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## 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 are due back in the office by 5 p.m. on January 14. Petitions for director-at-large seats are due back in the Bar office by 5 p.m. on January 31. 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 the petitions are members in good standing, otherwise, the petition will be deemed invalid.



## Save the Date - February 2

The PBCBA will be hosting a special reception honoring "three of our own" that have served as Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme

Court – Rosemary Barkett, Harry Lee Anstead and Barbara Pariente. This event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Watch your mail and eNewsletters for further information.

#### North County plans dinner at the River House

The North County Section invites its members for cocktails and dinner on Thursday, January 19 at the River House Restaurant in Palm Beach Gardens. Attend the event and help welcome Judge Nancy Perez and Judge Richard Oftedal as they join Judge Jeffrey Colbath to the North County Courthouse.

The cost is \$50.00 for section members; \$70 for non-members; and judges are complimentary.

Space is limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. If you would like to attend, please register on line at www.palmbeachbar.org.

A special thank you to our evening sponsors: Charles Schwab & Company, Citigroup Private Bank, and LexisNexis.



Legal Aid Board President Gary Woodfield congratulates Bob.

## Bertisch recognized for 25 years of service

Bob Bertisch was recently recognized by the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society for 25 years of service as Legal Aid's Executive Director. When Bob started in 1980, Legal Aid had 5 employees, had an annual budget of \$180,000 and occupied approximately 1700 square feet in the Guaranty Building in downtown West Palm Beach. Most cases were handled by pro bono attorneys with just a handful of landlord tenant and family cases taken by staff (approximately 40 cases a year). Today, Legal Aid has a staff of 84, a budget of \$5.8 million, and its offices occupy two floors of

approximately 19,000 square feet. Over 1400 cases are taken in-house each year and almost 6000 people are served in some capacity including representation, education and trainings.

There have been a lot of changes with Legal Aid over the years, but what hasn't changed in Bob's unwavering commitment for Legal Aid to provide a superior level of legal representation to as many qualified individuals and families as possible.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Palm Beach County Bar Association Bulletin welcomes your comments on topics relating to the law, the legal profession, the Palm Beach County Bar Association or the Bar Bulletin. Letters must

be signed, but names will be withheld upon request. The editor reserves right to condense.

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President Alan B. Bookman

## January 10, 2006 Membership Luncheon to feature Florida Bar President Alan Bookman

The South Palm Beach County Bar Association , along with the Palm Beach County Bar Association, will feature Florida Bar President Alan Bookman at a luncheon meeting on January 10, 2006 at Muvico, Premier Banquet Center, 3200 Airport Road, in Boca Raton at Noon. Admission is \$35.00 per person and reservations may be made by contacting the South Palm Beach County Bar Association office at (561) 482-3838 or by email: email@southpalmbeachbar.org

Alan B. Bookman was born November 28, 1947, in New Orleans. He received a bachelor of science in psychology from Tulane University in 1969 and a doctor of jurisprudence from Tulane University School of Law in 1971. He began his law career with the U.S. Army's Judge Advocates General Corps (JAG), where he served in a variety of legal capacities, including Senior Defense Counsel and Chief of Military Justice. Upon his departure from the military he joined Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon.

For almost 30 years, Bookman has focused his practice in the area of Commercial and Real Estate Law where he has successfully established a presence in the business community. Among his primary clients are real estate developers, bankers, and investors. Bookman is Board Certified in Real Estate law and is a Certified Civil Trial Mediator with the Florida Supreme Court.

Bookman has been active in local and state bar leadership roles since 1977 and has been a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors since 1996. He has also been actively involved with the Florida Bar Foundation, serving as Assistant Treasurer from 1983-84 and on the Board of Directors from 1984-1990. Bookman's other leadership positions include serving as president of the Ronald McDonald House from 1999-2001 and board member from 1996-present, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pensacola Rotary Club.

For further information regarding this event please contact Melissa D. Kelly, Executive Director at (561) 482-3838.



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#### President's Message



Realization

By Theodore J. Leopold, President

I am sitting at my desk late on a Thursday evening thinking about what to write for this month's newsletter. Thoughts immediately come rushing to my mind about all that has occurred to us since my last newsletter. It doesn't take long before the realization hits that we have all been affected dramatically over the last several weeks, both professionally and personally.

Just our luck, we were hit with the last storm of the year, and when I use the word "hit," I mean literally. We had a direct hit from Hurricane Wilma that uprooted all of our lives for yet a second year. Most, if not all, of us were without power at home and in our offices. Our lives were again uprooted and all we could think about was circling the wagons to protect our families, friends, neighbors and those in need. It is times like these when you appreciate all that we have in our lives. Even the most basic necessities of life are hard to come by when these storms hit. But through perseverance and positive attitude everyone seemed to come through the storm well.

Professionally, it appears that we will be watching an interesting Supreme Court nomination play out on national TV for the next few months. Regardless of your beliefs, politically or personally, I think we all would agree that the process works. Regardless of your views of Chief Justice Roberts, I would dare say there is not a one of us that would say that he was not competent to be appointed as Chief Justice. Similarly, regardless of your views towards Judge Alito it appears that he walks in the same qualified shoes as Judge Roberts. Politics aside, it is nice to know that there are competent candidates to choose from.

