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**YLS Golf Tournament
Jacaranda Golf and
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Plus

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October 20**

(See page 9 for details.)

October 27

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Annual CLE Conference
with Family Law Judges
Full-day Seminar**

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2006 ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION DINNER, JUNE 20, 2006



Victor P. DeBianchi, Jr., taking the oath of office as BCBA president, administered by Hon. Dale Ross. Pictured with Victor is his wife and law partner, Geraldine DeBianchi.



Anne Odgen is sworn as president of BCBA Young Lawyers' Division.

See Photo Gallery on pages 12-13



2006 River of Knowledge CLE Cruise Fifth Annual CLE Cruise "On the River of Knowledge"

*this year featuring a
Family Law Judicial Reception*

*Co-Sponsored by
the Family Law Section of the BCBA*

- One hour CLE Ethics Credit
- Seminar 5:00 p.m.
- Cruise 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Victor DeBianchi*

As my first official duty as the President of the Broward County Bar Association and on behalf of our membership I want to thank Tim Bailey for an outstanding year as our Past President and to honor him for his many years of service to our organization and to our community. I wish to thank Art Goldberg and Wilhelmina

Mendoza and the entire staff of the Bar Association for a great and memorable Installation Dinner. I also thank and honor our Officers, Directors, Section and Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs who have devoted faithful service to insure that the history and dignity of our Bar Association continues. Personally, I would like to thank all those who attended the Installation Dinner and for the many greetings and well wishes from all of you and from those who could not attend.

Our Bar Association is now over eighty years old. More than double the maximum age to be a member of the Young Lawyers Section. I have been a member now for over twenty-six years. Many of us have been members even longer, some even double that figure. The Bar has gone from a handful of Judges and Lawyers to nearly one hundred Judges and Magistrates and twenty-five hundred lawyers. Our membership comprises approximately one-third of the attorneys in Broward County, Florida. Historically, this has been consistent in recent years. Society is tending to decrease civic duty due to the increased demands of everyday life.

Some of our goals for this year will include but not be limited to providing more CLE for all our membership and expanding our Lawyer Referral Service into Miami-Dade County. Also, we will all be invited to pose again for our Bar Photo Directory which will be even grander than in years past. And finally, to increase our membership. Inasmuch as all of us would like to have our membership grow, I believe it is the quality rather than the quantity of our members which really matters.

In order to assure and improve the quality and character of membership we must first refer to the Code of Professional Responsibility. Copies were provided at the Installation Dinner. For those who did not receive a copy or who were not there, please refer to our Website at www.BrowardBar.org/PeerReview/Purpose. Although the Oath of Admission to the Bar is mandatory, the compliance with these Standards of Professional Courtesy is voluntary. In my opinion that we must raise the bar and bring ourselves to a higher level. It is necessary for all of us to practice these standards to assure and advance a successful career as an attorney and vital to our legal community and those of our fellow brothers and sisters of the Bar. Although I will not recite the Code word by word I will tell you that they involve scheduling Hearings and discovery, conduct towards other attorneys, Court participation, candor to the Court and to counsel and efficient administration. Please take the time to download these standards and give a copy or e-mail to a fellow colleague. It is my opinion that it is time for a change for the better. A time for a more courteous and professional practice of law for each and every one of us. We as members of the Bar need to fulfill this obligation to each other and to ourselves. The big things such as being fully prepared for your Hearing, Deposition, Closing or Conference is foremost but remember the little things are also important such as being on time and not multi-focusing. Remember it is not all about time, money or billable hours. Our main focus should be to ourselves and to each other and to accomplish that we must be prepared, be professional, be honest and be courteous. In the end we will all be the winners.

I conclude this my first Article and look forward to serving this year as President. Thank you for the faith and trust you have placed in me for which I am humbled and honored. I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe summer. Work hard. Be professional. And try to have some fun.

planned a fabulous Judicial Reception this year. Not only was the event well attended, but we also believe it had the largest shrimp on record!

Angel is a YLS success story. She has grown from being a junior lawyer to a well-respected member of the legal community. She has not only given back to the legal community, but also to the Broward County Community at large. She has helped others to grow and prosper by her example. Many of the past presidents and board members of the YLS have gone on to serve the Ft. Lauderdale legal community by participating on the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association and other voluntary bar associations in the community. They are partners in well-established firms and even teach at local universities and law schools. We are hopeful that all YLS members will develop the leadership skills demonstrated by many of our predecessors like Winnie Kessler, Jordana Goldstein, Jeffrey Weissman, Jason Slatkin, Todd Stone, Robyn Vines, Dean Kahn and Debra Klauber have demonstrated. We will miss Angel and hope look forward to continuing to work with her closely in the upcoming year.

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MR. NOE AND MR. NEY - SEE WHAT THEY THREW AWAY *by Art Goldberg*

As we approach campaign season, I've been thinking about recent news accounts depicting unethical behavior of elected officials and their comrades in white collar crime, and although I never am shocked by high-level shenanigans anymore, I am I suppose, like most, just tired of the repeated violations of ethical standards by smart people who should know better. Just take a look at Mr. Noe and Mr. Ney - behold the games they play - and what they threw away.

