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David Weisman, Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer and a partner with the law firm Greenspoon Marder P.A., was a speaker at the American Bar Association 2006 Joint Fall CLE meeting in Denver.

Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky and Abate, P.A., a 30-year old Fort Lauderdale Law firm, has been named as one of the Top Law firms in South Florida, and its named partners were recognized in the 2007 South Florida Legal Guide.

Nancy Gregoire has been elected as a Director in Broward for the Florida Children First, a statewide, non-profit organization funded in part by the Florida Bar Foundation, which fights for the legal rights of at-risk children. Gregoire is a name shareholder of the law firm Bunnell, Woulfe, Kirschbaum, Keller, McIntyre, Gregoire and Klein, P.A. She was named in Miami Magazine South Florida Legal Guide, Top 500 Lawyers in South Florida 2004.

HOLD THESE DATES

Thursday,

January 25, 2007

**Young Lawyers Luncheon
at the Tower Club
Noon**

Guest Speaker:
Chief Judge Dale Ross
RSVP to BCBA at (954) 764-8040

Tuesday,

February 6, 2007

**Real Property Section Seminar
Topic: "Law Firm Space Needs:
Office Space Consolidation in 2007"**

Guest Speaker:
Greg Katz, Exec VP,
Studley's South Florida
11:30a.m 1:30p.m.
Broward Bar Association
1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
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Friday,

February 9, 2007

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
**Justice Teaching CLE
Presented by
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On Friday, January 26, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

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Jury Assembly Room, Third Floor
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with shuttle service to the courthouse
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Victor P. DeBianchi, Jr.*

I wish all of our members and families a very Happy and Healthy New Year with the promise of success and peace. It was great fellowship at our Annual Holiday Party which was very well attended and one of the best and most sentimental of the year. I hope everyone had a great holiday and now as we enter another year we strive to attain all our goals and keep most of our resolutions. Let's all make sure we haven't

put off anything that we have promised to do. Painting the house or cleaning the garage may wait, but being certain we have had a recent physical exam should not be put off another year. All of us at any age should participate in a comprehensive physical exam. I write this as I have been recently informed that my law school roommate at just 50 years old is in need of a kidney transplant. So let's be certain to keep on top of all our health issues for ourselves and those we hold dear.

The Young Lawyers Section sponsored some great lunch events and have made a significant contribution to their sponsored charity derived from a very successful Annual Golf Tournament. Christmas in January will be coming up soon for some underprivileged children in our County. The various Sections sponsored some very educational Seminars and just a reminder to the Section Chairs to begin doing so for the new year if you have not already done so. The newly formed Broward County Judicial Assistants Association has been doing an outstanding job and the Bar thanks and salutes the Officers and membership for their fine work. The Mentoring Program and Justice Teaching Program will soon be taking off and all our membership will be asked to be a part of each of these. I know Allison Bethel and our Board of Governors have given our pledge of support and will be a driving force. Dean Robert Butterworth and Assistant Dean George Sheldon of Saint Thomas University School of Law and their staff will have a significant role in each of these programs as well. On behalf of our membership I promise that we will not disappoint you.

We will be having our Robing Ceremony of newly elected and appointed County and Circuit Court Judges in the next few weeks. I urge all of you to attend. Even before I was on the Board and thereafter an Officer of the Bar the Robing Ceremony was always one of my favorite events. It gives

us a chance to share in the pomp and circumstance of our profession and to greet and wish well those who are chosen to preside over our County.

I am of the opinion that any legislative efforts in our State to reduce the independence of the Judiciary is clearly wrong and in violation of our system of checks and balances of the three branches of government as set by our forefathers. Many Judges are subject to attack in the merit retention process by special interest groups when they are being unopposed for their office. Judges of course must be held to a high standard; higher than that of an ordinary citizen. But the efforts of certain special interests to target a Judge in hopes of his or her ouster is clearly wrong. The decisions of our Judges are to be based upon the law regardless of their personal, political and religious convictions. We can turn to Judge Greer as an fine example of that inasmuch as he ruled in the Terry Schiavo case based on the Rule of Law rather than on his own moral belief. No Judge should ever rule based on their hope of political or monetary gain from their rulings.

