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7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GET HELP FOR YOUR FEARS & ANXIETIES*

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## Message From the President

Martin County Bar President - Jeffrey M. Friedman, Esq.

Dear Members:

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed our December luncheon speaker, Martin County Property Appraiser, Jenny Fields. We appreciate Ms. Fields speaking to us regarding how property taxes impact services for the community and discussing the current housing market trends.

This month's luncheon will be our annual meet and greet with our local judges. This is a great opportunity to speak with the judges and gain insight regarding their courtroom practices and discuss the practice of law. We look forward to a large membership attendance to show appreciation for our judges.

It is now January and the holidays are behind us. We have a fresh start on a new year. Time to get back to work, and time for me to lose that holiday weight. We are now deep into our Florida winter, so be careful driving in the Florida snow, which everyone else calls "rain."

Now for some January trivia. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. The first New Year's ball drop in New York City started in 1908. In 1946, the first United States Computer was built in Pennsylvania at the Moore School of Engineering. It was housed in a 1,000 square foot room and weighed 80 tons!



We look forward to a great start to the new year and will see everyone at the luncheon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey M. Friedman".

Jeffrey M. Friedman  
2022-2023 MCBA President

# Welcome 2023!

**Wishing all our members, sponsors and friends a very  
Happy and Healthy New Year.**

**May 2023 bring you health, happiness, prosperity,**

***Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for  
tomorrow.*—Albert Einstein**

*Welcome New Members!*  
*New Member: Jeffrey S. Eannarino*  
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**Libations & Conversations**  
**Networking Happy Hour**



Thursday, January 26, 2023  
 5:30 p.m. @  
 Charlies Neighborhood Bar & Grill  
 (Kanner Highway)

The holidays are over, it's time to kick off the new year reconnecting with friends & colleagues.



Greg Weiss  
 19th Circuit BOG Rep

*The Florida Bar Updates /  
 Board of Governors' Report*  
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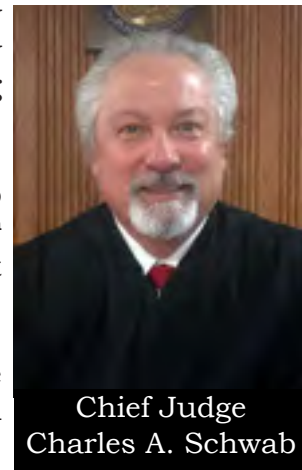
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# Please Join Us!

On Friday, January 20, 2023, the Executive Board of the Martin County Bar Association invites its members, and guests to join us for our monthly CLE luncheon meeting at Monarch Golf Club in Palm City. **Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served promptly at noon.**

The Professionalism and Judicial Relations Committees are pleased to present the annual **MCBA meet-and-greet with the Judges of the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit** and hopefully, a few Judges of the Fourth DCA and the U.S. District Court Southern District are able to join us.

Nineteenth Circuit **Chief Judge Charles A. Schwab** will kick off the program with his annual State of the Circuit Address in which he will provide an overview of changes and goals for 2023.



Chief Judge  
Charles A. Schwab

This forum is designed to provide invaluable information, resources and updates crucial for all attorneys who practice law in the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

We look forward to an insightful and engaging program with another great turnout.

RSVP IS REQUIRED on or before 5:00 p.m. **FRIDAY, January 13, 2023** by calling 772-220-8018 or emailing [martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com). There is no charge for paid MCBA members. Guests are welcome; a \$35 guest fee may be paid at the luncheon (cash or check only).

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# MCBA Sobel Cup

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting the MCBA Scholarship Fund

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**

LOST LAKE GOLF CLUB  
Hobe Sound, FL  
8:30 a.m. Shotgun  
Scramble Format



\$150 per golfer or  
\$500 per foursome  
Includes: Breakfast,  
Lunch & Awards

### Join fellow MCBA members and friends as the University of Florida Gators take on Vanderbilt University in Basketball!

Saturday, February 11, 2023  
3:30 p.m. Game Time

A limited number of discounted game tickets have been reserved.  
The first 50 – 75 buyers will get the opportunity for a postgame group photo on the court.

To purchase tickets Go to: <https://offer.fevo.com/mens-basketball-vs-vanderbilt-tphe17r-a6c05bc?fevoUri=mens-basketball-vs-vanderbilt-tphe17r-a6c05bc%2F>

#### Why not make a weekend of it?

There is plenty of other things happening on campus, including a UF Women's gymnastics meet on Friday night.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Best Wester Gateway Grand Hotel

To reserve a room at the group rate, you must call the hotel directly at 352-331-3336 and mention Group UF-Vanderbilt Basketball Game

Deadline to reserve a room at the group rate is January 23, 2023.

