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Law Week Judicial Reception April 26

Don't forget to stop by the Law Week's Annual Judicial Reception to be held this year on Wednesday, April 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year's event will again be held at Harriet at City Place and will serve as a kick-off for all of the many Law Week activities. Reservations are not required; however, this event is free to Bar members, the judiciary and their judicial assistants. Guests may attend for a fee of \$45 per person.

Don't Forget to Vote!

Ballots have been mailed for the upcoming Director election to all



members in good standing (members who are current on their dues). Please read the instructions carefully, as failure to do so will void your ballot. Ballots must be physically returned to the Bar office no later than 4 p.m. April 21 in order for it to be considered. Winners will be announced via e-mail and will be posted on the Bar's website, so if we don't have your e-mail address, please be sure to call it in to the Bar office today.

There are three director seats available and the following five members are running: Charles Bennardini, Wade Bowden, Alan Crane, Michael Napoleone and Michelle Suskauer.

Dues Statements Mailed

Annual membership dues statements will be mailed shortly to all PBCBA members for fiscal year 2006-2007, which begins July 1. If you do not receive a bill, contact Shoshanah at the Bar Office (687-2800) or sspence@palmbeachbar.org. Please take a moment to see a list of the many benefits of remaining a member on page 17.

May 5 Law Day Luncheon to feature Jeffrey Toobin



Mark your calendars for this year's Law Day Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, May 5 at 11:45 a.m. at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. This year's Law Week Theme is "Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers". We are pleased to announce that this year's guest speaker will be Jeffrey Toobin, CNN legal analyst and staff writer for The New Yorker Magazine.

Toobin has provided analysis on such notable events including the O.J. Simpson trial, the Kenneth Starr investigation and impeachment of President Bill Clinton, and the disputed

Florida recount of the 2000 presidential election.

He is the author of New York Times best sellers, *A Vast Conspiracy* and *The Run of His Life*, and his most recent best seller, *Too Close to Call: The 36-Day Battle to Decide the 2000 Election*, the story of the Bush-Gore presidential recount. Toobin received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

After a six-year tenure at ABC News, where he received a 2000 Emmy Award for his coverage of the Elian Gonzales custody saga, Toobin joined CNN as a legal analyst in 2002. Also a staff writer for *The New Yorker* since 1993, he has written articles on such subjects as Attorney General John Ashcroft, the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and the trial of Timothy McVeigh.

Prior to joining *The New Yorker*, Toobin served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Brooklyn. He also served as an associate counsel in the Office of Independent Council Lawrence E. Walsh, an experience that provided the basis for his first book, *Opening Arguments: A Young Lawyer's First Case: United States v. Oliver North.*

Cost to attend this luncheon will be \$30 per PBCBA member and \$45 for non-member. Register today online at www.palmbeachbar.org.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Ascribing to the Bar Bulletin the highest level of professionalism, it was with great distress by many members to see the Bulletin include an advertisement for a judicial candidate who is not eligible to practice law in the State of Florida.

I commend the Bar Membership and staff's activities on a regular basis, thus, this situation should be corrected because an advertisement in the Bar Bulletin would make it appear to the average reader that a judicial candidate was at least qualified to practice law in this state.

Respectfully submitted, Michael J. Gelfand For the Firm

Dear Patience:

I was greatly distressed and disappointed that the severe weather we had in Tallahassee caused our scheduled flight to be cancelled, and prevented Barbara Pariente and me from participating in the wonderful reception the Palm Beach legal community celebrated on Thursday evening. I was disappointed to have missed the fun and friendship, and I am truly embarrassed to have missed my own party. Please convey my apologies to everyone and especially to those, like you and your staff, that worked so hard to make this the huge success I know it was. Planning and hosting the reception was such a generous and thoughtful thing for all of you to do.

My wife Sue and I agree that making our home in Palm Beach County was a great blessing for both of us in our work in the community and in our careers, and most especially as such a wonderful place to raise a family. The Palm Beach County legal community is truly unique in its ability to maintain its cutting-edge excellence in meeting its charge to see that a fully accessible and high quality justice system is available to all citizens. The truly special thing, however, about this legal community has been its ability to foster and maintain such open and warm relationships among and between the lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, from one end of the county to the other. Most would refer to this as maintenance of a small town atmosphere for caring about one another regardless of the differences that often create tension and even division in other places.

I have been blessed and I am truly thankful to all in my home community that were always so ready to extend a kindness to me and my family. Thanks to all of you.

Sincerely, Justice Harry Lee Anstead

Dear Patience:

I ditto what Justice Anstead wrote in his letter of February 3, 2006. I have been a member of the Palm Beach County Bar for over thirty years. As the place where I learned how to practice and where I learned what professionalism truly meant, I take great pride in knowing so many members of the Bar and the judiciary. And of course, with my husband still an active member of the Palm Beach County Bar and the Fourth District Court of Appeal, I am forever linked to Palm Beach County in the most important way!!

I still consider Palm Beach County my home and the members of its bench and bar my friends and colleagues. From the bottom of my heart, my thanks to you, President Leopold, the Board of Directors and all those who worked so hard to plan the beautiful reception. I look forward to seeing photos of the reception so I can truly see what I missed and who I missed. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warm personal regards, /s/Justice Barbara J. Pariente

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President's Message



"The News Of The Day"

By Theodore J. Leopold, President

It is Presidents' Day, the office is closed, no one continuously coming in to my office, no phones ringing, and few, if any, e-mails. Believe it or not, for at least a day, the office is relaxing.

While at my desk I begin thinking about what I should write for this month's "President's Page." I soon thought about what has occurred over the last few months internationally, domestically, and everything in between. Of course we could wake up every day and see remnants of all of these issues discussed in our local papers and on the national news. Today for example I awoke to the headlines that Osama Bin Laden "won't be taken alive" and on this day we are honoring our Presidents.

