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2007 BCBA Election

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Thursday, March 15, 2007

Broward County Bar Association’s
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Thursday, March 15, 2007

Dale Ross was unanimously re-elected as Chief Judge for another
two-year term in the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida at a February 2nd
General Judges Meeting. “It’s a high honor and privilege to have the
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4. Multi-focusing is in itself an interruption. It is really hard to do a good job on each of the tasks you are working on when you are doing many at the same time. When I was in Law School we had an old and very wise professor that told us one day people are going to pay you to think. So do not be afraid to spend time to think. It is the right thing to do. And the best way to think is just to put about our task at a time.

Enough said on that and now I would like to briefly report that in some recent news. A grateful thank you to Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice mocacchino Connally and the entire Board of Directors and Governors did an outstanding job at the Judicial Robing Ceremony. It was a dignified and eloquent event and I am close to Broward County royalty as we get. The ceremony was preceded by our annual Judicial Limousine tour. As always, the Elder Law Section was a great success. A special thank you to Court Administrator Carol Lee O’Regan and her staff, the Broward Sheriff’s Office and to BCBA Executive Director Art Goldberg and Assistant Executive Director Wilmetha Mundal and all who participated and attended this memorable and meaningful event. It was my honor as President to be a part of it. Congratulations once again to all our new judges and may God Bless you.

Judge Grossman was our guest speaker at the Elder Law Section seminar at the Broward County Courthouse. He was joined by Chris Gallardo, the Pretrial and Guardianship Counsel and each was assisted in presenting the program by Alexandra Boman, General Counsel. There were various speakers and the moderate were none other than the Co-Chairs of the Elder Law Section, Arlene Lakin and Robert Trinkler. A special thank you to Judge Grossman and his staff and all who organized, spoke and attended the standing room only event.

Congratulations to the Young Lawyers Section for an outstanding “Holiday in January” Event at the Museum of Science and Discovery. My family and I and the Executive Committee were invited and attended and it was a great event to give many foster and diabetic children in our community and their families opportunities for a nice day out at the Museum and to receive some gifts from Santa. A very thin Santa may I add. Anne Ogden and Chris Connolly and the entire Board of Directors and Governors did an outstanding job. We beheld our membership and from my heart. I am thankful.

I wish all my fellow sisters and brothers of the Bar and legal community, a continued year of health, happiness and success and hope that all of us can find a little extra time to get our work done and to spend some extra time doing the things we like to do. Remember to contact either Art Goldberg at the Bar Center or me personally if you are interested in serving as an attorney mentor. Keep up the good work for our Bar Association and community!

A Word About Mentoring
BCBA President Victor P. DeBianchi, Jr. has announced that establishing a Local Mentoring Program will be the focus of the remainder of his term. Anyone interested should contact Victor at 954-929-6666 or email him at victordebianchi@aol.com or email Art Goldberg at art@lowfirm.com.

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Monday, March 23
Free Lunch and Learn Seminar presented by Mylo German, financial advisor from Edward Jones. Contact the Broward County Bar Association (Nenna B. Howard Center) 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Lunch is provided. For information, please call Mylo German. (954) 913-1111 or visit www.MyloGerman.com

Tuesday, March 24
Broward County Women Lawyers Luncheon at the Tower Club from 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Topic: “Family Law Update”. Call 476-2429 for more information.

Wednesday, March 25
Luncheon, “Reasons for Divorce” meeting at Wise Sons Helfand, Pastona Gile & Bonsanti, P.A. 200 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite 800, Fort Lauderdale

Thursday, March 26
T.J. Reddick Annual Scholarship Banquet: The Pathway to Leadership, at the Tamarac Center, 7635 W. McCloud Road, Tamarac. For information, please call Priya Onore (954) 476-5355

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BY MARGARET GRISDELA

Your greatest opportunity for new business in 2007 is hidden in your existing accounts. New business obtained from current or past clients tends to be more profitable, due to a lower cost of acquisition and a higher likelihood of successful completion.

It is actually fairly simple to generate new revenue from current clients by following these five business development steps:

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2. Up-sell and cross-sell more services. Many clients may not understand the full range of legal services your firm offers. For example, family law attorneys may also educate clients on wills and estates. If you handle Intellectual Property matters, encourage clients to consider proactive trade secret protection available through your employment law practice.

3. Identify and protect “at risk” accounts. In any book of business, some accounts are in danger of leaving. You can identify these accounts by a decrease in billing patterns or less frequent communication. Take action to prevent these clients from leaving and you will improve your profitability and retention rate.

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5. Conduct a client satisfaction survey. Ask your clients what you do well and where you need improvement. While this sounds scary, your clients will appreciate your interest and provide some constructive suggestions for your consideration.

Here’s another secret to successful marketing: not every client is a good client. Create an “ideal client profile” and do not accept cases that you know from experience are not right for your firm.

