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# Message From the President

Martin County Bar President - Adam G. Schwartz, Esq.

Dear Members,

We hope you enjoyed our February luncheon speaker, Florida Bar President Michael Tanner. We appreciate President Tanner joining us in person for an informative discussion of current Bar activities.

Please join us on March 11, 2022, for our luncheon. Our speaker will be Chief Judge Burton Conner of Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal. Chief Judge Conner will provide an update on the activities of the district court of appeal and his path to being the Chief Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> DCA.

The judicial reception is Friday March 11, 2022. You should have already RSVP'd by now and we hope to see you there. Please come out and enjoy the company of your colleagues as we honor our judiciary and present the George W. Bush, Jr. Professionalism Award.

Congratulations to MCBA member Jessica VanValkenburgh for receiving The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award. The award is intended to encourage lawyers to volunteer free legal services to the poor by recognizing those who make public service commitments and to raise public awareness of the substantial volunteer services provided by Florida lawyers to those who cannot afford legal fees. We are proud of you and thank you for your support of the community.

The MCBA will hold the annual banquet on May 20, 2022, so please hold the date. We are hopeful to host a great event. The theme for this year's annual banquet will be: History of the MCBA, honoring its prior leadership and its early lawyers.

I hope you will join us this year to celebrate our history and our past leaders. I hope you will join us to celebrate you!

The MCBA will be publishing an updated legal directory. Please make sure your contact information is up to date and contact Robyn O'Heron for sponsorship/advertising opportunities. The last directory issued was over four years ago—advertising here lasts a while. The MCBA board looks forward to continuing to serve the membership in 2022.



Adam Schwartz  
2021-2022 President

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# Please Join Us!

The Martin County Bar Association (MCBA) will welcome Fourth District Court of Appeals Chief Judge Burton Conner as the guest speaker at our monthly luncheon meeting on Friday March 11, 2022 at Monarch Country Club. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served promptly at noon.

Judge Conner's presentation is titled: PCA-WHY? (Is it the Workload?). Topics covered will include What does "Per Curiam Affirmed" really mean and why is it used; what is the frequency of PCA's?; benefits and drawbacks to using PCA. Judge Conner will also discuss Judges' workflow at the Fourth DCA; workflow in the Pandemic environment; workflow and stress. There will also be time for Q&A.

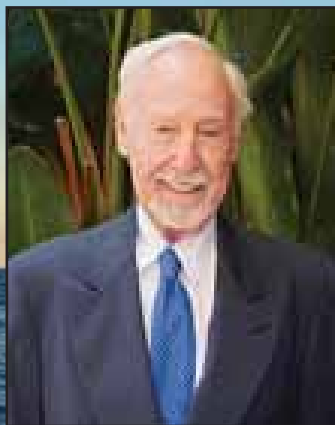


We anticipate an insightful and engaging program and are looking forward to seeing everyone in-person. The lunch is free to MCBA members and Judges. Guests are welcome to attend and pay the \$30 guest fee at the door (cash or check only).

**RSVP IS REQUIRED** on or before 5:00 p.m. **FRIDAY, March 4, 2022** by calling 772-220-8018 or emailing [martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com).

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## Member Spotlight

### Hon. Charles A. Schwab



**Education: Undergrad?** Dual emphasis B.S. majoring in Marketing and Organizational Management from the University of Colorado-Boulder

**Law School?** J.D.-University of Denver College of Law

**How long have you been practicing law?**  
Since 1993.

**Why did you want to be an attorney?**  
Undergrad classes/discussions on business litigation and the legal resolution of disputes intrigued me.

**What do you like most about it?** Not all people and situations are the same. Every day brings a different set of challenges. Work does not get stale.

**What don't you like?** Listening to attorneys present arguments when you can tell they don't even agree with what they are saying.

**What are the biggest changes you have seen through the years?** The advancement of technology in and out of the courtroom and the decline of professionalism.

**How do you define success?** Being able to get up each day and do what makes you happy.

**Who Inspires you?** My wife and children.

**Who has been the most influential person in your career?** Too many to name in this short space, even using the word "most" influential. I would like to think I have taken a little bit of the best from those who I have been blessed to work with and be supervised by over the years.

**If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose?** Again, too many to name.

**What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?** Do not do it if you would not want your parents to know you did it.

**What advice would you give to someone looking to become an attorney?** Understand that in becoming an attorney, you are dedicating yourself to being a life-long problem solver for others. In doing so, remember not to live their problem yourself.