Many of our presidents were quite interesting individuals. John Tyler had fifteen children, his last was born when he was 70 years old. William Henry Harrison gave his inaugural address on a bitterly cold day, but it was the longest inaugural speech ever. The new President promptly caught a cold that developed into pneumonia. Harrison died exactly one month into his presidential term, the shortest in U.S. history. As I sit and read the tidbits of our former presidents, I can't help but be struck by the fact that despite all of their quirks, they worked hard to continue the vision of our founding fathers.

So waking up to the uncertainty of world affairs, it gives me a great sense of comfort to know that we, as attorneys, are working together for a common goal of protecting individual rights, assuring access to the courts and fighting for justice. This is what gives me the passion for the practice of law.

I think we all can take comfort in knowing that regardless of what happens in both international and domestic affairs, no matter who our President is (Republican or Democratic) we know that by our actions of fulfilling our own individual and professional missions, we help to bring some semblance of calm and peace to our everyday lives.

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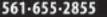
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Murray	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Whitfield	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
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see the insert in this issue, or call 687-2800 to have an order form faxed to you.





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?

Answers on page 17













First Female Palm Beach County Judge Passes Away

Anne E'del Deacon Fenyvessy, the county's first female judge, passed away on February 15 at the age of 102. Below is an excerpt from a president's message, written by Lisa Small, in November 2003:

She kissed my hand and smiled... you could feel the force of her personality radiate all about the room. All gathered to pay tribute to her – to celebrate a most special birthday – her 100th. Ask anyone at the party – **Judge Anne E'del Deacon Fenyvessy** was a pioneer who was breaking "glass ceilings" before the term was ever born. Admitted to practice law in Florida in 1942, Judge Fenyvessy first worked as a law clerk for the Florida Supreme Court, but she loved to fly. So, in 1942, she enlisted in the Navy to fly planes and rose to the rank of lieutenant. At the conclusion of the war, she used the GI bill to attend Norton Art Institute in West Palm Beach and for ten years pursued a career in art. When she returned to practice law in 1952 in Lantana, there were but four active women lawyers in Palm Beach County and only 65 in the entire state. She became Palm Beach County's first municipal judge and Florida's fourth woman judge in 1956. Judge Fenyvessy is part of the fabric of the rich history of our judiciary in Palm Beach County.

Minutes

Minutes of the 164th regular meeting of the Junior Bar Section for the Palm Beach County Bar Association which was held at the Town House at 12:15 P.M., Friday, October 2, 1964. There were 36 members and guests present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Wade Hopping, our guest speaker, announced that he was unable to give his planned talk on Modern Law Office Procedures due to the fact that certain phonograph records he had intended to use melted on the way down from Tallahassee. He did, however, give an interesting resume of some of the conclusions drawn from the comprehensive Missouri Bar survey.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Angus J. Campbell Secretary



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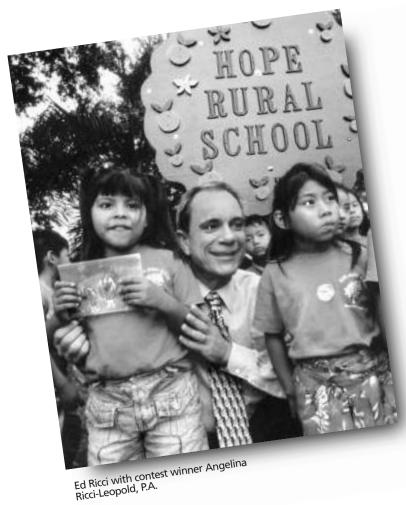
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2006 ABA MID-YEAR MEETING: CHICAGO

by PBCBA ABA Delegate Donnie Murrell

The ABA Mid-year meeting was originally planned for New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina changed those plans. Katrina also provided the back-drop for the most emotional moments of the Mid-year meeting.

The Presidents of the Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas State Bars addressed the House of Delegates and recounted, through words and pictures, the devastation the area suffered. They told stories of terrible loss and suffering. The court systems of Louisiana and Mississippi have still not recovered. Lawyers are still without homes or offices. The president of the Louisiana Bar broke down and cried while describing what his State had gone through.

But they also told stories of generosity and aid. The ABA and numerous state and voluntary bars from around the country responded quickly and effectively, providing office space, computers, and money to help displaced lawyers get back to work serving their communities. Several State Supreme Courts adopted emergency rules allowing Louisiana and Mississippi lawyers to practice in their states without passing the Bar exam. With help from all of us, the recovery is going forward.

The frightening thing, as Florida Bar President Alan Bookman said, is that no matter how much we plan for it, we simply cannot prepare for something like Katrina.

Probably the most significant item on the House agenda was a vote on report 302, the ABA Task Force on Domestic Surveillance In the Fight Against Terrorism. This task force was chaired by Miami's own Neal Sonnett and was created in the wake of revelations of the Bush Administration's policy of domestic

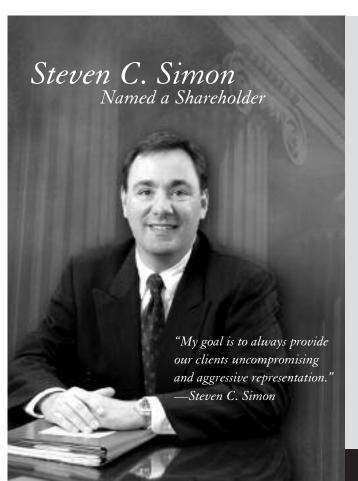
wiretap surveillance without warrants. Members of the committee included former federal prosecutors, law professors, William Sessions (former federal judge and Director of the FBI), and Stephen Saltzburg (former

Associate Independent Counsel in the Iran-Contra investigation and currently law professor at George Washington University).

