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Message From the President

Martin County Bar President - Barbara Kibbey Wagner, Esq.

Dear Members,

Gratitude. Thank you for your continued support of the Martin County Bar Association. Our community needs you and our Bar Association needs you. Without you, there is no “we”. Please continue to support our Bar this year. Wonderful speakers and events are planned throughout the year. If you can come in person, please do so. If you need to attend a luncheon via Zoom, you can do that too.

The road to success is always under construction, personally and professionally. Looking for the lesson, purpose, silver lining, etc. can soften a hardship’s anguish. For the last 100 years our Republic has not experienced what we experienced together over the last 18 months—a bad pandemic. It changed the world and all our lives, somehow.

The pandemic swiftly challenged our profession’s delivery of services to its consumers and the court system’s delivery of its services to the public. Technology allowed our branch of government to remain open. Our first in-person luncheon speaker is someone at the forefront of technology in legal services. Our speaker for August is Tom Barnett. Tom is the senior vice president and divisional general counsel for United Lex. Tom is a widely recognized innovator and entrepreneur in advanced data analytics. He founded and led several successful technology start-ups and served as their general counsel. Tom served as an eDiscovery and data analytics expert in some of the largest litigation and enforcement actions in the U.S. He led the research and development and product groups of a major corporation that brought to market one of the industry’s first predictive coding applications. He has given talks and presented papers on data science and the law all over the world. Tom is a graduate of the Cornell Law School where he served on the Board of Editors of the Cornell Law Review.

We asked Tom to speak with us about the use of artificial intelligence in legal services. The technology jump of the last 18 months should encourage us to continue learning about technology’s impact and use in our profession. Please join us.

We are thankful to be able to be back in person for the luncheons. Florida Supreme Court Justice Jamie Grosshans is our September speaker. Attorney Barry Richard will be our October speaker and will be discussing Bush v. Gore. You may recall Justice Labarga discussing his role as trial court judge in Bush v. Gore and Barry Richard’s



argument on behalf of President Bush. Now, we get to hear about Bush v. Gore from Barry Richard. Federal Appellate Judge Robert Luck will be our November speaker. Our December speaker is Edwin Bell, the Director of Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion National Center for State Courts. Our March 2022 speaker is 4th DCA Chief Judge, Burton Connor and in April, Federal District Judge Aileen M. Cannon will address us.

We will be having bi-monthly social events at outdoor locations to help everyone reconnect and make new connections. We will also have quarterly outdoor family-friendly events, like the August 7 Beach Day at Jensen Beach. Join us, say hello, and make the most of the time. If you are able, please participate in our Constitution Week teaching this September 2021. It is very rewarding. Please watch for announcements.

The Judicial Reception will be this fall and we can honor the judiciary, Professionalism Award winners and our new members. We look forward to the annual 5k run/walk, and, softball, tennis, camping, and more. Most importantly, we look forward to you.

We are thankful to the members who volunteer their time and donate their treasure to make our Bar a success and the best. Thank you to all our committee chairs, vice-chairs, and members.

Finally, thankfully, and fortuitously, the opportunity to compete in one of sports' greatest conquests will reemerge from the grayness of the law and be reborn in 2022: The Sobel Cup our Martin County Bar Association Golf Tournament. Spaces are limited. Sponsorships are not. This is to raise money for the Bar's scholarship fund. Do not worry, it is a scramble. But the bragging and trophy is very real.

We have much to be grateful for. It is my great honor to serve you as your President for the upcoming Bar year. We have an amazing year planned. We are back strong. Thank you for joining us.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." --Melody Beattie.

Yours Truly

Adam Schwartz
2021-2022 MCBA President

Renewals are due on July 1st each year.

We have an exciting line up of luncheon speakers, networking events and other events planned. You won't want to miss any of it!

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Please Join Us!

The Martin County Bar Association (MCBA) will welcome Tom Barnett of **UnitedLex** as the guest speaker at our monthly luncheon meeting on **Friday, August 20, 2021**. We are very pleased to announce that we will be returning to **Monarch Country Club** for our monthly meetings. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and Lunch will be served promptly at noon.



Tom Barnett, SVP and Divisional General Counsel. Tom Barnett is a widely recognized innovator and entrepreneur in advanced data analytics. He helped found and lead several successful technology start-ups and served as their general counsel. Tom has served as an eDiscovery and data analytics expert in some of the largest litigations and enforcement actions in the U.S. He led the R&D and product groups of a major corporation that brought to market one of the industry's first predictive coding applications. He has given talks and presented papers on data science and the law all over the world.

Tom is a graduate of the Cornell Law School where he served on the Board of Editors of the Cornell Law Review.

We look forward to an insightful and engaging program and are looking forward to seeing everyone in-person again. The lunch is free to MCBA members and Judges. Guests are welcome to attend and pay the \$30 guest fee at the door.

RSVP IS REQUIRED on or before 5:00 p.m. **FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021** by calling 772-220-8018 or emailing martincountybarassociation@msn.com.

**In order to expedite gate access for everyone,
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Family Beach Bash

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Member Spotlight

Honorable Kathleen Roberts



Education: Undergrad? University of Florida

Law School? University of Florida (Double Gator!)

How long have you been practicing law? Since 1993, sworn into the Bar September 1993 a couple months' shy of my 23 birthday.

Why did you want to be an attorney?

Well.... It really wasn't that I wanted to be an attorney if I am being completely honest. I have always wanted to be a judge, and the only way from here to there was to be an attorney first. My grandfather was a federal judge and I remember sitting in the courtroom when he was sworn in, although at the time I didn't really understand what was happening. I loved my grandfather as a grandfather first, and from that little girl idolization it grew into wanting to be a judge like him. (Fortunately, I did find that I loved being an attorney on my road here!)

What do you like most about it? Being a judge is everything I expected and more. What I like most is that as a county court judge I get to watch fresh out of law school new Bar members develop into attorneys right before my eyes. That is my favorite part.

What don't you like? "Back in the day" it was a common practice for young lawyers to go back to the judge's office and talk about the practice of law and where the attorneys might improve. Some of my most valuable lessons were sitting next to the Assistant Public Defender at lunch

or back in our Judge's office while he critiqued how we did on last week's trial. While I embraced that tradition of learning and teaching, over the years sadly it has gone by the wayside.

What are the biggest changes you have seen through the years? The absolute dependency on technology.

How do you define success? Raising independent children who have lives and careers all of their own, while being able to do a job that I love.

Who Inspires you? My three girls. They have a mom who is a judge and a dad who is an engineer... and none of them have pursued those paths. They each have their own interests and are pursuing careers wildly different than ours.

Who has been the most influential person in your career? My grandfather because of his passion for the law, but also my husband who has supported me in this lifelong commitment to public service.

