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August is typically a slow month for those in the legal profession. Many families take time off before the start of the new school year or just get away to cooler climates. Traditionally, my family would pack up the camping gear and head north to Chimney Rocks in The Great Smokey Mountains, NC, where the nighttime temperature can drop below the lowest setting on our central air conditioning.

This August, with things heating up in the Association’s stove top, Chimney Rock would have to wait, and solace from the heat was found under the many shade trees at the Bar Center. On August 6, 2009, Chief Judge Tobin, held what may be the first of several public forums to address (1) needed improvements, upgrades, and modernization of the Clerk of Courts’ document filing process; (2) document and file retrieval; (3) access and file retention.

The discussion was excellent, and it was a shame the Clerk did not attend. Everyone that spoke had nothing but praise for Howard Forman’s many years of public service, and expressed a genuine desire to assist his office about the much needed changes. The BCBA has likewise offered their full assistance to bring about change. Committee Chairs and Hosts, Past President, Chris Nelson, Board Members, Robin Moselle, Jorge Hurtado, Morrie Levine, Member, Ross Schumlen and many others have been working countless hours on putting the finishing touches on what promises to be the best Bench and Bar ever. There are still some sponsor opportunities available. To be a sponsor, contact your Executive Director, Art Goldblatt at 954-284-8646.

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The courthouse is typical of the old Florida courthouses built in the 1920s and preserved as Historic. The entrance had the familiar metal detectors and cameras. I noticed was that the guards were friendly and greeting visitors rather than loudly barking orders. As I approached the guard, hands in my pockets emptying all metals, the guard asked if I had a bar card. I presented my Florida Bar card and my drivers’ license. To my great surprise, he waved me round the metal detectors to a separate entrance. Keeping all metals in my pockets, I walked into the courthouse as if I was an Officer of the Court. How nice it was to be back in the old days.

provided an explanation for why roughly 261,000 Broward homeowners who purchased and headquartered their properties prior to 2003 will actually see their real property taxes rise in the face of declining values. Further research into the matter lead me to Florida’s Administrative Code and the Florida Constitution, which lead to even more questions and the need for further research.

As a trial lawyer I often acquire what I consider to be expertise on numerous subjects and issues. However, that expertise may be short lived, as it fades soon after that trial or resolution, and as a new area of expertise may be learned for the next trial. My attempts to fully answer the caller’s question fell short of the expertise I felt was needed to address the legal issues. However, it occurred to me that our members may have the expertise or may already be engaged in dealing with issues of wide public concern in their practice. I call upon all of us to provide ‘public service’ to the community by writing informative articles that may be posted on the BCBA website for public use and review. Any member with significant or specialized knowledge of proposed real property taxes, or challenges to the proposed taxes, can meet an immediate public service. Please submit your articles or informative information to info@browardbar.org.

With September upon us we look forward to a drop in the thermometer, but your Association’s stove top stays hot, as preparations for the Bench and Bar Convention on October 16 are in full swing. Committee Chairs and Hosts, Past President, Chris Nelson, Board Members, Robin Moselle, Jorge Hurtado, Morrie Levine, Member, Ross Schumlen and many others have been working countless hours on putting the finishing touches on what promises to be the best Bench and Bar ever. There are still some sponsor opportunities available. To be a sponsor, contact your Executive Director, Art Goldblatt at 954-284-8646.

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A Message from Michael B. Gilden, President, Young Lawyers’ Section

Unfortunately, the legal profession as a whole and specifically lawyers remain tainted with less than stellar reputations in the eyes of the public. The common perceptions or misperceptions about attorneys probably only emanate from a small percentage of our colleagues, but as the saying goes, it only takes a few bad apples to spoil the bunch. However, the negative view of the legal profession does not need to remain constant and should be combatted from the time each one of us takes our Oath of Attorney, as well as from that point forward.

In my capacity as the President of the Young Lawyers Section, I have the unique opportunity to impart advice to hundreds of attorney’s considered “young” by the Bar, but I hope that my recommendations are heeded by everyone reading this article, regardless of their age or number of years of practice. There are many ways that lawyers can serve their communities and improve the profession’s reputation, but this article will focus on three (3) specific ideals: professionalism, leadership, and service.

