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This month we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Law Day. A celebration of the role of law in our society and the foundational principle of our country. This year's theme is Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom. The focus this year is on the keystone nature of the separation of powers built into our constitution and how the founding fathers built this principle for posterity.

Law Day was first recognized by President Eisenhower in 1958. According to the American Bar Association (ABA), Law Day was originally the idea of Charles S. Rhyne, Eisenhower's legal counsel, who also served as president of the ABA. In speaking about the newly appointed recognition of Law Day, Eisenhower was said to remark, "In a very real sense, the

world no longer has a choice between force and law. If civilization is to survive it must choose the rule of law."

This framework for freedom however, is not self-executing. It remains a constant that we continue to act to ensure that our constitutional democracy continues to preserve our liberties and advance our rights. This requires the people remain involved in their governance. It is our jobs as attorneys to educate the public and encourage participation by reminding our friends and neighbors to communicate with their elected officials about issues which are significant to them, and most importantly the need to vote. Without the participation of the people we risk losing an important check and balance to our separation of powers.

This also brings into focus the need to remind those in government that the judiciary is a co-equal branch of our government. While proper funding for our judicial branch remains a persistent issue, we are still reliant on the legislative branch to obtain the lion's share of this funding. According to the Office of the State Courts Administrator, Florida's courts system accounts for less than 1% of the state's total budget. Without adequate funding for judicial and non-judicial staff, buildings, or technology and other resources, there is a real risk that the Courts will not be available to the individuals, families and businesses that rely on the courts to achieve justice and dispute resolution in an effective, efficient and fair manner.

The Broward Bar will celebrate Law Day with a luncheon on May 4th at the Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 801 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. There will be a panel of speakers, including the Honorable Chief Judge Jack Tuter, Representative Joseph "Joe" Geller, and Fort Lauderdale Mayor, Dean Trantalis. Advance registration is available at www.BrowardBar.org.

I also am proud to announce our Criminal Law Section Chair, Kenneth Hassett and Vice-Chairs, Jason Blank and Huda Ajlani, have invited Charles W. Ehrhardt, Professor Emeritus, to speak at a Civil and Criminal Evidence CLE on May 11 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; 2 CLE Credits. The event will be located at the Broward Courthouse Jury Assembly Room 3320 (3rd floor of the "old" East Wing of the courthouse). Registration is available at www.BrowardBar.org. The cost is \$15 for BCBA Criminal Law Section members; \$25 for BCBA Members; \$40 Non-Members; and Free for BCBA Judiciary. **B**

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letter from the young lawyers' president



Sara M. Sandler

The legal profession is stressful. I'm not sure if there is an actual award for "the understatement of the year," but that sentence is easily in the running. We are bound by deadlines, professional obligations, and calendar reminders. We often find ourselves sacrificing time that used to belong to our personal lives, to our professional lives. The illusive "work-life balance" ranks amongst the likes of the Fountain of Youth and the Bermuda Triangle. Feel better?

Sometimes, after a long and stressful day, the easiest thing to do is to go home, catch up on your DVR, and get to bed before the cycle begins again the

