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Above: Judge Ronald Rothschild administered the new oath as required by the Florida Bar at the BCBA's successful Ethics CLE that was hosted by the Professionalism Committee.

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President's Message

By Jordana Goldstein



Law Day

This year, Law Week is from April 28th-May 4th, with Law Day officially being celebrated on May 1st. Law Day originated in 1957 when American Bar Association President, Charles Rhyne, envisioned a day for celebrating our nation's legal system. A year later,

President Dwight Eisenhower formally established the first Law Day to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. Then in 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1st as the official date for celebrating Law Day, which was subsequently codified in U.S. Code, 36, Section 113. Every president since then has issued an annual Law Day proclamation. In the proclamation, the President usually invites citizens to observe Law Day with appropriate ceremonies. In keeping with that tradition, the Broward Bar will be celebrating Law Day on Thursday, May 3rd by holding our annual Law Day Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel, 1617 SE 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale beginning at noon.

The theme for Law Day this year is "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom." This year's theme promotes the importance of the courts and their role within our justice system and the importance of ensuring access to justice for all citizens. As we are all aware, continued accessibility to the courts depends on their being adequate funding of the court system. As lawyers, I truly believe we have a duty to continue to support all measures taken by our legislators to find a sustainable revenue source to support our courts for years to come. We are so fortunate to have as our guest speaker at this year's luncheon, former Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero. Appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in 2002 by then Governor Jeb Bush, Mr. Cantero was the first justice of Hispanic descent and one of the youngest ever to sit on the Court. In his six years as a justice, he heard hundreds of appeals and authored well over 100 majority, concurring and dissenting opinions involving precedent-setting and evolving areas of law. Before his Court appointment, Mr. Cantero was in private practice for 14 years and he is currently the chair of the Miami appellate practice section at the law firm of White and Case. Given his experience on the bench and in private practice, you can be sure his presentation will be informative and thought provoking. We truly hope you will join us as we cel-

ebtrate this important day.

Additional upcoming celebrations include our Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner on June 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort in Fort Lauderdale. At the dinner we will be installing several new Board members including: Michael Fischler, Jose Izquierdo, Michael Kean, Gary Singer, Jeffrey Solomon, and Laura Varela, along with the other officers and directors of the Board. I want to congratulate all of these individuals on being elected to the 2012-2013 Board and I wish everyone on the Board continued success in the coming year.

I also want to recognize Board member, Denise Jensen, for all of her hard work in putting together a Broward Bar team to participate in the Autism Speaks walk that took place at Nova Southeastern University on April 14th. The team raised more than \$1500 (comprised solely of personal donations) to support this worthy cause and many people participated in the actual walk, including Board members, Bruce Weihe (and his daughter Laura), Anita Paoli, Richard Sachs (and his children Zach and Zoe), Denise Jensen (and many of Denise's co-workers) and myself, in addition to Art Goldberg, Braulio Rosa, and Louis Reinstein. A little rain could not dampen anyone's spirit and a good time was had by all who participated. Continued participation in similar community events can only serve to improve the reputation of all lawyers, so I would encourage all of our members to get more involved in local community and charitable organizations.

Additional events that are taking place this month include the West Broward Section Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Plantation Preserve Golf Course, 7050 W. Broward Boulevard in Plantation. The cost to attend is \$100 per person, which includes lunch, golf, and dinner (you can't get a better deal anywhere). Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds raised will benefit the Seminole Middle School DECAL program. On May 16th, our monthly solo/small firm networking dinner will be taking place at Dave & Busters, 3000 Oakwood Boulevard in Hollywood beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$35.00 for Bar members and \$50.00 for non-members. On May 30th, our monthly Bar at the Bar Networking Happy Hour will be taking place at Anthony's Runway 84 beginning at 5:00 p.m. There are also a number of CLE events taking place this month. More information about these events can be found on our website at browardbar.org.