Here in Broward County, we have nearly one hundred Judges and General Magistrates. Inasmuch as that is a large number, we need that many if not more based on the population of our large County. Second in the State and one of the largest in the entire Country. We in Broward are blessed with the finest of Judges who have attained high standards of ethics and integrity. Therefore, all the more, the efforts to reduce their independence is wrong and unwarranted. I know that all our Judges and Magistrates would agree that if I can say that then I may also add that when a member of the Judiciary fails to follow the law or fails to abide by the Code of Judicial Conduct or violates the trust of the people then that conduct is improper and must be addressed immediately by the Governor.

Although our goal of attaining diversity on the Bench has been slow it has been steady in recent years. It is time to face it that it is clearly time and it is the right thing. Congratulations to all our newly elected and appointed Judges who will be robed. On behalf of our membership we wish you all the very best for a long, successful and happy career on the Bench. May God grant each of you special wisdom and give you abundant Blessings. Thank you for all you will be doing for the people of Broward County and the State of Florida.



MESSAGE FROM BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION *by Anne D. Ogden*

We hope everyone had a fun and festive Holiday Season. We had a wonderful time at the annual Young Lawyers Holiday Lunch and would like to thank all of those who joined us to hear the talented Dillard High School Choir.

In January, the Young Lawyers of Broward County will be hosting the annual Holiday in January (HIJ). The YLS invites approximately 100 foster children from the Broward County community to a holiday party at the Museum of Discovery and Science. Each child gets to participate in a fun filled exciting party with games, toys, art supplies. Santa Clause arrives shortly thereafter and brings a toy for each child. Last year, Santa Clause even provided a much needed back pack to every single participant (thanks in large part to very insightful suggestion from Judge Diaz!) After the party, each child gets to go through the Museum of Discovery and Science to enjoy all the activities the Museum offers. We need financial contributions to help support this worthwhile event. You may donate at any of our functions of by contacting Chris Connally at Connally@bktriallaw.com.

The YLS will be joining forces with a number of community groups in Broward County to help support HIJ on January 19, 2007. The Young Leaders Section of the United Way and Club Red of the Red Cross have

already agreed to partner with us for this Happy Hour upstairs at the downtown Ft. Lauderdale Tarpon Bend. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. The Happy Hour begins at 5:30 until 8:00 pm and includes one free drink, appetizers and a two for one drink special. As you know, HIJ is a very important event which is near and dear to our hearts. We are hopeful that you will come and support HIJ with a minimal financial contribution of at least \$5.00 at our January Happy Hour.

On January 25, 2007 we will be hosting our first lunch of 2007 with Chief Judge Dale Ross. Judge Ross offers an overview of the issues facing Broward attorneys every year. This year, he will help bring us up to date on the funding of the new Broward County Court House(s). Lunch will be at noon at the Tower Club. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Broward County Bar Association at 954.764.4840.

I would also like to remind you all to check out the Justice Teaching initiative at www.justiceteaching.org and the events of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar at www.flayld.org.

As always, should you have any questions or if you would like to join our email list, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. Anne D. Ogden at Bazinsky, Korman & Baker, P.A. 954.626.0000 or Ogden@bktriallaw.com



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 17

Solo Networking Dinner at the Wyndham Hotel begins at 6:00p.m. located at the I-95 Griffin Road exit. A networking cocktail hour is followed by a dinner which fosters interactive networking. Participation is \$35.00 for BCBA members, \$40.00 non-members and is open to those in law firms comprised of one to four attorneys. For more information, contact Loring Spolter at (954) 728-3494.

Wednesday, January 17

Broward County Women Lawyers' Association luncheon at the Tower Club in the Regions Bank Building in Fort Lauderdale from 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. Topic: TBD

Friday, January 19

Young Lawyers Happy Hour at Tarpon Bend from 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m. The YLS are partnering with the Young Leaders Section of the United Way and Club Red of the Red Cross for the happy hour. Also, a contribution of \$5.00 would be greatly appreciated in support of the

Friday, February 2 at 12 NOON

The Ark, 6355 Stirling Rd., Hollywood
RSVP by phoning Stephen Ziegler, Esq. (954) 761-1605

Monday, February 5

Florida Grievance Committee(17G) at 2:30p.m. 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Monday, February 5

Traffic Magistrate Luncheon from 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m. at the Norma B. Howard Center 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Tuesday, February 6

Real Property Section Seminar Topic: "Law Firm Space Needs: Office Space Consolidation in 2007" Guest Speaker: Greg Katz, Exec VP, Studley's South Florida 11:30a.m 1:30p.m. Broward Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale Cost: \$20 members/ \$30 for non-members Includes Lunch
RSVP to BCBA at (954) 764-8040

Wednesday, February 7 at 11:45 AM

Bimini Boatyard
RSVP by phoning Kathryn Holtzman, Esq. (954) 763-1839

Thursday, February 8

Real Property Litigation Seminar at the Norma B. Howard Center located at the Broward Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale To Register: Please contact the Florida Bar.