The June 7th issue of the *New York Times* describes how Tom Noe, an Ohio rare coin dealer and Republican party fundraiser, did bribe the CFO of Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fund in order to obtain a contract to manage a \$50 million dollar investment portfolio. Noe put OBWC into (What else?) rare coins. Further kudos for Noe, for to endow the OBWC fund, this sharp politico also procured - for the purpose of ensuring that Ohio's injured workers would never be for want - a flood of vintage baseball cards, plus another peerless cardboard treasure of inestimable value: a 'Happy Holiday' card adorned with the bona fide John Hancock of none other than our most-famous former first lady, Jackie O. (*I wonder how many she signed and sent out, don't you?*) The OBWC lost money - and genuine credibility - as a result of Noe's infamous, speculative investments.

Before moving to (Where else?) Florida, Tom Noe was also charged with stealing about one million dollars from the OBWC. His embezzlement trial starts in Ohio a week before Labor Day. *What better way to honor our working men and women!*

There was no stopping Noe- he also just recently pled guilty to federal charges that he violated federal Campaign Finance law when, back in '02, he went about town handing out cash to two dozen Ohio faux-donors, each of whom then did make contributions to support various political campaigns. President Bush, Ohio Governor Robert Taft and several members of the Ohio Supreme Court unknowingly received Noe-money. Noe's scheme to bypass the federal limit on hard money donations brought them all nothing but bad publicity. *His flash of cash did trash the abashed bureaucrats.*

Come forward, Ohio Congressman Rob Ney. Congressman Ney loved to travel to Europe in style - private jets, high-priced hotels, rounds of golf at St. Andrews. Recently, he has been under the watchful eye of the newly-awakened House Ethics Committee that is investigating whether or not the lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who paid for the trips, received favorable action on government business, quid pro quo.

Ney disclosed to Congress that his trip abroad was geared, not for golf, but rather to hobnob with members of the Scottish Parliament. Yet, Ney never hobnobbed nor attended even one pow-wow or parlay - he just hit the links while Abramoff, he paid for drinks.

Ney's former Congressional Aide also just pled guilty to federal mail and wire fraud charges that, while still under Ney, he accepted gifts from Abramoff. Of course, the congressman denies ever detecting that his trusted aide was 'on the take'. *Historians, looking back, one day may inscribe: The aide was bribed and his boss imbibed while claiming sober innocence and comprehensive ignorance that anything untoward took place.*

Actually, golf is fitting, allegorically speaking, to describe the Ney

Approach: for 'true gentlemen' tee-off to move the game forward, they dodge hazards to attain the green; the goal is the cup after drive, chip and putt; the score is the sum of all strokes. Ney took the opposite course: he went right for the green for a quick, easy score. No wonder he ranks under par.

A June 5th, 2005 *New York Times* editorial put it thus: "*Ohio's state government today is a lot like Boss Tweed's New York. Unfortunately, a lot of other state governments look similar - and so does Washington.*"

So thank you, Mr. Noe, Mr. Ney. You have not only thrown away your own political careers, but your actions have disheartened, dishonored and destroyed the lives of many who believed in you. Your 'run for the gold' is off-putting, causing honest citizens to question the vision and integrity of their elected officials, not only in your home state, but in Washington as well.

If our aim is centered on 'protecting our borders', I say let's begin by keeping crooks out of Congress.

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

It is with sadness that the Young Lawyers' Section ("YLS") says goodbye to the outgoing President, Angel Petti Rosenberg. Angel was the last member of an era of young lawyer leaders in this county that developed the YLS to be the efficient organized group that it is today. When Angel joined the YLS she was a new associate at a law firm in Ft. Lauderdale. Over the years, we have seen Angel grow both personally and professionally. During Angel's tenure with the YLS we watched her progress from a young associate to establishing her own firm where she is a named partner. We also saw Angel marry her husband, Jon Rosenberg, her lifelong partner.

Angel's impact on the legal community is remarkable. She has rallied support for a number of judicial candidates and implemented several YLS programs for a number of years, including the softball tournament and YLS' participation in Law Day. Quentin Morgan has a big job ahead of him. Quentin will be running the annual softball tournament. We will look forward to seeing how Quentin looks filling in Angel's shoes. Additionally, Angel and Scott Chitoff



APPELLATE LAW CASE UPDATE

by Nancy Little Hoffmann

- Attorneys
Elton v. Dougherty,
31 Fla. L. Weekly D1591
(Fla. 5th DCA June 9, 2006).**

Six years after suing several tobacco companies based on his client's exposure to second-hand smoke, her attorney concluded upon completion of the deposition of the plaintiff's treating pulmonologist, that the case could not be won. Although the attorney sought to withdraw, asserting a conflict of interest because he was unable and unwilling to advance the costs of such expensive litigation, the trial court denied his motion. The appellate court quashed that order, holding that even though it was an old case, the insurmountable conflict between the attorney's and client's interests required that the attorney be permitted to withdraw.

