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The 2007 Professionalism Award was presented to Jane Kreuzler-Walsh at the annual Bench Bar Conference.

Other nominees this year were:

Judge David Crow, Manuel Farach, Judge Jonathan Gerber, Judge Daniel Hurley, Judge Jorge Labarga, Gary Lesser, John Mariani, Rick Martens, Judge Donald Middlebrooks, Judge John Phillips, Richman Greer, Jane-Robin Wender and Trela White.



Bar Celebrates 85 Years

The Palm Beach County Bar Association is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Included in this special commemorative issue are some historical articles, photos from old Bar events, law firm histories and other Bar factoids from the past. We hope you enjoy these remembrances. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank each and every one of our members who contribute to the continued success of our organization!

Nominating petitions available for Board of Directors

The annual election of officers and directors for the Palm Beach County Bar will take place in April. Persons seeking to run for a position on the Board of Directors will need to obtain a nominating petition and must be a member in good standing of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. The nominating petition must be signed by no fewer than 20 members in good standing of the Association. Petitions for President-elect will be available on November 15 and will be due back in the office by 5 p.m. on December 14. Petitions for director-at-large seats will be available on November 21 and will be due back in the Bar office by 5 p.m. on December 20. Petitions may be obtained by calling the Bar office at 687-2800 or by sending an e-mail requesting it at pburns@palmbeachbar.org. For any of the positions, it is the candidate's responsibility to verify ahead of time through the Bar office that the members that are signing their petitions are members in good standing, otherwise, the petition will be deemed invalid.

Standards of Professional Courtesy Updated

The Palm Beach County Bar Association recently updated its Standards of Professional Courtesy, first adopted in 1990. The changes were made by the Professionalism Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and endorsed by the Judges of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Please see the insert in this issue of the Bulletin for the updated copy of these standards.

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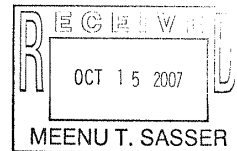
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October 3, 2007

Meenu Sasser, President
Palm Beach County Bar Association
c/o Gunster Yoakley
777 South Flagler Dr., #500 East
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Ms. Sasser:

The Certified Association Executive (CAE) Commission of the American Society of Association Executives recently renewed Patience Burns' CAE credential. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Less than five percent of all association professionals have achieved this mark of excellence.

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Certified Association Executives have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, ethical fitness and leadership in the field of association management. Your organization is to be complimented for having a professional of that caliber on your staff.

I hope that you will find an opportunity to share this achievement with your leadership and membership. It is an excellent commendation of your organization and Patience Burns, CAE.

John H. Graham IV, CAE
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President's Message



"Celebrating 85 Years"

By Meenu Sasser, President

On June 16, 2007, when I was installed as President of the Palm Beach County Bar

Association, I invited all of the Bar's past presidents to join me in celebrating the Bar's 85th anniversary. During that special occasion, we had 20 past presidents in attendance, including Bud Warwick who served as president in 1956, over 51 years ago. As we celebrate the Bar's 85th anniversary this year, I want to thank my predecessors for their service to the Bar. Since 1922, when M.D. Carmichael served as the first

president of this organization, through my immediate predecessor, Manny Farach in 2006, this organization has been well led by very capable men and women. These individuals have steered our local Bar through good times and bad times.

During the past 25 years, these men and women have served hand in hand with our Executive Director, Patience Burns. Through the incredible work of our past presidents and Patience, our Bar has become one of the preeminent voluntary Bar associations in the country, has been the recipient of countless awards, and has touched our

community in so many ways. I am so honored and privileged to be able to continue the tradition of our past presidents and lead this organization during our 85th anniversary year. As we conclude the Bar's anniversary year, I have every confidence that our organization will continue to grow and flourish into the future.

On a personal note, during the month of December as we gather together to celebrate the holidays with our families and friends, I want to extend my holiday greetings to all our members and wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Children in Foster Care Find Permanent Homes

For more than 30 children in Palm Beach County, National Adoption Day will be forever remembered as the day that they were given permanent homes to call their own.

After the adoption ceremony, which was held at the main Courthouse, the children and their families were treated to breakfast, presents and memories that will last a lifetime.

The food and presents were sponsored by the Special Needs of Children Committee.

Many thanks to the judges and the following law firms for making this event possible:

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	July Retreat	Aug	Sept	Oct
Bowden	X	Phone-in		X
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(Front row:) Meenu Sasser, president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association pictured with local middle school students Doris Le, Jupiter Middle School; Joe Sigman, Wellington Landings Middle School; and Pauline Thiemann, Jupiter Middle School.

(Middle row left to right) D. Culver Smith III, chairperson for the Historic Committee, pictured with the Supreme Sponsors Todd Romano, Romano Law Group; Gary Lesser, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC; Brian LaBovick, LaBovick & LaBovick; Robert Gordon, Gordon & Doner, P.A. and Jason Weisser, Schuler Halvorson & Weisser, P.A.

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Members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association bridge our legal history with future generations. “*And Justice for All*” is scheduled to open in the restored 1916 Historic Courtroom in the spring of 2008. The exhibit will feature interactive displays and information about the state and federal constitutions, the Bill of Rights, and the Separation of Powers, as well as significant events in Palm Beach County’s legal history.

In addition, visitors will see a video testimonial to William Holland, who was one of the first African-American lawyers in Palm Beach County and who was a leader in the desegregation of the public schools and other public facilities. In addition to the Supreme and Appellate sponsors, who are recognized in the picture, we would like to thank the support from all of our gracious donors.

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Kevin Wilkinson, Hena Rodely and Alan Zangen



Micky Smith & Steve Fischer



Craig Lawson, George Ackerman & Judge Nelson Bailey (who noted that 100% of the judiciary in the western county attended!)



Judge Peter Evans, Bob Gordon, Jeff Lampert and Scott Donaldson



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North County plans Annual BBQ & Casino Night

On Thursday, February 7, the North County Section will host its 2nd Annual BBQ & Casino Night at the Bonnette Hunt Club in Palm Beach Gardens. There will be tables* for blackjack, roulette and craps, plus an all you can eat BBQ buffet. Drinks, live music and prizes will also be included in your registration price of just \$40. (non-section members and spouses are welcome to join us for \$50. Judges are complimentary)

Please let us know you will be attending by registering on line at www.palmbeachbar.org. We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ! (*tables are for entertainment purposes only)



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Bench Bar Conference breaks attendance record!

More than 1,060 people registered for this year's "new and approved" Bench Bar Conference, which was held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Kudos to Adam Rabin, Meenu Sasser and the entire Bench Bar Committee for working so hard to make the day long program bigger and better than ever before. A special thanks to the 72 judges who attended!



