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Bar to host Justice Clarence Thomas with Forum Club December 12

The Bar is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a membership luncheon in conjunction with the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. The luncheon will be held at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12. Barnes & Noble will hold a book signing following the luncheon for his just-released memoir *My Grandfather's Son*. The Bar will have 350 tickets to sell and will be **limited to**

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Holiday Party & Silent Auction set for November 28

Our Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at BallenIsles Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens.

More than 300 members are expected to attend the evening, which will include a silent auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and plenty of networking. Proceeds from the auction will benefit local charity programs sponsored by the Young Lawyers and North County Sections.

The cost is \$25.00 for PBCBA members; judges are complimentary; and spouses are welcome for \$40.00.

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Thursday, November 8, 5:30 - 7:00

Annual Holiday Party with North County & Young Lawyers Section

Wednesday, November 28, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
BallenIsles Country Club, Palm Beach Gardens

Joint Luncheon with the Forum Club with Guest Speaker U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas

Wednesday, December 12, 12 noon
The Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center
This meeting will be limited to PBCBA members only!

Joint Luncheon with South County Bar Association

Guest Speaker: FL Bar President Frank Angones
Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 12 noon
Delray Beach Golf Club

Annual Law Week Judicial Reception

Thursday, April 29, 2008 5:30 p.m.
The Harriett at City Place

Annual Installation Banquet

Saturday, June 7, 2008, 7 p.m.
The Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach

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.

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Lawyers Volunteer During International Literacy Day

Many thanks to our members who recently participated in International Literacy Day at the Adult Education Center in West Palm Beach, where more than 2,000 students volunteer to attend classes on a weekly basis. The attorneys talked about the importance of an education and our legal system. The program was held in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition.



(Pictured front row left to right:) Rebecca Wadsworth, legal assistant; Susan Ruby, Delray City Attorneys office; Georgina Jimenez-Orosa, Office of the Attorney General; Darlene Kostrub, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition; Maria Zircher, Outreach Coordinator from the Literacy Coalition. (Second row:) Tyrone Bongard, Gunster Yoakley & Stewart; Mark Greenberg, LaBovick & LaBovick; William Foman, Law Office of Jeffrey R. Hickman; Dena Foman, Vernis Bowling; and Dr. Cynthia Smith, Principal. (Third row:) Cindy Spall, Gunster Yoakley & Stewart; Tom Gano, Thomas C. Gano, Esq.; Laura Fisher-Zibura and Andrew Harris, Burlington & Rockenbach. (Top row:) David Core, St. John, Core & Lemme, P.A.; Michael Gelfand, Gelfand & Arpe; and Andrew Pelino, West Palm Beach County Attorney. (More on page 10)

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President's Message



“Women Lawyers Continue to Opt Out”

By Meenu Sasser, President

In 1995, when I graduated from law school at the University of Pennsylvania, nearly 50% of my classmates were women. We were considered among the most successful and brightest law students in the country. At graduation, we had the world at our feet and my classmates headed to the best law firms in the country and to Federal clerkships.

Just over twelve years later, over 75% of the women in my graduating class are no longer practicing law with law firms. A significant number of them have opted-out of law firms and instead are working as in-house counsel, in government positions, part-time, or have opted-out entirely and are staying home with young children. While I greatly support all the decisions made by my classmates, I question whether the reason that so many of them have opted-out of law firms is because they have not been afforded some of the same opportunities that I have.

During my first pregnancy, I was pregnant with twins and was put on bed

rest for 3 months. Because of the great support of my law firm, I was able to continue to work from home. My assistant would send a courier to my house with my daily mail and type up my dictated pleadings, which I could then sign and would return for filing. I even managed to take a few depositions via telephone and attend one or two court hearings via telephone. Based upon the support I was given by my firm and my colleagues, I was able to successfully return to work after all three of my pregnancies.

While many law firms have similar policies in place and do promote their successful women attorneys, unfortunately, my situation is the exception and not the rule. Based upon recent studies by the MIT Workplace Center, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts:

- Women make up only 17% of law firm partners;
- Women leave the partnership track in far greater numbers than men;
- Women stop pursuing partnership

because of the difficulty in combining work and childcare;

- Nearly 40% of women lawyers with children have worked part-time, compared with almost no men, even though men in the profession have more children than women in the profession do, on average.
- Women are “opting-out” of law firms in significant numbers.

The potential implications of women leaving law firms are significant. Having fewer women remain in firms will mean that there are fewer women who have the opportunity to assume senior legal positions and manage law firms, become judges and obtain leadership positions in the community.

Finally, this trend may affect opportunities for future generations of women lawyers. Just last week, my five year old daughter, Caroline, told me she wanted to be a lawyer when she grows up. We all need to make sure that all of our daughters will have every opportunity open to them in the future.

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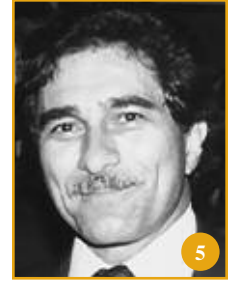
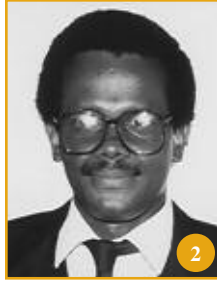
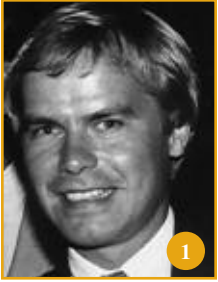
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Who are they?