**If you weren't an attorney, what would you be doing?** Some form of consulting.

**If you could switch places with someone for a day, who would it be?** A pre-schooler. It would be great to see the world through those eyes again if just for the day.

**What's on your bucket list?**  
A ride into outer space.

**If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?** The Cook Islands.

**If you could have dinner with any person, alive, dead or fictional, who would it be and where would you go?** Jimmy Buffet, anywhere in Margaritaville.

**What is something that not many people know about you and might be surprised to learn?**

I love hockey and have seen games in approximately a dozen of all NHL arenas. And this may be the year...Go Cats!



# RACE TO THE COURTHOUSE



APRIL 16, 2022



## Mark Your Calendars - New Date

April 16, 2022

**The Race to the Courthouse 5k Run/Walk is back again for 2022.**



Gene Zweben  
Co-Chair

The Race to the Courthouse 5k Run/Walk is back again for 2022. It will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Memorial Park. Last year was a great race with an amazing turnout, and we expect this year to be even better. All proceeds go to the Legal Aid Society of Martin County and the Martin County Bar Association Scholarship Program. **You can register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)** and search for The Race to the Courthouse 5k. We are also looking for sponsors, so please reach out to out to [gene@zwebenlawgroup.com](mailto:gene@zwebenlawgroup.com) if you are interested. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**The run/walk is open to EVERYONE in our community, not just law firms.**

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# bankruptcy committee

## MORE COVID-19 RELIEF COMING?

*A recent post by Small Business and Consumer Protection Attorney Max Gardner, says Capitol Hill is considering yet another influx of cash payouts to select businesses that were hit disproportionately by the effects of the pandemic shutdowns. (See Below)*

### Momentum Builds for New COVID-19 Relief for Businesses

“Momentum is building on Capitol Hill for more coronavirus relief funding to support restaurants and other businesses struggling to stay afloat in the face of the latest wave of the pandemic fueled by the omicron variant, The Hill reported. Lawmakers involved say that support has been building among members for legislation aimed at supporting businesses that have been disproportionately hit by the pandemic. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), chair of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee and a leader in discussions on the matter, expressed optimism Thursday when discussing he and Sen. Roger Wicker’s (R-Miss.) efforts to gain more backing for the push among their colleagues. Cardin said the primary focus in talks has been to replenish relief funding for restaurants after a previous batch of funds allocated by Congress ran out months back. The funding would come at a crucial time, advocates say, as restaurants continue to grapple with the economic effects of the ongoing pandemic, particularly as staffing shortages persist in parts of the nation and inflation tacks onto food costs.”

Tongue in cheek, one must wonder which business won’t consider itself “disproportionately” impacted, not only by the pandemic, but also by the resulting inflationary spiral it spawned. If restaurants, as suggested, fall into the category,

don’t restaurant suppliers and delivery companies also fall into that category? What about staff and patrons? After all, The patrons are the ones paying the price for the inflated menu prices! Who are the patrons? Everyone, except for the ones that don’t patronize a given restaurant for any number of reasons, including pricing, or quality failure in food or service? (Which is the normal way the market balances itself. Perhaps some businesses shouldn’t continue!) What about the grocery stores that would be “disproportionately” impacted if folks spent more at restaurants and less at the grocery? Building owners also seem to fall in the category if rent isn’t paid. it also brings us to the lenders they owe mortgages to!

I guess my confusion stems from how this is going to help ANYONE and where does it end except with ever higher inflation? Especially when EVERYONE is losing ground as the result of short-sighted thinking. There are already better ways to help small businesses and their owners overcome cash flow issues!



Jon L. Martin  
Chair

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Thank you to our February speaker Kansas R. Gooden, Florida Bar Board Certified Appellate Lawyer and member of The Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization and Education. We enjoyed Ms. Kansas' informative presentation on board certification.

**PLEASE JOIN US for our CLE diversity luncheon, *Square Pegs for Round Holes: A Presentation about Diversity and Inclusion Part II*, on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30 pm at **Stringers Tavern & Oyster Bar (patio)**. Lunch is included for all MCWLA members and sponsors. This is a luncheon made possible by our **Florida Bar Diversity Grant**. We would love to have you join us for what is certain to be a great presentation! Please e-mail [fawlmartin@gmail.com](mailto:fawlmartin@gmail.com) to RSVP no later than March 2, 2022.**

We are working on our membership event to be held this Spring – YOGA ON THE BEACH! Stay tuned for details.

