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GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1981

SECRETARIES NIGHT

WILLIAMSON RESTAURANT

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Cocktails . . . 6:30 P.M. — Cash Bar

Dinner 7:15 P.M.

Price: \$10.00/person

Program: "CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM"

Speakers: Joel Hirschhorn
Norman Davis, Vice President, Channel 10

The effect of TV coverage of trials is still a controversial topic of discussion. Mr. Hirschhorn argued the case, Chandler & Granger vs. the State of Florida, before the Supreme Court and Mr. Davis is Vice President of Channel 10. This should be a most interesting discussion.

This meeting will also be in honor of the legal secretaries. **RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. PLEASE CALL 764-8040** by noon, February 17, 1981, for reservations. Deadline for reservations and cancellations, Tuesday, February 17, 1981. Reservations made and not cancelled must be paid if guarantee is not met and the Bar is charged for dinners.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The By-Laws governing the Broward County Bar Association provide for the election of Officers and Executive Committee Members.

The Nominating Committee has met and submits the following nominations::

OFFICERS

President-Elect Hugh T. Maloney
Secretary-Treasurer Angeline G. Weir

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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If you have not been nominated and would like to be placed on the elective ballot, you must submit a petition with six (6) signatures of members of BCBA in good standing to the Broward County Bar Association office by March 15, 1981. You must also maintain an office in the geographical area for the indicated group. These areas are:

Group 1: Commercial Boulevard to the Palm Beach County line.

Group 2: State Road 84 to the Dade County line.

Group 3: North of State Road 84 and South of Commercial Boulevard.

There shall be no vote for the office of the President, the office of President to be filled each year by the person who is elected President-Elect at the preceding year's election. RUSSELL E. CARLISLE will become President of BCBA on June 1, 1981.

Elections will be by written ballot to be mailed in April.

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OFFICERS

Harry G. Carratt *President*
Russell E. Carlisle *Pres.-Elect*
Hugh T. Maloney *Sec. - Treas.*
Norma Howard *Executive Director*

**JUDGE BRIDGE TO BEGIN
CONFERENCE CALL
MOTIONS**

Beginning February 2, 1981, Judge Barbara Bridge will be available in her chambers for conference calls relating to miscellaneous motions on pending litigation such as: motion for compulsory physical, motion to continue and etc. These calls may be handled on an un-noticed basic providing all Counsel are agreeable.

The conference calls will be handled Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., and Counsel shall make all necessary arrangements. If the attorney requesting said conference call does not have conference phones in his office, Judge Bridge's secretary Mrs. Morgan, will make said calls providing the necessary names and phone numbers are provided for in advance.

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**PERILS AND PITFALLS OF
POOR TRUST ACCOUNTING**

William D. Rucker, Jr.

There are two prerequisites to prac-

ticing law in Florida: a license and a trust account. Without the former you cannot start your career; failure to have the latter may end it. Actually, merely having a trust account is not enough; in order to avoid disciplinary sanctions a lawyer must scrupulously monitor and maintain it.

Every lawyer practicing in Florida who receives or disburses trust money must certify each year that he is familiar with and in substantial compliance with Integration Rule 11.02 and its accompanying bylaws. Notwithstanding every Florida lawyer's acknowledged compliance with trust accounting procedures, problems with trust accounts are one of the principal reasons for grievance procedures initiated and successfully brought against Florida lawyers. Even a cursory review of published disciplinary proceedings will show that abuses of trust account responsibilities bring the most frequent and the most severe reactions from the Supreme Court.

Practitioners with trust account problems range from those who are ignorant of basic trust accounting procedures, to those who do not properly monitor their trust accounts resulting in temporary imbalances and dishonored checks or even embezzlement by employees, to those fortunately few who simply steal their client's funds.

While most trust account problems can be corrected by improved accounting procedures and more frequent monitoring of the account, others cannot be corrected short of monetary reimbursement to the client either from the attorneys own resources, by claims on his insurance company or by resort to the Client Security Fund.

