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The Bar recently joined together with the Federal Bar Association and hosted General William Suter, Clerk, U.S. Supreme Court for a membership meeting. Pictured is Manny Farach, Clerk Suter and Federal Bar President Bruce Reinhart. For more pictures from this event, please see page 12.



Membership Meeting April 19 to Feature Dr. Richard Lapchick

Join the PBCBA, together with FAWL and the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Jr. Bar Associations as we host a joint membership luncheon on April 19. This meeting will be held at the Marriott West Palm Beach from 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. Log on to our website to register www.palmbeachbar.org/register.php

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Richard E. Lapchick, human rights activist, pioneer for racial equality, internationally recognized expert on sports issues, scholar and author. Richard E. Lapchick is often described as “the racial conscience of sport.” He brought his commitment to equality and his belief that sport can be an effective instrument of positive social change to the University of Central Florida where he accepted an endowed chair in August 2001.

Lapchick became the only person named as “One of the 100 Most Powerful People in Sport” to head up a sport management program. He remains President and CEO of the National Consortium for Academics and Sport and helped bring the NCAS national office to UCF. Considered among the nation’s experts on sports issues, Lapchick has appeared numerous times on Nightline, Good Morning America, Face The Nation, The Today Show, ABC World News, NBC Nightly News, the CBS Evening News, CNN and ESPN.

Lapchick has been the recipient of numerous humanitarian awards. He was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of the Commonwealth Nations in 1999 in the category of Humanitarian along with Arthur Ashe and Nelson Mandela and received the Ralph Bunche International Peace Award. He joined Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe and Wilma Rudolph in the Sport in Society Hall of Fame in 2004. Richard is the son of Joe Lapchick, the famous original Celtic center who became a legendary coach for St. John’s and the Knicks. He is married to Ann Pasnak and has three children and two grandchildren.

Mark your calendar

Membership Luncheon with Guest Speaker Richard Lapchick, Human Rights Activist, Director, UCF’s DeVos Sport Business Management Program

Co-Hosted with FAWL and Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association
April 19, 11:45 - 1:00
Marriott West Palm Beach

Annual Law Week Judicial Reception

April 25, 5:30 p.m.
The Harriet at City Place

Annual Law Day Luncheon

May 3, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Please Note: Date Changed)
Speaker: Court TV Anchor Catherine Crier
Crowne Plaza Hotel

North County Section Annual Dinner

May 10, 5:30 p.m.
Ruth’s Chris in North Palm Beach

Annual Installation Banquet at the Breakers

Saturday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.
The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach

Bench Bar Conference

October 12
Convention Center

Don’t Forget to Vote!

This year’s election for Board directors will be conducted electronically. An email will be sent to all members in good standing. **Please be sure to set your spam filters to preapprove anything from ballotboxonline.com.** Voting will take place through April 16 at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced via e-mail and will be posted on the Bar’s website. There are three director seats available and the following five members are running: **John Howe, Hampton Keen, Bryan Poulton, Adam Rabin and Marianne Rantala.**

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Dues Statements Mailed

Annual membership dues statements will be mailed shortly to all PBCBA members for fiscal year 2007-2008, which begins July 1. If you do not receive a bill, contact Shoshanah at the Bar Office (687-2800) or spence@palmbeachbar.org. Please take a moment to see a list of the many benefits of remaining a member on page 16.

Law Week Judicial Reception April 25

Don't forget to stop by the Law Week's Annual Judicial Reception to be held this year on Wednesday, April 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year's event will again be held at Harriet at City Place and will serve as a kick-off for all of the many Law Week activities. Reservations are not required; however, this free event is limited to Palm Beach County Bar members, the judiciary and their judicial assistants.

Annual installation banquet set for June 16

Mark your calendar now for the PBCBA's Annual Installation Banquet which has been scheduled for Saturday, June 16 at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. A reception will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. with dinner and dancing immediately following.



Save the date... May 3 Law Day Luncheon

Catherine Crier, Court TV anchor and former Texas state judge, will be the Association's guest speaker at its annual Law Day luncheon to be held on **Thursday, May 3. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

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President's Message



Diversity

By Manuel Farach, President

We Americans are children of the Enlightenment. A good portion of our Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights come from principles of thought that emphasize reason and the worth of the individual as the basis for governance. Under

these principles, government, and by extension law, operate on the concept that every individual has worth unto him or herself which neither government nor society can abridge.

On the other hand, these principles do not fully explain our lives, and again by extension, the practice of law. President John F. Kennedy was asked during a press conference in 1962 why some reservists were being called up for service in the Vietnam War and some were not. He replied: "There is always inequity in life. Some men are killed in a war and some men are wounded, and some men never leave the country... It's very hard in military or personal life to assure complete equality. Life is unfair..."