Margaret Grisdela is President of Legal Expert Connections, Inc., specializing in legal marketing and business development. She can be reached at MG@LegalExpertConnections.com.
**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW**

*by Nancy Little Hoffmann*

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1. **Civil Procedure/Denial of Continuance**
   - Fisher v. Perez,
   - 32 Fla. L. Weekly D267 (Fla. 3rd DCA January 24, 2007).

   A new trial was ordered in a car accident case because plaintiff's motion to continue was denied. On appeal, the court found that the motion was not made in a timely manner as required by rule 1.460. The motion was denied as untimely, and the new trial was ordered.

2. **Civil Procedure/Failure to Plead Statute**
   - Copeland v. Albertson's, Inc.,
   - 32 Fla. L. Weekly D322 (Fla. 2nd DCA January 26, 2007).

   The defendant, after entering plaintiff's store, brandishing a knife and robbing a clerk, was convicted of armed robbery. The defendant's motion for a new trial was denied. On appeal, the court found that the defendant presented an insufficient basis for the motion.

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Whiteley v. Infinity Radio, Inc.,
- 32 Fla. L. Weekly D276 (Fla. 4th DCA January 24, 2007).

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**EDUCATIONAL LAW**

- WRMF v. Ross,
- 32 Fla. L. Weekly D283 (Fla. 2nd DCA January 26, 2007).

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**COMMERCIAL LEASING**

- Commercial Leasing, LLC.
- 32 Fla. L. Weekly D276 (Fla. 4th DCA January 24, 2007).

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Criteria for Nomination:
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2. Exhibition of the highest degree of professionalism in accordance with BCBA Standards of Professional Conduct and the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. Demonstrated respect for the law and preservation of decorum and integrity of the legal system.
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Bruce A. Billman of Fort Lauderdale was appointed to the Education Advisory Board by the Cooper City Commission.

Children First, a statewide, non-profit organization that fights for the legal rights of at-risk children, has announced the election of Skip Campbell to its Board of Directors. Campbell is a shareholder with Kupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Lehrman.

The Florida Bar Grand Opera honored Robert B. Judd, an attorney with the law firm of Conner, Yeakley, at the recent Decca Impressario Awards gala sponsored by the Opera Society.

Loring N. Spelder spoke on pregnancy discrimination, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Pregnancy Act a “Gender, Sexuality and the Law” symposium hosted by the St. Thomas University School of Law’s Florida Association for Women Lawyers chapter.

Representing the 17th Judicial Circuit on the Young Lawyers’ Division Board of Governors, she following BCBA members were re-elected without opposition for two-year terms: Scott Chitoff, of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley, Lunny & Crosby, LLP; Zelma Jordan, of Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida; and, Adam Rubinowitsch, of Bredou & Cassel.

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**Legal Eagle “Soars” at the Lawyer Referral Service**

The staff at the Lawyer Referral Service would like to acknowledge Attorney Marie Lurie, as the attorney of the month for March.

She has been a tremendous asset to the BCBA in helping Our Lawyer Referral Service run smoothly and efficiently. She has gone the extra mile time and time again in helping our staff/clients and can always be counted on a moments notice.

She is a testament to her legal profession! Thank you, Marie, from the staff of the Lawyer Referral Service.
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West - Two available seats to filled in the 2007 Election.
Central - Four available seats to filled in the 2007 Election.

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STUART N. HOUSE
Law Firm: Giunta & House, P.A.
Area of Practice: Family Law
Law School: University of South Carolina
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1991

I have practiced family law in Broward County since 1992, and have been a member of the Broward County Bar Association since 1993. For the past two terms I have served on the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, having previously served on the Rules Committee and the Attorney Fee Committee. I am Vice President of the North Broward Bar Association, presently serve on the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association, representing the Northeast area, and am a Family Law Section liaison to the Board of Directors.

As a practicing attorney and participant in many bar-related activities, I have over the years had the occasion meet many high-quality members of our profession, and consider colleagues on the Board of Directors and the Executive Director to be some of the finest people I have ever met, thus, honored as I am to presently serve on the Board, I am very excited and enthusiastic about the opportunities going forward, if elected, to continue to work with these outstanding dedicated professionals for the betterment of our legal community.

Welcome to continue to work with me in the exciting projects anticipated for the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity you have afforded me to serve you in the past and for taking the time to consider my candidacy for the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association. I respectfully request your support in order to be able to continue to serve you by receiving your vote.