Monetary reimbursement to a client, however, is often the least of the attorney's problems. The Florida Bar takes a very strong position in prosecuting trust account abuses and the Supreme Court issues equally strong discipline including public reprimand, suspension and disbarment. In any of the disciplinary proceedings brought by the Bar the respondent can be, and usually is, required to pay the cost of the proceeding.

The Supreme Court has promulgated strict minimal requirements relating to trust accounts in Integration Rule 11:02 (4). The Florida Bar has adopted By-laws setting forth minimum require-

ments complementing Integration Rule 11.02. The Supreme Court and The Florida Bar do not promulgate the Rules and Bylaws in an effort to catch the unsuspecting practitioner. In fact, the Bar stands ready at any time to assist any practitioner in assessing his trust account procedures to determine whether they comply with the minimum requirements and to assist in bringing any deficiencies into compliance. The Bar prefers to assist the practitioner in developing good procedures and good habits rather than to prosecute him for infraction of the Rules at a later date.

A brief review of Integration Rule 11.02(4) will show that monies held in trust must be applied only to the purpose so entrusted. It is not subject to a counterclaim or set off for attorneys fees and refusal to account for and deliver entrusted money or property is deemed a conversion. Any practitioner handling any amount of trust money must maintain a trust account, so designated, separate from any other office operating account. The records of his trust account are official records and must be maintained for not less than six years after the last transaction concerning the subject of the entrusted funds. The required records which must be retained included checkbooks, cancelled checks, check stubs, vouchers, ledgers and journals, closing statements, accountings or any other statements of disbursements rendered to the parties with an interest in the entrusted funds.

The required records must be open for audit by the Florida Bar upon request. The mere failure to provide access to the records subject the practitioner to disciplinary action. A practitioner does not have to commit larceny in his trust accounts before he will get in trouble. A dishonored trust account check can lead to an audit of the trust account at the expense of the attorney as well as the possibility of disciplinary proceedings being brought against the

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION NEWS

The Young Lawyers' President's Column

In its first ten years, the Young Lawyers' Section of the Broward County Bar Association has made significant strides in implementing new activities and improving its relationship with the Broward County Bar Association. This new page, the "YLS NEWS" is an illustration of those advances; it is the first time that the Young Lawyers' Section (YLS) has been given continuing and exclusive use of a page or pages in the *Barrister*. In the months to come, we hope to give all of you, both young and "non-young" lawyers an insight into what the YLS is and what it does for its membership and the local Bar Association.

The YLS is a necessary organization. It brings together lawyers of all ages, regardless of their areas of legal practice, for both social and educational purposes. To the young lawyer, this is most important since the young lawyer (defined for membership purposes as all attorneys who will not attain age 37 during the fiscal year ending May 31) will typically need the assistance or guidance of other attorneys until he or she becomes more familiar with the practice of law, particularly as it exists in Broward County. The educational programs are designed to expedite the learning curve of those attorneys starting their practice for the first time in this locale. Our social programs are intended to introduce the newly admitted attorney to his or her peers as well as to well established attorneys and judges. Although the YLS is also involved with projects intended for the betterment of the local community, the social and educational programs go to the very heart of our existence. This is the Young Lawyers' Section.

In order to encourage membership

in the Broward County YLS, the Executive committee of the Broward County Bar Association has kindly approved several significant changes to the YLS during the forthcoming year. Some of these changes, however, still must be approved by the general membership before they become effective.

Currently, the President of the YLS is a voting member of the Executive Committee of the Broward County Bar Association. Subject to general membership approval, the President-Elect of the YLS will also be given a voting position on the Executive Committee, effective for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1981. This will hopefully provide a closer relationship between the Broward County Bar Association and the YLS.