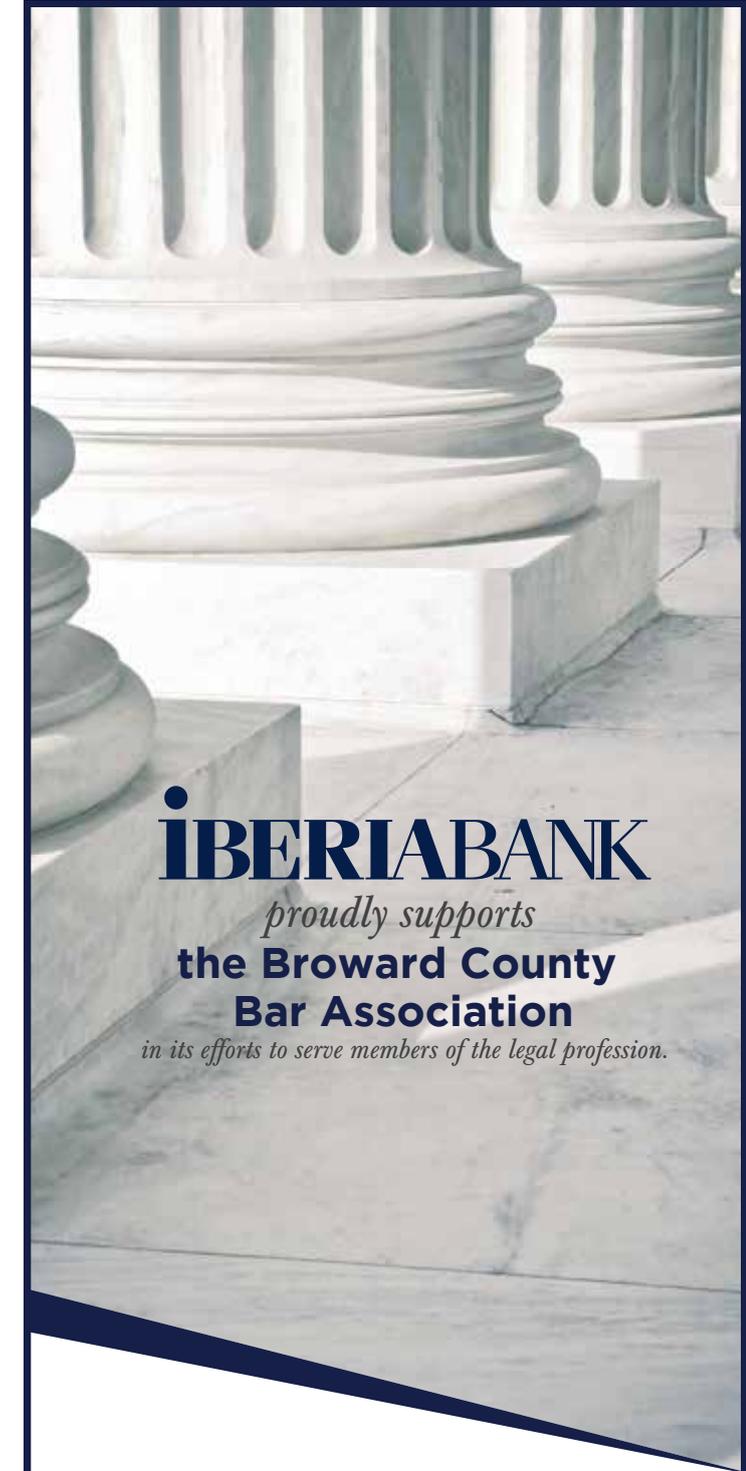
following day. And sometimes, it really is OK to simply "hang it up and see what tomorrow brings." The problem is making this part of your daily routine and not taking the time to actually take care of yourself. You wouldn't file a motion for summary judgment without doing at least one redline edit, would you? Consider self-care a way to do a redline edit of your day or week. Take some time to reflect on your day or find a healthy way to relieve the stress that has built up over the week.

The fact is, Florida courts have yet to recognize a Treat Yo' Self Day as a court holiday and, until otherwise declared, it is really up to you to designate your own time for self-care. In fact, young lawyers struggle so much with self-care that the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division has dedicated the month of May to its Health & Wellness Initiative. The initiative focuses on the importance of maintaining our physical and mental health as young lawyers and encourages young lawyers to be supportive of other young lawyers who may be struggling. The Young Lawyers Section is taking part in the YLD Health & Wellness Initiative by hosting sweatworking events every week throughout the month of May. These events will include a yoga session, a meditation session, and other events that will allow our members to focus on their physical and mental health. The hope is to introduce our members to healthy alternatives to handling the stress that comes with being a new and/or young attorney. All of our May sweatworking events are free for YLS members and each event includes time for networking over healthy drinks and snacks.