**Save the dates for our upcoming CLEs in 2022: 4/19; and 5/17.**

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# Employment Law

David Miklas - Chair

## Potential New Florida law involving independent contractors:

There is a new potential Florida law (HB 411) which is moving forward through committees. It would allow businesses to help independent contractors during a public health emergency without risking that evidence being used to prove the contractor is a misclassified “employee.”

For example, it allows businesses to 1) provide financial assistance to a sick or fearful contractor; 2) provide health/safety benefits, e.g., medical or cleaning supplies, PPE, health checks, or medical testing; 3) health/safety training. If it becomes law, it is slated to take effect July 1, 2022.

The Bill is available at: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/411>

### Why is this a big deal?

Because “employees” can sue for certain things that independent contractors cannot. Some of the factors used to determine whether a worker is a contractor or an “employee” involve whether the business provides training or provides benefits or tools or equipment. This would normally make Florida business owners leery to provide these things to an independent contractor. If this Bill passes, then businesses can help out the contractors in this manner without being worried that they could be sued for minimum wage violations or have their workers’ compensation rates increase.

This is because an “employee” may have a civil cause of action against his/ her employer for various things, such as claims related to workers’ compensation, retaliatory personnel actions, state minimum wage. An “employee” may also have a civil cause of action against his or her employer to recover lost wages, salary, employment benefits, or other compensation. In each instance, the “employee” must prove the existence of an employee-employer relationship before the employer can be held liable.

This Bill, if passed, would allow a business to be benevolent without risking a WC claim or retaliation or wage lawsuit because that benevolence was used against the business to destroy an otherwise-properly classified independent contractor relationship.



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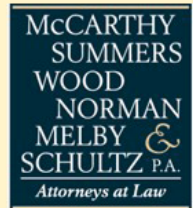
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# Cheers

Best of Luck to **Elizabeth Hunter** on the opening of her new practice Hunter Law and Mediations, PLLC in Palm City.



Congratulations to **R. Wayne Richter** for being listed as a Top Lawyer in Criminal Defense in the January 2022 Issue of STUART Magazine.

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Nova Southeastern University - Shepard Broad College of Law, 2018

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# TRIAL LAWYERS

Please join the Trial Lawyers Committee for its monthly meetings the second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm via ZOOM, featuring a number of outstanding speakers:

**3/10/2022:** Our Virtual CLE Meeting this month will be held on March 10, 2022 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. The Guest Speaker will be Chris Wilson of Phipps Reporting and the topic will be: Best Practices for using Zoom effectively at Trials. RSVP to [mkostick@gunster.com](mailto:mkostick@gunster.com).

**4/14/2022:** Save The Date! MCBA Trial Lawyers Committee Virtual CLE Meeting April 14, 2022 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. We have secured Florida Bar President-Elect Gary Lesser to be our guest speaker.

**5/12/2022:** Save The Date! MCBA Trial Lawyers Committee Virtual CLE Meeting May 12, 2022 at 12:00 pm via Zoom.

All attendees must RSVP with their name/email address to Mary Kostick at [mkostick@gunster.com](mailto:mkostick@gunster.com) if they wish to receive CLE credit for attending the meetings. Email blasts containing the specific ZOOM information and subsequent CLE credits for each meeting will be sent to those who RSVP before each session. Any questions, please contact Preethi Sekharan at [psekharan@gunster.com](mailto:psekharan@gunster.com).



**Preethi Sekharan**  
Chair

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# Foreclosure Committee

*Dorothy Dlugolecki - Chair*



## Bank of New York Mellon v. Bontoux – general magistrate reports

In this case, discovery disputes were referred to a general magistrate to determine if BONYM’s objections to the borrower’s discovery requests were asserted in bad faith. The general magistrate’s report found BOYNM’s objections were not made in bad faith and sustained objections to certain requests. The borrower filed exceptions to the report and the trial court entered an order granting the exceptions and requiring BOYNM to provide the requested documents. BOYNM petitioned for certiorari review. The 3rd DCA quashed the order finding that the trial court departed from the essential requirements of law by failing to address whether the general magistrate’s report was supported by competent,

substantial evidence or whether the general magistrate made clearly erroneous conclusions of law.

## Riano v. Bank of America – loan modification

In this case, the borrower filed a counterclaim against Fannie Mae and a third-party claim against BANA for specific performance alleging the parties entered into a permanent loan modification agreement under HAMP. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of Fannie Mae and BANA on the claims for specific performance. The 3rd DCA affirmed the final judgment in favor of BANA because there is no independent cause of action for a lender’s failure to provide a loan modification under HAMP and dismissed the petition for certiorari review for lack of jurisdiction because there were no allegations of a departure from the essential requirements of law or harm.