Also effective for the next fiscal year, the \$10.00 YLS membership fee, which in the past has been charged in addition to the basic \$50.00 membership fee, has been eliminated in total. Beginning June 1, 1981, there will be no additional fees for membership in the YLS.

In the past, the YLS has received the above \$10.00 dues per YLS member as operating funds for each respective year; however, effective for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1981, and also subject to general membership approval, the YLS will receive a yet-to-be-designated amount out of the membership dues paid by YLS members to the Broward County Bar Association. Furthermore, all members of the Broward County Bar Association who qualify for YLS membership will automatically become YLS members. The net effect of this arrangement is to provide a broader YLS membership base and increase the amount of operating funds which the YLS will make available for its educational, community and social programs during the next year.

All Broward County Bar Association members, irrespective of YLS membership, always have and will continue to be welcome at any function sponsored by the YLS. It is intended that involvement in YLS activities by non-members will be especially encouraged in the future since a closer working and social relationship is in the best interests of both parties. The new restructuring of dues and membership will serve to accomplish that end.

Lastly and most important, the Executive Committee has voted to reduce the \$50.00 dues to \$25.00 for any attorney joining the Broward County Bar Association and/or the YLS for the last six months of the fiscal year ending May 31, 1981. This special one-time dues proration is intended to encourage new members to join both the Broward County Bar Association and the YLS even before the new dues rates become effective. In the past, there was no proration for any attorney joining the Broward County Bar Association even if it was in the eleventh month of the respective fiscal year.

Because the amount of YLS dues allocation for the next fiscal year will be dependent on how many new YLS members join during the balance of the current fiscal year and for the next fiscal year, we strongly urge each and every eligible attorney, whether or not you qualify for YLS membership, to join the Broward County Bar Association and, if eligible, the YLS for the balance of the current fiscal year.

Only by increased Broward County Bar Association membership, cooperation and involvement can attorneys - whether or not they are eligible for YLS membership—improve their legal skills, public image and their own quality of living.

FEBRUARY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION LUNCHEON

PLACE: Tropicana Restaurant, 2670 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 26, 1981, 12:00 Noon
SPEAKER: MR. SAM SMITH, President-Elect of The Florida Bar
TOPIC: "A NEW LOOK AT THE FLORIDA BAR"

No. Reservations - \$6.00 Members, \$7.00 Guest

Name _____

Please make check for reservation (s) payable to YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION, and mail to Robert J. McFann, One Financial Plaza, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (305) 764-4646. **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!**

Won't you please join us at our next monthly luncheon on February 26, 1981? You will meet other attorneys and can listen to our February luncheon speaker, Sam Smith, President-Elect of THE FLORIDA BAR, who will be addressing new changes he has proposed for THE FLORIDA BAR and its members. We look forward to seeing you there.

JAMES B. DAVIS

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual Young Lawyers Section Softball Tournament will be held Saturday, February 28, 1981, at Croissant Park Field, beginning at 9:00 A.M. The Championship games will be held the following day, Sunday, March 1, in the event we are unable to complete the competition on Saturday.

The tournament is open to all members of the Broward Bar and the Judiciary. All judges are encouraged to play or umpire, but not both!

Entries fees are \$30.00 per team. Team Captains should provide team rosters not to exceed 15 players per team, no later than Wednesday, February 18.

Family style barbecue for all players and guests will be provided by the Young Lawyers Section. Menu will include chicken, hotdogs, beer and soda.

No metal cleats will be allowed. For more information,

CONTACT: BETTY ANNE PALMER

Post Office Drawer 4078
Fort Lauderdale, FL
33338
Telephone: 525-0531

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Beginning Saturday, March 7, 1981, there will be a Softball League which will run for 10 weeks. Games will be played each Saturday at Croissant Park. Interested parties please contact Philip Morgan, 566-0600 or 2881 E. Oakland

Park Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT

The Board of Governors of the Young Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar met on Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, 1980, in Tallahassee at the Florida Bar Center. Highlights of this meeting were as follows:

The Law School Liaison Committee reported on the organization and progress of the scholarship program. Academic credit will be given to law students who are appointed as clerks for Circuit and County Court Judges, and scholarships will be awarded at the Young Lawyers' Convention in April. Nova Law School and the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit are active participants in this program.