May also brings our annual Boot Camp Series to a close with our final session taking place on Wednesday, May 9th from 5:30-7:30. The final session, What Does the Jury Think?, will focus on arguments and techniques that jury members generally find persuasive, ineffective, or distracting. Even if you are not yet sitting first or second chair in a jury trial, this session will give you invaluable insight into how to best help more senior attorneys prepare for a jury trial.

We hope you take some time to join us at our May events.

Until next time, keep truckin'. **B**



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Enforcing Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement

by Diana I. Castrillon

As is the case with the majority of lawsuits in the state of Florida, most cases settle at mediation or informally without the need for Court intervention. Worker's compensation cases are no different. This article will discuss the law governing enforcement of workers' compensation settlements in Florida.

Upon reaching a settlement in a workers' compensation matter at mediation, the terms are memorialized in a mediation agreement. Seemingly, the case is concluded at that point. However, even after a case has resolved, disputes often arise as the parties attempt to formalize and finalize their agreement through release documents and settlement agreements that include more detailed terms and information than may have been discussed at the negotiations.

Settlement disputes have become more common over the years. Disputes can occur for a number of reasons, including disagreements over the terms in the subsequent settlement agreement/release documents, and a party not fully understanding the terms.

Regardless of what prompted one of the parties to want to withdraw from a settlement agreement, this issue can be problematic for the attorney representing said party. Disputes implicate contract law as well as Chapter 440 of the Florida Statutes, which dictates workers' compensation law.

In Florida, the interpretation of workers' compensation settlement agreements is governed by contract law. As we learned in law school, every contract must have the essential elements to be enforceable: offer, acceptance, and agreement on essential terms (i.e. "meeting of the minds"). If the parties have an agreement that meets all of the essential legal elements of a contract, the Court is required to give that contract the power to bind the parties who entered into it. The construction of a workers' compensation settlement agreement, like any other contract, is generally a question of law unless its terms are susceptible to more than one construction. In that case, a factual issue is presented regarding the intended effect of the settlement, which is then to be determined by the Judge of Compensation Claims.

Non-represented claimants are governed by Fla. Stat. §440.20(11)(b), which dictates that the par-

ties must file a Joint Petition with the Court for approval of a settlement. The judge must determine if settlement will aid the rehabilitation of, or be in the best interests of, the injured worker. Represented claimants are governed by Fla. Stat. §440.20(11)(c), which states that the judge does not have jurisdiction to consider whether the settlement is in the best interest of the injured worker. The judge simply maintains jurisdiction to consider approval of the attorneys' fees being collected by the claimant's attorney. In addition, the Florida Supreme Court in *Sanders v. City of Orlando*, held that the judge retains jurisdiction to consider enforcement of settlements.

The case law on this subject is fairly extensive and provides perspectives on both enforceability and voidability of these agreements. Below several of these cases will be discussed generally:

Calderon v. J.B. Nurseries, Inc., 933 So. 2d 553 (Fla. 1st DCA 2006) -- claimant refused to execute washout documents despite agreeing to do so at mediation and after accepting a cash advance on the settlement. The trial court enforced the agreement and the First DCA affirmed.

Gunderson v. School District of Hillsborough County, 937 So. 2d 777 (Fla. 1st DCA 2006) -- agreement was enforced even though the claimant died shortly after entering into it at mediation but before the formal settlement release and documents were executed. The First DCA, relying on contract law, held that the agreement was binding.

Quinlan v. Ross Stores, 932 So. 2d 428 (Fla. 1st DCA 2006) -- agreement was not enforced because it contained language demonstrating that the parties did not intend for the agreement to be full, final, and enforceable and that subsequent documents needed to be prepared and signed. Accordingly, "contingent" agreements are not enforceable.