Thursday, February 8

Hispanic Bar Association is having their luncheon at the Tower Club. They are co-sponsoring the luncheon with the Cuban American Bar Association. Speaker to be announced. For more information, please call either Hy Montero or President-Elect Jose Izquierdo at (954) 767-6500.

Friday, February 9

Judicial Teaching Seminar from 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. at the Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Register at Supreme Court Web site www.justiceteaching.org

Saturday, February 10

Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators Annual Seminar Meeting 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. The Tower Club Topic- "Program TBA". Speakers: TBA

Saturday, February 10

Grape Expectations: A food and wine event benefiting JAFCO Chef Alan Harding will be flying in from NY to cook for the event - his show is on the Discovery Channel. Sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207 Time: 7:00 pm Dress: Cocktail Attire Location to be announced: For more information contact: Leah Mayersohn, 954-765-1900 or email her at lmayersohn@mayersohnlaw.com

Holiday in January for foster children. YLS are having their annual HIJ event at the Discovery Museum and Science.

Wednesday, January 24

Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators - Roundtable Discussion, 12:45p.m.-2:00p.m. Broward County Courthouse, Room 411, 201 SE 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale Topic: "Domestic Violence Matters" Hostesses: Deborah Barham and Yvonne Haase.

Thursday, January 25

Young Lawyers Luncheon at the Tower Club. Noon. Chief Judge Dale Ross will be discussing issues facing Broward attorneys and also the funding of the new Broward County Courthouse(s). If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Broward Bar Association at (954) 764-8040.

Friday, January 26

Judicial Robing at the Broward County Courthouse 201 SE 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale Details on Page One of this issue of Barrister.

Monday, February 12 at 12 NOON

Olive Garden
807 S University Drive (Fountains Plaza), Plantation
RSVP by phoning John Rizvi, Esq. (954)583-9600

Thursday, February 15

Construction Law Luncheon at noon. Broward Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale To register, please call Brian Wolfe (954) 954-769-5323

Friday, February 16

Young Lawyers Softball Tournament Kick-Off Happy Hour (location TBA)

Saturday, February 17

Young Lawyers Section-Annual Softball Tournament at 9:00 a.m. Mills Pond Park Facility 2201 N.W. 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Bring your own bats and gloves - balls are provided. \$200.00 per team entrance fee Includes drinks and prizes! Send checks for \$200.00 made payable to: "YLS-BCBA to: Quentin Morgan, Esq. Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley, Lunny & Crosby, LLP 200 E. Las Olas Boulevard, 19th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Wednesday, February 20

Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators Roundtable Discussion, 5:30p.m.-6:45p.m. at the Broward Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale Topic: "Arbitration, Part II" Host: Ron Anania, Esq.

Wednesday, February 20

Florida Grievance Committee(17H) at 2:30p.m. Broward Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Wednesday, February 21 at 12 NOON

Olive Garden
1555 N. University Drive, Coral Springs
RSVP by phoning Ronald Luzim, Esq. (954) 755-1500

Thursday, February 22

Bankruptcy meeting at 5:30p.m. Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale Topics: Homestead and other issues For further information, please call Jeffrey Solomon

Friday, February 23 at 12 NOON

Max's Grill
2210 Weston Road, Weston
RSVP by phoning Evan Baron, Esq. (954) 385-9160

Thursday, March 1 at 12 NOON

Fifth Avenue Grill
4650 N Federal Hwy, Lighthouse Point
RSVP by phoning Jesse Lieberman, Esq. (954) 596-9944

Guest Columnist

The New Year Brings New Lawyer Advertising Guideline

by Margaret Grisdela

The Florida Bar rings in the New Year with amended guidelines for lawyer advertising, based on recommendations of The Florida Bar's Advertising Task Force 2004. Keep your New Year's resolution to stay in compliance on your marketing programs by following these simple steps.