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# Judicial Relations Committee

*Jessica VanValkenburgh - Chair*



**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

#### Dates

#### Speakers

April 12, 2022  
May 3, 2022

Judge Jennifer Alcorta Waters  
Judge Darren Steele

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](mailto: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. Please look out for an update on location as the meeting may be changed to Zoom.

If you are interested in the JRC please contact Jessica VanValkenburgh, Esquire, at [jmv@mccarthysummers.com](mailto:jmv@mccarthysummers.com)





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## Appellate Committee

Co-Chair: Cari Leininger

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On January 19, 2022, in case number No. 4D21-1923, the Fourth DCA issued an opinion in *J.S. v. Dept. of Children and Families*. This opinion has gone viral because Judge Warner called out one of the appellate counsel, a male, for *twice* referring to her as “he.” Her concurrence, which is quoted in full below, is worth reading, and pondering.

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WARNER, J., dissenting.

I would certify the case to the Supreme Court, as we did in *V.S. v. Department of Children & Families*, 322 So. 3d 1153

(Fla. 4th DCA 2021).



I write, however, to address the motion for rehearing’s reference to me and my dissenting opinion. In the motion for rehearing, the movant states, “Warner, J. opined he would hold that § 39.806(1)(f) is unconstitutional . . . .” (emphasis added).<sup>1</sup> The appellate panel is known, and a quick look at our court’s website would reveal that the movant has clearly used the wrong personal pronoun in referring to me.<sup>2</sup> Granted, gendered pronouns are tricky in this day and age, but “he” is not the default universal personal pronoun.

More importantly, this error reveals the tenacious grip that the male image has in the legal profession to the detriment of women who have joined the profession in droves since I began practicing forty-eight years ago. It still is an issue that women are mistaken for court reporters or paralegals by both judges and lawyers. No man would suffer that same misidentification, which relegates the woman to a less important role.

We all need to be cognizant and remove from our thinking the male-centric image of lawyers and judges. It is not hard, but it requires raising one’s consciousness of the issue. And it is somewhat of a surprise that it has persisted for so long. After all, the iconic figure holding the scales of justice is a lady.

<sup>1</sup> As this was repeated twice, it does not appear to be a typographical error.

<sup>2</sup> have written on this before. See *Gore v. State*, 74 So. 3d 1119, 1123 (Fla. 4th DCA 2011) (Warner, J., concurring) (“It is easy enough to find the gender of a judge, either from Westlaw or LexisNexis, or by going to a court’s website and finding the judge’s biography. In this day and age, mistakes like this should not be made and it shows inattention in brief-writing that should be avoided. My advice is that if the lawyer does not wish to take the time to find out the gender of the judge being quoted in the brief, then no personal pronouns should be used.”)

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# Immigration Committee

## All About Kids!

### A Chance for Our Students to Tell Their Immigration Stories:

The 2022 Celebrate America 5th Grade Creative Writing Contest is in full swing and we continue to seek help recruiting students from across the Treasure Coast. This year, we are also allowing students to enter a drawing or photograph that depicts the contest's theme of what it means to be a nation that welcomes people from all over the world. Local winners will share their work with MCBA and the overall winners will share their work with AILA members at a Miami luncheon at the Parrot Jungle in May. The winning students' essays or art will also be published and 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$500, 2nd place will receive \$250, and 3rd place will receive \$100 at the award recognition ceremony in Miami in the spring of 2022. As an added incentive, the 1st place student's teacher will also receive a cash gift of \$200, the 2nd place student's teacher will receive \$150, and the 3rd place student's teacher will receive \$100 from South Florida AILA and the MCBA Immigration Committee. The winning written entry from South Florida will then be entered into the national competition. Please note that only written entries can participate in the national contest. The national winner will be invited to read his/her winning written entry at the American Immigration Council's (AIC) American Heritage Awards dinner in New York City in June 2022. Travel expenses for the national winner and her/his family will be provided. The contest's deadline has been moved to April 1, 2022. More details regarding the competition can be found at <https://ailasouthfloridawc.wixsite.com/writingcontest>. Students and teachers may register their participation at <https://ailasouthfloridawc.wixsite.com/writingcontest>. Please email Angelina Castro if you have any questions regarding the contest: [ACastro@ACLawSolutions.com](mailto:ACastro@ACLawSolutions.com).

