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New BCBA Paralegal Section

By Belinda Martinez

Paralegals/Legal Assistants who join the Broward County Bar Association not only strengthen their connections and network possibilities, but also raise their firm's professional profile.

Paralegals/Legal Assistants further benefit by serving on a committee. The Broward County Bar Association has a variety of committees and sections that would appeal to a Paralegal/Legal Assistant: Alternate Dispute Resolution, Appellate Practice, Bankruptcy Law, Commercial Law (my boss, Kevin Markow is chair of this section), Construction Law, Corporate Counsel, Criminal Law, Education Law, Elder Law, Employment and Labor Law, Family Law, Government Law, Immigration Law, Intellectual Property Law, Probate & Trust Law, Real Property, Solo & Small Firm, Tax Law, Trial Lawyers, West Area Section, Workers Compensation, and more.

The Broward County Bar Association offers a wide variety of continuing education opportunities as well as offers networking opportunities.

There are many more reasons for Paralegals/Legal Assistants to join the Broward County Bar Association. Just go to the website at <http://www.browardbar.org>.

BCBA Walking for Autism Speaks

The BCBA is putting together a team to support the 2012 Autism Speaks Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 14. To join the team, go to <http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=993672>.

On the left side of the screen, you will see "Join or Support a Team." Type "Broward County Bar Association." Click on the blue underlined "Broward County Bar Association," and you will be brought to the BCBA Team Page. Click on Join Our Team (blue underlined) and follow the instructions to register.



President's Message

By Jordana Goldstein



Start off the year on the right foot...or maybe the left

As many of you may recall, one of my goals as President this year is to arrange community service projects for our members to participate in, since I strongly believe that we have a responsibility to give back to the community in which we live and work. In helping me achieve this goal, board member, Denise Jensen, has arranged for

the Broward County Bar Association to participate as a team in the Walk Now for Autism Speaks event scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Nova-Southeastern University, Sherman Library Green. This event is Autism Speaks' signature event, which generates vital funds for autism research and raises awareness about the increasing prevalence of autism in our communities and the need for increased research funding to combat this disorder.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 110 American children are on the autism spectrum, which represents a 600% increase over the past two decades. Studies show that autism is three to four times more common among boys than girls. An estimated 1 out of 70 boys is diagnosed with autism in the United States. While autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the United States, autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases, such as juvenile diabetes and leukemia. I am sure many of you, like myself, have friends, family members and colleagues whose children and grandchildren have received an autism diagnosis. I cannot think of a better way to help our family, friends, and colleagues than by participating in this event and by raising funds for an organization that helps so many people. I truly hope you will give serious consideration to joining our "team".

Joining the team is relatively simple. Go to the Walk Now for Autism Speaks website at www.walknowforautismspeaks.org. On the left hand side of the page under the section "Search for Walks", type in Florida. On the next page, select Broward County (Fort-Lauderdale-Davie) from the list provided. Then on the left hand side of the screen, you will see the section titled "Join or Support a Team." Type "Broward County Bar Association." Then click on the "Broward County Bar Association" link in blue and you will be brought to the Broward Bar Team Page. Click on "Join our Team" (underlined in blue) and then follow the remaining instructions to register. It is that easy. I hope to see all of you on April 14th to support this worthy cause.

Another way you can start this year off on the right foot is to become more active in the Bar, by running for a position

on the board of directors. Being a member of the board is a wonderful opportunity to help shape the Bar's programs and policies for years to come, not to mention a great way to market yourself and network with your peers. Candidates for executive committee officers as well as the board of directors must complete a nomination petition in order to be considered for a position. Please note that a signed petition must be received in the Bar's offices by no later than March 1, 2012 at 5:00p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted. You can obtain a nomination petition by going to our website at browardbar.org and clicking the tab "Attorney Resources". There you will find a link to the January Barrister which has the petition on page 9. You may also contact Art Goldberg at 954-764-8040 or artg@browardbar.org to obtain the petition. You will be able to cast your vote electronically between April 1 -15, 2012.