1. All non-exempt TV and radio advertising must now be filed for review at least 15 days in advance of dissemination. (Rule 4-7.7. See Rule 4-7.2 for exemption guidelines.)
2. Communications between a lawyer and that lawyer's family members, as well as communications requested by a prospective client, are now exempt from Subchapter 4-7 guidelines.
3. The "hiring disclosure" of 4-7.3 is no longer required in print advertising.
4. Words or statements required in an advertisement or direct mail piece under Rule 4-7.2 must now be "legible." The previous requirement specifying minimum font size is now deleted.

5. A non-lawyer spokesperson who speaks on behalf of a lawyer or law firm must still be identified as a spokesperson.

Regulation of websites and Internet communications remains unchanged, as the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar - which seeks to regulate websites - appointed a Special Committee to further study the topic. The Florida Supreme Court also directed The Florida Bar to conduct additional study of lawyer advertising, which will include the opportunity for public comments.

Out-of-state lawyers who advertise in Florida must now comply with The Florida Bar's advertising guidelines.

You can access a complete list of changes to the lawyer advertising guidelines online at www.floridabar.org or by contacting the author.

Margaret Grisdela is President of Legal Expert Connections, Inc., specializing in legal marketing and business development. She can be reached at MG@LegalExpertConnections.com

Would you like to see changes to the Uniform Motion Calendar? *by Edward F. Holodak*

The Broward County Bar Association is sponsoring a subcommittee of the Bench /Bar Committee to propose local rules for primarily the civil court within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. The Subcommittee's main role is to promulgate proposed rules modeled after the Federal Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida. The proposed local rules, once out of committee, must be approved by the entire Bench / Bar Committee, then forwarded to the Judiciary of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and finally to members of the Bar within Broward County. Upon final edit, the Broward County Bar Association in conjunction with the Judiciary from the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit will forward the proposed rules to the Florida Supreme Court for possible adoption.

One of the major areas that the proposed rules will implicate is that of the Uniform Motion Calendar. Obviously any attorney who litigates in Broward County will not argue that while the Uniform Motion Calendar greatly helps to move cases along in the procedural process the attorney also realize that due to parking, traffic, broken elevators, and congestion in the courthouse, some changes to the Uniform Motion Calendar are urgently needed.

The purpose of this article is to put the issue before the readers of the Barrister for input on suggested changes to the Uniform Motion Calendar. I will review any suggestions that I receive and bring those suggestions to the subcommittee for possible inclusion in the proposed Local Rules.

Any suggestions that you may have to alleviate the necessity of attending 8:45 motion calendar, either by moving the time of motion calendar, holding motion calendar for a period of three to four hours

one day per week, with designated time slots assigned to a case, alternating dates of motion calendar for different divisions, having certain motions ruled upon upon submission of memorandum only without the necessity of appearing at motion calendar, or any other brain storm suggestion that you may think off, will be appreciated, reviewed and considered by the Local Rules Committee.

Alternatively, if you are happy with the current Uniform Motion Calendar and would not like see any changes thereto, please send me an e-mail raising your opinion that the current system is fine and needs no modifications. I remind all readers that Uniform Motion Calendar was created by administrative order upon the demand of members the Broward Bar who insisted that a motion calendar was necessary to effectively move cases along. Nonetheless, any good idea may be made better. If anyone has concerns regarding their suggestions, please indicate in your e-mail that you wish your suggestion to be anonymous and I will honor your desire. For all litigation attorneys that are completely exasperated, frustrated and feed up with the current Uniform Motion Calendar please remember when you write your e-mails to me, that there is a possibility that my children may be reading my e-mails and accordingly I ask for your discretion. On behalf of the Local Rules Committee I look forward to hearing from you regarding Uniform Motion Calendar.

