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## Message From the President

*Martin County Bar President - R. Wayne Richter, Esq.*

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Bar year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and found an opportunity at some point to recharge their batteries.

Your MCBA Board of Directors has planned what promises to be an exciting year ahead. As I understand it, each year, the president of the Bar selects a theme, or focus, for the upcoming Bar year. The theme for this year is: Engagement. It is time to re-energize the MCBA. This organization is only successful when you are engaged! And there will be plenty of opportunities for you to participate.

As most of you now know, the MCBA has undergone some transition since our last time together in May. I am delighted to introduce the newest addition to the MCBA family: our newly hired Executive Director Lynne Poirier. Lynne comes to the MCBA following 23 years as the communications director for the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Lynne clearly has an extensive background in bar association management, and she will undoubtedly bring a fresh perspective and a wealth of experience to the MCBA. So, please make Lynne feel welcome and introduce yourself to her at one of our upcoming events.

Over the summer, the MCBA has made progress with some technological enhancements. The MCBA has a new web address, and it looks fantastic! (The new site can be found at: [martincountybar.com](http://martincountybar.com)). Also, for the first time in MCBA history you are now able to complete your membership application and pay your dues online. We hope this new function brings added convenience to our members. Soon, we anticipate that our members will also be able to register for upcoming events through the website.

As part of the process to reinvigorate the MCBA, we are launching the "President's Speaker Series" at our upcoming CLE luncheons. The goal is to bring you compelling speakers and interesting topics to entice our members to come and join us for lunch. These speakers are

brought to us through the generosity of our sponsors. Let's not only recognize our sponsors, but please patronize them when possible. It is important that they find value in supporting the MCBA to retain their support for years to come. This year's sponsors can be found on the MCBA website.



Our first event of the year - The Port Salerno Wine Mixer - took place on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Fysh Bar & Grill. For those wondering about that title, it's a reference to the 2008 movie *Stepbrothers* starring actors Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly. Thank you to all who attended!

You have two opportunities to engage with other MCBA members in September. The first event is our CLE luncheon which will be held at Monarch Country Club in Palm City on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Pulitzer Prize winning author Gilbert King. Gilbert will discuss his book: "Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys and the Dawn of a New America". Come join us for this compelling presentation. This event is free for all MCBA members. Space will be limited. Please RSVP by emailing Lynne Poirier at: [\*\*\*martincountybar@gmail.com\*\*\*](mailto:martincountybar@gmail.com).

Your second opportunity for engagement will be on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come join us at Madd Hatcher's in Stuart for a friendly competition of axe throwing! Yes, you read that right, axe throwing! The cost is: \$35.00 and includes axe throwing, a couple of drinks and light appetizers. Reserve your spot by emailing Lynne Poirier at: [\*\*\*martincountybar@gmail.com\*\*\*](mailto:martincountybar@gmail.com), and mail your check to MCBA, P.O. Box 2197, Stuart, FL 34995.

Can't join us in September? Then, join us on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for our CLE luncheon which features guest speaker Julie K. Brown,

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**Your Executive Board welcomes you back from the long hot summer.**

The incoming Board recently attended the Voluntary Bar Leader’s Conference in Fort Lauderdale . At the conference, the Board learned some exciting and productive information that will be utilized this Bar year to bring excellent programming and benefits to all members of the Martin County Bar Association. The Board is looking forward to another great year!



***L to R: Gene Zweben, treasurer; Brandon Woodward, president elect; Wayne Richter, president; Jessica VanValkenburgh, social chair and Jeanette Lugo, secretary. (not pictured: Jeffrey Friedman, immediate past president)***

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investigative journalist, from the Miami Herald. Julie is credited with re-opening the Jeffrey Epstein story. Come hear how Julie’s tenacious investigation led to Epstein’s unraveling. RSVP to: ***[martincountybar@gmail.com](mailto:martincountybar@gmail.com)***

Please also save the date by marking your calendars to join us on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our annual Fall Judicial Reception which honors the judiciary of the Nineteenth Circuit, our newest MCBA members and the winner of the George W. Bush, Jr. professionalism award. The Fall Judicial Reception will be held at the Stuart Yacht & Country Club. This event is free for the judiciary and for new members. Tickets for MCBA members are available for \$40.00. Non-member attorneys may attend for \$50.00. Please RSVP to ***[martincountybar@gmail.com](mailto:martincountybar@gmail.com)*** and mail your checks to: MCBA, P.O. Box 2197, Stuart, FL 34995.