If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose? Judge James Sloan of the 20th Circuit, who was my first mentor as I became an attorney.

What is the best piece of advice you

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have ever received? Don't focus on the horizon so intently that you miss what is happening right in front of you. (A take on the missing the forest for the trees analogy)

What advice would you give to someone looking to become an attorney? If all you are good at is arguing, then you are missing the point. You have to be able to listen and understand the other side as well. Sometimes, the best lawyer is the one that is best at negotiation and mediation.

If you weren't an attorney, what would you be doing? Teaching high school algebra.

If you could switch places with someone for a day, who would it be? I really have no idea.

What's on your bucket list? It's pretty empty right now of end goal things. We did get to the Kentucky Derby this year which was a bucket list item- highly recommend.

If you could visit anywhere in the world,

where would you go? I would love to see where my family came from in Scotland way back.... But that would mean finding where that was as legend has it they fled to this country when a horse "trading" went bad....

If you could have dinner with any person, alive, dead or fictional, who would it be and where would you go? My best friend Lisa who was killed in a car crash right after high school graduation. I would like to be able to walk the beach with her again like we did practically every Sunday afternoon our junior and senior year in high school. We'd probably just grab a sandwich somewhere or eat it on the beach.

What is something about you (a fun fact) that not many people don't know about you? I am the one that did love math in school!

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The Martin County Bar Association Golf Tournament is ON for 2022!!!!

We're very excited that the MCBA Golf Tournament is back on for 2021. We hope to announce the golf course and date soon but no matter what, we will be playing on a luxurious course sure to be enjoyed by all. Don't worry if you aren't a good golfer. The tournament format makes it fun for all skill levels, (including those of us with no skill levels at all), because we'll "scramble," meaning that after all four golfers take their turn, only the best shot counts. The other three players pick up and move their ball to the spot where the best shot ended before all four hit again. This format keeps the game moving and eliminates (or at least reduces) any fretting over bad shots.

We'll start off with a continental breakfast, followed by the golfing (4 hours, more or less), followed by lunch - at which time the winners will be announced). We'll have a low "gross" category (to be won by the team with the best true score, earning them the honor of having their names engraved on the Trophy Cup and possession of it until next year's tournament); but we'll also have trophies for teams with the best "net" scores (based on each player's reported handicap).

The tournament has been one of our most effective vehicles for raising scholarship funds to be awarded to local high school seniors. Each year, the Scholarship Committee conducts an essay contest and awards the three top essayists a total of \$5,000 to be used for college. The winners are announced during ceremonies held in their respective high school auditoriums. Not only are the recipients grateful, but the entire assembly of local businesses and charitable organizations hears of our organization's good deed. Showing our generous, charitable side contributes to the community's goodwill.

In past years, the tournament attracted so many sponsors and prize donors that every entrant won something. Sign up as a foursome and save a bit or enter individually and we'll team you up with others. We guarantee you'll enjoy the comradery in a beautiful setting while doing something to benefit three deserving local high school seniors.

We can always use more volunteers to contact potential sponsors and players and to load and distribute "goodie bags" to the players, so if you can help, please contact our Association's amazing Executive Director, Robyn O'Heron at (772) 382-9076 or via email to martincountybarassociation@



Jack Sobel
Chair

msn.com, and please stay alert for more details, including the golf course and date, and be ready to get your sponsorship and entrance forms in. We hope to see you there! - Jack Sobel

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Bankruptcy Committee

Jon Martin - Chair

SUPREME COURT CASES EVERY BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEY SHOULD KNOW, PART 2



Jon Martin
Chair

The cases below were recently featured in the Consumer Bankruptcy Journal:

Assocs. Commercial Corp. v. Rash, 520 U.S. 953 (1997)

When a debtor, over a secured creditor's objection, seeks to retain and use the creditor's collateral in a Chapter 13 plan, the value of the collateral is to

be determined by what the debtor would have to pay for comparable property (the "replacement-value" standard.)

Till v. SCS Credit Corp., 541 U.S. 465 (2004)

When paying a secured claim over time in a Chapter 13 plan, a debtor must pay an interest rate that will adequately compensate the creditor for the time value of its money (present value) and the risk of default. This is calculated by using the national prime rate plus an appropriate risk adjustment.

Harris v. Viegelahn, 135 S. Ct. 1829 (2015)

Upon a conversion of a Chapter 13 to a Chapter 7 a debtor is entitled to the return of any post-petition wages not yet distributed by the Chapter 13 trustee.

Taggart v. Lorenzen, 139 S. Ct. 1795 (2019)

A contempt action for violation of the discharge injunction incorporates the traditional standards for civil contempt.

Virginia Community College v. Katz, 546 U.S. 356 (2006)

The Bankruptcy Clause of the United States Constitution (Article I, § 8, cl. 4) reflects the States' subordination of state sovereign immunity in the bankruptcy arena.

See Also:

Bullard v. Blue Hills Bank, 135 S. Ct. 1686 (2015)

An order denying confirmation with leave to amend is not a "final order" allowing an appeal. A debtor can only appeal an order confirming the plan or an order dismissing the case for failure to propose a confirmed plan.

NEED MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

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Professionalism Committee

Niki Marshall - Chair

Now Accepting Nominations for 2021 George W. Bush, Jr. MCBA Professionalism Award

The Professionalism Award recognizes an attorney who has demonstrated or promoted outstanding professionalism within Martin County. All nominees should have exemplary ethical conduct, character and integrity, respect for the legal system and all of its participants, commitment to maintaining the highest levels of professional competence, courtesy and civility, and commitment to serving clients and the community.

The recipient of the annual MCBA Professionalism Award must be a current member of the Martin County Bar Association.

Nominations will be accepted through midnight on September 30, 2021. Each nomination should outline why the candidate is to be considered along with supporting rationale and a list of related accomplishments.

We will be announcing the recipients of both the 2020 and 2021 Professionalism Award at this year's Fall Reception.

Please send nominations to: martincountybarassociation@msn.com. For questions, please contact Robyn O'Heron at 772-382-9076.



Niki Marshall
Chair

MCBA Small and Solo Practice Committee



It's been a while...
Networking Happy Hour

Thursday,
September 9th
5:30pm - 7:00pm

District Table & Bar
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Drinks are on your own



Kathy McHale
Chair

RSVP by September 8th to
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MARTIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION RACE TO THE COURTHOUSE



APRIL 17, 2021



Gene Zweben
Co-Chair

Third time is a charm...after two cancellations due to the pandemic, the fourth annual Race to the Courthouse finally took place on April 17th. Over 150 happy masked faces made their way to the start line at Memorial Park in the shadows of the Martin County Courthouse and wound their way through Stuart for 3.1 miles making their way back to the finish line. It was a great event and people were so glad to finally be able to run together in person!