A Message from Bart Ostrzenski President, Young Lawyers Section

On April 19, 2012, the Broward County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (YLS) held its annual Elections Meeting/Luncheon. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the newly elected 2012-2013 Board. The elected officers are: Meghan Clary, President; Marissa Pullano, President-Elect; Liza Smoker, Treasurer; and Lindsay Corcoran, Secretary. The following eleven (11) Directors were also elected: Sara M. Sandler, Jennifer Hirschberg, Stacy Weissman, Aaron Horowitz, Tobi Lebowitz, Jeffrey M. Wank, Jonathan Stief, Eric S. Rosen, Todd Baker, Kelly M. Vogt, Patrick V. Douglas. I believe that next year's Board will continue to do a great job and congratulations to you all.



The YLS is excited to host its annual Judicial Reception on Thursday, May 10, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the New River Rotunda in downtown Fort Lauderdale. This is a very special event as every Judge and General Magistrate in Broward County, as well as the Judges sitting before the Fourth DCA, are hand-delivered a special invitation to this reception in their honor. The deadline to register or sponsor the event is May 3, 2011. Thereafter, you will need to contact the Judicial Reception chairperson, Tobi Lebowitz, at tlebowitz@stearnsweaver.com.

Additionally, on Thursday, May 17, 2017 at noon at the Tower Club, the YLS will host its monthly luncheon. The topic will be a Pro Bono roundtable discussion moderated by BCBA President, Jordana Goldstein. The luncheon will have 1 CLE credit available. Keep an eye on your e-mail in-box for details or contact the BCBA office or visit www.browardbar.org to register for this luncheon, which is \$25.00.

Our final event of the year is our annual Family Day, which will be located at Topeekeegee Yugnee (TY) Park on Saturday, June 9, 2012. This year, members of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers professional soccer team will be in attendance to meet, greet and present an exhibition. Everyone is invited to attend this family friendly event and at a cost of \$5, you can't beat it. The price of admission includes food, drinks, some of which will be frozen, in addition to admission to the newly renovated Castaway Island water park. For more information regarding Family Day, please contact chairperson, Jon Stief at jon@haberstief.com or look for the email flyer, which shall be forthcoming.

I look forward to seeing you at our events and thank you for your support of the Young Lawyers Section. This is the best time of year to consider an annual sponsorship, as our fiscal year begins in July. If you have any questions regarding annual or other sponsorship opportunities or if you have any questions regarding the YLS, please feel free to contact me at bart@oslawyers.com.

The Class Action In Your File Cabinet

By Jordan Lewis, Esq.



In 1993, a client walked into my office. She was severely afflicted by Crohn's disease, a debilitating illness that was eating away at her digestive function. Because of the illness, however, she was an exceedingly well-educated health care consumer.

And she had noticed something.

She was supposed to be paying 20% in coinsurance for the medical supplement that was keeping her alive, and her insurer was supposed to be paying the remaining 80%. But someone had sent her the wrong invoice that showed her insurer was paying 80% of the discounted charge while she was paying 20% of the undiscounted charge. The result was that she was paying much more than 20% - in some cases, upwards of 80% - for her medical supplies.

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And the paperwork she had received from her insurer in challenging this practice showed not only did the insurer defend the practice but that it applied the same charging practice to all of its insureds.

So after she presented her chain of correspondence with her insurer, after she supplied her health insurance booklet, after she showed her canceled checks,

she asked: “So. Do I have a case?”

Um. Yes. Fortunately, she let me draft the complaint so I could add some value.

Those events - where a client comes to you with work-up of a class action signed, sealed and delivered - are unique. But the truth is that many of your clients are the subject of practices that can - and should - be challenged on a class basis.

Here's what to look for:

1) Systemic unfair practices. In the example above, my client knew that there was something wrong with a situation where her insurance certificate said she was going to pay 20% of a charge but in fact she was paying many times more. What made her special was that she realized (a) that she wasn't alone - that there were tens of thousands of other subscribers in exactly the same position, and (b) she wanted to change the practice. That took courage, and probably cost her, because the insurance company almost certainly would have overpaid her to settle her claims individually.

