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Justice John Paul Stevens to Speak November 9



The Palm Beach County Bar Association and the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches are pleased to announce that Retired Justice John Paul Stevens, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, will speak at a joint luncheon on November 9 at the Kravis Center. Justice Stevens was born in Chicago, on April 20, 1920. He married Maryan Mulholland, and has four children - John Joseph (deceased), Kathryn, Elizabeth Jane, and Susan Roberta. He received an A.B. from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. He served in the United States Navy from 1942–1945, and was a law clerk to Justice Wiley Rutledge of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1947 Term. He was admitted to law practice in Illinois in 1949. He was

Associate Counsel to the Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1951–1952, and a member of the Attorney General's National Committee to Study Antitrust Law, 1953–1955. He was Second Vice President of the Chicago Bar Association in 1970. From 1970–1975, he served as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. President Ford nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and he took his seat December 19, 1975. Justice Stevens retired from the Supreme Court on June 29, 2010. Pre-registration is required for this luncheon and can be done on the Bar's website palmbeachbar.org.

Mark your calendar for upcoming Membership Events

October 13: Family Picnic at Dreher Park

October 19: Diversity Luncheon with guest speaker FL Bar President Gwynne Young

November 9 (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE): Joint Luncheon with Forum Club with Guest Speaker Ret. U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens

December 6: Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction at Frenchman's Reserve

February 1, 2013: Joint Luncheon with Federal Bar Association. Guest speaker is 11th Circuit Chief Judge Joel Dubina

March 1: Bench Bar Conference

April 5: Membership Luncheon with Guest Speaker Marsha Hunter – Consultant on Persuasion and Public Speaking Techniques for Lawyers

April 30: Annual Judicial Reception

June 1: Annual Installation Banquet

Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Our Third Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dreher Park in West Palm Beach. The Membership Committee has lots of fun activities planned for the entire family including our first pumpkin carving contest for adults, a triple giant slide, face painting, ice cream, BBQ, prizes and so much more.

The cost is just \$20.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Your admission price includes lunch and unlimited fun!

If you're a great pumpkin carver – please let us know you'd like to participate in the contest. Send your email to lpoirier@palmbeachbar.org

RSVP for the picnic by registering online at www.palmbeachbar.org



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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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Save the date for our Holiday Party, December 6!

Mark your calendar and join us for our Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction on Thursday, December 6 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Frenchman's Reserve in Palm Beach Gardens. The cost is \$35.00 and includes drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres plus a chance to shop for holiday gifts at great prices!

If you can donate an item for the auction, that would be great! We're looking for gifts such as tickets to professional ballgames, electronics, artwork, jewelry, hotel accommodations, items for children and pets too! If you have a gift to donate please call Lynne at the Bar Office at 687-2800. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit charities sponsored by the Young Lawyers and North County Sections.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Rabin,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all you have done for me this summer. I am an intern through the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Diversity Internship Program and worked at Shutts and Bowen this summer. I have had a wonderful experience and greatly appreciate your advice during the panel discussion. The opportunities you have provided for me have been extremely rewarding and I appreciate your commitment to diversity and all of your hard work in making this happen for me. I wish you all the best and hope to see you at future PBCBA events this Fall.

Kindest Regards,

Katherine E. Newcomer
J.D. Candidate 2013
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President's Message



How Can We Improve the Retention and Advancement of Women Lawyers Through Flexible Scheduling?

By Adam Rabin

On October 19, PBCBA will host its Annual Diversity Lunch and focus

on "Women in the Law." The program will be directed, in part, to why law firms have a difficult time retaining talented women lawyers and possible solutions for this problem. The issue is that women lawyers are now joining firms in near equal numbers to men, but many leave before they can ascend to equity partnership or firm management.\(^1\) A primary reason is that many women struggle with balancing their families, the rigors of practicing law, and the financial requirements of their firms.\(^2\)

So how do we resolve the issue of women leaving their firms in far greater numbers than men? First, we need to acknowledge the need for reasonable, flexible schedules as an option for working parents. Second, we need a paradigm for flexible schedules that properly balances the interests of employers and employees. That paradigm is to recognize that there are certain core requirements that a flexible work arrangement must have to be successful for both the firm and the lawyer.

A. What is the Value-Added for Law Firms?

Law firms unquestionably invest substantial resources in training associates. Mentoring less experienced lawyers and teaching them necessary skill sets takes time, money and commitment. These efforts are expended with the expectation that the firm will reap the long-term benefits of an accomplished partner and contributor for many years. When a talented and well-trained female lawyer leaves the firm at the ascension arc of her career due to parenting concerns, the firm misses out on the full value of its investment. In terms of lateral hiring needs, there is

a rich talent pool of women lawyers, often with unique expertise and training, willing to work on a flexible schedule for firms without the expense of full-time benefits, salary demands, and other resources. These attorneys are a valuable option for firms in dealing with fluctuating hiring needs and the ebb and flow of billable hour workloads.

In addition, many clients now require gender, ethnic and cultural diversity for the client to consider hiring the firm. Large law firms know this and value diversity in their hiring because they know that many corporate clients will not retain them otherwise.³ Smaller firms, however, often treat diverse hiring on more of a case-by-case basis. Indeed, client requirements are more incentive for firms to consider flexible scheduling in an effort to retain women lawyers.

B. What Makes a Flexible Work Arrangement Successful?

1. Profitability

If a law firm cannot be profitable, it will not last long. Similarly, if a lawyer is not profitable for the firm, the lawyer will not last long. It is, therefore, important that the firm and lawyer be realistic and reasonable as to what the financial demands and overhead will be for the flex-time lawyer. Sometimes this analysis results in a lower billable hour requirement for the lawyer and, likewise, results in a pro rata reduction in salary and benefits. On occasion, the analysis leads to a reduction in staffing, office space, or other resources that are otherwise apportioned to the lawyer. And while there are variety of factors that go into the analysis, a key to success is that the firm and lawyer agree to clear guidelines and expectations (preferably in writing) for the arrangement to be mutually beneficial and workable.

2. Reliability

Meeting the needs of work and family is a balancing act that often seems like a game of tug-of-war. The linchpin when it comes to the work side

 3 At the same time, however, these firms often have a difficult time retaining diverse lawyers.

of the equation is to take responsibility for making the flexible arrangement work. As a flex-time attorney, this includes taking responsibility for the quality of one's work, meeting deadlines, and meeting expectations of those who are relying upon the attorney.

