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GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1975

THE SHERATON HOTEL, 303 N. Atlantic Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale

Cocktails: 6:30 P.M. (Cash Bar) . . . Dinner: 7:15 P.M. (\$10.00)

PROGRAM: Law Office Economics and Management
by Henry Dykman, Administrator for Shutts and Bowen
Bernie Weber, Administrator for Ruden, Barnett, McCloskey,
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Special emphasis will be placed on: CASH FLOW • ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
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SPECIAL GUESTS AT THIS MEETING WILL BE ALL CIRCUIT AND COUNTY JUDGES OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

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OPERATION: UPDATE/TRANSITION

Operation: Update/Transition co-sponsored by the Broward County Bar and Trial Lawyers Association will present its second program Wednesday, March 19, in Room 250, Broward County Courthouse, at 4:30 o'clock p.m. The initial series of trial-oriented "bread and butter" type programs will be:

March 19

A. Civil practice, rules and pitfalls in the Circuit Court.

Speaker: The Hon. Otis Farrington, Circuit Judge

B. Courtroom decorum.

Speaker: The Hon. Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr., Circuit Judge

April 16

Dissolution of Marriage

A. James P. O'Flarity, Esq., Chairman Family Law Section, The Florida Bar

B. Harry G. Carratt, Esq., Counsel in The Landmark Steinhauer Case

May 21

A. Civil practice, rules and pitfalls in County Court

B. Bankruptcy

Presentations will each have one hour allotted with time included for questions from the floor. Lecture outlines and trial practice forms will be handed out.

Judges and lawyers are requested to indicate their intention to attend the March 19th program by returning the enclosed card.

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SEMINAR ON LEGAL ECONOMICS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES

Date: April 11th, 1975, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Suite 66, Pier 66, 2301 S.E. 17th Street Causeway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

The Broward County Bar Association will offer an all day Seminar at the above time and place on the economics of law practice and on the setting of attorneys' fees, to familiarize the members of the Bar with the financial aspects of the operation of a law office, the current thoughts on the economics of properly operating a law office, and the setting of fees by the practitioner and the Court.

The following are the topics which will be presented at the Seminar:

9:00 to 11:00

The legal economics of operating and managing a law practice

11:00 to 12:00

Contingent fee agreements and the ethical aspects thereof and statutory limitations upon fees

12:00 to 1:30

Lunch break

1:30 to 2:30

The setting of fees and contractual arrangements made in the law office

2:30 to 4:30

The setting of fees by the Court in probate, condemnation, marital disputes and other Court proceedings.

The Seminar will be free of charge to all members of the Broward County Bar Association, and there will be a charge of \$25.00 for those who are not members of the Broward County Bar Association.

Please mark your calendar for April 11th, 1975, to attend this Seminar, and complete the enclosed reservation form

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and return it to the offices of the Bar Association at 733 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304.

The seminar on Economics by the Florida Bar was video taped and arrangements have been made to present this to the members of Broward County Bar Association during the week of April 28, 1975, in Courtroom No. 416. Complete details will be available in the April *Barrister*.

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1975

12:00 Noon

THE PLAYERS CLUB

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Program: **E. Clay Shaw, Jr.**
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BROWARD COUNTY TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1975

5:00 p.m. Case Evaluation Committee and Trial Clinic. (Bring your cases and questions)

6:30 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner — \$10.00

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Special Study Committee on Long Range Reorganization of Grievance Procedures

President James A. Urban appointed a Special Committee to study reorganization of grievance procedures. The committee will meet to hold public hearings around the state, and solicits comments and appearances from members of the Bar and the public on this important issue.

The committee has established four general areas of inquiry as follows: (1) Should confidentiality be waived following a probable cause finding at the grievance committee level? (2) Should The Florida Bar consider utilizing paid referees and/or Bar counsel in the disciplinary program? (3) What, if any,

role should non-lawyers have in grievance proceedings? (4) Should the function of the Board of Governors be delegated to a panel made up of members of the Board, to meet on a monthly basis, so as to expedite grievance procedures and relieve the full Board of these time-consuming functions?

Public hearings will be held at three locations on the following dates: (1) Orlando, Saturday, March 8, 1975, 10:30 a.m., Sheraton Towers, (2) Miami, Wednesday, March 19, 1975, 10:00 a.m., Columbus Hotel, (3) Tallahassee, Wednesday, March 26, 1975, 10:00 a.m., The Florida Bar Center.

Members of the press, interested laymen, all local Bar Presidents, experienced grievance defense counsel, and members of the American Bar Association Disciplinary Committee have been invited to attend.

The committee has decided to accept only written questions submitted prior to or during the three public hearings. The meeting will be tape recorded.

It is vital to the preservation of the good image of the Bar that a viable grievance procedure be adopted and followed. Your help as a member of this organization is necessary to insure that a full range of ideas will be presented to the committee members. Their report will be very influential on the Board of Governors when it is presented at the end of May.

A number of questions are inherent in the proposals: (a) if confidentiality is waived after a finding of probable cause at the grievance committee level, and the charge becomes public knowledge, of what use is the private reprimand? The Integration Rule presently provides for a waiver of confidentiality after a finding of probable cause in more serious grievance matters.

(b) Will any lawyers voluntarily serve as referees or Bar counsel on a voluntarily unpaid basis if the Bar pays some

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lawyers and some referees in more serious cases? Can the Bar afford this additional cost without another increase in dues?

(c) Is it necessary to involve non-lawyers in the grievance process to assure the public that the lawyers really do "clean up their own house?"

(d) Do you prefer to have your grievance matters finally decided by a board of 35 lawyers, all of whom have been elected by the lawyers of the State of Florida, or are you willing to permit a smaller selected board to hear grievance matters in order to speed up the process which, by any standards, is far too long at present?