Alex Acosta, (right) United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, was the keynote speaker during the luncheon. Acosta is pictured with attorneys Joe Ianno, Bruce Reinhart and Meenu Sasser.



Patrick Cousins, Sandra Powery, Douglas Rainbow and James Sweet

"Appellate round table discussions – great chance to talk to the judges in an informal setting"



John Turner, Carina Leeson and Michael Mopsick

"Actually brought lawyers who practice in county court together"



More than 100 attorneys attended a new morning session, which was called *Making a Good Name for Yourself* and was presented by Judge Peter Blanc.

Pictured with Judge Blanc (left) are attorneys Jonathan Galler and Grier Pressly.

"This really was a 'new and improved' conference!"



Ryon McCabe, Leora Freire, John Whittles, Michael Napoleone and Ted Leopold.

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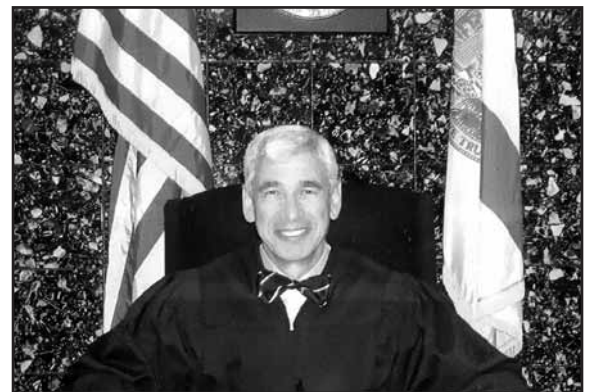
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- Heard a report from the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee on a proposal from chief circuit judges to amend Canons 4 and 5 of the Code of Judicial Conduct to allow judges to participate in limited fundraising activities for civic, charitable, educational, religious, or similar organizations. The JEAC opposes those changes. The issue was referred to the Bar Executive Committee for study and to report back to the board.
- Heard a report from the Legislative Committee that the board should take no action on a request from the Out of State Practitioners Division that the Bar support its position advocating a change in state law to allow out-of-state Bar members to act as personal representatives in estates. Such an action would effectively repeal a position by the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section opposing such a change to state law. Bar Counsel Barry Richard advised that the issue is outside the areas where the Bar is constitutionally allowed to lobby.
- Received the final report from the Disability Independence Group on a poll of disabled Bar members and the challenges they face. The Member Outreach Committee is studying the poll results and report.
- Approved a recommendation from the Disciplinary Procedure Committee to amend Bar rules to consolidate rules

which provide that failure to comply with a subpoena for trust account records would be considered contempt. The Board also approved DPC recommended amendments to the rules to codify the long standing court practice of assessing costs in discipline cases in the form of a civil judgment. The changes now go to the Supreme Court. The board also got an initial look at several other rule changes that may come to it for approval in December.

- Heard a report from the Communications Committee that Bar members now can list advanced law degrees, all federal court admissions, and more detailed areas of practice on their member pages on the Bar's Web site.
- Heard that the Program Evaluation Committee has approved the recommendation of the Board of Legal Specialization and Education for creation of two new certification areas on education law and adoption law. PEC Chair Ervin Gonzalez said those will come to the board along with recommendations about the minimum

number of lawyers needed for a certification area, an issue the committee is working on with the BLSE.

- Upheld the recommendation from the Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics that radio and TV announcers who read lawyer ads, including public service spots, are required by Bar rules to identify themselves as nonlawyers. BRC Chair Jennifer Coberly also said the committee is studying possible rule changes affecting lawyer-to-lawyer advertising.
- Approved a recommendation from the BRC to change Bar policies to provide that when the Professional Ethics Committee seeks to withdraw an existing ethics opinion that notice must be provided to Bar members.

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Pro Bono Corner

Nominations Sought For 2008 Pro Bono Night Awards

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Anyone wishing to nominate an attorney, support staff member, law firm, individual or group for a Pro Bono Award for exemplary pro bono work in 2007, please fill out the form below. Reasons for the nomination should accompany this form and client names are not necessary. Client names will not be used for any press releases or for the program the night of the event without the client's written consent. **Please mail nomination by January 15th to:** Kimberly Rommel-Enright, Esq., Pro Bono Coordinator, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., 423 Fern Street, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. If you have any questions regarding these awards, please call Kim at 655-8944 ext. 265 or e-mail her at kenright@legalaidpbc.org.

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New Trial Court Administrator Appointed

Chief Judge Kathleen Kroll announced the appointment of **Barbara L. Dawicke** as the new Trial Court Administrator for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Ms. Dawicke holds a law degree from the University of Florida. Most recently, she has served as Court Administrator for the Third Judicial Circuit, which encompasses seven counties in north Florida. Before that, she was employed by the Eighth Judicial Circuit (Gainesville), serving as staff attorney for 2 years and senior manager in court operations for 6 years. She had previously been a practicing attorney with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, a biological scientist and a volunteer with the Peace Corps in central Africa.

The Court Administrator is responsible for almost every aspect of day-to-day operations for the 5 courthouse facilities serving Palm Beach County. With the Chief Judge, the Court Administrator is the one to adapt court programs, staffing, policies and resources to meet changes in laws, procedures or budget constraints, and to recognize and address shifting priorities for Palm Beach County's constituency.

Responsibilities include: developing and overseeing budget, policies and programs; serving as liaison for the circuit to local and statewide committees and agencies; maintaining trial court statistics and compiling reports for the state; managing human resources, procurement, facilities planning, and technology development and support; and providing information and support to the judges in chambers.

Circuit Court Report

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DIVISION	JURY TRIALS	NON-JURY TRIALS	MOTIONS	CASES PENDING
A	02/08	03/08	12/07	1501
B	02/08	02/08	11/07	1280
D	01/08	01/08	12/07	1722
E	03/08	12/07	02/08	1703
F	01/08	01/08	02/08	1382
G	05/08	05/08	10/07	1114
H	04/08	04/08	11/07	1444
I	02/08	02/08	12/07	1304
J	03/08	03/08	12/07	1371
N	03/08	03/08	10/07	1599
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FRANCISCO ARMADA – Puerto Rico; University of Miami School of Law, 2007; Fourth District Court of Appeal, West Palm Beach

DOLLY V. DAVIS – West Palm Beach; University of Miami School of Law, 2004; Associate with Reeder & Reeder, P.A., Jupiter



MELISSA A. DEVLIN – West Palm Beach; Nova Southeastern University, 2007; Sole Practitioner

JEFFREY H. HOCHBERG – New York; Florida International University College of Law, 2006; Associate with Powers, McNalis, Torres & Teebagy, West Palm Beach