# MCBA Sobel Cup Golf Tournament

Benefitting the MCBA Scholarship Fund

## Sponsorship Opportunities



### Gold Sponsor - \$1500

#### 1 Available

- Includes Foursome (\$500 value)
- Logo in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
- Signage at tournament
- Logo with hyperlink on MCBA website
- Recognition at Luncheons leading up to event
- Full-page ad in 1 issue of The SideBar

### Luncheon Sponsor - \$750

#### 1 Available

- Includes entry fee - 2 golfers (\$250 value)
- Logo in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
- Signage and Recognition at Lunch
- Logo with hyperlink on MCBA website
- Recognition at Luncheons leading up to event
- Half-page ad in 1 issue of The SideBar

### Cart Sponsor - \$500

#### 1 Available

- Logo displayed on all golf carts used for event
- Logo in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
- Logo with hyperlink on MCBA website
- Recognition at Luncheons leading up to event
- Quarter-page ad in 1 issue of The SideBar

### Scorecard Sponsor - \$500

#### 1 Available

- Logo displayed on all scorecards used for event
- Logo in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
- Logo with hyperlink on MCBA website
- Recognition at Luncheons leading up to event
- Quarter-page ad in 1 issue of The SideBar

### Beverage Cart Sponsor - \$500

#### 1 Available

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- Recognition at Luncheons leading up to event
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### Breakfast Sponsor - \$300

#### 1 Available

- Signage and Recognition at Breakfast
- Logo in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
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### Gift Bag Sponsor - \$300

#### 1 Available

- Logo on each gift bag
- Logo in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
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- Recognition at Luncheons leading up to event
- Business Card size ad in 1 issue of The SideBar

### Hole Sponsor - \$200 per hole

#### 18 Available (one sponsor per hole)

- Signage at tee box
- Listing in all print advertising and social media posts relating to tournament
- Listing on MCBA website

To Sponsor or for Information contact: Robyn O'Heron at  
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# Foreclosure Committee

## Nicholas v. U.S. Bank – attorney fees

In this case, the trial court awarded attorney’s fees in the final judgment based on affidavits filed before the trial. The 5th DCA remanded for an evidentiary hearing on the amount of attorney’s fees sought because there was no testimony as to reasonableness and the affidavits were not presented at trial or admitted into evidence.


## Rodriguez v. HSBC – personal service of process

In this case, the owner moved to quash service of process, set aside the default, and vacate the default FJ because he alleged that the process server did not personally serve him. A return of service was filed by the bank that failed to include the method of service and the time of service. An amended return of service was filed that indicated individual service and the time of service. At an evidentiary hearing, the process server admitted the original return of service was incorrect and he


guessed on the time of service when he amended the return of service based on the time of day that he was working. The trial court granted an ore tenus motion to accept the amended return of service nunc pro tunc to the date of the original return of service and denied the owner’s motion to quash service, set aside the default, and vacate the default FJ. The 4th DCA reversed and remanded because the trial court erred in finding the amended return of service facially valid because the bank did not prove the facts omitted in the original return of service. The process server failed to independently recall serving the owner and offered speculative testimony.



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# YLD



Melissa Dean  
Chair

Hello, friendly readers.

With 2022 at a close, the YLD has a few updates for y'all. First, we have an exciting event, Happy Hour Game Name, scheduled for January 19, 2023, at the House of Brews from 5:30-8:30PM. Games and libations to start the new year off right, what more could you ask for? For more info, the social media pages will be your guide.


Second, if you didn't know, the federal student loan payments pause has been extended through June 2023. Due to litigation and SCOTUS granting certiorari in the two cases opposing the

federal loan forgiveness plan, payments remain paused. If things are not resolved by June 2023, then payments will remain paused through the end of August 2023. For y'all worried about the payments, you now have some more time to prepare!

Finally, Happy Holidays from the YLD! We hope that your holiday season was as magical as you are and that the New Year brings you that much closer to all your hopes and dreams! With gratitude and cheer,


MCBA Young Lawyers Division

*Melissa Dean, Chair*



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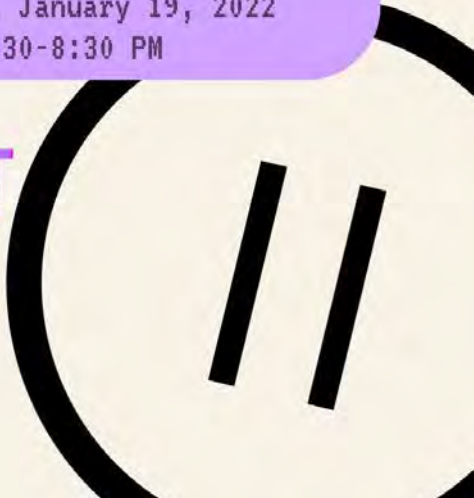

Happy Hour Game Night



**THE HOUSE OF BREWS**  
Jensen Beach - Florida

Thursday, January 19, 2022  
5:30-8:30 PM

**STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT PAUSE EXTENDED TO JUNE 2023**

# Admiralty Committee

## Barbara A. Kreitz Cook

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## SAD LOSS TO ADMIRALTY BAR

Admiralty & Maritime Law Certified Attorney Andy Waks passed away in November. As stated by Robert Gardana, the current chair of the Admiralty Certification Committee, “Andy was a consummate professional, always fighting for his clients even when the law wasn’t on his client’s side, as was evident in his case, *Franza v. Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.*, 772 F.3d 1225 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2014), which changed the law regarding medical negligence cases against cruise lines.”