I sincerely hope to see you at these events. These events are meant to offer members the opportunity for networking and camaraderie. Come participate!

Lastly, I want to thank our Immediate Past President Jeffrey Friedman for manning the MCBA helm last year. Jeff’s theme focused on the important topic of mental health and wellness. We intend to keep that theme a focus with some special programming later this year.

All the best,

R. Wayne Richter  
2023-2024 MCBA President

# Please Join Us!

## Join us on Friday, September 15, 2023

Pulitzer Prize Author Gilbert King will be our Keynote Speaker on Friday, September 15 from 11:30 to 1:00 at Monarch Country Club in Palm City.

Mr. King's "*Devil in the Grove*" tells one of the most horrific tales of the Jim Crow South with the story of the Groveland Boys. A richly detailed chronicle of racial injustice in the Florida town of Groveland in 1949, involving four black men falsely accused of rape and drawing a civil rights crusader, and eventual Supreme Court justice, into the legal battle.



Gilbert King

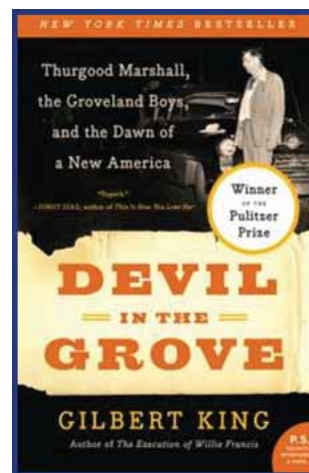
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There is no charge for paid MCBA members. Guests are welcome; a \$45 guest fee may be paid at the luncheon (cash or check only).

**In order to expedite gate access for everyone, please be sure to RSVP by the deadline.**



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## Banquet recap from Jeffrey Friedman, Immediate Past President

Our recent Installation Banquet was a great success. Thank you to all of our sponsors and attendees, and congratulations to our new President, R. Wayne Richter. The "Old Vegas" theme was a lot of fun. We had music from Elvis, The Rat Pack and others from that time, and of course, the return of our Casino! I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner and dancing. The Casino dealers kept the party going with extra "money" for anyone that participated in the dance floor activities. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a great time. I hope to see you all at next year's Banquet.



Jeffrey M. Friedman  
2022-2023 President











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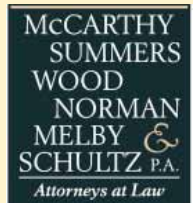


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R. Wayne Richter  
2023-24 President

Please mark your calendar and join us for my President's Speaker Series. These membership lunches are held on the third Friday of every month at Monarch Country Club in Palm City from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Programs are educational, informative and provide great networking opportunities! Plus, lunches include CLE and are FREE to all MCBA members and the judiciary. Now, that's a great member benefit!

RSVP by email to: [MartinCountyBar@gmail.com](mailto:MartinCountyBar@gmail.com), include in the subject line: **President's lunch** & the date you are registering for. Attorneys who are non-MCBA members are welcome for \$45.00.

Send your check to: P.O. Box 2197, Stuart 34995

**Save the Dates!**  
**Your RSVP is Needed One Week Prior to Each Event.**

- September 15, 2023:** **Gilbert King, Pulitzer Prize Author of "Devil in the Grove"**
- October 13, 2023:** **Julie K. Brown, Miami Herald Investigative Reporter who covered the Jeffrey Epstein case**
- November 17, 2023:** **Darren Heitner, Esq., Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) College Athletes**
- January 19, 2024:** **Melissa Byers, Executive Director, St. Pete Bar. Melissa will discuss Mental Wellness**
- February 16, 2024:** **Greta Schulz, Networking for Lawyers**
- March 22, 2024:** **Victor Ashe, Former Ambassador to Poland**
- April 19, 2024:** **TBA**
- May 10, 2024:** **Judicial Meet and Greet**

*For easy access at the gate - your RSVP must be made one week prior to the lunch.*



## A Message from our new Executive Director

After 23 great years working for the Palm Beach County Bar Association, I am excited and honored to join the Martin County Bar Association as its new executive director. I want to thank the Executive Board for all their support and assistance in helping me transition into this new role. This year, you can look forward to some NEW and FUN networking events! Plus, our annual Judicial Reception in October, Holiday Party in December and Banquet in May. Look for details in your email and in upcoming SideBar issues. I'll look forward to meeting you in person soon!