The Legal Education Committee reported on the complete revision of the Lawyers Handbook, which is presented to new Bar admittees who attend the Young Lawyers' Section's biannual Bridge-the-Gap Seminars. The first Bridge-the-Gap Seminar was held recently, and it was reported that it was a sell-out success. The Legal Education Committee has also scheduled and begun presenting five, one-day "basic" seminars for new admittees in to the Florida Bar which are spaced throughout the Bar year. During the 1980-81 year, these seminars will increase from five specific areas to seven specific areas. Currently the seminars cover basic commercial litigation, basic trial practice, basic personal injury, and basic discovery.

The Young Lawyers Convention Committee reported on the planning for the Young Lawyers Convention scheduled for April 9 through April 12, 1981, at the Intracontinental Hotel in Miami. The Section will again aim to make the Young Lawyers Convention an affordable, worthwhile, and educational convention so that all young lawyers throughout the state have the opportunity to attend. In the past, for

example, entertainment, dinners, seminars, and meetings have all been provided free of charge. This year's Convention plans include an "Approach the Bench" seminar with outstanding State and Federal Judges participating, and a "Local Section Outreach" meeting for the officers of Sections throughout the state.

The Moot Court Committee reported that the moot court problem is nearing completion or forwarding to the various schools throughout the state. The Local Section Liaison Committee reported on its attempts to begin regular communication with the seven Young Lawyers Sections organized throughout the state and the interest by two additional circuits in forming Young Lawyers Sections. The liaison Committee also reported on the structure and format of the local Section Liaison Meeting which will be held at the Young Lawyers Convention in Miami.

The Young Lawyers Section Newsletter Committee reported on the new and completely changed format for the Newsletter which attempts to create a communication vehicle of interest to all attorneys with various subjects included. The Newsletter is actively seeking articles from Young Lawyers throughout the state and is currently seeking suggestions for a new name.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Davell
Jessee S. Faerber
Bruce A. Weihe

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Announcing The First Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Bench And Bar Conference

The Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar is sponsoring a special conference of lawyers and judges to be attended by invitation only. This conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 1981. It is the first conference of its kind in Broward County. The day-long conference, which will include lunch, will afford the opportunity to meet in an informal setting, to discuss goals of the Broward County court system, to review problems related to

REMINDER

Softball Tournament - February 28, 1981

Get your teams together and mail or deliver rosters by February 18, 1981.
to Betty Anne Palmer 525-0531

Those lawyers that don't play,

COME OUT AND WATCH

the administration of justice in Broward County, to participate in small discussion groups and to make your opinions heard, and to present resolutions that address specific problem areas.

In order to achieve the special rapport for a conference of this nature and promote the unique exchange of communication, participants must be limited to 100 attorneys. Some of the attendees will be recommended by the Judiciary and some by the Bar. We will strive to choose a cross-section of interested lawyers to assure a representative sample of the area of interest and law firm size. The majority will be selected at random from members who indicate an interest in attending.

There is a registration fee of \$25.00 for the conference, to include lunch. Please be prepared to pay this fee if you are selected to attend.

If you wish to be considered for invitation, please write or call Linda Conahan, Chair Person (or her secretary, Frances Lessard), English, McCaughan & O'Bryan, Post Office Box 14098, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. Telephone: (305) 462-3301, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 1981.

We encourage suggestions for discussion topics, even if you cannot attend.

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JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

Through the combined efforts of the Young Lawyers Section, Nova Law School, and the Broward Circuit Court judges, an innovative new program has

been established to permit third-year students at Nova Law School to earn course credit by working as clerks and research assistants for local judges.