- Attorney's Fees/Offer of Judgment
Rivera v. Publix Supermarkets, Inc.,
31 Fla. L. Weekly D1562
(Fla. 4th DCA June 7, 2006).**

Because an offer of judgment failed to state its non-monetary terms with the particularity required by rule 1.442, the Fourth District reversed a final order awarding attorney's fees to a defendant. The offer had specified that the plaintiff execute a general release and other documents, without setting forth the terms thereof or attaching copies of any such documents.

- Civil Rights/Sexual Harassment
Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC v. Dupont,
31 Fla. L. Weekly 1471
(Fla. 5th DCA May 26, 2006).**

After a verdict was entered against it for its former employee's mental pain and suffering in a sexual harassment case, including punitive damages, the employer appealed on various grounds. The Fifth District affirmed en banc, holding that the employer's reckless indifference to the employee's complaints demonstrated callous indifference. Although affirming the entire verdict, the court certified to the supreme court the question of whether an employer can be held vicariously liable for punitive damage awards under section 760.11(5), the Florida Civil Rights Act.

- Insurance/Personal Injury Protection/Bad Faith
Scott v. Progressive Express Insurance Company,
31 Fla. L. Weekly D1551
(Fla. 4th DCA June 7, 2006).**

After his PIP insurer failed to pay his claim, the insured filed a bad faith action, alleging that the insurer's violation occurred with such frequency as to indicate a general business practice constituting willful, wanton, malicious and reckless disregard for the rights of its insureds, and claiming entitlement to punitive damages. The insurer finally settled the underlying PIP claim, including attorney's fees, and moved to dismiss the bad faith case since no additional compensatory damages were alleged. The Fourth District reversed the order of dismissal, holding that the insured was entitled to pursue his bad faith claim, and that to hold otherwise would render section 624.155 remedies ineffectual.

- Insurance/Personal Injury Protection/Offer of Judgment
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. Nichols,
31 Fla. L. Weekly S358
(Fla. June 1, 2006).**

The supreme court has held that a suit for PIP benefits is a "civil action for damages" to which the offer of judgment statute applies, and thus an insurer may recover attorney's fees pursuant to that statute in a proper case. As the supreme court put it, the statute would apply only if the plaintiff had a very weak case or rejected a very generous offer. In the case before the court, however, State Farm's offer of judgment was too ambiguous to satisfy the requirements of rule 1.442, and fees were therefore denied. Justices Anstead and Quince dissented from the use of the offer of judgment statute in PIP cases.

LEGAL AIDE OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD AWARDS



Anthony Karrat, Esq., Executive Director of Legal Aid Service of Broward County, past Russell E. Carlisle Recipients Sharon Bourassa, Esq., Russell E. Carlisle, Esq., 2006 Recipient, Levi Williams, Esq., Past Recipients Nancy Gregoire, Esq., Howard Talenfeld, Esq. and Barbara Prager, Esq., Executive Director of Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida.



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TIMOTHY BAILEY RE-APPOINTED TO 17TH JNC



Timothy Bailey has been re-appointed by Governor Bush to a second four-year term to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the 17th Circuit.

"I thanked the governor and promised him that we would be the hardest working JNC in the state of Florida," Bailey said.

The Governor also appointed -Alexis M.

Yarbrough, of Fort Lauderdale, attorney with Tripp Scott, P.A., succeeding Bill Duke, for a term beginning July 2, 2006 and ending July 1, 2010.

-Jamie Finizio-Bascombe, 39, of Lighthouse Point, attorney with the Finizio & Finizio Law Offices, P.A., succeeding Walter Blake, for a term beginning July 2, 2006 and ending July 1, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION

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The 2006-2007 Board of the YLS is excited about the upcoming year. Over the last several years we have worked hard to maintain the exemplary programs developed by our predecessors. David Hirschberg has worked closely with our past-president, Sharon Attas-Kaplan, to keep the YLS golf tournament a success. We have seen the golf tournament continue to grow under David's direction. The YLS golf tournament raises money for a local charity every year. Last year the YLS donated almost fifteen thousand dollars to A Child Is Missing. This year we are proud to support The Children's Diagnostic Center, an organization that provides free and discounted health services to children in Ft. Lauderdale. This program not only provides help to children with AIDS and other serious illnesses, but also offers regular check-ups and basic medications to families that could not otherwise afford such necessary health care. Considering today's health insurance and health care crisis, the YLS believes that it is essential to support this wonderful program. We hope to see all of you at our annual golf tournament on October 21, 2006 at the Jacaranda Country Club.