Lynne Poirier  
Executive Director

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**When wealthy financier Jeffrey Epstein was arrested in 2006 in Palm Beach following an investigation into his sexual activities with teenage girls, the case ended in a secret plea deal in which Epstein served 13 months in a county jail. Eleven years later, Miami Herald reporter Julie K. Brown stumbled upon the long dormant case, discovering a 10-year-old civil lawsuit brought by his victims that sought to overturn the plea deal and put Epstein back behind bars.**

**But the case had stalled for years. Brown decided to take a fresh look at what Epstein did and how he managed to dupe the criminal justice system into getting what many have called the most lenient plea deal for a sex trafficker in U.S. history. Brown will talk about why and how she embarked on the project, the stumbling blocks she faced, as well as the difficulty in getting the victims, now in their late 20s and early 30s, to trust her enough to talk about one of the most traumatic events in their lives. Brown learned that the victims had not only been victimized by Epstein - but in many cases, by their own lawyers, their families, their friends and the very prosecutors who were supposed to bring them justice.**

**When Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. Attorney in New York arrested Epstein seven months after Brown's story appeared, he was asked why he took up the case after all these years. "We were assisted by some very excellent investigative journalism," he said. Brown will discuss the case, as well as the crisis the nation now faces with the death of local news and the epidemic of misinformation.**

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK 2023



Judge Alan Forst, Constitution Week 2023-24 Co-Chair and Past MCBA Chair  
 Judge Darren Steele, Constitution Week 2023-24 Co-Chair and Past MCBA Chair  
 Judge Kathleen Roberts, Constitution Week 2023-24 Co-Chair



For the past twenty years (with one exception), the MCBA has celebrated the United States Constitution by sending volunteers to our local schools, during Constitution Week, to discuss, in one fashion or another, the Constitution. Public Law 108-247, signed into law in 2004, designated September 17 of each year as “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.”



**Why September 17?** Because the United States Constitution was signed by a majority of the attendees at the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787. **Why do we team with the schools?** Because, by public law, “[e]ach educational institution that receives Federal funds *shall* hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of each year for the students served by the educational institution.” **Can we stretch Constitution Day out to a week?** Well, the U.S. Code also provides that “[t]he President is requested to issue each year a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe Constitution Week, in schools, churches, and other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies and activities.” **Constitution Week 2023 runs from Sunday September 17 to Saturday September 23.**

Now you know the “why.” As to the “where”—in our local public schools, though we will raise a glass (of ice tea or water) at our MCBA lunch on September 15. We also encourage our lengthy roster of volunteers to propose and present educational programs elsewhere in the community, such as at houses of prayer, public libraries, and recreation centers.

Which leads to the question of “how.” **We will be hosting a lunch meeting (pizza is on us!) at the courthouse on Thursday September 8 at noon.** We will be sharing lesson plans, materials, and experiences. Several judges are part of this “staff,” and therefore this meeting will also be a network-with-the-judges opportunity. **Lunch, judges, no charge! No way! Yes, way!**

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How many times have we heard disagreement as to whether this or that is “unconstitutional” or an “infringement of my Constitutional rights!” Our MCBA Constitution Week Committee has an opportunity, in conjunction with our partners with Martin County Schools (shout out to Mark Cowles!), to generate interest in our Constitution, its history, and its impact on how we live as Americans. We hope that you can join in this effort.

*The clearest way to show what the rule of law means to us in everyday life is to recall what has happened when there is no rule of law. **Dwight D. Eisenhower***



President Dwight D. Eisenhower



Judge Daryl Isenhower

*I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of Constitutional power. **Thomas Jefferson***

Please read that quote again. And again. Then, volunteer.

Please email us at [usakids@comcast.net](mailto:usakids@comcast.net) and provide the following: (1) the day(s) and time(s) that you are available during the week of September 18-22; (2) the number of class periods you’re willing to take on (class periods generally are less than an hour); (3) your contact information; (4) the school(s) that you prefer to visit/teach; (5) your preferred topic(s). If you will be joining us on Thursday September 7 at the courthouse, please RSVP to us in advance, so we know how much lobster or pizza (it will be one of those) to order and we can give you the courtroom number. Finally, please notice, this is a “we” effort, on behalf of the Bar. So, please join us!