Despite the goals and aspirations of our Founding Fathers, life is, of course, unfair. Which begs the question: do we choose to accept the unfairness or do we choose to seek to correct it? Our duty on this issue as lawyers is clear: despite the inherent unfairness of life, we swore oaths to uphold the Constitution and the worth of each and every person. And this worth is based not on gender, not on race, and not on religion or ancestry, but on the character, integrity and actions of each individual. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights demand diversity, and nothing less than a commitment to diversity will uphold our oaths to these documents.

This is not to say there is an easy solution that allows us to cure all ills and assure complete diversity. We are human and anything touched by human hands will be imperfect. But the threat of imperfection is no excuse for our failing to seek diversity. If nothing else, we can make certain we judge people by their true worth as human beings. And we can ensure we uphold our oaths to respect the value of each individual. Diversity is not just a noble sounding goal; it is the result of fulfilling one of our duties as lawyers.

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Sasser	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Poulton	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Suskauer	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Murray	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bowden		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Schuler	x	x			x	x	x	x
Napoleone	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pineiro	x	x		x	x	x		x
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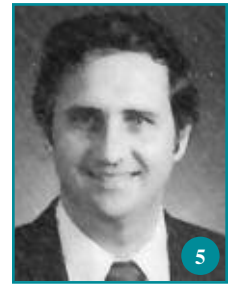
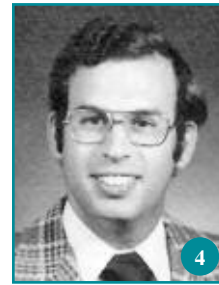
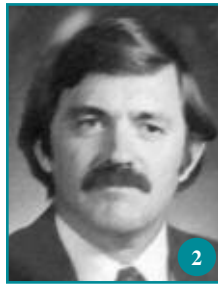
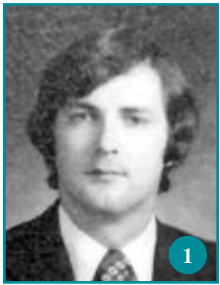
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Who are they?

In continuing with a project started by the Historical Committee, we will continue to run old photos of some of our members. Can you guess who they are?

Do you have old pictures of yourself or your associate? If so, send them to Patience Burns at the Bar office for use in future issues.

Answers on page 10



Minutes of the Young Lawyers Section, May 2, 1969, Holiday Inn

Thirty members and all the officers were present. Larry Klein acknowledged the presence of Judges White, MacMillan, Kapner, Kohl and Harrison. Bill McFarland and Guy Hill were introduced as guests.

Sid Stubbs refused to give a Treasurer's report, but complained that our 1969 dues were overdue. He read a list of those who had paid – since it was far shorter than those who were delinquent. He then made a snide remark about two of the officers being delinquent in their dues. No names were mentioned, but it was obvious that one of those he was referring to was Vice-President, John Flanigan.

Ex-President, Pete Van Andel, was welcomed back for his first meeting since leaving office. President Klein told him his plaque was ready.

The May 17, 1969, picnic was announced and twenty-two members indicated they would be there. We are figuring on one hundred and fifty.

Judge White, who had paid his dues, read a letter from Bud Dickinson concerning the new Court of Appeals. Judge White suggested a letter from the organization to thank Bud Dickinson for his work. Gavin Letts said we should thank Judge White, who in turn, said we should thank Shep Lesser. Shep wasn't there, so fortunately, the accolades ended. Shelton Clyatt suggested sending Bud Dickinson Pete Van Andel's plaque.

John Flanigan introduced Herb Wilson and Marty Perry to speak on behalf of the Young Republicans and Young Democrats, respectively.

Herb, after delivering some God-awful after-dinner jokes, praised Governor Kirk and criticized some of the other Republican officeholders. He blasted the Legislature for their pay raise and praised the Governor for his veto. He said nice things about Sheriff Heidtman and Tax Assessor "what's his name?" but he couldn't think of anything nice to say about Lloyd Early. Herb commented on voter apathy, recalling his own campaign where 10 percent of the city voters elected the commissioners. He says they were fortunate in voting in a good man – his opponent—but that it could have easily gone the other way.

Marty Perry then told us that his club's treasury is larger than ours, and that his party needs workers for change their old image.

Marty's speech proved a sharp contrast to Herb's lively and refreshing oratory. He suggested there were too many lawyers in his club and not enough workers.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS J. YEAGER
Secretary



In Memoriam
A. Obie Stewart
February 15, 2007



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Is E-Filing At The End of the Rainbow?

By Bard D. Rockenbach, Chairman, Technology Committee

My children enjoy talking about rainbows. They especially like to talk about whether there really is a pot of gold at the end of it. Not because they care about gold, of course, but because the pot of gold is magical, and that makes rainbows magical. The problem with storing anything at the end of a rainbow, however, is that the end moves as you approach it. No one can actually get to the end of a rainbow.

