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100th Annual
Installation Banquet

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The Palm Beach County Bar Association would like to thank Retired Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente (left) for installing our officers and Judge James Martz (right) for providing the invocation and pledge of allegiance on this momentous occasion.

Welcome

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Final Remarks as President

Installation of Officers & Directors

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Remarks by President

Dinner and Dancing

Champagne Toast

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Join us for a champagne toast!

PBCBA'S 100TH PRESIDENT

★★★★★ *A message from the President...* ★★★★★



Scott B. Smith

Good evening fellow Palm Beach County Bar Association members and guests. Please allow me to extend a huge welcome to our Annual Installation Gala and, perhaps even more significantly, thank you for joining all of us tonight to celebrate and commemorate the PBCBA's 100th Anniversary! This is truly an extraordinary milestone for the Palm Beach County Bar Association and all its past and current members.

Throughout the course of tonight and throughout the entire upcoming year we plan to highlight the PBCBA's Centennial Anniversary and the rich history of the Association, as well as of its members. So much has changed in the past 100 years and so much is different, but a constant during this entire time has been the commitment of our members in providing competent and zealous representation for all their clients.

It's hard to believe that lawyers in Palm Beach County once practiced here without the "luxury" of air-conditioning, the convenience of a telephone and/or cell phone, and certainly did so without the ever-present full and often bloated e-mail in-box we all now try to tackle and trim every day. In addition to such comfort, communication and technological changes made, we have witnessed and been an integral part of tremendous and positive advances made in society for the greater good and the benefit of all. It is undisputed and unequivocal that lawyers and members of the judiciary have always been at the forefront of such progress.

As we go forward in this 100th Anniversary year, let us all reflect on how much good we as members of the Florida Bar and the Palm Beach County Bar Association have done for our clients, for the criminal and civil justice systems, and for our society at the local, county, state, and national levels. Our profession is a noble one buttressed and forged by the critical and crucial goal of equal justice

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for all. As President Lincoln told us to do as practicing lawyers, and as we all strive to do our jobs as licensed professional members of the Florida Bar and as voluntary members of the PBCBA, let us do so with diligence, leaving nothing for tomorrow that can be done and finished today, never let your correspondence, even those aforementioned increasing e-mails, fall behind, and with whatever piece of business or task you have in hand, before stopping, do all of the labor pertaining to it which can then be done. For it is in our hardest work that we do the greatest good for our clients and the pursuit of justice.

Please have a wonderful time tonight celebrating this momentous occasion and may this coming year bring you and all of yours great health, much success and an abundance of happiness and joy. Happy 100th Anniversary to the Palm Beach County Bar Association! Congratulations, cheers, slainte, mazel tov and best of luck to each and all of you! I look forward to seeing you this year at one of our several Palm Beach County Courthouses, at the PBCBA Office and/or all about our great and wonderful Palm Beach County.



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Carla Tharp Brown

Years Active: 2016 - Current

PBCBA is proud to celebrate 100 years of service to the Palm Beach County community and its members. I am blessed to be a part of this historical moment.

- Carla



Patience Burns

Years Active: 1989 - 2016

I am very proud to have been a part of the history of the PBCBA for 36 years. Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of providing service to the members and the community.

- Patience



Catherine Royce

Years Active: 1979 - 1989

My husband, Raymond W. Royce and I have many wonderful memories from our time with the Bar Association. Congratulations and best wishes for an even better future!

- Catherine

PBCBA also would like to say a special thank you to

Mary Burdick

posthumously for maintaining the Executive Secretary position prior to the Executive Director role being created.

PBCBA HISTORICAL INFO



The legacy of the Palm Beach County Bar Association ("PBCBA") began in 1909 as an arm of the Dade County Bar Association. Thirteen years later, PBCBA was officially founded and became a separate organization in 1922. M.D. Carmichael served

as the first president and there were 23 attorneys in the county, including 2 women. The membership size did not stop PBCBA's advancement, and it grew to 141 attorneys by 1945. In 1946, the "Junior Bar" was formed, now known as the Young Lawyers Section. The Board of Directors established the Legal Aid Society in 1949.