There are also several new committees that have recently started that I would like to bring to your attention. I am pleased to report that largely through the efforts of Belinda Martinez, a paralegal with Becker & Poliakoff, we have created a new paralegal committee of the Bar. The committee aims to broaden the experience and professional development of its members through the promotion of networking events and informative speakers at meetings, to support the continuing education of its members, and to increase awareness of the effective utilization of paralegals. Certified or Registered Paralegals (Florida Registered Paralegals (FRP)), NALA Certified Paralegals (CLA/CP) and PACE Registered Paralegals (RP) are encouraged to become members of the committee. The cost to join the committee is \$75.00. Any questions about the committee may be directed to Belinda at BMartinez@becker-poliakoff.com. Also, this year, we have already seen the creation of Broward Bar Student Clubs at both St. Thomas and Nova Law Schools. Our hope is that once these students are exposed to our association and all that it has to offer, they will become active members in the Bar upon graduation from law school. I would also like to recognize the efforts of board members, Ken Hassett and Jeff Harris, who have "restarted" the new and improved criminal law section. Ken and Jeff have been busy organizing CLE programs for section members in addition to organizing various networking events. Coming up in March, they have arranged for J. Cheney Mason, defense attorney for Casey Anthony, to speak to us about handling high profile cases. The event is scheduled to take place in the jury room on the 3rd floor of the courthouse. Further information about the event will be sent via email to members.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention that Braulio Rosa, who was originally hired by the Bar to assist with membership and the Barrister, has recently been promoted to Assistant Director of the Bar. I know that Braulio will be instrumental in helping the Bar continue to grow and prosper, and I wish him the best in all of his endeavors.

A Message from Bart Ostrzenski President, Young Lawyers Section



For those of you who did not attend, you missed a great happy hour at a new venue. On Wednesday, January 11, 2012 the YLS co-hosted a happy hour with the Boys and Girls Club at Whiskey Blue in the W Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. I want to thank the W for being very accommodating hosts at a very hip and scenic bar. I very much look forward to returning.

I also want to thank Chief Judge Peter Weinstein for presenting an informative State of the Circuit luncheon, which was on January 19, 2012. As always, Judge Weinstein's passion and support for the legal community, specifically the YLS, is greatly appreciated.

Looking to the future, the YLS is hosting a fundraising happy hour for the Holiday in February. For those of you who don't know, the Holiday in February is a holiday celebration for foster children and children affiliated with the charity, Children in Distress, which we hold at the Museum of Discovery & Science in Fort Lauderdale. This event is closed to the public and as such, we completely rely upon donations from the community in order to fund this event. The fund raising Happy Hour is Friday, February 3, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the M Bar located at 1301 Las Olas Boulevard, where we will be taking donations at the door. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

On February 16, 2012, at noon and located at the Tower Club, the YLS will be hosting its Black History Month Luncheon, featuring the Florida Bar President-Elect, Eugene K. Pettis, as our guest speaker. We have obtained 1 hour of general CLE credit for this luncheon. Please RSVP for this event with Traci via email at traci@browardbar.org or visit Browardbar.org and click on the upcoming events calendar.

Finally, the date for our 10th annual Bowl-a-Thon has been scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Manors Lanes bowling alley in Wilton Manors. This event always sells-out, so look for our flyer in this issue of the *Barrister*, which provides all of the details, including sponsorship opportunities. This year, all proceeds from the Bowl-a-Thon will be donated to Abi's Place, which is a family-oriented, non-profit school for children with moderate to severe developmental disabilities. I look forward to seeing you there.

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BCBA Members

Are you interested in submitting an article for the *Barrister*?

We encourage you to do so. You may want to develop a story about current issues. Or, you may have a great war story to tell that can be educational. The BCBA staff can assist you. Both Art Goldberg and Braulio Rosa have backgrounds in writing and have graduate degrees in that specific discipline.

Contact us with your ideas at braulio@browardbar.org.

Pythons In the Public Eye, But What About Our Water?

The Mythical Fix of the Paradise Pits

By Art Goldberg



I am no environmentalist, just a converted sentimentalist now absorbed in the restoration of the much-degraded Everglades. I never truly admired the daunting muck quagmire behind my property line, but the pervasive publicity about voracious snakes' proclivity to-

ward fox, raccoon and deer has brought (at least for me) the Glades Plumbing Problem - and the very real 'Mythical Fix' - forward into prime time. In an off-hand way, I say "flash a high-five to the pythons," as they migrate to the Keys, for if they had not spawned a splash in the news, I'd be today less consumed with the fiasco known as CERP, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

When was the \$7.8 Billion CERP signed into law? December 2000, by Clinton. What is its purpose? Generally, to surpass all previous environmental plans, to manage future floods and to 'Fix the Everglades' for good. It's bold, it's grand, and it also addresses an important question that is separate and apart from Environmental Restoration: How will managers meet future water demands of South Florida's farms, industries and just plain thirsty folk, such as yours truly?