Good organization and communication are critical. The more organized and honest an attorney is with her time constraints, the better. Demonstrating that the attorney is reliable and will deliver is essential to a successful flex-time arrangement. The attorney must be proactive in taking responsibility for her fate and image at the firm.

3. Accessibility

The attorney should create an arrangement where her firm can reach her when out of the office. The attorney should be clear that when she has certain hours during which she will be unavailable. she should let her colleagues know. At minimum, the attorney should let her assistant know. It is frustrating for the attorney's supervisor, co-workers, staff, and opposing counsel when they need to reach the attorney and cannot find her with no expectation as to when they might hear from her. The attorney should create reasonable boundaries for her flex-time arrangement, yet make it clear to her colleagues that if she is temporarily unavailable, she will call or e-mail back promptly when she becomes available.

The same certainly applies for clients. The attorney should let clients know that, at certain times, the attorney will be unavailable and will return the client's call or e-mail the client "this evening" or "tomorrow morning." Few clients want to think of their lawyer as "part-time" so the lawyer should compensate for her flexibility with accessibility.

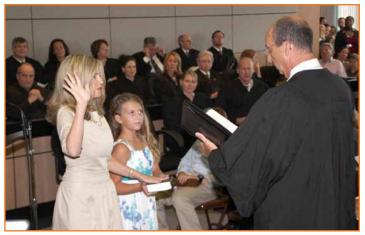
4. Allocation

When working on a flexible schedule, the attorney is operating with finite resources in terms of time. Accomplishing the highest quality work product in a reduced hours setting presents challenges. Proper time management is imperative. The attorney needs to be careful about diluting her limited time on administrative

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¹This issue is more amplified when it comes to retaining diverse women lawyers because there are fewer lawyers in the first place.

²This struggle also applies to men. This article, however, focuses on how women lawyers deal with these issues.



Newly appointed County Court Judge Daliah Weiss takes her oath of office from Chief Judge Peter Blanc with assistance from her daughter Lara

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committees and non-billable endeavors. She must be disciplined in focusing on the real work and furthering the trust of those who are relying upon her to deliver. The ancillary activities are fine if the attorney can handle them, but they are not worth it if they will dilute the attorney's work-quality or reliability.

C. Applaud Firms That Have Been Successful With Flexible **Work Arrangements**

In the last decade, many firms have changed their views and policies regarding flexible work schedules. In the early 2000s, most large and small firms handled these arrangements on a case-by-case basis. Usually, the firm only would allow the arrangement if the lawyer had already proven her value to the firm in a full-time, non-flex position.

In recent years, the landscape has vastly changed. Many large firms have written flex-time policies, including specifics on how such an arrangement affects the partner track, billable hours, and benefit packages. Smaller firms often lack written policies, vet may be more inclined to permit such an arrangement because they have less bureaucracy and overhead than large firms.

The point is that the culture has progressed significantly over the last decade to allow for flexible schedules. Many firms previously were loath to promote that they allowed such arrangements to other employees because they did want not to set a precedent. Today, the culture of allowing flexible schedules for lawyers has changed for the better and those firms allowing them should be lauded and promoted. The more these firms are held in high regard for their progress, the more likely that others will follow.

D. Conclusion

The culture of allowing flexible schedules for lawyers is far better today than it was in the past. With the continuing problem that women are not advancing to equity partnership and firm management in large part because of the difficulty of family-work balance, fostering a workable paradigm for the firms and employees gradually may help curb this problem. PBCBA's "Women in the Law" program on October 19 will be a meaningful step in addressing these issues and promoting such arrangements.

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He co-chaired PBCBA 's Committee for Diversity and Inclusion from 2009-2011. You may e-mail him any comments to arabin@mccaberabin.com.

Join the North County Section for Cocktails & Dinner

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Ironwood Steak & Seafood,

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



Diversity 2.0. Prologue

Diversity is not a standalone concept. Instead, Diversity is insinuated into the fabric of the employment and labor laws that frame the employment relationship. Our panel of three distinguished members of the Employment and Labor Bar will develop Diversity's legal, practical and ethical constructs in a stimulating and energetically paced discussion. This CLE presentation is appropriate for *every* lawyer or law firm that has or is contemplating having employees.

Friday, October 19, 2012 - 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Bar Offices – *New Location:* 1507 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Program Schedule



7:45 am - 8:00 am 8:00 am - 8:05 am Late Registration, Coffee and Breakfast Treats Sponsored by:

Welcome and Opening Remarks - Christine D. Hanley, Esq., Christine D. Hanley & Associates,

P.A., Employment and Labor Law CLE Committee Chair

8:05 am - 8:55 am

The Legal Underpinnings - Russell Van Sickle, Esq., Partner, Beggs & Lane LLP

Russell F. Van Sickle is a Florida Bar Board Certified Labor and Employment Lawyer. Mr. Van Sickle has been practicing law for the past 20 years and represents employers and management in a wide variety of labor and employment litigation matters, governmental agency matters, including the EEOC, NLRB, DOL, OSHA, OFCCP, and various state agencies including the Florida Commission on Human Relations. Mr. Van Sickle is a member of the Sections on Labor and Employment Law for both the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Florida Academy of Management Attorneys. He has given lectures and written papers on labor and employment law for seminars for attorneys, management, and human resources groups, including articles for *The Florida Labor Letter* and *HR Specialist: Florida Employment Law* and conducting seminars for members of the Florida Bar and SHRM.

8:55 am - 9:45 am The Practical Impact - Ralph Peterson, Esq., Senior Partner, Beggs & Lane LLP

Ralph A. Peterson is a Florida Bar Board Certified Labor and Employment Lawyer and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Peterson practices in the area of labor and employment law and civil rights law for more than 32 years, while also engaging in a general civil trial practice and providing representation both in judicial and administrative proceedings. He represents employers and management in a wide variety of labor and employment litigation and governmental agency matters. Mr. Peterson is a charter member and Past President of the Academy of Florida Management Attorneys and also serves as charter member of the Management Labor & Employment Roundtable (MLER). He served as charter editor on the Editorial Review Board of *The Florida Labor Letter* and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *HR Specialist: Florida Employment Law*. He has been recognized by *Florida Trend* as one of Florida Legal Elite. He is also listed as a top practitioner in the field of Employment Law in the Chambers USA Client Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2004-2012), the Best Lawyers in America (2004-2012), and Florida Super Lawyers (2006-2012). He also has received recognition in An International Who's Who of Management, Labor and Employment Lawyers (2010-2012).