The 1960s were a great time for PBCBA, its membership increased to approximately 400 attorneys. In 1964, PBCBA admitted its first African-American members: I.C. Smith, William M. Holland, Sr., F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr., and T.J. Cunningham, Sr. It also began its first formal judicial evaluations process the same year. By the 1970s, PBCBA grew to 950 members and the president at the time, Joseph J. Reiter, recognized the need for an administrator and hired Mary Burdick as PBCBA's Executive Secretary in 1970. In 1979, PBCBA hosted its first Bench Bar Conference. The organizers included Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley, Retired Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente, and Jack Ackerman, among others. Catherine Royce was hired as PBCBA's first Executive Director the same year.

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The 1980s brought extensive growth to PBCBA, its membership soared to 1100 attorneys, and it established its first official office space in the Citizens Building in Downtown West Palm Beach. Patience Burns was hired as Executive Director for PBCBA's lawyer referral service and secretary for PBCBA in 1980. Recognizing the need to diversity the practice



of law in Palm Beach County, Judges Edward Rodgers, Daniel T.K. Hurley, and Harry Lee Anstead, among others, convened a meeting of local law firms to encourage them to hire minority lawyers in 1983. This effort led to the hiring of many African-American attorneys at major law firms in the county, including Retired Circuit Court Judge Moses Baker and Bettye King. In 1984, PBCBA hosted its first judicial reception and continued to expand with the creation of the North County Section in 1988.



By 1992, PBCBA's membership grew to over 2000 members. The 90s also brought the creation of the Professionalism Award and JulieAnn Rico was installed as PBCBA's first woman president in 1993. The beginning of the 21st century was a transformative time for PBCBA as technology and the economic state of our country shifted the practice of law. Major milestones continued to occur.

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Manuel (Manny) Farach was installed as PBCBA's first Hispanic-American president in 2006, the late Judge Meenu Sasser was the first Asian-American president in 2007, and PBCBA's Bench Bar Conference also exceeded 1,000 attendees for the first time in 2007. Further, in 2009, PBCBA reformed its diversity committee and renamed it the Committee for

Diversity and Inclusion, or CDI, which actively collaborated with the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association, and the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers to improve diversity and inclusion throughout the Palm Beach County legal community. That same year, the CDI hosted its inaugural Diversity Summit under the leadership of then PBCBA president Michelle Suskauer, and future presidents John Howe, Adam Rabin, and Jessica Callow.



PBCBA's membership reached 3,000 members and it amended its bylaws to make the CDI a permanent standing committee in 2010. In 2011, John Howe was installed as PBCBA's first African-American president and PBCBA purchased its first office building, now named after Patience Burns. PBCBA continued to work towards promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, providing equal opportunities and services for its members, and CDI created the Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award in 2012. Judge Rodgers was the first African American judge and chief judge in Palm Beach County.

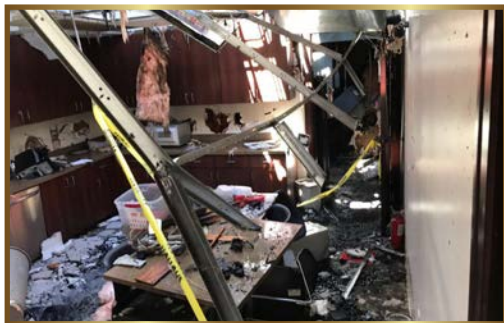
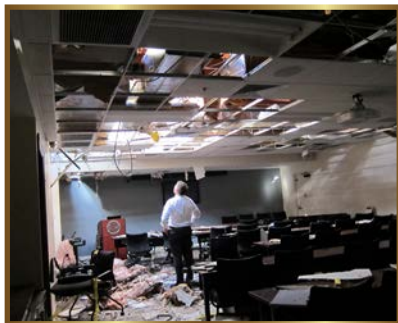
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In 2016, Patience Burns retired as Executive Director after 36 years of service to PBCBA. An Executive Director Search Committee was created to find a new Executive Director. After a national search, this committee screened a total of sixty-three qualified applicants and reduced the pool to five finalists, from which Carla Tharp-Brown was chosen. Carla, became the first African-American and third Executive Director of PBCBA. The

PBCBA legacy continued when Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes became the first African-American female president of the Bar in 2017. The Board of Directors and Carla Tharp-Brown led the Bar through a major renovation to its office building in 2017, which was necessary due to a major fire that occurred at the Bar office building.



