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Members of the Young Lawyers Executive Committee recently distributed toys and candy to children at St. Mary's Children's Hospital for Easter/Passover. Pictured above are Lindsay Demmery, Lee McElroy, Julia "Easter Bunny" Ledis, Tricia Duthiers, Eric Severson, Allison Kapner and Adam Blank

## Mark your calendar for upcoming Membership Events

**Annual Installation Banquet** June 20, 7:00 - 12 Midnight The Breakers in Palm Beach

**Young Lawyers Section Summer Intern Happy Hour** July 16, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Location TBA

Young Lawyers Section Networking **Event w/Federal Bar** August 13, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Location TBA

**Annual Membership Reception/Spelling Bee** August 19, 5:30 p.m. Bear Lakes Country Club

Joint Luncheon with FAWL and Cunningham Bar September 24, 11:45 - 1:00 Guest Speaker: FL Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince Marriott West Palm Beach

**Bench Bar Conference** February 19, 2010 Palm Beach County Convention Center



This year's law day theme, A Legacy of Liberty: Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial, was recognized by having a special guest appearance from President Abraham Lincoln himself, (AKA: Bryan Poulton) pictured above with our guest speaker Judge James Martz.

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## New Officers/Directors to be sworn in at banquet on June 20

Congratulations to our incoming Board members who will be sworn in by the Honorable Barbara Pariente at this year's installation banquet on Saturday, June 20 at the Breakers Hotel:

| President       | Michelle R. Suskauer    |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| President-elect | Michael Napoleone       |
| Directors       | Wade Bowden             |
| (2-yr terms)    | John Howe               |
| -               | Grier Pressly           |
|                 | Adam Rabin              |
| Directors       | Jason Guari             |
| (1-year term)   | Maureen Martinez-Schwab |
|                 | Jill Weiss              |
|                 | John Whittles           |
|                 |                         |

Also serving on the Board next year will be North County Section President Debra Jenks, Young Lawyers Section President Theo Kypreos and Richard Schuler, Immediate Past President, Ex-officio members will be South County Bar President Seth Marmor and Board of Governors Members Greg Coleman, Scott Hawkins, Lisa Small and David Prather.

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#### Discounts

- CLE live seminars plus a large library of CD's to help meet those lastminute CLER requirements (savings of \$40 per seminar)
- Movie Tickets
- (savings of \$2 per ticket)
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- Credit Card Processing
- Disability Insurance
- Free Happy Hours (\$25 per event)
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- Members only events (such as luncheons with U.S. Supreme Court Justices)



The PBCBA has discount movie tickets available for its members. Remember, these tickets make great gifts for family, babysitters, staff, clients or end of the year gifts for teachers. Savings are available for the following theaters:

\*Muvico Theater - \$7.50 each (\$9.50 at box office)
\*Regal Theaters \$7.50 each (\$9.50 at box office)
\*Cobb Theatres \$7.50 each (\$9.50 at the box office)

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- Weekly eNewsletters
- Monthly Bar *Bulletin* newsletter
- Lawyer Referral Service
- North County Section
- Young Lawyers Section

Renew your Bar Association Dues Promptly It pays to be a member! Renew online at www.palmbeachbar.org

## Letter to the Editor – Shadow a Judge

I just wanted to let you know that one of my students came by this afternoon to gush about how phenomenal his experience was at the Law Week shadow a judge presentation today. All day long, in fact, I have been hearing from all of the attendees who regaled us with stories about their time at the Courthouse. I will make sure that the students write you to let you know how much they appreciated the program. One student was so impressed by what he saw and learned, that today, a "late start day," he dressed up in a suit and tie and arrived at the courthouse early this morning to watch a trial he saw yesterday. "I went twice," he said, "because of the 6th and 7th Amendments." I had to suppress my glee at this response, but it is really a testimony to your efforts (as sleepdeprived teenagers covet those extra hours of rest on days like today).

Thank you so much, on behalf of my students, for making their AP Government and Politics coursework real for them. The lessons they learned this week will be imprinted for a lifetime.

Sincerely, Kimberly Duffey, J.D. Teacher, Suncoast High School

## President's Message



## Patience Burns — The Heart & Soul of the PBCBA

#### By Richard D. Schuler, President

In December, 2009, the Bar Association will be lucky enough to have had Patience Burns work for the PBCBA for 29 years, 19 as our Executive Director. This is even

all the more amazing since she was only 12 years old when she assumed this position! Patience has overseen and facilitated a whole generation of our Bar's growth, increased diversity, and complexity.

I think what most people probably don't realize is how demanding her job actually is. Besides having to deal with the diverse personalities that compose our Board of Directors – that constantly "reconstitutes" itself every couple of years – she also must contend with an event schedule that is so packed it would choke a horse! This is definitely not your basic 9 to 5 job.

In addition to the 12 Board meetings per year (1 per month) held at night (after normal working hours), there is a Board retreat (out of town) to prepare for, as well as (this past year) a joint meeting with the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (September), the Bench Bar Conference (our largest event with nearly 1100 participants last year) in November (to be held in February next year); our holiday party at a local country club (December), a joint luncheon with the Forum Club (February), a joint membership meeting with the South County Bar (March), the Law Day luncheon (May 1), the annual formal "Bar Prom" (June), and a myriad of "projects" for which the Board of Directors is responsible but which always require Patience's assistance, and usually, attendance.