### Changing the Practice of Jailing Immigrant Youth:

Prior to a court ruling from September 2021, DHS ICE regularly transferred unaccompanied

immigrant youth without parents or legal guardians from the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services to ICE-contracted jails once they turned 18. In a nationwide class action suit, the District Court for the District of Columbia found that ICE had engaged in "pervasive violations" of U.S. immigration laws that required placements in the least restrictive settings available and meaningful alternatives to detention, as required by amendments to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA). The court issued a permanent injunction based on ICE's "pattern of agency recalcitrance and resistance to the fulfillment of its legal duties." See *Garcia Ramirez v. ICE*, No. CV 18-508 (RC), 2021 WL 4284530 (D.D.C. Sept. 21, 2021).



Angelina Castro  
Chair

### No Safe Haven in Florida:

Nearly every election cycle over the past two decades puts the issue of immigration in a contentious spotlight. This year is no different as Governor DeSantis sends a clear message to the federal government and residents of Florida that undocumented children are no longer welcome in our state. Executive Order 21-223 signed last fall directs DCF to prohibit license renewals for agencies that house immigrant children, including those facilities fully funded and managed by the federal government. What will happen to so many vulnerable youth in our state, especially those who have suffered at the hands of unscrupulous adults who traffic them for sex and labor? Punishing this population by removing safe haven and access to justice puts all of us at risk by forcing children further underground and encouraging the proliferation of criminal enterprises targeting the most vulnerable among us. It is critical to note that, despite threatening the loss of shelter and support, both federal and state laws provide legal remedies that protect unaccompanied immigrant children from exploitation and removal from the U.S.

# Mark Your Calendars - March 2022



**Friday, March 4, 2022**

MCWLA CLE Meeting  
12 - 1:30 p.m.  
*Stringers Tavern & Oyster Bar*  
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**Friday, March 4, 2022**  
**RSVP Deadline for MCBA Monthly CLE Meeting**

**Friday, March 11, 2022**

MCBA Monthly CLE Luncheon Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. @ *Monarch Country Club*  
**RSVP by March 4, 2022**  
[martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com)

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

Trial Lawyers Committee Meeting  
Virtual CLE Meeting  
12:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

Small & Solo Committee  
Mindfulness Break via Zoom  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
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## Real Estate and Commercial Litigation Update

### Florida Real Property and Business Litigation Report

Manuel Farach



Manuel Farach  
Chair

**5200 Enterprises Limited v. City of New York**, Case No. 20-13753 (11th Cir. 2022).

New York law does not recognize continuing trespasses against municipalities, and accordingly, the City of New York is not responsible under trespass for contaminating property owned by the Debtor.

**Acheron Capital, Ltd. v.**

**Mukamal**, Case No. 21-13052 (11th Cir. 2022). An interim order directing a court-appointed trustee to sell the assets of a failed investment scheme is not a final decision under 28 U.S.C. § 1291 nor a refusal to wind up a receivership under 28 U.S.C. § 1292 and thus not capable of interim appeal.

**United States Trustee Region 21 v. Bast Amron LLP** (In Re: Mosaic Management Group, Inc.), Case No. 20-12547 (11th Cir. 2022).

The amendments to 28 U.S.C. §1930(a)(6) (increasing fees paid to the U.S. Trustee) are applicable to all pending cases.

**Hoffman v. Signature Bank of Georgia (In Re: Hoffman)**, Case No. 20-12823 (11th Cir. 2022).

Roth IRAs are exempt from the claims of creditors under Georgia exemption laws.

**Vital Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Alfieri**, Case No. 20-14217 (11th Cir. 2022).

Presumptions of irreparable harm are ordinarily disfavored in the context of a preliminary injunctions in federal court, including applying to the statutory presumptions in Florida Statute section 542.335.

**In Re: Amendment To Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.130**, Case No. SC21-129 (Fla. 2022).

Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 9.130 is amended to include new subdivision (a)(3)(G) permitting non-final appeals of nonfinal orders that grant or deny a motion for leave to amend to assert a claim for punitive damages.

**Hayslip v. U.S. Home Corporation**, Case No. SC19-1371 (Fla. 2022).

A covenant in a master deed from a project developer requiring arbitration of all claims against the developer “touches and concerns the land” and thus runs with the land and is enforceable against later purchasers of the property.

**Seaside Town Council, Inc. Seaside Community Development Corp.**, Case No. 1D19-755 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021).

An entity that has been assigned rights of community associations formed under Florida Statutes Chapter 720 may enforce the restrictive covenants of the associations.