So, with the whirlwind of the last several weeks behind us, Thanksgiving was a stepping stone to appreciate all that we have and look forward to a healthy and happy new year.

#### 2006 Court Holiday Schedule

Monday, January 2	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20	President's Day
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Monday, May 29	
Tuesday, July 4	
Monday, September 4	
Monday, October 2	
Monday, October 9	
Friday, November 10	•
Thursday, November 23	•
Friday, November 24	
Monday, December 25	
Tuesday, December 26	•
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	July Retreat	Aug	Sept.	Oct. No Meeting Due To Wilma	Nov.
Leopold	X	X	X		
Farach	X	X	X		X
Poulton	X	X	X		X
Suskauer	X	X	X		X
Murray	X	X	X		X
Whitfield	X	X	X		X
Schuler	X	X	X		X
Sasser	X	X	X		X
Fleck	Beer	X	X		
Bowden	Pressly		Pressly		X
Marks	Isaacs	X	X		X



#### 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 11











#### Minutes of the Junior Bar Section - May 6, 1966

The 183rd meeting of the Junior Bar Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association was held at the Holiday Inn on May 6, 1966. Fifty-one members and guests were present.

President Ed Lewis presided brilliantly. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Don Beverly introduced Harry Massey as his guest. Bob Levy introduced and proposed for membership Bruce Daniels. The President announced that the election of officers for the forthcoming year was in order. After apologetic nominations, and by unanimous vote, the following officers were elected:

President ......Angus J. Campbell Vice President ......Raymond W. Royce Secretary/Treasurer.....Peter Van Andel

Despite the natural wit and skill displayed by President Lewis, Angus did not thank him for his services. He did, however, make several characteristic

remarks concerning his own election.

Sensing the mood of the audience, he thereupon proceeded to introduce Mr. Dimiter Spassoff, trainer for the Baltimore Colts. Mr. Spassoff outlined the rigors of training camp and presented an interesting movie about National Beer, United Airlines and the Baltimore Colts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Raymond W. Royce, Secretary

#### Ken, Kristen, Andy and Brennan wish you a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!



Ken, Brennan (5), Andy (11) & Kristen

## Please support **Ken Lemoine** for Circuit Court Judge, Group 13.

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## ALEXANDER "SANDY" MYERS, PA

As of January 1, 2006, I am re-structuring my practice and will no longer be handling litigation matters. I want to thank all of you for making this a "memorable" experience. However, you won't be rid of me that quick. After 35 years of litigation, my practice will now be limited to mediation and arbitration of civil, family and commercial matters. I am Board Certified by the Florida Supreme Court in all areas of mediation and



arbitration. I am a Panel Member of both the NASD and the National Arbitration Forum. The National Arbitration Forum deals with commercial arbitration. Effective January 1, 2006, scheduling can be made by contacting me at:

Jan 1, 2006: New Address
Alexander "Sandy" Myers, PA
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: 561/689-8335 Cell: 561/758-7300
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I am usually available on short notice (unless I am on the golf course). There are no charges for travel time within Palm Beach County. In addition, there are no administrative fees. I will continue my practice of usually reviewing the court file located at the main courthouse, West Palm Beach, prior to mediation at no charge. I can also work with you should the need arise to cancel and/or reschedule a mediation/arbitration matter. Effective January 1, 2006, my rate will be \$250 per hour. My resume is available upon request.

Over the past 35 years, I have served on numerous other Palm Beach County Bar Association, Florida Bar Association and American Bar Association committees involving various matters and subjects. My volunteer work in the community will continue. These include:

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"Sandy"



#### DAVID C. PRATHER

The Florida Bar Board of Governors – Seat 3

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"I am not content to sit back and complain when negative issues arise. I want to be 'in there' changing things for the better, to be the one who gets the work done."

– David Prather

David Prather is a Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer practicing with the West Palm Beach plaintiff's firm of Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP.

#### The Florida Bar

- Board of Governors, Young Lawyer's Division (1996-2000)
- Equal Opportunities in the Profession Section

#### **Palm Beach County Bar Association**

- Judicial Relations Commission (2004-2005)
- Diversity Sensitivity Committee (2004-2005)
- Executive Committee Young Lawyers Section (1996-2000)

#### **Palm Beach County Trial** Lawyers Association

- President (2005)
- President-elect (2004)
- Treasurer (2003)
- Secretary (2002)
- Board of Directors (1998-2005)

#### In the Community, David has served on the Boards of **Directors for:**

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- Education Foundation of Palm Beach County

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## Construction Law CLE Happy Hour/Seminar January 20

The Construction Law CLE
Committee will be hosting a
one-hour seminar to be followed by a happy
hour on January 20 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at
the Bar Association Offices. Topics will include:
"In the Wake of the Storm" by Charles B. Hernicz, Esq.,
Wellington; and "Case Law Updates in Construction Law" by
David J. Valdini, Esq., Ft. Lauderdale. Cost to attend is \$20 for
PBCBA members; \$40 non-members and will include 1 CLER
hour, beer, wine and snacks. Register online at palmbeachbar.org.