Report 302 culminated in a series of resolutions that essentially called upon the President of the United States "to abide by the limitations which the Constitution imposes on a president under our system of checks and balances and respect the essential roles of Congress and the judicial branch" and opposed "any future electronic surveillance inside the United States by any U.S. government agency for foreign intelligence purposes that does not comply with the provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act". The report also called for a congressional investigation to determine the nature and scope of the warrantless domestic electronic surveillance that has already occurred. What radical stuff. The resolution passed despite the objection of the White House and the Attorney General. A copy of the full report is available on-line at the ABA web site or from me.

In a more mundane, but ultimately more controversial matter, the House also voted to increase ABA dues by 17%. Your able representative voted against the increase. We lost.

The House also considered a variety of other issues ranging from immigration reform to asbestos litigation. If you want information on any of those topics feel free to call me.



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Annual installation banquet set for June 3

Mark your calendar now for the PBCBA's Annual Installation Banquet which has been scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. A reception will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. with dinner and dancing immediately following.

The ADR Office is Preparing to Expand Services

The ADR office is expanding services in early 2006 with the addition of family and county court mediation service becoming available in the North County Courthouse and the Belle Glade Courthouse. Services will initially be available every Tuesday beginning February 28th, 2006 in the North County Courthouse and on the last Thursday of every month beginning February 23rd, 2006 in the Belle Glade Courthouse. Plans are already in the works to expand services to Tuesdays and Thursdays in the North County Courthouse since the request for services there has been so overwhelming. The ADR office will also provide a volunteer small claims mediator in Belle Glade one day every other week to help reduce the litigation of small claims cases there. To access any of these services, or obtain more information, call the ADR office at (561)-355-2739.

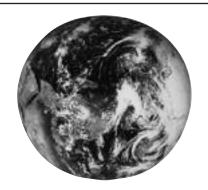
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The Palm Beach County Bar held a joint meeting with the South Palm Beach County Bar on February 21. Pictured above is SPBCBA President Jeff Marks, Darryl Kogan, speaker Senator Ron Klein, and PBCBA President Ted Leopold.

Volunteers needed to serve on committees

This is the time of year that the president-elect, Manny Farach, will begin working on appointing volunteers to serve on the various Bar committees. Your involvement is essential to the success of this organization. Please give us the benefit of your ideas and talents by volunteering to serve on one or more of our Committees. If you are **currently** serving on a committee, please be sure to **fill out** the form to indicate your willingness to continue serving. Committee preference forms were recently mailed to all Bar members. Additionally, the form is also available on-line at the Bar's web site – www.palmbeachbar.org Please take the time to volunteer to serve YOUR Bar Association.



On April 22, 2006 the Quality of Life Committee is sponsoring an **EARTH DAY GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP** event at Lake Worth Beach. The event is a wonderful opportunity to come out, enjoy the beach and spend quality time with our families and friends while at the same time helping to keep our beaches beautiful. The event is scheduled for 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The site coordinator for this event is Anna D. Torres of Powers, McNalis, Torres & Teebagy. Please email Anna at atorres@powersmcnalis.com to sign up to volunteer or for additional information on this National event.

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Florida Bar Board of Governors Report:

At its February 17, 2006, meeting in Tallahassee, The Florida Bar Board of Governors:

- Approved a proposed amendment to the Bar's contingency fees rules as suggested by a special committee in response to an order from the Supreme Court. The court is considering a rule amendment petition from 54 Bar members asking that contingency fee limits in medical malpractice cases as approved by voters on a constitutional amendment last fall be put in Bar rules. The suggested rules change would allow clients to waive the fee limits in the constitutional amendment in writing and after they are informed of the limits and their right to seek other counsel. The rule amendment, which now goes to the Supreme Court, provides that a court review is not needed unless the proposed fee exceeds the limit in the current contingence fee rule.
- Heard Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sen. Rod Smith speak and promise strong support for an independent judiciary and a return to the former system of appointing members to judicial nominating commissions. That had three appointed by the governor, three by the Bar and those six picking three public members. Currently all nine are appointed by the governor,

- although four come from slates nominated by the Bar. All four major gubernatorial candidates were invited to address the board, but only Smith was able to attend.
- Approved a rule change that allows lawyers called up to active military duty to waive their annual Bar dues. The rule must go to the Supreme Court for final approval.
- Heard Justice Peggy Quince urge the board to continue its support for improved civics education in the states schools, work to increase pro bono work and donations, support adequate funding for the judicial branch, and support the independence of the court system.
- Approved a new legislative position supporting the creation of 66 new judgeships as certified by the Supreme Court last December.
- Appointed attorneys Michael Faehner and George Knox to three-year terms beginning July 1 on The Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of your four local delegates to the Board of Governors: Jay White, Scott Hawkins, Greg Coleman or Lisa Small.

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Racial Discrimination In the Exercise of Peremptory Challenges

by Ted Babbitt

Wicks v. Publix Super Markets, Inc., 908 So. 2d 1190 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2005) is a per curiam decision which contains a concurring opinion which lays out a road map for the appropriate raising and preserving of the issue of whether a peremptory challenge was motivated by racial discrimination.