Chris Connally, the current President-Elect of the YLS has done an exceptional job of taking over the Holiday in January program, which was flawlessly run by Jordana Goldstein for years. Under Chris' direction, the Holiday in January program has continued to grow and offers a holiday pizza party at the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science to local foster children. This program allows the YLS to give back to those in our community by direct contact with children who truly deserve to be treated to a day that makes them feel special and appreciated. Chris has worked hard with Judge Robert Diaz to implement a new backpack program, where all of the children receive not only gifts, but also an essential backpack for their school supplies. Bart Ostrenski ran his first Bowl-A-Thon last year and we are excited about continuing this program under his leadership. Bart brings with him a sense

of humor that is a refreshing change from the high stress jobs that we all maintain.

Not only has the YLS endeavored to maintain the successful programs implemented by our predecessors, but we have also designed new events. Michael Gilden ran the second Family Day in May this year and won a grant for this program from the Affiliates Outreach Conference of the Florida Bar. The purpose of Family Day in May is to allow a low cost, family focused event for members of the Broward County Community at large. Timothy Bailey, the outgoing president of the BCBA, stressed the importance of the reputation of lawyers in the community. We want to provide an opportunity to all families in Ft. Lauderdale to spend a relaxing day with attorneys to interact in an informal setting. Sponsors underwrite most of the cost of the event. Thus, the YLS can provide a day in the park with a barbeque, water slide adventure, bounce house, clowns, face painting, balloons, cotton candy and snow cones for only \$5.00 per person.

Scott Chitoff, our new Secretary-Treasurer, has done a marvelous job organizing and administrating our new e-mail system last year. We greatly appreciate the efforts Scott put forth in bringing the YLS online. This system of communication has increased our ability to effectively communicate with the members of our community. We are looking forward to Alan Raines ability to take over this essential function of our organization.

The YLS is taking a new and exciting direction this year by hosting monthly happy hours in an attempt to provide access to YLS events for people who cannot make the luncheons. Each happy hour will have a theme or a partner so that we can continue to grow by meeting people from other organizations and recognizing leaders in our community. Gregory Haile has been instrumental in setting up this new program. We look forward to our first happy hour on July 28, 2006 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Side Bar with

the Young CPA's of Ft. Lauderdale. We also look forward to working with other voluntary bar associations, including the Hispanic Bar Association, as well as many others.

We welcome Brandan Pratt, our newest Board Member and Adam Rabinowitz, who is returning to serve the YLS. We are proud to have Adam Rabinowitz and Scott Chitoff serving on our Board. Scott and Adam are two of the Board Members of the Young Lawyers' Division of the Florida Bar.

We would be remiss if we did not thank those members of the judiciary, firms and sponsors who continue to support the YLS. We would not be able to implement the high level of programming we do without their support. Thank you all for recognizing the importance of supporting the developing leadership and volunteer work performed by the YLS. We look forward to working closely with volunteer work performed by the YLS. We look forward to working closely with Victor DeBianchi, the new President of the BCBA. He has already been active in supporting the YLS activities.

Last, but by no means least, we would like to thank Art Goldberg. Art has been a never-ending source of support for the YLS for years. He and his wife Jane have been instrumental in so many things we do. As you know, the BCBA is hosting a conference for the Voluntary Bar Associations in July. We are very excited about this event and are hoping to see many of you there.

Please remember that you do not have to be a young lawyer to become involved or attend any of our events. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to serving as the President of the YLS for 2006-2007. Anne D. Ogden, Esq. Bazinsky & Korman, P.A. 7901 S.W. 6th Court, Suite 450, Plantation, Florida 33324. 954-626-0000 Ogden@bktriallaw.com

BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S PEER REVIEW COUNCIL

An attorney or judge who observes unprofessional conduct on the part of another attorney - behavior that is inconsistent with The Ideals and Standards of Professionalism published by the Florida Bar or The Standards of Professional Courtesy published by the Broward County Bar Association - now has a local program to address his/her concerns, the Peer Review Council.

The Broward County Bar Association, Professionalism Committee has developed the Peer Review Council (PRC) to provide assistance to lawyers who may be behaving in an unprofessional manner. The BCBA's Peer Review Council program has been developed, with input and support of the judges of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. This Peer Review project is meant to curtail unprofessional, discourteous, or other inappropriate behavior. It is not meant to replace The Florida Bar's Grievance Committees, but may be especially appropriate when the behavior is not so egregious as to require a bar complaint. Whether it be the result of failed memories or reality, it seems that the practice of law in our country, and specifically in Broward County, is losing its professionalism. While the practice of law is largely an adversarial process, as professionals, we strive to zealously advance our clients' positions and interests, even those with which our opponents disagree, without doing so in a disagreeable manner.

The purpose of the PRC is to provide an orderly, speedy, constructive and non-punitive method for reviewing and evaluating referrals made by attorneys and judges. All referrals are strictly confidential.

The Professionalism Referral process is voluntary. The PRC is comprised of twenty-four members of the Broward County Bar Association. The PRC will address lawyer referrals by a quorum of at least five members. If a referred attorney's questioned activity is deemed to warrant formal

review by the PRC Board, a panel of three members of the PRC Board (the "PRC Panel"), will review the matter.