9:45 am - 9:55 am **Break**

9:55 am -10:45 am Ethical Issues in Hiring, Supervising and Parting Ways with Law Firm Employees -

Bob Turk, Esq., Shareholder, Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

Robert S. Turk is the Co-Chair of the Labor and Employment Department with Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. He also serves as a member of the Firm's Board of Directors. Mr. Turk serves as Chair-Elect of the Labor and Employment Law Section of The Florida Bar and is a Charter Member and past President of the Academy of Florida Management Attorneys. He is a Member and President of the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, and a Founding Member of the Employment Law Alliance. He is actively involved with the South Florida Hospitality Human Resources Association. He also lectures regularly at the Greater Miami Society for Human Resources' legal seminars. Mr. Turk has received various recognitions which include *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* – Ranked #1 in Employment Law (2004-2012), being selected for inclusion as a Florida Super Lawyer (2006-2012), The Best Lawyers in America (2006-2012), *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite (2004-2006, 2010); *South Florida Legal Guide's* Top Lawyers in South Florida (2005-2011), and Top Lawyers in Labor and Employment (2010-2011).

10:45 am - 11:00 am Qu

Questions & Answers

This course has been granted 3.5 CLER including 1.0 Ethics credits / 2.5 Labor & Employment Certification credits from the Florida Bar.

The cost of the seminar is \$95 for PBCBA members/paralegals;

\$135 for non-PBCBA members/paralegals if registered by 10/12/12; add \$15 to registration fee after that date.

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Set Up Your Systems to Simplify E-mail Service



By Marc S. Dobin

The future, for the time being, is here. Fla. R. Civ. P. 2.516 mandates E-mail service effective September 1, 2012. I think that Messrs. Pitney and Bowes just shed a tear.

What is a practitioner to do? Two things. First, file a notice with each court in which you have a pending matter and advise the court and all other parties of your service

email address. Second, pick a service email address. This second item is actually the hard part.

Why is it so hard? If you use your business email address and you are on vacation, who checks your email? If you use your assistant's address (if you have an assistant) and she/he is on vacation, who checks their email? And if you file your primary email address and two secondary addresses, are you sure that opposing counsel will remember to use all three addresses?

What's a lawyer to do? Here are a few suggestions.

Set up a "Service" email address. This is probably the simplest and most elegant solution. Initially, we'll start with Google Apps (which I use). Google Apps allows you to set up a "group" which looks like an email address to the outside world. In my firm, we set up a "group" called "service@dobinlaw.com". The members of this "group" are defined as all members of the domain, dobinlaw.com.

How it works is very simple. Whenever an email is received by "service@dobinlaw.com" it is bounced to every member of the domain. It's as if, in the paper world, an incoming pleading was scanned and emailed to each person in the firm. But without the scanning and without the separate email. Simple and fuss-free.

Now, let's get fancy. Say that you have 3 lawyers and two assistants who work on cases in various combinations. Set up "groups" for each combination. You could use their initials and service in the address, such as msddlasservice@dobinlaw.com. Or msddlas@dobinlaw.com. Either way, you would then designate only the appropriate recipients in the email address. The emails would then go to the intended recipients. This would avoid the "did you get the...?" conversations.

What if you're using Microsoft's Office365 product instead? The instructions are more complex, and involve creating a distribution group and an email address for that group, but the effect would be the same. Here is an example of instructions on how to accomplish this, simply replace references to University of Nebraska with your own domain. http://is.unl.edu/emailhome/distribution_group

Many offices use Outlook as an email client with offsite hosted email. This provides less flexibility but the distribution can be accomplished through rules. For example, an Outlook rule could be set up that examines the subject line of the email for the phrase "SERVICE OF COURT DOCUMENT" which is mandated by the Court Rule. The user could then instruct Outlook to forward a copy of any email received with this magic language to a single address or a distribution list set up through Outlook.

In order for Outlook rules to work, your computer needs to be running. (This is usually the case where you are using offsite email with Outlook, like Yahoo or MSN.)

Finally, there are certainly offices that use Microsoft Exchange to manage their email. First, open the Exchange Management Console. Once the console is open, select the recipient Configuration by following the menu selection on the left panel as follows: Microsoft Exchange>Recipient Configuration.

Then, on the right side window select the option 'New Distribution Group'. Select 'Next' in the introduction screen. Fill in the required fields. Click 'Next', 'New', and 'Finish." Once this is finished your new distribution list be set up, but it will be lacking members.

To add members select the desired distribution list and click the 'properties' option on the right-hand pane. In the Properties Box for the Distribution List you can edit the email address of the list and add users by selecting the correct tabs as necessary. http://www.techgrowingpains.com/2010/04/add-new-distribution-list-to-exchange-2007/

Now that the email distribution list is set up, you need to make another change. By default, Exchange 2007 does not allow email distribution lists to be accessed from outside the domain. So we have to tell the server that distributing outside email is OK.

To make these changes, one needs to make another adjustment to Exchange 2007. By default, Exchange 2007 only allows authenticated users to email distribution lists. To change this, open the Exchange 2007 Management Console. Then expand Recipient Configuration, then open Distribution Group item. Open Properties of the group in question (either a right click or a menu selection). Choose the Mail Flow Settings tab. On this tab, select "Message Delivery Restrictions" and select "Properties". Uncheck the "require that all senders are authenticated" box. http://serverfault.com/questions/24769/how-do-i-make-an-exchange-2007-distribution-list-accept-external-emails

Of course, if all of this seems like a foreign language to you, call a good computer professional. They should be able to set this up in a relatively short timeframe. The good ones might even be able to do it without coming to your office.

You should also look at this as an opportunity to upgrade your email "image." Lawyers who are still using consumer sites as their primary email address are generally viewed as less tech-savvy than those who do. It's simple, inexpensive and improves your image. Overall, it gives you a more professional appearance.