Bonagura v. Home Depot, 991 So. 2d 902 (Fla. 1st DCA 2008), after several weeks of correspondence and telephone conversations, the parties entered into a verbal settlement agreement. In certain circumstances, a judge of compensation claims may enforce verbal settlement agreements, but usually requires a writing of some sort. In *Bonagura*, what the agreement was enforced because the claimant requested and received an

advance payment on the settlement funds and then attempted to rescind the agreement. The E/C's reliance upon the agreement and issuance of the advance upheld the contract.

Santana v. American Airlines, 11 So. 3d 1008 (Fla. 1st DCA 2009) -- the court held that parties can reach a value, binding oral agreement but the record must contain evidence of the terms of the agreement.

Fivecoat v. Publix Super Markets, Inc., 928 So. 2d 402 (Fla. 1st DCA 2006) -- the Court held that counsel for the parties must have clear and unequivocal authority from their clients to settle and enforce an agreement. The courts are very stringent in making this determination. Accordingly, attorneys should explicitly confirm that they have their client's authority in order to have a valid and binding agreement. This is often the crux of these cases.

Workers' compensation settlements can be complex due to the ever-changing nature of this legislatively-created area of law. The case law on this subject is replete with rules and exceptions to those rules. Because this issue is so common, it is extremely important that all parties involved in these cases do everything possible to remove doubt and obstacles at the time of settlement. The drafting of mediation agreement should be clear and unequivocal in its terms, should not contain open contingencies, and should ensure that all parties understood what they were agreeing to. This means dotting all I's and crossing all T's. Attorneys (especially those who represent claimants) should consider getting written (or otherwise recorded) settlement authority from their client. **B**



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A Brief Synopsis on Virtual Currency and Why Every Practitioner Should Care.

by Michelle K. Suarez and Stanislav Shamayev

In 2008, the world's economy was shaken by the global crisis spawned by the U.S. market crash, which led many to question the then-current economy and bank systems in the U.S., and throughout the world. Around the same time the crash occurred, Mr. Satoshi Nakamoto, often referred to as the father of bitcoin, released a white paper on October 31, 2008, which purported, in part, to serve as the answer to the global crisis by creating a transparent economic exchange platform that would change the global economy as we know it.

Bitcoin is a type of virtual currency, also referred to as cryptocurrency, and is used as a decentralized method of transferring value from one person to another. Such a transaction happens without a third party, like a bank, thus derives the term "decentralized." That is possible because all transactions are publicly registered and verified by other computers connected to the network. Transactions are recorded in the network ledger. The ledger consists of blocks, known as a block-chain. The ledger lists all transactions ever made on the network, and each computer connected to the network has the same ledger, making it practically impossible to hack, change, or modify.

Bitcoin aims to eliminate "double spending" caused by a banking system where transactions are duplicated and financial institutions impose fees based on determining the priority in the transaction. Nakamoto proposed an innovative system of competition for recording transactions within the network, known as mining. The winner of the competition would get a number of bitcoins as a reward for keeping the network and transactions safe and transparent; resulting in faster and cheaper transactions.

The transactions on the bitcoin network are done via electronic wallets. So, although it is possible to know how much bitcoin was

sent and where, it is not possible to know the identities of the participants. Moreover, bitcoin is finite and limited to 21 million coins. One bitcoin is equal to 100,000,000 satoshi—just like a dollar is equal to 100 cents. Therefore, it is possible to buy, send, and receive only a fraction of bitcoin, which is much more difficult to do with the dollar or other existing fiat currency's preceding the bitcoin age.

Currently, several states, have either implemented or are in the process of implementing cryptocurrency laws. Most, if not all cryptocurrency projects, start with Initial Coin Offerings ("ICO's"), to raise funds to develop various technology based projects. The SEC has declared ICOs security offerings subject to SEC compliance. If a coin is a security, SEC filings must occur. If a coin is a utility, attorneys must consult and guide ICOs through the culmination of the offering to ensure that the company does not do anything that will subject them to SEC compliance.