#### **New Online Membership Directory**

We are very pleased to unveil our new online membership directory! We sincerely thank *Regent Bank* for their sponsorship of this new member benefit. This directory not only contains address and photo information on your fellow members, but it will soon have archived copies of the Bar Bulletin. Please keep in mind that this directory and the ListServ is available only to members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

Additionally, we are pleased to provide you with the opportunity to join a ListServ for the various committees and practice areas that we have and encourage you to do so. We have found that members really benefit from sharing information with other members who practice in the same area of law. To subscribe to an eList, simply click on your profile and follow the directions at the top of the screen. Once you have selected the eList group(s) be sure to save the record. You will receive an email confirmation providing you with the address you will need in order to send a message to a particular eList group. To access the new site, bookmark http://my.memberclicks.com/pbcba today.

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- Center for Family Services "Shooting for the Stars" Award (legal) 1995
- Florida Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section,
   "Most Productive Young Lawyer" 1995
- Florida Bar Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer
- President, Children's Place and Connor's Nursery (1989-1992)

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#### Personal Injury Corner



Setting Cases For Trial by Ted Babbitt

It is no secret that cases are rarely resolved until they are set for trial. It is fair to say that setting a case for trial is the single most important act that a Judge can perform to relieve congestion on his or her docket.

The Supreme Court Work Group on Standards for Jury Panel Sizes, on which this writer serves, has heard testimony from around the state which establishes that circuits in which early trial dates are mandated enjoy far lower case loads than circuits where trial dates are not provided until later in the case. The Seventh Circuit, which includes Daytona Beach, has a procedure for the early setting of trial dates. That Circuit is one of the most efficient in the state and should serve as a template for other circuits around the state in disposing of civil litigation.

It is important to recognize, however, that serious consequences occur when a case is set for trial before the pleadings are at issue. Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440(a) provides that an action is not at issue until all motions directed to the last pleading have been disposed of, or if no such motions are served, twenty days after service of the last pleading, unless the party entitled to serve motions waives the right to do so by filing a notice for trial.

Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440(c) provides that a Court may not set the trial less than thirty days from the time of service of the notice for trial. It seems obvious that the purpose behind Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440 is to give a party adequate time to prepare for trial. The prohibition against setting a cause for trial until the pleadings are settled and twenty days has passed is apparently to permit the parties to focus their attention on pleading issues during the time the pleadings are not at issue and then allow them to refocus their attention on the trial with a built in thirty day hiatus. This rule, adopted in 1966, has little application to modern day dockets. The idea of getting a case set for trial in less then thirty days from the time it is noticed is simply ludicrous given the current case load of Circuit Judges.

Nevertheless, the appellate courts have strictly construed the requirements of Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440 to preclude the setting of a trial when a case is not at issue. In the recent squib opinion of Sundale, Ltd. v. Williams Paving Co., Inc., 30 Fla. L. Weekly D2528 (Fla. 3rd DCA, Nov. 2, 2005), the District Court denied a petition for certiorari that alleged that the trial court's order setting a cause for trial violated Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440. In doing so, the District Court held that a final appeal could remedy what was an apparent judicial error. The Court warned that if the case, in fact, went to trial under the current order setting it for trial, any judgment would be reversed because of the failure to comply with Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440. In denying the petition, the Court stated:

"The petitioner must demonstrate that it has no adequate remedy on final appeal. (citing cases). Sundale has not even attempted to allege how an appeal cannot remedy this legal error. We therefore deny the issuance of a writ of certiorari or prohibition but caution that, while the respondent may prevail today, any recovery may be subject to reversal on appeal, a situation easily remedied if the matter is simply set in accordance with rule 1.440." (emphasis supplied).

The District Court states in its opinion that the case was not at issue until September 16, 2005, and was set for trial on November 7, 2005. Thus, the trial court complied with the thirty day requirement of Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440(c) but since the trial court's order was dated August 2, 2005, it did not comply with Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440(a). This is puzzling to say the least. If the whole purpose behind the rule is to make sure that there is at least thirty days notice of a trial, it is hard to understand how a technical violation of the rule by setting it for trial before it is at issue should result in a reversal of the final judgment. Nevertheless, the lesson to be taken away from this case is that the trial court must comply with the rule or it taints any judgment.

This opinion is consistent with prior case law. In Precision Constructors, Inc. v. Valtec Construction Corp., 825 So. 2d 1062 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2002), the appellate court reversed a final judgment in a case which was tried before the case was at issue even though the original notice for trial was set when the case was at issue. The problem was that the plaintiff subsequently filed an amended complaint thereby reopening the pleadings and no subsequent notice for trial was filed once the pleadings were settled. The Court held that failure to adhere strictly to the mandates of Rule 1.440 was reverseable error. Courts have even held that a notice for trial before the case is at issue is a nullity, not to be considered on the issue of whether or not there has been record activity under Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.420(e). See Jones v. Volunteers of American North and Central Florida, Inc., 834 So.2d 280 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2003) and Alech v. General Ins. Co., 491 So. 2d 337 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1986).