The foundation of this legislated compromise - between proponents of 'Save the Everglades' and 'Provide Drinking Water Supply' - between Tallahassee and Washington, D. C. - is commonly known as the Lake Belt. Quarries of limestone are now being mined on the western edge of Dade County. Big boulders render big profits for rich mining companies. Pits of mythical size will remain once digging is fini, then converted into huge reservoirs.

The politics are complicated: miners, farmers and other land owners with economic interests in western lands forged a compromise with 'wetlands protection' specialists who want clean water circulating in the Glades, as well as with 'surface and underground trickle hydrologists' who say that - in years to come - our future H2O supply will be tied to water stored in the Lake Belt as a backup to the Biscayne Aquifer.

Here an aqua-distinction needs to be made: 'up is up and down is down and never the twain shall meet.' Water stored in future lakes (known as surface water), will not, must not, never-ever drip even a drop into the underground aquifer, according to The PLAN. And billions of dollars will be spent to avert and deter such a catastrophe. Herein lies the hitch, the glitch - let's come clean - future lake water may not be pristine: it must forever be screened for Phosphorus and possibly life-threatening bacterial contaminants.

A future solution to prevent pollution? The Pits of Paradise, some one hundred feet deep, might have to be lined with an underground barrier laid to contain any





and all seepage. Nobody knows if this structure will hold once the pits are filled, by 2035. What if a hole is pricked in the liner of one Pit or another? Might we face a quick rush, a flapper-pull flush of our precious drinking water? Defining the final nature of this lining will be decided in years to come.

For the last dozen years the Army Corps of Engineers has been in command of this environmental project that few truly understand, for the core of the logic the Corps applies to the project doth say: "To save the Everglades it must first be destroyed." (At least, that is, parts of it.)

Future rainwater and treated runoff will be stored in these reservoirs, and then pumped as needed into the Glades - water that's vital to wetlands survival. The irony? Big Boulders don't surface by themselves: Mining the pits has already destroyed acres of Everglades Wetlands.

In addition, the more digging that's done, the more water that seeps into the pits directly out of the Glades. It's like digging a hole on the edge of the beach during a rising tide. And the Glades can't afford to lose water today. In twenty-five years we'll have filled our pits, and (hopefully pristine) water will be available, some pumped west, to hydrate the Everglades, some pumped east to meet the needs of our ever-growing population. Over all that time, how much water will have been drained?

It seems illogical to me to destroy acres of wetlands in the name of restoration, incomprehensible to drain needed water from the Glades today to hopefully rehydrate the River of Grass in the future. And the science behind the unproven pit liners is truly experimental - and that seems really inane. Hate to say, it gives me an overall sinking feeling for what's in store for our water over the next twenty-five years. And I haven't seen this issue well-articulated in the news.

I recently read (Again!) that Burmese Pythons are now migrating south: they go with the flow in Biscayne Bay to populate the Keys. On the hunt, no doubt, chasing prey: Nature's way of maintaining balance. My hope is that the South Florida's natural water plumbing problems will receive as much attention in the press. So please, let's give the scary story of the giant snakes a rest.

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Construction Law Committee

By Leonardo N. Ortiz

CASE LAW UPDATE

December 1, 2011

I. CONTRACTS

1) International Engineering Services, Inc. v. Scherer Construction & Engineering of Central Florida, LLC, 2011 WL 5109306 (Fla. 5th DCA October 21, 2011). Holding: Pay-when-paid clause held unenforceable based upon terms in prime contract that was incorporated by reference.

Facts: Contractor and Subcontractor entered into a subcontract for Subcontractor to provide structural steel. The subcontract contained a pay-when-paid clause that conditioned Subcontractor's payment upon Contractor's receipt of payment from Owner. Subcontractor filed suit for breach of contract after Contractor failed to make final payment. Contractor asserted a single affirmative defense based on the pay-when-paid clause and moved for summary judgment. The trial court found the pay-when-paid clause was unambiguous and granted Contractor's motion for summary judgment.

On appeal, the Court agreed that the parties expressly and unambiguously intended to shift the risk of nonpayment to the Subcontractor. However, the analysis was not complete because the subcontract incorporated the prime contract by reference. The prime contract stated that the Owner was not obligated to pay the Contractor until the Contractor paid all its subcontractors. The Court found this case was analogous to OBS Co. v. Pace Construction Corp., 558 So. 2d 404 (Fla. 1990). The Court found that by incorporating the prime contract into the subcontract, the pay-when-paid clause became ambiguous. Thus, the Court reversed the summary judgment ruling.