2006 was supposed to be the year e-filing got started in state courts. That obviously didn't happen. Will 2007 be the year? Probably not. Electronic filing in state court is the Holy Grail and, like the nomadic comedians in *Monty Python's In Search of the Holy Grail*, attorneys and other taxpayers in state court system may have to suffer a series of insults before it is achieved. It now resembles a promise which will be kept if we can just get to the end of the rainbow.

By now, anyone who practices in the Southern District has gone through the training process to learn how to use the new electronic filing and service system. True to form, the federal court is way ahead of the state court on this issue, as it has been when it comes to e-retrieval and courtroom presentation technology. For most of us the training session in federal court was not educational; staff handles filing and retrieval, not lawyers. So forcing lawyers to attend a 2 hour training session (in Ft. Lauderdale no less) was a huge expenditure of time with very little payoff. The good news was that the federal court was ready to accept electronically filed documents in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. The better news was that we can now retrieve documents from the court file without leaving our desks. The filing is free, and the retrieval is a mere \$.08 per page.

Meanwhile, the state court system is mired in indecision. The conflict started when a very limited number of public records were available online several years ago. People raised privacy concerns about information contained the public records and on November 25, 2003 Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead issued an administrative order putting an immediate halt to e-retrieval until a

committee could be formed to study the problems posed and recommend solutions. The Committee on Privacy and Court Records conducted its study, and its report is available for your review on the public information page of the Florida Supreme Court website:

http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/index.shtml#Privacy. The report was released on July 3, 2006, nearly three years after e-retrieval was stopped. The Supreme Court also issued Rule 2.090, Fla. R. Jud. Admin., which sets guidelines for any system of electronic filing and storage of court records, and a new administrative order setting guidelines for the release of limited information.

http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/ModifiedMoratorium.pdf. Nevertheless, we still have no e-filing and no e-retrieval.

The current debate is over who is going to pay for the service. Other jurisdictions have solved the problem two

ways; tax revenue or user fees. The federal courts use mostly tax revenue. E-retrieval only costs 8 cents per page through the PACER system. In San Francisco, however, they have opted for user fees. That court decided to use LEXIS/NEXIS as the third party administrator to manage and store the documents filed, which charges for up to \$12.00 per document. The common complaints regarding the third party administrator option is that it gives control over court documents to someone other than the clerk, and that the third party can scan the documents for information which it later sells. The cost is also quite high, but proponents claim the cost of preparing and mailing documents to multiple parties is far greater (San Francisco claims \$30.00 per document in the asbestos litigation). Perhaps they use gold envelopes in San Francisco. Even with e-filing and e-service on opposing parties, however,

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2007-2008 Candidate Information Form



John M. Howe

Firm: Law Offices of John M. Howe, P.A.
Year admitted to practice (in any state): 1998
Law School: University of Florida
Year joined PBCBA: 2000

What do you feel you can contribute to the Association as a Board member?

You don't have to be a lawyer for very long to know that the image of our profession has long been under attack. You wonder why that is? It's simple. Adversarial systems almost always guarantee one thing - that two clients will acquire disdain for at least two lawyers - maybe three if you include the judge. Certain public figures have openly blamed lawyers for causing every societal woe known to mankind and have sought to diminish the importance of the judicial branch of our government. I bristle at these attacks against our honorable profession. If elected, I'll work to counter such attacks.

I recently received training as a volunteer for the Justice Teaching program. I intend to participate in it and to recruit as many of our members as possible; but this is just the beginning. As a current member of the Independence of the Judiciary Committee, I understand the importance of explaining the role of lawyers and judges in our government. The PBCBA is vital for lawyer interaction with non-lawyers, but more must always be done.

I propose a new "Caring Lawyers" initiative wherein lawyers invite non-lawyers (adults/kids, family/friends, etc.) to join us in our projects or pastimes, whether it's volunteering or an enjoyed hobby. Such interaction is vital for demonstrating to our fellow citizens that we are really live-born, warm-blooded, air-breathing beings. I ask for your vote to make ours an even better bar association and community.



William Hampton Keen

Firm: Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP
Year admitted to practice (in any state): 1995
Law School: University of Florida 1995
Year joined PBCBA: 1999

What do you feel you can contribute to the Association as a Board member?

As a Board member, I will contribute to the Association as a person of action and commitment. I believe I have a unique perspective on the privilege of practicing law and the profound impact we as advocates can have on our society based on my two different careers before becoming a lawyer. Prior to law school, I worked as a teacher at an alternative school for juvenile delinquents and also as a corporate financier.

Since joining our Bar Association when I arrived in Palm Beach County in 1999, I have actively worked with other members to help make our local Bar one of the best in the state. I have served as a member of the Young Lawyers Executive Board for several years, the chairperson and co-chairperson of the membership committee for multiple years, member of the judicial relations committee, member of the special needs committee, as well as helping to fill the gap on various other Association activities, including purchasing and distributing toys for the Young Lawyers' "Holidays in January" party for underprivileged children, participating in Career Day at various schools, law week, and distributing supplies to underfunded schools, among other things.

