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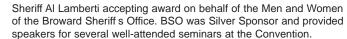
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Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, with BCBA President Carlos Llorente and Chris Neilson, 2009 Bench and Bar Convention Chair. Mr. Kottkamp briefly addressed the plenary session.

See pages 12 and 13 for more photos

## 6th Minority Mentoring Picnic

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Thursday, November 5th:

NEXT Kick-Off Event at YOLO's O-Lounge. Cost: \$10.00 (Judiciary complimentary). Includes 1 complimentary beverage and light appetizers. Honorary Guests Jesse Diner, President of the Florida Bar and Adele Stone, President of the Florida Bar Foundation. RSVP to www.legalaid.org.

### Friday, November 6th:

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BCBA Young Lawyers' Charity Golf Tournament TEE-OFF Happy Hour. At YOLO, 333 E. Las Olas Blvd. 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. Teeing off the 2009 Charity Golf Tournament. For more information please contact Meghan Clary at 954-525-6566 or Meghan@cmfamilylaw.com.

Monday, November 9th: FREE CLE Seminar. Topic: The Motivator- A Section 162 Plan. 2.5 Hours CLE. 4:00p.m. At the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. Please RSVP to (561) 961-9311.

### Monday, November 9th:

BCBA Executive Committee Meeting. Noon. At the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale.

### Tuesday, November 10th:

BCBA Board of Directors Meeting. 5:30p.m. Broward County Bar Association conference room.

#### Wednesday, November 11th:

Veterans Day, BCBA office closed.

#### Friday, November 13th:

Joint meeting for the Broward County Bar Association and the North Broward Bar Association. Noon. At Galuppi's, 1103 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, (at the Pompano Municipal Golf Course). Speaker: Carlos Llorente, BCBA President. Cost: \$17.00. RSVP to Thomas Oates, Event Chairperson at (954) 942-6500, or at toates@pompanolaw.com.

### Saturday, November 14th:

Twenty Second Annual Young Lawyers' Charity Golf Tournament. Proceeds to benefit: Forever Family. Jacaranda Gold Club, 9200 West Broward Blvd. Plantation, FL. 6:30a.m. Check-in; 7:00a.m. Range opens; 8:00a.m. Shotgun starts. Entry fee: \$100.00 per person. For additional information contact Meghan M. Clary, Esq. at 954-525-6566 or via email at Meghan@cmfamilylaw.com.

### Saturday, November 14th:

6th Annual Minority Mentoring Picnic. 12-4p.m. Corporate Pavilion at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 Street Hialeah, FL 33013. RSVP to www.kttlaw.com/picnic.

### Saturday, November 14th:

4 Hour Minor Guardianship Class. 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, 33316. Cost \$100.00. Attorneys welcome, approved by the Florida Bar for CLE credits. Guardian for anyone under the age of 18. To sign up contact Tish at (954) 764- 8040 ext. 200.

### **Tuesday, November 17th:**

Grievance Committee 17H Meeting. 2:00p.m. Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, 33316.

#### Tuesday, November 17th:

BCBA Bench and Bar Committee Meeting. Noon. Broward County Bar Association Conference room.

### Wednesday, November 18th:

Solo/ Small Networking Dinner. 6:00p.m. At Dave & Buster's, 3000 Oakwood Blvd. Hollywood, FL 33020. When reserving at least 48 hours in advance, \$35 for BCBA members; \$40 for non-members. At door, \$5 more on a space available basis. For more information contact BCBA at 954-764-8040.

Construction Lawyer's committee Meeting. 12:00p.m. Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale. 2.5 CLE credits

Sponsored by Ken Koch of KLW, Inc. Topic: Maximizing Recovery-Post Judgment Collection. For more information please contact Randall L. Gilbert, Esq. at (954) 620-5000.

### Saturday, November 21st:

8 Hour Adult Guardianship Class. 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, 33316. Cost: \$180.00. Attorneys welcome, approved by the Florida Bar for CLE credits. Guardian for anyone over the age of 18. To sign up contact Tish at BCBA (954) 764- 8040 ext. 200.

### Thursday, November 26th:

BCBA Closed due to Thanksgiving holiday.

### Friday, November 27th:

BCBA Closed due to Thanksgiving holiday.

### Thursday, December 3rd:

Broward County Women Lawyers' Association Holiday Event and Judicial Reception. 5:30p.m. 110 Tower, 7th Floor Fort Lauderdale. Please contact Tonja Haddad to RSVP (954) 467-1223.