The U.S. Supreme Court opinions in <u>Batson v. Kentucky</u>, 476 U.S. 79, 106 S.Ct. 1712, 90 L. Ed 2d 69 (1986) and <u>Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Co.</u>, 500 U.S. 614, 111 S.Ct. 2077, 114 L.Ed 2d 660 (1991) together with the Florida case of <u>State v. Neil</u>, 457 So. 2d 481 (Fla. 1984) hold that it is constitutionally inappropriate to strike a potential juror on the basis of race. <u>Wicks</u> was a slip and fall case brought by an African-American plaintiff who objected to the defense peremptorily striking an African-American juror. The trial court concluded the strike was not racially motivated and after an adverse verdict the plaintiff appealed. The opinion discusses the failure to properly preserve the objection for appeal and states that even if it had been, the Court would not have disturbed the trial court's exercise of its' discretion that the challenge was not racially motivated.

When defense counsel exercised the peremptory challenge, plaintiff's counsel merely noted for the record that the juror was an African American female and asked the Court to inquire further. The concurring judge found this was insufficient to preserve the objection. What was necessary

was that plaintiff's counsel specifically state his belief that the challenge was impermissibly made on the basis of race and the Court should have been asked to request opposing counsel to provide a race neutral reason. As it turns out, the trial judge, even without being asked, did just that. After hearing the defense counsel's explanation, the Court found those reasons would be acceptable and sustained the challenge. At the close of the voir dire, both parties exhausted their peremptory challenges and the jury was sworn without plaintiff's counsel raising any objection. The next morning, plaintiff's counsel noted that after further research, he was uncertain as to whether it was necessary to object to the panel and did so to make sure that an appellate court did not conclude that he had not renewed his objection.

The opinion reviews the appellate decisions on the appropriate way to preserve a Neil challenge. It points out that more than a contemporaneous objection is necessary. It is necessary to preserve the objection and that the jury be accepted only subject to the Neil objection. This affords the trial judge the opportunity to either recall the challenged juror, to strike the entire panel or to stand by the earlier ruling.

Thus, the appropriate way to raise and preserve a Neil challenge is for the objecting party to state at the time the

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Membership Profile: "Did You Know?"

by Lynne Tisnower Poirier

The first time I met Carl Spagnuolo was at the North County Section's BBQ in 2005. I have since seen him at several of our events, but it wasn't until this year's BBQ that we had a chance to talk and I found out about his impressive musical background, which I want to share with you in this month's Membership Profile.

Most of you who know Carl know that he is a patent attorney with the law firm of McHale and Slavin in Palm Beach Gardens. But, what I bet you don't know, is that he is also an accomplished musician who recently played with Clarence Clemons (sax player with Bruce Springsteen) and Bo Diddley during the "Keys For Katrina Relief" benefit concert, which was held this past January in Islamorada.

Carl graduated from West Chester University, School of Music in 1983. From 1983 until 1998, he was a full time working musician, first in Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1986 he was selected to be the music director and keyboardist for the group "Jay & The Techniques" who scored 3 Billboard Top 10 hits in 1967 and 1968. ("Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie," "Keep The Ball Rollin" and "Strawberry Shortcake"). While with the Techniques, he played shows with the Temptations, the 4 Tops, the Marvelettes, the Drifters, Chubby Checker, and many other 1960's acts.

In 1989, he was hired by the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach as their house pianist, where he worked until he started law school in 1996. During the same time, he was a regular pianist at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

Carl and his wife Tammy live in North Palm Beach.

If you know a member whose special talent deserves to be recognized, please let me know. You can contact me by email at lpoirier@palmbeachbar.org.

These pictures were taken January 8, 2006, during the "Keys For Katrina Relief" benefit concert in Islamorada, where Carl played the keyboard for Bo Diddley and Clarence Clemons.



Carl Spagnuolo and Clarence Clemons, (sax player with Bruce Springsteen)











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The Gathering Storm of Privacy

By Bard Rockenbach, Chairman, Technology Committee

There is a storm on the horizon. Unlike a hurricane, it will not be over in a few hours, nor will recovery mean only rebuilding a fence or replacing a few windows. The combined storm of privacy concerns and public disclosure will change the way government maintains and produces records, and will change the way attorneys create those records. We all need to prepare now.

Here is the basic proposition, contained in section 119.01, Florida Statutes:

(2)(a) Automation of public records must not erode the right of access to those records. As each agency increases its use of and dependence on electronic recordkeeping, each agency must provide reasonable public access to records electronically maintained and must ensure that exempt or confidential records are not disclosed except as otherwise permitted by law.

Subsection (e) of that same section sets forth the additional goal that "providing access to public records by remote electronic means is an additional method of access that agencies should strive to provide to the extent feasible." We therefore have the underpinnings of a problem; state agencies are encouraged, if not required, to automate and digitize archived records, and to make the records available to the public by "remote" means (such as the Internet), but must also protect confidential or exempt information contained within those records from disclosure. Those goals conflict.

When Worlds Collide

The conflict will become acute on January 1, 2007. On that date, section 119.071(5)(g) will make bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers exempt, and make social security numbers confidential, requiring the clerks of court to review every page of every file and redact that information before allowing public access to the document. While the same information is currently required to be removed from documents recorded in the official records, those documents do not have to be changed before January 1, 2007 unless a written request is made by the person affected. §119.071(5)(e), Fla. Stat. (2005).

This same law will also force attorneys to change documents which are filed with the court. In state court, the list is relatively small for now, encompassing only financial and social security information listed above. In the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, however, the Administrative Procedures for Electronic Filing requires the omission of social security information as well as names of minor children, dates of birth, home addresses, and financial account numbers, directing attorneys to only identify the name or type of account and the financial institution where the account is maintained, but to use only the last four digits of the account number and the social security number. Other courts have similar rules. The state court list will undoubtedly expand to items not listed now. For example, documents which contain

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The 2005 awards will be presented at the 18th Annual Pro Bono Recognition Evening to be held on Saturday evening May 13, 2006 at the Kravis Center of the Performing Arts' Cohen Pavilion. The theme of the evening will be AStudio 54". Chairpersons for the evening are Jeff and Amy Devore and Mariano and Shelley Garcia.