In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic occurred and for the first time in PBCBA history, the Installation Banquet (Bar Prom) did not occur. Instead, the Board of Directors were installed at the Bar's office and members provided over one ton of food for the Palm Beach County Food Bank and donated \$6,600 in financial contributions. To date, PBCBA continues to stand on the shoulders of its past presidents, board of directors, and members. Many of whom have gone on to be Florida Bar presidents, Florida Supreme Court Justices,

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Fourth DCA judges, members of the Palm Beach County judiciary, and partners at local law firms. PBCBA continues to strive to enforce its mission to serve its members, foster professionalism, and enhance the public's understanding and awareness of the legal system.



PBCBA thanks Lawonda Warren for authoring this section.



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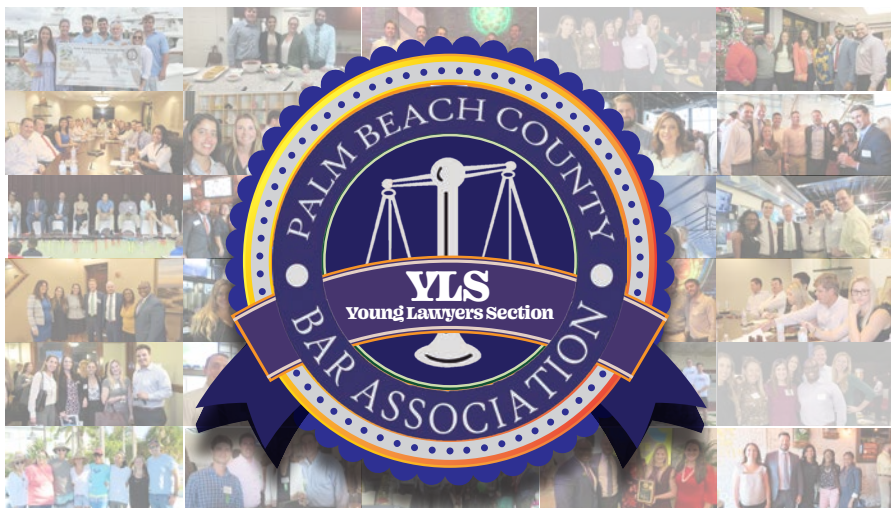


A special thank you to the PBCBA Staff, **Carla Tharp Brown, Lynne Poirier, Kathy Clark, Yani Echevarria, Derek Loiseau, Nicole Nelson, Jessica Gonzalez, Vicky Vargas** and **Dee Maeyens**, who contributed to making this a special occasion for its members.

Cheers to 100 Years!



Jill G. Weiss & Jessica M. Callow
Palm Beach County Bar Association Past Presidents



The **Young Lawyers Section** congratulates our new President, **Michael Kranz**, and the Bar's new President, **Scott Smith**, on their installations. And **Happy 100th Anniversary** to the Palm Beach County Bar Association!



**Congratulations to the
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on this monumental occasion.**

Happy 100th Anniversary!



**Scott, Molly, Sandy, Tucker,
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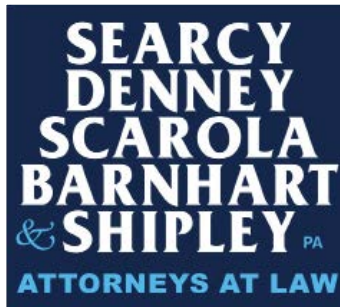
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Congratulations to our partner and PBCBA's President-Elect Grasford W. Smith and all the newly installed leaders. Thank you for your service and commitment to our profession and our community!

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