**GE Real Estate Services, Inc. v. Mandich Real Estate Advisors, Inc.**, Case No. 3D21-125 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

One may not enforce a non-circumvention agreement against a non-signatory to the agreement.

**Enviropower Renewable Inc. v. Ritger**, Case No. 3D21-0162 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021).

A general contractual waiver of rights to delay enforcement does not waive the right to a hearing on a deficiency judgment.

**Buzby v. Turtle Rock Community Association, Inc.**, Case No. 2D21-1377 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

Professionals, including doctors and lawyers, are entitled to expert witness fees when testifying as an expert, i.e., when evaluating the work of others but not describing historical facts from personal knowledge.

**GG Investment Realty, Inc. v. South Beach Resort Development, LLC**, Case No. 3D20-1033 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

A party fraudulently induced into a contract may choose the remedy of rescission, thereby rejecting the contract, or damages, thereby reaffirming the contract and seeking damages arising from the tort.

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**Florida Department of Transportation v. Lauderdale Boat Yard, LLC**, Case No. 4D20-1184 (Fla. 4th DCA 2022).

Only those waters which were navigable when Florida joined the union are sovereign lands which grant abutting owners riparian rights, and dredging upland so that it is covered by water does not make the dredged waters navigable nor lands which contain riparian rights.

**Mohler v. Elliott**, Case No. 2D21-2276 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

A partial final summary judgment which permits execution while other claims remain pending is subject to certiorari review because the judgment debtor would not have the ability to post a supersedeas bond while he appealed the case.

**Hayes v. Monroe County**, Case No. 3D21-0632 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

A special magistrate’s order on a code enforcement hearing which does not contain factual and legal findings under Florida Statute section 162.21(8) departs from the essential requirements of law and is subject to being overturned on second level certiorari review.

**Sarasota County v. Southern Underground Industries, Inc.**, Case No. 2D20-2491 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

Although “no damages for delay” clauses are recognized as enforceable provisions in construction contracts, they will not be enforced in the face of governmental “fraud, bad faith, or active interference” with performance under the contract.

**Riano v. Bank of America, N.A.**, Case Nos. 3D20-1260 and 3D20-1473 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

There is no independent cause of action for a lender’s failure to provide a loan modification agreement under Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP).

**BMC Southwood LLC v. Monochelli**, Case No. 3D20-1371 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

A party is not bound to the mandatory arbitration provisions of the Condominium Termination Act, Florida Statute section 718.117(16), if it alleges claims not covered by Florida Statute section 718.1255(1).

**Campbell v. Harper’s Air Inc.**, Case No. 3D21-0750 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

A release which releases a party and his “employer” is interpreted to mean “employer” at the time of the incident culminating in the release and is not affected by the released party having left employment at the time of the release.

**Morrison v. Smolarick**, Case No. 2D20-2693 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

Money damages may not be awarded in partition actions under Florida Statutes Chapter 64.

**Shanks v. Bergerman**, Case No. 2D20-3431 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022),

Florida Statute section 95.051(1)(f) (statute of limitation period on debt tolled for five years from “[t]he payment of any part of the principal or interest of any obligation or liability founded on a written instrument”) does not require a written or recorded agreement to toll the statute of limitations, even if the payment is made after the maturity date of the note.

**Baron v. L.P. Evans Motors WPB, Inc.**, Case No. 3D21-1102 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

An arbitration clause which directs arbitration of all disputes arising out of or relating to the agreement requires the arbitrator to decide the issue of attorney’s fees and costs even if one party objects to the arbitrator doing so.



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**FLORIDA BAR TECH HELPLINE READY TO ASSIST MEMBERS WITH ROUTINE NEEDS**

Feb 06, 2022 By Mark D. Killian Editor

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A non-emergency Florida Bar Tech Helpline has been added to the Member Benefits lineup to offer routine remote services, including basic troubleshooting, operating system support, and technical setup for home and remote offices.



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“We are very excited that the Tech Helpline is going to go live as a member benefit,” Board Technology Committee Chair Paige Greenlee said at

the Bar’s recent Winter Meeting.

The Board Technology Committee began researching the concept of a Tech Helpline while it was working with the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Task Force on a variety of projects to help members cope with the health crisis and subsequent economic disruption. The Tech Helpline passed a three-month “beta test” with flying colors this past summer.

“Overwhelmingly, this project is something that our members really, really appreciated,” Greenlee said at the time. “Members begged for it in the comments to the survey.”