A "referred lawyer" shall have the opportunity to respond to the alleged violation of the "Broward County Bar Association's Standards of Professional Courtesy", adopted in 1994 by the Broward County Bar Association, and by Administrative Order I-94-0-1. All proceedings are confidential, and remain the property of the Broward County Bar Association. At the conclusion of the initial proceedings, by issuance of a PRC Panel Report to the PRC Board, if a violation is found to have occurred, the referred attorney will be invited to a meeting with the PRC Board on a confidential basis. The PRC Board can identify and discuss the violation and conduct giving rise to the referral; can discuss the conduct with the referred attorneys; and can recommend ways in which the referred attorney should alter his/her conduct to aspire to a more professional demeanor in the practice of law. The PRC cannot impose sanctions or penalties; cannot embarrass, harass, or belittle the referred attorney; and cannot prepare any writing containing its findings. At the conclusion of the Peer Review Referral process, all documents will be destroyed with the exception of anonymous evaluation sheets that will be solicited from all participants.

Peer review is imperative to the process of assuring professionalism, integrity, and courtesy, in the honorable practice of law. All Florida Bar members who practice in Broward County should review the procedures and rules in earnest, and participate in this project to secure for all attorneys, and those that follow us, a civil, courteous and fully professional bar. A full set of the rules can be downloaded from the Broward County Bar Association website www.browardbar.org/PeerReview, or by calling 954-764-8040 to have a copy mailed to them.

BROWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

The Broward County Bar Association is determined to provide assistance to maintain, and we hope, to advance professionalism in the practice of law in Broward County. We stress that this process is for assistance, not punishment. We trust that through the process of self-assessment, at times assisted by those whom the members of the Broward County Bar Association highly regard as models of professionalism, lawyers who start to lose their professional perspective may be helped to regain it.

There are standards of professional courtesy that are expected to be observed as a minimum level of acceptable behavior. The following standards of professional courtesy describe the conduct preferred and expected by the majority of attorneys practicing in Broward County. These standards are not meant to be exhaustive, but set a tone or guide for conduct not specifically covered by these standards. These standards have been codified with the hope that their dissemination will educate new attorneys and others who may be unfamiliar with the customary local practices and expectations of the members of the Bar whom practice here. Compliance with these standards, unlike the "Oath of Admission" and the "Rules of Professional Conduct" adopted by the Florida Supreme Court, is voluntary. These standards have received the approval of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association. They have been endorsed by the judges of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, who expect professional conduct by all attorneys who appear and practice before them.

1 Scheduling

1.1 Attorneys should endeavor to provide opposing counsel, parties, witnesses, and other affected persons, sufficient notice of depositions, hearings and other proceedings, except upon agreement of counsel, in an emergency, or in other circumstances compelling more expedited scheduling. As a general rule, actual notice should be given that is no less than five (5) business days for in-state depositions, ten (10) business days for out-of-state depositions and five (5) business days for hearings.

1.2 Attorneys should communicate with opposing counsel prior to scheduling depositions, hearings and other proceedings, so as to schedule them at times that

are mutually convenient for all interested persons. Further, sufficient time should be reserved to permit a complete presentation by counsel for all parties.

1.3 Attorneys should notify opposing counsel, the court, and others affected, of scheduling conflicts as soon as they become apparent. Further, attorneys should cooperate with one another regarding all reasonable rescheduling requests that do not prejudice their clients or unduly delay a proceeding.

1.4 Attorneys should promptly notify the court or other tribunal of any resolution between parties that renders a scheduled court appearance unnecessary or otherwise moot.

1.5 Attorneys should grant reasonable requests by opposing counsel for extensions of time within which to respond to pleadings, discovery and other matters when such an extension will not prejudice their client or unduly delay a proceeding.

1.6 Attorneys should cooperate with opposing counsel during trials and evidentiary hearings by disclosing the identities of all witnesses reasonably expected to be called and the length of time needed to present their entire case, except when a client's material rights would be adversely affected. They should also cooperate with the calling of witnesses out of turn when the circumstances justify it.

2 Discovery

2.1 Attorneys should pursue discovery requests that are reasonably related to the matter at issue. Attorneys should not use discovery for the purpose of harassing, embarrassing or causing the adversary to incur unnecessary expenses.

2.2 Attorneys should not use discovery for the purpose of causing undue delay or obtaining unfair advantage.

2.3 Attorneys should ensure that responses to reasonable discovery requests are timely, organized, complete and consistent with the obvious intent of the request. For example, a response to a request to produce should refer to each of the items in the request and should refer to each set of documents as separately marked exhibits.

3 Conduct Toward Other Attorneys, The Court and Participants

3.1 Attorneys should refrain from criticizing or denigrating the court, opposing counsel, parties or witnesses, before their clients, the public or the media, as it brings dishonor to our profession.

3.2 Attorneys should be, and should impress upon their clients and witnesses the need to be, courteous and respectful and not rude or disruptive with the court, opposing counsel, parties and witnesses.