Professionalism:

Whether it is towards each other, opposite parties, or the Court, there is no substitute for acting like a professional in every circumstance. Regardless of whether you litigate or if your practice is transactional, how you will be thought of as a lawyer will largely depend on how you treat other people. Acting with dignity and respect towards others will get you much further than acting contemptuously and callously. Being courteous makes you no less “tough” than someone who acts with utter disregard for our professional standards and basic common decency. It takes years to build a reputation, but only seconds to ruin it. Therefore, being conscious of how you act every day, and in every situation, is critical, to how you will be thought of and will also have a tremendous impact on your career. For a young lawyer it is critical to begin your career with a high level of professionalism as this is something difficult to attain if not developed from the beginning.

Leadership:

There are countless opportunities for all of us, both younger and older, to step into leadership roles whether professionally, in the community, or otherwise. There is no better way to demonstrate what lawyers have to offer than by getting out there and leading. There are countless opportunities in local, regional, state and even national Bar associations to get involved and rise to a leadership position. Here at the local Broward County Bar level, there are dozens of practice sections, voluntary Bar associations and the Young Lawyers Section in which to participate. Each of these has openings and positions available for people to take on significant responsibility and to shape the direction of these various organizations. There are also community groups, religious organizations, businesses, associations, governmental bodies and other ways to become involved. These opportunities are also excellent for networking and building business. A person cannot complain about something being wrong if they are not willing to get involved and try to make it right. It is never too early to join an organization and strive towards a leadership role.

Service:

Most lawyers are in a very fortunate position to have financial opportunities that others may not have. With this good fortune comes the responsibility to give back. Many of the same organizations which I have mentioned in paragraph above above have charitable components which are always in need of assistance. Charity is not only about giving your money, but it is also about giving your time to those in need. Despite being a duty of the profession, giving back will wind up providing you with more rewards than you likely could imagine.

If anyone has any questions about how they can participate with or in the Young Lawyers Section, please feel free to call me at Kapelowitz Ostrow Ferguson Weiselberg Keech at (954) 525-4100 or gilden@kolawyers.com.

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IT IS MANDATORY that all parties consult regarding availability of each attorney. Users may log on at the same time to see the Court’s schedule of available times when selecting the date and time for a hearing. A copy of the confirmation receipt, notice of hearing and motion shall be sent to the judicial assistant.

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10 Free Ways to Maximize Your Client List

By Margaret Grisdela

Successful rainmakers are out in the community speaking to various groups. Call up a few clients and invite them to join you for your next event.

6. Schedule a webinar. If your clients are scattered around the country or the globe, bring them together online for an educational program. In today’s busy world, even a 30-minute session is welcomed.

7. Introduce a client to another service provider. Think of how you might bring people together in a way that adds value to all parties. Perhaps a banker can help your client find financing, or an accountant can help with cash flow. Your client will appreciate it, and your fellow service provider will owe you a favor.

8. Plan now to send a Thanksgiving card. It’s not too early to start planning for the holidays. You might even get an early bird discount.

9. Write a white paper. Changes in legislation, funding, technology, and business practices may be confounding your clients. As a legal expert, you can separate fact from fiction and offer guidance on key decision making criteria to help clients select the right future path for them.

10. Follow your clients on social media. Are your clients on Twitter? LinkedIn? Facebook? If the answer is “yes,” you should be too! If you don’t know, now is a good time to find out.

Some of the marketing techniques outlined above focus on one-to-one communications. This works well with the clients you know the best, or your most promising prospects. Larger campaigns with email or direct mail work efficiently to let you reach a much larger list while still using elements of personalization.

Keeping your “house list” of clients, friends and prospects current is essential. In the direct marketing business, this is called “list hygiene.” Using your list often is a perfect way to identify people who have changed jobs, companies that have gone out of business, and change of addresses.

Have fun, and remember – never stop marketing!

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW
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1. Attorney’s Fees/Failure to Plead
   Save On Cleaners of Pembroke II, Inc. v. Verde Pines City
   Center Plaza, LLC,
   34 Fla. L. Weekly D1635 (Fla. 4th DCA August 12, 2009).