In that medical negligence case, an elderly cruise ship passenger fell and bashed his head while the cruise ship was docked in Bermuda. He was wheeled back onto the ship, where he sought treatment from the ship’s medical staff. Sadly, the treatment he received was negligent and he died. His personal representative filed suit against Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. The suit was dismissed based on the “Barbetta rule” set forth in *Barbetta v. S/S Bermuda Star*, 848 F.2d 1364 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988). This rule immunized a shipowner from *respondeat superior* liability whenever a ship’s employee renders negligent care to passengers, no matter how egregious the negligence or how clear the shipowner’s control over its medical staff.

On appeal of the dismissal, two questions of first impressions were raised by Waks and his team: whether a passenger might invoke principles of actual or apparent agency to impute cruise line liability for the negligence of its onboard medical staff. The 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit answered in the affirmative, reversed and remanded, stating:

We, thus decline to adopt the Barbetta rule, and find that the complaint in this case plausibly establishes a claim against Royal Caribbean under the doctrine of actual agency, as well as a claim under the principles of apparent agency. ...[N]either

the Supreme court nor this court has ever decided, in binding precedent, whether a passenger may hold a shipowner vicariously liable for the medical negligence of the ship’s employees. [Previously] the Supreme court has held that a shipowner was liable for medical negligence to its *seamen employees* based on its special duty to that class under the Jones Act. [The 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court further opined that] maritime law has long incorporated the concept of *respondeat superior*, whereby shipowners, like other principals, exercise real control over their agents. ... In maritime cases, as elsewhere, we therefore think it “manifestly just” to hold principals responsible for the conduct they command from their employees. .... Moreover, no principle from maritime tort law justifies treating shipowners so differently from ordinary employers. On the contrary, shipowners have been held vicariously liable for misconduct that falls at least this far outside the heartland of the cruising business.

Thereby upending, forever, the protection of shipowners for the negligence of their medical staff....thanks to Andy Waks and his team.



# MCBA Small and Solo Practice Committee



Kathy McHale  
President

Wishing you a Happy New Year! We are planning CLEs and social events to ring in 2023 for the Solo & Small Firm Committee members! Stay tuned!

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# Employment Law

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## Two real-world employment law examples:

### Example #1:

Some employers are really cheap. One such penny pincher called me, proud that they found a way to make sure they never pay overtime. They only give part-time hours. You know, 26 hours or 32 hours, but never anywhere near 40 hours.

Initially I expected this small business to have maybe 10-15 employees...maybe 20. I almost fell off my chair when I was told that they had a whopping 60 employees.

Well, this Treasure Coast business owner was equally shocked when I gave her a wake-up call.

“Did you know that you are covered by the FMLA?”  
- Crickets

It gets worse.

“Well, Dave, we never had anyone ask for it.”

Me: “Hmm, that is probably because you don’t have an FMLA policy in your employee handbook, like you are supposed to.”

The business owner thought she beat me: “Good news! We don’t even have a handbook!”

Me: “If no handbook or written leave materials exist, the employer must distribute this general notice to each new employee upon hire.”  
- Crickets

Normally there would be no reason that this small business needs to comply with the FMLA. That is one less headache to worry about. However, because of the desire to avoid paying overtime, now this business has massive liability...because they fired employees who got sick and went 3 days without working.

PERHAPS their being scheduled so few hours might provide a defense...because the employees may not have the requisite 1,250 hours of service during the 12-month period immediately before

the date the FMLA leave is to start.

Don’t let your clients be too cheap. Make sure you run these things by legal counsel.

### Example #2:

Are you paying a maintenance worker a salary? I recently received a phone call from an employer who wanted to make a deduction in pay to a “salaried” employee. I asked some questions and discovered that this worker may not be “exempt” under the FLSA.

What does that mean? Well, it means that the employer may be on the hook for unpaid overtime pay.

Generally, blue collar employees will never meet the white collar exemptions.

I can hear some of you now: “Wait Dave, what about a maintenance manager?”

Well, that depends. You need to look at the pay they receive and the duties to make sure that they qualify for the executive exemption.

Otherwise, FLSA-covered, non-management employees in production, maintenance, construction and similar occupations such as carpenters, electricians, mechanics, plumbers, iron workers, craftsmen, operating engineers, longshoremen, construction workers and laborers are not exempt and they are entitled to minimum wage and overtime premium pay under the FLSA, no matter how highly paid they might be.



David Miklas  
Chair



# MARTIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION RACE TO THE COURTHOUSE



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Race to the Courthouse 5k is April 6, 2022

We are excited to announce that the 6th Annual Race to the Courthouse 5k Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 and are looking forward to another great race. This race benefits the Legal Aid Society of Martin County and the Martin County Bar Association Scholarship Fund.

Please come out and run or walk with us around beautiful downtown Stuart...everyone is welcome!