3.3 Attorneys should make an effort to explain to witnesses the purpose of their required attendance at depositions, hearings or trials. They should further attempt to accommodate the schedules of witnesses when setting or resetting their appearance and promptly notify them of any cancellations.

3.4 Attorneys should respect and abide by the spirit and letter of all rulings of the court.

4 Candor to the Court/Other Counsel

4.1 Attorneys should not knowingly misstate, misrepresent, or distort any fact or legal authority to the court or to opposing counsel and shall not mislead by inaction or silence. Further, if this occurs unintentionally and is later discovered, it should immediately be disclosed or otherwise corrected.

4.2 Attorneys should notify opposing counsel of all oral or written communications with the court or other tribunal, except those involving only scheduling matters. Copies of any submissions to the court (such as correspondence, memoranda or law, caselaw, etc.), should simultaneously be provided to opposing counsel by substantially the same method of delivery by which they were provided to the court. For example, if a memorandum of law is hand-delivered to the court, at the same time a copy should be hand-delivered or faxed to the opposing counsel.

4.3 Attorneys should draft proposed orders promptly and the orders should fairly and adequately represent the ruling of the court. Attorneys should promptly provide, either orally or in writing, proposed orders to opposing counsel for approval. Opposing counsel should then promptly communicate any objections and at that time, the drafting attorney should immediately submit a copy of the proposed order to the court and advise the court as to whether or not it has been approved by opposing counsel.

4.4 Attorneys should draft agreements and other documents promptly and so as to fairly reflect the true intent of the parties. Where revisions are made to an agreement or other document, attorneys should point out or otherwise high-light any such additions, deletions or modifications for all opposing counsel.

5 Efficient Administration

5.1 Attorneys should refrain from actions intended primarily to harass or embarrass and should refrain from actions which cause unnecessary expense or delay.

5.2 Attorneys should, whenever possible, prior to filing or upon receiving a motion, contact opposing counsel to determine if the matter can be resolved in whole or in part. This may alleviate the need for filing the motion or allow submission of an agreed order in lieu of a hearing.

5.3 Attorneys should, whenever appropriate, stipulate to all facts and legal authority not reasonably in dispute.

5.4 Attorneys should encourage principled negotiations and efficient resolution of disputes on their merits.

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An attorney or judge who observes the conduct may request that the Peer Review Council consider the matter. Such a request is directed in the first place by letter to the Chairperson of the Professionalism Committee of the Broward County Bar Association, who is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the matter and determining whether it justifies a referral to the Advisory Board. The attorney who is the subject of a referral is called the "Referred Attorney." The attorney or judge who refers the matter is called the "Referring Party."

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LOCAL ATTORNEY FEATURED ON HISTORY CHANNEL PROGRAM, JULY 20

Fort Lauderdale attorney Bill Crawford will appear as an expert on the history of the Intracoastal Waterway on the History Channel's Modern Marvels program, "The Intracoastal Waterway," scheduled to air Thursday, July 20, 2006, between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., depending on local listings. Author of the soon-to-be published book, "Florida's Big Dig," the story of

the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami from 1881 to 1935, Bill will discuss how the several early toll canals along the Atlantic coast from the Cape Cod Canal to Florida's East Coast Canal came together to form the modern-day, toll-free Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.



Tony Loe Receives 2006 Claude Pepper Award
Alan Bookman, outgoing president of The Florida Bar, with Justice Peggy Quince and Tony Loe, recipient of The Florida Bar's 2006 Claude Pepper Outstanding Government Lawyer Award. Tony Loe is a homicide prosecutor for the Broward County State Attorneys Office.



Elected to Board of Governors
Allison Bethel has been elected to The Florida Bar Board of Governors, representing the 17th Judicial Circuit.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED AT BCBA

Starting this fall, the University of Miami's Paralegal Studies Certificate Program will be offered at the Broward County Bar Association's Norma B. Howard Bar Center in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

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The University of Miami has graciously offered BCBA members (and their staff) a \$500 discount on tuition.

An information session has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th from 6:00PM-7:00 PM at the bar offices, 1051 SE Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale. For more information or to reserve your free place at our Information Sessions visit www.miamiparalegal.com or call 305.284.5800.



ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES 101 *by Juan Carlos Arias*

It is surprising how many attorneys do not understand the disciplinary procedures that regulate their profession. I must admit, I was one of those attorneys until I became a bar counsel for The Florida Bar. In this series of articles, you will be introduced to the nuts and bolts of our disciplinary system. We'll first focus on the complaint - the igniter of the disciplinary process. Future articles will cover grievance committees, final hearings, and the appellate process.

The Complaint

As stated above, a complaint initiates the disciplinary process. Although The Florida Bar has an official Inquiry/Complaint Form, the use of the form is not required. However, what is required is that the complaint be a signed original document that includes the following attestation: Under penalty of perjury, I declare the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete. Complaints that do not meet these requirements are returned to sender requesting compliance.