Sarah Vickers
Co-Chair

The 5K race raised over \$5,000.00 for the Martin County Legal Aid Society and the Martin County Bar Association Scholarship fund.

Big winners were Alexander Petry of Stuart, first male overall and Cynthia Washam of Jensen Beach, first female overall. Masters winners were Thomas Connors and Therese Lewis. McCarthy Summers won the trophy for most participation and fastest overall.

We couldn't have done this without the generous support of our sponsors: McCarthy Summers, Becker & Poliakoff, Guy Yudin & Foster, Kathryn McHale LLC, Center State, Fox McCluskey, Natalie's Orchid Island Juice Company, Zweben Law Group, and Fleet Feet Sports. Also, thank you to Shari Geffner Sullivan of Illustrated Properties for her generous donation.

We would also like to thank our outstanding Race to the Courthouse committee: Chairs Gene Zweben and Sarah Vickers, Jane Cornett, Valerie Costello, Kathryn McHale, Jessica VanValkenburgh, Robyn O'Heron, and Tara Zweben.



Constitution Week

WE'RE BACK!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK 2021

Judge Alan Forst: Past MCBA President and Constitution Week Co-chair
Adam Schwartz: Current MCBA President and Constitution Week Co-chair

To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race. (Calvin Coolidge)



Judge Alan Forst
Chair

In 1940, Congress designated the third Sunday in May as "I am an American Day." Both the date and name of this celebration of United States citizenship were changed in 1953, with "Citizenship Day" being celebrated on September 17. In 2004, Congress added the observation of "Constitution Day," also to be celebrated annually on September 17.

Why September 17? Because on that date in 1787, thirty-nine delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution. Beginning in 2004, the Martin County Bar Association commenced Martin County Constitution Week, sending volunteers to nearly every school in the county to speak about the Constitution and the Rule of Law. We have been at it every year since that start, even last year when we had to substitute a video for our live interactive programs.



Calvin Coolidge

This year, we will once again work with the Martin County Schools to coordinate visits from our lawyer and judge volunteers to speak about the Constitution during the week of September 17-23 (Friday and the following Monday-Thursday). So, what does one do at the schools during Constitution Week? A lot of discretion is provided to the speakers, with the proviso that we are celebrating the United States Constitution, the audience is school children, and the goal is to get the kids thinking and talking about the subject. Need help? **We will be hosting a lunch meeting (pizza is on us!) at the courthouse on Wednesday September 8 at noon.** We will be sharing lesson plans, materials, and experiences.

Several judges are part of this "staff," and therefore this meeting will also be a network-with-the-judges opportunity.

Our Constitution works; our great republic is a government of laws and not of men. Here, the people rule. (Gerald R. Ford)



Adam Schwartz
Co-Chair

The time commitment for this project is not egregious, and you are encouraged to team up with a colleague. We have learned from our volunteers that this is a very fun experience, you will be as much a beneficiary as the students, and this is an excellent public service project for the Bar (and for you and your firm). Schools are required by Federal Law to conduct a special program during Constitution Week. In recently signing three bills "that prioritize civic education in our schools," Governor Ron DeSantis remarked that "[t]he sad reality is that only two in five Americans can correctly name the three branches of government, and more than a third of Americans cannot name any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. It is abundantly clear that we need to do a much better job of educating our students in civics to prepare them for the rest of their lives."



Gerald R. Ford

Constitution Week is an excellent opportunity for our Bar Association to generate interest in this incredible document and form of government. We hope that you can join in this effort.

Here is what we need ASAP:

Please email us at usakids@comcast.net and provide the following: (1) the day(s) and time(s) that you are available during the week of September 17-23; (2) the number of class periods you're willing to take on (class periods generally are less than an hour); (3) your contact information; (4) the school(s) that you prefer to visit/teach; (5) your preferred topic(s). If you will be joining us on Wednesday September 8 at the courthouse, please RSVP to us in advance, so we know how much pizza to order and we can give



Henry Clay

you the courtroom number. It'll be fun! Really! We look forward to hearing from you!
The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity - unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity. (Henry Clay)

Judicial Relations Committee

Jessica VanValkenburgh - Chair



2021-2022 JRC Committee Members – Judge Lawrence Mirman, Judge Elizabeth Metzger, Judge William Roby, Gene Zweben and Kathryn McHale

Our Purpose: The purpose the MCBA's Judicial Relations Committee (JRC) is primarily to serve as a liaison between the Martin County Bar Association and the 19th Circuit's Judiciary. Moving forward, the JRC will be planning, implementing and coordinating certain programs designed and focused on improving relationships and overall communications between the Bench and Bar.

Upcoming JRC Meetings:

JRC Judicial Speaker Series 2021 - 2022

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
September 21, 2021	Judge Darren Steele
October 12, 2021	Judge Jeffrey Hendriks
November 9, 2021	Judge Brett Waronicki
December 14, 2021	TBD
January 11, 2022	Judge Jennifer Alcorta Waters
February 8, 2022	TBD
March 8, 2022	TBD
April 12, 2022	TBD
May 3, 2022	TBD

All JRC Judicial Speaker Series meetings will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McCarthy, Summers, Wood, Norman, Melby & Schultz, P.A., 2400 SE Federal Highway, Fourth Floor, Stuart, Florida 34994, (772) 286-1700. RSVP required at least two (2) days prior to each meeting to: jmv@mccarthysummers.com. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Meetings are free for current MCBA members and \$10.00 for all others. Cash or checks made payable to the MCBA accepted.

If you are interested in the JRC please contact Jessica VanValkenburgh, Esquire, at jmv@mccarthysummers.com

ADMIRALTY LAW



MCBA Admiralty Committee Chair,
Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee,
Member of the Admiralty Law Certification Committee

Welcome to Martin County Bar Association attorneys who are interested in the practice of admiralty and maritime law. This is a unique area of practice that requires specialized knowledge of maritime law, its statutes, regulations, and its vocabulary. Where does maritime law apply? When does it apply? What general maritime law, federal statutes, and federal regulations must be followed. What are the different statutes of limitations for different circumstances? Must all claims be filed in federal court or can some claims be filed in state court? Can a particular case be tried with a jury, or is a bench trial always required? Where do the terms flotsam, jetsam, lagan, and derelict apply? When is it towing, when is it salvage? Does federal law always apply to boats or is state law applicable in some circumstances?

There are organizations and resources available to practitioners that can help unravel some of the mystery of the maritime practice. The Admiralty Law Committee of the Florida Bar <https://www.floridabar.org/about/cmtes/cmtes-cm/cmte-cm005/> is open to all Florida attorneys interested in maritime practice. During the year the Committee meets and gives presentations and updates on maritime law. Continuing education credits are awarded, including certification credits for attorneys wanting to become certified or to maintain their certification standing.