It seems to make little sense to have a bright line rule that any case which is set for trial before the pleadings are at issue results in a reversal even if the case is tried months after the case is at issue and the notice has been served. Nevertheless, it is clear that that is the rule in Florida. This problem can be easily remedied if the parties are aware of this technicality. If a case is set for trial after the pleadings are settled and the pleadings are thereafter amended or a motion is allowed directed to the pleadings, then the trial court need only reserve the time for the trial as originally set and have the parties go through the exercise of filing a new notice for trial once the pleadings are again settled. The Court can then reset the trial for the original time providing that it is no less than thirty days after the service of the notice for trial. To prevent disruption of its trial calendar, the Court can, under appropriate circumstances, deny a party's right to amend a pleading or attack a pleading by motion.

Trial courts must be aware of the importance of setting cases for trial as early as possible. On the other hand, Fla.R.Civ.P. 1.440 must be strictly construed so as not to set a case for trial prematurely. If amendments are necessary once a case is set, a new notice of trial must be filed once the pleadings are again settled.

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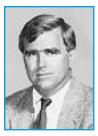
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#### Larry Donald Murrell, Jr. Receives Nomination for the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award



The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee Chair Scott G. Hawkins, Esq. is pleased to announce that West Palm Beach attorney Larry D. "Donnie" Murrell, Jr. was nominated for the 2006 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Many fine candidates were submitted for consideration including John Cleary, Esq. and Mark Hektner, Esq. The Florida

Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award was established in 1981. Its purpose is twofold: "to further encourage lawyers to volunteer free legal services to the poor by recognizing those who make such public service commitments, and to communicate to the public some sense of the substantial volunteer services provided by Florida lawyers to those who cannot afford legal fees."

John M. Howe, Esq., President of the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers submitted Donnie as a candidate for his work on a criminal case. Several years ago Donnie volunteered to undertake the representation of a young man accused of murder and attempted murder on a pro bono basis. At the time of the earlier trial, the defense had identified at least 20 witnesses who had witnessed the shooting and who testified that the client was not the shooter. Based on this weakness, the State offered the client time served if he would plead guilty. Feeling that his innocence would be enough, the client rejected the plea. Despite the 20 witnesses, the jury convicted the client and he was sentenced to life in prison. Donnie then took over the case and worked tirelessly to get the client a new trial. Donnie filed motions, appeals and attended numerous hearings. During this time new crucial witnesses were found and their testimony was presented to a new judge on the case. Finally after years of work and countless hours of advocacy the trial court granted a new trial. The client was released from custody, having served many years, and the client accepted the time served plea while still maintaining his innocence.

In addition to this case, Donnie has been a supporter of probono work for over 10 years consistently providing probono services through the Legal Aid Society. For all of his enthusiastic voluntary work on behalf of the citizens of Palm Beach County the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit is proud to nominate Donnie Murrell, Jr. for The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award.

#### **Pro Bono Closed Cases**

**Executive Director** 

We salute the following attorneys that closed their pro bono cases in November 2005:

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Wendi S. Weisman

The total amount of hours: 215.10

#### JNC Nominations to be Made

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Persons interested in applying for any of these vacancies may download the proper application form (there is a specific JNC application) from the Bar's website, www.flabar.org, or should call Bar headquarters at (850) 561-5600, ext. 5757, to obtain the application.

Applications must be completed for each vacancy you are applying for and must be received by mail or fax, (850) 561-5826 **no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 16, 2006** in the Executive Director's office of The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of an application. Screening committees of the Board of Governors will review all JNC applications. The Committee will then make recommendations to the Board of Governors.

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#### Auslin Legal Staffing Wins 5th Annual Cup of Justice Golf Classic

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's 5th Annual "Cup of Justice Golf Classic" raised \$28,000 to support it's Educational Empowerment Initiative. The project works to ensure positive educational outcomes for disabled children attending Palm Beach County's lower performing schools.

Attorney Bob Shalhoub chaired the October 10th tournament at BallenIsles Country Club. The presenting sponsors of the event were the law firms of Babbitt, Johnson, Osborne & LeClainche, P.A. and Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate, P.A. Additionally, Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley and Florida Crystals Corporation were respectively lunch and dinner sponsors of the tournament. The golf tournament committee members included Harreen Bertisch; Rick Collier; Joyce Conway, Esq.; Suzanne Foley; David McClymont; Scott Murray, Esq.; Linda Norris; Grier Pressly, Esq.; Michael Spillane, Vicky Vilchez, Esq.; Jennifer Wills; Gary Woodfield, Esq. and Bob Bertisch, Esq.

Other winners included: Auslin Legal Staffing (Flight A-First Place); Glickman, Witters & Marell (Flight B-First Place); Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate (Flight C-First Place); Pressly & Pressly (Flight A-2nd Place); Michael Walsh's Team (Flight B-2nd Place) and Akerman Senterfitt (Flight C-2nd Place).





#### Legal Aid Attorney Maxine Williams Receives Florida Children First Inc. Award

Florida Children First (FCF), a non-profit organization that protects the rights of children in Florida's foster care system recently held a cocktail reception and awards ceremony at Northern Trust Bank in North Palm Beach. One of the evening's award recipients was Maxine Williams a staff attorney with Legal Aid's Juvenile Advocacy Project. Maxine was honored for her contributions in advocating for the rights of children in the foster care system. Most recently, Maxine represented a teenager in foster care who became the center of attention when DCF rescinded her right to have an abortion.

