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NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST

The next General Meeting of Broward County Bar Association will be on September 18, 1980 at Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The speaker will be the **Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg**, (former Justice U.S. Supreme Court). When it was learned that he would be a visiting professor at Nova Law Center in the fall of 1980, Mr. Carratt invited him to be a guest speaker for a bar function. This will be a dinner meeting and detailed information will be in the September **Barrister**. Please mark your calendar now.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION MEETING

Thursday, August 28, 1980

12:00 Noon

Jeremiah's Restaurant

3017 East Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Luncheon: \$6.00 — Members

\$7.00 — Non-Members

Speaker: **Charles Prince**

Topic: **"The Effective Use of Non-Medical Expert Witnesses"**

Reservations should be made payable to "Young Lawyers Section" should be sent to—

Robert J. McFann

One Financial Plaza

Suite 1500

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33394

JUDICIAL POLLS

The Judicial Poll was mailed to all members of The Florida Bar in Broward County on August 1, 1980. If you have not completed and returned your ballot, please do so **now**.

SUMMARY ADMINISTRATORS

The 1980 Legislature (80-203) amended §735.201 of the Florida Probate Code increasing the limit on Summary Administrations from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The law became effective on June 25, 1980.

Amendment To Section 1., Subsection (1) Of Section 34.01 Florida Statutes

Section 34.01 Florida Statutes has increased the jurisdiction of the County Court to \$5,000.00 but only to causes of action accruing on or after the effective date of this act.

The effective date is July 1, 1980, therefore, any cause of action in which the principal amount is controversy is in excess of \$2,500.00 and in which the cause of action accrued *prior* to July 1, 1980, must still be filed in Circuit Court. By contrast, if the cause of action accrued on July 1, 1980, or thereafter, it would, of course, be filed in County Court.

Based upon the above, in order to determine proper jurisdiction, your complaint should state the date which the cause of action accrued. If the accrual date determines that your action should be filed in Circuit Court, your complaint should also state, "This is an action in which the principal amount in controversy is between \$2,500.00 and \$5,000.00 and which accrued prior to July 1, 1980." If it is to be filed in County Court, your complaint should state, "This is an action in which the principal amount in controversy is between \$1,501.00 and \$5,000.00 and which accrued after July 1, 1980."

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NOTICE

The Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on August 21, 1980, at 9:30 a.m. at the law offices of Curtin R. Coleman, II, 2810 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the purpose of determining whether or

not Arthur S. Seppi, Deputy Commissioner of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, whose term expires March 8, 1981, should be recommended for appointment to a new term.

Any comments from interested members of the Bar Associations or public should reach the Commission Chairman, Calvin B. Brown, Post Office Box 3686, Vero Beach, Florida 32960, no later than 5:00 p.m., August 11, 1980.

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The Role Of The Lawyer In The 1980's

The Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association and the General Practice Section of the ABA co-sponsored a conference held in Chicago on January 30-31, 1980 concerning the role of the lawyer in the 1980's. Many of the approximately 125 participants in the conference were young lawyers.

The format of the conference was to provide the participants with background information about the history of the legal profession in the United States, the legal profession today with emphasis on the types of clients served, and the future of lawyers and the legal profession. In addition, there were several hours devoted to small-group discussion and a town hall discussion of all participants.

As a result of the small-group discussions, a list of 97 issues facing lawyers and the legal profession was developed. From that list, the participants determined the 9 most important issues facing the legal profession. Those issues, in order of their importance to the legal profession, were as follows:

1. The need to provide better and cheaper legal services to middle income persons.

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2. The need to educate the public in basic legal issues and procedures and what it can expect lawyers to accomplish.
3. The development of alternative dispute resolution systems.
4. The reduction of the costs and complexities of litigation.
5. The maintenance of high quality services by lawyers and the judiciary.
6. The resolution of unauthorized practice of law and related issues.
7. The maintenance of high professional standards.
8. The education of lawyers, especially in ethics and new developments in the profession.
9. The development of responses to decreasing public confidence in the legal profession and the judicial system.