#### Friday, December 4th:

Inside Appellate Court: An afternoon with the Judges of the Fourth DCA. 11:30a.m.- 5:30p.m. Boca Raton Marriott, at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle. Approved for 5 CLER, 2.5 Appellate practice certification Credits from the Florida Bar. The cost of the seminar, including lunch and reception is \$150 if registered by 11/25/09; \$175 after that date; Govt. attorneys and Law Clerks \$100.00 if registered by 11/25/09; \$125.00 after that date. Register online at www.palmbeachbar.org.

### Saturday, December 5th:

4 Hour Minor Guardianship Class. 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, 33316. Cost \$100.00. Attorneys welcome, approved by the Florida Bar for CLE Credits. Guardian for anyone under the age of 18. To sign up contact Tish at (954) 764- 8040 ext. 200.

#### Monday, December 7th:

Grievance Committee 17G Meeting. 2:00p.m. At the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Fort Lauderdale.

### Monday, December 7th:

FREE CLE Seminar. Topic: Early Retirement & Legacy Planning (Annuities). 2 Hours CLE, 4:00p.m. at the Broward County Bar Association, conference room, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316. Please RSVP to 561-961-9311.

#### Tuesday, December 8th:

BCBA Board of Directors Meeting. 5:30p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 15th:**

Bankruptcy Bar Association Southern District of Florida, Holiday party. Epic Hotel, Miami. 6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m. Please contact laura@bbasdfl.org.

### Tuesday, December 15th:

Grievance Committee 17H Meeting. 2:00p.m. At the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Fort Lauderdale.

### Tuesday, December 15th:

BCBA Bench and Bar Committee Meeting. Noon.

### Friday, December 18th:

Broward County Bar Association Annual Holiday Party. 5:30p.m. Broward County Bar Association, Norma B. Howard Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

Save The Date...
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### HOLD THE DATE...

THE BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY • DECEMBER 18, 2009 5:30P.M.

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### **Honorary Guests**

## Jesse Diner, President of The Florida Bar and Adele Stone, President of The Florida Bar Foundation

- WHAT IS NEXT? NEXT will work jointly with Legal Aid Service of Broward County (LAS) and Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida's (CCLA) Executive Council to better inform and educate legal and business professionals who have strong, diverse relationships in the community about LAS and CCLA and their importance as the legal "arm" for many other Broward County non profits.
- 2. WHO WILL BE PART OF NEXT? Young (ages 25 45- XY gen) and energetic legal and business professionals in Broward with an interest to contribute in the progress of LAS and CCLA's missions and shaping the organization's future.

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RSVP by October 28, 2009 at- http://www.legalaid.org

For more information please contact Jacqueline Howe-jacquelinehowepa@gmail.com

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## BCBA Family Law Section recognizes accomplished leaders



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Course Title: Bankruptcy Law: Why, How, and When?

Course Instructor: Brenda Di Ioia, Esq.

Course Description: This course is designed to increase understanding of current bankruptcy laws

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### Details as follows:

Days: Wednesdays

Course start and end dates: February 3, 2010 through March 24, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Norma Howard Center of the Broward County Bar Association, 1051

Southeast Ave.,

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Tuition: \$750. Course registration will begin in mid-November.

### **Required Materials:**

Martin A. Frey, Phyllis Hurley Frey, Sidney K Swinson, 2005, An Introduction to

Bankruptcy Law, 5th Edition, West Thompson Delmar Learning.

ISBN-10: 1418040967 or ISBN-13: 978-1418040963

### **Course Overview:**

History of Bankruptcy Law; The Bankruptcy Code; The Rules & The Forms;

Participants in the Bankruptcy Process; Which Chapter to Choose?