To obtain your own domain name, you can go to any of the domain registrars such as GoDaddy, Register.com or Verisign. Most domain registrars will include email service with the domain name. Google will sell you a domain to go with your Google Apps account. It is a cheap investment to give you better service than your AOL account.

And whatever you do, don't print out the pdf attachments to service emails, copy them, then distribute them to everyone on your team. Just forward the email.

(Many thanks to Chuck Poole, Palm Tech Computer Solutions, for the Exchange information)

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Palm Beach County Bar Association's Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

presents it Annual Diversity Luncheon

"WOMEN IN THE LAW"

Friday, October 19, 2012 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

West Palm Beach Marriott
1001 Okeechobee Blvd.
West Palm Beach



About The Event

This year's luncheon features keynote speaker **Florida Bar President GWYNNE YOUNG**, who will discuss gender and equity issues facing women in the legal profession. The luncheon will continue with an in-depth panel discussion on the support, retention and advancement of women lawyers; the promotion of women lawyers to leadership positions; work-life balance and flex-time initiatives; and the client's perspective on why supporting women lawyers makes good business sense.

Our distinguished group of panelists includes:

Judge Caroline Shepherd, 15th Judicial Circuit County Court
Sia Baker-Barnes, Attorney, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A.
Elisa Garcia, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Office Depot
Tracy Gerber, Administrative Shareholder, Palm Beach North Office, Greenberg Traurig
Lou Mrachek, Managing Partner, Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald, Rose, Konopka & Dow, P.A.
Allison Kahn, Attorney, Carlton Fields

Moderator: Adam Rabin, Shareholder, McCabe Rabin, P.A. and President, Palm Beach Co. Bar Association

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Diversity Corner



"Keeping Diversity on the Forefront"

Submitted by Diversity Relations Subcommittee Co-Chairs Laurie Stilwell Cohen and Jean Marie Middleton

As the Palm Beach County Bar year gets back into full swing, the Committee for Diversity &

Inclusion ("CDI") is continuing the work it began over three years ago to enrich the legal community in Palm Beach County by increasing and improving opportunities for lawyers of diverse backgrounds.

Last month, we highlighted the CDI's numerous subcommittees. This month we want to share with you some of the many successes we have had over the past three years.

Standing Committee – In 2009, Palm Beach County Bar Association board members John Howe and Adam Rabin proposed the formation of a Diversity Committee to focus on increasing diversity in Palm Beach County's legal community. They recognized that earlier efforts by a number of people, including now retired Judges Edward Rodgers, Daniel T.K. Hurley and Harry Lee Anstead, though achieving some initial success, had fallen by the wayside. To ensure that this important goal remained on the forefront of the Bar's work, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of the CDI as its only standing committee. The measure was approved by the general membership at its May 2010 meeting.

Diversity Website – CDI has created its own webpage that can be accessed through the Palm Beach County Bar Association Website. Simply go to www. palmbeachcountybar.org and look for the tab that says "Diversity."

Diversity Summit – The CDI has also initiated a Biennial Diversity Summit. This half day summit brings together speakers and panelists from various backgrounds to discuss the many ways in which we can continue to create opportunities for diverse lawyers within our community.

Diversity Internship Program – Each summer, the CDI organizes and oversees a summer internship program for diverse law students. We have received positive feedback from both interns and employers and we continue to work with the various law schools to increase participation in this program. It is our hope that participating students will learn first-hand the many benefits of establishing their careers in Palm Beach County.

Annual Diversity Bench-Bar
Conference Diversity Breakout Session

- Each year during the annual Bench-

Bar Conference, the CDI hosts a breakout session and cocktail reception for diverse law students. This is an opportunity to introduce these students to Palm Beach County and to show them how they can thrive, both personally and professionally, in our community.

The Annual Judge Edward Rodgers
Diversity Award – Last year the CDI
established an annual Diversity Award in
honor of Retired Judge Edward Rodgers. This
prestigious award will be presented each year
during the Bench-Bar Conference Luncheon
to a law firm or individual who demonstrates
measurable ways in which it is improving
diversity within our community.

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Pro Bono Corner

Matthew Z. Zimmerman Recognized as Pro Bono Attorney of the Month

The Fifteenth Circuit Pro Bono Committee is pleased to announce this month's Pro Bono Attorney of the Month, MATTHEW Z. ZIMMERMAN. Matthew, an associate with the West Palm Beach firm of Holland and Knight LLP, practices primarily in the area of commercial litigation. Matthew is being honored for his outstanding representation of a client in a contract dispute with a car dealership. The client purchased an SUV from a dealership and alleged that the sales representative did not provide her with copies of the purchase or financing documents, but said he would mail them to her. She did not receive those documents in the mail until several months later. During that time the client had become concerned about the high cost of her payments. Once she received the documents, she discovered that the total cost and payment terms were higher than what she had been led to believe. She could not afford the payments and returned the vehicle. The dealership sold it in a repossession sale, damaging her credit and making her liable for the deficiency. The Legal Aid Society filed a lawsuit alleging misrepresentation in the financing, as well as violation of the Florida Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Soon thereafter, Matthew agreed to take the case pro bono when Legal Aid sought counsel with more expertise in consumer financing. Matthew was able to obtain complete success through a settlement. The dealership agreed to wipe out the deficiency, delete the negative credit reporting, and refund the client's down payment. Matthew, along with fellow Holland and Knight associate Dustin M. Robinson, expended almost 150 hours in representing the client in this case. For his laudable efforts on the client's behalf, Matthew is recognized as this month's Pro Bono Attorney of the Month.