Certification in admiralty and maritime Law is available to attorneys who practice this area of the law as a substantial portion of their practice. Minimum qualifications include five years of active practice in the field, peer review, and passing a certification exam. More information on certification can be found at <https://www.floridabar.org/about/cert/cert-applications-and-requirements/cert-ad/>

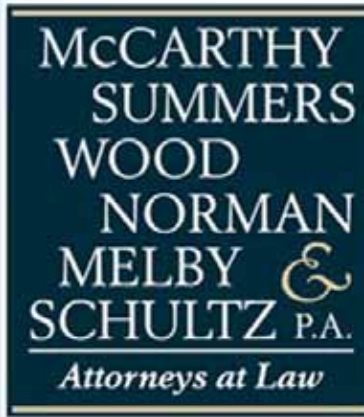
The Continuing Legal Education Division of the Florida Bar publishes Florida Maritime Law and Practice. The Seventh Edition is expected to be published later this fall. The volume is written and edited by Florida maritime attorneys who provide updates on the various aspects of maritime law and how it is applied in the Federal District Courts in Florida. Chapters include Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction, Practice and Procedure, Personal Injury and Wrongful Death, and Maritime Liens.



The Southeast Admiralty Law Institute <https://www.seali.com/> holds its annual meeting every year the last weekend in June. Maritime attorneys from twelve states meet and give presentations on issues of interest, along with updates to maritime law in the various federal judicial circuits. CLE's are awarded for SEALI attendance. Next year's annual meeting will be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many Florida maritime attorneys belong to the Maritime Law Association of the United States. <https://mlaus.org/> Attorneys in various maritime practices across the country publish reports every year giving an overview of significant cases that effect their areas of practice.

If you're interested in becoming a member of the Martin County Bar Association Admiralty Law Committee e-mail me at jfoster@guyyudinlaw.com, or call me at 772-286-7372 x 207 and I'll be sure that any maritime publications or seminar notifications are forwarded to you. I look forward to the coming year.



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became a shareholder with the firm.

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Employment Law

David Miklas, Esq. – Chair

As part of my law practice I regularly review and revise employee handbooks. I often encounter handbooks drafted and reviewed by lawyers that contain inappropriate and even illegal language. I am aware that some lawyers who do not regularly practice employment law will agree to draft or revise an employee handbook and they often create problems. Some problems that are created are that the language in the handbook opens the business / non-profit to legal liability. Another problem is that the client may assume they have a solid handbook and they may take a firm position on something, only later to learn that the handbook language hurts them and we are better off not even using it because it hurts our position later on. Both of these scenarios can create poor feelings towards the original lawyer who handled the handbook, when it later surfaces that the handbook has serious problems.

My advice – don't dabble in this area if you are not experienced.

Some common problems that I see in employee handbooks are as follows. The handbook:

- *Was downloaded off the internet and contains pro-employee language that was negotiated by a union, or only applies in another state, or only applies to a public employer, or only applies to an employer that is significantly larger than the business at issue;*
- *Prohibits discussions of compensation. This is almost always going to be found to violate the National Labor Relations Act, especially under a Biden presidency;*
- *Creates a list of things for which the employee can be fired. Because Florida is employment-*

at-will, the language should clearly state that and also state that any list of examples of disciplinary offense are not exclusive and that things not included on that list can result in termination;

- *Contains an FMLA policy when the employer has fewer than 50 employees, and therefore is not covered by the FMLA;*
- *Contains language that purports to operate as a non-compete agreement, while simultaneously stating that the handbook is not a contract. In Florida, non-competes must be in writing and signed, as they are contracts;*
- *Includes a dress code policy that has different standards for men and women (could result in a sex discrimination claim);*
- *Fails to include a non-harassment policy with adequate reporting avenues (could damage an affirmative defense otherwise available in harassment claims);*
- *Fails to contain an employee acknowledgement page.*



David Miklas
Chair

Of course, the handbook should also be distributed to all employees and managers should be trained on it.

Years ago lawyers would charge an hourly rate for this service which would cost several thousands of dollars. Today, those of us who use specialized software to draft handbooks shave that cost down considerably and often provide this service at a flat fee.

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Foreclosure Committee

Welcome back to the 2021 Foreclosure Committee!



Dorothy Dlugolecki
Chair

The Committee is looking forward to another year of providing updates on recent case law and other salient issues in the foreclosure world. Feel free to send any contributions. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any suggestions for the Committee, please reach out - dorothy@foxmclcluskey.com.

required the chief judge of each judicial circuit to issue AOs on case management protocols to move civil cases forward. It is important to evaluate the administrative orders in all of the circuits you practice in to know all of the new changes. Most foreclosure cases will be considered streamlined cases for the case management orders.

WVMF Funding, as Successor to OneWest Bank, FSB v. Palmero

The Florida Supreme Court reviewed the Third DCA decision in *OneWest Bank, FSB v. Palmero*, 283 So. 3d 346 (Fla. 3d DCA 2019) because it was in direct conflict with the precedent in *Graham v. Fitts*, 43 So. 512, 513-14 (Fla. 1907) and *Hotel Mgmt. Co. v. Krickl*, 158 So. 118, 119 (Fla. 1934). The Court quashed the Third DCA holding and emphasized the long-standing precedent that the terms of a note and mortgage must be construed together, and the note prevails if there is a conflict between the two documents. The Court rejected arguments that a different analysis should apply to reverse mortgages.

Foreclosure Moratorium

The foreclosure moratorium for federally-backed mortgages has been extended another month to July 31, 2021. This moratorium does not apply to vacant/abandoned properties and privately-owned mortgages.

AOSC21-17

The Florida Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 21-17 on June 4, 2021. This AO outlined new steps for courts in a post-Covid world and

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Calling all High School Seniors!

2022 MCBA Scholarship Details are Now Available \$5,000 to be Awarded

If you know of a 2022 Senior graduating from any high school in Martin County, let them know about our scholarship. The details are posted on MCBA website under "Information." The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1, 2021. Our thanks to **Jack Sobel, Donaldson & Weston**, and the **Run to the Courthouse 5K** for their contributions to our 2022 Scholarship fund. They continue to help us make this happen and we appreciate it!

Applicants must complete a standard application, have a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA, and submit a 1,000 - 2,500 word essay responding to the following question:



Do you trust the United States government at a local, State and National (Federal) level regarding the disbursement and truth of information given to the public? (Some examples may be: health and vaccine information, COVID reactions, Unidentified Flying Objects and our NASA space program, and/or Racism and inclusion biases.)