Here's just a small sampling from this last year:

 Judicial Evaluation – putting together the format and acquiring the ability to do it online;

- 2. Budget (almost a \$1,000,000) preparation, and monitoring and preparing monthly reports for the whole year;
- Preparing and maintaining a manual of policies and procedures for the Bar, including new election policies;
- 4. Supervising, evaluating, hiring, etc., a staff of five (who she says are the Best!)
- 5. Participating in the Bar's Future Building Task Force (which necessitated a trip to Tampa to confer with the Hillsborough County Bar) and several local trips to look at property;
- Helping with e-mailing the Court Technology Survey to our members to assist our Bar and Court Clerk with the direction for the new technology to be acquired by the Clerk's Office;
- Arranging (on short notice) a special meeting of the Board of Directors for Bylaws changes dealing with Board expansion;
- 8. Arranging for the Justice Labarga tribute (roast) dinner on May 12th;
- 9. Assisting with the Court e-mail pilot project from the Bar's perspective;
- 10. Annual trip to the U.S. Supreme Court for attorney induction ceremony;
- 11. Western County Events scheduling and attending events there;
- 12. Coordinating and attending Young Lawyer Section events
- 13. Coordinating the annual Bar Installation event at the Breakers
- 14. Scheduling, attending and setting up Judicial Robing Ceremonies (this year, Judge Cox – soon to have five more);

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| Board of Directors<br>Meeting Attendance |         |     |      |     |       |       |       |     |            |     |
|--|---------|-----|------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|------------|-----|
|  | July    | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov   | Dec   | Jan   | Feb | Mar        | Apr |
|  | Retreat |     |      |     |       |       |       |     | No Meeting |     |
| Guari                                    | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   | Х     | Х     | Х     | х   |            | Х   |
| Howe                                     | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   |       | х     | х     | х   |            | х   |
| Martinez-Schwab                          | Х       | х   | Х    | х   | х     | х     | х     | х   |            | х   |
| McCabe                                   | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   | х     | х     | Jenks | х   |            |     |
| Poulton                                  | Х       | х   | Х    | х   | Х     | х     | Х     | х   |            | х   |
| Rabin                                    | Х       | х   | Х    | х   | Х     | х     | х     | х   |            | х   |
| Sasser                                   | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   | Х     | Х     | Х     | х   |            | х   |
| Schuler                                  | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   | Х     | Х     | х     | х   |            | х   |
| Suskauer                                 | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   | х     | х     | Phone | х   |            | Х   |
| Weiss                                    | Х       | х   | Х    | Х   | Phone | Phone | х     | х   |            | Х   |
| Whittles                                 | Х       | Х   | х    | Х   | Х     | Х     | Х     | Х   |            | Х   |

#### Missing Bar Events? Be Sure to Read Your eNewsletters



Is your current email address on file with our office? If not, please be sure to send your current information to us. As postage rates continue to rise, the Bar is sending notices of all of its functions – membership luncheons, free happy hours, judicial receptions and important court information – to its members via email. Don't be left out of the loop! Send your email address to us today and make sure your email provider accepts our emails. You can send your updated information to sspence@palmbeachbar.org

## **Patience Burns**

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- 15. Setting up and conducting Board elections;
- Arranging for meetings for the Bar's 33 Committees and their members;
- 17. Assisting the incoming President with the appointments of Chairpersons of the 33 Committees and notification to Bar members for opportunities to serve;
- Attending meetings of the new Technology Committee and obtaining a PBCBA presence on Facebook; maintaining the Bar's website and sending out eNewsletters
- 19. Setting up and scheduling the recognition evening for Judge Wennet;
- 20. Setting up and attending the Judicial recognition cocktail party at the Harriet (April).

I could write a novella length summary of even more Patience Burns' activities.

The next time you see her at the table outside one of our functions, collecting tickets, handing out materials, and always greeting our members with a big smile, make sure to say "thank you" to Patience for all of her years of service. She is a real professional. Her dedication to all of us has made this PBCBA what it is today – one of the best Bars in the country.

Here are answers to some questions I recently asked Patience about her job: Date you started working for PBCBA?

December 18, 1980

Who was President of PBCBA? John McCracken

Who else, if anyone, was working for PBCBA?

Catherine Royce, she was the parttime Executive Director working out of her home hired in 1979

#### Where was PBCBA located?

In the Citizen's Building downtown (after I was hired because we both couldn't work out of Catherine's house!) Was it a full-time job?

I was hired to run the Lawyer Referral Service and to be Catherine's assistant. My job was full-time and Catherine's was part-time. Number of members at the time?

About 1000

#### Dues at the time?

\$30

Number of committees at the time? 40

## What was your job before starting work for PBCBA?

I worked for 2 years at The Florida Bar in Tallahassee in their word processing department, then in the Public Affairs Office

#### How did you get the job for PBCBA?

I was moving back to West Palm Beach from Tallahassee and called Catherine (who I knew briefly as she also worked for The Florida Bar) to see if the Bar had any positions available. I interviewed over the phone with John McCracken, Catherine Royce and Wally McCall (then chair of the Lawyer Referral Service Committee). A position was created for me to run the Lawyer Referral Service which was previously run by Legal Aid.

## What is your greatest achievement to date?

Continuing in what Catherine Royce started by taking the PBCBA to the professional level that it is today without any college experience. I also successfully achieved my certification as a Certified Association Executive (which nationally less than 5% of all association professionals have achieved.) When I think about when I started working for the PBCBA with Catherine's little electric typewriter (at least I think it was electric), no computers or fax machines and then fast forward to 2009. The PBCBA has always been on the cutting edge of technology with having one of, if not the first web site of any local bar in the state.

Most embarrassing moment?

Being yelled at by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

#### Most important unfinished business?

Am I finished? I think I have a few good years left in me. My husband Tom has said that Bob Bertisch and I are the Bobby Bowden and Joe Paterno of the Bar world!

## Something about the Director's job that nobody knows?

That it is not just planning seminars and events. There are so many different hats this position requires and so many things that must be juggled at one time. The knowledge that is required to run an organization of our size and budget from technology issues to financial and tax issues is just a small part of the day to day operations.

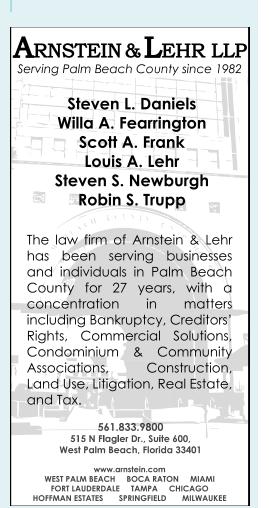
**Favorite part of the job?** 

Getting a New President Every Year Least favorite part of the job?

