



the BROWARD BARRISTER

No General Meeting in August
Next Meeting — September 25, 1986

6:30 P.M.

Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort
3030 Holiday Drive / Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Program: "Roast of Ray Ferrero, Jr."

See September *Barrister* for details

President's Message

As you know, the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar met in Fort Lauderdale last week. The meeting was well attended by board members and by a number of members of local grievance committees. It was noted by President Joe Reiter that attendance by local grievance committee members was the best in recent memory, if not a record breaker for the Bar. Some 15 lawyer and non-lawyer grievance committee members as well as local bar staff attorneys participated in the meeting. Several of these remarked that the grievance agenda was "eye opening" and that it was impressive to see the final results of a process that began essentially with them. For the first time, the administering of public reprimands by the President were televised. This certainly gave impetus to the concept of the term "public." The impact on the offending attorneys cannot be measured—but I am convinced it was far more dramatic than having the President simply read the charges and the punishment into the record.

One matter that will certainly come before the board in the September meeting is the question of reimbursement of board members for attendance at board meetings. Members of the Board of Bar Examiners are currently reimbursed, but the members of the Board of Governors have always paid their own way. Those in favor of reimbursement feel that by so doing, the process will be opened to more members of the Bar and thus the perception

that the board is a "rich man's" club will disappear. Those in opposition hold to the view that lawyers throughout the state owe their fellow attorneys and the profession an obligation to serve the Bar and the cost should be borne by those so serving. Lawyers serving on committees and sections are not reimbursed for their expenses and it is felt that their service is as important as service on the Board of Governors. There is concern that many of our brethren will consider payment to board members as an improvident and improper use of their Bar dues. Should a dues increase in the future be sought (for whatever reason) such increase will be perceived by many to be the result of board expense reimbursement.

It is estimated that it costs each board member \$600.00 per meeting in direct out-of-pocket expenses. This, of course, is without regard to the loss of income that one suffers from being out of the office some three or four days every other month. Certainly full reimbursement would not be anticipated and there would have to be "caps" in place, but I would like your views on the basic concept. This will enable your local representatives to vote when this matter is formally presented to the board.

Please complete and return the enclosed "straw ballot." Your wishes and ideas in this matter are important to us and your participation is not only solicited but appreciated.

Til next time . . .

Roger H. Staley

Notice

To the Bench and Bar of Broward County

Your Courts Committee solicits your suggestions for changes and your criticisms of existing court practices and procedures.

Effective action requires planning and work. **Please rush your response.** Speak now or hold your peace!

Your experience with and approval or criticism of Administrative Order 1.02.1 as revised July 1, 1985, is requested.

All suggestions and criticisms, signed or anonymous, may be addressed to the Courts Committee, 735 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, or at Post Office Drawer 4078, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33338.

**Linda A. Conahan and
 Robert M. Curtis**
 Co-Chairmen

Dues

First and second Dues Notices have been mailed. If you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately.

Judicial Poll

The Broward County Bar Association is conducting a Judicial Poll, and ballots *must be returned by August 11, 1986, at 5:00 P.M.* Please vote!

Motion Calendars Suspended

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James M. Reasbeck	September 23	October 10

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Schedule of Circuit Court Civil Division and Criminal Division Duty Judges

The following assignments are for Cir-
cuit Court Civil Division Duty Judge:

Week Commencing	Judge
August 1	John G. Ferris
August 8	Robert C. Abel, Jr.
August 15	George A. Shahood
August 22	Barbara Bridge
August 29	Mark E. Polen

The following assignments are for Cir-

Designation of Judicial Officers For Weekend First Appearance Proceedings

Date	Judge
August 2, 3	Mark A. Speiser
August 9, 10	A.J. Musselman, Jr.
August 16, 17	George W. Tedder, Jr.
August 23, 24	Robert C. Scott
August 30, 31	Linda L. Vitale

Bench-Bar Conference

Your suggestions for topics to be dis-
cussed at the Bench-Bar Workshop are
solicited. Plans are underway for the
workshop **now**. Please send your sugges-
tions and ideas now so that the confer-
ence will address your needs.