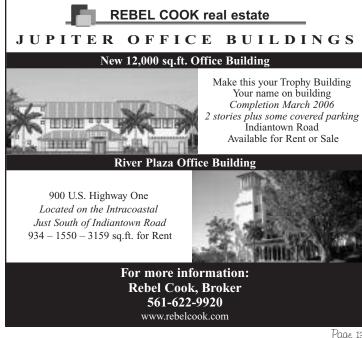
Other honorees included State Senator Jeff Atwater and Andrea Cunningham a former foster child who serves as an independent living coordinator for foster children.

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DIVISION	JURY TRIALS	NON-JURY TRIALS	MOTIONS	CASES PENDING
A	04/06	04/06	01/06	1133
В	06/06	04/06	01/06	1504
D	09/06	05/06	01/06	1380
E	02/06	02/06	02/06	1371
F	01/06	01/06	02/06	1158
G	11/06	11/06	12/05	962
Н	11/06	11/06	12/05	1261
I	02/06	02/06	01/06	1186
J	02/06	02/06	01/06	1350
N	07/06	04/06	02/06	1267
0	05/06	02/06	01/06	1422
Asbestos				522

All Civil Division Judges schedule their own Jury and Non-Jury Trials.

Pending cases as of 11/07//05



#### 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.

**BRETT BARNER-** Palm Beach Gardens; Nova Southeastern, 2005; Associate with Freeman Barner & Associates, P.A.

**DEBORAH BOYD-** Flint, Michigan; Cooley Law School; Associated with First American Title Insurance.

#### LYMAN S. BRADFORD IV-

West Palm Beach; Quinnipial University, 2004; Associate with Wohlsifer & Associates, P.A.

#### **MAURA S. CURRAN -**

Youngstown; Marshall College of Law; 2000, Associate with McDonald Hopkins Co., P.A.

**NINA DANG** – Vietnam; UDC, 2005; Sole Practitioner.



TARA DUHY – Watseka, Illinois; University of Colorado, 2004; Associate with Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

TIMOTHY C. FELICE – New Rochelle, New York; Nova Southeastern University, 2004; Associated with Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans & Abel. P.A.

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Davao City, Philippines; New England School of Law, 2005; Associate with Adorno & Yoss.

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Freehold, New Jersey; Seton Hall University, 2002; Associate with Richman, Greer, Weil, Brumbaugh, Mirabito & Christensen.



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Findlay, Ohio; Southwestern University School of Law, 1989; Associate with Rutherford Mulhall, P.A.



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#### Director's Comment

by Scott C. Murray



The holidays have come and gone, and it's time to reflect on our past year and look forward to the challenges of a New Year. In January, we generally are so preoccupied with ending our holiday celebrations that

we don't take the time to truly reflect on the past and set new goals for ourselves. While there are nearly an infinite number of worthy New Year's resolutions, I urge all of you to reflect on what talents and gifts you have and to make an effort to use those talents and gifts to help others in our community and thereby help enhance the positive image of our profession. As you know, this is our President's theme for our Bar Association this year. If we take the time to reflect on the past and on ourselves, I think we'll discover that each of us has unique gifts and talents that we can share with others. Whether or not we made a New Year's resolution, the fact remains that each of us can make a difference to increase the positive image of attorneys and regain public confidence in our profession. I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous year.

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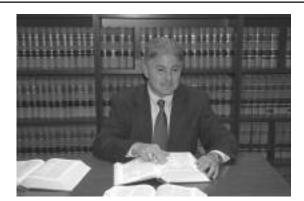


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Immigration Attorney-Advisor to the Miami Immigration Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals, is pleased to announce the opening of his new law office in Boca Raton. Mr. Hujber has 10 years experience, exclusively in immigration law. He and his staff speak Spanish, Hungarian, and Portuguese fluently. The office accepts ALL types of immigration matters. 980 N. Federal Hwy. Suite 306, Boca Raton, Florida, 33432. Tel: (561) 417-VISA (8472); Fax: (561) 417-2575; Richardhujber@yahoo.com.

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Charles H. Damsel, Jr. of Charles H. Damsel, Jr., P.A., has been listed in the 60th Diamond Anniversary Edition of Who's Who in America. Described by *The New York Times* as ... "that vulnerable guide to American achievement," Who's Who in America has been the definitive biographical reference work since 1899.

Jordana L. Jarjura has joined the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker as an associate. Ms. Jarjura will practice in the firm's Appellate Practice Group where she will concentrate her practice in all aspects of federal and state appellate litigation. She received her law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.



Moyle, Flanigan, Katz, Raymond & Sheehan, P.A. is pleased to announce that Daniel R. Doorakian has been named a shareholder of the Firm. Mr. Doorakian practices in the areas of corporate and real estate law, administrative trials, and class action litigation. The firm is also pleased to announce that Andrea M. Silva has joined the firm



as an associate. Ms. Silva will practice in the area of real estate and corporate law.



James W. Beasley, Jr., senior partner of the West Palm Beach law firm of Beasley Hauser Kramer & Leonard, P.A. was listed as one of the Top Lawyers in South Florida



in the 2006 Annual Edition of the South Florida Legal Guide. Patricia A. Leonard, also a partner in the firm was listed as one of the top "Up and Comers" in the

Guide. The entire law firm was listed as one of the Top Law Firms in the Guide.