Getting a New President Every Year Most unforgettable character met on the job?

When our office was downtown and we allowed walk-ins for the Lawyer Referral Service, we had some very strange clients come in the office. Catherine and I started a book highlighting some of the strange cases and people that came in to our office. **Best part of the job?** 

Working with the wonderful attorneys who volunteer so much of their time to their profession and to their community. Being able to say that I work for YOUR Palm Beach County Bar Association and know that the reputation it has statewide is because of YOU is truly a privilege.



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## Personal Injury Corner



## **Business Records Heresay Exception**

#### by Ted Babbitt

The Courts regularly allow into evidence records kept in the ordinary course of business

under an exception to the hearsay rule contained within Fla. Stat. 90.803. Judges and lawyers are sometimes under the misapprehension that just because business records fall under this exception, everything within them is admissible even though it would be rank hearsay. That is not true. In fact, the business records exception is quite narrow and requires a meticulous analysis of whether the record meets the test necessary in order to be admitted as a business record.

That issue arose in the recent case of M.S. v. Dept. of Children & Families, 34 Fla. L. Weekly D679 (Fla. 4th DCA, April 1, 2009). There a father appealed a judgment adjudicating his daughter a dependent where the DCF felt the father was ineffective in protecting the child against her mother's erratic behavior. The trial court, over an objection, admitted into evidence certain records of the Maryland Social Services Network. The trial court's order adjudicating the child as a dependent relied heavily on those records and the Fourth District reversed finding that most of those records were inadmissible hearsay.

The test for the admissibility vel non of a business record is set forth in <u>Brooks v. State</u>, 918 So. 2d 181 (Fla. 2005). There the Court reversed a trial judge's admission of a note taken by an internal revenue agent from a woman who was subsequently murdered and, therefore, unavailable to testify. The trial court admitted the note through Fla. Stat. 90.803(8), the statutory hearsay exception for public records and reports. In that case, at 193, the Supreme Court held:

"To be admissible as a business record, it must shown that the record was (1) made at or near the time of the event recorded; (2) by or from information transmitted by a person with knowledge; (3) kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity; and (4) that it was the regular practice of that business to make such a record. See Quinn v. State, 662 So. 2d 947, 953 (Fla. 5th DCA 1995); sec. 90.803(6)(a), Fla. Stat. (2002). To the extent the individual making the record does not have personal knowledge of the information contained therein, the second prong of the predicate requires the information to have been supplied by an individual who does have personal knowledge of the information and who was acting in the course of a regularly conducted business activity. See Quinn, 662 So. 2d at 953; Van Zant v. State, 372 So. 2d 502, 503 (Fla. 1st DCA 1979). If this predicate is not satisfied, then the information contained in the record is inadmissible hearsay, unless it falls within another exception to the hearsay rule. See Quinn, 662 So. 2d at 953-54; see also Hill v. State, 549 So. 2d 179, 181 (Fla. 1989); Johnson v. Dep't of Health & Rehab. Servs., 546 So. 2d 741, 743 (Fla. 1st DCA 1989); Harris v. Game & Fresh Water Fish Comm'n, 495 So. 2d 806, 809 (Fla. 1st DCA 1986). ('The general rule is that a

hearsay statement which includes another hearsay statement is admissible only when both statements conform to the requirements of a hearsay exception."); *Van Zant*, 372 So. 2d at 503."

In <u>Reichenberg v. Davis</u>, 846 So. 2d 1233 (Fla. 5th DCA 2003), records very similar to the records in question in the <u>M.S. v. Dept. of Children & Families</u> case were held to be inadmissible because the notations in the records were not within the personal knowledge of the agency employee.

In reversing the trial court's admission of this child's Maryland Social Services records and the ultimate judgment finding her to be dependent, the appellate court held that the trial court could not rely upon what amounts to hearsay within hearsay. While Fla. Stat. 90.803 does permit the introduction of business records even though they would otherwise be considered hearsay, that admissibility is predicated upon meeting the prerequisites contained within Brooks v. State, supra. The person making the business record must be identifiable and the actual person with the knowledge of the event portrayed within the record. Rank hearsay of unknown individuals not within the knowledge of the person making the business record remains rank hearsay and is inadmissible.

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## Lawyers vs. Judges Softball Game Report

#### By Dennis P. Koehler

This year's opening celebration of Law Week, pitting two teams of lawyers and judges against each other at John Prince Park,



demonstrated again the unique brand of competitiveness and camaraderie that typifies this annual event. This year's game was held at John Prince Park on April 25. It featured (for the second year in a row) competition between two teams composed of both lawyers and judges, captained by



County Court Judge Mark Eissey and lawyer Dennis Koehler, respectively. Koehler's team won with a final score of 24-9 after the team jumped out to a 15-2 lead after 2 innings of play. The LAWYERS' 29-hit attack was led by attorney Thom Baird, who hit for the cycle (single, double, triple and homer) and added a double in going 5 for 6 and collecting 6 RBIs, scoring 4 times in the process. Circuit Court Judge David French, showing a fine





batting eye and speed on the basepaths, went 4 for 5 with 4 RBIs and 3 runs scored. Power-hitting Carl Cascio also collected 4 hits (in 6 trips), tripling in Thom Baird to cap the

LAWYERS' 10-run 2nd inning. U.S. District Court Judge Ken Marra, batting cleanup for the LAWYERS, doubled twice and scored twice while

going 3 for 6 and fielding flawlessly.



Speedy Greg Schiller also went 3 for 6, scoring 4 runs and driving in 2. Pitcher Koehler went 3 for 5 with a double. Circuit

Court Judge Rich Oftedal drove in 2 with a double. Circuit and single, and Rich Wennet scored

twice collecting 2 RBIs.

The JUDGES were led by team captain Eissey, who was perfect in going 3 for 3 with a double, triple, 2 runs scored and 2 RBIs. He was followed by powerhouse lawyer Bill Pruitt, who



tripled twice and drove in 3 while going 3 for 4. Leon St. John and 3 others (County Court Judge Jim

Martz, attorneys Tom Spall and David Prather) each collected 2 hits in 4 trips, Leon doubling and tripling in 1 run. The JUDGES batted around in the 4th inning, Judge Eissey delivering the big blow with a 2-run double.