Please send your comments to EDWARD@HOLODAKPA.NET

HOWARD C. FORMAN BROWARD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Effective January 2, 2007, pleadings and papers filed with the Broward County Clerk of Courts will be filed at the specific courthouse where the case is assigned. This is to ensure that all pleadings are received timely by the appropriate parties at the appropriate locations. The four County Court locations consist of one Central Courthouse and three Satellite Courthouses at the following address:

Central Courthouse
201 S. E. 6th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33351

South Satellite
3550 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, FL 33021

North Satellite
1600 W. Hillsboro Blvd.
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

West Satellite
100 N. Pine Island Road
Plantation, FL 33324

In accordance with Administrative Order No. III-05-A-4:

1. All pleadings or papers to be filed with the Clerk of Court in all criminal proceedings, both Circuit and County Court, and infraction proceedings, in the County Court, shall state (a) the name of the court, (b) the style of the case, (c) the court case number assigned to the case, or a copy of the citation and (d) if the defendant is represented by counsel, the Florida Bar Number of the Attorney submitting the pleading.
2. Said pleadings or papers shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and served on the appropriate parties at the specific courthouse where the case is assigned.

Volunteer for Justice Teaching www.justiceteaching.org

The Broward County Bar Association is helping to promote a new volunteer program that has been initiated by The Florida Bar and the Florida Supreme Court.

Local volunteers are needed to partner with Broward County schools to serve as a resource person in the classroom. If you enjoy working with students and helping teach about the courts, our government structure and the Constitution, this could be a rewarding volunteer assignment.

Volunteers may request a particular school and grade level where they would like to serve. Volunteer-school assignments will be made by program coordinators, starting in December. A time commitment of no more than two hours a month will be needed. Activities and lesson plans will be provided via a secure web site. Training Sessions will be conducted by Chief Justice Fred Lewis, and will be scheduled here in Broward County. CLE credits are available for those attending the training sessions. Watch for announcements from the BCBA for the schedule for the Training Sessions, but the schedule will also be posted on the Justice Teaching web site.

Please visit the Justice Teaching web site at
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FFASA WINS A BATTLE, MANY MORE LIE AHEAD

by Juan Carlos Arias, Bar Counsel

In April of this year, **Friends of Florida Assistant State Attorneys (FFASA)** unveiled and posted in its website (www.ffasaonline.com) a solution to high prosecutor turnover in Florida. FFASA's initiative was a combination of incentives (salary increase, loan repayment program, retention bonus) that, together, would represent a long-term solution to turnover. At the time FFASA presented this solution, the FPAA's loan repayment bill was about to die in the legislature for a fifth time.

A recent article in the Daily Business Review (DBR) titled *Slowing the Exodus* validates FFASA's efforts to promote a comprehensive solution. According to the DBR, State Attorney Fernandez-Rundle has crafted a package of legislation that includes two of FFASA's initiatives--the salary increase and the loan- repayment program. These two initiatives combined, if passed by the legislature, would have an immediate effect in improving the quality of our criminal justice system.

FFASA is elated that the conversation we started has moved the

issue of prosecutor turnover to the front burner. We commend State Attorney Fernandez-Rundle for continuing the conversation and for embracing new solutions.

FFASA supports these two initiatives as well as the increased retirement benefits and the area differential proposals. FFASA is already working on its Legislative Strategy for 2007 and we invite all state attorneys and the FPAA to double their efforts to get the legislature to pass at least one initiative. Indifference is not a solution to high prosecutor turnover. It is time for action!



Hold The Date

Friday, March 2nd, 2007 • Noon to 4:30 p.m.

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Photo Gallery - 2006 Holiday Party



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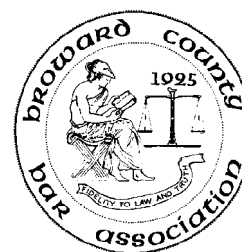
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November 29th Retirement Party for Judge Judith Brechner
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TV Program Highlights Legislative Goals

Mr. Juan Carlos Arias, President of FFASA, and Marco Rubio, Speaker of the House, were invited guests at the 4 Sunday Morning program that aired November 19, 2006. Speaker Rubio discussed his ideas for the 2007 legislative session and Mr. Arias addressed the issue of high prosecutor turnover.