NEIL A. KAY – Michigan; Detroit College of Law, 1977; Associate with Gordon & Doner LLP, Palm Beach Gardens



KELLY S. KIRKPATRICK – Stetson College of Law, 2007; Associate with Tracy R. Sharpe, P.A., West Palm Beach

GEORGE D. LAGOS – Washington; University of Miami School of Law, 2007; Associate with State Attorney's Office, West Palm Beach

GREG A. LEWEN – Pennsylvania; Nova Southeastern University, 1995; Associate with Fowler White Burnett, P.A., Ft. Lauderdale

LINDA B. LYMAN – Ohio; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1973; Associate with Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP, Boca Raton

AMELIA A. MADDEN – Florida; Nova Southeastern University, 2004; Associate with Law Office of Paul J. Burkhart, Palm Beach Gardens

MONICA C. PIGNA – Florida; Nova Southeastern University, 2007; Associate with John F. Schutz, P.L., West Palm Beach

LISTON E. RADNEY, III – Georgia; Southern Methodist University, 2006; Associate with Radney and Associates, L.L.C., West Palm Beach

MARK E. RAYMOND – University of Florida, 1984; Associate with Holland & Knight, LLP, West Palm Beach

ADAM R. SCHLOSS – Maryland; Nova Southeastern University, 2007; Associate with Scott & Kissane, P.A., West Palm Beach

PHYLLIS L. SHUSTER – New York; DePaul University, 1985; Associate with Holland & Knight, LLP, West Palm Beach

WILLIAM E. STEMPEL – New York; Columbia University; Swig Equities, LLC, New York

JAMES D. SWEET, JR. – Montana; Nova Southeastern University, 2007; Associate with Plasencia & Associates, West Palm Beach

ANDREW J. VON GUSTEDT – 1998; Associate with McDonald Hopkins, LLC, West Palm Beach

COLIN D. WHITE – Florida; University of Miami School of Law, 2007; Associate with McDonald Hopkins, LLC, West Palm Beach

JACQUELINE H. WOOD – Texas; George Washington University, 2007; Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, West Palm Beach



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THE FOUNDING OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION – 1922

By Ryon McCabe, Historical Committee

In 1922, a handful of lawyers in West Palm Beach founded the Palm Beach County Bar Association. We know very little about the first meetings, as the original notes have long been lost. As one might expect, though, life was very different for lawyers of this era. Consider that a lawyer in 1922 was closer in time to the end of the Civil War (only 57 years previous) than we today are to the end of World War II (62 years ago). Our predecessors of 1922 had no copy machines, fax machines or even air conditioning. They could not even console themselves with a drink (at least legally) as the country was still in the midst of Prohibition.

The Real Estate Boom

Nevertheless, the 1920s were boom times for Florida and the brand new Palm Beach County, which had only recently been carved out of Dade County in 1909. The county had a brand new courthouse, opening in 1917, a brand new port, opening in 1920, and a brand new hospital, Good Samaritan, opening in 1920.¹ By 1925, developers would complete the county's two tallest buildings, the 10-story Comeau on Clematis Street and the 14-story Harvey Building on Datura Street.²

All of this growth was fueled by a statewide real estate boom that lasted from 1913 to 1926. With the advent of automobiles and highways, middle class Northerners streamed into Florida for the first time to purchase their own piece of the Sunshine State. Developers of the time created entire cities from scratch, including Addison Mizner's "Boca Raton." Between 1920 and 1927, the population of West Palm Beach quadrupled, and the city's total property values increased five-fold.³

A Crowded Legal Market?

The growing population needed lawyers. According to the 1922 edition of Martindale's American Law Reports (Martindale had not yet merged with Hubbell), Palm Beach County had a grand total of 23 lawyers in 1922. By 1929, that number would grow to more than 100.

Competition existed even for the 23 lawyers in town in 1922. In a 1980 interview, former circuit judge Joseph White recalled that when he arrived in West Palm Beach from the University of Florida in 1923, he was told that the city "already had 25 lawyers," and that he would "do better moving on."⁴ Fortunately, Judge White stayed.

The first members of the PBCBA elected M.D. Carmichael as their president, George W. Coleman as their vice president, and John Ziegler as their secretary/treasurer. The bar had two women, JoAnna Vermilya and Mary Esary, both of whom were novelties for that time, and no African-Americans.⁵ Indeed, no African-Americans would join until 1956.⁶

The Martindale listings of the 1920s include a number of names that current members might recognize: Charles Curtis Chillingsworth, the first city attorney for West Palm Beach; his son Curtis Eugene Chillingsworth, a later circuit

court judge and the victim of a notorious 1955 murder; John Kenneth Williamson, founder of the firm that would become Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart; and Harry A. Johnston, founder of the firm that would become Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs.

The Bubble Bursts

The boom times came to an end in 1926 when the Florida real estate bubble burst. Historians cite several reasons for the burst, including fraud in the real estate market and a series of local bank failures.⁷ To top it off, South Florida suffered back-to-back hurricanes in 1926 and 1928, followed by the stock market crash of 1929, marking the beginning of the Great Depression. In 1930 alone, property values in West Palm Beach declined by more than 50%.⁸

By 1930, the combination of unstable property values and unpredictable hurricanes caused many to predict that people would stop moving to Palm Beach County altogether. Those predictions proved wrong of course. Eighty-five years later, we still suffer from real estate bubbles and hurricanes, and Palm Beach County continues to grow. The Palm Beach County Bar Association has marked the time, growing from a humble beginning of 23 lawyers to more than 2,650 today.

¹ See Jan Tuckwood & Eliot Kleinberg, *Pioneers in Paradise*, at 80 (Longstreet Press 2004).

² *Id.* at 81.

³ *Id.* at 79.

⁴ See Carol Dunn Barron, *A Brief History of the Palm Beach County Bar Association*, at 7 (1980).

⁵ See Dunn Barron at 2.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See Tuckman at 121.

⁸ *Id.*

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JANUARY, 1964

MEETING—"STOUFFER'S"

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1964 — 12:15 — NOON?

President Of the Florida Bar To Speak

We are pleased to have as our first speaker of 1964 the President of The Florida Bar, Delgridge L. Gibbs, from Jacksonville. At this meeting also there will be the annual election of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. This will be an important and informative meeting, and every effort should be made to attend.



At the last meeting it was voted to change our luncheon meeting place to Stouffer's in the Town House Motor Hotel, 100 Datura Street in West Palm Beach.