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Thank you for your interest in the Martin County Bar Association's collection of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminars. The following information is provided to assist with the procedure for use of these materials by members of the Martin County Bar Association. The materials are located in the:

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The CLE seminars noted are available free of charge to all Martin County Bar Association members and can be picked up on the first floor of the Constitutional Building of the Martin County Courthouse - Official Records Division, Monday through Friday (8 am to 5 pm). **DONATIONS OF UNEXPIRED CLE MATERIALS ARE ENCOURAGED.**

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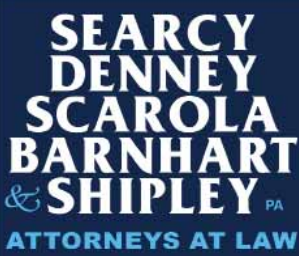
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# Martin County Women Lawyers Association

Abby Spears: MCWLA President 2022 - 23



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*To actively promote gender equality and the leadership roles of FAWL's members in the legal profession, judiciary and community at large. To achieve these goals, FAWL will uphold the highest standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, promote reform in law, and facilitate administration of justice.*

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## MCBA Golf Tournament a Swinging Success Once Again

by Jack Sobel

Well, congratulations to us! We did it again and all for the benefit of the Martin County Bar Association’s Scholarship Fund. Originally started in 2003, the tournament is a major source of money dedicated toward scholarships that are awarded to three graduating seniors from high schools in Martin County at ceremonies held in the spring. This year the tournament took place on May 13th at Lost Lake Golf Club in Hobe Sound. The course was in great shape and the weather was terrific. A great time was had by all. As in years past, the Golf Committee will conduct an essay contest and will select the top three submissions for cash awards. Last year, we were able to award a total of \$7,500 (\$4,000 to the first prize winning essay, \$2,000 to the second prize winner and \$1,500 to the third prize winner) and, thanks to the success of this year’s tournament, we expect to match that amount next year. Special thanks to Executive Director Robyn O’Heron and her terrific teammate for golf-related endeavors, Lynn SanFilippo, for selecting the venue, negotiating the terms (which included breakfast and lunch), signing up the players, gathering donations and prizes from sponsors and local merchants and filling the “goody bags” with great souvenirs for each player. The scramble format is designed to make it fun for golfers of any skill level (or a complete lack of skill) by allowing all four players to hit, but only the best shot of the foursome counts. The other three players simply pick up their ball and move it to where the best shot ended up. There were also prizes for the golfers who hit the longest or straightest drives on designated holes and those who were closest to the pin on designated par threes.



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The golf committee wants to thank the many sponsors whose generosity made the tournament such a rousing success. They included Snook Nook, Author Troon McCallister, Jason Berger. P.A., Alex Gillen, KM Reasonable Solutions, Gamba Herrera Trial Lawyers, Sweet General Contracting, Treasure Coast Estate Buyers, Donaldson & Weston, Gunner Technology, Neelz Contracting, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC and Spiral Technologies. The list of those who donated prizes included many local businesses and golf courses. And thanks to all the players who came out and shared the fun.

Hopefully, the tournament will continue to demonstrate our association's good work, showing that lawyers are capable of selflessness in support of local education. As Benjamin Franklin once told Jack Sobel over a couple of beers, (after they finished flying kites in the rain): "An investment in education always pays the best interest."

If you weren't a player this year, please consider joining us next time. How often can you do something good for others while enjoying yourself as well?



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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!**

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- 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.

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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!



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### Martin County Ordinances

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

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



### City of Stuart Ordinances

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# September

2023

## MCBA Upcoming Events

Membership Luncheon, October 13

Judicial Reception, October 19

Halloween Happy Hour with members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, Thursday, October 26



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## Please join us for MCBA's CLE Monthly Meeting, Friday, September 15, 2023

- When: Friday, September 15, 2023  
11:30 a.m. networking; 12:00 p.m. lunch
- Where: Monarch Country Club  
1801 SW Monarch Club Drive, Palm City
- Menu: Caesar salad, Rolls with butter, Baked caprese chicken with mozzarella, tomato, fresh basil and balsamic glaze Pesto roasted potatoes, Lemon roasted asparagus, Italian lemon cake
- Speaker: Pulitzer Prize Author Gilbert King
- CLE: 1 general CLE approved.

RSVP to: [martincountybar@gmail.com](mailto:martincountybar@gmail.com)  
No later than Friday, September 8, 2023

**PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP TO EXPEDITE ACCESS AT THE GATE**

*There is no charge for paid MCBA members. Guests are welcome;  
a \$45 guest fee may be paid at the luncheon (cash or check only).*