We will also be having our competition for fastest law firm and largest law firm (so recruit away!). We will also have an award to the fastest male and female judges. If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering, or helping out with the race committee, please email Gene Zweben at [gene@zwebenlawgroup.com](mailto:gene@zwebenlawgroup.com).

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AGGRESSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT AND TOUGH SANCTIONS ARE NEEDED TO BRING ABOUT A ‘CULTURAL CHANGE’

Court hears arguments on civil rules proposals meant to ensure ‘the fair and timely resolution of all cases through effective case management’

Major reforms are needed to combat a “culture of non-compliance” in Florida’s civil trial system, proponents of a Judicial Management Council workgroup’s sweeping rules petition told the Supreme Court during oral arguments on Thursday.



Second District Court of Appeal **Chief Judge Robert Morris**, who chairs the Workgroup on Improved Resolution of Civil Cases, said the proposal’s call for aggressive case management and tough sanctions are needed to bring about a “cultural change.” Chief Judge Robert Morris

“Yes, sanctions are everywhere in our report and we’ve not recommended this because we’re autocratic, but because we recognize a growing culture of noncompliance in the absence of consequences for failing to follow the rules,” he said.

Sanctions are also necessary to “force popularly elected judges to compel lawyers to follow the rules,” he said.

Critics warned that the workgroup is calling for too much change, too soon, without evidence it will work.

“Justice shouldn’t be taken by storm,” said Civil Procedure Rules Committee Chair Lance Curry. “The problem here is, there are no assurances that that it is going to be worth it.”

Curry noted that Florida’s civil courts eliminated 60% of a pandemic-related case backlog without major reforms. Moving too swiftly could make the courts less efficient, he warned.

“It’s going to...create massive litigation for years to come,” Curry said.

Curry argued that procedural rules shouldn’t be changed to target a few bad actors.

“I feel like several of these proposals are written to address the few unethical attorneys or judges that can’t control their dockets,” he said.

**Justice Charles Canady** said the problem is more “pervasive” and clients are paying the price.



“A lot of the abuses that are taking place are unfair to the people that are on the receiving end,” he said. “We’re trying to take care of that.”

Canady was chief justice in 2019 when he formed the workgroup and directed it to ensure “the fair and timely resolution of all cases through effective case management.” The panel was also directed to “utilize caseload and other workload information Justice Charles Canady to manage resources and promote accountability.”

In January, the workgroup filed a 450-page final report, along with proposed amendments to Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, Rules of Civil Procedure, Small Claims Rules, and Rules of Mediation.

Prior to that, the workgroup circulated an initial draft to various stakeholders, including rules committees, and adopted many of their suggestions.

The proposed changes call for establishing a “differentiated case management” system and setting inflexible trial dates at the beginning of a case and rigid deadlines for motions and rulings. Judges and lawyers who fail to meet the timelines would face sanctions, including attorney fees and case dismissals.

The proposal generated 68 comments.

The workgroup adopted many of the recommended revisions but declined to phase in the proposal or eliminate the sanctions.

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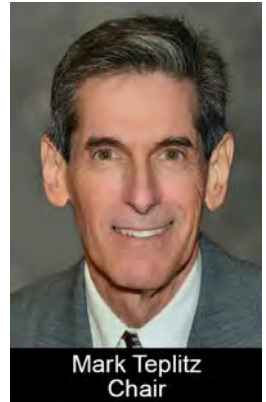
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HAVE FUN WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES and watch them try to start a campfire. Once it's started, it's visible from the International Space Station. Enjoy and tell stories (about colleagues not joining the camping weekend?). Paddle with Dolphins. Watch Judge Roby roll out the stoves (yes stoves) and prepare his Martin (World?) Famous Crepes. Teplitz will even cook you breakfast. Let your children teach how to fish. Debate who baits the hook. Take a walk through the nature trail. In short, COME CAMPING.

The Bar will provide dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Dinner Friday and breakfast and lunch Saturday are camper's responsibility.

With your participation, we will have a weekend camping trip at the nearby (2 hours away) Sebastian State Park Beach in late February 2023. The cost is still being worked out but we hope to set it at \$75 per couple. The eco tour (2 hour kayak trip) may be an additional \$35.

Please email Marc Teplitz to let him know of your interest by January 10, 2023 so we can make full arrangements. [Mteplitzlaw@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mteplitzlaw@bellsouth.net)



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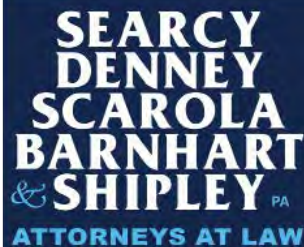
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# Bankruptcy Committee

Thomas Zeichman – Chair

## What is the effect of a bankruptcy filing on an eviction?

In Florida, both commercial and residential evictions move on quick timelines to determine whether possession should be turned over to the landlord. In response, many tenants file for bankruptcy to stop the state court proceedings with the “automatic stay” to allow for negotiation or litigation in a different forum. Below discusses the impact of bankruptcy filings on evictions, including consequences for the unwary landlord.