For additional information on this exciting event call Legal Aid Director of Development, Harreen Bertisch at 561-655-8944 extension 257 or Associate Director of Development, Suzanne Foley at extension 279.

Last Call for "Jurist of the Year" Nominations

Did you send in your nomination for Jurist of the Year?

If you're a North County Section member please take a minute and send us a letter telling us which local judge you feel deserves to be honored for his or her dedication to the Bench and our community. Your recommendation will be reviewed by the North County Section's Board of Directors and a winner will be selected based upon the following criteria: The judge should be one with an excellent reputation for sound judicial decisions and an unblemished record of integrity as a lawyer and judge; is generally recognized by Bar members as highly qualified; and is active in Bar related activities. He or she should be respectful of the law and understanding of cases. Who is eligible? Any judge who currently presides over cases in Palm Beach County will be eligible to win the award.

Send your nomination to the Bar Office no later than Friday, April 14. Or, email your letter to lpoirier@palmbeachbar.org. The winner will be kept a secret and revealed during the section's annual end-of-the-year dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House on May 18. Previous Jurist of the Year Award winners have been Judge Mary Lupo, Judge Roger Colton, and Judge Peter Blanc.

The cost to attend the dinner is \$50 for NCS Members and \$75 for non-members. Space will be limited to the first 125 rsvps. If you would like to attend the event, please register today before it gets sold out! You can register on line at www.palmbeachbar.org.

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NCS Barbeque

Members of the North County Section recently enjoyed an evening of live Irish music, drinks, and an all you can eat barbeque. The event was held for attorneys and judges at the Bonnette Hunt Club in Palm Beach Gardens.



Freeman Barner, Deirdre Barner and Colleen Nelson



These musicians can play a mean Irish tune! The LaHinch Mob, a local Irish band, performed during the evening.



Stephanie and Drew Lovell



Mitch Beers, Patience Burns and Scott Hawkins make up their own Irish dance steps!



Ryon McCabe, Judge Bailey and Lou Robinson

David Prather, Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Judge Art Wroble

and Scott Suskauer

Donna Adams, Jerry Beer, Pat Dolgin,

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"Thank you for inviting us. My wife Carol and I had a very tasty meal, enjoyed the music, and shared a delightful evening with the many lawyers and law-related professionals who attended the gathering."

- Judge Nelson Bailey.

CLE Luncheon sponsored by the **North County Section**

Topic: Judicial Nominating Process

On Wednesday, April 19, the North County Section will host its annual CLE Luncheon at Abacoa Golf Club in Jupiter. The lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will end promptly at 1:00 p.m. Rafael Roca, Chairperson for the JNC, will talk about the Judicial Nominating Process.

The cost is just \$25.00 for NCS Members; \$35 for nonmembers. This luncheon is expected to receive 1.0 CLER hours, plus .5 Ethics from The Florida Bar.

A special thank you to our event co-sponsors: WEST and Daszkal Bolton LLP, CPA.

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

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ROSALIE CANDELARIO – Bronx, New York; University of Miami School of Law; 2003; Associate with Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce, P.A. in West Palm Beach

CHRISTOPHER R. CUMBERLAND

 Atlanta; Florida Coastal School of Law; 2004; Associate in Albertelli & Associates PL, in Boca Raton.

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Melbourne, Florida; Nova Southeastern University; 2000; Sole Practitioner in Boca Raton.

LEONARD S. FEUER – University of Miami; 2001; Partner with Forensis Technologies in Miami Lakes, Florida.

MADELINE S. FIX – New York City; University of Dayton; 1996; Associate with Public Defender's Office, Naples, Florida.

JAY B. GREEN – Brooklyn Law School; 1976; Partner with Green, Ackerman & Frost, P.A. in Boca Raton.

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ROBERT M. KESTEN – Monticello, New York; Brooklyn Law School; 2003; Partner with Morris & Kesten, LLP in Boca Raton.

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Angeles; Florida State University, 2003; Associate with Public Defender's Office in West Palm Beach.

BRADLEY SCOTT MCPHERSON –

West Palm Beach; Florida State University, 2005; Associate with Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, P.A. in West Palm Beach.

ADAM M. MYRON – Plantation, FL; The George Washington University Law School, 2004; Associate with Richman Greer Weil Brumbaugh Mirabito & Christensen in West Palm Beach. MICHELLE E. OLENN – Chicago; Stetson University College of Law, 2002; Associate with Albertelli & Associates, P.L. in Boca Raton.

ALEXANDER B. ROTBART – Miami Beach; Nova Southeastern University, 1993; Sole Practitioner in Boca Raton.

NICOLE SAUVOLA – Flint, Michigan; Nova Southeastern University, 2002; Associated with Sauvola & Associates in Royal Palm Beach.



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Professionalism

When Does a Lawyer Owe a Duty to the Client to Turn Over the Attorney's Files

By: Dana E. Foster, Esq.

Who really owns those files sitting on your desk, on your shelves or in your warehouse? You own most of them but the client owns some too. The general rule is that pleadings, investigative reports, subpoena copies, and other case preparation documents are the property of the attorney and, upon termination of the attorney-client relationship, these documents do not need to be provided to the client. But, original documents provided by the client, or transcripts or records prepared at the public's expense are the client's property.