As part of a seminar in judicial administration, each student is required to work for a judge for at least eight hours per week. Almost thirty students enrolled in the program in the first semester, approximately fifteen of whom clerked for circuit judges in Broward County: others worked at Dade County Circuit Court, the Fourth District Court of Appeals, and the Federal District Court.

The first semester of the program ended in late November and was declared to be a resounding success by the participating students and judges who met to critique the program. The second semester is currently getting underway.

The student clerkship program is apparently a first in the state, and the Young Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar has expressed an interest in establishing similar programs in other counties.

Coordinating the program are Robert A. Dressler, a member of the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Section, Professor Laurance M. Hyde, Jr. of Nova Law School, and Circuit Judge Robert C. Abel, Jr.

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YOUNG LAWYERS CONVENTION

The 1981 Young Lawyers Convention will present exciting Seminar Programs at the Hotel Intercontinental Miami.

Friday, April 10th will feature a program titled "WINNING THROUGH PREPARATION", which covers all pre-trial activities. This will include courses dealing with evaluation of the personal injury case and working with the medical community preparation of written discovery, interrogatories, and request for production; preparation for examination of witness at deposition, preparation of expert witness; discussion by expert witnesses on what information they need from the attorney and their use to the attorney; use of public agencies for discovery, preparation and use of demonstrative evidence, and psychology of jury selection. Running concurrently on Friday will be a full practice seminar featuring all of the basic concepts that you have ever wanted to know about real estate syndication, including choice of entity to acquire property, drafting the contract and security consideration; pretrial discovery in domestic litigation; negotiating and preparing a settlement agreement in a divorce action; law office economics; and pretrial criminal defense practice.

Highlighting the convention seminars will be the very popular, COUNSEL APPROACH THE BENCH program. Four panels of truly outstanding judges selected for their experience and candor will engage in a "no holds barred" discussion about problems, observations, and suggestions in dealing with young lawyers appearing before their courts. Each panel represents judges from the circuit courts, District Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Florida, and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. There will be time allotted to audience participation in question and answer periods after each panel discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time & Place
2/26/81	February Young Lawyers Luncheon, Speaker: Sam Smith, (President-Elect of the Florida Bar) Topic: "A New Look At The Florida Bar"	Tropicana Restaurant 2670 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 12:00 Noon
2/28/81	Softball Tournament	Croissant Park Field 1900 S.W. 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
4/9- 4/12/81	Florida Bar Young Lawyers Convention	Intercontinental Hotel, Miami, Florida (Time to be Announced)
4/25/81	1st Annual Broward County Bench & Bar Conference (By Invitation)	To be Announced

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS, CONTACT:

JIM DAVIS, 764-3000

The Hotel Intercontinental Miami, Biscayne Bay, is centrally located, and within minutes of some of Miami's best attractions, such as Key Biscayne, Crandon Park, and Coconut Grove.

A full weekend of entertainment is planned, including a tour of Vizcaya, golf and tennis, deep sea fishing, barbecue/picnic in the park, luncheons and a banquet featuring top entertainment.

This should prove to be the largest Young Lawyers convention ever. All young lawyers are urged to register as early as possible upon receipt of the registration materials in the mail, since this should prove to be the largest Young Lawyers Convention.

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LEGAL WRITING INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

At least 30 members of the local bar are requested to serve as volunteer assistant instructors in the Legal Writing Program at Nova University.

Each of the 30 attorneys will be assigned approximately 6 students to supervise, with each attorney responsible for analyzing oral arguments, and assisting the student to grasp actual legal problems. The time needed for each attorney will extend from early March through the end of April.

All members of the local bar who are interested should contact Bruce Weihe at 561-2700.

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OPERATION UPDATE/TRANSITION

February 25, 1981

Broward County Courthouse
Room 354

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



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Speaker: Nancy Little Hoffman

Topic: Effective Use of Post-Trial Procedures

Speaker: Richard T. Shankweiler

Topic: Recent Developments in Marital Law

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

VINCENT R. ALTO, a native of New York City, received his undergraduate degree from LaFayette College and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a sole practitioner in Fort Lauderdale.