Sidney A. Stubbs, President of the West Palm Beach law firm of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A., has been appointed Florida State Chair for the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The American College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada.

Charles E. Rutherford, managing member of Rutherford Mulhall, P.A., was recently named The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year. Rutherford has actively been a member of the chamber since 1973.



Michael McAuliffe, a partner of Rosenberg & McAuliffe, PL, in West Palm Beach, has been elected to serve a threeyear term on the board of directors for the Children's Home Society

for Palm Beach County. The Children's Home Society is the oldest non-profit organization in Florida that serves the needs of children through adoption services.

Ed Ricci, partner of the Palm Beach Gardens based law firm, Ricci~Leopold, P.A. and his wife, former Judge Mary Lupo, provided an initial gift to Hope Rural School in Indiantown in 1980. That gift help found the school and since that time, Ricci and Lupo have stayed actively involved and watched the progress of the school. Ricci has served as a member of the board of directors and voluntary counsel to Hope Rural for the past 25 years. To learn more about the Hope Rural School and how you can help, call (772) 597-2203 or write to 15929 SW 150th Street, Indiantown, FL 34956 or hopesch@gate.net.

## CALENDAR

#### January 2006

Wednesday, January 4, 12 noon North County Section Board Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 12 noon Special Needs of Children Committee Meeting Chair Joe Ackerman's Office

Saturday, January 7 Young Lawyers Section Holidays in January

Toy Distribution - West Palm and Belle Glade

Tuesday, January 10, 12 noon Joint Meeting with South County Bar Association

Speaker: Florida Bar President Alan Bookman

Wednesday, January 11, 12 noon Judicial Relations Committee Luncheon Series

Judicial Dining Room, Palm Beach County Courthouse Thursday, January 12, 6:00 p.m. **PB Cty Trial Lawyers Dinner Meeting** Contact Susan Maynor (561) 999-9490

Friday, January 13, 8:30 a.m. **ADR Committee Meeting** Bar Association Office

January 16
Court Holiday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17, 12 noon Family Law Practice Committee Meeting Law Library, Main Courthouse

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 p.m. Inns of Court Meeting Palm Beach County Main Courthouse

Wednesday - Friday, January 18-20 **Florida Bar Midyear Meeting** Miami Thursday, January 19, 11:30 a.m. Health Law CLE Committee Meeting Bar Association Office

Thursday, January 19, 5:30 p.m. North County Section Dinner Meeting Riverhouse Restaurant, Palm

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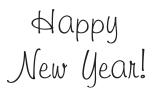
Friday, January 20, 12 noon Cunningham Bar Association Meeting Law Library, PB County Courthouse Contact Edrick Barnes (561) 616-3333 Friday, January 20, 4:30 p.m. Construction Law Committee Happy Hour

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 p.m.

FAWL Judicial Reception The Breakers Hotel Contact Vicky Vilchez 471-0001

Thursday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting** Bar Association Office

Friday, January 27, 12 noon Federal Bar Association Luncheon







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Debra, "November's meeting was

great! You did an excellent job. I look forward to going again."

Scott Murray

Debra, "Thanks for chairing the solo luncheon last week at the PBCBA. It was my first, and I actually enjoyed it." John Pankauski

#### Noon-time **Networking** Luncheons

II:45 a.m. - I:00 p.m.

At each luncheon, every participant will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and give a 60-second presentation on their practice. Plus, a list of all participants will be distributed at each luncheon. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards!

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#### Solo Practitioners & Small Firm Committee **Presents**

"Practice of Law Meets The Business of Law"

For Attorneys in Firms with Five or Fewer Lawyers no more than 3 in the same practice area.

#### Wednesday, February 1 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bar Office

#### TOPIC:

#### Client Development & Getting Paid

Discuss and learn about how to keep your clients happy and still get paid. Discussion will include billing, retainers, engagement letters, trust accounts and client communication.

#### **FUTURE LUNCH DATES TO CALENDAR:**

Wednesday, March 29—Law Office Technology Wednesday, May 10—Law Practice Accounting Wednesday, June 21—Staffing Your Office Plus, there will be one networking dinner. Location & Date, TBA

#### COST:

Cost: \$10.00 for PBCBA members; non-members are welcome to attend for \$20.00.

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## WINTER 2006 REAL ESTATE SEMINAR PRACTICING IN TODAY'S REAL ESTATE ENVIRONMENT: A TANGLED WEB OF ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES"