Why do you or do you not trust the government? If you do not believe that the Government is open and honest with the public, do you believe this is justified? Finally, what can your generation do or should do to either correct the policies for disbursement for information or maintain the current protocols in the best interest of the safety of the public?

Interested students should contact their Guidance Counselor Office for more information on applying.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Chair: Elizabeth Hunter

Hello! I am happy to be chairing the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for the 2021-22 Bar year. If you would like to be included in the email list to receive updates on committee luncheons, then please send an email to me at ehunter@sheilabiehl.com. Planning is underway, so please stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.



Tennis Committee

Chair: Ray Robison



We look forward to having the MCBA Tennis Tournament again in early 2022. Please check future SideBar issues for further details on the tournament. If any questions, please contact Ray Robison (772-287-4444 or robison@foxmclluskey.com). Thank you for everyone that has expressed interest in playing.

Save the Date!

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The Immigration Committee congratulates Christopher Gaston and his team as the Gaston Law Firm celebrates its 10-year anniversary. We wish you many more years of success, happiness and growth as you continue to build better futures and opportunities to the families and businesses you serve.



Congratulations to Kathryn McHale for being awarded the Leader of the Law for Martin County from Florida FAWL. The recognition is intended to promote those who are not necessarily at the pinnacle of their career, but who have nonetheless made meaningful contributions in their communities through their legal service or volunteer activities and who have provided a positive role model for FAWL members.

Speaking of FAWL, Donna Eng was recently installed as President-Elect of Florida FAWL.



Kudos to MCBA and Inns of Court members who participated in a Beach Clean up at Stuart Beach on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Thank you!

Tropical Good Time

The MCBA's Tropical Good Time event at Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa on Friday, June 18, 2021 was a wonderful time had by all attendees. It was encouraging to see such a strong attendance by our judiciary and attorneys for our first in-person event since the pandemic. Judge Schwab swore in our 2021-2022 Executive Board and Barbara Kibbey Wagner passed the gavel to our new MCBA President, Adam Schwartz.

The Executive Board truly planned this evening to thank the membership for remaining so committed during the Zoom Era that affected how we interacted as an entire legal community. Of course, we had some surprises throughout the evening which included hula and fire dancing performances along with tunes from our DJ Thomas with Accent Sounds and Entertainment. We look forward to resuming in-person events and seeing you all again!



Martin County Women Lawyers Association

Elizabeth Hunter: MCWLA President 2021 - 22

Welcome back! Thank you to the **Honorable Elizabeth Metzger** for installing the 2021-22 MCWLA board at our installation ceremony that was held on June 25, 2021 via Zoom. It was a lovely event, and I appreciate all who were able to attend. Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members (listed below) with ideas or suggestions. We look forward to making it a great year!



- President: Elizabeth R. Hunter
- President-elect: Abby M. Spears
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- Treasurer: Valerie Costello
- Membership Director: Davina Tala
- Sponsorship Chair: Rene Griffith
- Programming Director: Susan Warner
- Public Relations Director: Nina Ferraro
- FAWL Chapter Representative: Niki Marshall

If you have not yet renewed your membership or are interested in becoming a new member, then please visit www.fawl.org for more information or contact Davina Tala at dt@talalegal.com. We hope you will join us for another productive year!

A Few More Photos From A Tropical Good Time



IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Angelina Castro

Celebrate America Creative Writing Contest Winners



Many thanks to Donaldson & Weston, P.A., Jack Sobel and AC Law, P.A. for their financial support of the 2021 Celebrate America Creative Writing Contest. 115 Students participated in the statewide competition this year, and our very own Martin County 5th grader, Lissette Rodriguez from Ms. Daly's class at Hope Rural, placed 1st in the Treasure Coast

competition and 3rd overall statewide. Lissette's poem was inspired by her father's perilous journey to America. She was surprised to learn about the details he remembered and the suffering he endured to come here. Lissette looks forward to pursuing her passion in language arts and math while attending middle school at St. Joseph's. She loves to read, bake and organize, and in her free time, she enjoys baking pan dulce (sweet bread) with her mother and sister. Her long-term aspiration is to become a psychologist and she is already planning to attend IRSC for her degree.



A visit to Ms. Daly's 5th Grade Class at Hope Rural to distribute certificates and awards.

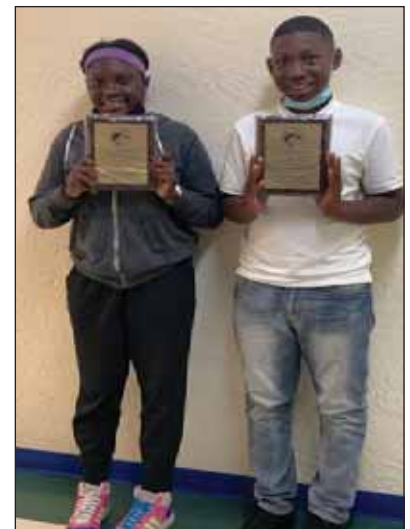
Our local 2nd and 3rd place winners hailed from JD Parker this year and also placed in the top 10 finalists statewide. Aniseaya Pratt, our 2nd place winner, wrote "Dangerous Times" highlighting the need to extend love to immigrants seeking peace, safety and freedom and celebrating the things that make us unique and different. Aniseaya is a talented writer who loves to write stories to express herself. She is determined, creative and strong-willed. Her teacher describes her as a leader among her peers.



Contest winner Lissette Rodriguez with her family in Indiantown.

This is the 5th year in a row that the Hope Rural School has participated in our competition and we are greatly appreciative of Ms. Daly's continued support and her students' engagement. In 2021, Ms. Daly celebrates her 28th year of teaching and 10th year at Hope Rural.

Our third finalist, Darius Ivery, wrote a poem titled "My Perspective on Immigration" in which he describes the horrors that a friend of his has lived through and how difficult but necessary it was for him and others to understand the plight and hardships that immigrants endure in their lives. Darius is known for his competitive nature, leadership and hard work.



JD Parker Finalists Anisea Pratt and Darius Ivery.

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His trajectory for success is unstoppable. For the last 3 years, students from Mrs. Rooney’s class have participated in this writing competition. In 2021, we wholeheartedly applaud them for their passion, insight & commitment despite a very challenging year of remote learning throughout the pandemic. Mrs. Rooney has committed the last 13 years to the students at JD Parker, and it shows!



As students begin another school year and return to full, in-person classrooms, the Committee hopes once again to bring more students into the fold for the 2022 contest. Please give us a hand by recruiting teachers and 5th graders that you know!