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?

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Minutes of the Junior Bar Section March 6, 1964

Minutes of the 157th regular meeting of the Junior Bar Section of the Palm Beach County Bar was held at the Town House Hotel on Friday, March 6, 1964. Sixty-five members and guest were present.

The presence of Circuit Judges White, Knott, Hewitt and Downey were recognized along with Judges McIntosh, Curry and Sinclair, Deputy Commissioner Bryan, State Representative Thomas, County Solicitor Joel Daves, Clerk of the Criminal Court of Record John Dunkle and Assistant Solicitor Marvin Mounts.

Numerous political candidates were present and introduced, and when all of the dignitaries and candidates stood, three people remained seated. All but three people had guests.

James Paine introduced the speaker, Earl Faircloth. Mr. Faircloth gave a very interesting, non-political, non-controversial talk on the merits of standing in the shade.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Lewis, Secretary

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Judicial Profile:

Judge Robin Rosenberg

By Grier Pressly

Judge Robin Rosenberg brought her local roots and a uniquely diverse legal career to the bench when she was sworn in as one of our newest circuit judges on January 2, 2007. Government practice at the national and local level. Private practice in a big firm and a small firm. Corporate general counsel and executive leadership. Judge Rosenberg has done it all in a remarkably short period of time.

Born and raised in West Palm Beach, Judge Rosenberg attended the Palm Beach Day School and was a state-ranked junior tennis player before attending Andover for high school. Following her graduation from Princeton University, where she captained the women's tennis team, Judge Rosenberg headed to Washington, D.C. where she worked for the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, Princeton's Office of University Affairs, and as a legislative correspondent to Senator Bill Bradley.

After three years in Washington, Judge Rosenberg decided that a career in law and public service was her calling. In 1989 Judge Rosenberg graduated with a law degree from Duke University's School of Law and a M.A. degree in public policy from Duke's Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy. Judge Rosenberg's first job out of law school was an enjoyable one-year clerkship with Judge James Paine of the U.S. District Court in West Palm Beach. Judge Rosenberg returned to Washington in 1990 to go to work for the U.S. Department of Justice.

It was at the Department of Justice that Judge Rosenberg gained her employment law background, serving as a trial attorney for the Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division, and met her future husband. Michael McAuliffe was also working as a trial attorney with the Department of Justice (in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division) in the early 1990's.

Newly married in 1993, Judge Rosenberg and Michael moved to Pilsen, Czech Republic to support the Civic Education Project jointly sponsored by Yale University and Central European University. In Pilsen, Judge Rosenberg helped set up the graduate school of public administration at West Bohemia University while Michael helped establish only the country's fourth law school at the same university.

After spending a rewarding, busy year in the Czech Republic, Judge Rosenberg and Michael returned to West Palm Beach to continue their legal careers and to raise their family.



Judge Rosenberg served as Assistant City Attorney for West Palm Beach for two years before going into private practice in the litigation department at Holland & Knight. Judge Rosenberg's tenure as Vice President and General Counsel at Slim-Fast Foods Company provided the opportunity of executive experience and managing corporate issues involving virtually every area of the law.

In 2001, Judge Rosenberg and Michael went into practice together. At Rosenberg & McAuliffe, Judge Rosenberg focused her practice on employment litigation while also concentrating on her roles as a certified mediator and arbitrator with ARC Mediation, a business she co-founded. However, the tug to return to public service was too strong to ignore. Judge Rosenberg feels fortunate to have loved every step of her career, a career that she feels has prepared her well for the challenges that serving as a judge will bring. Judge Rosenberg wants the community to know that she is honored to serve as a judge of our circuit.

When Judge Rosenberg is not working, she can be found spending time with her parents and grandmother (who all still reside locally) and doing any number of outdoor activities with her husband and three children - Sydney (11), Madison (8) and Adin (6). Tennis, swimming, jogging, and biking, Judge Rosenberg tries to find time for outdoor activities seven days a week. While Judge Rosenberg enjoys hiking in the mountains with her family during summer vacations in Colorado, she is happy to leave the extreme climbing to Michael who has recently summited Denali (Alaska) and Aconcagua (Chile).

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Insured Physician's Bad Faith Action

by Ted Babbitt

The Bible for bad faith suits against an insurance company who fails to settle within the policy limits is the case of Boston Old Colony Insurance Co. v. Guiterrez, 386 So. 2d 783 (Fla. 1980). There the Supreme Court held:

"An insurer, in handling the defense of claims against its insured, has a duty to use the same degree of care and diligence as a person of ordinary care and prudence should exercise in the management of his own business. For when the insured has surrendered to the insurer all control over the handling of the claim, including all decisions with regard to litigation and settlement, then the insurer must assume a duty to exercise such control and make such decisions in good faith with due regard for the interests of the insured.