Friday, February 3, 2006 8:15 a. m. - 12:00 p.m. Bar Association Offices

#### **Program Schedule** 8:15 - 8:40 **Late Registration** 8:40 - 8:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Steven D. Rubin, Esq. 8:45 - 9:30 Affiliated Business Arrangements, Referrals, Kickbacks and RESPA: The real estate attorney's relationship with the developer, the real estate broker, title agent, mortgage broker, and lender, including ethical considerations. Deborah Boyd, Esq., First American Title Insurance Company 9:30 - 10:15 Attorney and Client Business Relationships with the Real Estate Broker and Sales Associate: Broker and sales associate duties and liabilities including the attorney's ethical duty of loyalty, and real estate commission litigation. Michael Simon, Esq., Simon, Sigalos & Spyredes, P.A. 10:15 - 10:30 Break 10:30 - 11:15 Ethical and Legal Duties of the Attorney as Settlement Agent: The 2005 **Commercial Real Estate Sales and Leasing Commission Lien Acts and the** settlement agent's new authority to satisfy mortgages of record. Jessica Callow, Esq., Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane & O'Connell 11:15 - 12:00 When the Bubble Bursts: Enforcement and litigation of real estate contract and lien rights, including changes effected by the 2005 Amendments to the **Bankruptcy Code.** Manuel Farach, Esq., Rutherford Mulhall, P.A. This course has been granted 3.5 CLER including 3.0 Ethics & 2.5 Bus. Lit. & 2.5 Real Estate Certification hours from The Florida Bar. The cost of the seminar is \$100 for PBCBA members/legal assistants, \$140 for non-PBCBA members/legal assistants if registered by 1/27/06; Add \$25 to registration fee after that If a phone reservation is made and we do not receive payment and you do not attend, you will be charged \$25. All refund requests must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the date of the seminar. Please check here if you have a disability that may require special attention or services. To ensure availability of appropriate accommodations, attach a general description of your needs. We will contact you for further coordination HOW TO MAIL the completed FAX the completed form ON-LINE at REGISTER form w/check to 561/687-9007 www.palmbeachbar.org Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_ Address: Email Address:\_\_\_ Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_ Amex \_\_ MC \_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$\_\_\_ Credit Card #: \_

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



## "Do's and Don'ts of Dispute Resolution in Today's World" Wednesday, February 15, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bar Association Offices 1601 Belvedere Road, #302E, WPB, FL

#### Program Schedule

8:00 - 8:30	Late Registration/Check In
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome & Opening Remarks, W. Jay Hunston, Jr., Esq., Committee Chair
8:45 - 9:15	Alternative Dispute Resolution in Condominium Disputes, Michael J. Gelfand, Esq., Gelfand & Arpe
9:15 - 10:00	Mediation Tactics - What Works and What Doesn't, Theodore A. Deckert. Esq.
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	Emerging Technologies for ADR - Is it a Case of Pulling the Profession Kicking and Screaming into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century?, <i>Robin Rosenberg, Esq., Rosenberg &amp; McAuliffe</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Arbitration Practices in Florida, Albert J. Orosa, American Arbitration Association
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 - 2:15	Dispute Resolution and the Criminal Mind, Hon. Peter Leavitt, Retired
2:15 - 2:45	Family Mediation - Ethical Danger Zones, Andrew Helgesen, Esq., Harris & Helgesen
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:00	ADR Ethics: Recent Case Law Update, W. Jay Hunston, Jr., Esq.
4:00 - 5:00	Ethical Dilemmas in Dispute Resolution Practice, Panel Discussion

This course has been granted **8.0 CLER hours including 2.5 Ethics** credit from The Florida Bar

The cost of the seminar is \$155 for PBCBA members/legal assistants

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

## "New World Bankruptcy Mechanics: Nuts and Bolts of Bankruptcy Practice under BAPCPA"

Friday, February 24, 2006 8:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Bar Association Offices 1601 Belvedere Road, #302E, WPB, FL

#### Program Schedule

8:15 - 8:30 Late Registration/Check In

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome & Opening Remarks, Julianne R. Frank, Esq., Committee Chair

8:40 – 11:40 A Panel Presentation and Discussion of Practice and Procedures for Attorneys and Legal Assistants.

Panel Mediated by Julianne R. Frank, P.A., Chair Bankruptcy CLE committee.

Panel members to be announced.

#### Topics to Include:

- "Living with BAPCPA: Challenges and Case Law Update"
- "Real world suggestions and methods: Feedback on Credit Counseling, Financial Education and Means Testing"
- "Due Diligence practice pointers"
- "Chapter 13 developments"
- "CM-ECF update"
- "Trustee and Clerk issues"

#### 11:40 – 12:40 Lunch Presentation by Special Guest to be announced.

This course is expected to receive 5.0 **CLER credit hours** from The Florida Bar.

The cost of the seminar, which includes lunch, is \$110 for PBCBA members/legal assistants;

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

## "A Fish Out Of Water" Family Law for the Non-Family Law Practitioner

A program offering the essentials of substantive and procedural family law in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; for attorneys who conduct a general practice.

Friday, March 3, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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#### Sponsor: LexisNexis

#### Program Schedule

- 8:30 8:30 Late Registration/Check In
  8:30 8:40 Welcome & Opening Remarks Curtis L. Witters, Esq., Glickman, Witters & Marell, Family Law CLE Committee Chair
  8:40 9:00 Indigency Robin Scher, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
  9:00 9:20 Pro Bono and Mentoring Programs Kim Enright, Esq., Legal Aid Soc. of Palm Beach County
  9:20 10:20 Family Law Procedure The Honorable Diane M. Kirigin, General Magistrate
  10:20 10:30 Break
  10:30 11:30 Substantive Family Law Melinda P. Gamot, Esq., The Gamot Law Firm, LLC and John F. Schutz, Esq., John F. Schutz, P.L
  11:30 12:00 Ethical Issues in Family Law Eddie E. Stephens III, Esq.
- 12:00 12:45 The View From the Bench Tips from Judges in the Family Law Division

Name:

This course has been granted **4.5 CLER hours including .5 Ethics** and **3.5 Marital & Family Law Certification** credits from The Florida Bar. The cost of the seminar is \$105 for PBCBA members/legal assistants;

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I will attend the "A Fish Out Of Water" Seminar and I agree to ac	cept two pro bono f	amily cases from The	e Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Dept.