Topics for discussion are:

- Civil Division
- Criminal Division
- Probate and Guardianship Division
- Appellate Division

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Young Lawyers Section President's Message

Only a few more weeks and summer will be over. Our annual beach/pool party was a fun event and if you didn't attend, you missed a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow lawyers.

Our athletic committee is preparing for a busy fall. In September, we will begin our flag football league. For information, please call either Jim Camp (462-1431) or Terry O'Connor (565-0501).

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On Saturday, September 27, 1986, we will be having our annual golf tournament at Jacaranda Country Club. This tournament is open to all lawyers regardless of age, sex or golfing ability. The golf and socializing are a guaranteed good time. Please read the article on the golf tournament on this page for details.

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Fall is the busiest time of the year for the YLS with lots of activities. If you're not involved with our Section, you're missing out on much fun. Get involved with the YLS—we need you and you need the YLS.

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For those of you who haven't yet taken a vacation, I hope you have a good, safe one.

C. Glenn Leonard

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Young Lawyers Section Annual Golf Tournament

The Young Lawyers Section proudly announces that this year's golf tournament will be held on Saturday, September 27, 1986, at the Jacaranda Country Club. The tournament is open to all members of the Broward County Bar, and it is our hope that many "older" Bar members will join us in this fun event. The cost of \$35.00 per person includes greens fees, tax, electric cart, beverages, food and prizes. The format will be a shot-gun start, so that all foursomes will start and finish at the same time. The foursome will play a "scramble" format; all players in the foursome will hit from the tee area, with the foursome choosing which of the four balls they want to play. After the "best" ball is selected, all four players will hit the team's second shot from the position of the "best" ball. This procedure is repeated until the team finishes the hole.

Make your reservations by sending in the enclosed card, along with \$35.00 per player. Deadline for registration is September 23, 1986. Those individuals who

wish to play, but do not have a foursome, should submit their names and they will be matched with other individuals.

Terry O'Connor

Young Lawyers Section Miami Dolphins v. L.A. Raiders Charter Bus Trip

The Young Lawyers Section is sponsoring its fourth annual trip to see the Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins will be taking on the L.A. Raiders on Sunday, October 19, 1986, at 1:00 P.M. Seventy block tickets have been reserved.

This year's game package will include a charter bus trip to the Orange Bowl, fried chicken, beer and cold drinks. This is generally a popular event, so you will want to make your plans now.

Reservation cards and additional information will be published in the September issue of the *Barrister*. Tickets are not available for this popular event at this time, but be ready to place your order when the September *Barrister* arrives!



Young Lawyers Section members at the Installation Cocktail Reception.

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Jury Awards

In light of the recent concern as to the amount of jury verdicts in personal injury cases I have authorized a study of the amount of awards by juries in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in 1985.

Seven hundred eleven files were examined representing all identifiable cases in which civil juries were sworn in this circuit in 1985. Of these cases verdicts were entered in 269 personal injury cases. One verdict of \$3 million and one verdict of \$2.5 million have been excluded because no one appeared on the defense side and there was no insurance or other identifiable source of recovery. Had these verdicts been included the average verdict would be increased approximately \$20,000. The other statistics would not be changed.

There were 126 defense verdicts, representing 47% of the total. The average award (mean) was \$43,786.89. Half the verdicts were below \$1,520.00.

A further breakdown of plaintiff's verdicts is as follows:

\$1-10,000	51 verdicts, 19.0%
10,001-50,000	51 verdicts, 19.0%
50,001-100,000	20 verdicts, 7.5%
100,001-250,000	9 verdicts, 3.47%
250,001-500,000	7 verdicts, 2.6%
500,001-1,000,000	2 verdicts, 0.7%
over 1,000,000	1 verdict, 0.4%

Cases which were settled during trial or which did not involve personal injury claims were excluded.

Miette K. Burnstein
Chief Judge

Broward Lawyers Care

Broward Lawyers Care wishes to thank the following attorneys who have recently joined its panel of attorneys providing pro bono legal services to the poor:

Edward Berger	Deborah Kowalsky
Lorin Bolton	Quentin Long
James Boone	Robert Martin
Stanley Broder	Frank Newman
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Charles Butman	Peter Portley
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Nick Gentile	Robert Serrone
Marc Gold	Stanley Sokolowski
Barbara Heyer	Roger Staley
Garland Hogan	Jerome Ventura
Phyllis Howard	Bruce Warner
Charles Jaffee	David Welsh
Barbara Kirby	Michael Widoff

Our panel now contains over 200 members. The program also wishes to thank all of the members who have participated this year in helping us handle our pending cases which now number over 200.

