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## General Meeting

July 18, 1985 — 12:00 Noon

Anacapi Inn and Restaurant

1901 North Federal Highway / Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Lunch \$8.50

Program: *Airport Expansion of the 80's*

Speaker: *Richard Mooney, Project Director for Expansion of the Airport*

Reservations are necessary. Please return the enclosed reservation card by July 16, 1985. Reservations made and not cancelled by July 16, 1985, must be paid if guarantee is not met and the Bar is charged for lunches.

### Judge Miette K. Burnstein New Chief Judge



Judge Miette Burnstein assumed the duties of the Chief Judge for the 17th Judicial Circuit on July 1, 1985.

Judge Burnstein was born in Budapest, Hungary. She attended public schools in Broward County, graduating from South Broward High School. She graduated  
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### Broward County Bar Association Wins Award of Merit

The Broward County Bar Association has won a first prize award in statewide competition for its Special Committee for the Needs of Children.

The Bar won in the new projects category in the annual Awards of Merit competition conducted by The Florida Bar and the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents.

Awards were presented June 29 during the four-day convention of The Florida Bar at the Boca Raton Hotel & Club.

Judge Larry Seidlin, who chairs the award-winning committee, said the Broward Bar created the committee "to respond to the needs of children, to raise the consciousness and gain the support of leaders and citizens in the community and to achieve a commitment of resources to the needs of children."

Among the projects of the 40-member committee are drug and alcohol abuse seminars, a guardian ad-litem program through which lawyers contribute pro bono time for children, and tours of juvenile programs for lawyers and judges.

Seidlin said the committee now is creating a Family Development Institute at Broward Community College addressing parenting skills, early childhood education and child abuse.

### Formation of Southern District Bench/Bar Liaison Committee

In cooperation with Chief Judge James Lawrence King, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, the Bar Associations of Dade, Broward, Monroe, Palm Beach and Collier Counties announce the formation of the Southern District Bench/Bar Liaison Committee. The members of the Committee will receive and screen both complaints and suggestions from lawyers concerning their problems with the operation of the District Court. Communications will be handled on a confidential basis, and presented to the judges of the Southern District. Complaints and suggestions should be directed to:

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**Motion Calendars Suspended**

<i>Judge</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Through</i>
Linda L. Vitale	July 8	July 26
Lawrence L. Korda	July 8	July 12
Mark E. Polen	July 8	August 1
Mel Grossman	July 15	August 2
Paul M. Marko, III	July 15	July 19
Joseph E. Price, Jr.	July 15	July 19
M. Daniel Futch, Jr.	July 29	August 12
Gene Fischer	July 29	August 9
George W. Tedder, Jr.	August 5	August 23
W. Herbert Moriarty	August 12	September 3
Estella M. Moriarty	August 12	September 3

**Designation of Judicial Officers For Weekend First Appearance Proceedings**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Judge</i>
July 6, 7 . . . . .	Louis Weissing
July 13, 14 . . . . .	Zebedee Wright
July 20, 21 . . . . .	J. Bart Budetti
July 27, 28 . . . . .	Robert L. Andrews
August 3, 4 . . . . .	Irwin A. Berkowitz

**Schedule of Circuit Court Civil Division and Criminal Division Duty Judges**

The following assignments are for Circuit Court Civil Division Duty Judge:

<i>Week Commencing</i>	<i>Judge</i>
July 5 . . . . .	Stephen R. Booher
July 12 . . . . .	Joseph E. Price
July 19 . . . . .	Linda L. Vitale
July 26 . . . . .	Mel Grossman
August 2 . . . . .	Estella M. Moriarty

The following assignments are for Circuit Court Criminal Division Duty Judge:

<i>Week Commencing</i>	<i>Judge</i>
July 5 . . . . .	Arthur J. Franza
July 12 . . . . .	Mark A. Speiser
July 19 . . . . .	Robert W. Tyson, Jr.
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## Young Lawyers Section

### President's Message

Welcome to a new Bar year and congratulations to our new Executive Committee which consists of President-Elect Glenn Leonard, Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Morris, and Executive Committee members Bob Berube, Bob Cousins, Melanie May, Paul May, Rob Plafsky and John Wilkes. We look forward to working with all members of our Section to achieve another successful and fun year.