## The Automatic Stay: A Pause of Collection Activities

The automatic stay in Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code prevents most creditors from commencing or continuing collection actions. This prohibition is broad and includes activities ranging from filing or continuing a lawsuit, collection letters and phone calls, or aggressive settlement discussions coupled with threats. Damages may be entered against a landlord or other creditor who violates the automatic stay.

This automatic stay applies to evictions to stop landlords from proceeding with evictions until relief from the stay is provided. This prohibition raises several issues including at what point does a landlord need to stop the eviction when a bankruptcy case is filed? When is the eviction complete and stay relief is not needed? Sometimes the answer is more obvious, such as when the landlord has not yet filed a lawsuit and the tenant files for bankruptcy. In that case the commencement of a lawsuit for eviction would violate the automatic stay.

But what if the landlord obtained a judgment for possession and the sheriff is on the way to remove the tenant when the tenant files for bankruptcy? Does the landlord have to stop the sheriff? In a south Florida case, the bankruptcy court held that a stay violation occurred when the landlord did not stop the sheriff from removing the tenant when the tenant filed for bankruptcy before the writ of possession was delivered. *In re PetitUSA, LLC*, 2016 WL 8504995 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2016). That case involved a restaurant which was being evicted by its landlord.

*In PetitUSA*, the landlord filed a lawsuit for eviction and obtained a final judgment for possession following the tenant’s failure to pay rent. While the sheriffs were driving to deliver the writ of possession, the tenant filed for bankruptcy. The tenant’s attorney informed the landlord’s attorney about the filing of the bankruptcy case. The time frame was vital because the bankruptcy was filed at 2:59 p.m. and the landlord obtained possession at 3:30 p.m. The bankruptcy found that the landlord violated the automatic stay by failing to inform the sheriff of the bankruptcy to stop the eviction.



Thomas Zeichman  
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## Damages for Violating the Automatic Stay

Violations of the automatic stay may result in damages against the landlord or creditor including actual and punitive damages. In Florida, a six-figure award was entered against a creditor and its lawyer for violating the automatic stay. *In re Lyubarsky*, 615 B.R. 924 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2020). If uncertain of whether the automatic stay applies, the landlord or other creditor can seek relief from the automatic stay from the bankruptcy court.

## Closing Thoughts

Landlords should have a strategy for how to manage a tenant bankruptcy filing. Tenants should likewise be aware of their options and potential limitations on those options before filing for a bankruptcy.

Did the tenant file for bankruptcy? Do you represent a tenant facing eviction? Reach out to Thomas Zeichman, MCBA Bankruptcy Chair at [tzeichman@bmulaw.com](mailto:tzeichman@bmulaw.com) or 561-549-9036.



# Holiday Mixer

December 1, 2022



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# Cheers



**Kudos to Barbara Kreitz Cook on her recognition for service to the 19A Grievance Committee**



## Tennis Committee

Ray Robison – Chair

We look forward to having the MCBA Tennis Tournament again in early 2023. Please check future SideBar issues for further details on the tournament.

If any questions, please contact Ray Robison (772-287-4444 or [robison@foxmcccluskey.com](mailto:robison@foxmcccluskey.com)).

Thank you for everyone that has expressed interest in playing, as well as our sponsor, SEACOAST BANK.



Ray Robison  
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# Wills, Trusts & Estates

Lisa Clasen – Chair

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and remain safe and healthy. Please watch your email for information regarding the next meeting of the Wills, Trusts and Estates Committee in January. Hope to see everyone soon.

Lisa Clasen



Lisa Clasen  
Chair

# Trial Lawyers

Paul Parton – Chair

Notices will be going out soon for our upcoming meetings and events which are in the works!

Anyone wishing to join or participate in the Trial Lawyers Committee (or if you have any questions or suggestions) please contact Paul Parton at [pparton@wpltrialattorneys.com](mailto:pparton@wpltrialattorneys.com).



Paul Parton  
Chair

# PARALEGAL COMMITTEE

Pamela Lewis – Chair

Welcome to the year 2023 all!

I hope your holidays were wonderful and relaxing. Last year was a blur and 2023 is looking bright! I would like to invite all local paralegals out to our January 17 meeting to hear Judge McNicholas speak to the group and providing us with a family law update. Judge McNicholas is a wonderful speaker and is looking forward to talking with us all. We meet right after work at Mrachek Law, 1000 SE Monterey Commons Blvd, Suite 306, Stuart.

**Please RSVP by 1/10/23.**



Pamela Lewis  
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# Martin County Women Lawyers Association

Abby Spears: MCWLA President 2022 - 23



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**April 1, 2023 - Membership Drive and Picnic**

**May 6, 2023 - Yoga on the Beach**

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## Real Estate and Commercial Litigation Update

### Florida Real Property and Business Litigation Report

Manuel Farach

**United States of America F.E.B. v. Corp.**, Case No. 20-14047 (11th Cir. 2022).

Wisteria Island, created by the dumping of spoil from the dredging of Key West harbor by the United States for military purposes, was “filled in, built up, or otherwise reclaimed by the United States for its own use,” and is owned by the United States and incapable of ownership by private parties.