CONRAD J. BOYLE, a native of Darby, Pennsylvania, received his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's University and his law degree from Villanova University. He is associated with Spear, Deuschle & Curran in Fort Lauderdale.

ROSEMARY DELLA DONNA, a native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, received her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University and her law degree from Nova University. She is associated with Stirrup & Della Donna in Fort Lauderdale.

RALPH DIAZ, a native of New York City, received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his law degree from Nova University. He is associated with Paul J. McDonough in Coral Springs.

SARI KIM GOORLAND, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, received her undergraduate degree from Washington University and her law degree from University of Miami. She is associated with Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Schuster & Russell in Fort Lauderdale.

KURT S. HARMON, a native of Logansport, Indiana, received his undergraduate degree from Manchester

College and his law degree from Nova University. He is associated with Hulmes, Drebling, Gordon & Harmon in Hollywood.

KAREN COOLMAN HOLMES, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State and her law degree from Nova University. She is associated with Holmes & Holmes in Fort Lauderdale.

JOSEPH MANNINO, a native of Plainfield, New Jersey, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from Nova University. He is associated with Sciarretta, Jackvony and Buresh in Fort Lauderdale.

ROBIN JOHN PECORA, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University and his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. He is a sole practitioner in Fort Lauderdale.

ANDREW D. RAFKIN, a native of New York City, received his undergraduate degree from Albany State and his law degree from Albany Law School Union University. He is associated with Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Schuster & Russell in Fort Lauderdale.

LARRY RIFKIN, a native of New York City, received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from Pace University. He is associated with Forkey & Kirsch in Fort Lauderdale.

GARY C. ROSEN, a native of Worcester, Massachusetts, received his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University and his law degree from Catholic University. He is associated with Stone, Dell & Schaefer in Hollywood.



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CARL GERARD SANTANGELO, a native of Lockport, New York, received his undergraduate degree from St. John Fisher College, his law degree from the University of Tulsa and his L.L.M. from the University of Florida. He is associated with J. Walter McCrory in Fort Lauderdale.

MARVIN S. SCHULMAN, a native of Brooklyn, New York, received his undergraduate degree from the City University of New York and his law degree from Nova University. He is associated with Roy W. Allman in Fort Lauderdale.

LYNN HESTER SIMPSON, a native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College and her law degree from Tulane University. She is associated with Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming in Fort Lauderdale.

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(Poor Trust Accounting Cont.)

practitioner. This situation can arise from the careless practice followed by too many attorneys of distributing checks written on trust account monies prior to the funds being deposited into the trust account.

Minimum trust accounting procedures established by The Florida Bar are not merely to protect the client from a dishonest attorney. They are also intended to help the practitioner avoid the pitfalls of sloppy and inaccurate record keeping which can inadvertently lead to trust account violations without any intention of wrongdoing by the attorney. In an effort to educate and acquaint the local practitioners with minimum required trust accounting procedures, the Legal Ethics Committee of The Broward County Bar Association will be participating in the Economics of Law seminar which is being presented by the Committee on Economics of the Broward County Bar Association. If you have any questions regarding trust account problems, present or future, the local office of The Florida Bar, located at 533 Northeast Third Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, Telephone No. 462-5838, is always available to counsel with any practitioner who requests assistance.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

General Master's Report

The Special Courts Committee has recommended that the Reports of the

General Masters be enforced immediately after they have been entered by the General Masters, subject to the review of the exceptions which are filed by a party. The Circuit Court Judges have accepted this recommendation and will implement the recommendation so that upon the filing of the Master's Report, the Judge will enter an Order immediately, requiring the parties to comply with the Report, subject to the Court's subsequent ruling on any exceptions filed by a party.