This good faith duty obligates the insurer to advise the insured of settlement opportunities, to advise as to the probable outcome of the litigation, to warn of the possibility of an excess judgment, and to advise the insured of any steps he might take to avoid same. The insurer must investigate the facts, give fair consideration to a settlement offer that is not unreasonable under the facts, and settle, if possible, where a reasonably prudent person, faced with the prospect of paying the total recovery, would do so. Because the duty of good faith involves diligence and care in the investigation and evaluation of the claim against the insured,

negligence is relevant to the question of good faith."

That language was turned around in the case of Rogers v. Chicago Ins. Co., 32 Fla. L. Weekly D1280 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007) to allow a physician to sue his insurer for settling a malpractice case on the basis of alleged bad faith.

Dr. Rogers was sued for medical malpractice and shortly before the end of the ninety day presuit screening period, his insurer settled the case without his permission. To add insult to injury, the insurer then refused to renew him because of that settlement, resulting in him having to pay for increased malpractice coverage with another company. Dr. Rogers sued Chicago Insurance Company, claiming that the settlement was arrived at in bad faith and alleging, among other things, that Chicago Insurance Company did not even begin its investigation until a week before the expiration of the presuit period and failed to contact Dr. Rogers to obtain appropriate materials which would have shown that the case should never have been settled.

The trial court dismissed the suit relying, in part, on the case of Shuster v. South Broward Hospital District Physicians' Professional Liability Insurance Trust, 591 So. 2d 174 (Fla. 1992). In that case, the Supreme Court held that where a medical malpractice policy contained words which indicated that the carrier had the right to settle claims that it "deemed expedient," the policy gave the insurer the right to settle claims considering only its own interests and not the best interests of its insured and that the contractual provision prevented a later suit claiming bad faith on the part of the insurer.

Shuster, supra, however, predated the enactment of Fla. Stat. 627.4147(1) which specifically prohibits an insurer from issuing a policy containing any clause which gives the insured the right to veto a settlement but which provides:

"However, any offer of admission of liability, settlement offer, or offer of judgment made by an insurer or self-insurer shall be made in good faith and in the best interests of the insured."

In interpreting that statute, the Court concluded that the statute has two purposes. First, it prohibits a doctor from having veto power over an insurance company in a decision as to whether or not to settle a case but second, unlike the policy interpreted in Shuster, supra, it sets the standard for the carrier and requires that the carrier act in the best interests of its insured rather than solely in its own interests.

The Court then concluded that in order to give the statute effect the provision requiring the carrier to act in good faith and in the best interests of the insured must create a private cause of action. Without that, that provision in the statute is meaningless. At Page D1282, the Court concluded:

"We conclude that a medical malpractice insurer has a duty to settle within the policy limits in the best interests of the insured. Further, in the context of a claim for medical malpractice, it may not always be in the best interests of the insured to concede liability, where none is present, and settle the claim within the policy limits. We find that the insurer's failure to act in the insured's best interests can be enforced by the insured."

The Boston Old Colony, supra, case holds that the standard to be applied as to whether an insurer acts in good faith is negligence. The Court in Rogers, supra, concluded the same standard applies when a physician sues its insurance company for failing to act with good faith in the insured's best interest in improperly settling a case.

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Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section, along with the Criminal Defense Bar, recently held a joint reception to honor our local Assistant Public Defenders. The event was held at the Yard House in Palm Beach Gardens for more than 100 attorneys.



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Exemption From Credit Counseling Requirement

By: *Marc P. Barmat*

One of the many changes to the Bankruptcy Code resulting from the enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act ("BAPCPA") is the requirement that all individual debtors must complete a "briefing" from an approved credit counseling agency within 180 days preceding the filing of a bankruptcy petition. 11 U.S.C. §109(h)(1). A Debtor may be exempted from this requirement, but only upon written certification that describes exigent circumstances which merit waiver. Additionally, the Debtor must have requested credit counseling services, but been unable to obtain them, within five days from the Debtor's request of the waiver. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(3). Various bankruptcy courts have issued opinions interpreting what "exigent circumstance" must exist in order to be exempted from the credit counseling requirement. This article is a sampling of some of the opinions issued by Florida bankruptcy courts.

In *In re Valdez*, 335 B.R. 801 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2005) Judge Cristol from the Southern District of Florida (Miami Division) found the term "exigent circumstances" does not appear to refer to a prospective debtor's problems or situation but, rather, it appears to refer to the circumstances preventing the person from obtaining the required budget and credit counseling and the certificate confirming same. *Id.* 803. In a subsequent Judge Cristol case, Judge Cristol found that a Creole speaking debtor was entitled to waiver of the credit counseling requirement based on fact that, when the petition was filed, there were no approved counseling agencies in district that offered credit counseling in Creole. *In re Petit-Louis*, 344 B.R. 696 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2006).

Judge Ray, from the Southern District of Florida (Broward Division), found that exigent circumstances existed exempting the credit counseling requirement when the Debtor's only bank account, which was also the Debtor's only source of funds, was frozen by a creditor. Additionally, the Debtor requested but was unable to obtain the required counseling within five days of the request because the agency was not willing to provide counseling until they were paid and the Debtor had no means of paying. *In re Christopher Westengberger*, BK No. 06-10477-RBR (Bankr. S.D. Fla. March 15, 2006).