Most recently, I completed the Justice Training by Chief Justice Lewis and look forward to working closely with my assigned school to help the students. I am a member of the Florida Bar's Speaker's Bureau, "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and a Trustee of the YMCA.

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DIVISION	JURY TRIALS	NON-JURY TRIALS	MOTIONS	CASES PENDING
A	06/07	06/07	03/07	1282
B	06/07	06/07	03/07	1212
D	10/07	06/07	03/07	1568
E	06/07	04/07	05/07	1642
F	04/07	04/07	05/07	1297
G	09/07	09/07	04/07	1097
H	08/07	08/07	02/07	1385
I	05/07	05/07	03/07	1284
J	07/07	05/07	02/07	1470
N	07/07	07/07	05/07	1553
O	07/07	04/07	02/07	1452

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Bryan Poulton

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Year admitted to practice: 1997
Law School: Nova
Year Joined PBCBA: 1998

What do you feel you can contribute to the Association as a Board member?

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Bar for nine years. Over those years, the size, scope, and business of the Bar have grown. It is my goal for the Bar to operate in a business-like manner to keep up with these changes. As a current Board Member, I have become very familiar with the policies and procedures of the Bar. I am currently in charge of a project to create a Policies and Procedures Manual for the Bar. I authored a By-Law change for law student membership that was passed by the membership at our most recent luncheon. I have drafted a conflict of interest policy for the Bar that is close to completion. I currently serve as Board liaison to the CLE Committees.

In addition to serving as a Director, I have served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Young Lawyer Section. While on the YLS Board, I worked on several committees including chairing a committee that placed used computers donated from the legal community in foster homes. As President of the Young Lawyer Section, I served a one year term as a Board Member of the Palm Beach County Bar. I was then elected to a two year term on the Board of Directors.

It would be my honor to continue to serve the membership by being re-elected to the Board of Directors.



Adam Rabin

Firm: Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A.
Year admitted to practice (in any state): 1993
Law School: University of Miami School of Law
Year joined PBCBA: 2001

What do you feel you can contribute to the Association as a Board member?

Committed. I have dedicated the last five years to serving the bar and its programs. I currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Judicial Relations Committee, which organizes the annual Bench-Bar Conference and hosts the Judicial Luncheon Series. I also currently chair various subcommittees. In recent years, I chaired the Commercial Litigation CLE Committee, founded and chaired the YLS St. Mary's Hospital Easter/Passover Toy Give-Away, and co-chaired the YLS Judicial Breakfast Committee.

Creative. Our bar association is already well run and with some creative input, its programs can be even better. For example, I have learned that the bench and bar alike would like to see some improvements to the annual Bench-Bar Conference. As a result, I recently started a subcommittee that is working on substantial improvements to this year's Bench-Bar Conference, including breakout sessions dedicated to specific practice areas, e.g., personal injury, commercial litigation, etc., and sessions focused on trial advocacy, e.g., jury selection, witness examination, etc. Likewise, last year I initiated the Judicial Luncheon Series, a program at which 30-40 lawyers and a panel of 4 judges engage in a frank discussion of courtroom practices.

Character. The bar's board should reflect the level of professionalism and civility that we expect from the lawyers in this county. The bar's leadership sets the tone for its membership, including conduct in the courtroom, in deposition, and elsewhere. I will continue to exemplify the positive character traits that our membership expects.



Marianne S. Rantala

Firm: Marianne S. Rantala, P.A.
Year admitted to practice (in any state): 1995
Law School: University of Miami School of Law
Year joined PBCBA: 1996

What do you feel you can contribute to the Association as a Board member.

If elected as a director, I will contribute my drive and determination to get things done, my enthusiasm and my contacts with various members of the legal community.

Palm Beach County has been my home since I was 15 years old. I attended Lake Worth High School, PBJC (now PBCC) and FAU for my undergraduate studies. My two children have followed suit in having attended schools in Palm Beach County.

I have served as chairperson of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Criminal Practice Committee and co-moderated the Criminal Practice Bench/Bar Conference for the past two years. I was also on the Courts and Media Committee, initiated by Chief Judge Kroll last year. Additionally, I have been on the board of the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys for a number of years and am currently President-Elect – I am also a Chapter Representative and board member for the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

For the past two years, I have served as a director of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. I was involved in its budgetary, membership and other important issues and previously chaired the Criminal Practice Committee.

I am also on the board of the Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court and am coordinating a trip early next year to the United States Supreme Court for Inn members to become admitted to that bar.

Running for director is an exciting opportunity for me and I am looking forward to becoming even more involved!

Judge Mark Eissey Profile



The first thing you notice after entering Judge Mark Eissey’s chambers is that he is a huge sports fan. Pictures of basketball teams for which Judge Eissey has either coached or played

adorn the walls. Accompanying them is one of the Judge’s prized possessions: a signed plaque of former Louisiana State University and NBA standout “Pistol” Pete Maravich. Beaming with admiration for his boyhood idol, Judge Eissey recalls that “Pistol” Pete averaged 44.2 points per game for LSU. It is this same dedication to excellence and professionalism that Judge Eissey brings to his courtroom.