At the annual elections held in our December meeting, the following officers were elected:

President	John M. Farrell
Vice-President	H. Laurence Cooper
Secretary	John R. Day
Treasurer	John L. Burns
Directors	John A. Paul
	Harry A. Johnston II
	Gavin G. K. Letts

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Contract for sale of Real Estate
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Articles of co-partnership
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Marriage settlement
\$50.00

Assignment of benefit of creditors
\$50.00

Consultation fees
\$15/hour

Preliminary hearing or inquest for capital cases
\$250.00

Trial of misdemeanors
\$50.00

Trial of non-capital felonies
\$200.00

Trial of capital felonies
\$500.00

Administration of estate of \$1,000 or less
\$100.00

Contesting probate of will
\$150.00

Clerk's fee to file a civil case with less than 25 defendants
\$10.00 (additional 25 cents for each defendant beyond that number)



M. D. Carmichael first Bar President

Murray DuBois Carmichael was the first president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association from 1922-23. Mr. Carmichael was born on June 23, 1885 in Indiana and received his JD from the University of Chicago in 1909. He came to Florida after law school and practiced in Tampa before moving to West Palm Beach. Some of his clients included the Florida East Coast Railroad Company, Paris E. Singer, Whitehall Building & Operating Company and Citizens Bank of West Palm Beach. He served as mayor of West Palm Beach three times as well as served in Florida's legislature.



The Honorable Richard P. Robbins was the longest serving judge in Palm Beach County. He was appointed to the Bench in 1923 and served for 38 years.

Supreme Court Justices from Palm Beach County

- Honorable E. Harris Drew served 1952-1971 (was also president of the PBCBA in 1933)
- Honorable Rosemary Barkett served 1985-1994 (was the first woman to serve on the FL Supreme Court and first female chief justice); now on the bench US Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- Honorable Harry Lee Anstead 1994 - present
- Honorable Barbara J. Pariente 1997 - present

In 1945, there were 141 members; 46 of whom served in World War II. Those serving are listed below:

PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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THE MAASS FAMILY

by Grier Pressly

In the case of Ray Alley and Harold Maass, going into the practice of law together engendered a family of lawyers that has been a pillar of the Palm Beach County legal community for decades.

Ray Alley moved to Florida from Minnesota in the mid-1920's. He performed legal work for the Phipps family for years, initially in Miami and later in Palm Beach. After a brief stint on the bench, Alley went into private practice with Harris Drew in West Palm Beach. Harris Drew went on to become the first president of the Florida Bar from Palm Beach County. Drew also became the first justice of the Florida Supreme Court from this county.

Harold Maass moved to West Palm Beach in 1925, attending Palm Beach Public School before graduating from Palm Beach High in 1940. His undergraduate years at the University of North Carolina were interrupted by World War II. Harold enlisted in the Navy Air Corp, becoming a Navy aviator during the war. At the conclusion of the war, Harold finished his college education at UNC and attended the University of Virginia for law school.

Upon completing his law school

education in 1948, Harold returned to West Palm Beach and joined the law firm of Alley, Drew, Burns and Middleton, located at the top of the Harvey Building downtown. Two years later, Harold and Ray Alley formed their own firm. Four years later, Harold married Alley's daughter, Nancy.



Harold was a distinguished member of the county Bar. He was the founding president of the Palm Beach County Junior Bar Association. He served as president of the Big Bar as well in 1954. His firm grew in size to become one of the best firms in the county.

Alley, Maass, Rogers & Lindsay lost one of its founding members when Harold Maass passed away in October of last year. However, the firm remains

strong today as Palm Beach's largest law firm. Robb Maass joined his father's firm in 1981 and continues to practice with the firm today, specializing in admiralty law. Robb married his high school sweetheart. He met Elizabeth Tiedemann, the daughter of a Pratt Whitney engineer, when they

were members of the same A.A.U. swimming team. They began dating and attended Princeton together where they both swam for Princeton's swimming team. Robb attended Yale law school while Elizabeth attended Columbia law school. Today Judge Elizabeth Maass is one of Palm Beach County's most reputable judges. Judge Maass began her legal career also working for Alley, Maass, Rogers & Lindsay with her husband and father-in-law. After nearly ten years in private

practice Judge Maass joined the bench in 1990 as a county court judge, becoming a circuit judge in 2001. Elizabeth and Robb are proud parents of two Princeton students. With one of their two sons considering a career in law, the Palm Beach County legal community may be fortunate enough to have a new generation of Maass family lawyers.

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Law firms through the years

Listed below are a couple of large firms in Palm Beach County with a listing of the various attorneys who have worked for them at one time or another. These attorney listings are based on the memories of some of our "older" attorneys, so please accept our apologies if we have left anyone out.

1968 - Howell, Kirby, Montgomery and Sands.

Through the years, the firm name changed to Howell, Kirby, Montgomery, D' Aiuto and Dean; Howell, Kirby, Montgomery, D' Aiuto, Dean and Hallowes; Montgomery, Lytal, Reiter, Denney and Searcy; Montgomery, Searcy and Denney; and finally to Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart and Shipley. Some of the attorneys who have been associated with this firm over the years are: Robert Montgomery, Tom Hoadley, Lake Lytal, Jr., Joe Reiter, Earl Denney, Shelton Clyatt, Roy Watson, Edna Caruso, Justus Reid, Steve Billing, Wally McCall, Mike Bragg, Susan O'Hara, Jose Rodriguez, John Shipley, Harry Robinson, Frank Mehok, George Mastics, Dick Schuler, Chris Searcy, Earl Denney, Mike Burman, Warren Avis, Moses Baker, Greg Barnhart, Jack Scarola, Chris Larmoyeux, Bill Bone, Jim Wilkerson, Mark Clark, Don Fountain, Cal Warriner, Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes, David White, Lance Block, Karen Terry, Harry Shevin, Sean Domnick, William King, William Norton, David Sales, Brian Denney, Todd Falzone, James Gustafson, Jr., Jack Hill, David Kelley, Darryl Lewis, Patrick Quinlan and Christopher Speed.