Both teams appeared to run out of gas on a warm and windy day, managing to score just 4 runs (all by the LAWYERS) over the final 3 innings. Perhaps it was in anticipation of the usual postgame feast provided by past Bar Association President Lisa Small's SUBWAY client – Tom Mulligan! As always, the post-game picnic provided photo ops for Patience Burns and event organizer



and Legal Aid attorney Sara Alijewicz, as family, friends and Circuit Court Judge Tim McCarthy joined in the fun.



Law Week Committee Members Sara Alijewicz and Tanique Lee



Judge Kenneth Marra, Bill Pruitt and Tom Spall



Attorney's Team



Judge's Team

## Real Estate Corner

## Insuring Modifications of Mortgages in Florida - Part I

#### By Katherine G. Stevens, Esq. First American Title Insurance Company on behalf of the Real Estate CLE Committee

Title insurers are experiencing an increase in questions relating to insuring modifications of mortgages. We are in the perfect storm of economic woes, frozen credit channels, lost jobs, upside down homes. First American Corelogic, a real estate information company, reported recently that 10.5 million mortgages nationwide are higher than the value of the home, and almost half of those are in just 5 states, including Florida. In three of those states, Florida, Arizona and California, more than a third of all homeowners owe more than their home is worth. Bankruptcy judges may be given the authority to modify mortgage terms on primary residences, a "cram down" on secured lenders. Some lenders may start voluntarily modifying, even though some of these modified loans may ultimately go into foreclosure anyway. The current administration's mortgage plan may result in the refinancing or modification of as many as 9 million at-risk mortgages. While we can debate the many limitations on qualifying for these government programs, and the most needy may be forced to break free from their home in order to follow a new job, we expect to see a continuing rise in loan work-out/modification issues.

When dealing with a possible modification of a mortgage, it is prudent to first obtain a title search to determine what documents have been recorded in the public records since the mortgage was recorded. This may reveal to the lender more information about the status of the borrower to use in its decision to modify the loan. There may not have been anything recorded in the interim. However, the search may show numerous code violations and IRS tax liens. If the parties decide to proceed with a modification, then you will have to know how to deal with the intervening matters.

A modification of the note and mortgage may result in break in the priority of the mortgage and create a new priority based on the date of the recording of the modification. The title insurance underwriter measures the risk involved in insuring a title, and will usually not make the factual determination of whether the changes

made in the modification rise to the level of a novation resulting in a loss of priority over intervening matters. While they do review the nature of the changes to determine the premium rates that apply, the law is very complicated on novation issues, and many Florida cases seem to universally hold that it is the intention of the parties that controls. Even if the changes seem immaterial, in order to insure without an exception for an intervening matter, the underwriter will most likely require a release or subordination as to the insured parcel. Funds may even need to be advanced by the lender to pay off or obtain subordinations of these items. Additionally, when the economy is healthy and there are few foreclosures, the risk may be lower that a claim would occur because of an intervening matter, so in those times the underwriter might be persuaded to show some items, such as Notices of Commencement, as subordinate if the changes in the modification are minor. However, when the economy is severely contracting and everyone is fighting to get every dollar they can to minimize their losses, the risk is higher that an intervening matter will cause litigation over priority and underwriters become more conservative.

The lender might also agree to take an exception in the commitment/policy to the matter rather than requiring the pay off or subordination of the matter. The lender's counsel may feel that the changes in the modification clearly do not rise to the level of a novation, and even may obtain an attorney's opinion to support this position. Even with such exceptions, obtaining an endorsement will extend continuing coverage up through the new effective date, and insure the validity and enforceability of the mortgage as modified, as well as its priority over matters not excepted.

What is the charge for such an endorsement? Rates for modifications or substitution loans are generally discounted based upon the age of the existing loan policy insuring the mortgage. Also, there may not even be any charge if the changes made in the modification fit within a list of exceptions to the rates on substitution loans. You must gather and review the facts to determine whether the substitution loan rate ("SL Rate") applies to the loan balance amount. ALWAYS have your underwriter calculate and approve in writing the premium charges for a modification, and attach a copy of that approval to your remittance to the underwriter, as the underwiter's accounting software will reject the remittance it if it is not spelled out in detail.

The easiest way to start the analysis is to first see if ALL of the changes fit within the exceptions to the rule, such that no premium is due. Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 69O-186.005 Premium Schedule Applicable to "Truth in Lending" and Other Endorsements, section (13) (a) though (h) provides that ANY change in the terms of the mortgage/note OTHER THAN the list of exceptions will trigger a premium charge. The list is:

(a) An extension of the time for *payment of the secured obligation;(b)* Any decrease in the interest rate of the insured mortgage, provided the "cap" on a variable rate mortgage is not greater than the original "cap" and/or the "cap" is not greater than the original fixed *rate;*(*c*) *Any increase in the interest rate* of the insured mortgage, provided the endorsement contains an exception for the loss of priority occasioned by the *increase;(d) Changes in an amortization* schedule to extend the term of the insured mortgage;(e) A release of a portion of the secured property;(f) A correction to *either perfect the lien of the insured* mortgage or comply with the terms of the *lender's original commitment;(g) Future* advances made pursuant to Section 697.04, Florida Statutes; or(h) Encumbrances of additional parcels under a revolving construction loan agreement contained in the original mortgage and contemplated by subsection 690-186.003(10), F.A.C

If any of the changes, <u>however</u> <u>minor</u>, do not fit into one of these exceptions, the SL Rate is triggered. If the ONLY change being made in the new note and modification is, for example, purely to extend the time to repay, or to reduce the interest rate, then NO premium is due. In Part II we'll go over the premium due when triggered.

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## Preparing for the Summertime

By John Vighetto, Vighetto Networking, Inc.