More specifically, the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct provide that upon termination of representation, an attorney must give the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled, although the attorney may retain papers and other property relating to or belonging to the client to the extent permitted by law. See Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, Rule 4-1.16(d) (explaining that while the attorney "shall take the steps reasonably practicable to protect the client's interest" in allowing a smooth transition to new counsel, the attorney need only provide the client with "papers and property to which the client is entitled."). See also Dowda & Fields v. Cobb, 452 So. 2d 1140 (Fla. 5th DCA 1984) (discussing charging liens). Pleadings, investigative reports, subpoena copies, and other case preparation documents, however, are the property of the attorney. See Potts v. State, 869 So. 2d 1223 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2004) (holding files prepared and maintained by an attorney for the purpose of representing a client are the attorney's personal property); Donahue v. Vaughn, 721 So. 2d 356 (Fla. 5th DCA 1998) (same); Long v. Dillinger, 701 So. 2d 1168 (Fla. 1997) (same). Because these documents are the attorney's property, the attorney is not required to give these materials to the client or to make copies for the client free of charge. See id. See also Woodson v. Durocher, 588 So. 2d 644 (Fla. 5th DCA 1991).

Almost all recent cases discussing this issue arise in the criminal law context, in situations where a criminal defendant is seeking free copies of his lawyer's file from the underlying conviction in order to pursue a pro se appeal. Despite arising in this context, the case law is helpful and has been held applicable in the civil context. For example, in Long v. Dillinger, the Florida Supreme Court considered the issue of a client's access to file material. 701 So. 2d 1168 (Fla. 1997). A former client of the public defender's office was represented by the capital collateral representative ("appellate counsel"). Through appellate counsel, the former client requested the public defender's file on his case. The court concluded that a public defender's file on a client is the property of the public defender. The court further concluded, however, that the public defender must allow appellate counsel to view the file and must, "for adequate compensation, provide copies of all useful information contained in the file." The Florida Supreme Court agreed with the Fifth District Court of Appeal's view that "under certain circumstances, an ethical duty may exist to communicate information regarding a case to a successor

counsel." The Florida Supreme Court also noted that any transcripts or records that the public defender prepared at the public's expense should be surrendered to appellate counsel at no charge.

This conclusion was an endorsement of the position previously expressed in Florida case law (see, e.g., Woodson, 588 So. 2d 644; Dowda, 452 So. 2d 1140) and ethics opinions (see, e.g., Fla. Bar Comm. on Professional Ethics, Op. 88-11 (1993) (reconsideration); Fla. Bar Comm. on Professional Ethics, Op. 88-11 (1988); Fla. Bar Comm. on Professional Ethics, Op. 71-57 (1971); Fla. Bar Comm. on Professional Ethics, Op. 71-57 (1971)), that while an attorney's files are commonly referred to by the client's name, "such referral simply means that the file relates to a particular client; the file and its contents are the personal property of the attorney." Long, 701 So. 2d at 1169.

This decision by the Long court was central to the Fifth District Court of Appeal's decision in McCaskill v. Dees. 698 So. 2d 628 (Fla. 5th DCA 1997). In McCaskill, a former client of a court-appointed private lawyer sought a writ of mandamus to compel the attorney to furnish him with depositions and witness statements from his file. Id. The Fifth District Court of Appeal held that, in this situation, mandamus would lie to compel the lawyer to furnish the requested documents. Id. In support of its decision, the court reiterated the rule pronounced in Long and held that documents prepared at public expense must always be furnished by court-appointed counsel to their clients. Id.

Similarly, in <u>Dumas v. Marrero</u>, 864 So.2d 531 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004), the Fifth District Court of Appeal again confirmed this general rule and held that the "part of [an] attorney's file related to the performance of professional services... [is] the property of the attorney, not the client."

Importantly, the applicability of the holdings of these criminal cases in the civil context was recently confirmed. See In re Amendments to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, 2005 WL 2456201 (October 6, 2005) (confirming these cases applicability in the civil context and noting that "[t]he current rule of law regarding ownership of files is discussed in Donahue v. Vaughn, 721 So. 2d 356 (Fla. 5th DCA 1998), and Dowda & Fields v. Cobb, 452 So. 2d 1140 (Fla. 5th DCA 1984).").

Conclusion: While attorneys should be guided by the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct mandate to take reasonable steps to protect the client's interest upon termination of representation, a whole-handed turnover of the attorney's files is not required – the attorney owns the pleadings, investigative reports, subpoena copies, and other case preparation documents in the file; the client owns all original documents provided by the client and transcripts or records prepared at the public's expense.

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The Bar recently hosted a reception for "Three of its Own" for current and former Chief Justices of the Florida Supreme Court from Palm Beach County: Rosemary Barkett, Harry Lee Anstead and Barbara Pariente. Unfortunately, due to severe weather conditions in Tallahassee, neither Justices Anstead or Pariente were able to attend. The Bar thanks its sponsors for this event: National City Private Client Group; Lewis B. Freeman & Partners, Inc.; and Mellon United National Bank.



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Privacy

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drivers license, health or medical information may be included in future legislative enactments or may be recognized by the courts as privileged.

A Complicated Process

Reviewing and redacting the existing court files will be a major undertaking. In Palm Beach County courts alone, approximately 20 million pages are filed every year. If the clerk's office only reviewed and redacted files pertaining to the past 5-6 years, it would be approximately 100 million pages. There are so many pages and files to review, in fact, that if they started today using several scanners (and computers to analyze the scans) for fourteen hours a day, the job

could not be completed before the end of the year. I would not be surprised if, on January 2, 2007, we are told that some files can no longer be viewed by the public without several days notice to allow the deputy court clerks to review the file and redact any personal information contained in it.

The process of removing confidential information from court files will require the court clerks to first make a copy of the file, because the original file cannot be permanently modified without a court order. So the first step in redacting millions of pages of court records is to double the amount of paper being stored! How many staples will have to be removed? Then, the documents will be scanned so they can be converted to a text document and then reviewed by computer programs to look for confidential

information. Then a person will have to review the flagged records to decide whether the information should be redacted, redact it, and then put the file back together. This process will cost millions of dollars and take far longer than we have to complete.

