

Charles A. Morehead III

2016-2017 BCBA President

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Charles A. Morehead III is the 91st President of the Broward County Bar Association, bringing yet another level of rich history and accomplishment to our local bar. Charles, a native 4th generation South Floridian, grew up in South Miami, graduating from the University of Florida in 1982 and going on to complete his JD at the University of Miami, with honors, in 1985 where he passed the Bar and began his practice. Charles career began as a clerk and later an associate with the esteemed Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming in 1985, moving to Conrad, Scherer & James in January 1986. Charles was mentored by Rex Conrad, among others, until 1992 when he formed his own firm. Charles credits the success of his early years to partnering with George Bunnell, David Keller, and Steve Moody, with whom he worked closely in building his practice. Currently, Charles is an equity partner with the AV-rated firm of Abramowitz, Pomerantz & Morehead P.A. Charles' practice focuses primarily on personal injury cases dealing with wrongful death, product liability, premises liability, auto accidents, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, and any other case where serious personal injury is involved. Charles is listed in "Best Lawyers in America" in the field of Plaintiff's personal injury.

Charles' passion for the law is clearly demonstrated through the many years and hundreds of hours he has dedicated to enrichment of the legal profession, taking on numerous leadership positions in both our local community and at the state level of the Florida Bar. Charles is the current president of the American Board of Trial Advocates for the Fort Lauderdale Chapter, he is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Civil Trial, and currently sits on the standing Committee for



Civil Trial for the Florida Bar. At the local level, Charles is the past chair for the Trial Lawyers Section, was the chairman of the Bench & Bar Committee for three years, was the co-chairman for the Bench & Bar Convention for 2013, and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the BCBA since 2006.

On a personal note, Charles has three children: sons Charles IV, 31; Parker, 23; and his daughter, Chandler 21. Charles IV is a graduate of the University of Florida and a commercial pilot. Parker is a graduate of Florida State University, and is an Assistant Superintendent for Seawood Builders. Chandler is currently a Senior at Texas State University, is a musical theater major, and has already appeared on Broadway. Charles has a passion for the outdoors, and is the past president and life member of the Broward County Airboat, Halftrack & Conservation Club, an active boater and airboater. He enjoys building racing engines, is an avid hunter and life member of the NRA, and is a two-time World Skeet Shooting Class Champion. Charles' vision of this upcoming year is to continue the growth of the BCBA, continue our outreach into the community,



and to stand up for the rights of Broward lawyers and judges. He will also focus on promoting and demanding professionalism, civility, and competence in our profession, as well as a dedication to defeating the commercialization of the legal field and increasing the profile of the BCBA.

It seems only natural that Charles take the next step into the presidency of the BCBA, a role that we, as members of the BCBA, are excited to welcome him into, and want to extend our humble gratitude for the many years of service, pride, and growth he has brought, and continues to bring, to the BCBA. Charles, you continue to enrich our profession and our organization, please accept our warmest congratulations on becoming the 91st President of the BCBA.

P.S.: Charles has promised that we WILL move into our new courthouse before his term ends! On behalf of all Broward Lawyers, we will take you up on that! **B**



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