The Palm Beach County Bar Association's PI Wrongful Death CLE Committee Presents:

# "Neuro-Imaging For The P.I. Practitioner" Decoding & Mastering MRI Terminology & Pathology of The Spine and Brain

Friday, March 24, 2006 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bar Association Offices 1601 Belvedere Road, #302E, WPB, FL

This Program is open to all Attorneys and Paralegals, Plaintiff and Defense, who handle Personal Injury matters.

#### Program Schedule

11:30 a.m 11:55 a.m.	Late Registration/Check In
11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks - Jason J. Guari, Esq., Murray & Guari Trial Attorneys PL, Committee Chair
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	"Neuro-Imaging For The P.I. Practitioner" - Decoding & Mastering MRI Terminology & Pathology of The Spine and Brain - Mircea Morariu, M.D., of Florida Neurologic Center, P.A.

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This course is expected to receive **1.0 CLER hour** from The Florida Bar
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CBA	Recent Developments in Probate+++	1.0		\$20	\$60	03/16/06
DCBA	ABC'S of Educational Loans	3.0		\$60	\$100	04/01/06
DCBA	Probate & Structured Settlement	1.0		\$20	\$60	04/10/06
DCBA	Protection from Persecution	4.0		\$80	\$120	04/15/06
DCBA	Civil Lawyers/Criminal Law	1.0		\$20	\$60	04/21/06
CBA	Wage and Hour Law (CD)	1.0		\$20	\$60	04/26/06
DCBA	Probate & DCF	1.0		\$20	\$60	05/09/06
CBA	Family Law Case Update	1.0		\$20	\$60	05/17/06
DCBA	Nuts & Bolts of Divorce	4.0	.5	\$85	\$125	05/19/06
CBA	Avoiding Conflicts in Litigation (CD)	1.0	1.0	\$30	\$70	05/30/06
PBCBA	Elder Law – Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities +++(CD)	4.5		\$90	\$130	06/03/06
CBA	Working Effectively with Law Office Staff (CD)	1.0	1.0	\$30	\$70	06/07/06
DCBA	Probate & Guardianship	3.5	.5	\$75	\$115	06/10/06
CBA	Ethical Strategies & Untimely Exit (CD)	1.0	1.0	\$30	\$70	06/14/06
PBCBA	Bankruptcy Law – Avoiding the Icebergs +++(CD)	6.5		\$130	\$170	06/15/06
PBCBA	Residential Transactions	3.5	2.0	\$90	\$130	07/28/06
DCBA	Workers Compensation	1.5		\$30	\$70	08/10/06
PBCBA	Securities Arbitration (CD) +++	6.0		\$120	\$160	08/11/06
PBCBA	Modern Face of ADR +++(CD)	8.0	3.0	\$190	\$230	08/16/06
PBCBA	Class Actions +++(CD)	7.0		\$140	\$180	08/16/06
DCBA	Role of Courts in a Politicized System	1.0		\$20	\$60	08/17/06
PBCBA	Construction Law Update +++ (CD)	4.5		\$90	\$130	08/25/06
OCBA	Veteran Reemployment	2.0		\$40	\$80	08/25/06
DCBA	Overview/Personal Bankruptcy	3.5		\$70	\$110	09/04/06
PBCBA	Trying The Case +++ (CD)	6.0	1.5	\$135	\$175	09/04/06
DCBA	The Road to Partnership	1.5		\$25	\$65	09/16/06
CBA	Probate Update 2005+++	4.5	1.0	\$100	\$140	09/17/06
DCBA	DUI 101+++	1.0		\$20	\$60	09/31/06
PBCBA	Inside Information: Direct from the Bench Bar II (CD)	2.0		\$40	\$80	10/06/06
PBCBA	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Professionalism (CD)	3.0	3.0	\$90	\$130	10/08/06
DCBA	CIV/CRIM Sec Investigation+++	2.0		\$40	\$80	10/12/06
DCBA	Guardianship: Responsibilities	1.0		\$20	\$60	10/14/06
DCBA	19 <sup>TH</sup> View From the Bench+++	3.5		\$70	\$110	10/15/06
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DCBA	Legislative Update/Probate	1.0		\$20	\$60	11/12/06
PBCBA	22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Estate & Probate+++(CD)	7.5	1.0	\$160	\$200	11/18/06
CBA	Real Estate Appraisals	1.0		\$20	\$60	11/18/06
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PBCBA	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Community Association+++(CD)	3.0	1.5	\$75	\$115	11/20/06
DCBA	Nuts & Bolts of Divorce 2005	4.0	1.0	\$90	\$130	12/03/06
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DCBA	Nuts & Bolts of Inc. & 501	3.0		\$60	\$100	01/19/07
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DCBA	Probate/Guardianship	1.0		\$20	\$60	03/08/07
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DCBA	Ethics & The Probate	1.0	1.0	\$30	\$70	04/11/07
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