Judge Isicoff, from the Southern District of Florida (Miami Division), found that a pro se debtor who was facing the imminent foreclosure of her home met the exigent circumstances requirement. However, since the pro se debtor did not state that she requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain those services within the time period specified in the statute, the pro se Debtor did not qualify to be a Debtor and therefore her bankruptcy was dismissed. *In re Calderon*, 2006 WL 871477 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2006).

Judge Killian from the Northern District of Florida has determined that the credit counseling requirements of §109(h)(1), and any requests for exemptions from the



requirements must be strictly construed. In Judge Killian's case, the Debtors alleged the "exigent circumstances" of impending foreclosure of their home and repossession of their vehicle but failed to certify they had requested, but been unable to obtain, the required credit counseling within five days from their request. Judge Killian dismissed the case as having been filed by an ineligible person. *In re Booth*, BK No. 05-045002-LMK-13 (Bankr. N.D. Fla. Oct. 24, 2005).

The safest practice is to do everything in your power to assure that your clients comply with the credit counseling requirement. However, if circumstances make it impossible to comply, be sure that your client requests credit counseling within five days before filing the bankruptcy petition. Otherwise, the bankruptcy is surely going to be dismissed.

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had to say about his experience:**

My students were all immigrants, ranging in age from early 20s to 50s, blue collar workers and professionals. We were forewarned to keep it simple, because many of them had just begun to study English.

Some had only been here a few months. After bombing on my introduction (for some reason, we weren't communicating when I told them I was a trial lawyer), I saw the light and decided, for self preservation purposes, to keep it simple. I took them through a robbery case I tried early in my career, and had them play the roles of the jury, police officer, victim and defendant. A college educated, aspiring lawyer from Cuba actually presided over the trial, black robe (my coat) and all. The role playing quickly transformed the blank stares to smiles, laughter and raised hands. All the witnesses took the stand except, of course, for my client, who "didn't do it," and we discussed, with a healthy dose of gestures and a few impromptu demonstrative aids, the facts of the case, the roles of all the players, as well as the rights to remain silent, to counsel (he was indigent), and the burden of proof. The students were very appreciative, interested, and asked pointed questions. To anyone who likes to feel good, have a lot of fun, and enjoy the process, I highly recommend this event for next year.

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Many thanks to Maureen Martinez-Schwab, Adam Myron and Eddie Shipe who made it through several rounds, but got tripped up on the word pfeffernuss, which is a sugar-type cookie. The event was held as a fundraiser for the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition.



Maureen Martinez-Schwab, Adam Myron and Eddie Shipe smile for the camera after winning another round.



The Palm Beach County Bar and FAWL joined together to host a luncheon featuring author Lauren Stiller Rikleen. Above are PBCBA President Meenu Sasser, FAWL President Jill Weiss, Rikleen and Samantha Feuer.



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The Fifteenth Circuit Pro Bono Committee is pleased to announce this month's Pro Bono Attorney of the Month, **JASON LAZARUS**. Jason, a senior associate with the West Palm Beach firm of Holland and Knight LLP, practices primarily in the area of civil litigation. Jason is being honored for his outstanding representation of an elderly couple in a construction dispute. The

clients hired a roofing company to replace their roof. A dispute arose when the roofer began to demand final payment despite the fact that the job was not completed as contracted. After several months of pre-suit negotiations, the roofer filed a lawsuit against the clients. Jason represented the clients during the months of litigation that followed. The roofer ultimately dismissed the suit with each side bearing its own fees and costs. In addition the roofer completed the job as originally contracted. The clients were thrilled with Jason's work and the result. Jason expended almost 100 hours in representing the elderly couple in this case. For his and laudable efforts on behalf of the clients, Jason is recognized as this month's Pro Bono Attorney of the Month.

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A	09/07	09/07	07/0	1460
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D	12/07	12/07	09/07	1694
E	01/08	01/08	01/08	1695
F	12/07	12/07	12/07	1379
G	05/08	05/08	10/07	1107
H	04/08	04/08	10/07	1412
I	01/08	01/08	11/07	1286
J	10/08	02/08	10/07	1387
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Threatening Disciplinary Charges: In the Mind of the Beholder?

by D. Culver (“Skip”) Smith III

On behalf of the Professionalism Committee

If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it’s probably a duck

The Duck Test, attributed to James Whitcomb Riley (1849–1916)

You have had a particularly stressful month. In three separate civil matters, you have received letters from your opposing counsel raising the specter of disciplinary proceedings against you. The letters shade the suggestion in different ways:

Letter A: “You have refused to provide us with the requested information to support your client’s accusations. This is an extremely serious matter, and unless I get an answer to this promptly, it is my intention to file a complaint with the Florida Bar accusing you of knowingly making false statements to the court.”

Letter B: “You failed to disburse to Dr. Jones the amount owed him for the treatment of your client. Payment of that amount is hereby demanded. The Florida Bar has a very clear track record of disciplining attorneys who disregard their ethical responsibilities under a letter of protection.”

Letter C: “Your misrepresentations raise serious issues regarding your ethical obligations. As such, I have no alternative but to file the appropriate complaint with the Florida Bar. Due to the serious nature of your ethical violations, this complaint will be filed regardless of how these matters are resolved, unless you provide me with credible information that my understanding is incorrect.”