Finally, attorneys can directly play a role within state and federal frameworks to assist legislators in understanding this new technology so that proper legislation can be drafted that will properly reflect a balance between consumer protectionism and incentivized policies that will hopefully attract new businesses to the state. For example, Florida, while currently devoid of a statute specific to virtual currency, recently considered adding definitions to Florida's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, which would include smart contracts and block-chain. However, before the session was over, the legislature opted to remove definitions, which were proposed to it by the digital task force committee (the "Committee") of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar.

The Committee aims to assist legislation before the next session and directly address cryptocurrency legal issues. The Committee

aims to define certain key terms specific to crypto transactions and propose a regulatory that protects consumers while also attracting businesses to Florida. A comparative analysis of other state's demonstrates the existing struggle of striking a balance between encouraging cryptocurrency business development and protecting consumers. In summary, Florida will likely have a virtual currency statute or amendments to existing statutes which include cryptocurrency in the very near future. As practitioners, it is incumbent upon us to stay up-to-date on these bills, and the effect they will have on the various industries which will most certainly affect our clients and our practice areas. **B**



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By the time they finish elementary school, every schoolchild has learned that our United States Constitution was designed to set out a system of government with separate and distinct branches, the Legislative (Congress), the Executive (the Presidency), and the Judiciary (the courts). Each is meant to be independent of the other, and while one cannot, by design, interfere with the function of the others, they are meant to be checks upon one another, in order to set up a balanced system, and share the power equally. Why did they set it up that way? James Madison, one of the writers of the Federalist Papers and a Founding Father, opined, “If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”

No matter what your political leanings are, or even if you have none, there is no question that we are living in a time where our ideals are in flux, and things are being shaken up, some think for the better, and an equal number think for the worse. Very few have no opinion at all. The concept of separation of powers is called more into play these days than in days past. Many think the new way is a danger to separate and equal branches, and there is much talk about each branch encroaching on the others’ power. Therefore, it is most fitting that this year’s Law Day theme is “Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom”

Law Day is celebrated every May 1st, and was a creation of the American Bar Association in 1957. In 1958 then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by proclamation; by 1961 Congress designated May 1st as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

The Broward County Bar Association will be presenting its annual Law Day Luncheon on

Friday, May 4, 2018 at the Bahia Mar starting at noon. Keynote speakers will be Chief Judge Jack Tuter, State Representative Joseph “Joe” Geller, and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis.

The Framers of our Constitution believed that the Separation of Powers and concurrent Checks and Balances preserved political liberty and provided a framework for the freedom we enjoy. As those of us who work in the legal field can attest, it is the Constitution and the rights we all share that make us uniquely American. We encourage all of you to join in the festivities and programs available in Broward County and our communities as we reflect on how our system works for all of us today and for posterity. **B**



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Clerk of Courts Efforts in Bringing Awareness to Human Trafficking

by Brenda D. Forman, Broward County Clerk of Courts

Spring is more than just the season between winter and summer. It is a time when many things transform. The weather gets a little warmer, flowers start to bloom and tree leaves go from brown to green. Spring cleaning, fresh starts, and anticipation for the future are all part of the rebirth process during this time of the year.

As I take a minute to reflect on my first year as Broward County's Clerk of Courts, I appreciate how far I've come and how much I still want to accomplish. Being the first elected African-American woman to hold the Clerk of Court position has been both rewarding and challenging. The rewards have been many. I am blessed with an outstanding staff that work hard and share my vision of excelling at providing the very best services possible to the customers we serve. I am also blessed with a community of people from all aspects of life that have encouraged and supported me as a person and as an elected official.