It's quite likely that you have clients who have both the standing and the desire to do the same thing. Maybe they have a charge on their phone bill that makes no sense. Or they paid sales taxes for material that is exempt from state sales tax. Or they were treated as independent contractors when everything about their job looks like they are employees.

Our clients will often know that something doesn't feel right. It's our job to recognize when their issues are larger, and affect more people, than just the person who brought it to our attention.

2) A change in the law

Sometimes a change—or a clarification—of the law suggests a class case. As an example, a number of district courts around the country have dealt with the issue of whether certain types of health insurance plans have the right to subrogate. (The very fact that multiple courts have dealt with the same issue suggests this is a widespread practice). The consensus appears to be that

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these sorts of insurance plans have no subrogation right. Which might mean there's a class action out there for people who paid off subrogation liens where there was no obligation to do so.

3) Think three dimensionally

Sometimes, the critical facts supporting a class case develop in stages. An example should help illustrate this. Years ago, a bankruptcy lawyer came to me. He noticed that some creditors were appearing in his clients' Chapter 13 bankruptcies seeking "debts" that had been discharged in their earlier Chapter 7 bankruptcies. So when he connected the dots, he realized that the "debts" had been purchased by an entity that buys old debt and used a computer program that failed to identify, and "scrub," debts that no longer existed because they were discharged. Again, when this was eventually converted into a complaint, the company didn't defend its actions, but worked with us to reimburse those whose estates were improperly charged, and to fix their software to correctly scrub their accounts.

The point is: our clients are routinely the subject of practices that can and should be challenged on a class basis. Sometimes the clients recognize the practices. But it's not just their job; it's ours too. On their behalf, we need to think creatively and with energy.

Jordan Lewis is a 1979 graduate of Williams College and a 1989 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. He worked at two Minneapolis law firms before relocating to Fort Lauderdale and the Kelley Uustal law firm in 2012. The 80/20 coinsurance case described in the article led to about a dozen or more similar cases brought around the country, with more than \$100 million recovered for insurance subscribers. He has successfully represented assistant store managers seeking overtime, as well as more than 1,000 City of Philadelphia bus drivers, who also recovered overtime. He has experience in ERISA, FD-CPA, FLSA and various consumer protection claims.

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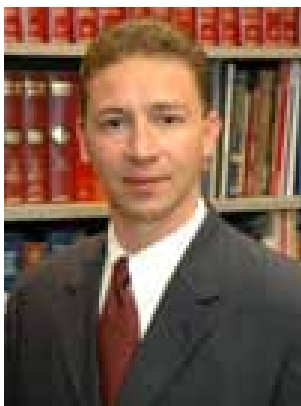


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JUDICIAL RECEPTION

(Complimentary for all Members of the Judiciary)

Thursday, May 10, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

New River Center Rotunda

200 East Las Olas Boulevard

(New River Center -- SW corner of Las Olas Blvd. & SE 3rd Ave.)

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Entrance tickets include complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and desserts.
RSVP by May 3, 2012.

For sponsorship information or to RSVP, please contact:

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Award Candidate Nominated:

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Law Firm _____

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Person Nominating:

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Law Firm _____

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-A candidate for the award may nominate him/herself.

-Nomination Applications must be received on or before Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

Nominations should be submitted to:

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Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441

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 - Decorum and demeanor
 - Credibility
 - Courtesy to counsel, the court, and the parties
 - Preparedness
6. Current members of the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors are not eligible for this year's award.

Additional information required about the nominee:

Please attach an explanation of why the Nominee rises above others in exhibiting professionalism in his/her practice of law, bar activities, community activities, or other organizations and include specific examples of conduct (You may also attach a resume, if available).