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION of the BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, our friend and Brother at the Bar, RICHARD ALLEN BARNETT, passed away November 27, 2006 and will be sorely missed by all who knew or had occasion to encounter him during his twenty-eight years of practice in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, RICK was born December 26, 1949 in Akron, Ohio and thereafter attended and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Finance and Commerce in 1971; and

WHEREAS, RICK attended and obtained his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1975 and after several years of clerking for a Federal Judge in San Diego, California, became an associate in 1978 with the Law Firm of Kruznick Campbell, et al. in Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, RICK founded his own law firm in Hollywood in 1981 and became a member of the Broward County Bar Association serving on the Appellate Practice Committee and ultimately as a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, RICK expanded his service to the Bar by serving on the Executive Committee of the Broward Federal Bar Association, Bar Association’s Grievance and Appellate Rules Committees, a Charter Member of the Appellate Practice and Procedural Committee, a Member of the American Board of Governors of the Broward County Trial Lawyers Association, Chairman of the Amicus Committee of Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and Chairman of its Appellate Practice Section, and the Academy of Trial Lawyers Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, RICK also gave of his time and talents to the Hollywood and South Florida community where he lived by co-founding the Liberia Economic and Social Development Corporation in 1973, which provides not only low income housing but also health, education and vocational services to the residents of the Liberia Section of Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, RICK was a member of or participated in various service or charitable organizations, such as the Rotary Club of Hollywood, the Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, the Beacon Program, the Keystone Drug Rehabilitation Center and the City of Refuge, among others; and

WHEREAS, RICK’s dedication to his chosen profession and service to his community was tempered by his love of life, strong commitment to his Jewish heritage, his deep devotion to friends and family, and the enjoyment and excitement of traveling to new places and meeting new people; and

WHEREAS, RICK is survived by his mother, Beverly, his wife, Nadine and her children, Tasha Nunziato, Max Potican, and granddaughters, Lea and Nikki Nunziato, brothers Bruce and Brian, Jennifer Dumphy, and nephews, Alex and Ben; and

WHEREAS, The Broward County Bar Association wishes to memorialize RICK and express our appreciation for his dedication and service to our Association and the legal community and extend to RICK’s family our sympathy for their loss,

NOW THEREFORE, The Broward County Bar Association does hereby pass to memorialize and reflect upon the life of RICK BARNETT and be it Resolved that this Memorial Resolution shall become a part of the permanent records of the Association with copies hereof being provided to RICK’s mother, Beverly, and his wife, Nadine.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 13th day of February, 2007.

BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

VICTOR P. DEBANCH, JR.
President

12 Barrister
JAMES A. COBB, JR.
Florida Attorneys General Officer of, statewide prosecution
Area of Practice: Criminal Law
Law School: University of Toledo School of Law
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1999
I am an AV-rated, Board Certified (Criminal Law) practicing attorney of eighteen (18) years experience. I was Co-Chair of the Broward Bar Professional Conduct Committee, Chairman of the Bar’s Professional Conduct Committee, Co-Chair of the Professional Conduct and Ethics Committee, and member of the Stephen Brother American Bar Association.
In addition to representing the public, and working in pro bono matters, I have served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Bar, and have served as a member of the Bar’s Board of Governors. I have served on the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and have served as Chair of the Board. I have served as an arbitrator, and have served as a judge in the Florida Bar’s Legal Ethics Committee.
I am deeply committed to the task of improving the level of professionalism among all the legal practitioners in Broward County. I would encourage the Broward Bar to work on preserving and promoting professionalism in every area. As a member of the Bar, I have served in a continuing capacity of the Board of Directors for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I am a member of the Bar, and I am presently in private practice.
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DEBORAH POORE FITZGERALD
Law Firm: Winton Pennsylvania & Co., LLP
Area of Practice: Civil Litigation, Professional Malpractice Defense
Law School: University of Kentucky
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1979
I have had the pleasure of serving on the BBA Board of Directors for four terms, 1997-2001 and 2002-2006. I currently serve as the Administrative and Board liaison for the Bar’s Ethics Committee. I serve as the Chairman of the Broward County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (Director, Past President), American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Board of Directors, and the Florida Bar Ethics Committee. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bar Association, and a member of the Bar of the State Bar of Florida.
In 2003, I was honored to be the recipient of the Broward Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award, and I have been honored to be the recipient of the 2005 Broward Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award. I have been honored to be the recipient of the 2005 Broward Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award. I have been honored to be the recipient of the 2005 Broward Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award. I have been honored to be the recipient of the 2005 Broward Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award. I have been honored to be the recipient of the 2005 Broward Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award.
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JASON E. SLATKIN
Law Firm: Blasko & Reid, PA
Area of Practice: Bankruptcy
Law School: University of Florida
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1994
I have been involved in the legal community for many years. I have served on the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice.
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TODD R. McPHARLIN
Law Firm: Kelley, Usdall, P.C.
Area of Practice: Civil trial practice involving wrongful death, personal injury and products liability
Law School: St. John’s School of Law
Year Admitted to The Florida Bar: 1997
I am a trial attorney with extensive trial experience in both federal and state court. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice.
After spending nearly my whole life in the legal community, I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association for the past ten years, and I am presently in private practice.
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