While I count my many blessings, I know that the opportunity for me to pay some things forward is now. The concept of paying it forward has been around since the beginning of time. It is a concept that I believe in

and incorporate into my life whenever possible. I also believe that, as an elected official, I have a responsibility to the community to go above and beyond. The position of Clerk of Courts should be more than just a title. So, as I look forward, there are many things that I would like to do for my community to pay it forward.

One of my priorities for this year, is to bring a heightened awareness to the issue of human trafficking. Many years ago, someone close to me almost became a victim of this horrific crime. The people engaged in this crime are increasingly clever with how they go about trapping the victims. They call it a form of modern day slavery and, sadly, Florida is third in the nation for reports of human trafficking. More than a third of the cases involve minor children.

That's the bad news. The good news is that there is a growing, collective effort to combat what is happening. That effort will have to be nurtured and sustained for the foreseeable future in order to affect real change. But, there is strength in numbers and I believe, as a community, we have the numbers to be successful.

To that end, I am partnering with the

BCBA to host an event on June 1. The event will bring together a variety of agencies, individuals and legal professionals to address the human trafficking issue here in Broward. Heightening awareness, providing education and reminding everyone to remain vigilant are some of the important goals for this event. I hope you'll join us.

Inside the clerk's office, there are a number of projects on the table that will result in operational efficiencies for attorneys, the general public and the courts. There is electronic certified copies, in court processing and others that I am excited to present as the year progresses. So, stay tuned. 



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Case Law Update

by Debra P. Klauber

Florida Supreme Court addresses treating physicians are considered experts in medical malpractice context when each party is limited to one expert per specialty at trial.

In this medical malpractice case, the trial court entered a pre-trial order limiting “each party” to “one expert per specialty.” At trial, the plaintiff offered, and the trial court allowed, testimony from four pathologists: one treater who examined the plaintiff’s kidneys before the transplant, one treater who examined a biopsy of the plaintiff’s kidneys after they were removed, one expert in the case-in-chief, and one expert on rebuttal. The Florida Supreme Court held that the trial court did not abuse its discretion in the enforcement of its pretrial order discussing how treating physician testimony often “blurs the boundary” between fact and expert testimony. The court also noted that treating physicians are limited to their medical opinions “as they existed at the time they were treating the plaintiff.” Just as the defendant is permitted to testify about the basis for his diagnosis without violating the one-expert-per-specialty rule, the plaintiff’s treating physicians are permitted to do the same. The court further concluded that the expert testimony, under the specific facts of the case, was not “needlessly cumulative” and that allowing the use of a different expert on rebuttal was within the trial court’s discretion. *Gutierrez v. Vargas*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly S143, SC17-1934 (March 22, 2018).

Proposals for settlement and ambiguities.

Although proposals for settlement were created by the legislature in an attempt to help cases resolve, they usually generate additional litigation. The Second District recently issued an opinion following the latest trend enunciated by the Florida Supreme Court in 2016 and found a proposal to be valid and enforceable. Although proposals for settlement must strictly conform to the requirements of the statute and the rule, the Florida Supreme Court recently explained that “courts are discouraged from ‘nitpicking’ proposals for settlement to search for ambiguity.” *Bright House Networks, LLC v. Cassidy*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly D654, 2D16-4770, (Fla. 2d DCA March 23, 2018).

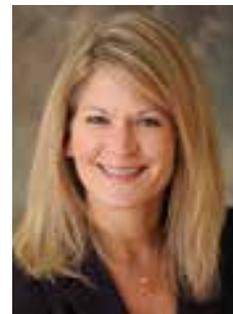
Fourth District certifies questions about deductibles in PIP cases.