Certification of Judges

Chief Justice Alan Carl Sundberg, along with Donald Conn, Court Administrator, and Sylvia Alberdi, Staff Director of the Senate Judiciary Committee, visited Broward County on Thursday, January 15th, 1981 for the purpose of considering Chief Judge Tedder's request for new Circuit and County Judges for the 1981-1982 year. Judge Tedder requested three Circuit Judges and three County Judges for the 1981-1982 year and five Circuit Judges and one County Judge for the 1982-1983 year. Judge Tedder and other members of the Circuit and County bench, the Court Administrator, and Bar representatives from the Special Courts Committee, as well as the President and President-Elect of the Broward County Bar Association, were present and participated in the conference, which lasted some three hours, for the purpose of presenting the problems, difficulties and the needs of Broward County for additional Judges. State Senator Kenneth Jenne was also present and participated in the conference.

The Chief Justice was informed of the severe congestion in the Broward County Court system and which results in considerable delay in the hearing of Motions and the trial cases and which has also resulted in the imposition of a

Federally mandated jail cap as to the placement of persons in the Broward County Jail. He also was informed as to the various matters being considered by the Special Courts Committee for the purpose of providing for early hearings and Court trials.

In order for the Court to obtain new Judges, the Florida Supreme Court must certify the need for those Judges and the Legislature must enact legislation creating those positions. I believe that a strong showing was made as to the dire need of additional Judges in Broward County to reduce Court congestion and to provide for speedy trials in both civil and criminal cases. We hope that the Supreme Court will certify such need to the Legislature. I am happy to report that there has been very close cooperation between the Bench and the Bar in considering the problems and the needs of Broward County and in presenting the Court's needs to the Florida Supreme Court.

HARRY G. CARRATT,
President

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CORPORATION, BANKING AND BUSINESS LAW SECTION MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 1981

— 4:30 P.M. —

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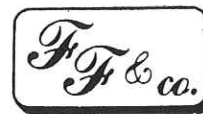
Program: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING IN BROWARD COUNTY — A TAX-FREE ALTERNATIVE TO CONVENTIONAL FINANCING.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Group	Event	Time & Place	Reservations
2/19/81	BCBA	General Meeting	Williamson Restaurant 1401 S. Federal Highway Ft. Lauderdale 6:30 PM	BCBA 764-8040
2/21/81	Broward County Legal Secretaries Assn.	Seminar entitled "AVOIDING LEGAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS"	Broward County Courthouse Room 250 Ft. Lauderdale 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Nancy L. Ring 1709 S.W. 14th Ct. Ft. Lauderdale \$10.00 - Members \$15 Non-Member
2/25/81	CLE	OPERATION UPDATE/TRANSITION	Court Room 354 5:00 PM	
2/26/81	Young Lawyers Section	Monthly Luncheon Meeting	Tropicana Restaurant 2670 E. Sunrise Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale 12:00 Noon	Robert J. McFann 764-4646
2/26/81	Corporation, Banking & Bus. Law Section	Section Meeting	Tower Club One Financial Plaza Ft. Lauderdale 4:30 PM	Michael R. Casey 462-3301
3/4/81	Broward County Trial Lawyers Assn.	Monthly Meeting	Stouffer's Anacapi Rest. 1901 N. Federal Highway Ft. Lauderdale Case Evaluation - 5:30 PM Dinner - 6:30PM Speakers: John F. Spellacy Rex H. Conrad Topics: "Opening & Closing Arguments	E. Hugh Chappell, Jr. 565-2767
3/10/81	North Broward Bar Assn.	Monthly Meeting	Flaming Pit Restaurant 1150 N. Federal Highway Pompano Beach 12:00 Noon	William F. Sullivan 781-7600
4/3/81	Federal Bar Association	Seminar given by Federal Judges	Pier 66 2301 S.E. 17th Causeway Ft. Lauderdale 9:00 AM	Bruce Wagner 467-2602

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