The Broward County Bar Association's
2012 Law Day Luncheon

Law Day Luncheon

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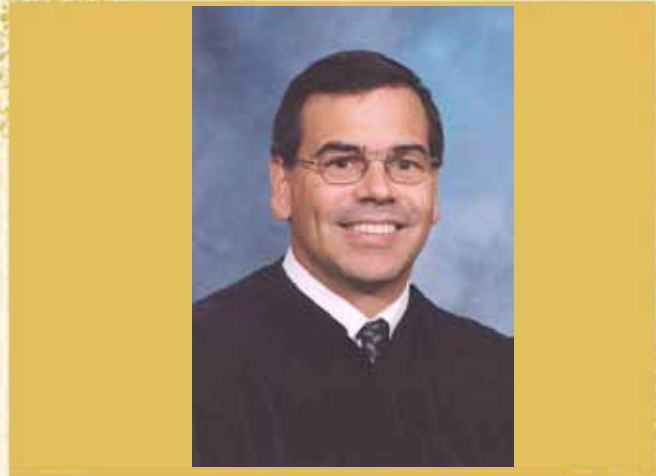
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Law Day Luncheon

Date: Thursday, May 3rd, 2012

Time: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Former Justice Raoul G. Cantero
(Former Florida Supreme Court Justice)

Liberty Bell Award Recipient: TBD

Location: Renaissance Hotel
1617 S.E. 17th Street Causeway
Fort Lauderdale, FL
\$35.00 members/\$45.00 non-members
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* Make reservations early as seating is limited

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Above: (l to r): Broward County Judge Jack Tuter, Broward County Judge Martin Bidwill, Gordon James, and 4th DCA Judge Dorian Damoorgian.



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Above: BCBA Appellate Practice Chairperson John Uustal speaks to the attendees.

BCBA EVENTS



l to r: Benjamin Dishowitz, Michael Rajtar, and Alan Pascal at Bar at the Bar at Tap 42 on April 24th.



l to r: Carey Fischer and Debbie Rosenbaum at Bar at the Bar at Tap 42 on April 24th.



l to r: Kristine Johnson, Elizabeth Daugherty, Karen Myatt, and Susan Lasky at Bar at the Bar at Tap 42 on April 24th.



Right: (l to r): Annual Sponsor Bob Coury and Sandra Escobar at Bar at the Bar at Tap 42 on April 24th.

St. Thomas More Society of South Florida

23rd Annual Red Mass, Reception & Dinner

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Red Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski
6:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Catholic Church
901 N.E. 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Complimentary Reception - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner - 8:30 p.m.
Marriott Harbor Beach Resort
3030 Holiday Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Guest Speaker: Justice Peggy A. Quince, Florida Supreme Court

The Archbishop Edward McCarthy annual award will be presented at the dinner to
Ray Ferrero, Jr., Esq., Chancellor, Nova Southeastern University

\$65 per person

Limited Seating/Reservations only/Reservations Deadline is May 18, 2012

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The Atkinson attorneys have a long standing history of excellence, community accomplishment, leadership in the legal profession, and a distinguished law practice for more than 40 years. Fowler, established in 1943, has grown from its original roots on the west coast of Florida into a strong state wide presence.

The combined firm will continue the tradition of outstanding representation for clients that comprise the economic engine of Florida. Business and Construction Litigation, Land Use, Real Estate, Corporate, Immigration, Tax, Intellectual Property, Health Care and Wealth Management are some of the areas of practice that the Ft. Lauderdale office of the combined full service Firm will offer.

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WBBA Hosts Golf Tournament to Benefit Middle School Law Program

West Broward Bar Association (WBBA) will host the West Broward Bar Inaugural Golf Classic on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at the beautiful Plantation Preserve Golf Course and Club in Fort Lauderdale. This partnership between the WBBA and Seminole Middle School will help raise funds to buy computers and materials for the 8th grade law students in the Division of Enhanced Communication and Law (DECAL) program.

The DECAL program is an innovative curriculum for high achieving learners. Students are put through a rigorous curriculum offering up to seven high school credit classes that include speech and debate. A Law Studies is taught in the 8th grade year in which the students participate in mock trials, interaction with law professionals, and a trip to the Main Broward Courthouse sponsored by the WBBA. The Seminole Middle School DECAL program is the only active non-magnet middle school government and law program in Broward County.

“With the increased funding cuts to the public schools there is a need to step up and assist those affected in our community,” said Michael Rajtar, President of the WBBA. “This is a perfect pairing of a legal organization and a law program partnering to benefit the next generation.”