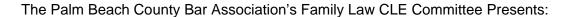
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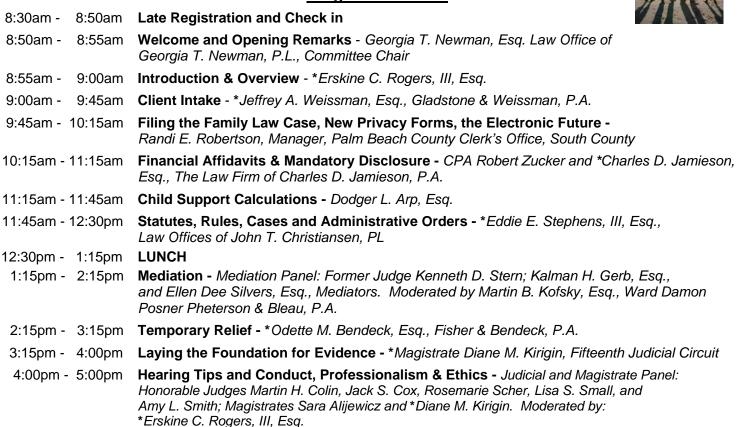




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Rules of Civil Procedure Corner

Rule 1.190(c): Relation Back of Amendments

By Matt Triggs and Jonathan Galler

Call it the Flux Capacitor of civil procedure. It's Rule 1.190(c) – the relation back rule – and, as Doc Brown would say, it's what makes time travel possible. Great Scott!

"When the claim or defense asserted in the amended pleading arose out of the conduct, transaction, or occurrence set forth or attempted to be set forth in the original pleading, the amendment shall relate back to the date of the original pleading." Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.190(c).

The rule is liberally construed.² It essentially tinkers with the time-space continuum by allowing "an amendment which merely makes more specific what has already been alleged generally, or which changes the legal theory of the action, to relate back [to the original pleading] even though the statute of limitations has run in the interim."³

But, as anyone with a time machine will tell you, this kind of thing is fraught with problems. A couple of recent appellate opinions highlight why.

New Cause of Action

A litigant cannot use the relation back rule to defeat the statute of limitations by filing a new and distinct cause of action under the guise of an amended complaint.⁴ But just how strictly is that principle applied?

In *Fabbiano v. Demings*, the Fifth District recently addressed that very question.⁵ The appeal arose from a case in which the plaintiff sought to amend his complaint to change his cause of action from negligence to battery. Both claims were based on the identical set of facts involving the plaintiff's interaction with a security officer. The trial court denied the motion to amend because the "new" cause of action would not relate back and was otherwise time-barred.

The Fifth District reversed, adopting the Fourth District's longstanding approach to the issue. Quoting from a 1977 Fourth District case, the Fifth District wrote that "the proper test of relation back of amendments is not whether the cause of action stated in the amended pleading is identical to that stated in the original." Rather, "[i]f the amendment shows the same general factual situation as that alleged in the original pleading, then the amendment relates back even though there is a change in the precise legal description of the rights sought to be enforced, or a change in the legal theory upon which the action is brought.

As the court pointed out, the rationale for the rule is fair notice. Because the original complaint already provided "fair notice of the factual underpinning" of both claims, the new legal theory properly related back.⁸

New Defendant

As a general matter, an amendment to a complaint to add a

new party will not relate back to the original.⁹ There are exceptions, however. For example, the addition of a new defendant will relate back in the instance of an earlier "misnomer" regarding the defendant's identity¹⁰ or where "the





new party is sufficiently related to an original party."11

The First District recently addressed an interesting twist on this concept. 12 The case involved claims related to a construction project. The plaintiffs sued the contractor; the contractor filed a third-party complaint against the subcontractor; and the plaintiffs, after the expiration of the limitations period, then sought to assert a direct action against the subcontractor. The issue on appeal was whether the direct action against the third-party defendant related back to the filing of the original complaint against the original defendant. The court held that it did not. 13

In deciding the case, the First District considered but rejected the approach previously taken by the Fifth District under similar procedural circumstances. The Fifth District had addressed the issue in 1984 as one of first impression, and ultimately sided with the minority view adopted in other jurisdictions, holding that the amendment relates back because it "merely adjusts the status of an existing party." The logic of that view is that the filing of the third-party complaint automatically informs the third-party defendant that the plaintiff may ultimately bring a direct action, thereby eliminating any prejudice caused by the otherwise untimely filing. 15

The First District, however, sided with the majority view, holding that the third-party defendant could just as easily have concluded that the plaintiffs' decision not to file a direct action was an intentional one, thereby creating unfair surprise when the plaintiffs did finally attempt to bring a direct action asserting different claims than those asserted in the third-party action. The opinion discusses the majority and minority views at length and certifies an express and direct conflict with the Fifth District's opinion in *Gatins*.

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¹ See Back to the Future (1985, 1955 and, well, 1985 again).

² Williams v. Avery Dev. Co.-Boca Raton, 910 So. 2d 851, 853 (Fla. 4th DCA 2005).

³ Lopez-Loarca v. Cosme, 76 So. 3d 5, 10 (Fla. 4th DCA 2011).

⁴ Sch. Bd. of Broward Cnty. v. Surette, 394 So. 2d 147, 154 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981).

⁵ Fabbiano v. Demings, 91 So. 3d 893, 895 (Fla. 5th DCA 2012).

⁶ Id. (quoting Associated Television & Comme ns, Inc. v. Dutch Village Mobile Homes of Melbourne, Ltd., 347 So. 2d 746 (Fla. 4th DCA 1977)).

⁷ *Id*. at 895.

⁸ *Id*.

⁹ Williams, 910 So. 2d at 853.

¹⁰ Kozich v. Shahady, 702 So. 2d 1289, 1291 (Fla. 4th DCA 1997).

¹¹ Schwartz v. Wilt Chamberlain's of Boca Raton, Ltd., 725 So. 2d 451, 453 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999).

¹² Graney v. Caduceus Props., LLC, 91 So. 3d 220 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012).

¹³ *Id*. at 227.

 $^{^{14}\} Gatins\ v.\ Sebastian\ Inlet\ Tax\ Dist., 453\ So.\ 2d\ 871, 875\ (Fla.\ 5th\ DCA\ 1984).$

¹⁵ Id. at 875

¹⁶ Graney, 91 So. 3d at 228. The court noted that two other Districts the Third and Fourth have cited Gatins without expressly adopting the reasoning or applying its holding to similar facts. The Fourth District case to which it referred, McKee v. Fort Lauderdale Produce Co., Inc., 503 So. 2d 412 (Fla. 4th DCA 1987), is silent as to its underlying facts, but the two-sentence opinion seems to adopt the Gatins holding, with the caveat that the concurring opinion suggests that Gatins was not applicable to the facts at hand.