Most of us have been around during a typical Florida summer that involved preparing for a hurricane, if not a tropical storm. But for businesses who have started up during a good summer, you might not be aware of some of the steps you should take to make sure that your office can still function once the hurricane subsides and the power is restored. The list outlined here is by no means a complete one for every size office, but it's one that every office should at least start with.

- 1. Meet with your IT staff or outside IT consultant prior to hurricane season. These people will help and guide you through the process of securing your network equipment as well as assist you after the storm to get you back online as quickly as possible. If you don't have anyone like this, either appoint someone in the office to be in charge of technology and/or contact your colleagues to see who they are currently using. Typically, your colleagues are happy with their current IT support or will recommend someone to you.
- 2. Create a list of the staff's mobile and home phone numbers. This is to create a telephone "chain" to communicate with everyone before and after the hurricane hits. This also allows you to see if there are some of the staff that need additional assistance, or others who can assist those who are in need. If you don't have this already, also have a list of emergency numbers for fire, ambulance, hospitals, utility companies, etc. and make sure that everyone has this list.
- 3. Check with your telephone vendor to confirm that your exising phone service can be forwarded to a supervisor's mobile phone, or

## Technology Corner

someone who would be able to answer phone calls from your clients, friends, and family. Test this service prior to any emergency to verify there are no issues, and if there are, they can be taken care of prior to such an emergency.

- 4. Create a group of people who will be in charge of securing the computer equipment. This can range from having one person go around taking pictures of everyone's office, to covering the equipment with plastic bags, or relocating the equipment to a specific area in the office (preferably with no windows). Unplug all equipment from the wall, including telephones, computers, battery backups, network cables, etc.
- 5. Perform a "dry run" to calculate how much time in advance this needs to take place. This will help to show how long the entire process will take, as well as uncover any items or issues that may arise and how to deal with them.

- 6. Create a data backup plan (if one is not already in place) and determine at what time this backup plan needs to be implemented prior to the storm. In this plan, note where and who will be taking this data with them. If you have an off-site backup service, contact them to confirm how soon you could generate an immediate backup prior to the storm as well as how fast you can retrieve your data once you are back online.
- 7. If you host your email on your company server, make sure that you have a backup plan with a hosted provider who will save or "store" your email while your server is down. Make sure that you have tested this with your hosted provider prior to any hurricance should there be any issues with the backup. There are other data backup companies that offer free data synchronization for single laptops

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## North County Section

Members of the North County Section recently gathered for cocktails and dinner at Saito's Steak House in Palm Beach Gardens. Here are pictures from the evening:



Mark Walters, Lesley Hogan, Erskine Rogers and Ryon McCabe. Many thanks to Mark and his bank (The Private Client Reserve at U.S. Bank) for sponsoring this dinner.



Judge Richard Offedal, Adam Doner and Richard Wennet



NCS President Ryon McCabe gets a lesson in hibachi cooking



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These guys look like they're having fun! Tim Stevens, Greg Yaffa and Greg Zele



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Please join other members for drinks, appetizers and unlimited networking.

If you would like to compete in the spelling bee, please call the Bar Office at 687-2800 and talk to Lynne. Competitors will be limited to the first 10 who RSVP.

The top three spellers from this event will go on to represent the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Team in the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition's Great Grown Up Spelling Bee, which will take place later this summer.

The cost to enter the contest is \$55.00 and includes your name and your firm's name on the Team Tee shirt. You'll also be recognized in Bar Bulletin and in upcoming eNewsletters.

The cost to attend the cocktail party will be \$25.00. All of the proceeds will benefit local literacy programs through the Lawyers for Literacy Committee.

To register, log onto www.palmbeachbar.org.

We always have great turnout for this event and look forward to seeing you there!

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## Probate Corner



## Personal Service Agreements with Decedent

#### By David M. Garten, Esq.

If your client provided personal services to decedent without a written agreement regarding compensation, is he

entitled to payment of those services from the estate?

#### **I. BREACH OF CONTRACT**

When a person provides services to another without a written agreement regarding compensation, a promise to pay for those services will generally be implied. However, this general rule is not applicable if the services are rendered by and for members of the same family who live together, or relatives who live together, or individuals who live together as husband and wife. In such cases, no presumption arises that one is to be paid for the services rendered. In the absence of an express contract or an implied contract to pay, no right of action accrues for the services, especially where the relationship is characterized as normal family life. This is commonly referred to as the "family member presumption". See Della Ratta v. Della Ratta, 927 So. 2d 1055 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006) and McLane v. Musick, 792 So. 2d 702 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001). An "implied contract" can be proven by facts and circumstance which show that both parties at the time the services were performed contemplated or intended pecuniary recompense. See Mills v. Joiner, 20 Fla. 479 (1884).

First Example: Daughter lives in her parents' home and performed housekeeping services for them based on an agreement with her father to pay for her services. Seven years later, the father reneged on the deal. Daughter could recover damages if she establishes that either an express contract or an implied contract existed between her and her father to pay for her services. *See* <u>Mills</u>, <u>supra</u>.

Second Example: Boyfriend and girlfriend cohabited as husband and wife for a number of years with the understanding that they would eventually marry and that each would execute a will

in favor of the other. Neither event came to pass before girlfriend was diagnosed with terminal cancer and died shortly thereafter. Boyfriend sought \$21,000.00 from girlfriend's estate to compensate him for personal care rendered to girlfriend during her terminal illness. He calculated this at \$50.00 per day for transporting her to doctors and the hospital, and for taking care of her at home. When asked whether he did these things because of an expectation of being paid, he replied he would have rendered the services even if he knew he would not be paid, because of his love and affection for her. Boyfriend was denied reimbursement. See McLane, supra.

Third Example: Mother gave daughter a note and mortgage on her home in appreciation of the fact that daughter lived with her and cared for her over an extended period of years. The court held that despite the presumption of a valuable consideration, the gratuitous rendering of services by daughter, without any prior agreement as to her compensation for providing such services, was not sufficient to constitute consideration for the mortgage. *See* **Florida Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. v. Brown**, 47 So. 2d 748 (Fla. 1950).