The tournament will kick off with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start 1 p.m. After the tournament, guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by an awards dinner, silent auction, and a raffle.

The West Broward County Bar Association is a chapter of the Broward County Bar Association, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1925 to foster courtesy, ethics, and professionalism among lawyers. The organization works to educate the citizens of Broward County on their legal rights and to provide necessary legal services to Broward County's residents.

Tickets are \$100 per golfer and several sponsorship levels are available starting at \$250.

For more information and to register online, go to www.WestBrowardBar.com.



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The Law Curriculum of the DECAL Program
of Seminole Middle School

DATE: SAT. MAY 12, 2012 **JOIN US!**
TIME: REGISTRATION BEGINS 11:30AM
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Team BCBA at Autism Speaks raised \$1,545 to help fight for the cause: (l to r) Diana Pinero, Melissa Rivera, Zachery Sachs, Zoe Sachs, Board Members Richard Sachs, Anita Paoli, President Jordana Goldstein, Board Member Denise Jensen, Past President Bruce Weihe, Laura Weihe, Family Section Chairperson Heather Apicella, and Corrie LeMay.



Chief Judge Peter Weinstein with retiring Family Section Judges Susan Greenhawt and Ronald Rothschild. The retiring judges were recognized by the BCBA at its annual Raising the Bar event.



(l to r): BCBA Board Member Andrea Gundersen, Judge Ilona Holmes, and West Section President Michael Rajtar at the West Section luncheon. Judge Holmes was the speaker.



BCBA Workman's Compensation Section Chairperson Neal Falk, Esq. (Ft. Lauderdale), Alan Kalinoski, Esq. (Orlando), George Helm, III, Esq. (Orlando), The Honorable Gerardo Castiello (Miami), Geoff Bichler, Esq. (Orlando) and Dr. David Perloff (Ft. Lauderdale) at the Heart and Lungs Workman's Compensation CLE that was hosted at the BCBA.



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May 22, 2012
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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1051 SE 3rd
Avenue Fort Lauderdale

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When: Saturday, May 19, 2012
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Where: Chef's Palette Café and Grill
1650 SE 17th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Admission: \$150 per person
(Corporate and Table Sponsorship Opportunities Available)

More Info: click [Blacktie South Florida](#)
or search for event on site calendar

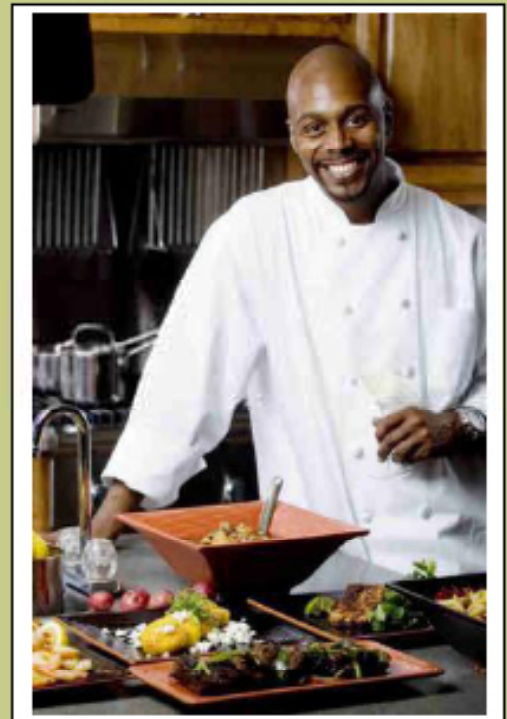


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Children's Advocacy Program
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NEXT TRES DE MAYO WINE TASTING

Thursday, May 3 - 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

Wine Watch

Outdoor Courtyard

901 Progresso Dr., Ft. Lauderdale, 33304

\$20 members; \$30 non-members

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Depositions: What you might not know – but should!

Presented by Pat Scott, Esq., GrayRobinson, P.A.