   In an action for breach of a commercial lease, which
   provided for attorney’s fees to the prevailing party, the
   tenant did not claim fees in its pleadings. However,
   before trial it had filed several documents claiming
   such fees should it prevail. After ruling in favor of the
   tenant, the court granted fees but then, on the landlord’s
   motion, struck those fees from the final judgment. The
   Fourth District reversed, holding that the landlord was
   on notice that the tenant claimed entitlement to fees,
   and that it should have objected when the tenant
   attempted to claim fees without a formal pleading.

2. Attorney’s Fees/Prejudgment Interest
   McCarthy v. Estate of Krohn,
   34 Fla. L. Weekly D1564 (Fla. 4th DCA August 5, 2009).

   The Fourth District has held that when a law firm is
   discharged in a contingency fee case and then obtains a
   quantum meruit fee recovery, it is entitled to
   prejudgment interest on that award as well as on a cost
   award. The court held that interest began to run when
   the client received the settlement proceeds, and that
   the trial court erred in awarding interest based on the date
   the law firm paid or incurred each cost.

3. Attorney’s Fees/Section 57.105
   Williams v. Candlerocks Joint Venture, L.P.,
   34 Fla. L. Weekly D1636 (Fla. 4th DCA August 12, 2009).

   The Fourth District has clarified that the trial court may
   award section 57.105(1) attorney’s fees as sanctions for
   a party’s conduct in the trial court, even though the
   appellate court had denied appellate fees in a previous
   appeal.

4. Civil Rights/Unlawful Employment Practices
   Blizzard v. Appliance Direct, Inc.,
   34 Fla. L. Weekly D1604 (Fla. 5th DCA August 7, 2009).

   In a comprehensive opinion, the Fifth District discussed
   the criteria necessary to set forth a prima facie case for
   sexual harassment. Reversing a directed verdict for the
   employer, the court held that offensive language need
   not be directed at the plaintiff in order to support a
   claim of a hostile workplace environment. The
   appellate court concluded that the evidence was
   sufficient to have the jury consider whether harassment
   was sufficiently pervasive to alter the terms and
   conditions of employment.

5. Discovery/Blood Sample
   Wicky v. Oxonian,
   34 Fla. L. Weekly D1612 (Fla. 2nd DCA August 7, 2009).

   Granting a petition for certiorari, the Second District held
   that the trial court departed from the essential
   requirements of law in granting the plaintiff’s request
   to test the surviving portion of defendant’s blood
   sample, already tested by law enforcement for alcohol
   and control substances, in order to determine the
   presence of prescription cough medication. The
   appellate court held that a request to test human bodily
   fluids must satisfy the stricter requirements of rule
   1.360 for examination of the person, rather than a
   request for production, and that the plaintiff had failed
   to show good cause as required by rule 1.360.

6. Wrongful Death/Status of Son as Survivor
   Daniels v. Greenfield,
   34 Fla. L. Weekly D1568 (Fla. 4th DCA August 5, 2009).

   At the time of death of the plaintiff’s decedent, he had
   a biological son and was listed as father on the son’s
   birth certificate. However, because the mother had
   been married to another man when the child was born,
   the trial court ruled a matter of law that the child
   was not a survivor under the Wrongful Death Act,
   even though the mother had not seen her husband for several
   years. Reversing, the Fourth District held that given
   the mother’s assertion that the decedent was the
   father, the listing of his name on the birth certificate,
   and DNA results establishing that he was the biological
   father, it was error to give conclusive effect to the
   presumption of legitimacy and that applying the
   presumption in this case was not the in the child’s best
   interest.

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Summary of the FLA BAR Board of Governors Meeting

At its July 17 meeting in Naples, the Florida Bar Board of Governors:

- Approved the "candidacy for voluntary self-disclosure statement" as proposed by the Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee and slightly modified by the Program Evaluation Committee. The statement will be given to all trial court candidates in future elections and their answers posted on the Bar's website. The approval included providing copies of the self-disclosure statement to candidates in Creole and Spanish, but it will be up to candidates to provide translations of their answers.