#### **II. QUANTUM MERUIT**

Example: Two individuals were involved in a ten year personal relationship which ended badly. Girlfriend sued boyfriend seeking damages for certain services that she provided to him, his family and employees including cleaning, cooking, shopping, catering, hair cutting, laundry, driving and other personal services during the ten year period. Girlfriend alleges that she expected to be paid for such services; that boyfriend accepted and received benefit from the services she provided; and that boyfriend failed to pay her the reasonable value of \$250,000 for the services, i.e., the value of the trust fund that boyfriend agreed to establish for her benefit in exchange for her services. Judgment on the pleadings

on the basis of statute of frauds was reversed and remanded for a trial on the merits. *See* <u>Harrison v. Pritchett</u>, 682 So. 2d 650 (Fla. 1st DCA 1996).

#### **III. UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

Example: Father orally promised son that he and his mother would either convey their condo to him as a gift or give him a right of first refusal to purchase the condo; estate planning considerations and tax consequences would determine the method of transfer. Parents allowed son to occupy their condo pending performance of their promises. Relying on his parent's assurance that he would one day own the condo by gift or purchase, son relocated to Florida and resided in the condo. From the time he moved into the condo until the filing of the amended complaint, son paid all the carrying charges on the condo, including real estate taxes, maintenance fees, association fees, insurance, utilities, maintenance, and repairs. In addition, son made capital improvements to the condo; all these improvements were made with his parent's knowledge and consent. When son offered to purchase the condo, his father declined, indicating that he intended to sell the property to a third party. The appellate court found that the son properly stated a claim for unjust enrichment. See Della Ratta v. Della Ratta, 927 So. 2d 1055 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006).

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## - 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.

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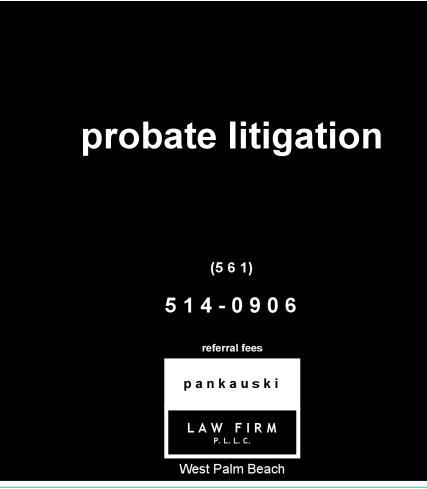
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At its April 3 meeting in Coral Gables, The Florida Bar Board of Governors:

- Heard Bar President Jay White announce that he has appointed a special task force to study the Clients' Security Fund program, which is facing both more claims and a higher amount of claims. Board member Greg Coleman, chair of the task force, said the program will have to dip into its reserves for the first time in several years, or it won't be able to pay the maximum guaranteed reimbursement of \$25,000 to all claimants this year. He said the task force would have recommendations for the board's May meeting.
- Approved in concept having a Bar-sponsored voluntary selfdisclosure form for candidates running for election for the trial courts, upon the recommendation of the Program Evaluation Committee. The PEC is still studying a specific candidate questionnaire recommended by the Judicial Evaluation and Administration Committee. The self-disclosure questionnaire is aimed at helping educate voters about candidates in judicial elections.
- Approved a new legislation position proposed by the Attorney-Client Task Force to back expanded protection for the attorney work product for government lawyers advising public bodies. But the board stopped short of agreeing to a proposal to keep confidential details of meetings between public agencies and their attorneys, unless a court ordered a transcript of those meetings released. However, the new position calls for allowing more parties to participate in those closed sessions. Legislation Committee Chair Greg Coleman said the committee split over that task force proposal and is continuing to study it.
- Deferred action on a rewriting of Ethics Opinion 90-6, which governs an attorney's duty when he or she discovers a criminal defendant client is proceeding under a false name. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics was unable to make a recommendation to the board on the issue after a member was delayed getting to that meeting by an auto accident, resulting in the BRCPE lacking a quorum.

- The board voted to approve guidelines recommended by the Professional Ethics Committee for "offshoring" legal work to another country. Those guidelines will now be posted on the Bar's website and otherwise disseminated. The ethics panel is continuing to work on possible rules for offshoring legal services.
- Approved a recommendation from the Program Evaluation Committee to end the annual Midyear Meeting, beginning in the 2010-11 Bar year, a move that reflects falling attendance at the Bar's three main annual gatherings (General Meeting, Midyear Meeting, and the Annual Convention), increasing use of tele- and video conferencing, which will save the Bar around \$50,000. The action has the approval of more than 80 percent of the Bar's committee chairs.
- Approved the Bar's 2009-10 budget. Budget Committee Chair-elect Jake Schickel said the \$38 million budget is projected to have a \$290,000 deficit, for which the Bar has more than adequate reserves. The budget does not have a annual membership fee increase, raises the amount of annual fees allocated to the Clients' Security Fund from \$20 to \$25, and allocates funding to overhauling and improving the Bar's website. The board will consider member comments on the budget at its May meeting.
- Heard a report that the Bar is monitoring a petition filed at the Supreme Court asking the court to order Gov. Charlie Crist to fill a vacancy on the Fifth District Court of appeal from a list of six candidates submitted by the Fifth DCA Judicial Nominating Commission. Crist has declined to make the appointment, saying he wants a more diverse list of candidates, but the JNC has refused to change its nominations. Bar President Jay White said the Bar is unlikely to take any action unless and until the Supreme Court decides whether it will accept jurisdiction on the case.

Should you have any questions, please contact one of the Circuit's four representatives: Greg Coleman, Scott Hawkins, Lisa Small, David Prather or Florida Bar President Jay White.



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## Preparing for the Summertime

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and workstations. Such companies include Mozy, Humyo, and yes, even Microsoft.