A full report of the conference is expected to be published in the late summer. It should prove to be interesting reading.

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**Florida Conference Of
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Fort Lauderdale was elected Executive Secretary of the Florida Conference of County Court Judges, one of five officers elected state-wide at the Summer Meeting held last week in Palm Beach.

Judge George Shahood was elected Vice President for the Fourth District and Judge Alfred Skaf was elected Director for Broward County, replacing Judge Ford.

The Installation was conducted by Secretary of State George Firestone at The Breakers Hotel Friday night. Other state officers installed were: Judge Alfred Nesbitt of Miami, President; Judge Bowden Hunt of Lakeland, President-Elect, Judge Roberta Knowles of Bradenton, Secretary; and Judge George Sprinkel of Orlando, Treasurer.

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**Young Lawyers Section
 Receives Two Awards At
 Florida Bar Convention**

At the annual Florida Bar Convention held in Boca Raton on June 19, 1980 through June 22, 1980, The Florida Bar honored the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association with an award entitled "Award of Merit for Single Project for 1980." This second place award was presented at the General Assembly Meeting of The Florida Bar and was presented for the local Section's organization and successful completion of its High School Education project at 26 local high schools in Broward County. In this program, 48 volunteer members of the Section spoke to approximately 2,000 high school students on a range of topics over a period of 4 months and culminated the project with a full mock trial at one of the high schools.

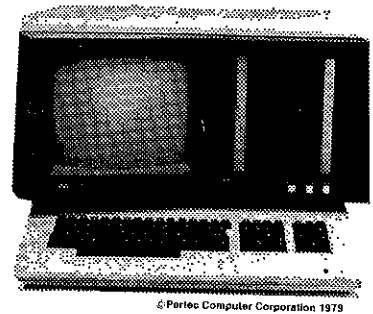
The Young Lawyers Section's High School Education project which was honored by The Florida Bar was chaired by Todd Smith, a member of the Section's Executive Committee. Todd has organized the project with a procedure such that it will become a regular, annual project of the Section, expanding each year to include more young lawyer volunteers, more schools and more students. For his effort and superior performance, Todd was awarded the "Most Productive Member of a Local Young Lawyers Section Award" by the Young Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar.

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Todd's well deserved award was presented at the annual Young Lawyers Section Luncheon held on Thursday, June 19, 1980, in Boca Raton, Florida.

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ATTENTION SPORTS FANS

The Second Annual Golf and Tennis Jamboree, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section, will be held at Jacaranda Country Club on October 4, 1980. The event is open to all members of the Broward County Bar Association.

The Tennis Tournament will be open doubles this year, and will begin at 11:00 a.m. The price is \$10.00 for YSL members and \$12.50 for non-members.

The Golf Tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the West course. The price for golfers is \$17.50 for YLS members and \$20.00 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served throughout play. Following the tournaments will be a buffet luncheon in the main dining room of the Clubhouse. Winners will be announced at that time and prizes awarded.

Please make checks payable to "Young Lawyers Section" and mail to: Robert J. Mc Fann, One Financial Plaza, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33394.

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Thirteenth Medical Institute For Attorneys

The University of Miami Law Center has announced:

Thirteenth Medical Institute
for Attorneys

— March 19-21, 1981 —

Sheraton Bal Harbour Hotel
(formerly the Americana Hotel)
Miami Beach, Florida

For further information, write:

Thirteenth Medical Institute for
Attorneys
University of Miami Law Center
Post Office Box 249087
Coral Gables, Florida 33124

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TELEPHONE CONFERENCES

Judge Leonard Rivkind, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, has announced that he will experiment with conference telephone calls on simple, routine matters on motion calendars in an attempt to conserve time and expense. The plan will begin August 20, 1980. It will be necessary in all cases to continue to file a notice of hearing on the regular motion calendar. Thereafter, Counsel must notify Judge Rivkind's secretary whether a ruling without argument or a conference call is required. The judge's secretary will provide the time, and it will be Counsel's responsibility to arrange for the conference call.