Broward Lawyers Care is a cooperative effort between the Broward County Bar Association and the Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. If you would like to join the panel, please contact Delores Gilmore at 764-2606.

Welcome New Members

WILLIAM J. GOODROW, a native of Montreal, Canada, received his undergraduate degree from New York University and his law degree from West New England Law School. He is a sole practitioner in Hollywood.

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CHRISTINE M. RUSSO, a native of Summit, New Jersey, received her undergraduate degree from St. Mary's College and her law degree from New England School of Law. She is associated with Gustafson, Stevens, Ferris, Forman & Hall in Fort Lauderdale.

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PAUL J. SCHLEGEL, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, received his undergraduate degree from John Carroll University and his law degree from Nova Law Center. He is a sole practitioner in Pompano Beach.

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DEBRA ANNE ALTIZER, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and her law degree from the University of Houston. She is associated with Compton & Associates in Fort Lauderdale.

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LEWIS D. BERNS, a native of Chicago, Illinois, received his undergraduate degree from DePaul University and his law degree from John Marshall University. He is associated with Conrad, Scherer & James in Fort Lauderdale.

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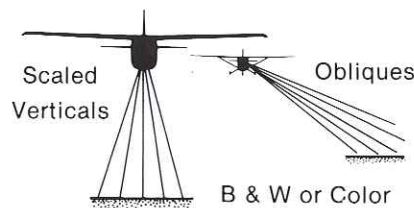
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JOHN EDWARD CARTER, a native of Rochester, New York, received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his law degree from the University of Houston. He is associated with Jay H. Hernberg in Fort Lauderdale.

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ANTHONY J. DiFILIPPO, a native of Columbia, South Carolina, received his undergraduate and law degrees from Florida State University. He is associated with Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming in Fort Lauderdale.

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DEBORAH K. FISCHER, a native of Hollywood, Florida, received her undergraduate degree from Florida State University and her law degree from Nova Law Center. She is associated with Hodges, Gossett, McDonald, Gossett & Crawford in Hollywood.

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RICHARD P. GREENE, a native of Syracuse, New York, received his undergraduate degree from Nova University and his law degree from Nova Law Center. He is associated with Calvo, Bofshever & Perry in Fort Lauderdale.

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STEVEN R. LEVIN, a native of Chicago, Illinois, received his undergraduate and law degrees from Tulane University. He is associated with Sherr, Tiballi, Fayne & Schneider in Fort Lauderdale.

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Circuit Civil Caseload Report

As of July 18, 1986

Submitted by the Court Administrator's Office

DIVISION	SETTING TIME		MOTIONS (30 minutes or less) excluding motion calendar
	JURY TRIALS (5 days or less)	NON-JURY TRIALS (2 days or less)	
	months	months	weeks
Circuit Court Judges			
James M. Reasbeck	6	5	6
Paul M. Marko III	5	3	4
J. Cail Lee	8	6	6
Gene Fischer	7	3	10
W. Herbert Moriarty	6	2	2
Barbara Bridge	5	3	5
Joseph E. Price, Jr.	8	5	11
George Shahood	5	3	3
Eugene S. Garrett	3	2	6
Robert C. Abel, Jr.	4	4	4
Estella M. Moriarty	4	4	7
Linda Vitale	2-3	1-2	1
John T. Luzzo	5	4	6
Robert L. Andrews	2	3	12
Robert C. Scott	3	3	5

LAURANCE RODNEY MANNING, a native of Seattle, Washington, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Akron, his M.A. from the University of North Colorado and his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law. He is associated with Racial-Milgo in Fort Lauderdale.

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EVELYN M. MERCHANT, a native of Rockland, Maine, received her undergraduate degree from F.I.U and her law degree from Nova Law Center. She is associated with Simons, Simons & Tobin in Fort Lauderdale.

THERESA MEROLA PETERSON, a native of Staten Island, New York, received her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University and her law degree from Nova Law Center. She is a sole practitioner in Fort Lauderdale.