We all know that it is unethical to “present, participate in, or threaten to

present disciplinary charges... solely to gain an advantage in a civil matter.” R. Reg. Fla. Bar 4-3.4(h) (emphasis added). This is one of many limitations on the ideal of zealous advocacy. A threat is a communicated intent to inflict harm. *Black’s Law Dictionary* 1030 (abr. 6th ed. 1991). Rule 4-3.4(h), therefore, prohibits communicating an intent to present disciplinary proceedings solely to gain an advantage in a civil matter.

So, how about your three love letters? Letter A clearly threatens disciplinary charges. The author may claim that he/she merely was seeking information and would never file a bar complaint unless he/she was “absolutely certain of the basis for the complaint.” That demurrer, however, is belied by the threat to file “unless” the requested information was forthcoming.

Letter B contains no direct statement of intent to file disciplinary charges, but why the reference to the Florida Bar’s disciplinary “track record”? This was more than a collegial warning of potential danger. Its obvious purpose was to scare you into complying with the demand or at the least to intimidate you into some future acquiescence. Is that not an effort to gain an advantage?

In letter C your opponent claims that he/she intends to file a disciplinary complaint regardless of any resolution of the civil matter. Thus (he/she would say), the threat was not made solely to gain an advantage in the civil matter, because the complaint was going to be filed in any event. But why mention it at all? Here, too, its obvious purpose was to scare you into some present or future acquiescence – to gain some advantage.

All three threats violate rule 4-3.4(h) – unless, perhaps, an argument can successfully be made that they constituted nothing more than efforts to generate action that was required in any event, such as complying with a proper discovery request. One court has held that in that sense, no effort was being made to gain an *advantage* – that is, a benefit to which the threatening party otherwise was not entitled. See *In re Evergreen Sec., Ltd.*, 363 B.R. 267, 301 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2007). That holding, however, redefines *advantage*, which simply means “benefit or profit; gain” – in short, *any* beneficial factor, regardless of source or cause. This is not the type of argument on which to hang one’s law license.

Bottom line: It may be OK to question the ethics of your opponent’s conduct, but do not mention even the possibility of a “disciplinary proceeding” or “bar complaint” – or, for that matter, “the Bar” itself. In disciplinary proceedings, the issue of subjective intent has a way of morphing into an issue of objectively reasonable inference. If a basis for a disciplinary complaint exists, file it. If not, don’t. But don’t brandish it to your opposing counsel. You’re only asking for the very trouble that you are suggesting. Besides – (hold tight) – it’s just plain wrong to do it.

The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Welcome New Members!

The following represents each new member's name, hometown, law school, and date of admission to the Florida Bar and law firm association.

ANDREW M. BERGER - New York; Fordham University School of Law, 2002; Associate with Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce, P.A. in West Palm Beach

S. TALINA BIDWELL - Florida; Florida State University, 2001; Associate with Broad and Cassel, West Palm Beach

B. NIKLAS BRIHAMMAR - Sweden; University of Miami, 1993; Associate with Rudolph & Associates LLP, West Palm Beach

ANIKA R. CAMPBELL - Jamaica; Penn State Dickinson, 2007; Associate with Powers, McNalis, Torres & Teebagy, West Palm Beach

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MARY CLARK - Missouri; University of Miami, 2006; Associate with Schwarzberg, Spector, Duke & Rogers, West Palm Beach

JAMES D'LOUGHY - New York; Mercer, 1995; Sole Practitioner, Palm Beach Gardens

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At its August 17 meeting, the Board of Governors:

- Approved a recommendation from the Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics that advertisements sent by lawyers to other lawyers are subject to Bar advertising rules. This recommendation is based upon the Supreme Court change to the advertising rules. The court declined to adopt the Bar's request for exempt lawyer to lawyer advertising. That overturned a vote by the Standing Committee on Advertising. The board, though, voted to have a moratorium on enforcing that position, as well on communications sent to former or current clients, while the Bar seeks additional rules changes to be submitted to the Supreme Court.
- Directed the Professional Ethics Committee to draft an ethics opinion on a lawyer's duty of confidentiality to a potential client who, unsolicited, gives the lawyer information about the client or a potential case. Board members said there is a problem when a lawyer agrees to represent a party in a case, and then

another party, without checking with the lawyer, sends information with the goal of hiring the attorney for the same case. If the lawyer gets sensitive information from the second party, it could be grounds for disqualifying the lawyer from representing the first party in the case, they noted.

- Approved an amendment to Bar rules requiring written notice when a lawyer accepts a nonrefundable fee, such as a retainer, a flat fee, or an advance fee. Disciplinary Procedure Committee Chair Andy Sasso said many lawyers do not understand the difference between those types of fees and disputes frequently wind up in the Bar's grievance system.
- Heard, during a report from the Citizens Forum, that the Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee is studying creating a questionnaire for judicial candidates to provide basic background information about the candidates' training, education, civic involvement, etc., for distribution to the public to help educate voters about the candidate's qualifications.