The Debtor/Client; Alternatives to Bankruptcy

The Creditor/Client

Alternatives to Bankruptcy

The Chapter 7 case: Voluntary Liquidation from petition to discharge

The Chapter 13 case: Repayment Plan from petition to discharg

• The Chapter 11 case: Voluntary Reorganization from petition to discharge

Involuntary Bankruptcy Chapters 7 and Chapter 11

For more information contact Art Goldberg, Executive Director, Broward County Bar Association, 954-764-8040 or email: artg@browardbar.org or contact Jessica Garcia-Brown, Paralegal Studies Coordinator, Nova Southeastern University, 954-262-7948 or e-mail: jessicga@nova.edu



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### TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Jacaranda Golf Club

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### Program Schedule

11:30 am -	12:00 pm	Buffet Lunch / Registration / Check-In
12:00 pm -	1:00 pm	Luncheon - Keynote Speaker: Honorable Philip J. Padovano, First District Court of Appea
1:00 pm -	1:15 pm	BREAK
1:15 pm -	2:00 pm	Things You Probably Didn't Know About the Fourth DCA - Honorable Robert M. Gross, Chief.Judge, Fourth District Court of Appeal
2:00 pm -	2:30 pm	Writing the Effective Appellate Brief - Former Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge Larry A. Klein, Holland & Knight LLP
2:30 pm -	2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm -	3:15 pm	Panel Discussion - Observations as New Judges on the Fourth District - Honorable Judges Cory J. Ciklin, Jonathan D. Gerher, and Spencer D. Levine, Fourth District Court of Appeal, Moderated by Honorable Robert M. Gross, Chief Judge
3:15 pm -	3:45 pm	Recent Developments in Preservation of Error—Honorable Melanie G. May, Fourth District Court of Appeal
3:45 pm -	4:00 pm	BREAK
4:00 pm -	5:00 pm	Moderated Panel Discussion - with the Judges of the Fourth DCA, Moderated by Jack J. Aiello, Esq., Gunster
5:00 pm -	5:30 pm	Cocktail Reception Honoring the New Fourth District Court of Appeal Judges Jonathan D. Gerber, Spencer D. Levine, and Cory J. Ciklin

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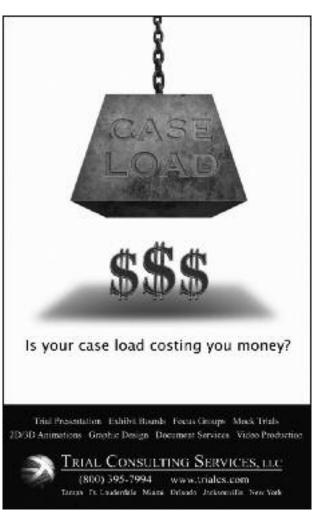
Learning about the basics of human physiology can be important for pre-med students and others with an interest in how the various systems of the human body function and interact. This fine resource from Connecticut College can be used in a variety of settings, and the illustrative animations here are divided into sections that include "Muscle", "Endocrine", "Circulatory", and "Digestive". Each section has useful animations, and a few also offer short tutorials, fun guizzes, and explanatory sections that talk about the key processes within each system. The entire site is easy to navigate, and even first-time visitors will find that locating crucial information here is fairly straightforward.

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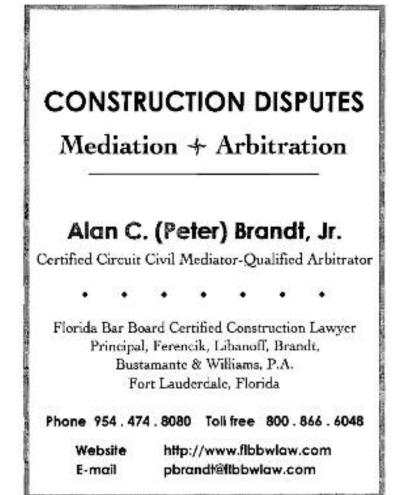
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Nominations currently are being accepted in the following award categories:

### 1. The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award

This award is given to an outstanding attorney in each of the state's 20 judicial circuits and in the "Out of State" circuit. One winner will be selected from each of the 21 circuits and these winners will be considered to receive The Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award, presented annually by the Chief Justice to the attorney who best exemplifies the highest ideals of the profession in assuring the availability of legal services to the poor. The award is named for the late Miami civil rights lawyer Tobias Simon.

NO OFFICAL APPLICATION FORM IS REQUIRED. A letter nominating a Broward candidate for the award should be sent to:

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### 5. The Distinguished Judicial Service Award

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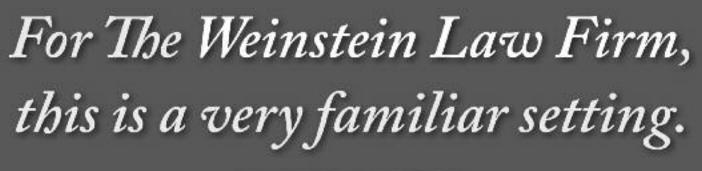
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