**In Re: Amendments To Florida Rules of Civil Procedure – Uniform Guidelines For Taxation of Costs**, Case No. SC21-1581 (Fla. 2022).

Clarification and update of Guidelines for Taxation of Costs to include, among other items, costs for depositions and arbitration proceedings.

**In Re: Amendments To The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration and The Code Of Judicial Conduct**, Case No. SC22-1387 (Fla. 2022).

Judicial rules are amended to clarify the treatment of judicial papers when a judge or justice leaves the bench.

**Delasol v. Ojtiskova**, Case No. 1D22-1532 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022).

An order or judgment, including those in administrative proceedings, which contains conditional language as to finality is not a final order capable of appeal.

**Manso v. Southeast Personnel Leasing, Inc.**, Case No. 1D22-2700 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022).

Appellate court cannot grant a writ of certiorari on which issue for which there is no controlling precedent because the lack of precedent precludes one of requirements for certiorari, i.e., that the trial court order violates a clearly established principle of law.

**Nicholas v. U.S. Bank National Association**, Case No. 5D21-2885 (Fla. 5th DCA 2022).

Award of attorney’s fees after trial based solely on filed fees affidavits and without evidence at trial is reversible.

**Florida First Financial Services, LLC v. Randolph**, Case No. 1D21-661 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022).

If both foreign law and Florida law can apply to a contract dispute, foreign law need not be specifically argued until it “is claimed to be dispositional.”

**Welsh v. Martinez**, Case No. 2D21-4019 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

Whether a foreign judgment is final and capable of domestication in Florida is determined by the foreign state’s rules of finality.

**Metalonis v. Boies Schiller Flexner LLP**, Case No. 3D21-2249 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

An arbitrator does not exceed their authority by ruling on issues put before the panel by both parties.

**Ayala v. Interavia Spares And Services, Inc.**, Case No. 4D22-300 (Fla. 4th DCA 2022).

A defendant merely prevailing on a claim for civil theft is not sufficient for an award of attorney’s fees as Florida Statute section 772.11 requires a defendant to demonstrate the legal theft claimed lacked “substantial fact or legal support.”

**Whitson v. Advocate 3413, LLC**, Case No. 2D21-609 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

Florida’s Partition Act does not contain a prevailing party attorney’s fees provision, but instead the statute directs that each party bear attorney’s fees based on their percentage ownership of the property with the fees awarded dependent on the services rendered by the attorney that benefit the partition “to be determined on equitable principles in proportion to the party’s interest.”

**The Parkland Condominium Association, Inc. v. Henderson**, Case No. 2D22-1279 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022).

Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.730(b) requires settlement agreements reached through mediation must be signed by the parties to the agreement and also their counsel;



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failure of counsel to sign renders the agreement unenforceable.

**EcoVirux, LLC v. BioPledge, LLC**, Case No. 3D21-1801 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

The use of the word “exclusive” in a forum selection clause indicates a mandatory clause, and the phrase “suit may be brought [in the selected forum]” does not diminish the exclusivity of the clause.

**Save Calusa, Inc. v. Miami-Dade County**, Case No. 3D22-1296 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

An improperly noticed zoning hearing is not saved by virtue of the hearing being canceled and rescheduled.

**Gateland Village Condominium, Inc. v. Holly**, Case No. 4D21-2639 (Fla. 4th DCA 2022).

Florida Section 718.116(6) does not contain condition precedent to the filing of a foreclosure suit, but instead provides for written notice of intent to foreclose on a lien for unpaid assessments before a foreclosure judgment may be entered.


**Carus v. Cove at Isles at Bayshore Homeowners Association, Inc.**, Case No. 3D21-2035 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022).

Requirements for service of process are strictly construed and failure to follow the requirements of Florida Statute section 48.21 invalidates the return of service on its face.

**McElroy v. Florida Power & Light Company**, Case No. 4D22-1344 (Fla. 4th DCA 2022).


A request for a temporary injunction cannot stand alone and must be supported by a viable cause of action, but a request for a permanent injunction to be entered after the temporary injunction satisfies this requirement.

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*With our focus on mental health this year, we hope that you find the next two articles helpful and useful to you or someone you know that may be struggling.*

## **When Someone You Know Struggles with Fear and Anxiety**

**By: Stan Popovich**

Do you know a friend or loved one who suffers from fear, anxiety, and depression and do not know what to do to help them?

It can be frustrating to watch someone you know struggle with their mental health and not be able to do anything to relieve their suffering.

