant, 2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Speakers: Dr. Elinor Robin and Professor Susan Dubow. Topic: "Marketing Your Mediation Practice: The Missing Component". Registration begins at 5:30p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00p.m. 2 CME/CLEs Applied For. Cost prior to April 13, 2011, Members- \$35/ Non-members-\$40 Cost after April 13, 2011, or at the door, Members- \$40/

Non-members \$45. Register at www.asfma.org payment by check should be sent to: Jerome Siegle, Esq. 6400 N. Andrews Ave., Ste 505 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

Tuesday, April 26th:

BCBA Publicity Committee Meeting. Noon. BCBA Offices. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch is provided. Please call Chair Morrie Levine to RSVP at: 954-925-9000.

Wednesday, April 27th:

Trial Section Networking Happy Hour. Hosted by the Law Firm of Haliczzer Pettis & Schwamm. For members of the Broward County Bar Association's Trial Practice Section. 5:30-7:00p.m. At YOLO in Ft. Lauderdale. Attendance is free, each guest will receive complimentary appetizers and two drink tickets. Please RSVP by Monday, April 25 to Gonzalo Perez at GPerez@hpslegal.com or 954-523-9922.

Thursday, April 28th:

WEST BROWARD SECTION LUNCHEON SPEAKER: THE HONORABLE RON ROTHSCHILD Plantation Preserve Golf Course 7050 W. Broward Boulevard Plantation 11:45 -12:00 registration 12:00-1:30 lunch and program \$25.00 prior to 4/27/2011 \$30.00 at the door. To RSVP log on to: www.browardbar.org/events.

Thursday, April 28th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Lunch. Noon. Macaroni Grill, 2004 NW Executive Center Circle, Boca Raton (561) 997-5492. RSVP to: Michael Degnan (561) 353-1631 and or michael@mjcdegnan.com

Thursday, April 28th:

YLS Annual Election Meeting/Luncheon. Noon. Tower Club in Fort Lauderdale. To RSVP log on to: www.browardbar.org.

Friday, April 29th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Lunch. Noon The Ark, 6233 Stirling Road, Hollywood, (954) 584-3075. RSVP to: David Silverstone (954) 367-0770 and or david@dsilverstone.com.

Friday, May 6th:

LAW DAY LUNCHEON. Speaker: Robert "Bob" Butterworth. 11:30 -12:00 registration 12:00-1:30 lunch Tower Club 100 SE 3rd Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, FL \$35 Per Person Judiciary Complimentary. To RSVP log on to: www.browardbar.org/events.

Friday, May 6th:

BCBA Blogger's Breakfast. 8:00-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast. 8:30-9:30 Seminar. By popular demand, the seminar will feature a discussion on: Topic Selection Tips to Build Your Blog Audience. Learn how to create and structure your own blog editorial calendar, while offering a number of different angles on subjects in your key practice areas.

The guest speaker is to be announced. Margaret Grisdela of Legal Expert Connections and BCBA Social Media Sponsor will moderate the session. Free for members of the BCBA, to RSVP visit www.browardbar.org/events.

Monday, May 9th:

Annual Florida Marlins/ Ethics & Professionalism Seminar Sun Life Stadium, preceding the Phillies - Marlins baseball game Theme: The past, present and future of ethics and professionalism in our profession. Speakers: Bob Josefsberg, Gerald Biondo and Osvaldo Soto and thier lawyer/children, Circuit Judge Bertila (Berdy) Soto, Karen Josefsberg Ladis and Amy Josefsberg Ederi and Garrett Biondo Moderated by David B. Rothman. For a package price of \$100 each person signing up in addition to the seminar (usually 2 credit hours), will recieve a Founders Level ticket to the game, free parking at the stadium, coupons worth about \$20 for food and other purchases at the game and a Marlins baseball cap. For more information E-mail: dbr@rothmanlawyers.com.

Thursday, May 12th:

Young Lawyers Judicial Reception. For more information see page 10.

Wednesday, May 18th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Dinner. 6:00p.m. Dave and Buster's, 3000 Oakwood Blvd., Hollywood, FL. \$35 for members of Broward County Bar Association. \$50 for non-members. \$5 additional charge in not RSVP'd in advance. To RSVP log on to: www.browardbar.org/events.

Thursday, May 19th:

YLS Monthly Luncheon. Guest Speaker newly elected Chief Judge Peter Weinstein. Noon, at the Tower Club. Judge Weinstein will discuss his goals as Chief Judge, ongoing projects at the Courthouse, as well as other interesting topics. To RSVP visit www.browardbar.org .

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