1951 - Miller, Hewitt & Cone This firm's name changed to Miller, Hewitt, Cone, Owen, Wagner, Nugent & Johnson; Cone, Owen, Wagner, Nugent, Johnson & McKeown; and Cone, Owen, Nugent, Johnson, Hazouri & Roth. The following attorneys that worked for this firm went on to the Bench: Clarence Johnson and Lealand Lovering (Circuit Judges in Cocoa Beach); John Dell, Larry Klein, Fred Hazouri, Barbara Pariente, Jorge Labarga, Ron Alvarez, Michael Miller, Robert Hewitt and William Owen. Other attorneys associated with this firm were: Al Cone, Clark Cone, Ward Wagner, Bert Johnson, Frank McKeown, James O'Flarity, Jack Shreve, David Roth, Shelton Clyatt, Jr., Robert Ross, Dick Willits, Patrick Massa, Mike Easley, Edward Ricci, Gary Roberts, Lawrence Kukey, Rick Kupfer, Melina Penney Gamot, Louis Silber, Rick Martens, Chuck Nugent, Mike Nugent, William Boyes, Janet Freeman, Hugh MacMillan, Jr. and Bob Wyckoff

Farish & Farish: Joseph D. Farish, Joseph D. Farish, Jr., Robert V. Romani, Ken Slinkman, Lou Williams, Michael Viscomi, Mikel Greene, John Heffling, Robert Saylor, Doug Thompson, Daniel Gallo, Emory Rogers, Bob Gordon, Jay White, Gene Shuey and Tracy Sharpe. This firm also had some attorneys that went on to the Bench: Hugh Lindsey, Harry Lee Anstead and Rosemary Barkett.

Law Firm History – Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.

Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A., Palm Beach County's oldest law firm, began in 1925 when Ohio native J. Kenneth Williamson relocated to Florida and opened a law office in the Harvey Building in West Palm Beach. In 1942, Williamson moved the office to Palm Beach, establishing the first law office in the town. Joseph F. Gunster joined the practice that year, followed in 1948 by David S. "Bud" Yoakley. Marshall Criser joined in 1951, A. Obie Stewart in 1955, and George Hersey in 1959. When Williamson died in 1964, the firm became known as Gunster, Yoakley, Criser, Stewart & Hersey. In the years between 1970-75, the firm grew from 10 to 15 lawyers, becoming the largest in the county. Hersey left in 1979 to become a judge in the 4th District Court of Appeals; Criser, in 1984, for the presidency of the University of Florida. By this time, the firm had grown to 50+ attorneys serving clients with real estate, estate planning, corporate and litigation needs.

The firm expanded to Stuart in 1980, and in 1985 the six Palm Beach offices consolidated into 50,000+ square feet of space in Phillips Point, West Palm Beach. In 1989, the firm established a Fort Lauderdale presence via a merger and changed its name to Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart. In 1995, the firm reopened a Palm Beach office, created a Vero Beach office, and established a major presence in Miami through a large merger. Today 125 attorneys and 200+ staff comprise Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, serving a diverse clientele from eight offices throughout South Florida.

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Law Firm History - Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs

Colonel Johnston's Firm

In 1909, Palm Beach County became Florida's 47th county, and H.L. Bussey hung his shingle in downtown West Palm Beach. The population of West Palm Beach was less than 2,000, but Palm Beach County's first land boom had started and Clematis Street bustled with activity.

In 1917, West Palm Beach's Lt. Harry A. Johnston left for Europe and World War I. In 1924, Lt. Johnston returned to South Florida with his University of Florida classmate, Henry F. Lilienthal. They joined Mr. Bussey and in 1926 changed the firm name to Bussey, Johnston & Lilienthal.

Mr. Bussey served as city attorney, county attorney, attorney for the school board, state attorney and as a representative in the Florida legislature. After his death, the name of the firm changed to Gedney, Johnston and Lilienthal. In 1936, Harry Johnston became Palm Beach County Attorney, but in 1940 he again left to serve as a United States Army Colonel in World War II. He served as County Attorney until 1968.

In 1958, Harry A. Johnston II graduated from the University of Florida and joined his father's firm. He served in the Florida Senate from 1974 to 1986, as President of the Florida Senate from 1984 to 1986, and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1989 to 1996, when he left public service to resume the practice of law.

Colonel Jones' Firm

Two University of Florida classmates, Robert L. Earnest and R.K. Lewis, began their West Palm Beach practices during the 1924 real estate boom. Mr. Earnest was appointed United States Commissioner in West Palm Beach, and in 1932 Mr. Earnest and Mr. Lewis formed a partnership with offices in the Guaranty Building. They were joined in 1935 by D. Culver Smith, who became a partner in 1940, and then left for WWII after Pearl Harbor.

Colonel R. Bruce Jones, a Tank Destroyer Battalion Commander for General George S. Patton, joined Earnest & Lewis in 1946, the same year D. Culver Smith returned to the firm. The firm was renamed Earnest, Lewis, Smith & Jones.

During the prosperous post-war years, Palm Beach County was one of the fastest growing areas in the country. Samuel Adams, James C. Paine and William A. Foster joined the firm in the 1950's. When D. Culver Smith left in 1957 to become a Florida Circuit Court Judge, the firm changed its name to Jones, Adams, Paine & Foster.

In 1967, Sidney A. Stubbs joined the firm. At this time, the firm concentrated its practice in the areas of personal injury, commercial litigation, real estate, tax and probate law.

In 1968, Colonel Jones succeeded Colonel Johnston as Palm Beach County Attorney.

In 1970, the firm became the

professional association of Jones, Paine & Foster, P.A.

In 1979, when James C. Paine was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a Federal District Judge, the firm changed its name to Jones & Foster, P.A.

Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A.

The 1988 merger of Johnston, Randolph & Weaver, P.A. (Colonel Johnston's firm) and Jones & Foster, P.A. (Colonel Jones' firm) resulted in Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A.

When Mr. Bussey opened his doors in 1909 he did not contemplate the legacy of legal service and community leadership he would inspire. Their past and present attorneys have served as Presidents of the Palm Beach County Bar Association (14), a Mayor, State and Federal Judges, and members of the United States Congress, the Florida State Senate, the Palm Beach County School Board, the West Palm Beach City Commission and the Port of Palm Beach District.

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Interesting Bar Tidbits

The following are excerpts compiled from a review of past Bar Bulletins and minutes from the Association. We have come a long way!

1951 - \$220.42 in the treasury

- Jim Paine admitted in to the PBCBA
- Junior Bar held elections and Bob Hewitt was elected its president
- \$2.50 of the \$12.50 filing fee is to go to Legal Aid Society
- Elmo Robinson elected as president of PBCBA
- Members were opposed to holding a term of Federal Court in WPB

1952 - Law library now open at night

- Mary Essary elected as president of Women's Section of The Florida Bar
- Bob Hewitt introduced Daniel Downey, a CPA, as his guest at a meeting
- Judge Culver Smith introduced a resolution calling for all members to suspend business activities on election day to work toward obtaining a large voter turnout for Justice E. Harris Drew
- Plans for a new addition to the courthouse discussed
- Jack Bryan elected as PBCBA president over 3 opponents
- Marshall Criser and Joel Daves became members

1953 - Names of members not renewing dues were read at membership meeting

- Judge Edward Newell introduced his son, Emery G. Newell
- Judge of Criminal Court Record was made a full-time position with a salary of \$10,000
- Approved a motion to endorse the use of fluoride in the WPB drinking water
- Judge Chillingworth introduced John Holland who was holding the first session of the US District Court in WPB
- Annual banquet cost \$6 per person

- Treasury had \$875
- Harold Maass elected president

1954 - Congress passes bill to provide one additional federal judge for the southern district

- Judge Joseph White spoke about the need to improved conditions at the Courthouse.
- Judge Chillingworth gave an update to the status of the east wing of the courthouse which will include 3 new courtrooms and chambers for 4 judges
- Robert Cromwell elected president.