- Heard that the Bar is discussing with The Florida Bar Foundation and the Greenberg Traurig law firm the creation of a fellowship to study and encourage diversity in law firms, including small and medium size firms.
- Heard board member Eugene Pettis, chair of the Diversity Symposium Planning Committee, report that the panel is looking at revamping the Bar's Diversity Symposium to attract broader interest and participation. One change, he said, will be to hold the next symposium at the Bar's June 2008 Annual Convention.
- Endorsed, as submitted, the three-year-cycle rule amendments for Appellate Court Rules, rules of Judicial Administration, and Family Law Rules.

If you have any questions or comments, contact one of your four local delegates to the Board of Governors: Scott Hawkins, Greg Coleman, Lisa Small, David Prather or Florida Bar President-elect Jay White.

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If you're a solo or in a firm with five or fewer lawyers (no more than 3 of whom work in the same practice area), then be sure to attend the next Solo & Small Firm Luncheon on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Bar office when we will network and learn everything there is to know about Internet Marketing. The cost is just \$10.00 and you will receive one CLE credit hour. RSVP on line at www.palmbeachbar.org.



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The first topic of the first day of the House of Delegates meeting was a resolution opposing mandatory retirement from law firms at age 65. The resolution stirred passionate support and opposition. Many delegates (most very close to 65) spoke vociferously against mandatory retirement policies. Many others, several of whom had retirement thrust upon them, supported the mandatory retirement policy in place in many firms. Others opposed the resolution on the grounds that the ABA has no business telling lawyers how to run their business. The resolution eventually passed by a substantial margin. (By the way, my firm supports a mandatory retirement policy. At present, it looks like I will be forced to retire just about two days before I die.)

Sadly, it was all downhill after that. There was absolutely no debate on any other resolution, with one exception, for the rest of a very long and boring day. It turns out the ABA (and everyone else) is four-square for high quality civic learning (Resolution 114), good corporate citizenship and ethical corporate behavior (Resolution 110B) and waivers of bar association dues and CLE requirements for members serving in the Armed Services (but only in a combat zone) (Resolution 115). No one argued against any of those things. It was so boring... Rather than travel clear across the country we could have mailed this one in.

By consuming massive amounts of caffeine throughout the day I gamely managed to... zzzzz... stay... zzzzz... awake... zzzzz... until 4:45 p.m. (Pacific Time) when the House was galvanized by the fiery debate over Resolution 118A. Resolution 118A concerns the United States Patent Office and its restrictions on allowing certain foreign born lawyers to

practice before it. For over an hour, this topic was fiercely debated by owl-like looking little men and women wearing wire-rimmed glasses and bow ties (yes, the men and the women.) I heard more about H-1 visas, trade restrictions, open markets and intellectual property in that hour and half than I had in my previous twenty-six years of practicing law. The man sitting beside me described listening to the debate as akin to getting a root canal – and he was wearing a bow tie. Finally, the debate came to an end and the voice vote on the resolution was so close a head count was required to determine the outcome. The resolution passed. I passed out.

I cannot honestly report on day two of the meeting. There was next to nothing left on the agenda and after suffering a near fatal attack of boredom on the first day, I recuperated with my wife by having Bloody Mary's in Sausalito. It was a miracle cure.

Donnie Murrell

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How to Use Seminars and Speaking Engagements in your Marketing Plan

by Mark Powers

One of the most powerful ways to position yourself as an expert, and increase the number of clients interested in your services, is to conduct seminars, lead workshops and speak in front of targeted groups. As part of a word-of-mouth marketing plan, public speaking can expose you to greater numbers of people, showcase your expertise and accelerate your success.

It is important to target the proper audience for your speech, presentation or seminar. Many attorneys, for example, market their seminars directly to prospective clients. But the direct approach may not suit you or be appropriate for your practice area. Your target audience may be attorneys with whom you desire to build credibility because of their ability to send business. Or, for that matter, non-attorney referral sources for their ability to send business. No matter who your target audience is, take time to find the right fit from the beginning as all of your plans – including what content you will teach and how you will enroll your audience – hinge on this important factor.

Once you've determined your target audience, determine their issues and concerns. Your seminar will compete for attention with many distractions in their busy lives. Why would they take time out of their busy schedules to attend your seminar? Instead of relying on your own opinion, survey a representative mix of your target market (potential or existing clients, referral sources or other attorneys) for hot topics and issues that currently interest them. Once the topic is selected, create visual aids or a Powerpoint presentation to assist you in explaining it. Develop handouts that participants can take home with them and include your contact information in a prominent location. Give yourself three hours of prep time for every hour on stage if you are presenting a topic familiar to you. Allow much more time if you are tackling a complex or unfamiliar topic.

To determine how to deliver your seminar, consider the four most common types of presentations. The self-sponsored approach, where you, the attorney, would sponsor and be the sole leader of the seminar. The partnering approach, where you co-lead the seminar with one or two other presenters, is another option. The other presenters might be partners in your firm, attorneys from other firms or referral sources. This approach gives you the ability not only to market the seminar to your client database, but to the co-leaders' databases as well. Also consider the third-party sponsor approach where the sponsor promotes your seminar or adds you as a speaker to an existing program or conference. This approach can give you added credibility and increased exposure. Finally, there is the panel approach, which is easy to do and has the advantage of being more interesting to the audience due to the multiple perspectives presented. With the panel approach each presenter has a small amount of time to present their view on the topic with the audience being invited to ask questions and interact with panel members. This lively presentation approach allows the audience to tailor the presentation to their needs due to its interactive nature.