Greenlee said the service will primarily be promoted to solo and small-firm practitioners who are less likely to be able to afford their own IT service but is available to all Florida Bar members in good standing that need non-emergency, remote computer, software, and related technology support.

“With the large percentage of Bar members that we have who are solo and small firm practitioners, this free helpline is just really a completely invaluable resource, and I am super excited we are able to continue it,” Greenlee said, noting the feedback from the beta test for 100% positive.

The helpline is operated by LawTech Partners, owned by Adriana Linares, a skilled trainer and technology specialist who understands the needs of law firm users and their professional confidentiality requirements.



“Florida lawyers should know this is an important service for solo and small-firm practitioners who do not have the luxury of an IT person,” Linares said. “It is for those who really don’t have anyone else to call to assist them with their basic technology questions.”

As an example, Linares recently assisted a Juno Beach lawyer who hung his own shingle and had no idea where to start when it came to technology.

“His basic questions were what technologies do I need? How do I save my files without having to do a physical backup?” Linares said. “He is a great success story because in an hour and a half worth of time — three appointments — he really felt much more comfortable about the administrative and technical part of his practice.”

The lawyer dropped her a note: “Even though there are still some things you recommended that I need to address/follow up on, I honestly don’t know how I would have gotten through it without your guidance.”

He knows how to practice law, Linares said, “he just had no idea where to start with technology.”

The service may be accessed at **LawTech Partners** then follow the prompts.

Members seeking assistance from the Tech Helpline will be required to acknowledge that The Florida Bar is providing access to the service as a member benefit, but the service and support is being performed solely by LawTech Partners, and members using the service are responsible for their own due diligence and safeguarding of client information.

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Members should understand that this is not an emergency service. Emergency issues related to court filings with immediate deadlines, or technical emergencies, will not be addressed. Members should not contact the Tech Helpline for emergency software issues, hardware or device failures, interruptions of service, or a loss of power or internet services (they should contact the related service provider).

Members will need to provide contact information, including their Florida Bar number, and will sign an online waiver and release before the consultation begins. They will provide a clear, specific description of the problem or request, including any error messages received as well as a description of the device (desktop or laptop, printer, scanner/copier, etc.).

Members will have to acknowledge that by contacting the Tech Helpline, as the attorney, they have the ultimate responsibility to take reasonable steps to protect client confidentiality and ensure that other issues (like those that might arise under Rule 4-5.3, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar) are not created. Before a remote session begins, members should ensure that any confidential information, data, or images are not visible to LawTech Partners. Members also have sole responsibility to ensure compliance with all HIPPA-related laws or statutes.

“They make an appointment, they get an invite, we do it by Zoom. I look at their screen with them, I can control it if I need to, and that’s it,” Linares said.

The service is typically available Monday through Friday, 9 to 5, but hours of operation are subject to change. Any modifications to the schedule or planned downtime will be posted to the Tech Helpline webpage.

Requests will be processed in the order they are received.

Linares said the Tech Helpline should be able to address and support most of the typical software, applications, services, and hardware used by law firms.

“I have a lot of Mac users, so the Macs are definitely making their way into the practice,” she

said. “I get a lot of questions about Office 365 and optimizing its use, which I think is really smart because Office 365 is what I jokingly but seriously refer to as ‘a gift from Microsoft to all small business owners.’”

Other services include but are not limited to:

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## The Florida Bar Updates / Board of Governors' Report

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A direct link can be found at The Florida Bar's home page ([www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org)) by clicking the "About The Bar"

## 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

The MCBA will continue to post updates on the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit JNC Commission meetings and deadlines for appointments to fill judicial vacancies as they become available at [www.martincountybar.org](http://www.martincountybar.org). For more information, email [martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com)

Visit the MCBA website at [www.martincountybar.org](http://www.martincountybar.org) for upcoming events, committee meetings and more!

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Call Trisha Hawthorne at 772.579.7450  
Provide MCBA's Affinity code (AG345)



# Legal Resources / CLE

CLE seminars are available free of charge to all MCBA members through the Clerk of Court Office - Official Records Division at the Martin County Courthouse (1st Floor). Non-members may rent them for a fee. If you have new seminar suggestions, please e-mail [martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com) for consideration.

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).