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PARALEGAL COMMITTEE

Pamela Lewis: Chair

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Pamela Lewis
Chair

FINALLY A LIVE MEETING! Be sure to join us on August 18, 2021, to hear attorney Dorothy A. Dlugolecki of Fox McCluskey speak. Dorothy will speak regarding Due Process and Service of process. Please join us immediately after work at Mrachek Law, 1000 SE Monterey Commons Blvd., Suite 306, Stuart, Florida.

RSVP by 08/16/21. Be sure

to RSVP early because I may limit the number of participants if it gets too large. I really look forward to seeing you all!

Young Lawyers Division

Jeanette Lugo - Chair



Jeanette Lugo
Chair

The YLD is happy to welcome everyone back to what we hope will continue to be the beginning of more in-person events.

With that spirit in mind, we hope you will join us on Friday, **September 13, 2021** at **The Hoffman** (3825 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach FL. 34957) at 5:30 PM for some good

conversation and a fun evening!

We look forward to seeing some new faces and if you have any questions regarding YLD or this event, please do not hesitate to contact Jeanette M. Lugo (jlugo@wmrfla.com).

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Real Estate and Commercial Litigation Update

Florida Real Property and Business Litigation Report

Manuel Farach

Van Buren v. United States, Case No. 19-783 (2021).

A person who exceeds his authorized access to a computer system violates the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986, 18 U. S. C. §1030(a)(2).

Transunion LLC v. Ramirez, Case No. 20-297 (2021).

Claimed violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U. S. C. §1681 et seq., requires concrete harm in order to have a statutory violation in order to have Article III standing in order to seek damages.

United States v. Arthrex, Inc., Case No. 19-1434 (2021).

The unreviewable authority wielded by Administrative Patent Judges during *inter partes* review is incompatible with their appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to an inferior office.

Cedar Point Nursery v. Hassid, Case No. 20-107 (2021).

State law requiring access to private property constitutes a *per se* physical taking.

Collins v. Yellen, Case No. 19-422 (2021).

The anti-injunction provisions of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (as conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) restricts the President's power to remove the Federal Housing Finance Agency Director and thus violates the separation of powers.

Don't Look Media LLC v. Fly Victor Limited, Case No. 20-10779 (11th Cir. 2021).

A party seeking to enforce a forum selection clause should proceed under forum *non conveniens* rather than a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(3) motion to dismiss.

Burns v. Town of Palm Beach, Case No. 18-14515 (11th Cir. 2021).

The Eleventh Circuit declines to declare as a matter of law whether personal residences are a form of personal expression protected by the First Amendment but reaffirms the ability of municipal architectural review commissions to prohibit development so long as sufficient criteria are employed in the decision.



Chua v. Ekonomou, Case No. 20-12576 (11th Cir. 2021).

The Barton Doctrine does not apply once a receivership ends, but judicial immunity still applies.

Arch Insurance Company v. Kubicki Draper, LLP, Case No. SC19-673 (Fla. 2021).

An insurer has standing through contractual subrogation to maintain a malpractice action against counsel hired to represent the insured where the insurer has a duty to defend.

Peoples Gas System v. Posen Construction, Inc., Case No. SC19-1305 (Fla. 2021).

The Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Florida Statute section 556.101 et seq., creates a standalone cause of action which sounds in negligence and which is subject to proof of proximate causation requirements.

WVMF Funding v. Palmero, Case No. SC19-1920 (Fla. 2021).

A mortgage must be read alongside the note it secures and the note prevails in the case of a conflict between the two instruments.

Tank Tech, Inc. v. Valley Tank Testing, L.L.C., Case No. 2D19-422 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021).

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Unlike the case where a party is seeking contribution arising out of a tort claim, a party seeking equitable subrogation arising out of a contract claim does not need to provide a release for the claimed damages.

De Soleil South Beach Residential Condominium Association, Inc. v. De Soleil South Beach Association, Inc., Case Nos. 3D19-2013 and 3D19-617 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

A condominium association without Kaufman language in its recorded declaration of condominium cannot adopt later revisions to Florida Statute section 718.303, which revisions permit suspension of member's voting rights upon failure to pay dues.

Segal v. Forastero, Inc., Case No. 3D21-89 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

A party seeking to pierce the corporate veil of a single member limited liability company arising out of the breach of a real estate contract may not solely rely on the company's lack of assets but must demonstrate the traditional factors to pierce the entity.

Russell v. Hydroprocessing Associates, LLC, Case No. 1D20-1387 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

A trial court judge presented with objections to enforcement of an arbitration agreement must decide whether the agreement was signed by the party and also whether the agreement is enforceable.

Giles v. Recovery Associates, LLC, Case No. 1D21-324 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

Florida's public policy of converting certain unilateral attorney's fees provisions into reciprocal prevailing party provisions does not overcome a contractual choice of controlling law of a forum state that does not treat unilateral provisions as reciprocal.

Amiri v. McGreal, Case No. 2D20-953 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021).

The Second District follows *Camena Invs. & Prop. Mgmt. Corp. v. Cross*, 791 So. 2d 595, 596 (Fla. 3d DCA 2001), and holds that a party filing an action for possession under Florida Statute 83.21 may later file a separate action for damages.

Volynsky v. Park Tree Investments 21, LLC, Case No. 3D19-2197 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

A trial court need not conduct an evidentiary hearing on objections to a foreclosure sale if the objections are facially deficient.

Jain v. Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, Case No. 3D20-886 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

A party seeking to enforce an unconditional guaranty of a promissory note need not produce nor enforce the promissory note in order to enforce the guaranty.

1560-1568 Drexel Avenue, LLC v. Dalton, Case No. 3D21-217 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

A trial court may properly enter an injunction requiring a landlord to restore electricity to a leased apartment.

Laurel Point Care and Rehabilitation Center, LLC v. Estate of Carol DeSantis, Case No. 4D20-873 (Fla. 4th DCA 2021).

A clear delegation to an arbitral organization's rules to decide arbitrability, which rules state the arbitrator will decide arbitrability, is sufficient to allow the arbitrator to determine arbitrability; *Fallang Family Ltd. P'ship v. Privcap Cos., LLC*, 46 Fla. L. Weekly D639 (Fla. 4th DCA Mar. 24, 2021), is distinguished.

MTW Jordan, Inc. v. Baskerville, Case No. 5D20-525 (Fla. 5th DCA 2021).

A trial court is divested of jurisdiction to enforce a settlement agreement if the parties file a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal without either obtaining an order of dismissal incorporating the settlement agreement nor an order reserving jurisdiction to enforce the settlement agreement.

Specialty Solutions, Inc. v. Baxter Gypsum & Concrete, LLC, Case No. 5D19-1559 (Fla. 5th DCA 2021).

Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.440 does not require a trial be held in order to determine the amount of unliquidated damages against a defaulted defendant.