The date for your seminar should not conflict with the business cycles of your target audience. If you create a seminar for CPAs, for example, during tax season – don't expect high attendance. When you consider that many people are away during the summer and too distracted during the end of the year holidays, spring and fall are usually the best times to schedule your seminar. Do remember to schedule enough time before your seminar to send invitations or place advertising in order to fill the room.

In most metropolitan areas there are a number of different locations that can host your event. Ballrooms in large hotels or banquet rooms in a local restaurant are popular options. If you expect only a small number of attendees, your seminar could be held in the conference room at your office or at a sponsor's facility.

There are a number of ways to fill your seminar. You might create and mail invitations to people in your database of past clients and referral sources; advertise your seminar in a flyer or newspaper insert; or place an ad in a journal or newsletter your target audience might read. You could also purchase a bar association or other organization's mailing list and send out a direct mail piece. Whatever method you decide to use, include a confirmation request – usually a phone number for participants to call and register. This will enable you to predict the amount of materials and seating to provide.

A special "offer" should be given to the audience at the end of every seminar you present. By offering something to the attendees, such as a free packet of information, you remove any hesitations an audience member may have to contact you in order to send you business, ask questions or become a client. Begin the offer by informing the audience that since there isn't enough time to answer all of their questions, you'd be happy to offer a free (or reduced fee) telephone or office consultation, or mail them information on your firm, or place them on your mailing list to receive your newsletter. If possible, get a list of the attendees beforehand or collect business cards at the end of the seminar.

The most important part of the seminar may well be what you do when it is over. The follow-up plan is critical to a successful seminar – this is where the full impact of all the time you've spent preparing and presenting, pays off. The follow-up plan might consist of calling the attendees who are existing, or potential, referral sources to schedule time together. Or, you might request that the seminar attendees fill out an evaluation form after the seminar and indicate if they'd like to be contacted. Attendees could also give you their business card with any additional requests indicated on the back.

Having a successful seminar is great, but not taking advantage of the credibility and momentum you gain by not following up with attendees, lessens the impact. Do yourself a favor and block time to turn those attendees into clients or referral sources for your practice. Applause from your audience is nice, but additional revenues are nicer. Earning the admiration of your audience is where you begin.

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Family Traditions Full of Meaning

This article was written on behalf of the Quality of Life Committee by Dr. Hugh R. Leavell, a marriage and family therapist in Palm Beach Gardens

So begins the holiday season, with turkey, football and togetherness. It's the national ritual, the beginning of winter, but it's really about families, our basic social unit.

Families all over the world will be getting together this month to observe the holy days according to their own traditions. It was ever thus, and for good reason.

Through our ritual observation, repeated year after year in the same way, we remind ourselves and each other who we are and what we mean to each other. We reaffirm our membership in family, religion and culture.

Rituals help to stabilize our lives. The yearly holiday, the nightly bedtime story, the weekly pancake breakfast, the once-in-a-lifetime funeral, all rituals communicate order in a changing world. The formal sequence of events, the prescribed repetition of words and actions, the communal participation in expected activities, all contribute to continuity and a feeling of manageability in our lives. Roles and rules are reinforced.

When people marry to form their own family, there is often confusion as to whose rituals will be observed. New families are free to create new rituals, ones that have meaning for them and contribute to their own solidarity. Tradition is not a rigid mandate.

Rather, it is a means of conveying values, purpose and identity and should serve the needs of the present.

Research on families has shown that continuity in family rituals helps to insulate children from the impact of cataclysmic changes that families sometimes go through.

While it can be hard for parents to maintain family rituals during times of crisis and strain, doing so is worth the effort.

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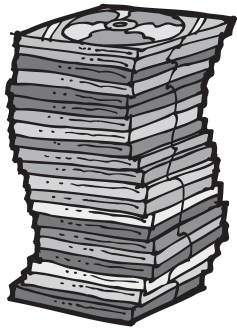
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Joseph S. Karp was recognized as one of the Top Attorneys in Florida by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine.



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Thursday, November 1, 5:30pm
North County Section Dinner
 River House, Palm Beach Gardens

Tuesday, November 6, 12:00 Noon
Independence of Judiciary Committee Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Wednesday, November 7, 12:00 Noon
NCS Board Meeting
 Office of Michael Slavin

Wednesday, November 7, 12:00 Noon
Solo & Small Firm Practitioners Luncheon
 Bar Association Office

Thursday, November 8, 5:30pm
YLS Happy Hour
 McCarty's, Palm Beach

Friday, November 9, 8:30am
ADR Committee Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Friday, November 9, 12:00 Noon
Law Week Committee Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Monday, November 12
Court Holiday – Veteran's Day
 Bar Office Closed

Tuesday, November 13, 12:00 Noon
YLS Board Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Thursday, November 15, 8:00am
TFB Video-Replay Seminar "Basic Appellate Practice 2007"
 Bar Association Office

Thursday, November 15, 5:00pm
PBCBA Board of Directors Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Thursday, November 15, 6:30pm
Small Claims Clinic
 Southwest Regional Library