Christine Moreno  
Chair

## Current CLE Seminars Available Include the Following:

- **MCBA Monthly Meeting (Virtual) - September 18, 2020.** Valid through 3/31/2022. Speaker: Giles Kibbe, SVP and General Counsel Houston Astros and Crane Companies. 1.0 General CLE Credit
- **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.
- **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.
- **19th Circuit Voluntary Bar Coalition Town Hall** - Valid through 9/30/2022. **Credits:** 1.0 General.
- **MCBA Monthly Meeting (Virtual)** - Valid Through 10/31/2022. Speaker: Andrea Andrus, Principal; Andrus Communications. Topic: Marketing & Advertising for Lawyers. Credits: 1.0 General Credit.
- **2021 Survey of Florida Law (2 copies)** - Valid through 12/31/2022. **Credits:** 14.5 General; 3.5 Ethics; 0.5 Bias Elimination; 1.5 Professionalism; 3.0 Technology. **Certification Credits:** 5 Appellate Practice; 2.5 Business Litigation; 2.0 City, County and Local Government; 3.5 Civil Trial; 1.0 Condominium and Planned Development Law; 2.5 Criminal Appellate; 2.5 Criminal Law; 2.0 Elder Law; 1.0 Health Law; 1.0 Intellectual Property; 2.5 Juvenile Law; 1.0 Labor & Employment Law; 3.0 marital & Family Law; 2.0 Real Estate Law; 2.0 State & Federal Gov't & Administrative Practice; 1.0 Tax Law; 2.0 Wills, Trusts & Estates.
- **MCBA Monthly Meeting - November 19, 2021.** Valid through 5/31/2023. Speaker: Judge Robert J. Luck, U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Judicial Circuit. Topic: Martin County's Legal Impact on State and Federal Law - Part 2. Credits: 0.5 General. Includes speaker notes.
- **MCBA Monthly Meeting - December 17, 2021.** Valid through 6/30/2023. Speaker: Edwin Bell, Director of Racial Justice, Equity & Inclusion National Center for State Courts. Topic: Blueprint for Racial Equality. Credits: 1.0 General; 1.0 Bias Elimination.
- **MCBA Monthly Meeting - January 21, 2022.** Valid through 7/31/2023. Speaker: Ambassador Tatiana Gfoeller-Volkoff. Topic: Women of Afghan Women: Where are they Now?. **Credit:** 1.0 General.



## Save the Date

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

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

June 1, 2022                      5:30 p.m.



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## 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 clicking on "Volunteer Attorney Registration" and agreeing to the attorney agreement.



19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

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

**[www.circuit19.org](http://www.circuit19.org)**

Emergency Hotline / Info: 772.742.9229

Visit

**[www.martincountybar.org](http://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](http://www.floridabar.org)**

**19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cityofstuart.us)**

Click on link at the bottom of the page.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2022</h1> <p><b>NOTE: The luncheon is one week earlier than usual this month</b></p>						
		1 SideBar Articles Due	2	3	4 <b>RSVP DEADLINE FOR 1/18 LUNCH</b>  MCWLA CLE Mtg. Noon. @ Stringers Oyster Tavern	5
6	7	8 MCBA Officers' Meeting <b>JRC Speaker Series</b> Cancelled	9 <b>Inns of Court</b> 5:30 p.m.	10 <b>Trial Lawyers Committee Mtg.</b> Noon via Zoom <b>Judicial Reception</b> @ Willoughby GC 5:30 p.m.	11  MCBA Luncheon @ <b>Monarch CC</b> (11:30am)	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Small &amp; Solo</b> Mindfulness Break Noon via Zoom	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<b>SAVE THE DATES:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 16, 2022: 5K Race to the Courthouse</li> <li>May 7, 2022: Golf Tournament @ Lost Lake GC</li> <li>May 20, 2022: Annual Installation Event</li> </ul>	

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<h1>April 2022</h1>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter	24	25	26	27	28	29
						30
<b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 7, 2022: MCBA Sobel Cup Golf Tournament @ Lost Lake Golf Club</li> <li>• May 20, 2022: Annual Banquet</li> </ul>						



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## Please join us for MCBA's CLE Monthly Meeting, Friday, March, 2022,

- When: Friday, March 11, 2022  
11:30 a.m. networking; 12:00 p.m. lunch
- Where: Monarch Country Club  
1801 SW Monarch Club Drive, Palm City
- Menu: Creamy Tomato Basil Bisque, Monarch Wedge Salad – Romaine Wedge with Seared Shrimp, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion and Croutons. Choice of Balsamic or Ranch Dressing. Rolls with Butter. Italian Lemon Cake with Berry Drizzle
- Speaker: Hon. Burton C. Conner; Chief Judge Fourth District Court of Appeals
- CLE: 1.0 General

RSVP to: [martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com)  
No later than Friday, March 4, 2022

**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).