A native of West Palm Beach, Judge Eissey was born in 1962 and attended both Cardinal Newman High School and The Benjamin School. Thereafter, he attended Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee where he played point guard on

the basketball team. After graduating from Belmont in 1985, Judge Eissey went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1988.

Upon completion of his formal education, Judge Eissey immediately began working for the State Attorney’s Office in Palm Beach County. After 17 years of service as a prosecutor, attorney Mark Eissey decided to run to become Judge Mark Eissey, and on January 4, 2005, he was sworn in as a Judge on the County Court bench.

As a member of the bench, Judge Eissey at this time exclusively handles misdemeanor criminal cases. For this reason, and given both his experiences as a former prosecutor and his familiarity with the courtroom, Judge Eissey comfortably transitioned into his new position. This sense of familiarity allows Judge Eissey to focus on his goal of making his courtroom a place where all parties are heard and treated with respect and professionalism. Noting that County Court is truly a “people’s court,” and pointing out that by

and large, the defendants in his courtroom are not hardened criminals, Judge Eissey recognizes that even though not everyone in his courtroom can walk away happy, he can make sure that everyone is afforded the dignity and respect they deserve.

Outside of the law, Judge Eissey still plays basketball twice every week. He is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and he contributes to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, a cause near and dear to his heart. Judge Eissey is also a family man. Over the years, he has taken the time to coach his son Matt’s basketball, football, and baseball teams; and every week, the Judge can be found with Matt, his daughter Lauren, his wife Wendy, and his entire extended family having Sunday dinner – an Eissey family tradition. It is this love of community that has brought Judge Eissey to the bench and to a position in which he feels “blessed... to serve the people of Palm Beach County.”



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The YLS Yarn

By Grier Pressly, YLS President



Jason Lazarus (and his daughter Haley), Lee McElroy, Brett Barner, Jennifer & Theo Kypreos.

The Young Lawyers Section began 2007 by organizing its annual Holidays in January project. On Saturday, January 20th, YLS members handed out thousands of dollars worth of toys to more than 100 underprivileged foster children in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade. The children were entertained by Santa Claus and Ronald McDonald and were provided breakfast as well. Special thanks to YLS members Lee McElroy and Stefanie Shelley for planning the toy distribution.

The YLS also continues its support of its "adopted" school in 2007. The YLS recently responded to a call for help from Palm Beach Public School to underwrite a portion of the costs of the annual safety patrol trip in February. As a result of the financial support from the

YLS, the trip to our Nation's capital became a reality for those needy student patrols who otherwise would not have been able to participate. The YLS has also sponsored an essay writing contest for the 5th grade student patrols based on their experiences in Washington, D.C.. The Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar recently recognized the efforts of the YLS at its Affiliate Outreach Conference on February 3rd in Ponte Vedra Beach by awarding the YLS a \$1,000 grant for its support of the Palm Beach Public safety patrol trip. And on February 14th, several YLS executive committee members attended an appreciation breakfast hosted by Palm Beach Public where the YLS was recognized by the school as a valuable volunteer partner.

On February 22nd, the YLS sponsored a blood drive at the PBCBA office. More



Allison Kapner, Eric Severson, Grier Pressly, PB Public Principal Sharon Stevens, Bill Abel and Jason Guari

than 40 donors turned out to make the drive a tremendous success. Special thanks to YLS President-Elect Jason Guari for creating and organizing the blood drive, and to Lynne Poirier and Patience Burns for their organizational efforts.

On March 15th, the YLS celebrated St. Patrick's Day early with a great turnout for its happy hour at O'Sheas Irish Pub on Clematis Street.

The YLS "Lunch with the Legends" lunch series continued on March 21st with the Hon. Mary Lupo providing valuable practice and professionalism tips for an exclusive audience of YLS members. The luncheon series, which has been well received and well attended by our members, will continue this Spring so be on the lookout for announcements in the Bar bulletin.

If you are not a member of the YLS, and wish to become one, please contact the Bar Association office at 687-2800. If you would like to be more involved with the YLS, or have questions about any of our events or projects, please contact me at 659-4040.



Stuart Haft



Scott Smith

Young Lawyers Host Successful Blood Drive

President Manny Farach (center) was the first to donate blood during the Young Lawyers Blood Drive, which was recently held in the Bar Offices. Thanks to the support of our members and the community, we collected 33 pints of blood and may have saved 100 lives. The YLS Blood Drive was held in support of Nicole Guari, a pregnant mother who was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia. Pictured with Manny is an employee of Florida's Blood Centers and Jason Guari.

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All 2006 awards will be presented at the 19th Annual Pro Bono Recognition Evening to be held on Saturday evening May 12, 2007 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. The theme of the evening will be "Woodstock." Chairpersons for the event are Michelle and Scott Suskauer and Amy and Matt Triggs.