- Approved, on the recommendation of the Member Benefits Committee, an agreement with Affinscape Merchant Solutions, which provides credit card services for law firms. Affinscape, when attorneys accept credit card payments for retainers, will automatically deposit the retainer the attorney's trust account but take the expenses related to the transaction from the law office operating account, as required by Bar rules. Under the agreement, Affinscape, which has similar arrangements with 40 other state and local bars, will offer discounted rates for Bar members.

- Endorsed, on the recommendation of the Legislation Committee, the ABA position opposing the Federal Trade Commission's efforts to include lawyers and law firms in its Red Flag regulations requiring extra efforts by creditors to protect debtors from identity theft. The ABA argues that existing ethical rules protect client information and that providing legal services to clients does not make lawyers creditors.

- Heard a report from Florida Bar Foundation President Adele Stone that Foundation IOTA revenues have been declining, from $44 million three years ago, $24 million two years ago, and $11 million last year to an anticipated $5.7 million in the coming year. The Foundation is pushing to increase lawyer pro bono efforts and also to get more private donations, she said.

- Received on first reading proposed rule amendments that would impose additional requirements on lawyers who are suspended and have not been reinstated for a period of three years or longer. The proposed rule amendments will come back to the board for final reading at its September meeting. Among the proposed new requirements, lawyers would have to show that they have taken 10 hours of CLE for each year or part of a year during which they are ineligible to practice, show familiarity with the law, and if they waited more than 5 years to seek reinstatement remain eligible.

- Heard President Jesse Diner announce what he sees as the major issues confronting the Bar this year. Those include: Working to implement electronic filing for the courts; continuing to advocate for adequate funding for the courts; defending SB 2108 which passed this year and put the funding of court-related functions of elected clerks of the court under legislative overview; pushing to address the legal needs of children, especially carrying out recommendations from the Commission on the Legal Needs of Children; and helping lawyers address the current difficult economic conditions.

Moving? Be sure to update your information with the Broward County Bar Association at 954-764-8040

Chose from 114 course offerings in more than thirty topical "tracks". Times are also listed for each session. Register on-line at www.browardbar.org/convention for your selections. Pre-registration is vital so that we can make the proper room assignments based on available space of each meeting room.

Ethics
9:00 – 9:30 am Avoiding for Impropriety – Promote Strategies
9:00 – 10:00 am Diversity Issues – Just When You Thought It Was Safe
10:00 – 11:00 am Avoiding Malpractice – Promote Strategies
11:00 – 12:00 pm Judicial Standards – Rules of Court

Foreclosure
11:00 – 11:30 am Using Chart 10 to Prevent Foreclosures
11:30 – 12:00 pm Condo/Co-Housing
12:30 – 1:00 pm Federal Foreclosures
1:00 – 1:30 pm Other Foreclosures

Government Law
1:30 – 2:00 pm Sunshine Law Update

Real Estate Practice
1:30 – 2:00 pm Recording – Are We There Yet?
2:00 – 3:00 pm Foreclosure Defense – What To Do When Your Bank Comes Calling

Tax
3:00 – 3:30 pm Taxing annuities & life insurance benefits
3:30 – 4:00 pm Recent changes to income tax law
4:00 – 4:30 pm Recent developments in ad valorem taxation

Family Practice
9:00 – 9:30 am Filing Laws & Procedures – New Statutes
9:00 – 10:00 am Allimony – Does "Standard of Living" Still Apply?
10:00 – 11:00 am Lively debate – Business valuation and double dipping
3:00 – 3:30 pm Basic Background for Family Lawyers
3:30 – 4:00 pm Confronting RAIDS in your practice
3:30 – 4:00 pm Restraining Orders

Mediation
5:30 – 6:00 pm Mediation and Ethics
6:00 – 6:30 pm Mediation and Ethics
7:00 – 7:30 pm Mediation and Ethics
8:00 – 8:30 pm Mediation and Ethics
9:00 – 9:30 pm Mediation and Ethics
10:00 – 10:30 pm Mediation and Ethics

Federal Practice
9:00 – 9:30 am Criminal Procedure – Getting it Right
9:30 – 10:00 am Civil Procedure – Getting it Right

Law Office Economics
11:00 – 11:30 am Starting & Building Your Own Practice
11:30 – 12:00 pm Marketing Your Practice
12:00 – 12:30 pm Social Media and Marketing
12:30 – 1:00 pm Internet Marketing