1956 - Bud Warwick elected president

- Treasury balance is \$1228
- Resolution passed recommending to the Florida Legislature that they create a permanent reward fund of \$100,000 for information relating to the disappearance of Judge and Mrs. Chillingworth

- Motion passed to recommend a new judge for Criminal Court of Record and to increase salary to \$15,000
- Treasury depleted down to \$192
- Dedication ceremony for newly renovated courthouse
- Portrait of Judge Chillingworth commissioned and each member was asked to donate \$4.50 each

1957 - Association recommended to Governor Collins that 2 additional circuit judges (one for Palm Beach and one for Broward) were needed

- Association voted to recognize Memorial Day as a holiday
- Ted Prior elected as PBCBA president

More of these interesting tidbits will be published in future issues of the Bulletin.



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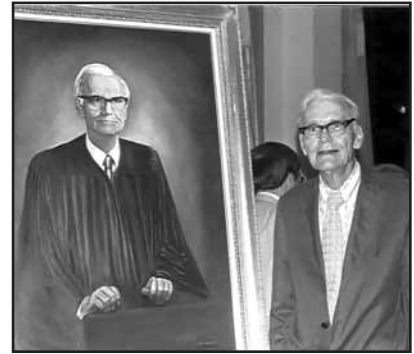
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12:00 Noon
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Bar Association Office

Tuesday, December 4,
12:00 Noon
**Independence of Judiciary
Committee Meeting**
Bar Association Office

Wednesday, December 5
Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 5,
12:00 Noon
NCS Board Meeting
Office of Michael Slavin

Wednesday, December 5,
2:00pm
**Indigence Service
Committee Meeting**
Judicial Dining Room

Thursday, December 6,
11:30 am - 6:00 pm
Appellate Seminar
Marriott at Boca Center

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm
**Small Claims &
Mediation Seminar**
North County Regional
Library, PBG

Friday, December 7, 8:00 am
**Elder Law Affairs
CLE Seminar**
Bar Association Office

Monday, December 10, 5:00 pm
**PBCBA Board of
Directors’ Meeting**

Tuesday, December 11,
12:00 Noon
YLS Board Meeting
Bar Association Office

Wednesday, December 12,
11:30 am
**Joint Luncheon
with Forum Club**

**Guest Speaker – Justice
Clarence Thomas**
Kravis Center, WPB

Thursday, December 13,
12:00 Noon
**Judicial Lunch for
Criminal Section**
Judicial Dining Room

Friday, December 14, 8:30am
ADR Committee Meeting
Bar Association Office

Monday, December 17,
12:00 Noon
**Membership
Committee Meeting**
Bar Association Office

Tuesday, December 18,
12:00 Noon
Historical Committee Meeting
Bar Association Office

Wednesday, December 19,
12:00 Noon
Solo Luncheon
Bar Association Office

Thursday, December 20, 8:30 am
**TFB Video Replay Seminar
“Creative Estate
Planning Ideas”**
Bar Association Office

Friday, December 21,
12:00 Noon
**Cunningham Bar
Association Meeting**
Law Library Conference
Room, WPB

Monday & Tuesday,
December 24 – 25
**Court Holidays
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Preamble

Attorneys are most often retained to represent their clients in disputes. The practice of law is largely an adversarial process. Attorneys are ethically bound to zealously represent and advocate their clients' interest. Nonetheless, there exist certain standards of professional courtesy that are observed. The following standards of professional courtesy describe the conduct expected of attorneys practicing in the courts of the 15th Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County. These standards are not meant to be exhaustive, but set a tone or guide for conduct not specifically covered by these standards. The overriding principles promoted by these standards are communication between counsel and cooperation with the courts and third parties involved in the judicial system.

These standards have been codified with the hope that their dissemination will educate new attorneys and others who may be unfamiliar with the customary local practices. They have received the approval of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. They have also been endorsed by the judges of the 15th Judicial Circuit, who expect professional conduct by all attorneys who appear and practice before them. These standards were published originally in 1990, at the same time the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar adopted the *Ideals and Goals of Professionalism*. The standards should be read together with the *Ideals and Goals of Professionalism*.

I. Scheduling

1. Attorneys should endeavor to provide opposing counsel, parties and other affected persons, sufficient notice of depositions, hearings and other proceedings, except upon agreement of counsel, in an emergency, or in other circumstances compelling more expedited scheduling. As a general rule, actual notice should be given that is no less than five (5) business days for in-state depositions, ten (10) business days for out-of-state depositions and five (5) business days for hearings.

2. Attorneys should communicate with opposing counsel prior to scheduling depositions, hearings and other proceedings, so as to schedule them at times that are mutually convenient for all interested persons. Further, sufficient time should be reserved to permit a complete presentation by counsel for all parties. Upon receiving an inquiry concerning a proposed time for a hearing, deposition, meeting or other proceeding, a lawyer should promptly agree to the proposal or offer a counter suggestion that is as close in time as is reasonably possible, and attorneys should cooperate with each other when conflicts and calendar changes are necessary and requested.

3. Attorneys should notify opposing counsel, the court, and others affected, of scheduling conflicts as soon as they become apparent. Further, attorneys should cooperate with one another regarding all reasonable rescheduling requests that do not prejudice their clients or unduly delay a proceeding.

4. Attorneys should promptly notify the court or other tribunal of any resolution between parties that renders a scheduled court appearance unnecessary or otherwise moot.

5. Attorneys should grant reasonable requests by opposing counsel for extensions of time within which to respond to pleadings, discovery and other matters when such an extension will not prejudice their client or unduly delay a proceeding.

6. Attorneys should cooperate with opposing counsel during trials and evidentiary hearings by disclosing the identities of all witnesses reasonably expected to be called and the length of time needed to present their entire case, except when a client's material rights would be adversely affected. They should also cooperate with the calling of witnesses out of turn when the circumstances justify it.

II. Discovery

1. Attorneys should pursue discovery requests that are reasonably related to the matter at issue. Attorneys should not use discovery for the purpose of harassing, embarrassing or causing the adversary to incur unnecessary expenses.

2. Attorneys should not propound or object to discovery for the purpose of causing undue delay or obtaining unfair advantage.