**With this in mind, here are seven ways to help the person cope in these kinds of situations.**

- 1. Learn as much as you can in managing anxiety and depression:** There are many books and information that will educate you on how to successfully overcome fear and anxiety. Share this information with the individual who is struggling with their fears. The key is to get your friend to understand how important it is to seek some guidance when it comes to their mental health.
- 2. Be understanding and patient with the person struggling with their fears:** Maintaining depression and anxiety can be difficult for the individual so do not add more problems than what is already there. Do not get into arguments with your friend who may be having a difficult time with their anxieties. Make an effort to listen to the person rather than making judgements.
- 3. Talk to the person instead of talking at them:** It is important not to lecture the individual whose having a hard time with anxiety and depression. Talk to the person about their issues without being rude. Most people will listen if you approach them in a proper manner. Remember to treat others the way you would want to be treated if you were the one who was struggling.
- 4. Ask for some ideas:** Seek advice from a professional who can assist the person you know with their mental health issues. A counselor can give you some ideas on how to overcome anxiety, fear, and depression. Getting help from a therapist is the number one priority in getting the individual to do something about their problems.
- 5. Find out why the person won't get assistance:** Address the issues on why he or she will not seek treatment. Many people who are struggling are fearful and frustrated. Try to find out the reasons why your friend won't get the help they need and then try to find the ways that will overcome their resistance of seeking some guidance.
- 6. Remind the person on the consequences of not getting help:** Another way to convince the individual who is struggling with fear and depression is to tell them what may happen if they don't get some counseling. Anxiety and depression can make things worse and usually won't go away by themselves.
- 7. You can't manage your mental health all by yourself:** A person's fears and anxieties can be difficult to manage and more than likely he or she will need some help. Many people think that they can overcome their mental health problems on their own. This is a mistake. The individual should admit they have a problem and then seek treatment to get their life back on track.

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## 7 Reasons Why You Should Get Help for Your Fears and Anxieties

By: Stan Popovich

Getting professional help for dealing with your persistent fears and anxieties is the single most important step in your recovery. Many people are reluctant to get the assistance they need for various reasons.

Making excuses for not getting treatment for your fear related issues will not help the situation.

With this in mind, here are seven reasons why getting help for your mental health problems is so important.

1. You will get tips on handling your mental health issues: Getting professional help can lead to additional insights and suggestions to your stress and anxiety problems. A professional counselor can give you many ideas on how you can successfully manage your fears and anxieties. This is important in getting your life back on track.
2. Get access to different resources: Most counselors and psychologists know of ways to get rid of your fears. They can recommend certain treatments that will improve your situation. The only way you can get access to these treatments is if you talk to a counselor. Ask your primary care physician if he or she knows anyone that can be of assistance.
3. You can't manage your anxieties all by yourself: Your fears, anxieties, and depression can be difficult to manage and more than likely you will need some direction. Many people think that they can overcome their mental health problems on their own. This is a mistake. A person should seek assistance to start the recovery process.
4. You will improve: As you work with a professional, you will improve on your skill sets in managing your fears. You will be able to overcome your anxieties over time which will benefit you later on in your life. Knowing how to boost your mental health will get your life back on track and will make you much happier.
5. You will get better a lot faster: Getting some guidance from a counselor will save you a lot of suffering in the long run. You will get the answers you are looking for which will help reduce your fears and anxieties. You will get better a lot faster by talking to a therapist and you will feel much better about yourself which is important when it comes to dealing with your mental health.
6. It is your life: Remember that you are the person who is suffering and not your friends and family. Don't let the opinions of your peers prevent you from getting the relief that you deserve. Maintaining your anxieties should be your number one priority. Always do what is best for you and do not get into the habit of trying to please everybody else.
7. You will not be alone: You will have people in your corner who will be able to help improve your mental health issues. You won't feel as alone when attempting to get rid of your fears. It is best to be with others who are supportive and who will understand your situation. This will help make things easier when it comes to your fears and anxieties.

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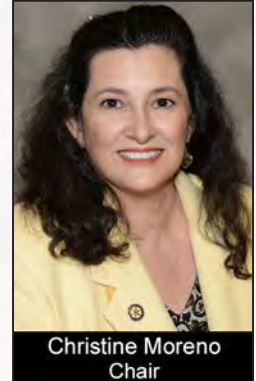
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*Christine Moreno*

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### The Florida Bar Helpline

Bar members will be able to dial the helpline (833-351-9355 or "833-FL1-WELL") and speak with a mental-health professional who can provide crisis intervention and a referral for up to three free visits with a locally based, licensed mental-health professional.



Chief Justice Carlos Muñiz praised the workgroup for taking such a comprehensive approach, but pressed Morris and other panel members to identify one or two key provisions.

What do you think are the one or two things that would give us the most bang for our buck?" Muñiz said

Morris said the panel discussed phasing in the changes but concluded it couldn't be done.

"It's like peeling an orange," he said. "It becomes very hard to separate things like motions from sanctions."

Chief Justice Carlos Muñiz

Justice Jamie Grosshans put the same question to Curry.

"Is there any top three things that this committee

disagrees with?" she asked.

Curry said a "big concern" is lack of judicial discretion.

"The critical part of our system is getting a just decision," he said.

Eleventh Circuit Administrative Judge Jennifer Bailey, a workgroup member, warned that reforms are necessary because Florida's civil justice system is failing its citizens.



"There's a fundamental truth that's being missed here," Bailey said. "Regular people, they just don't come to court. They've abandoned hope that they can get their problems heard."

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## WHAT IS THE POINT OF CIVICS EDUCATION?