II. DAMAGES

2) Rodriguez-Faro v. Escarda Contractor, Inc., 69 So. 3d 1097 (Fla. 3d DCA September 28, 2011). Holding: Trial court erred in denying motion for relief from judgment where damages on unjust enrichment claim were unliquidated.

Facts: Homeowner's husband signed contract for Contractor to remodel the couple's condominium. The Contractor filed a lien after disputes arose regarding payment. Contractor then filed suit against Homeowner and her husband to foreclose on the lien, breach of contract, and unjust enrichment. Contractor moved for summary judgment after both defendants failed to answer the complaint. Contractor filed an affidavit stating the amount due under the contract in support of summary judgment.

At the summary judgment hearing, the Homeowner's husband advised the trial court that he had filed for bankruptcy. As a result, the trial court denied the motion for summary judgment as to the lien claim. However, the trial court granted summary on Contractor's claim for unjust enrichment against Homeowner and directed execution for the full unpaid contractual amount. Two years after summary judgment was granted, Homeowner filed a motion to vacate the summary judgment alleging she was not given an opportunity to be heard on damages. The trial court denied Homeowner's motion to vacate as untimely.

The Third District acknowledged that under Florida law a defaulting party is entitled to notice and an opportunity to be heard when the amount of damages is unliquidated. The Court added that where there is a claim for unjust enrichment, damages may be unliquidated despite an existing contract. The Court found that the only proof of damages was the Contractor's affidavit. However, both parties agreed that the contracted work had not been completed. Thus, the Court held the trial court abused its discretion in determining the amount of damages because further evidence was required to ascertain the value of the work performed.

III. LIENS

3) Medellin v. MLA Consulting, Inc., 69 So. 3d 372 (Fla. 5th DCA September 16, 2011). Holding: Trial court erred in holding that it could not find a fraudulent lien based on good faith dispute where lien included services that were not lienable.

Facts: Homeowner and Consultant entered into a contract whereby Consultant would provide services to guide Homeowner through process of building new home. Consultant did not hold any license as a contractor or architect. The contract provided that the consulting services would be split into a planning phase and construction phase with separate fees to be paid for each phase. The contract also permitted either party to terminate the agreement upon notice.

Consultant completed and was paid for all services performed during the planning phase. Homeowner terminated the contract prior to the commencement of the construction phase. Consultant sent Homeowner an invoice for a portion of the construction phase fee which the contract specified was due upon date of execution of construction phase services. Consultant recorded a lien for the entire fee for the construction phase and filed suit to enforce its lien. Homeowner filed a counterclaim for fraudulent lien and slander of title. The trial court held a bench trial and ruled that Homeowner did not breach the contract and did not owe Consultant any fees because the construction phase had not yet begun when the contract was terminated. The trial court also ruled that it was precluded from finding a fraudulent lien because Consultant had a good faith belief they were entitled to the amounts claimed in the lien.

On appeal, the Court acknowledged that Section 713.21(2)(b) provides that neither a good faith dispute as to the amount owed nor a minor mistake is sufficient to support a finding of fraudulent lien. However, the Court has previously held that a trial court can determine that a lien is fraudulent notwithstanding a good faith dispute where the underlying claim does not support a lien. The Court held that the trial court misinterpreted the statute when it determined that it could not address the fraudulent lien argument given that Consultant included claims that were not lienable. The case was remanded for the trial court to address the fraudulent lien issue.

4) MHB Construction Services, LLC v. RM-NA HB Waterway Shoppes, LLC, 2011 WL 5864801 (Fla. 4th DCA November 23, 2011). Holding: Landlord's fee simple interest could not be subject to lien where lease and recorded Notice of Lien Prohibition expressly prohibited claims of lien for **continued on page 7**

improvements made by tenant, lease did not require that improvements be made, and lease required tenant to get written consent from landlord before making improvements.

Facts: Landlord and Tenant entered into a commercial lease for Tenant to operate a daycare center. The lease contained a lien prohibition clause and also required Tenant to obtain written consent prior to making any improvements. The lease also included a Work Construction Agreement whereby Tenant would be reimbursed for a portion of construction costs. Prior to the lease's execution, Landlord recorded a "Notice of Lien Prohibition" in accordance with Section 713.10, Florida Statutes. Tenant and MHB entered into a construction contract for MHB to build out the leased space. Landlord executed and recorded a notice of commencement prior to MHB commencing work.