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KEITH D. POST, a native of Nuremberg, Germany, received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University and his law degree from the University of Miami. He is associated with Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming in Fort Lauderdale.

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NANCY ELLEN ROSS, a native of Brooklyn, New York, received her undergraduate degree from Emory University and her law degree from Hofstra University School of Law. She is associated with Conrad, Scherer & James in Fort Lauderdale.

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PHILIP G. SCHLISSEL, a native of Brooklyn, New York, received his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College and his law degree from Nova Law Center. He is associated with Louis Schiff in Tamarac.

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JORDAN M. SEEMAN, a native of New York City, New York, received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida and his law degree from University of Miami School of Law. He is associated with Phillip M. Berman in Pompano Beach.

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DAVID A. SIERRA, a native of Brooklyn, New York, received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University and his law degree from Catholic University of America. He is associated with Wicker, Smith, Blomqvist, Tutan, O'Hara, McCoy, Graham & Lane in Fort Lauderdale.

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PAMELA M. STEFFENS, a native of Jamaica, New York, received her undergraduate degree from University of Florida and her law degree from Nova Law Center. She is associated with Esler & Kirschbaum in Fort Lauderdale.

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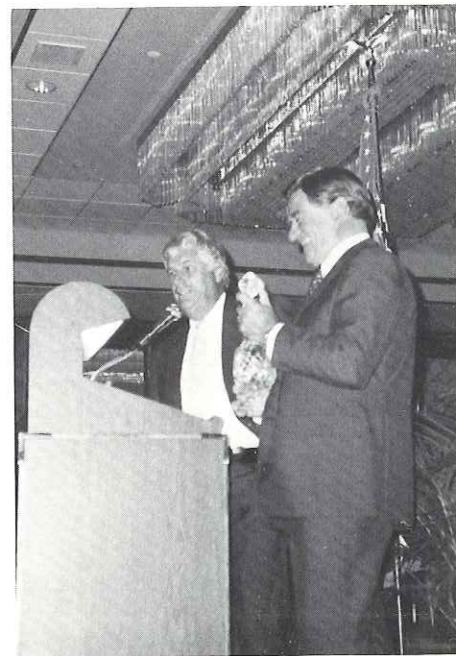
PATRICIA SMITH WIHNYK, a native of Chicago, Illinois, received her undergraduate degree from Barat College and her law degree from Nova Law Center. She is associated with Weaver, Weaver, Lardin & Liroff in Fort Lauderdale.



Jeff Wasserman, Roger Staley, Beverly Staley, Mary Carratt and Harry Carratt at the Installation Cocktail Reception.



Roger Staley and Terrence Russell.



Roger Staley and Patrick Bailey at the Installation Dinner.

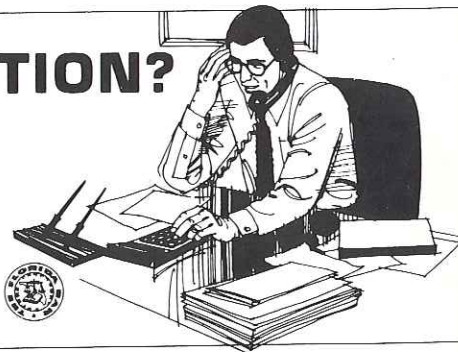
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Group & Event	Time & Place	Reservations
8/8/86	Christian Lawyers Assn. Monthly Meeting	Holiday Inn, State Road 84 (just west of I-95) Ft. Lauderdale, 12:00 Noon	Ronald Houchins 752-8100
8/12/86	North Broward Bar Assn. Monthly Meeting	Flaming Pit Restaurant, 1150 N. Federal Hwy. Pompano Beach, 12:00 Noon	John L. Korthals 943-2020
8/21/86	Young Lawyers Section Monthly Meeting	Cafe de Geneve, 1519 S. Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, 12:00 Noon, \$9.00	Melanie G. May 761-8600
9/25/86	General Meeting	Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort 3030 Holiday Dr., Ft. Lauderdale, 6:30 P.M.	See September <i>Barrister</i>
9/27/86	Young Lawyers Section Annual Golf Tournament	Jacaranda Country Club 9200 W. Broward Blvd. Plantation, 8:00 A.M., \$35.00	Terry O'Connor 2601 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 500, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306

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