In three different cases, the Fourth District addressed the deductibles in the PIP statutes and explained how they should be applied to the expenses and losses. The court concluded that the insurer must reduce the amount of a provider’s bill to a reasonable amount, as provided on the fee schedule, first, and then apply the deductible, second. The Fourth District certified conflict with a recent decision of the Fifth District and certified the following question to the Florida Supreme Court: Pursuant to sections 627.736 and 627.739, Florida Statutes (2013), is an insurer required to apply a policy deductible to the total

amount of a provider’s invoices to an insured prior to applying any fee schedule found in §627.736? *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Care Wellness Ctr., LLC*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly D573, 4D16-2254 (4th DCA March 14, 2018); *USAA Gen. Indem. Co. v. Ricks*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly D570, 4D16-3313 (Fla. 4th DCA March 14, 2018); *Progressive Select Ins. Co. v. Blum*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly D569, 4D16-4311 (Fla. 4th DCA March 14, 2018).

Appellate attorney’s fees.

The Third District reversed a trial court order requiring the plaintiff to pay her opponent’s attorneys’ fees after she unsuccessfully pursued an interlocutory appeal. The appellate court agreed that the trial court had improperly and prematurely awarded those fees, because they were contingent on the defendant ultimately prevailing in the underlying case. *Belmaseda v. Okay Ins. Exch. of Am.*, 43 Fla. L. Weekly D587, 3D16-2633 (Fla. 3d DCA March 14, 2018). **B**



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Join Us for the BCBA's First Annual Health Symposium Your Mind. Your Priority

by Deborah Ward

How many days during the week do you feel stressed, tired, or anxious about the 'daily grind'? We all know, the highly competitive, stressful, and demanding environments legal professionals are immersed in often have negative impacts on physical and mental health. As a result, many legal professionals report dissatisfaction with their careers and well-being.

Research has shown legal professionals suffer from high rates of mental illness, substance abuse, and suicide. A recent study in the *Journal of Addiction Medicine*, found high rates of problematic behavioral health problems in attorneys, such as alcohol abuse, along with significant reports of depression, anxiety, and stress (Krill, Johnson, Albert, 2016).

The demands the legal community faces in the professional environment often leads to difficulties with balance of personal life as well. In addition, we cannot avoid discussing that many of us may have family, friends, and colleagues who also may struggle with substance abuse and difficulty maintaining mental wellness.

One of the most important steps to improve mental wellness and decrease risk of substance abuse in our community is to eliminate the stigma that has accompanied these areas for far too long. Part of this process is to start engaging in conversation regarding mental wellness and substance abuse along with education on how to identify and address mental health issues, both of which we plan to accomplish at our upcoming Health Symposium event.

It has been difficult to start conversation regarding these issues which have previously been regarded as 'sensitive' for quite some time. The first step is to change our thinking of how we should view mental health, not as a 'label', but instead as disease of the brain. It is not 'taboo' for us to discuss or seek evaluation and treatment of diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, or cancer. These disease processes often disrupt or create an imbalance in our body and affect specific organs. Similarly, our human brain, which is a highly complex organ, is also affected by imbalances in chemical and electrical processes, which contribute to diseases of the brain, including depression and addiction.

Several studies and recent Surgeon General report have highlighted that addiction and depressive disorders have similar mechanisms to other chronic conditions and disease processes, such as diabetes and hypertension. This includes link to genetics, potential for relapse, and variable degree of severity and duration. Additionally, environmental and social risk factors along with unhealthy lifestyles play a role. (Surgeon General's Report, 2016 & Smoller, 2015)

Thursday May 31, 2018, the Broward County Bar Association along with Broward County Women Lawyer's Association, and TJ Reddick Bar Association will be presenting the **First Annual Health Symposium**, focusing on Mental Health Wellness. Along with efforts from the Florida Bar with implementation of the Special Committee on Mental Health and Wellness of Florida Law-

yers, this event will focus on open dialogue, education, and resources for legal professionals in our community regarding mental health wellness.

Keeping ourselves healthy with focus on our 'whole person', including mental and physical wellness, is key to improving our well-being along with the communities we serve. We look forward to you joining us at our upcoming Health Symposium to start the discussion on mental wellness and work towards improving the health of our legal community. 

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