As a result of nonpayment, MHB filed suit against Landlord and Tenant which included a lien claim against Landlord's property. Landlord filed a verified motion to strike the lien claim as a sham pleading based on the recorded Notice of Lien Prohibition. The trial court granted Landlord's motion and dismissed MHB's claim against Landlord.

On appeal, MHB argued that Landlord should be estopped from claiming the lien cannot affect its fee simple interest because Landlord identified itself as the owner in the Notice of Commencement. The Court rejected this argument and stated there was no legal authority to suggest that the execution of a notice of commencement has the effect of giving a contractor the right to lien property of a lessor who is not a party to the construction contract between the contractor and lessee. Further, Landlord had previously recorded a Notice of Lien Prohibition. MHB never challenged the validity of the Notice of Lien Prohibition.

MHB also argued that Landlord's \$10,000 reimbursement to-

wards the Tenant's improvements went to the "pith of the lease" and permitted MHB to lien the property. The Court rejected this argument because the lease expressly prohibited claims of lien for improvements made by Tenant from attaching to the Property. The Court found that the lease did not require that the improvements be made. The Court also noted that the \$10,000 contribution was less than 10% of the total cost of improvements and was contingent on Tenant receiving a final release from MHB. Thus, the Court affirmed the trial court's order of dismissal.

IV. PAYMENT BONDS

5) Stock Building Supply of Fla. Inc. v. Soares Da Costa Construction Services, LLC, 2011 WL 4578320 (Fla. 3d DCA October 5, 2011). Holding: Payment bond claim was barred as a result of claimant's failure to serve a new notice to contractor pursuant to Section 713.23(1)(c) after the project was terminated and recommenced.

Facts: Owner hired Soares Da Costa ("SDC") to serve as general contractor for construction of a mixed-use condominium. The Owner recorded a Notice of Commencement that did not include a payment bond. SDC awarded the shell subcontract to a related entity named Contract Management. Contract Management entered into an agreement with K & A to purchase rebar for the structural shell. K & A began delivering rebar to the project through Contract Management's order. K & A also delivered other building materials to the project through a separate order from SDC. Thereafter, K & A served a Notice to Owner/Notice to Contractor to SDC for the rebar materials delivered through Contract Management's order. K & A served a separate Notice to Owner/Notice to Contractor to SDC for the building materials delivered through SDC's order.

The project ceased for two months **continued on page 18**





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Recent Seminars & Events



Left (l to r): Judges Ian Richards, Michael Kaplan, Geoffrey Cohen, and BCBA Board Member and Criminal Law Section Chairperson Ken Hassett at the January 13 Domestic Violence Seminar hosted at the BCBA.

Right: YLS President Bart Ostrzenski and Chief Judge Peter Weinstein at the January 19 YLS Lunch where the Chief Judge discussed the State of the Circuit.



Right: Judges Charles Green and Mel Grossman at the January 12 legal seminar, "Probate Law: A View from the Bench," which was hosted at the BCBA.



BCBA EVENTS



l to r: Gavin Cady, YLS Board Member Sue-Ann Robinson-Cady, Sabadell Bank Vice President Frank Wagner, BCBA Board Member Anita Paoli, and Robert Vaughn at the January 13 Panther's Legal Night.



l to r: Judges David Haines and Marina Garcia-Wood at Bar at the Bar, hosted by the BCBA at Tap 42



l to r: Carey Fischer, Richard Rosenbaum, and Michael Wrubel at Bar at the Bar, hosted by the BCBA at Tap 42



l to r: Michael Christiansen and Malcolm Kahl at Bar at the Bar, hosted by the BCBA at Tap 42

Legal Aid Lane

Legal Hotline

What is it? A telephone Advice and Counsel Hotline on specific civil legal matters for low income residents of Broward County

When? Each Tuesday beginning January, 2012, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

What Can I do? You and/or your law firm can commit to three hours, one day per month. These hours count as *Pro Bono Hours*.