3. Attorneys should ensure that responses to reasonable discovery requests are timely, organized, complete and consistent with the obvious intent of the request. Attorneys should not produce documents in a way calculated to hide or obscure the existence of documents.

III. Conduct Toward Other Attorneys, The Court and Participants

1. Attorneys should refrain from criticizing or denigrating the court, opposing counsel, parties or witnesses, before their clients, the public or the media, as it brings dishonor to our profession.

2. Attorneys should be, and should impress upon their clients and witnesses the need to be, courteous and respectful and not rude or disruptive with the court, opposing counsel, parties and witnesses.

3. Attorneys should make an effort to explain to witnesses the purpose of their required attendance at depositions, hearings or trials. Absent compelling circumstances, attorneys should give adequate notice to third-party witnesses before the scheduling of their depositions, advance notice of a subpoena for a deposition, hearing or trial. They should further attempt to accommodate the schedules of witnesses when resetting their appearance and promptly notify them of any cancellations.

4. Attorneys should respect and abide by the spirit and letter of all rulings of the court.

5. Attorneys should act and speak civilly to courtroom deputies/bailiffs, clerks, court reporters, judicial assistants and law clerks with an awareness that they, too, are an integral part of the judicial system. Attorneys should be selective in inquiries posed to judicial assistants to avoid wasting their time. Attorneys should endeavor to be knowledgeable about the court administrative orders, local rules and each judge's published or posted practices and procedures.

IV. Candor to the Court/Other Counsel

1. Attorneys should not knowingly misstate, misrepresent, or distort any fact or legal authority to the court or to opposing counsel and shall not mislead by inaction or silence. Further, if this occurs unintentionally and is later discovered, it should immediately be disclosed or otherwise corrected.

2. Attorneys should notify opposing counsel of all oral or written communications with the court or other tribunal, except those involving only scheduling matters. Copies of any submissions to the court (such as correspondence, memoranda or law, caselaw, etc.), should simultaneously be provided to opposing counsel by substantially the same method of delivery by which they were provided to the court. For example, if a memorandum of law is hand-delivered to the court, at the same time a copy should be hand-delivered or faxed to the opposing counsel. Legal arguments should be submitted to the court in a memorandum of law and not in the form of a letter.

3. Attorneys should draft proposed orders promptly and the orders should fairly and adequately represent the ruling of the court. Attorneys should promptly provide, either orally or in writing, proposed orders to opposing counsel for approval. Opposing counsel should then promptly communicate any objections and at that time, the drafting attorney should immediately submit a copy of the proposed order to the court and advise the court as to whether or not it has been approved by opposing counsel.

4. Attorneys should draft agreements and other documents promptly and so as to fairly reflect the true intent of the parties. Where revisions are made to an agreement or other document, attorneys should point out or otherwise highlight any such additions, deletions or modifications for all opposing counsel.

V. Efficient Administration

1. Attorneys should refrain from actions intended primarily to harass or embarrass and should refrain from actions which cause unnecessary expense or delay.

2. Attorneys should, whenever possible, prior to filing or upon receiving a motion, contact opposing counsel to determine if the matter can be resolved in whole or in part. This may alleviate the need for filing the motion or allow submission of an agreed order in lieu of a hearing.

3. Attorneys should, whenever appropriate, discuss discovery planning. Attorneys should also endeavor to stipulate to all facts and legal authority not reasonably in dispute.

4. Attorneys should encourage principled negotiations and efficient resolution of disputes on their merits.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, September 2007.
/s/ Meenu T. Sasser, President

Endorsed by the Judges of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, October 2007.
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"THE BUSINESS OF EMPLOYMENT LAW"

Friday, January 11, 2008 - 8:10a.m. – 1:15p.m.

Bar Association Office, 1601 Belvedere Road, Suite 302 East, West Palm Beach, FL

Key Issues On The Agenda

- 8:10a.m. - 8:25a.m. **Late Registration/Check In**
- 8:25a.m. - 8:30a.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks** - *Robyn S. Hankins, Esq. and Joseph Santoro, Esq., Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A., Employment Law CLE Committee Co-Chairs*
- 8:30a.m. - 9:30a.m. **Case Evaluation** - *Steven L. Schwarzberg, Esq., Schwarzberg Spector Duke & Rogers, and Arthur Schofield, Esq., Arthur T. Schofield, P.A.*
- *Evaluating your case*
 - *Dealing with client expectations*
 - *The "Difficult" client*
 - *Pre-suit investigation*
 - *Ethics and business issues to consider*
- 9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m. **The Risk of Sanctions and Attorneys Fee Issues** - *David I. Spector, Esq., Schwarzberg Spector Duke & Rogers*
- *§57.105, Rule 11 and §1927 issues*
 - *Pursuing sanctions for unsupported claims*
 - *Defending against Sanctions*
 - *Ethical considerations when confronting sanctions issues*
 - *Attorneys fees standards in employment cases*
- 10:30a.m. - 10:45a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45a.m. - 11:15a.m. **Mediation** - *Robyn S. Hankins, Esq.*
- *Selecting the right mediator*
 - *Presuit Mediation*
 - *Mediation ethics*
- 11:15a.m. - 12:00p.m. **Recent State and Federal Decisions** - *Denise J. Bleau, Esq., Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP*
- *Local opinions and administrative orders*
 - *Case law update*
- 12:15p.m. - 1:15p.m. **LUNCH and Learn with the Judiciary** - *Lunch to held in the Crowne Plaza "Ballroom" and will include among others, the following members of the Judiciary: Honorable Daniel T. K. Hurley, Honorable Ann E. Vitunac, Honorable William J. Berger, Honorable Robin L. Rosenberg, Honorable Jonathan D. Gerber, and Honorable Glenn D. Kelley*

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The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Real Estate CLE Committee presents:

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"Keeping Up in a Down Market"

Friday, January 25, 2008 - 8:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Program Schedule

- 8:00am - 8:20am** Late Registration
- 8:20am - 8:30am** Welcome and Opening Remarks - *Steven D. Rubin, Esq., Real Estate Committee Chairperson*
- 8:30am - 9:15am** Mortgage Foreclosures, Workouts and Bankruptcy, and Ethical Considerations - *Manuel Farach, Esq., Rutherford Mulhall, P.A*
- 9:15am - 10:-00am** Breach of Real Estate Contract Litigation including Retention and Return of Deposits, Specific Performance, Damages, and Ethical Considerations - *Henry N. Portner, Esq., Henry N. Portner, PA*
- 10:00am - 10:15am** Break
- 10:15am - 11:15am** Fraud and Title Alerts: Detecting and Avoiding Fraud and Unfair Trade Practices in the Transaction, including Ethical Considerations - *Alan Fields, Esq., Florida State Counsel, First American Title Insurance Company, and William Stern, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Palm Beach County - Financial Crimes*
- 11:15am - 12:00pm** The New August 2007 FAR/BAR Contract and Related Riders, and Ethical Considerations - *John Banister, Esq., Rutherford Mulhall, P.A. and Chair, Joint Realtor/Florida Bar Committee*