Technology Corner



PDF Documents Are Modifiable: Learn to Sign in 10 Minutes

By Christopher B. Hopkins

Lawyers love PDF documents – but often for the wrong reasons. Last week, I exchanged settlement documents via email in two different cases. In both instances, the releases were created in Word, converted

to PDF, and emailed. The purpose of converting to PDF was twofold: (1) avoid prying eyes viewing the track changes in the Word document and (2) the PDF format is "fixed" which prevents editing by the other side. Sound familiar? Well, that thinking is only half right. Ethics Opinion 06-2 requires lawyers to ensure the confidentiality of the metadata. However, PDFs should not be viewed as non-modifiable or permanently "fixed" in place – but that is a good thing.

A recent study by the ABA reveals that 89% of lawyers use a smartphone and nearly half of those are iPhones. In addition, almost 30% of all lawyers now use an iPad. While these figures may initially seem high, anecdotally, I have noticed in recent depositions and conferences that many lawyers come armed with both an iPhone and iPad. In short, the legal community has embraced mobile technology.

This brings us back to the PDF. It is an elegant software device which can both preserve a Word document as well as scan an article or record into a word-searchable, indexable, and emailable document. But just as a Word document can be "fixed" or converted to PDF, the reverse is true. Think of it like freezing water and then thawing the ice back to its original state. There are free programs which perform this task. Even the upcoming version of Microsoft Word 2013 will open and edit PDFs as if they were Word documents. The concept of the PDF as a non-modifiable, permanently "fixed" document is wrong.

So how is this good for lawyers? The practice of law is mobile, hence the statistical popularity of iPhones and iPads. How often have you been out of the office and someone has emailed you a PDF document to revise or sign? Your options have been to (a) have someone else sign, (b) sign and fax it from the road, or (c) let it sit until you return. But those options are cumbersome and time-consuming. Why not just sign the PDF right on your device? After all, Florida Statute 668.002 establishes that your electronic signature "shall have the same force and effect as a written signature."

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You have just mastered the first step of what is called "annotation" software. Consider the implications: on the spot, clients can sign retention agreements, real estate documents, settlement releases, or any other document. Likewise, you can sign documents from the road.

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Ultimately, you will want to pay for a fuller annotation program such as PDF Expert, Notes Plus, or Remarks. You will also want to get a stylus, such as the Targus Stylus or Wacom Bamboo Stylus. Stand out from the "average" 30% of iPad-carrying lawyers and use a stylus, annotation apps, and modifiable PDFs as your mobile office.

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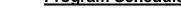
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Professionalism Corner



Motions to Withdraw: Euphemysticism on Parade

by D. Culver "Skip" Smith III
On behalf of the Professionalism Committee

euphemism *n*. The act or an example of substituting a mild, indirect, or vague term for one considered harsh, blunt, or offensive.

- American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (4th ed.)

euphemysticism *n*. The act or an example of substituting a mild, indirect, or vague, off-the-top-of-one's-head term for one considered likely to result in consequences adverse to one's career.

- Smith, Ruminations on Life and Other Trivia

Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 4-1.16 lists ten circumstances requiring or permitting a lawyer to terminate the representation of a client prior to conclusion of the matter for which the lawyer was retained. Five of them involve varying degrees of client misconduct, ranging from criminal activity to nonpayment of the lawyer's bill. (No, the latter is not criminal.) If the representation is in a litigated matter, the lawyer must obtain the court's consent to the termination, thus necessitating a motion to withdraw. What grounds should the motion assert? If the basis is client misconduct (including nonpayment), the question produces a tension between the lawyer's duty to the court under Rule 4-3.3(a)(1) not to make a false statement of fact and the lawyer's duty to the client under Rule 4-1.6(a) not to reveal "information relating to the representation."

The customary motion in this and many other jurisdictions simply intones "irreconcilable differences" or "irreconcilable conflict" with the client. Whether that satisfies the duty of candor to the court is debatable. (Indeed, in the case of nonpayment, it literally may be misleading: would not payment reconcile the "differences"?). Proponents of precise pleading and motion practice might suggest that the specific ethical basis should be alleged. Some examples:

- 1. "[Client] has failed to fulfill an obligation to undersigned counsel regarding undersigned counsel's services and has been given a reasonable warning that undersigned counsel would withdraw unless the obligation was fulfilled." (See Rule 4-1.16(b)(3).) Little doubt about what that means.
- 2. "[Client] insists upon taking action that undersigned counsel finds repugnant or imprudent or with which undersigned counsel has a fundamental disagreement." (See Rule 4-1.16(b)(2).) That practically screams that the client has threatened or demanded something dishonest or offensive to socially accepted (i.e., the lawyer's) sensibilities.
- 3. "The representation has been rendered unreasonably difficult by the client." (See Rule 4-1.16(b)(2).) Message? The client is unreasonably demanding (or in a reversal of the usual pattern, won't return the lawyer's phone calls).

Even in the categorical terms of the rule, those allegations unquestionably reveal "information relating to the representation." (Remember, the ethical rule is far broader

in scope than the evidentiary lawyer-client privilege.) Hence the use of euphemistic/euphemystic terms like "irreconcilable differences," which could mean just about anything. They are code for "Your Honor, trust me, I need to get out of this case." Most judges know the code and grant permission to withdraw absent overriding countercircumstances. This is as it should be. In this more complicated time, however—when judges have real case-management issues and from time to time encounter lawyers who may harbor questionable motives—they may be inclined to press for the real basis for withdrawal. This ignites the ethical dilemma for the lawyer.

Balance is called for here. The terms "irreconcilable differences" and "irreconcilable conflict" should be the first line of effort. If that fails, the lawyer should remind the judge of the lawyer's duty of confidentiality. (Suggestion: "Your Honor, this motion purposely uses general terms to permit me to comply with my ethical obligation to [Client] under Rule 4-1.6 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar not to reveal, quote, any information relating to the representation, end quote. Your Honor has the discretion to grant the motion without requiring further detail, and I respectfully request that you do so.") If the judge nonetheless presses for detail, the lawyer should offer a general description, such as (if it is true), "[Client] and I have a fundamental disagreement over strategy." If the judge presses further, the lawyer should consider requesting the opportunity to explain ex parte and in camera. But if the problem is something truly embarrassing or prejudicial to the client—especially if the judge will be the fact finder – the lawyer should stand on the duty of confidentiality. One hopes that the judge will see the value in not pressing the point further and in ruling on the motion without further detail. (Note that the focus of this article is motions to withdraw and not a lawyer's independent duty under subsections (a)(2) and (b) of Rule 4-3.3 to disclose a client's criminal or fraudulent conduct to the court under certain circumstances.)