For additional information on this fun filled event, call Legal Aid's Director of Development, Harreen Bertisch at (561) 655-8944 x 257 or Associate Director of Development, Suzanne Foley at extension 279.

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Linda Perry Named Pro Bono Attorney of the Month

The Fifteenth Circuit Pro Bono Committee is pleased to announce this month's Pro Bono Attorney of the Month, **LINDA PERRY**. Linda, formerly a solo practitioner in Boca Raton, currently practicing in New York, concentrates her practice in the area of marital family law. Linda recently concluded a pro bono case donating over 200 hours of her time in representing a disabled Legal Aid client in a child support and visitation case. Since the client's divorce he had become disabled and was receiving Social Security disability payments. The Final Judgment needed to be modified to reduce the child support. In addition the client needed to get credit for prior SSDI payments to the children. As a result of the child support issue the client had his driver's licence suspended. To make matters worse the former wife had left the jurisdiction with the children leaving the client with no visitation with his children. During the course of the case Linda filed many motions, conducted numerous depositions, attended two formal and many informal mediations, as well as attended hearings and a trial. Linda even went as far as providing her client with transportation to hearings and mediations. In the end, the client's driver's license was reinstated, the client was given a visitation schedule with the children, the child support obligation was reduced to zero as the children were receiving disability payments and the client received a substantial credit for payments made through SSDI. Additionally the former wife's request for supervised visitation was denied. For her tireless efforts on behalf of the client, Linda Perry is recognized as this month's Pro Bono Attorney of the Month.



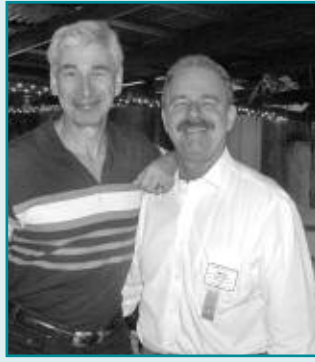
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1. John McCracken
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North County Section Casino Night

The North County Section recently hosted a night out for its members featuring blackjack, roulette, and craps tables, plus an all you can eat BBQ dinner and live music! More than 160 members enjoyed the evening, which was held at the Bonnette Hunt Club in Palm Beach Gardens.



Judge Richard Wennet and Jerry Beer



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Ned Reagan and Jason Guari contemplate their next move.



Drew Lovell and Adam Gumson both won prizes!



North County Board Member Donna Adams with NCS President Andrew Pineiro

North County Section's Jurist of the Year to be announced May 10

On Thursday, May 10, the North County Section will host its annual *Jurist of the Year* Dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House in North Palm Beach. The cost is just \$50 for NCS members; \$65 for spouses and Judges are complimentary. Seating is limited and will be given to those who RSVP first at www.palmbeachbar.org

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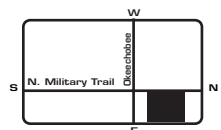
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Outsourcing Legal Work: Smart Practice Management or Ethical Quagmire?

by D. Culver (“Skip”) Smith III On behalf of the Professionalism Committee

A partner in a small litigation boutique is asked to defend a complex intellectual-property lawsuit. The lawyer and her partners have only limited experience in intellectual-property litigation. She nonetheless accepts the engagement, assuring the client of her firm’s ability to develop a solid understanding of the area of law involved. Without the client’s knowledge, the partner contracts with Banglalegal, a firm in India that holds itself out as skilled in American intellectual-property cases, including legal research, strategy development, document analysis, and preparation of pleadings. It charges hourly rates far below those that would be charged by the litigation boutique. The partner reviews the work that she receives from Banglalegal (none of whose lawyers is admitted to practice in any U.S. jurisdiction), signs all court filings, and handles all communications with opposing counsel. The firm bills Banglalegal’s work to the client without mark-up but identifies it only with such descriptions as “legal research” and “preparation of pleadings.”

Does the outsourcing to Banglalegal constitute assisting another in the unlicensed practice of law in the state? Has the partner breached an ethical obligation to inform the client of Banglalegal’s role? Has the partner improperly undertaken representation in a matter in which her expertise was at best limited?

Assisting the Unlicensed Practice of Law. Florida lawyers are ethically prohibited from assisting another in the unlicensed practice of law in this state. R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-5.5(a). With recent rule changes that acknowledge the modern realities of multijurisdictional practice, lawyers not licensed to practice in the state now may perform services in the state “on a temporary basis” under certain circumstances, one of which is in association with a Florida lawyer who actively participates in the matter. R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-5.5(c)(1), (d)(1). There is no single test to determine whether the services are being provided on a “temporary basis”; they may be “temporary” even if provided in connection with a prolonged negotiation or litigation. R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-5.5 cmt. para. [5]. Because the partner in our hypothetical participated in the litigation

and retained full oversight of and responsibility for the matter, the Banglalegal lawyers did not engage in the unlicensed practice of law in the state.