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Legal Resources / CLE

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The Law library has relocated to the first floor reference area of the main branch of our Martin County library system, The Blake Library at 2351 SE Monterey Road in Stuart, with expanded hours of access to library patrons. Legal research assistance will continue to be offered Monday through Thursday (Noon to 4:00 p.m.); Blake Library hours are Monday - Thursday (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) with all other days open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except for Sunday (closed).

Current CLE Seminars Available Include the Following:

- **Parenting Plans from Start to Finish.** Valid through 8/21/2021. Credits: Marital and Family Law 7.5 hours; Professional Responsibility 1.0 credit hour; Ethics 1.0 credit hour; Technology 1.0 credit hour.
- **MCBA Monthly Lunch Meeting - February 21, 2020.** Valid through 8/31/2021. Topic: Diversity and Juvenile Justice; **Credits:** 2.0 General, 2.0 Bias Elimination; **Certification Credits:** 2.0 Juvenile Law
- **MCBA Monthly Lunch Meeting (Virtual) - August 21, 2020.** Valid through 1/31/2022. Speaker: FL Supreme Court Justice Jorge Labarga. Topic: The Role of the Judicial Branch during time of societal division. Credits: 1.0 General
- **MCBA Monthly Meeting (Virtual) - September 18, 2020.** Valid through 3/31/2021. Speaker: Giles Kibbe, SVP and General Counsel Houston Astros and Crane Companies. 1.0 General CLE Credit
- **2020 Survey of Florida Law (2 copies) -** Valid through 11/30/2021. **Credits:** 13.5 General; 3.0 Ethics; 2.0 Mental Illness; 1.0 Professionalism; 3.0 Technology. **Certification Credits:** 1.0 City, County and Local Government; 1.0 Civil Trial; 1.0 Condominium and Planned Development Law; 2.0 Elder Law; 1.0 Labor and Employment Law; 1.5 Marital and Family Law; 1.0 Real Estate; 1.0 State/Fed Govt & Admin Practice; 1.0 Tax Law; 4.0 Wills, Trusts & Estates.
- **MCBA Monthly Meeting (Virtual) - November 12, 2020.** Valid Through 4/30/2022. Speaker: Congressman Brian Mast, Journalist Ed Killer. Topic: The St. Lucie River & Estuary. 1.0 General CLE Credit.
- **40th Annual Legislative & Case Law Update** - Valid through 2/28/2022. **Credits:** 8.0 General; 1.0 Ethics; 0.55 Technology. **Certification Credits:** 8.0 Development Law; 8.0 Real Estate; 8.0 Tax Law; 8.0 Wills, Trusts & Estates.
- **How the Ethical Lawyer Can Avoid Technology Traps** - Valid through 5/31/2022. **Credits:** 1.0 General; 1.0 Ethics; 1.0 Technology.
- **Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review 2021** - Valid through 8/31/2022. Credits: 15.0 General; 2.0 Ethics; 1.0 Technology. **Certification Credits:** 15.0 Appellate Practice; 15.0 Business Litigation; 15.0 Civil Trial; 15.0 Criminal Appellate Law; 15.0 Criminal Trial Law; 15.0 Juvenile Law.

The materials are located in the office of the Martin County Clerk and Comptroller, Official Records Division, 100 SE Ocean Blvd., 1st Floor. Office hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any specific questions regarding these instructions, please contact the Official Records Division at 772-288-5553.

PREPARE NOW TO THWART RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

'Criminal actors definitely target law firms. We need to focus on this risk, because it's not going away'

For weeks, a New York law firm chatted up an upcoming office soiree on its Facebook Page.

The day after the party, the office manager received an email from her managing partner praising the wonderful turnout – and instructing her where she needed to wire \$150,000.

She did, the email was a scam, and the firm lost \$150,000.

“Law firms are actually stalked online,” warns Brian Butterfield, managing partner of the South Florida firm Microtech Computer Services. “You have to be careful about your social media presence.”

Butterfield, whose South Florida firm provides IT and cybersecurity services to law firms, was one of three expert panelists in the June 25 ABOTA Ft. Lauderdale technology seminar, “Cyber Security: Legal Edition.”

Subtitled, “Dealing with Emerging Threats to Clients, Lawyers and Firms,” the free 1-hour and 45-minute panel discussion is certified for two CLE Technology credits. A video is available at “abotaftl.org”.

Law firms may not be prime targets of state actors, like Russia or North Korea, but they are considered “low hanging fruit” in a cyber landscape estimated to contain 10,000 security threats, Butterfield said.

“Right now, in a personal injury firm, you have so much protected information in your system that’s worth so much money on the dark web,” Butterfield said.

Joining Butterfield on the panel were former U.S. intelligence expert Bruce Spector, now chair of Baltimore Cyber Range, LLC, and Robert D. Reynolds, president and CEO of Morris & Reynolds Insurance, one of the oldest and largest independent agencies in Florida and a provider of cyber liability coverage.

The recent ransomware attack on Colonial Pipeline was part of an alarming trend, Reynolds said.

Today’s average ransomware payment of \$310,000 has zoomed 171% since 2019, and between 2019 and the first quarter of last year, the number of reported ransomware demands increased 100%, he said.

That is likely an underestimate because many victims, fearing “reputational damage,” don’t report attacks, Reynolds said.

“Criminal actors definitely target law firms,” he said. “We need to focus on this risk, because it’s not going away.”

Spector said 86% of ransomware attacks begin with “phishing,” where cybercriminals persuade someone to click on a virus-laden email link.

For that reason, law firms should have data management procedures and cybersecurity training that is tailored to upper level managers, associates, and lower level employees, he said.

“There is not one magic thing that will solve your security problems,” he said. “Look at the various parts of your firm...first and foremost, it’s your personnel. Eighty nine percent of your risk is going to come from your people.”

Butterfield said he arranges to perform “pen” or penetration tests on his law firm clients. The employee who is caught clicking on a dangerous link is sentenced to further training, he said.

“That’s not to call anybody out, that’s not to bring anybody to the woodshed,” he said.

No firm can become completely immune and managers should think about a worst-case scenario, Butterfield said.

“You don’t want to wake up and have your data encrypted and not know what to do,” he said. “Backup, I cannot stress it enough.”

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Backing up a firm's data on the same system that manages the daily data flow is not a true backup, Spector said. Law firms should have three copies of their data, and one backup should be offsite.

Ransomware attacks are not only proliferating, they're growing more sinister, Reynolds said. Criminals now threaten to expose the data publicly on an "extortion site" if the victim refuses to pay.

"At the end of 2019, there was one ransomware group that had an extortion site online, publicly available," he said. "Now today, there are at least two dozen."

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The experts agreed that cyber insurance is a good idea, but not as a sole means of addressing the risk.