We are continuing many projects from past years, as well as embarking on some new challenges. One of our first events will be the annual trip to the Orange Bowl. This year we will see the Miami Dolphins play the New York Jets on November 11, 1985. We are reserving 70 tickets for the game and, as always, the price of this event will include the bus trip to the Orange Bowl, lunch and beer. In addition to the Dolphin game, Melanie May's social committee has plans under way for the Third Annual Judicial Reception which I am sure will continue to be a highlight of the Bar year not only for Young Lawyers but for the entire Broward County Bar. We are also planning a seminar for new Bar admittees and law students which will be most timely in light of the recent decision of the Florida Bar Board of Governors to recommend that the Supreme Court implement mandatory CLE. In the athletics department, our annual golf tournament will be held in the fall at Jacaranda Country Club. The Young Lawyers Football League will also resume in the fall and in the spring we will sponsor the annual Young Lawyers Softball Tournament.

In the new projects department we hope to expand on our annual Young Lawyers calendar by publishing a periodic newsletter. Terry O'Connor has volunteered to spearhead this project. We are also considering publishing a photo

directory of the Broward County Bar Association. Bob Cousins will be continuing his efforts to consolidate and coordinate projects on children's interests, including the guardian ad litem program. We are continuing the efforts of Terry Russell, Past President of the Broward County Bar Association, to enlist new members. Melanie May is coordinating the drive to sign up senior law students who are now eligible for special membership in the county bar association, and Bob Berube is coordinating recruitment of members from the State Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices, as well as other lawyers in government service.

I want to offer congratulations to Romney Rogers on the completion of his successful term as President of our Section. We all owe him our appreciation for his outstanding leadership. I am sure that he will continue to represent us well on the Florida Young Lawyers Section Board of Governors along with Jerry Morris, our Secretary-Treasurer, and Tim Beavers, our newest Board of Governors delegate.

The Executive Committee hopes that you will take the time to join us in making this a successful and rewarding year. We look forward to working with all of you toward that goal. Please call us with your comments and suggestions and volunteer a little of your time to help make this our best year ever.

D. David Keller

### Welcome New Members

**JOEL CANTOR**, a native of Coral Gables, Florida, received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University and his law degree from Nova Law School. He is associated with the State Attorney's Office.

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**HELEN T. BONOMO**, a native of New York, New York, received her un-

dergraduate and law degrees from University of Florida. She is associated with McCune, Haasen, Crum, Ferris & Gardner in Fort Lauderdale.

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**ALICE A. ALLEN**, a native of West Hollywood, Florida, received her undergraduate and law degrees from Stetson University. She is associated with Snyder & Kiar in Davie.

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**NEESA BARBARA KURLAND**, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, received her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University and her law degree from Nova Law School. She is associated with Kurland & Kurland in Fort Lauderdale.

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**HOWARD S. MILLER**, a native of New York, New York, received his undergraduate degree from Union College and his law degree from Emory University. He is a sole practitioner in Hollywood.

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**DORETTA MARTONE**, a native of Newark, New Jersey, received her undergraduate degree from Boston College and her law degree from Nova Law School. She is associated with Capp, Reinstein, Kopelowitz & Atlas in Fort Lauderdale.

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**DANA R. STOKER**, a native of Miami, Florida, received his undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University and his law degree from Nova Law School. He is a sole practitioner in Fort Lauderdale.

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**MARY JO MEIVES**, a native of Detroit, Michigan, received her undergraduate degree from Mercy College and her law degree from Detroit College of Law. She is associated with McClure & Associates in Fort Lauderdale.

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## Judge Selectors Sought

Two non-attorneys are being sought for the committee that nominates persons to be appointed Broward circuit and county judges.

The two vacancies on the 17th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission must be filled by registered voters who reside in Broward and who are not attorneys admitted to practice law in Florida.