Failing to Inform the Client of the Outsourcing. A lawyer is ethically obligated to “promptly inform the client of any decision or circumstance with respect to which the client’s informed consent... is required” and to “reasonably consult with the client about the means by which the client’s objectives are to be accomplished.” R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-1.4(a). These imperatives typically are thought to apply to decisions regarding the client’s substantive legal rights (such as settlement) and to procedural and tactical means, not such logistical decisions as internal assignments and outsourcing of services. The question here more likely turns on the significance of the outsourced work (e.g., research versus strategic decisions) and whether any confidences will be disclosed to the contract lawyers. As a practical matter, disclosure is the

wiser course: the client likely will appreciate the cost-savings, and the risk of trouble later will be lessened.

Undertaking a Matter Despite Limited Expertise. A lawyer is ethically obligated to provide the client with “competent representation,” which requires “the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.” R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-1.1. Whether the lawyer has the requisite knowledge and skill depends upon several factors, including the relative complexity and specialized nature of the matter and the lawyer’s training and experience in the field. Competent representation, however, may be provided through association with a lawyer of established competence in the field. R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-1.1 cmt. para. [1]. In our hypothetical, the issue likely turns on just how limited the partner’s knowledge and experience in the field was.

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Converting From a Chapter 7 to a Chapter 13 is Not an Absolute Right!

by Marc P. Barmat

The United States Supreme Court recently ruled in a 5-4 decision that a Chapter 7 debtor does not have the absolute right to convert his/her bankruptcy case to a case under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Marrama v. Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, et al., – S.Ct –, 2007 WL 517340 (U.S.).

In Marrama, the debtor filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition. In his bankruptcy schedules, the debtor, among other things, misrepresented the value of a parcel of real property and failed to disclose the fact that he transferred that parcel of real property within a year of filing his bankruptcy. Upon the bankruptcy trustee's discovery of the value of the real property, the trustee stated his intention to recover the property as an asset of the bankruptcy estate. Thereafter, the debtor moved to convert the Chapter 7 to a Chapter 13. The trustee and the principal

creditor objected to the debtor's attempted conversion on the basis that the request to convert was in bad faith due to the debtor's attempt to conceal the real property from his creditors. The bankruptcy judge agreed with the trustee and creditor and denied the debtor's request to convert. Subsequently, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit and the United States Supreme Court affirmed the Bankruptcy Court's decision.

In affirming the Bankruptcy Court's decision, the Supreme Court found subsections (a) and (d) of 11 U.S.C. § 706 to be most relevant. 11 U.S.C. § 706(a) states that a Chapter 7 debtor "may convert a case under this chapter to a case under chapter 11, 12, or 13 of this title at any time, if the case has not been converted under section 1112, 1208, or 1307 of this title." Section 706(a) further provides that "any waiver of the right to

convert a case under this subsection is unenforceable." Section 706(d) states that "notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a case may not be converted to a case under another chapter of this title unless the debtor may be a debtor under such chapter."

Relying on the statute's legislative history, which stated that the provision gave a debtor "the one-time absolute right of conversion," the debtor contended that 706(a) created an unqualified right of conversion. The Supreme Court, however, found a Senate report's reference to an absolute right of conversion to be "more equivocal than petitioner suggests." The Supreme Court stated further that the broad description of the conversion right as "absolute" failed to give full effect to the express limitation in subsection (d), which expressly conditions the debtor's right to convert on his ability to qualify as a "debtor" under Chapter 13.

The Supreme Court concluded that a debtor who has acted in bad faith does not qualify as a "debtor" under Chapter 13. In support thereof, the Supreme Court cited 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c) which provides that a Chapter 13 proceeding may be either dismissed or converted to a Chapter 7 proceeding "for cause." The Court explained that "[i]n practical effect, a ruling that an individual's Chapter 13 case should be dismissed or converted to Chapter 7 because of prepetition bad-faith conduct, including fraudulent acts committed in an earlier Chapter 7 proceeding, is tantamount to a ruling that the individual does not qualify as a debtor under Chapter 13." Accordingly, the Supreme Court found that "[t]he text of 706(d) therefore provides adequate authority for the denial of the debtor's motion to convert."

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ABA Miami: 2007 Mid-Year Report

Donnie Murrell,

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The 2007 ABA mid-year meeting was right here in our own backyard – beautiful downtown Miami. Most of the delegates seemed to enjoy the location and the weather. I heard one lady from Arizona say she had flown all the way here from a place with warm weather to a place with warm weather and humidity. It was clear she did not see the change as an improvement.