2-3 attorneys are needed each Tuesday

Thanks to our January Volunteers

- January 5th - Thanks to **GRAY ROBINSON** for being the first law firm to join this project
- January 10th - Steven Wherry
- January 17th - Richard Sachs
- January 24th - Caribbean Bar Association
- January 31st - Tim McFarland & Elizabeth Daugherty

New Date - Takeover & Makeover Legal Aid Service and Coast to Coast Legal Aid – May 5th

Join the NEXT team on Saturday, May 5, to “paint it forward” and give the Legal Aid Service and Coast to Coast Legal Aid offices a much-needed makeover. (This event was previously scheduled for February 4.) The only requisite to join is a generous heart! Volunteers meet on May 5 at 9 a.m. at Legal Aid, 491 North State Road 7, Plantation. For more information or to sign up, email jpalma@legalaid.org or call (954) 736-2423.



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Thank you to the following attorneys who accepted a Pro Bono case from Broward Lawyers Care December 2011

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Richard F. Hussey—Attorney of the Month

Richard F. Hussey is an extraordinary attorney who has spent hundreds of hours volunteering his legal services within the community. As a member of Broward Lawyers Care, the Broward County Bar Association and through the Guardian ad Litem Program, Richard has helped countless families with issues including custody, divorce, and domestic violence. Recently, Richard has dedicated his time to assisting a woman who is currently displaced, living in her car and fleeing violence. While working toward bettering the lives of others, he is also mentoring two other attorneys with family law cases.



Legal Aid Launches New Legal Advice Hotline

GrayRobinson, P.A. participates in inaugural events

Broward Lawyers Care, in a joint project with Legal Aid Services of Broward County (LAS) and Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA), has initiated a new program to offer advice and counsel to low income residents of Broward County. The program will serve clients that might otherwise not be able to receive free civil legal services due to budget cuts at the agencies. The project launched January 5th with attorneys from GrayRobinson, P.A. handling phone calls.

“Without the assistance of pro bono attorneys, many members of our community would go without legal representation. When I first started practicing law, I was strongly encouraged to perform pro bono work, and I benefited tremendously from that experience. That is why it is important to encourage others to do the same, and which is why our law firm associates jumped at the opportunity to help Legal Aid today,” stated Tom Loffredo, Fort Lauderdale Managing Shareholder, GrayRobinson, P.A. “Legal aid clients are real people with real problems. By doing what we can to help them we are strengthening our entire community, and GrayRobinson is pleased to be involved with this valuable pro bono project.”

Volunteer attorneys from GrayRobinson, P.A. included Evan Appell, Shayna Freyman, Cortney Kaiserman, Jarred Leibner, Mike Lessne, Tom Loffredo and Andrew Marcus.

Advice and counsel will be offered in a variety of areas of the law including primarily landlord/tenant, consumer, and family law. Eligibility is based on a client’s household income and assets in comparison to the percentage of federal poverty guidelines. The hotline will be staffed by volunteer attorneys and law firms from our community.

“LAS and CCLA have experienced a 48% increase in individuals and families seeking our help, as economic challenges and budget cuts for both agencies have resulted in reduction of staff,” stated Debra Koprowski, Director of Advocacy for the two agencies. “With the help of volunteer attorneys and law firms from our community, like GrayRobinson, this telephone advice hotline will create a wonderful avenue to provide the much needed assistance to these clients. We are very excited to launch this project and are certain that it will be a great success for all involved!”

Attorneys who would like to learn more about volunteering with Broward Lawyers Care should contact Melisa Malone at 954-736-2426 or mmalone@legalaid.org.



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due to a lack of funding. As a result, K & A Lumber recorded two claims of lien. The Owner satisfied both liens and K & A recorded satisfactions of lien. The Owner then recorded the following: 1) a Notice of Termination of the existing Notice of Commencement, and 2) a new Notice of Commencement which included a payment bond posted by SDC.

After the new Notice of Commencement was recorded, K & A recommenced supplying rebar through Contract Management and miscellaneous building materials through SDC. K & A served a new Notice to Owner/Notice to Contractor on SDC for the building materials ordered by SDC. However, K & A failed to serve a separate notice for the rebar materials ordered by Contract Management. K & A served a Notice of Nonpayment on SDC and its surety after Contract Management failed to make payments for rebar supplied to the project.

K & A then filed a lawsuit that included a claim against the payment bond posted by SDC. A bench trial was held and the trial court ruled that K & A could not recover on the payment bond because they were not in privity with SDC and failed to serve the notice required under Section 713.23(1)(c). On appeal, K & A argued: 1) the first notice for the rebar materials supplied through Contract Management was sufficient to satisfy Section 713.23(1)(c) for all of the rebar materials it supplied; and 2) alternatively, the second notice was sufficient to satisfy Section 713.23(1)(c) for the rebar material it supplied after the project recommenced.