The best thing we can do is to understand the problem, and expect complications when the rules change on January 1, 2007. For now, it would be a good idea to change the way documents are drafted to make sure that financial and personal information is no longer included in documents filed with the court or recorded in the official records of the county. The change is inevitable, so we might as well do it now.

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Racial Discrimination

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challenge is made, the belief that the challenge is racially motivated while noting the race of the juror. At that point, the challenging party must be asked by the Court to state a race neutral reason for the challenge. The trial judge then has discretion to determine whether the stated reason is a pretext or not. If not, the challenge will be allowed and the objection overruled. The objecting party must then restate the objection prior to accepting the jury and accept the jury only subject to the objection.

In the <u>Wicks</u> opinion, the concurring judge makes two suggestions to trial courts in conducting Neil inquiries. First, he suggests that the trial judge excuse the venire from the courtroom or hold the Neil hearing elsewhere. Since the focus of the issue at this hearing is the genuineness of the explanation of the party exercising the challenge, statements of counsel regarding the juror's potential bias are sufficiently sensitive so as to make it absolutely necessary that there is no chance that any potential juror might overhear the explanation.

The concurring Judge also suggests that counsel on either side may desire to have the portion of the record read back concerning the challenged juror's statements to make sure that the trial judge is in the best position possible to understand the rationale for the strike.

Challenging a peremptory strike as racially motivated requires precise action to both make the challenge and preserve it for appeal. This opinion lays out the procedure counsel must use under those circumstances.

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В	10/06	08/06	04/06	1394
D	11/06	07/06	03/06	1427
E	07/06	03/06	04/06	1434
\mathbf{F}	04/06	04/06	04/06	1215
G	02/07	02/07	03/06	1036
Н	11/06	11/06	03/06	1316
I	05/06	05/06	03/06	1223
J	07/06	07/06	04/06	1412
N	09/06	05/06	05/06	1340
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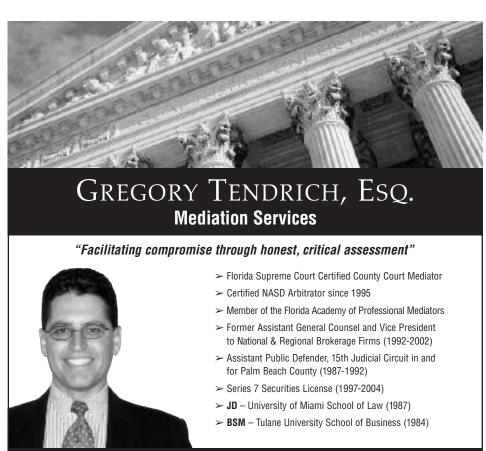
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Examination at Trial"

Wednesday, April 5, 12 noon North County Section Board Meeting Law Offices of McHale & Slavin

Thursday, April 6, 8:30 a.m. Lawyers for Literacy "Read Across Palm Beach County"

Thursday, April 6, 12 noon Special Needs of Children Committee Meeting Chair Joe Ackerman's Office Thursday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. **YLS Happy Hour**

Thursday, April 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Elder Law Committee CLE Seminar/Dinner The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach

Friday, April 7, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Quality of Life Committee CLE Seminar Bar Association Office

Tuesday, April 11, 12 noon YLS Executive Committee Meeting Bar Association Office

Tuesday, April 11, 12 noon South Palm Beach County Bar Association Meeting

Muvico Theatre, Boca Raton Call (561) 482-3838

Friday, April 14 Court Holiday - Good Friday Courts and Bar Office Closed Tuesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. Inns of Court Meeting
Judicial Dining Room,
PB Cty Courthouse

Wednesday, April 19, 11:30 a.m. North County Section CLE Seminar/Luncheon Abacoa Golf Club, Jupiter

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. PB County Trial Lawyers Meeting Contact Susan Maynor (561) 999-9490

Friday, April 21, 12 noon Federal Bar Association Luncheon

The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach To RSVP please contact Debi Mackey (561) 838-4100

Friday, April 21, 12 noon Cunningham Bar Association Meeting Law Library, PB Cty Courthouse Tuesday, April 25, 5:00 p.m. **Legal Aid Board Meeting** Bar Association Office

Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. Law Week Judicial Reception The Harriett at City Place, West Palm Beach

Thursday, April 27, 5:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting** Bar Association Office

Friday, April 28, 11:30 - 2:30 **Professionalism Committee CLE Seminar** Crowne Plaza Hotel, West Palm Beach

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. Law Week Attorneys vs. Judges Softball Game John Prince Park, Lake Worth



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15th Annual Professional Seminar

Friday, April 28, 2006 11:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Crowne Plaza Hotel, West Palm Beach

	Program Schedule
11:00am - 11:30am	Late Registration/Check In
11:30am - 11:45am	Opening Remarks by Committee Chair, Paul R. Golis, Esquire - Paul R. Golis, P.A.
11:45am - 12:15pm	Lunch Served and Presentation of the 8^{th} Annual Professionalism Awards: Individual, Firm and Judge
12:15pm - 1:00pm	The South Florida Legal Community: Past and Present Perspectives From Female and Minority Attorneys - Have Things Really Changed? Panelists:
	County Civil Judge Donald W. Hafele, Panel Moderator Circuit Court Judge Edward Rodgers (Retired) Edrick E. Barnes, Esquire - Liggio, Benrubi & Williams, P.A. Marion M. Cromwell, Esquire Meenu T. Sasser, Esquire - Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. Alberto J. Matta, Esquire - Alberto J. Matta, P.A. Orlando Gonzalez, Esquire - Cameron, Davis & Gonzalez, P.A
1:00pm - 1:30pm	An Appearance at the Professionalism Council - What Happens? - A presentation of a hypothetical case by Al LaSorte, Jr., Esquire - Shutts & Bowen, LLP and Scott G. Hawkins, Esquire Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A.
1:30pm - 2:15pm	<u>Exploring Professionalism Through Film</u> - A variety of film clips will be used to generate discussion about the meaning of professionalism and its value in enhancing both job satisfactio and public trust and confidence in the Court system - Circuit Civil Judge Peter D. Blanc
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Marriott Hotel, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