- 8. Document your network. This is critical should a hurricane cause significant amount of damage to your office. With the proper documentation, insurance claims are easily handled. This documentation should also provide the necessary account and technical support numbers for your ISP provider, telephone companies, software vendors for your line of business software, etc. Another item this documentation should show is a diagram depicting how your network infrastructure is connected. This will help should you have to relocate the equipment to another location and not remember how it was originally connected.
- 9. Compare your disaster contigency plan with one of your colleagues. By doing so, it provides the two (or more) of you a secondary checklist to confirm each of you has the proper

lists and procedures implemented. This will also help in refining each other's procedure, and ultimately, a better strategy in which to handle such an emergency.

10. In the event that after all of these steps are taken and damage is still inevitable, there's still hope. There are local companies that specialize in data recovery that can recover most, if not all, of your data; but not without a steep price. Therefore, taking the precautionary steps listed above will at the very least aviod you having to deal with recovering your data.

As long as you and your firm are proactive instead of reactive to such incidences that plague us during the summer months, you will sleep better at night. Otherwise, you might be paying a visit to those extremely expensive data recovery shops very soon.

Here are some websites for additional resources:

1. National Hurricane Center (http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/ english/intro.shtml)

- 2. Florida Disaster website (http://www.floridadisaster.org/bp r/emtools/severe/hurricanes.htm)
- 3. Palm Beach County (http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsa fety/emergencymanagement/floo dawareness/)

A guide for the elderly

(http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/pdf/ seniorcitizen2.pdf)

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## LAW WEEK

Each year during Law Week, the Bar reaches out to the community to help educate the public about various aspects of the legal process. It takes several months and a committee of more than 10 to coordinate the program. With the leadership of co-chairs Maureen Martinez-Schwab and Kim Enright, the week-long series of events included 24 mock trials, 18 speakers, 21 hours of Dial A Lawyer, 4 legal education seminars, plus three full days of Shadow A Judge. A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers for making this week a great success.



In a shocking verdict, Claude Frolo was found not guilty of violating the American with Disabilities Act by terminating Quasimodo from his job as a bell ringer. (even Frolo was surprised by the verdict!) The trial of the Hunchback of Notre Dame was held for 3rd grade students at Timber Trace Elementary School in Palm Beach Gardens. Attorney Greg Yaffa and courtroom Deputy Lisa Brezak attended the program answering questions about trial procedures and order in the court.



Maureen and Kim kicked off the week by appearing live on WPTV News Channel 5

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Scott Zappolo spoke to 6th grade students at Independence Middle School in Jupiter about the 4th Amendment. The discussion was timely due to a recent United States Supreme Court case about a 13 year old who was strip searched at school for ibuprofen.



Craig Lawson was among the 40 lawyers answering general legal questions during Dial A Lawyer

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Jose Rodgriguez and Judge Moses Baker



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Magistrate Joy Shearer, Jim Sweet and Joyce Conway



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Law Week Committee members attending the reception were Sara Alijewicz, Larry Brownstein, Tanique Lee, Kirsten Herndon, Maureen Martinez-Schwab, Kim Rommel-Enright, Abigail Beebe and Shirley DeLuna.



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|   | CBA           | 2008 Probate Update(CD)+++3.5 Elder Law/3.5 Wills Trusts Est Cert .   | 4.5             | 1.0             | \$100           | \$140         | 8/21/09            |
|   | PBCBA         | Pitfalls Equitable Distribution(CD)+++6.0 Marital/Fam Law Cert Credits  | 8.0             | 2.5             | \$180           | \$220         | 8/29/09            |
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|   | DCBA          | View from Bench on Probate  | 1.0             |                 | \$20            | \$60          | 9/11/09            |
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|   | PBCBA         | Art of Leadership (CD)  | 4.0             | 1.0             | \$90            | \$130         | 10/25/0            |
|   | PBCBA         | 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Estate/Probate Seminar (CD) +++ 2.0 Civil/<br>5.5 Wills, Trusts & Estates / .5 Real Est Cert.                               | 7.5             | 1.5             | \$165           | \$205         | 11/14/0            |
|   | OCBA          | <b>DVD</b> Criminal Law Seminar+++3.5 Criminal Appellate Cert/<br>3.5 Criminal Trial Cert.  | 4.5             | 1.5             | \$110           | \$150         | 11/29/0            |
|   | DCBA<br>PBCBA | Update from the Bench (CD)++1.5 Civil Trial Cert.<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Community Assn. Law Seminar(CD)+++3.5 R/E Cert.                        | 2.0<br>3.5      | 3.5             | \$40<br>\$105   | \$80<br>\$145 | 12/4/09<br>12/06/0 |
|   | DCBA          |   |                 | 3.0             |                 |               |                    |
|   | PBCBA         | Appropriate Investments (CD)+++1.0 Elder Law/1.0 Wills, Trusts Est<br>Food For Thought :Digesting Current Market Conditions<br>(CD)+++2.5 R/E Cert. | 1.0<br>3.5      | 3.5             | \$20<br>\$105   | \$60<br>\$145 | 12/10/0<br>12/13/0 |
|   | PBCBA         | Corporate & Partnership Divorce(CD)+++4.0 Bus Lit Cert, 4.0<br>Labor & Employ Cert.   | 5.0             |                 | \$115           | \$155         | 12/27/0            |
|   | OCBA          | What is Collaborative Law?(CD)  | 1.0             |                 | \$25            | \$65          | 1/16/10            |
|   | CBA           | Internet Marketing(CD)  | 2.5             |                 | \$60            | \$100         | 2/14/10            |
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| _ | DCBA          | Bankruptcy: Everything You Always Wanted To Know(CD)  | 4.5             | .5              | \$120           | \$160         | 3/19/10            |