As to the first notice, the Court found the notice could only serve to protect K & A's lien against the Owner and not to satisfy Section 713.23 because there was no payment bond in place when the project began. The Court also noted that K & A's lien was satisfied and the notice requirements of Chapter 713 were renewed when the Owner recorded the new Notice of Commencement.

As to the second notice, the Court reviewed the testimony of K & A's credit manager who admitted that K & A did not send a new notice for rebar materials supplied through Contract Management after the project recommenced. The Court noted that any actual notice that SDC may have had that K & A was delivering rebar was insufficient to satisfy K & A's burden under Section 713.23. Thus, the Court affirmed the trial court's ruling and held that K & A failed to satisfy a condition precedent to its payment bond claim.

V. PERFORMANCE BONDS

6) *Hartford Casualty Ins. Co. v. City of Marathon*, 2011 WL 5825503 (S.D. Fla. November 18, 2011). Holding: District Court granted summary judgment in favor of surety holding that surety did not have obligation to bond a change order that constituted a cardinal change to the underlying construction contract.

Facts: City of Marathon ("Marathon") initiated construction of a series of wastewater treatment facility projects throughout the city. The projects were divided into seven "service areas". Intrastate Construction ("Intrastate") was awarded a \$2,061,000 contract for Service Area 3. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company ("Hartford") issued statutory performance and payment bonds for Service Area 3 project.

Eight months into the project, Intrastate and Marathon executed

Change Order No. 1 for Intrastate "to provide the same type of services to build another treatment plant" known as the Service Area 7 project. The Service Area 7 project was to proceed under a separate set of plans and specifications and to be constructed at a site 5 miles away from the Service Area 3 project. Change Order No. 1 increased the bonded contract amount to \$5,045,487.00.

Hartford subsequently notified Marathon that it would not bond the Service Area 7 change order. In their notice, Marathon acknowledged continued responsibility for the Service Area 3 bonds. Thereafter, Marathon terminated Intrastate from both the Service Area 3 project and Service Area 7 project because Hartford refused to bond the Service Area 7 change order.

Hartford filed a declaratory action against both Marathon and Intrastate seeking determination that the Service Area 7 change order was void and that the bonds issued by Hartford did not afford coverage for Service Area 7 change order. Marathon filed a counterclaim alleging that Hartford breached its obligations under the performance bond. Hartford's first affirmative defense alleged that the Marathon's claims are barred by the doctrine of cardinal change. Hartford and Marathon each moved for summary judgment.

The District Court first ruled that Hartford consented to changes affecting the general scope of the work under the plain language of the contract and performance bond. However, the Court rejected Marathon's argument that they had the unilateral right to change the price and scope of the underlying contract.

The District Court engaged in a thorough analysis of the cardinal defense doctrine. The court acknowledged there is no case law in Florida on the cardinal change doctrine. The Court followed three factors in determining whether there was a cardinal change in this case: 1) whether there is a significant change in the magnitude of work to be performed; 2) whether the change is designed to procure a totally different item or drastically alter the quality, character, nature or type of work contemplated by the original contract; and 3) whether the cost of the work ordered greatly exceeds the original contract cost. Using the foregoing factors, the Court found that the Service Area 7 change order was a cardinal change to the underlying contract. Thus, the court ruled that Hartford was not obligated to bond the Service Area 7 change order.

As to Marathon's counterclaim, the court found the undisputed evidence established that Marathon terminated Intrastate solely because Hartford refused to bond the Service Area 7 change order. The Court noted that Intrastate maintained adequate bonding for the Service Area 3 project. The Court ruled Marathon improperly terminated Intrastate. As a result, Hartford had no obligation to complete the Service Area 3 project.



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Aside from her professional accomplishments within the legal field, Vines is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Women's Executive Club and serves on the executive board of Winterfest, Inc. She received her juris doctorate from the Nova Southeastern University and her undergraduate degree from Purdue University. In June 2011, Vines graduated from the Leadership Broward as a member of Class XXIX. She has also attended Indiana Military Academy Officer Candidate School.



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Converting Clicks to Clients

By Margaret Grisdela

Five simple steps, outlined below, can help you achieve breakthrough marketing results in your 2012 online campaigns.

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“The more the merrier” certainly applies to marketing online. Make an effort in 2012 to increase the number of your LinkedIn connections, the size of your e-newsletter subscriber list, the number of prospects you are tracking in your pipeline, and the number of times you communicate with your client list. As your list of connections grows, so will your potential for new business.