2006 YLS Charitable Golf Tournament

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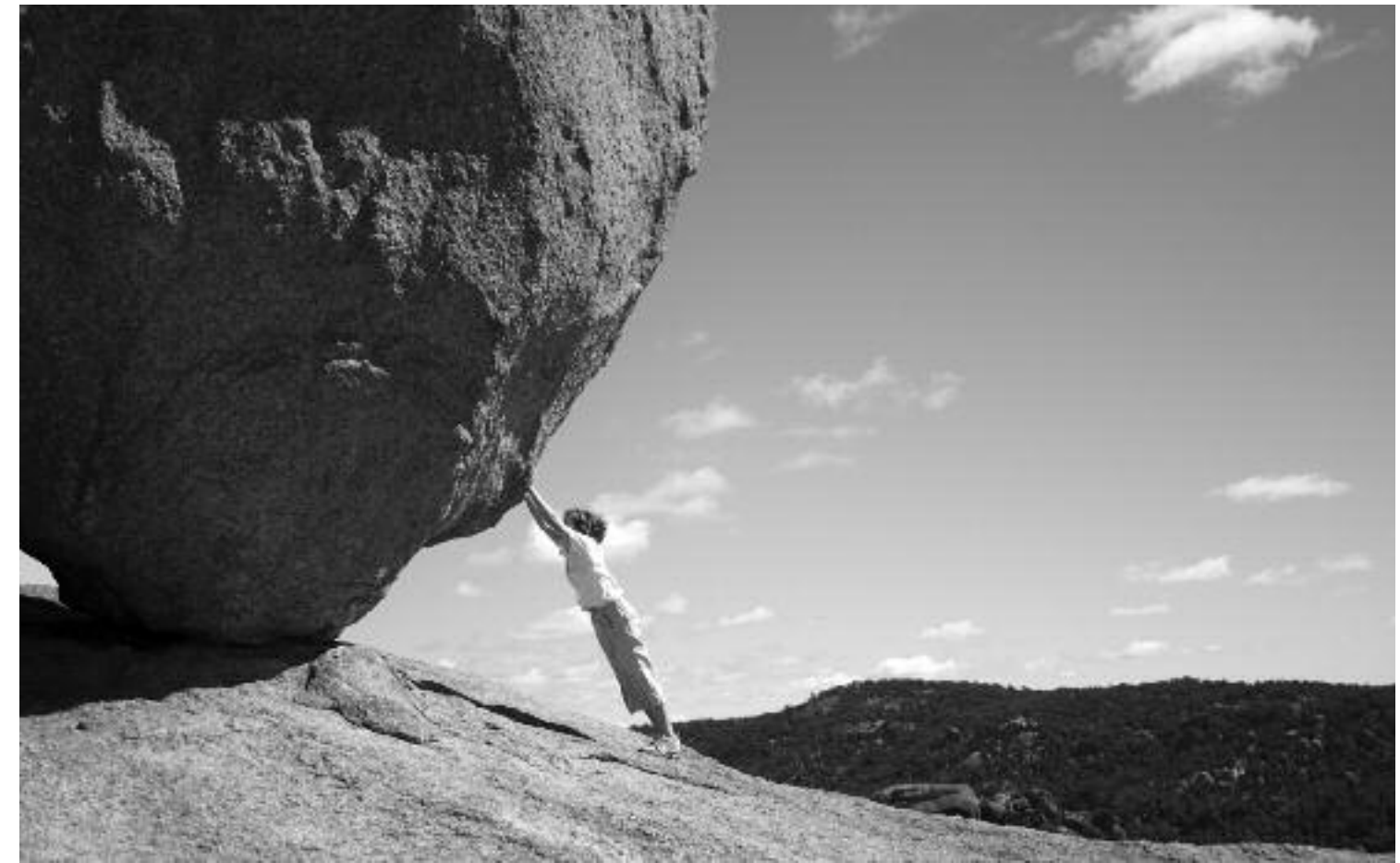


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The event will benefit Legal Aid's Children's Advocacy Project. The Children's Advocacy Project was created to meet the needs of children and their families in Broward County. It includes The Education Legal Rights Project (for children with disabilities), The Dependency Law Project (for children in foster care who are victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment) and the Team-Child Project (for children at risk of entering or already in the juvenile justice system)

and the Kinship Project (for caregivers who are relatives of the children they are nurturing.)

A number of larger law firms were major sponsors last year, but far too few attorneys and smaller law firms chose to sponsor this worthwhile event. So right now, (yes, I mean right now), take out your checkbook, each and every one of you, and make a check out to Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. Please mail it to Kathy Thomsen, Director of Development, 491 N. State Road 7, Plantation, Florida 33317.

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