Complaints may be received by the Attorney Consumer Assistance Program (ACAP), bar counsel, the headquarters office or the grievance committees. Most complaints are forwarded to the branch office assigned the responsibility for the judicial circuit where the attorney's office is located or primarily practices. When the bar counsel receives the complaint, he must perform a review to determine the following:

- 1) Is the inquiry/complaint a member of The Florida Bar over whom prosecutorial jurisdiction exists?
- 2) If proven, does the alleged misconduct constitute a violation of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar warranting the imposition of discipline?

If bar counsel answers either of these questions in the negative, he may decline to pursue the inquiry/complaint. If bar counsel answers both questions in the affirmative, the matter is classified as a complaint and a disciplinary file is opened. Upon the opening of the disciplinary file, the accused attorney becomes the "respondent" and will receive a notice requiring him or her to respond to the allegations in the complaint within 15 days of the notification. Bar counsel can approve an extension of time for the response on a case-by-case basis upon showing of good cause by the respondent. Respondents must disclose the opening of the disciplinary file to his or her current law firm or to his former law firm if the alleged misconduct occurred under their employment. The disclosure must be in the form as prescribed in Rule 3-7(f).

Complainants usually have 10 days to submit a written rebuttal to the response. Once these initial procedures are satisfied, bar counsel determines whether the facts tend to show that the attorney violated the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. If bar counsel concludes that the facts do not show a violation, he or she can dismiss the disciplinary case. If bar counsel concludes that there is a violation, the disciplinary case is referred to a grievance committee. The next article will examine the grievance committee process.



LEGAL AID RECEIVES CLASS ACTION FUNDS

Broward attorney Blane Carneal, Esq. (left) presented two checks totaling \$22,000 to Anthony J. Karrat, Esq., Executive Director, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc. on June 15th, 2006. At Carneal's suggestion, and with the approval of U.S. District court Judge William P. Dimitrouleas, the Cy Pres funds resulting from a class-action suit brought by Plaza East condo owners against Katzman & Korr of Lauderhill were donated to Legal Aid.

Photo Gallery - 2006 Annual Meeting and Installation



Distinguished Service Awards

Front Row:
M. Ross Shulmister,
Deborah Poore FitzGerald,
Back Row:
Steve Moody, Julie Klahr, Angel Petti Rosenberg,
Judge Jeffrey Levenson and John Jordan.



Board of Directors Swearing-In
Members of the 2007 BCBA Board of Directors are
sworn into office by Judge Dale Ross.



Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors
Members prepare to take oath of office.



2006 Committee Chair of the Year Award
Tim Bailey presents Angel Petti Rosenberg with the
Committee Chair of the Year Award. She was chair
of the Law Week Committee.



2006 Section Chair of the Year Award
2006 Section Chair of the Year Award was shared
by Sheryl Moore Sayfie and Carin Porras, co-chairs
of the Family Law Section.



YLS Paul May Professionalism Award
Sharon Attas Kaplan, center, recipient of the
2006 YLS Paul May Professionalism Award, with
husband Dr. Glenn Kaplan.



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Lawyers in the LIMELIGHT

Robby Birnbaum, a Greenspoon Marder attorney, was a finalist for the South Florida Business Journal's 2006 Up and Comer's Awards in the legal category. Birnbaum was nominated for his work in his profession and the community. At Greenspoon Marder, Birnbaum focuses his practice on credit counseling and debt settlement agencies, marketing and advertising regulation and regulatory compliance.

Howard Allen Cohen of Atkinson, Diner, Stone, Mankuta & Ploucha, P.A., Ft. Lauderdale, has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Legal Specialization and Education (BLSE) of The Florida Bar. BLSE has general jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the administration of the board certification plan of The Florida Bar, the continuing legal education requirement, and the basic skills course requirement under Bar rules.

Fabienne Fahnestock, an attorney with the law firm of Gunster Yoakley, has become a member of the Children's Cancer Caring Center advisory board. She will be working with the board to make decisions on the direction of the organization, which is dedicated to providing free medical care to needy families of children with cancer in South Florida and throughout Latin America.

The **Fisher & Phillips** 2005-2006 Employment Law Reference Guide was awarded First Place in the category Best Legal Compendium in the 2006 Burton Awards. The Burton Awards are given annually to law firm publications in a number of categories. This award is given in conjunction with the Association of Legal Administrators. **Charles Caulkins**, the managing partner of the Fort Lauderdale labor and employment law firm Fisher & Phillips LLP, is featured in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2006. Charles Caulkins was ranked among the top employment attorneys in Florida. Caulkins has represented employers nationally in labor and employment law matters since 1977.

Merrick L. Gross, a shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt since 1995, will be installed on June 19, 2006 as the new President of the Dade County Bar Association (DCBA). He will be the 90th President in the history of the Association, which is the largest voluntary Bar Association in the State of Florida.

Jeffrey M. Harris, an attorney practicing in Fort Lauderdale, was recently elected President of the 1,500 member Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at their 19th Annual Meeting. The meeting was held at Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Sarasota, Florida.