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| CBA   | 2008 Bench & Bar Conference(CD) +++3.0 Crim Trial; Wills,<br>Trusts; Civil Trial; Marital Fam Law Cert. Credits       | 4.0 | 1.0               | \$115 | \$155 | 5/07/1 |
| DCBA  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Nuts & Bolts of Divorce (CD)  | 3.5 |                   | \$85  | \$125 | 5/19/1 |
| CBA   | Long Term Care Services(CD) +++1.0 Elder Law  | 1.0 |                   | \$25  | \$65  | 5/19/1 |
| DCBA  | Primer on Low Income Taxp "Debt & The Taxpayer" (CD)  | 3.0 |                   | \$75  | \$115 | 6/5/1  |
| PBCBA | 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Elder Law Update (CD) +++4.0 Civil/4.0 Elder<br>Law/4.0 Wills, Trusts/1.0 Tax Cert. Credits   | 5.5 | 1.0               | \$145 | \$185 | 6/12/  |
| DCBA  | Plan for Citizens Facing Foreclosure(CD) +++8.0 R/E   | 8.0 | 2.0               | \$225 | \$265 | 7/23/  |
| PBCBA | Winter 09 Real Estate (CD)+++3.0 R/E Cert. Credits  | 4.0 | 4.0               | \$160 | \$200 | 7/23/* |
| PBCBA | ABC's of FL Construction Law (CD)+++5.5 Constr Law Cert.  | 7.5 |                   | \$185 | \$225 | 8/06/  |
| PBCBA | Mediation & Arbitration in 2009 (CD)  | 8.0 | 3.0               | \$185 | \$225 | 8/09/* |
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| CBA   | 2009 Probate Update (CD) +++4.0 Elder Law; 4.0 Wills, Trusts  | 5.0 |                   | \$225 | \$265 | 8/19/1 |
| PBCBA | Practicing Divorce Law(CD)+++5.5 Marital Fam Law Cert credits   | 7.0 |                   | \$175 | \$215 | 8/27/* |
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| CBA   | Breach of Fiduciary Duty (CD)+++ 1.0 Elder Law Cert. credits  | 1.0 |                   | \$25  | \$65  | 9/18/* |
| OCBA  | Mediation from Defense Part 1 (CD)  | 1.0 | 1.0               | \$40  | \$80  | 9/18/  |
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| 8:00am - 8:15am   | Late Registration/Check In  |
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| 8:15am - 8:30am   | Welcome and Opening Remarks - Steven D. Rubin, Esq., Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer, Real Estate Committee Chairperson  |
| 8:30am - 9:15am   | <b>Real Estate Statutory and Case Law Update, and Ethical Considerations</b> -<br><i>Michael J. Gelfand, Esq., Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer, Gelfand and Arpe, P.A.</i>   |
| 9:15am - 9:45am   | <b>Searching For and Clearing County and Municipal Hidden Liens, and</b><br><b>Ethical Considerations -</b> <i>Deborah Boyd, Esq., Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer,</i><br><i>First American Title Insurance Company</i> |
| 9:45am - 10:30am  | <b>Evolution of Short Sales and REO Properties, Including New Government Programs and Ethical Considerations -</b> <i>Chandra P. Doucette, Esq., Law Office of Chandra P. Doucette</i>                                      |
| 10:30am - 10:45am | Break   |
| 10:45am - 11:15am | <b>RESPA Red Alert:</b> New HUD Format Requirement - Deborah Boyd, Esq.,<br>Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer, First American Title Insurance Company  |
| 11:15am - 12:00pm | <b>Treatment of Mortgage and Other Real Property Secured Liens in Bankruptcy,</b><br><b>and Ethical Considerations</b> - <i>Alan R. Crane, Esq., Furr and Cohen, P.A.</i>   |
| 12:00pm - 12:45pm | <b>Purchase and Sale of Florida Real Estate by Foreign Investors, and Ethical</b><br><b>Considerations -</b> <i>Susan Inez Poskus, Partner, Thomas Roberge &amp; Company,</i><br><i>US International Tax Services</i>       |
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Butzel Long attorney **Guy E. Quattlebaum**, has been elected to a twoyear term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

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#### Scott B. Smith, Lance C. Ivey, and Todd Fronrath have established the law firm of Smith, Ivey & Fronrath, P.L. Marci F. Ball has also joined the firm of counsel. The firm will handle matters throughout the state of Florida in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, commercial motor vehicle accidents, products liability and medical malpractice. 5604 PGA Blvd. Suite 107, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418; (561) 622-0622.

**Craig M. Goldenfarb**, a Personal Injury attorney in WPB, was appointed Chairperson of the American Association of Justice's Automated External Defibrillator Litigation Group. Mr. Goldenfarb continues to accept cases in this niche area of law (fatal heart attacks in public places) throughout Florida.



The personal injury law firm of **Kogan & DiSalvo** proudly announces the opening of their new office building at 3615 W. Boynton Beach Blvd. Visitors are welcome. The firm was founded by Darryl Kogan and Theodore DiSalvo and includes Daniel Norton, Peter Porcaro and John Willis. Additional office in Boca Raton (561) 375-9500 www.kogandisalvo.com.

**Jeffrey L. Klein** achieved membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). Mr. Klein is a nine-year member of the association.

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Thursday, June 4, 8:25am - 5:00pm **TFB Videotaped Seminar** "Basic Family Law" Bar Association Office

Friday, June 5, 8:00am - 12:00pm **PBCBA Community Assn.** Law Seminar Bar Association Office

Thursday, June 11, 8:00am - 5:00pm **TFB Videotaped Seminar** "Basic Federal Practice" Bar Association Office

Thursday, June 11, 12:00pm - 1:00pm SPBC FAWL **Lunch Meeting** Bogart's Bar & Grill, Boca Raton

Friday, June 12, 8:15am - 12:30pm **Real Estate CLE Seminar** Bar Association Office

Saturday, June 20, 7:00pm - 11:00pm **PBCBA Bar Installation Banquet** The Breakers Hotel

Saturday, June 21 **TFB RPTL Annual Meeting** The Breakers Hotel

Tuesday, June 23, 5:30pm - 6:30pm Legal Aid Board Meeting Bar Association Office

Wednesday, June 24 - June 26 **TFB Annual Meeting** Orlando

Friday, June 26 – 27 **PBCBA Board Retreat** 

Friday, July 3 **Court Holiday** Offices Closed

Thursday, July 16, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Young Lawyers Summer Intern Happy Hour** 

Thursday, July 23, 5:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting** Bar Association Office