Sponsored by: Bernstein Investment Research and Management & LexisNexis

Program Schedule

8:00am - 8:25am	Late Registration and Check In
8:25am - 8:30am	Welcome & Opening Remarks - Brian O'Connell, Esq., Boose Casey Ciklin Lubitz Martens McBane & O'Connell, Committee Chair
8:30am - 10:00am	Case Law Update - J.B. Murray, Esq., Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P.
10:00am - 10:10am	Break
10:10am - 11:00am	Mechanic's Corner - Kelley on Office Practice and Executing Documents - Rohan Kelley, Esq.
11:00am - 11:40am	Multi-state Estate Planning - Amy B. Beller, Esq., Kaye Scholer, LLP
11:40am - 12:00pm	Judicial Update - Judges to be announced
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch sponsored by Bernstein Investment Research and Management & LexisNexis
1:00pm - 1:25pm	Legislative Update - Speaker to be announced
1:25pm - 2:05pm	Tax Law Update - David F. Click, Esq.
2:05pm - 2:35pm	Discovery Concerning Federal Estate Tax Returns – Peter Forman, Esq., Tescher Gutter Chaves Josepher Rubin Ruffin & Forman, P.A., along with William E. Boyes, Esq., Boyes & Farina, P.A., in a point/counterpoint format.
2:35pm - 3:15pm	Probate Potpourri (Accounting Preparation Tips, Discussion Regarding Administration of Life Estates, and Principal & Income Issues Under the New Act) – Abraham M. Mora, Esq., Kaye Scholer, LLP
3:15pm - 3:25pm	Break
3:25pm - 4:15pm	The New Florida Trust Code - Donald R. Tescher, Esq., Tescher Gutter Chaves Josepher Rubin Ruffin & Forman, P.A.
4:15pm - 4:45pm	Nuts and Bolts Presentation – William E. Boyes, Esq., Boyes & Farina, P.A., John M. Severson, Esq., Burns & Severson, P.A., and Richard J. Barron, Esq., Richard J. Barron, P.A.

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The 17th Annual Community Association Law Seminar



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Program Schedule

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8:30 - 8:55	Late Registration and Check In
8:55 - 9:00	Welcome - Michael J. Gelfand, Esq., Committee Chairperson Gelfand & Arpe, P.A.
9:00 - 9:30	View from the Bench: Practical and Ethical Approaches to the Court - Honorable Kathleen Kroll, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge
9:30 - 9:50	Assessments: Ethics and Money or How to Pay and Why to Pay - Steven D. Rubin, Esq.
9:50 -10:15	Fair Housing Report: What You Do Not Know May Hurt, and Ethical Considerations - Pamela Guerrier, Esq., Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK
10:30 - 10:50	Mandatory Mediation and Arbitration: How To Make It Work For You. Practical And Ethical Approaches To Resolving The Dispute - Theodore A. Deckert, Esq., Mediation, Inc.
10:50 - 11:10	Closings: Brokers and Salespersons and Ethical Procedures - Cathleen Scott, Esq., Cathleen Scott, P.A.
11:10 - 11:30	Zoning: Stating Your Case Ethically and Effectively - Sherry L. Hyman, Esq., Law Office of Sherry L. Hyman P.L.L.C
11:30 - 12:00	Case Law and Statutory Law Update: New Decisions Addressing Substance, Ethics and Procedure - Michael J. Gelfand, Esq., Gelfand & Arpe
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Friday, June 16, 2006 8:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bar Association Offices

Program Schedule

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8:15am - 8:40am	Late Registration
8:40am - 8:45am	Welcome and Opening Remarks - Steven D. Rubin, Esq., Real Estate Committee Chairperson.
8:45am - 9:15am	MRTA: The Impact of the Statutory Way of Necessity Ruling - Robert I. MacLaren, II, Esq., Osborne & Osborne, P.A.
9:15am - 9:45am	Fraudulent Transfers into Your Homestead: Case Law Update – Marc Barmat, Esq., Furr & Cohen, P.A.
9:45am - 10:15am	All in the Family: Exemptions from Documentary Stamp Taxes on Transfers Between Related Entities and IRS Superpower to Break the Bonds of TBTE Property - Gary Walk, Esq., Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane & O'Connell
10:15am - 10:30am	Break
10:30am - 10:45am	The Taking of Justice Breyer's Farm: Eminent Domain Update – Barry S. Balmuth, Esq., Barry S. Balmuth, P.A.
10:45am - 11:00am	Environmental Permitting and Property Rights Issues in Florida - Andrew J. Baumann, Esq., Lewis, Longman and Walker, P.A.
11:00am - 11:30am	They Changed it Again: 2006 Legislative Update and Ethical Considerations - Michael J. Gelfand, Esq., Gelfand & Arpe, P.A.
11:30am - 12:00am	Nothing Matters More than Ethics and Professionalism: Recent Disciplinary Rule Changes and Avoiding Ethical Missteps in Your Real Estate Practice - Eugene E. Shuey, Esq., Eugene E. Shuey, P.A.
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