Florida lawyers continue to be recognized for their work both as lawyers and as members of the ABA. Former Justice Joseph Hatchett, Sandy D’Alemberte and Miami lawyer, Neil Sonnett, all received awards and recognition for their professional accomplishments. Hatchett served on both the Florida Supreme Court and on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. D’Alemberte, former president of the Florida Bar and the ABA, needs an appointments secretary just to get to all the award ceremonies he needs to be at. On Thursday, he was in Tallahassee accepting the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Award from the Supreme Court. On Friday, he was in Miami receiving an award from the ABA. Neil Sonnet was honored for his work as an observer to the Guantanamo Bay proceedings.

The calendar of the House of Delegates was light. The members were treated to an address by Lord Peter Goldsmith, Attorney General of the United Kingdom. In his remarks, Lord Goldsmith reminded us that Britain has also been victimized by terrorists with the subway bombings. He then described the treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo as “unjust, unfair, and un-American”. He cautioned that “we cannot sacrifice our fundamental rights to fight the war on terrorism”. He urged that aliens receive the same treatment as U.S. citizens and argued that the “battle of ideas and values” is critical to our future. I couldn’t help but compare Goldsmith’s remarks to the remarks of U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales when he addressed the House last year defending the administration’s policy on these same issues.




The biggest item of substance addressed by the House was the new proposed Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The new Code is set up like our rules of Professional Conduct. It consists of four canons, which are aspirational, with specific rules built around each canon. The only real debate, and it was very heated, was over the inclusion in the first canon of the mandate to avoid the “appearance of impropriety”. Many argued it was too vague. The response seemed to be that it is like pornography – you know it when you see it. Someone pointed out that a member of the Supreme Court had spent time in a duck blind with one of the parties to a case pending before the Court. That seemed to fit the definition. Ultimately, the language remained in the canon. The new Revised Code is available from the ABA. I also have a copy in my office if anyone wants to review it.

All the other resolutions were passed with almost no debate. The House finished its business in one day. For anyone interested in more details, feel free to give me a call.

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Outsourcing Legal Work

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She should have had at least enough knowledge about the subject to competently evaluate the work product of the India-based lawyers. The extent to which she investigated Banglalegal's expertise also may bear on the outcome.

Outsourcing of legal work may have its place. One should thoroughly consider its possible ramifications, however, before taking the plunge into what may become an ethical quagmire.

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Is E-Filing At The End of the Rainbow?

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there is nevertheless a fair amount of labor involved in preparing a digital version of a document and then tracking the cost so it can be charged back to the client, so it is doubtful there is any cost savings in preparation. The labor-saving side of the transaction appears to be at the other end, where far fewer people have to handle thousands of documents a day and where there is no longer the need to store millions of documents in paper form.

While the debate rages on, one thing is clear; e-filing and e-retrieval in the state court system won't be available anytime soon. We may be able to speed the process up by making it clear that our clients demand that the state court filing system be updated to embrace the digital age, but it will take the collective voices of all taxpayers to be heard over the debate.

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Tuesday, April 10, 12 noon
**Young Lawyers Section
 Executive Committee Meeting**
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Tuesday, April 10, 12 noon
**South County Bar
 Association Meeting**
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Thursday, April 12, 12 noon
**Membership
 Committee Meeting**
 Bar Association Office

Friday, April 13, 8:30
**Quality of Life/Stress
 Management Seminar**
 Bar Association Office

Friday, April 13, 11:45 – 1:00
Judicial Luncheon Series
 Palm Beach County
 Courthouse Cafeteria

Tuesday, April 17, 12 noon
Historical Committee Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Tuesday, April 17, 12 noon
**North County Section
 Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 18, 8 am – 5 pm
**TFB Videotaped Seminar:
 "Basic Family Law"**
 Bar Association Office

Wednesday, April 18, 12:15 p.m.
**Juvenile Practice Committee
 Meeting**
 Judicial Dining Room, PB
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Thursday, April 19, 11:45 – 1:00
**Joint Luncheon with FAWL and
 Cunningham Bar Association**
**Speaker: Dr. Richard
 Lapchick, Human Rights
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Thursday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.
**Elder Law CLE
 Dinner Seminar**
 The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach

Friday, April 20, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
**North County Section CLE
 Seminar/Luncheon**
 Abacoa Golf Club

Friday, April 20, 12:00 noon
**Cunningham Bar
 Association Meeting**
 Law Library, PB County
 Courthouse

Monday, April 23, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
**Ethics CLE Luncheon:
 "Ethics in Civil Litigation"**
 Bar Association Office

Tuesday, April 24, 12 noon
**Solo & Small Firm
 Practitioners Luncheon**
 Bar Association Office

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30 p.m.
**Legal Aid Board of
 Directors Meeting**
 Bar Association Office

Wednesday, April 25, 8:30 – 4:45
**TFB Videotaped Seminar
 "Basic Federal Practice"**
 Bar Association Office

Thursday, April 25,
 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Law Week Judicial Reception
 The Harriett at City Place,
 West Palm Beach

Thursday, April 26, 5:00 p.m.
**PBCBA Board of
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Friday, April 27, 12 noon
**South County Bar Association
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