Because the cyber insurance market only came into existence in the 1980s, there is little standardization in the industry and coverages vary, Reynolds said. Premiums are rising with the risk, he said.

"The general commercial marketplace is difficult and going through a cycle," he said. "That will typically level off in a couple of years. Risk management, to me, is the key."



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Save the Date

Justice Major B. Harding American Inns of Court 2021 – 2022 Meeting Dates

September 8, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Orientation Meeting – Swearing In the Officers
October 20, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Regular dinner meeting
January 12, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Regular dinner meeting
February 9, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Regular dinner meeting
March 9, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Regular dinner meeting
April 13, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Regular dinner meeting
May 11, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Regular dinner meeting

Alternate dates, if necessary

November 3, 2021	5:30 p.m.
December 1, 2021	5:30 p.m.
June 1, 2022	5:30 p.m.

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Congratulations to the following Firms for reaching 100% Club as of July 16, 2021

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MEET RYAN D. CARLEY, ESQ.

Staff Attorney and Pro Bono Coordinator at Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.



Ryan joined Florida Rural Legal Services in late December 2020 as a staff attorney and pro bono coordinator. While recruiting pro bono attorneys and managing the 19th Circuit Pro Bono Program, Ryan also provides direct legal representation to client victims of crimes with their civil legal matters.

“I am excited to be back in my hometown and to be giving back to those in the community who need help.”

Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS) was founded in 1966 as a private non-profit law firm. FRLS' staff and Pro Bono volunteers assist thousands of low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals each year. FRLS is committed to working with the private bar, emeritus attorneys, law graduates, law students, paralegals, and other professionals to ensure access to justice. Through our partnership with the members of the Martin County Bar Association, we provide the highest quality civil legal assistance to eligible clients.

Q & A with Ryan

Q: What types of cases does FRLS place pro bono?

A. *FRLS places a wide variety of cases for pro bono representation: probate, guardianship, family law, housing, employment, civil rights, elder, and many more. If there is a case you think FRLS should refer, call me to discuss it.*

Q: I am already representing a client pro bono. Can I get that client approved for FRLS to refer the client back to me?

Yes. If you believe a client may qualify, just call me and FRLS will screen the client to determine eligibility.

Q: What happens once I accept a pro bono case referral?

A. *You will receive an opening email acknowledging your willingness to review the case, any documents the client provided, and FRLS pro bono forms.*

Q: What are the benefits of doing pro bono work?

A. *You can change lives while advancing our system of justice!*

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For more information about the 19th Circuit pro bono program or to join the Martin County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee contact:

Co-chair: Jane Cornett at jcornett@beckerlawyers.com

Co-Chair: Maxine Noel at mnoel@gglawyers.com

Pro Bono Coordinator: Ryan Carley ryan.carley@frls.org

ONLINE RESOURCES OFFERED BY THE MCBA

Notice: Your clients and the public at large can now access online courses directly through the MCBA website. They are fast, convenient, and inexpensive - available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All instructions are included online and programs can be started/stopped, picking up where you left off, as many times as you like. **Help the MCBA promote this community service while generating income to support local initiatives!**

Florida Online Traffic School Courses:

- Basic Driver Improvement 4-hour course (Traffic Ticket - TCAC)
- First-time Driver 4-hour course
- Advanced Driver Improvement 12-hour course (ADI / Judge-ordered class)
- Florida Mature Driver Program 6-hour course

All traffic courses are approved by the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles and sponsored by the American Safety Council.

Parent Education and Family Stabilization Online Course:

This 4-hour course is required by Florida law for concerned parties seeking to obtain a final judgment of dissolution of marriage in Florida when minor children are involved. The course is approved by the Department of Children & Families and provided by a division of the University of Continuing Education.

The courses are provided via the American Safety Council which is the leading source for online driver education, workplace safety training, continuing education, online business and security solutions, and more!



Florida Free Legal Answers Program

Did you know that The Florida Bar provides free virtual legal information through its cooperative effort with the American Bar Association to low-income Floridians via the Florida Free Legal Answers Program?

Members of the public can go to: <https://florida.freelegalanswers.org/> to sign up and answer a few questions to see if they qualify to use the service.

Florida lawyers may enroll to join the effort by visiting <https://florida.freelegalanswers.org/> clicking on "Volunteer Attorney Registration" and agreeing to the attorney agreement.



Links, Jobs and Legislation

19th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

Court administration, judicial assignments, programs, job opportunities and other resources:

www.circuit19.org

Emergency Hotline / Info: 772.742.9229

Visit

www.martincountybar.org

for resources, links, events and member contact & practice area information.



Florida Bar Appointments / Vacancies

For applications and complete details, visit: **www.floridabar.org**

19th Circuit Appointments / Vacancies

For applications and complete details, visit: **<http://www.circuit19.org/careers.html>**

Track Legal Legislation

For more detailed information on specific legislation being tracked by the Bar, visit the Legislation Committee's webpage on the Bar website at this link:

<http://www.floridabar.org/cmdocs/bd160.nsf/WDOCS>



Martin County Ordinances

All Martin County ordinances may be found on the County website:

<https://www.martin.fl.us>

Click on Departments, County Attorney, County Code & Ordinances.

See ordinance list on right side of web page (ex: Ordinances 800-849).



City of Stuart Ordinances

All City of Stuart ordinances may be found on the City website:

www.cityofstuart.us

Click on link at the bottom of the page.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2021</h1>						
1	2 SideBar Articles Due	3	4	5	6	7 Family Beach Bash – Jensen Beach 10 am
8	9	10	11	12	13 RSVP Deadline For 8/21 Luncheon	14
15	16	17 MCBA Executive Board Meeting Noon	18 Paralegal Comm. Mtg @ Mirachek Law 5:30 p.m.	19	20 MCBA Luncheon Monarch CC 11:30 a.m.	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	SAVE THE DATES: See www.martincountybar.org for full 2021-22 calendar including committee meetings, holidays & courthouse closings.			



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Please join us for MCBA's CLE Monthly Meeting, Friday, August 20, 2021

When: **Friday, August 20, 2021**
11:30 a.m. networking; 12:00 p.m. lunch

Where: **NEW LOCATION!!**
Monarch Country Club
1801 SW Monarch Club Drive, Palm City

Speakers: David Clarke EVP, Chief Commercial & Experience Officer at UnitedLex
Tom Barnett, SVP and Divisional General Counsel at UnitedLex

CLE: CLE credit has been applied for

RSVP to: martincountybarassociation@msn.com
No later than Friday, August 13, 2021

PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP TO EXPEDITE ACCESS AT THE GATE

There is no charge for paid MCBA members. Guests are welcome; a \$30 guest fee may be paid at the luncheon (cash or check only).