Educate your audience with regularly scheduled substantive messages. Meaningful news will provide prospects with greater insight on how you can help them achieve business or personal objectives.

2. Capture Your Prospects

Encourage visitors to your website or social media outlets to voluntarily provide you with their contact information. It is nearly impossible to identify by name companies or individuals who are visiting your website, so an offer of a free white paper, webinar, or e-newsletter is an effective way to collect visitor data. More importantly, this process can give you permission to market to these prospects in the future.

Keep all prospect contact data organized in a CRM (customer relationship management) system, or even a simple Excel file. Some services, like Salesforce.com, automatically collect lead data from your website in an online database tool for your use.

Google Analytics gives you the ability to track the number of site visitors who take a particular action, like filling out a form. This “conversion

tracking” feature is one way to measure website performance, while also building your pipeline of prospects.

3. Communicate More Often

Industry research indicates that it takes at least five to six outreach efforts to get a client. You leave money on the table if you stop selling after only one or two contacts.

4. Build a Conversion Process

You can avoid the mistake of stopping the sales process too soon by setting up a defined client conversion system, featuring a series of four to six messages delivered over a 90-day cycle. The first communication is typically a “here is the information you requested” message. Don’t stop now! Follow up with another message that offers additional information, then a third message with some FAQs. Identify the messaging that will work best for your practice.

5. Evaluate Source Effectiveness

Ask new clients how they heard about you to measure the effectiveness of your marketing campaigns. Ideally you will already know this information, particularly if you have been grooming this prospect through the client conversion process outlined above.

About the Author: Margaret Grisdela is president of Legal Expert Connections, a national legal marketing agency, and the author of *Courting Your Clients*. She focuses on insurance defense marketing, personal injury marketing, social media, and other legal marketing campaigns. Contact her at 561-266-1030 or mg@legalexpertconnections.com.

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CLE EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Announcement of Open Seats for 2012 BCBA Board of Directors

Election to the Board of Directors of the 2500 member Broward County Bar Association offers any member the unique opportunity to participate in helping to shape an annual agenda of professional and public education programs aimed at addressing the needs of attorneys, law firms, the Clerk's Office and the Courts, and to strive to improve the quality and administration of justice in Broward County.

Candidates for Executive Committee Officers as well as the Board of Directors must complete the Nomination Petition. The signed Petition must be received in the BCBA Office no later than March 1, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Contact Executive Director Art Goldberg at (954) 764-8040 x7 or artg@browardbar.org for more information.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer

DIRECTORS:

Directors shall be elected to the Board from each of the following geographical areas and shall serve a two (2) year term, starting July 1, 2012.

NORTHEAST

On the ballot, there will be TWO (2) seats. BOTH incumbents are eligible to seek re-election. Office Location must be North of the centerline of Commercial Blvd. and East of the centerline of State Road 7 (441).

CENTRAL

On the ballot, there will be THREE (3) seats. Only ONE (1) incumbent is eligible to seek re-election. Office Location must be East of the centerline of State Road 7 (441), North to the centerline of Commercial Blvd. and South to the centerline of State Road 84.

WEST

On the ballot there will be ONE (1) seat. The incumbent is ineligible to seek re-election. Office Location must be West of the centerline of State Road 7 (441), North to the centerline of Commercial Blvd. and South to the centerline of State Road 84.

SOUTHEAST

On the ballot, there will be TWO (2) seats. Both incumbents are ineligible to seek re-election. Office Location must be South of the centerline of State Road 84 and East of the centerline of State Road 7 (441).

SOUTHWEST

On the ballot, there will be ONE (1) seat. The incumbent is eligible to seek re-election. Office Location must be South of the centerline of State Road 84 and West of the centerline of State Road 7 (441).

See page 35 for the Nominating Petition.



**Broward County Bar Association
Board of Directors
2012 NOMINATING PETITION**

This Nominating Petition needs to be completed if seeking either a seat on the Board of Directors or seeking a position as an officer on the Executive Committee, including President-Elect, Treasurer or Secretary.

The office of President shall be filled by the person elected President-Elect at the preceding year's election.

No member may be nominated for more than one (1) position.

CANDIDATE _____

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA _____
(office location)

POSITION SOUGHT _____

Signatures of Ten (10) current BCBA members are required. Completed petition must be submitted to the bar association office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 1, 2012.**

Signature

Print Name

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