The foregoing commentary is not intended to be an expression of opinion—merely some reflections on the issues presented by the proposals which the committee will study.

Your written comments should be sent to the Honorable Burton Young, Chairman, Special Studies Committee on Long Range Reorganization of Grievance Procedures, P.O. Box 600550, North Miami Beach, Florida, 33160. You may also send a copy, if you desire, to your local representatives on the Board of Governors, John Neely and Don Norman.

Please express yourself. If you do not do so, your elected representatives do not have the information that they need to completely represent your interests in such important matters!

Don Norman

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CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE FLORIDA BAR

The following are candidates for the Florida Bar Board of Governors from the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit:

WILLIAM F. LEONARD

William F. Leonard was born in Florida, and was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1951. He received his law degree from the University of Florida. He has practiced law in Fort Lauderdale since 1953. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Broward County Bar Association. He is the immediate president of the Broward County Bar Association.

PHILIP J. MONTANTE, JR.

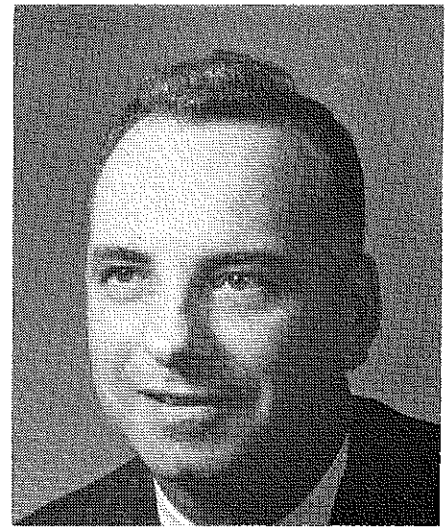
Philip Montante was born in New York. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1971. He received his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association and is presently a member of the State Attorney's staff.

Ballots will be mailed from The Florida Bar. Please return your ballot to The Florida Bar.

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CHIEF JUDGE TO BE ELECTED

Judge John Ferris has announced that an election will be held on March 14, 1975 to elect a Chief Judge for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. The elected judge will serve for a two year term, and he will undertake the duties of chief judge on July 1, 1975.



Phil Jansen has been selected as the 1974 recipient of the "Realtor Appreciation" Award. This award is given annually to the person who does not have a real estate license and who has done the most for the real estate industry during the year. Phil is chairman of the Committee on Cooperation Between Lawyers and Realtors and his committee is continually working to improve Attorney-Realtor relations.

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Anyone having knowledge of a will prepared for Fredrick A. Nassal, please contact Broward County Bar Association, 764-8040.

Reply From Gulfstream

The proposed new County administrative building was the subject of much discussion in Broward County during 1974. The debate concerning whether the administrative courthouse should remain downtown or move to a western site caused a great deal of misunderstanding with a number of attorneys and

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the public in general. It is important that the misunderstanding be corrected as to what was involved in the "New Courthouse Location" discussions of last year.

The Broward County Commissioners did not intend to remove from the existing courthouse any of the judicial offices which presently are housed there, since a great number of attorneys' offices in town are located in the general area of the courthouse as well as some of the fine title companies in Broward County. It was the intention of the Broward County Commission to provide, whether across the street from the courthouse or in the proposed western location, those administrative offices such as the County Commission Chambers, the County Engineer, the County Administrator, the County Tax Collector, as well as the Tax Assessor. These offices normally deal with the public at large and to a lesser degree with local attorneys.

The problem was really one of semantics in that when people spoke of the "new courthouse" they should have been referring only to the new "administrative office" building and not to the "courts."

Arnold Ramos

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

LARRY V. BISHINS, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse Univ., and his law degree from Suffolk University and Boston University. He is associated with Carlisle and Tworoger, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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MIRIAM K. CROFTON, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., received her undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's and her law degree from Fordham Univ. She practices alone in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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JOSHUA S. GALITZER, a native of New York, N.Y., received his undergraduate and law degrees from New York University. He practices alone in Fort Lauderdale.

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THOMAS CLARK HEATH, a native of Sarasota, Florida, received his undergraduate degree from Manatee Junior College, University of Florida, and his law degree from the University of Florida. He is associated with Howell, Kirby, Montgomery, D'Aiuto & Dean, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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JOEL DAVID KOPELMAN, a native of Miami, Florida, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and his law degree from Emory University Law School. He is associated with Abrams, Anton, Robbins, Resnick & Schneider, P.A., Hollywood, Florida.

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KAREN KUGELL, a native of Boston, Mass., received her undergraduate degree from Brandeis University and her law degree from Boston University. She is associated with Jansen and DeGance, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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RICHARD R. MICHELSON, a native of Galesburg, Illinois, received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his law degree from Loyola University of Chicago. He practices alone in Tamarac, Florida.

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MICHAEL PUDER-HARRIS, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Buffalo and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School. He is associated with Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Schuster & Schmerer, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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ANDREW C. ROSE, a native of New York, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree from University of Miami and his law degree from South Texas College of Law. He is associated with Fields, Bookstein, Conness, Rose & Zack, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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RONALD J. ROTHSCHILD, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State and Cleveland State and his law degree from Cleveland State University. He is associated with S. Abram and M. Schwartz, Hollywood, Florida.

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STEPHAN JOEL SITOMER, a native of New York, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School. He is of counsel to Fields, Bookstein, Beaver & Conness, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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IRVING MARTIN WEISS, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, received his undergraduate and law degrees from Western Reserve University. He is associated with John T. Carlon, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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LAWRENCE P. ZOLOT, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree from Queens College and his law degree from George Washington University Law School. He is associated with Druck, Grimmer, Norman & Weaver, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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