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The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Construction Law CLE Committee Presents:

“HOW **NOT** TO DEFEND CONDOMINIUM CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION”



Friday, February 1, 2008 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bar Association Offices 1601 Belvedere Road, #302E, West Palm Beach

Program Schedule

8:30 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	Late Registration/Check In
8:55 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Introduction & Opening Remarks – <i>Linda Dickhaus Agnant, Esquire - Committee Chair, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Statutory Warranties – <i>John R. Young, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Statutes of Limitations – <i>John R. Young, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Effective Use of Expert Witnesses in Construction Disputes – <i>Charles B. Hemicz, Esquire, Hemicz Legal Services, P.L.</i>
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Discovery in Delay Damage Claims – <i>Richard R. Chaves, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Insurance Coverage (Legislative and Case Updates) – <i>Richard Chaves, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	How to Protect Yourself From a Work Comp Stop Work Order – <i>Brian S. Fischer, Esquire Premium Disputes</i>
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Chapter 558 – <i>Jason C. Maier, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Discovery of Electronic Data – <i>David Valdin, Esquire, Valdin & Palmer, P.A.</i>
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	BREAK
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Conversion of Apartments to Condominiums – <i>Bruce G. Alexander, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Legislative Updates (Construction Liens) - <i>Bruce G. Alexander, Esquire, Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell</i>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion - A Few Words From Our Elder Statesmen - <i>Monroe A. Coogler, Jr., Esquire; James E. Glass, Esquire; and Louis R. McBane, Esquire</i>

This course is expected to receive **8.0 CLER Credits** / Construction Law Cert. Credit has been applied for and is pending approval from The Florida Bar.

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The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Presents:

“ADR in 2008: What is it Good For? - Absolutely Everything!”

Monday, February 11, 2008 8:30a.m. – 4:45p.m.

Bar Association Offices 1601 Belvedere Road, #302E, West Palm Beach, FL



Program Schedule

8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m.	Late Registration/Check In
8:30a.m. – 8:45a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks , <i>W. Jay Hunston, Jr., Esq., Committee Chair</i>
8:45a.m. – 9:15a.m.	Best Mediation Practices - Keeping it Ethical , <i>Dr. Bernard H. Shulman, Esq.</i>
9:15a.m. – 10:00a.m.	Getting It Settled: More Keys to Successful Mediation , <i>Theodore A. Deckert, Esq.</i>
10:00a.m. – 10:15a.m.	BREAK
10:15a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Arbitration - New Uses, New Perspectives , <i>Steven A. Stinson, Esq., ARC Mediation</i>
11:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.	Opening Statements in Mediation , <i>Charles H. Damsel, Jr., Esq., Charles H. Damsel, Jr., P.A.</i>
11:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Connecting with your Clients: Emotions and the Mediation Process , <i>Thomas G. Caprio, Esq., Alternative Dispute Resolution Director, 15th Judicial Circuit</i>
12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.	LUNCH - On Your Own
1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.	Cultural Diversity/Competence in the World of ADR , <i>Debi Stewart, Public Affairs/Multi Cultural Specialist, Palm Beach County School District</i>
2:00p.m. – 2:45p.m.	Family Mediation Agreements: The Good the Bad and the Ugly , <i>Amy S. Wolsky, Esq.</i>
2:45p.m. – 3:00p.m.	BREAK
3:00p.m. – 3:45p.m.	ADR Ethics: Recent Case Law Update , <i>W. Jay Hunston, Jr., Esq.</i>
3:45p.m. – 4:45p.m.	Ethical Dilemmas in Dispute Resolution Practice , <i>Panel Discussion</i>

This course is expected to receive **8.0 CLER/CME hours including 2.5 Ethics CLE/CME** from The Florida Bar.

The cost of the seminar is \$185 for PBCBA members/paralegals;

\$225 for non-PBCBA members/paralegals if registered by 2/4/08; add \$25 to registration fee after that date.

“This course is eligible for up to 8.0 CME hours including 2.5 Ethics credit and 1.0 Cultural Diversity CME credit. Mediators are required to self report those hours applicable to their areas of certification at the time of their renewal. For more information on the CME requirement, visit, www.flcourts.org, select Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation.”

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The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Family Law CLE Committee Presents:

The Pitfalls of Equitable Distribution - "Look Before You Leap"

Friday, February 29, 2008 8:20 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Program Schedule

- 8:20am - 8:50am **Late Registration and Networking**
- 8:50am - 9:00am **Welcome & Opening Remarks** - *Patricia Alexander, Esq.,
Law Offices of Patricia Alexander, P.A., Family Law CLE Committee Chair*
- 9:00am - 10:00am **Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements, Malpractice Concerns and Ethical Considerations** - *Brenda M. Abrams, Esq., Shapiro Blasi Wasserman & Gora P.A.*
- 10:00am - 11:15am **QDRO's and Other Domestic Relations Orders** - *Timothy Voit,
Voit Econometrics Group, Inc.*
- 11:15am - 11:30am **BREAK**
- 11:30am - 12:15pm **Enforcement** - *Thomas J. Sasser, Esq., Sasser, Cestero & Sasser, P.A.*
- 12:15pm - 12:45pm **Valuation Issues Surrounding Government and Military Retirement Plans** -
Timothy Voit, Voit Econometrics Group, Inc.
- 12:45pm - 1:30pm **Lunch - Question & Answer Session**
- 1:30pm - 2:00pm **DROP's, COLA's and Deferred Compensation** - *Eddie E. Stephens III, Esq.,
Law Office of Eddie Stephens, P.A.*
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm **Determining the Value and Marital/Non-Marital Components of Retirement Plans, Stock Options and Restricted Stock** - *Robert H. Manis, CPA/ABV,
Manis & Company CPA's, P.A.*
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm **View from the Bench: Judicial Panel - Ethical Considerations** -
*Moderator: Matthew Jay Lane, Esq., Matthew Lane & Associates, P.A.,
Family Law CLE Committee Vice Chair*
- 4:00pm **Cocktail Reception**


This course is expected to receive 7.0 **CLER hours including 2.5 Ethics** credits from The Florida Bar.

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	PBCBA	How Good Lawyers Become Great Rainmakers (CD) Speaker Mark Powers, President, Atticus	3.0		\$70	\$110	9/09/08
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