Friday, November 16, 12:00 Noon
Cunningham Bar Association Meeting
 Law Library Conference Room

Friday, November 16, 6:00pm
Federal Bar Reception
 The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach

Tuesday, November 20, 12:00 Noon
Historical Committee Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Tuesday, November 20, 5:30pm
Legal Aid Board Meeting
 Bar Association Office

Thursday – Friday, November 22, 23
Court Holiday - Thanksgiving
 Bar Office Closed

Tuesday, November 27, 12:00 Noon
Unified Family Practice Committee Meeting
 Main Courthouse Library Conference Room

Tuesday, November 27, 6:00pm
Legal Aid Amici's Nite

Wednesday, November 28, 5:30pm
PBCBA Holiday Party
 BallenIsles, Palm Beach Gardens

Thursday, November 29, 5:30pm
Legal Aid Bookfest
 Boca Barnes & Noble

Thursday, November 29, 5:30pm
PBCTLA Meeting
 Contact Kathy Baloga 471-2807

Friday, November 30 10am - 2pm
Legal Aid Bookfest
 City Place Barnes & Noble

Friday, November 30, 12:00 Noon
Professionalism Committee Meeting
 Bar Association Office



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Wednesday, November 7, 2007 - 11:45 p. m. - 1:00 p.m.
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Lunch

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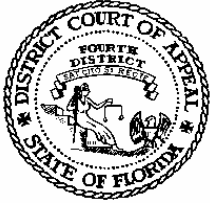
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Thursday, December 6, 2007

11:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle

Program Schedule

- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm** Buffet Lunch / Registration / Check-In
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm** Luncheon - **Keynote Speaker: Honorable Fred A. Hazouri, Fourth District Court of Appeal - "Professionalism and the Appellate Lawyer"**
- 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm** BREAK
- 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm** **"What Persuades the Decision-Makers? The Use of Secondary Authority in Briefs from the Perspective of the Judges"** - Panel Discussion moderated by *Honorable Martha C. Warner, Fourth District Court of Appeal*
- 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm** **County to Circuit Appeals Pursuant to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.030(c) and 9.100(f)** - *Honorable Elizabeth T. Maass, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit*
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm** BREAK
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm** **Standards of Review** - *Honorable Larry A. Klein, Fourth District Court of Appeal*
- 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm** **Motions for Rehearing, Rehearing en Banc, and Certified Questions** - *Honorable Robert M. Gross, Fourth District Court of Appeal*
- 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm** BREAK
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm** **Panel Discussion** with the *Judges of the Fourth DCA*, Moderated by *Jack J. Aiello, Esq., Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart*
- 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm** **Cocktail Reception**

This course is expected to receive **5.0 CLER** including **1.0 Ethics credits** from The Florida Bar; Appellate Certification credit has been applied for and is pending approval.

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The Elder Law Affairs Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association presents:

“10th Annual Elder Law Update”

Friday, December 7, 2007 8:25a.m.—1:45p.m.
Bar Offices — 1601 Belvedere Rd., Suite 302E, WPB

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Estate & Trust Litigation

- 8:00am - 8:25am Late Registration - Check In
- 8:25am - 8:30am Welcome - Opening Remarks - David R. Schwartz, Esq., Chair PBCBA Elder Law Affairs Committee
- 8:30am - 10:30am Florida's New Medicaid Rules, Ethically Speaking - Howard S. Krooks, Esq., and Ellen S. Morris, Esq., of Elder Law Associates
- 10:30am - 10:45am Break
- 10:45am - 12:00pm New Trends for Waiver Programs - Scott Solkoff, Esq., Florida Bar Certified Elder Law Attorney; and speakers from Alpert Jewish Family & Childrens Service of Palm Beach County and Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services of South Palm Beach County
- 12:00pm - 12:20pm Box Lunch
- 12:20pm - 1:00pm Reverse Mortgages - Richard P. Zaretsky Esq., Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Attorney and Max Zaretsky, Principal Representative, All America Reverse Mortgage LLC
- 1:00pm - 1:45pm Tax Law Update - Michael A. Lampert, Esq., Michael A. Lampert, P.A., Florida Bar Certified Tax Attorney



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- Topic:** **LEGAL MALPRACTICE**
Presented by D. Culver “Skip” Smith, III
- Date:** **Wednesday, December 19**
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law CLE Committee Presents:

"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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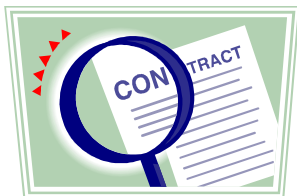
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Friday, January 25, 2008 - 8:35 a. m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Program Schedule

8:15am - 8:35am	Late Registration
8:35am - 8:45am	Welcome and Opening Remarks - Steven D. Rubin, Esq., Real Estate Committee Chairperson
8:45am - 9:30am	Mortgage Foreclosures, Workouts and Bankruptcy, and Ethical Considerations - Manuel Farach, Esq., Rutherford Mulhall, P.A
9:30am - 10:15am	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
10:15am - 10:30am	Break
10:30am - 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
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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"ADR in 2008: What is it Good For? - Absolutely Everything!"

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

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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>

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