DATE: June 12, 2012

TIME: 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: GrayRobinson, P.A.
401 East Las Olas Blvd, 10th Floor

REGISTRATION: FREE for NEXT members;
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CLE Credit: 1.0 Hour

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Calendar of Events

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Law Day Luncheon with Justice Cantero

May 3, 2012 • 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Speaker: Justice Raoul Cantero
Renaissance Hotel
1617 SE 17th Street Causeway Fort Lauderdale FL, 33316
Traci Lewis (954)832-3618 or traci@browardbar.org

Cinco de Mayo Inspired Wine Tasting with NEXT

May 3, 2012 • 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Description: \$20 Members \$30 Non-Members
Venue: Wine Watch - Outdoor Courtyard
Address: 901 Progresso Drive, Fort Lauderdale
Contact Info: jpalma@legalaid.org or 954-736-2423

4 Hour Minor Guardianship Class

April 5,, 2012 • 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m., \$100
Attorneys welcome, Florida Bar approved for CLE credits
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Contact Tish at (954)832-3617

Membership Committee

May 8, 2012 • 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
BCBA Offices: 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

BCBA Board of Directors Meeting

May 8 2012 • 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
BCBA Offices: 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Probate CLE Lunch “Donation & Transplantation: Legal & Ethical Issues”

May 10, 2012, • 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Description: \$15 BCBA Members; \$25 Non-Members
Venue: BCBA Offices
Address: 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
Contact Info: (954)832-3618 or traci@browardbar.org

Annual BCBA YLS Judicial Reception

May 10, 2012 • 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Venue: Sun Sentinel Building Rotunda
Contact: Tobi B. Lebowitz, Esq.
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Florida Bar CLE Program

May 11, 2012 • 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
“The Art of Objecting:
A Trial Lawyer’s Guide to Preserving Error for Appeal”
Appellate Judges statewide will present
7.5 General CLE, 1.0 Ethics
Member of the Appellate Section \$205; Non-Section Member \$245; Full Time Law College Faculty or Full Time Student \$148
Persons attending under the policy of fee waivers \$50
Venue: Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina
Address: 1881 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale
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May 11, 2012, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Free CLE Luncheon to BCBA Members
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May 12, 2012,
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Bench and Bar Committee Meeting

May 15, 2012 • 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
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City: Fort Lauderdale
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Solo/Small Networking Dinner

May 16, 2012 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$35 BCBA Members; \$50 non-members

\$5 additional at door

Venue: Dave & Busters

Address: 3000 Oakwood Boulevard, Hollywood

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Register: www.browardbar.org/calendar/

YLS Luncheon

May 17, 2012 • 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

\$25 pay at the door

Venue: Tower Club

Address: 100 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

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“Drug Court Update” CLE Luncheon Free to BCBA Members

May 17, 2012 • 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Sponsored By: Inspirations for Youth and Families, LLC

Speakers: Gary Hilko/Drug Court Administrator, Lieutenant Patrick Hart/Fort Lauderdale Police Department, John Hollis/Founder of Rockers in Recovery

Venue: BCBA Office, 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

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Professionalism Committee Meeting

May 22, 2012 • 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Venue: BCBA Offices

Address: 1051 SE 3rd Avenue

City: Fort Lauderdale

State: FL

Zip: 33316

West Broward Section Luncheon with Eugene Pettis

May 24, 2012 • 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Speaker: Eugene Pettis, Florida Bar President-Elect Designate \$25 if registered prior to 5/24; \$30 at the door

Venue: Plantation Preserve Golf Course

Address: 7050 W. Broward Boulevard, Plantation

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Register: www.browardbar.org/calendar/

St. Thomas More Society Red Mass Dinner

May 25, 2012 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Venue: Marriott Harbor Beach Resort

Publicity Committee Meeting

May 29 • 2012, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Venue: BCBA Offices

Address: 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Bar at the Bar Networking Happy Hour

May 30, 2012 • 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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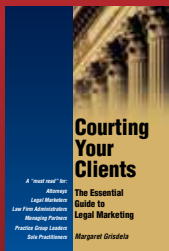
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