It will not be necessary to notify Judge Rivkind's secretary in the event Counsel intends to appear at the motion calendar.

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Young Lawyers Section Beach Party

Saturday, September 6, 1980, 7:00
o'clock p.m.

Harbor Beach Surf Club, Harbor Beach
Parkway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Admission — Free

Dress — Informal

Open to *all* Bar Association members
and their guests

Oysters, fried chicken and other refresh-
ments will be served

For more information, please contact:
Betty Ann Palmer
1750 East Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
525-0531

Report Of The Board Of Governors Of The Florida Bar—July 10-11, 1980

The Executive Committee of The Florida Bar has been given authority to select an insurance consultant. It has also been given the authority to enter into agreement with The Florida Bar Retirement Association (ABRA) so that members of The Florida Bar who are not members of the ABA may participate in the retirement program. It was also reported that the reciprocal program of the bar has not been successful in obtaining subscribers.

The Board voted to approve the concept of a study on defining the needs of the disabled for legal services. The budget committee is to determine the cost of the study.

A report was given on the effect of the decision in *The Florida Bar v. Moses* which recognized the right of administration agencies to adopt rules authorizing "other qualified representatives" to appear before such agencies. The Board authorized a special committee to attempt to formulate a rule that would be satisfactory to the Bar and the various agencies.

The newly created Program and Review Committee will review the programs of the Bar in public responsibility and internal organization and committees in the coming year.

The Board agreed to sponsor the Institute for Law in Social Education in the College of Education, University of Central Florida for one year. The program will utilize funds from an LEAA grant and legislation.

Fifty-three CLE courses have been scheduled for the coming year.

There were 450 grievance cases pending as of May 31, 1980. Fifty-one cases were open in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit on that date.

Bar sponsored trips to the Canadian Rockies and to China are planned, and



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a trip to South Africa may be considered by the Travel Committee.

Judge Hugh S. Glickstein
O. Edgar Williams, Jr.
Drake M. Batchelder

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ANGELA R. AMOROSI, a native of DAVID I. BRODT, a native of New

New York City, received her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University, her law degree from Nova University and her L.L.M. from the University of Miami. She is a Judicial Research Assistant at the Fourth District Court of Appeal, in West Palm Beach.

York City, received his undergraduate degree from Adelphi University and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School. He is a sole practitioner.

MICHAEL J. COHEN, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., received his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida and his law degree from the University of Miami. He is associated with Wayne Orizin in Fort Lauderdale.

NOTICE OF BAR GROUP MEETINGS

Date	Organization	Location	Time
9/2/80	North Broward Bar Association	Flaming Pit Restaurant 1150 N. Federal Highway Pompano Beach, Fla.	12:00 Noon

WESLEY L. CATRI, a native of Rahway, New Jersey, received his undergraduate degree from John Carroll University and his law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School. He is associated with Pyszka, Kessler & Adams in Fort Lauderdale.

DAVID M. LINDLEY, a native of Hialeah, Florida, received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University and his law degree from Nova University Law Center. He is associated with Pyszka, Kessler & Adams in Fort Lauderdale.

REED B. McCLOSKEY, a native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from Nova University Law Center. He is associated with Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Schuster & Russell in Fort Lauderdale.

JAMES P. MURPHY, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., received his undergraduate degree from LaSalle College and his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. He is associated with Buck and Tatum in Plantation.

JAMES G. SALERNO, a native of Niles, Ohio, received his undergraduate degree from Hiram College and his law degree from Ohio Northern University. He is associated with Pyszka, Kessler & Adams in Fort Lauderdale.

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Broward County Bar Association
The Florida Bar
American Bar Association
Clerk of The Circuit Court