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Bankruptcy Corner



Reaffirming v. Assuming Unexpired Personal Property Leases

By Marc P. Barmat

Reaffirmation agreements and lease assumption agreements are separate and distinct agreements

that are governed by different sections of the Bankruptcy Code. In a reaffirmation agreement, which is governed by 11 U.S.C. § 524, a debtor voluntarily agrees to remain obligated on a pre-petition loan that would have been otherwise discharged in bankruptcy, e.g., a car financing loan. In a lease assumption agreement, which is governed by 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2), a debtor agrees to be obligated on a prepetition lease, e.g., a car lease.

The distinction between a reaffirmation agreement and an unexpired lease assumption agreement of personal property, in an individual chapter 7 bankruptcy, was discussed by Bankruptcy Judge, John K. Olson in In re Perlman, 468 B.R. 437 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2012). In Perlman, the debtor sought approval of alleged "reaffirmation agreements," which were actually lease assumption agreements. The distinction between these two agreements is important as reaffirmation agreements require varying degrees of involvement by the court and clerk's office, whereas, lease assumption agreements require no involvement of court staff. Id.

In order for a reaffirmation agreement to become valid and binding upon a debtor who is represented by an attorney, reaffirmation agreements must be filed with the court, made before a discharge is granted, the debtor must receive the disclosures described in subsection 524(k), and at the discretion of the Court, a hearing can be held under § 524(d). Id.

Assumption of a personal property lease in an individual chapter 7 bankruptcy is a consensual, non-judicial procedure, akin to a "handshake" whereby the debtor offers to assume the lease obligation, and the lessor decides whether to accept the debtor's offer. Id. at 439. "If the lessor determines that it is willing to allow the debtor to assume the lease, it will then notify the debtor of this decision, and may condition such assumption on cure of any outstanding defaults on terms set by the contract," however, the lessor is not "under any obligation to accept the debtor's offer." Id. Upon being notified of intent to assume an unexpired lease, the lessor is granted safe harbor to contact the debtor

with an acceptance and if necessary, negotiate a cure without violating the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2)(C). If the parties come to an agreement, "[t]he third and final step required by the statute is that a writing between the lessor and the debtor be signed to memorialize the terms of the lease assumption. Neither judicial review nor approval of the lease assumption agreement is required by the Bankruptcy Code or Rules." Id. citing, In re Ebbrecht, 451 B.R. 241 (Bankr. E.D. N.Y 2011).

Some courts have found that the reaffirmation procedures apply to lease assumption agreements because "section 524(c) makes clear that debts arising under certain postpetition agreements are... not enforceable... unless specified procedures are followed with respect to those agreements." Id. at 440, In re Creighton, 427 B.R. 24 (Bankr. D. Mass. 2007); In re Eader, 426 B.R. 164, 167 (Bankr.D.Md.2010). In contrast, application of § 524(c) to lease assumption agreements has been

rejected by other courts, explaining that cases such as <u>Creighton</u> and <u>Eader</u> are "insufficiently persuasive as a matter of statutory construction, though certainly sensible as a matter of policy." <u>Id</u>. citing, <u>In re Thompson</u>, 440 B.R. 130, 132 (Bankr.W.D.Mich.2010). In <u>Ebbrecht</u>, the court similarly refused to apply § 524 to lease assumption agreements, arguing that "Congress clearly intended to provide two separate provisions covering two very different situations, and adopted two very different procedures." <u>Id</u>. at 443 citing, <u>Ebbrecht</u>, 451 B.R. at 247.

In Perlman, when confronted with the issue of an individual chapter 7 debtor attempting to assume a car lease by filing it along with a motion to approve a reaffirmation agreement under § 524, Bankruptcy Judge Olson concluded that because the underlying agreement was a lease, § 365(p) is the only relevant Bankruptcy Code provision applicable for the debtor to continue to enjoy the benefits and endure the corresponding obligation arising form the use of a leased vehicle. Id. at 441.

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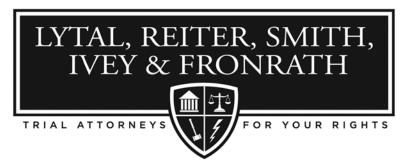
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Real Property and Business Litigation Report

August 2012 Summary

Submitted by Manuel Farach

Mayfield v. First City Bank of Florida, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3115140 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012).

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 695.11, constructive notice attaches at the time of recording and continues to apply even if the instrument is improperly recorded, incorrectly recorded or even if removed from the public record.

R.T.G. Furniture Corp. v. Coates, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3101309 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).

Offers of judgment served no less than 45 days before trial are effective under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

Zakhary v. Raymond Thompson PSM, Inc., – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3101844 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012).

Prior boundary dispute lawsuit by landowner against neighbor did not judicially estop landowner from bringing suit against neighbor's surveyor for professional malpractice.

Estilien v. Dyda, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3192762 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).

A party seeking the opposing party's billing records for attorneys' fees purposes must demonstrate relevance of the records, that the records are needed for an attorney's fee hearing, and that substantially equivalent material cannot be obtained from another source. Failure to keep one's own records is not a sufficient basis to require production of opposing counsel's records.

Nirk v. Bank Of America, N.A., – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3192801 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).

Prior opinions of the Fourth District are revised to clarify that the Fla. Stat. § 48.031 (5) requirement to place service notations on the "process" refer to the summons, and not the complaint, that is served

Famsun Invest, LLC v. Therault, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3328702 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).

A final order of possession in a landlord tenant action is not a "final order" if a claim for damages remains outstanding, and as a result, the "final order" may not be appealed as a final order pursuant to Fla. Rule of Appellate

Procedure 9.130 (f). Moreover, Rule 9.130 (f) foes not prohibit the entry of default and final judgment for failure of a tenant to deposit monies into the registry of the pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 83.232.

M.J.O. Holding Corp. v. Heller, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3329195 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).

Under Fla. Stat. § 95.051 (1) (b), the statute of limitations is tolled by a person's use of a false name. However, the running of the statute re-commences upon of the plaintiff learning of the defendant's true identity.

Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC v. Van Fleet Intern. Airport Development Group, LLC, Slip Copy, 2012 WL 3490904 (11th Cir. 2012).

Failure to deliver a survey and close by a date certain, both as required by a contract, constitutes a breach of contract to purchase real estate. Moreover, a conditional loan commitment is not sufficient to demonstrate buyer was "ready, willing and able" to close.

Jag Auto Body, Inc. v. Capone, - So.3d -, 2012 WL 3627406 (Fla. 5th DCA 2012).

Merely employing an attorney does not give the attorney the authority to settle a case. Likewise, an impending pretrial conference is not an "emergency" that gives an attorney the authority to settle a case without permission.

Bernhardt v. Halikoytakis, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3629020 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012).

A "Google Earth" photograph is not to be given conclusive effect in the context of a contested summary judgment.

Dage v. Deutsche Bank Nat. Trust Co., – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3629195 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012).

A final judgment of foreclosure entered when plaintiff lacked standing is voidable, not void ab initio. Accordingly, a motion to vacate such final judgment cannot be made under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.540 (b) (4) concerning "void" judgments.

Sherman v. Deutsche Bank Nat. Trust Co., – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3586613 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2012).

Equitable subrogation is not permitted when new loan alters the risk of non-payment by the borrower, proceeds of new loan are turned over the mortgagor and not the mortgagee, and party seeking equitable subrogation fails to demonstrate that

subrogated lender is not harmed.

Maida Vale, Inc. v. Abbey Road Plaza Corp., – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3586643 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012).

Court cannot rule upon eviction action without resolving tenant defenses and counterclaims that are inextricably intertwined with the eviction. Moreover, an assignee tenant will be bound by a lease rider it is unaware of if it agrees to assume the lease with all its parts.

Moriber v. Dreiling, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3586750 (Fla. 3d DCA 2012).

The inadvertent receipt of confidential information will not automatically disqualify opposing counsel. Instead, courts will review the information itself, the context of the information, the manner in which it was inadvertently delivered, the response of counsel who received the inadvertent information, and whether any litigation advantage was obtained by the receipt of the information.

LaRue v. Kalex Const. and Development, Inc., – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3587263 (Fla. 3d DCA 2012).

An agreement that states an employee will receive a 25% ownership share if she works at the business for three years is unenforceable under the Statute of Frauds.

Regions Bank v. Deluca, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3588021 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2012).

Recorded mortgages with minor mistakes or irregularities still impart constructive notice. Accordingly, a mortgage still encumbers property when the legal description was contained in the mortgage but in an illogical and confusing fashion.

Frym v. Flagship Community Bank, – So.3d –, 2012 WL 3588483 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2012).

The "local action" rule for Florida real property actions (Fla. Stat. § 47.011) is modified by Fla. Stat. § 702.04 ("[w] hen a mortgage includes lands... lying in two or more counties, it may be foreclosed in any one of said counties, and all proceedings shall be had in that county as if all the mortgaged land... lay therein.").

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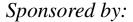
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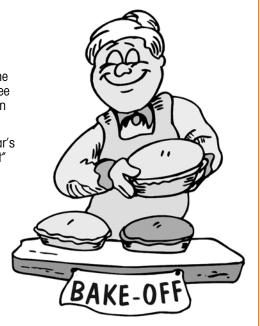
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ALIENDAR October 2012

Tuesday, October 2, Noon - 1pm **Corporate Counsel Committee Meeting**

Bar Association Office

Wednesday, October 3 - 5 FL Bar Board of **Governors Meeting**

Atlanta

Wednesday, October 3, 11:45am - 2pm **Bankruptcy Law CLE Lunch Seminar**

Bar Association Office

Friday, October 5, 8:30am - 9:30am

ADR Committee Meeting

Bar Association Office

Friday, October 5, Noon - 1pm Workers' Comp. **Committee Meeting**

Bar Association Office

Monday, October 8 Court Holiday - Columbus Day Bar Office Closed

Monday, October 8, 8am - 5pm **Legal Aid Golf Tournament** Bear Lakes Country Club

Tuesday, October 9, 11:45am - 1pm

South Palm Beach Co. Bar Assn. **Membership Luncheon**

Boca Country Club

Tuesday, October 9, Noon - 1pm YLS Board Meeting

Bar Association Office

Wednesday, October 10, Noon - 1:30pm

NCS Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 5:30pm - 8:00pm **NCS Dinner at Ironwood Steak & Seafood**

PGA National

Thursday, October 11, 11:45am - 1pm SPBC FAWL Luncheon -**FAWL Thinks Pink Event**

Boca Grove

Saturday, October 13, 10:30am - 3pm Third Annual PBCBA Picnic Dreher Park, West Palm Beach

Saturday, October 13 **SPBCBA Bench Barrister Tennis Bash**

Contact Lisa Hurley for more info: lisa@southpalmbeachbar.org

Tuesday, October 16, 11:45am - 1pm **Unified Family Practice Committee Meeting**

Law Library

Tuesday, October 16, 6:30pm - 8pm **Small Claims Seminar** Lantana Road Branch Library

Thursday, October 18, 6pm - 8pm

PBJA Dinner Meeting Bear Lakes Country Club Friday, October 19, 8am - Noon

Employment Law CLE Seminar "Diversity 2.0 Prologue" Bar Association Office

Friday, October 19, 11:45am - 1pm **Diversity Luncheon** Marriott West Palm Beach

Tuesday, October 23, Noon - 1pm **CDI Committee Meeting** Bar Association Office

Wednesday, October 24, 11:45am - 1pm **Judicial Relations Committee Meeting**

Judicial Conference Room Wednesday, October 24, 5pm - 6:30pm

PBCBA Board of Directors Meeting Bar Association Office

Thursday, October 25, 5:30pm - 7pm

YLS Happy Hour Roxy's Rooftop

Friday, October 26, 8am - 5pm Family Law/Unified Family **Practice CLE Seminar** Bar Association Office

Friday, October 26, Noon - 1pm Federal Bar Assn. Luncheon The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach

Tuesday, October 30, Noon - 1pm **Bench Bar Conference** Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, October 30, 5:30pm - 6:30pm Legal Aid Board Meeting

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