A new circuit judgeship was created for Broward by the recent legislative session, and this position must be filled by appointment before January 1.

The nominating commission screens candidates for this position and vacancies among Broward's 60 existing circuit and county judgeships. The governor makes the appointment from three nominees.

"This is an opportunity for a Broward citizen to discharge a volunteer community service," Terrence Russell, acting chairman of the 17th Judicial Circuit

Nominating Commission, said. "It's a lot of responsibility but not much glory."

Interested persons should submit their original resume and six copies describing their background and community involvement, and their reasons for wishing to serve on the commission, to Russell not later than July 8.

Mail them to him at P.O. Box 1900, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33302.

## Courts' Restructure Commission

Chief Justice Joseph A. Boyd, Jr., has established a study commission to consider the need for, or the alternative to, increasing the number of appellate districts and if there should be a need to change the boundaries of one or more of the twenty judicial circuits.

Justice Leander J. Shaw, Jr., is the Chairman of the commission and Justice James E. Alderman is Vice Chairman. Other members are Justice Ben F. Overton; Judge Anne C. Booth; Russell Troutman; Judge Warren H. Cobb; Representative Samuel P. Bell, III; Nikki Clayton; Senator S. Curtis Kiser; Senator Pat C. Frank; Judge Stephen H. Grimes; Judge Harry Lee Anstead; Philip F. Halle; Judge R. Wallace Pack; Representative Ronald A. Silver; Terrence Russell; Judge Bernard R. Jaffe; Judge Phillip A. Hubbart; and Marguerite H. Davis.

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**Judge Miette K. Burnstein**  
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from Syracuse University and the University of Miami Law School.

She practiced law in Hollywood from 1961 to 1976 when she was elected to the Circuit Court. She has been very active in bar association work, serving as bar counsel and referee in grievance procedures and on the Executive Committee of Broward County Bar Association.

She is married to Myron (Mike) Burnstein and has two children. Her daughter

is doing post graduate work at University of North Carolina and her son is in undergraduate school at Emory University.

Judge Burnstein is also a licensed private pilot.

The duties of the Chief Judge are many and time consuming. She has made the following appointments for Administrative Judges:

Civil	Judge Estella M. Moriarty
Criminal	Judge Barry J. Stone
Probate	Judge Raymond J. Hare
Juvenile	Judge John A. Miller
County Court	Judge Larry Seidlin



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Group & Event	Time & Place	Reservations
7/9/85	North Broward Bar Assn. Monthly Meeting	Flaming Pit Restaurant, 1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach, 12:00 Noon	John L. Korthals 943-2020
7/12/85	Broward Christian Lawyers Assn. Monthly Meeting	Holiday Inn, State Road 84 just west of I-95 Ft. Lauderdale, 12:00 Noon	Ronald Houchins 752-8100
7/18/85	BCBA General Meeting	Anacapi Inn & Restaurant, 1901 N. Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale, 12:00 Noon, \$8.50	BCBA 764-8040
7/25/85	Young Lawyers Section Luncheon Meeting	Cafe de Geneve, 1519 S. Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, 12:00 Noon, \$7.50	Gerald M. Morris 525-0531

## Attorney Errors Prove Headache for Clerk's Office

The Broward County Clerk's Office kept statistics for the Continuing Education Committee of the Broward Bar during this past year to zero in on attorney errors or negligences which cause inefficiency in the Clerk's Office and thus add to the slowdown of processing our legal work. The following are some of the more prominent errors committed weekly by many attorneys on pleadings filed with the Clerk's Office:

1. Wrong case numbers
2. Wrong judge or no judge on pleadings
3. No signature on pleadings
4. No case number on pleadings
5. Wrong county
6. No address or phone number for attorney

We feel certain that many of these errors are typographical or just because of a heavy caseload and the attendant time pressure. However, in a sense of cooperation for all of us to help improve the flow of paperwork through the court system, which amounts to over 700,000 pleadings a year in Broward County alone, we wanted to bring this to your attention and your secretary's in hopes that the knowledge would make us all a little more careful in the future.

**Linda A. Conahan**  
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