*Reprinted from The Florida Bar Journal November/December 2022 President's Page*

There has been a great deal of discussion lately about the lack of civics education in our country. The joke has been made that more Americans can identify all the Kardashian siblings more easily than they could name the U.S. senators from their own state. Whether or not that joke has any validity, the Florida Department of Education recently reported that only 37% of students taking the new Florida Civic Literacy Exam passed the test. It is true that a higher percentage passed the more important end-of-course work, and Florida is a national leader in civics education, but clearly much work remains to be done.

The lack of a basic understanding of our fragile system of government, based on three branches of government and checks and balances on power, is common. A meaningful explanation of the role of each branch of government and how those checks and balances protect us is imperative. An easy explanation can be found in Federalist No. 51, where Alexander Hamilton eloquently and succinctly states that, "Ambition must be made to counteract ambition."

An understanding of these basic tenets is essential to a democracy. Particularly today, as some people view political life like a sporting event — the only thing that matters is that the other team loses. Facts don't matter, only arguments that sound increasingly angrier. That hyper-partisanship is acidic for the necessary civil discourse to keep a healthy democracy functioning.

Lawyers, judges, and law professors often talk about the "rule of law," but this term has little actual meaning for everyday citizens, and that needs to change now. The basis of the rule of law is that we are fellow citizens of this state and country, to be treated the same way under our Constitution and our laws. The public's understanding of these concepts is essential, and that can help moderate the tone — if not the content — of political discourse if done properly. While increasing civics education in the school system is important, we can also amplify civics education for the "grown-ups" in our great state, and The Florida Bar has a plan for that. To be clear, this is a huge lift and is going to require as many Florida lawyers as possible to help with the Bar's efforts.

A primary focus of these efforts is making clear the importance of the independent judicial branch, and The Florida Bar has recently revamped and strengthened its civics education offerings, especially the well-regarded Benchmarks program.



The award-winning program sends local lawyers to interested community groups all over Florida. Our country's system of government depends on members of the public understanding their rights and responsibilities under the Constitution. Kudos to current Constitutional Judiciary Committee Chair Katherine Van de Bogart and last year's chair, Judge Gary Flower, for improving and expanding the availability of this program. Benchmarks speakers are available to present to groups like Rotary, Tiger Bay, local chambers of commerce, and other community organizations. Any interested group can request a Benchmarks presentation through The Florida Bar Speakers Bureau.

What can you do as Florida lawyers to help advance greater civics education? Quite a bit actually. First, be on the lookout for "speakers needed" emails that The Florida Bar periodically sends. That means there is an interested community group, and we need a lawyer presenter. You can reach out directly to The Florida Bar to request to be a speaker to a group in your area. Importantly, you can also connect groups in your area to The Florida Bar to receive a Benchmarks presentation, as the more groups we can present to, the better. Very few "big issues" get solved by a "magic wand," but we can exponentially expand the reach and impact of Benchmarks with the help of our members speaking and making these important connections to community groups across Florida. The Benchmarks program is an outstanding resource for Floridians wanting to learn more about the fundamentals of our government and the courts, and a great way for Florida lawyers to get more involved in their communities. Thanks in advance for doing so!



## 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.**

# Links, Jobs and Legislation



## 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

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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:

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Click on link at the bottom of the page.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2023</h1>						
1 New Year's Day	2 SideBar Articles Due	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 RSVP DEADLINE FOR 1/20 LUNCH	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 MCBA Officers' Meeting Paralegal Committee Meeting 5:30 pm @ Mrachek	18	19 YLD Happy Hour Game Name 5:30 pm @ House of Brews	20 MCBA Luncheon @ <b>Monarch CC</b> (11:30 am)	21
22	23	24	25	26 Networking Happy Hour 5:30 pm @ Charlies Neighborhood Bar	27	28
29	30	31	<b>SAVE THE DATES:</b> February 17, 2023: MCBA Monthly Luncheon April 22, 2023 – Race to the Courthouse 5K May 13, 2023 – MCBA Sobel/Cub Golf Tournament May 20, 2022 – MCBA Annual Installation Banquet  See <a href="http://www.martincountybar.org">www.martincountybar.org</a> for full 2022-23 calendar including committee meetings, holidays & courthouse closings.			



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## Please join us for MCBA's CLE Monthly Meeting, Friday, January 20, 2023

- When: Friday, January 20, 2023  
11:30 a.m. networking; 12:00 p.m. lunch
- Where: Monarch Country Club  
1801 SW Monarch Club Drive, Palm City
- Menu: Roasted Butternut Squash Soup, Frittata: Bacon, Spinach, Mushrooms, Red Bell Pepper, Cheddar and Jack Cheese, Side Salad; Rolls with Butter; Chocolate Mousse
- Speaker: Hon. Charles A. Schwab, Chief Judge 19th Judicial Circuit and Meet-and-Greet with the Judges
- CLE: Pending

RSVP to: [martincountybarassociation@msn.com](mailto:martincountybarassociation@msn.com)  
No later than Friday, January 13, 2023

*There is no charge for paid MCBA members. Guests are welcome; a \$35 guest fee may be paid at the luncheon (cash or check only).*