Legislative Update
5:00 – 5:30 pm with State Sen. J. Ring & Rep. E. Seghannon

Medication
5:30 – 6:00 pm Medical Ethics
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9:00 – 9:30 pm Medical Ethics
10:00 – 10:30 pm Medical Ethics

Technology
9:00 – 9:30 am Electronic Discovery
11:00 – 11:30 am Internet Security
6:00 – 6:30 pm Electronic Discovery

Workers Compensation
5:00 – 5:30 pm Workers Comp – Pain Meds – Painful or Painful
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2009 Bench-Bar Convention

Friday, October 16th

The Broward County Bar Association proudly announces the 2009 Bench-Bar Convention, BIGGER AND BETTER than ever before.

BCBA's Bench-Bar Convention Committee has been planning and working for more than a year to make this convention even better than the very successful 1997 conference, and the standing-room-only 2001 conference, and the truly incredible 2005 convention. We expect to get 7 hrs of Continuing Legal Education credits, including credits that count toward certification in a variety of fields, plus ethics, professionalism, and additions.

The Bench-Bar Convention is intended to give judges and lawyers an opportunity to discuss 21st century technology, the problems facing the legal system, and explore solutions. So, the theme for 2009 is “Practicing Law in the 21st Century.”

For barristers (trial attorneys), this will give an opportunity to discuss new technologies, and how lawyers and judges are adapting. And we have not lost sight of our continuing goal to give judges a chance to let lawyers know what judges expect (and do not get), and for lawyers to let judges know what lawyers expect (and do not get).

For barristers and solicitors, we will have a plethora of subjects which include substantive seminars and procedural breakout sessions. This convention is designed for ALL attorneys, regardless of their field of practice. That includes office practice (solici-

tors). Check out the seminar list on the back cover of this flyer.

We will present nineteen different choices of seminars for each of three hours in the morning, and again for each of three hours in the afternoon.

We will have dozens of highly qualified judges and lawyers and some other experts to plan and moderate 114 different seminars and breakout sessions, designed to cover a wide variety of legal subjects.

Lunch will feature a gourmet double entree and dessert. Bar President Jesse Diner and Bar Foundation President Adele Stone will be our featured speakers.

You'd pay over $300 for any other all-day seminar, and you'd have to buy your own breakfast and lunch. But the BCBA has held the cost to attorneys to $220 for BCBA members, $245 for non-members. That includes all the CLE credits, lunch, and even breakfast. In honor of 100% 17th Circuit judicial membership in BCBA, ALL Judges are welcome without charge. Others can take a $25 discount for registering on or before September 30th.

Two dozen exhibitors will also be displaying their products and services, and will be available in the conference area from 7:30 AM until the Convention ends at 6:30 PM.

Sponsorships & Reserved Tables available

[Sorry, but late registrations caused long lines and delays at the 2001 Conference and 2005 Convention.]

We're going to close this convention with a reception. Imagine that -- breakfast, lunch and a reception all for one low price! And door prizes!!

You can register ten and get a lunch table with a view for ten for $2,200 (while they last), or a half-table for five for $1,150. Reserved lunch tables will be in a central location near the head table.

About forty judges will be a part of our seminars and breakout sessions as the BCBA's guests.

A limited number of sponsorships are still available -- call Robin Moselle at (954) 587-1968 if you are interested, and she'll see that you get a Sponsor Prospects. Attorney sponsors will have preferred lunch seating.

There are a limited number of lunch tables “up front”, so reserve a table as soon as you can block your calendar.

For a reserved table or half table, send your check and a list of attendees on your letterhead.

Clip the reservation form below, and mail it to BCBA with your check.

Want more information? Check out the Website, get answers to Frequently Asked Questions, (and register on-line) at BrowardBar.org

Attorneys from other counties who are members of their countywide bar association (Dade County Bar Assoc.; Palm Beach County Bar Assoc.) can pay the member price - just send proof of membership with your reservation.

RESERVATION
2009 Bench-Bar Convention

Please reserve space for the following attorneys, and send Seminar and Breakout preference forms:

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