Circuit Court Judge Cynthia G. Imperato of Broward County gave a presentation entitled "The A to Z's of VOP's" to the Paralegal Association of Florida on May 3, 2006. She had previously spoken on this topic to the Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys on October 20, 2005.

On May 25, 2006, **Douglas M. McIntosh**, Esq., President and Managing Partner of the Fort Lauderdale-based law firm McIntosh, Sawran, Peltz & Cartaya, received the 2006 Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy Award from the South Florida Chapter of the St. Thomas More Society. The award is given annually to someone from the legal community who best personifies the morals and ethics of St. Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers. The Guest Speaker at the ceremony was Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul J. Cantero, III.

James C. Sawran was recently appointed by The Florida Bar Board of Governors to serve a two-year term, effective July 1, 2006, on The Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors. Mr. Sawran, a partner at the Fort Lauderdale-based law firm of McIntosh, Sawran, Peltz & Cartaya, P.A., joins an elite group as the sole attorney member of the Association's Board. The Association is the State of Florida's sanctioned insurance plan for medical malpractice coverage.

The law firm of Greenspoon Marder, P.A. has opened an office in Aventura located at 18851 NE 29th Avenue as of June 1, 2006. **Reuben Schneider**, a partner with the firm, will be heading up the new Aventura office. He is a Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer focusing his practice in all areas of real estate, development, finance and transactions.

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Monday, July 10

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Tuesday, July 11

BCBA BOD Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11

North Broward Bar Association Monthly Meeting, noon, Steak and Ale (6300 N. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale). Contact Whitney Metevia at 954/942-6633 or at whitnemetevia@earthlink.net for more information.

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T.J. Reddick Bar Association Monthly Meeting. Noon at the BCBA. For more information, contact Roshawn Banks at 954/298-3070.

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Tuesday, July 18

Caribbean Bar Association Meeting (election of new officers) at 216 N.E. 1st Street, Sixth Floor, Miami. Contact 305/372-5000 for more information.

Friday, July 21

Cocktail Reception and Poolside Party at the Harbour Beach Marriott Hotel; in conjunction with The Florida Bar's Voluntary Bar Leadership Conference. For more information, call 954/764-8040.

Saturday, July 22

Guardianship Seminar (for individuals who are guardians of adults). 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the BCBA Norma B. Howard Conference Center (1051 S.E. 3rd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale). Cost to attend is \$180.00. Space is limited. RSVP by phoning 954/764-8040.

Wednesday, July 26

BCBA YLS BOD Meeting at Buco de Peppo (University Drive), 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 27

Florida Bar Workshop at the BCBA Norma B. Howard Conference Center. For more information, contact Susan Austin 850/561-5719.

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Friday, July 28

Young Lawyer's Section Happy Hour with the Young CPA's of Broward County at Himarashee Side Bar from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Entrance is free. Please contact Anne Ogden at 954/626-0000 for more information.

Saturday, July 29

Caribbean Bar Association co-hosts a Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Hazelle Rogers at the City of Lauderdale Lakes Multipurpose Building (at 4340 N.W. 30 Street, Lauderdale Lakes). 2:00p.m. -5:00p.m. For more information, visit www.caribbeanbar.org.

Friday, September 8

T.J. Reddick Bar Association Monthly Meeting. Noon at the BCBA. For more information contact Deana Holiday at 954/894-8457.

Monday, September 11

Grievance Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 S.E. Third Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale.

Tuesday, September 12

BCBA BOD Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19

Grievance Committee Meeting, 2:30 p.m. at the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 S.E. Third Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale.

Monday, August 7

Grievance Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 S.E. Third Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale.

Tuesday, August 8

BCBA BOD Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8

Solo-Small Law Firm Networking Group Lunch, PLANTATION: Olive Garden 807 S University Drive (Fountains Plaza), Plantation RSVP by phoning John Rizvi, Esq. (954)583-9600

Thursday, August 10

Young Lawyers Section Judicial Candidates Luncheon at the Tower Club, in conjunction with the Hispanic Bar Association. Noon. Cost to attend is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Anne Ogden at ogden@bktriallaw.com

Thursday, August 10

Solo-Small Law Firm Networking Group Lunch, Lighthouse Point Area. Noon at the Fifth Avenue Grill (4650 N. Federal Highway). RSVP by phoning Jesse Lieberman, Esq. 954/596-9944.

Friday, August 11

T.J. Reddick Bar Association Monthly Meeting. Noon at the BCBA. For more information contact Deana Holiday at 954/894-8457.

Friday, August 11

Installation Luncheon for the Federal Bar Association, Broward County Chapter. Noon at the Riverside Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale.

Tuesday, August 15

Caribbean Bar Association Monthly Meeting at the Broward County Bar Association Norma B. Howard Conference Center. Includes Ethics CLE. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.caribbeanbar.org.

Tuesday, August 15

Bench and Bar Committee Meeting. Noon at the 110 Tower. RSVP by phoning 954/764-8040.

Wednesday, August 16

Solo-Small Law Firm Networking Group Lunch, Fort Lauderdale Area. 11:45 a.m. at Chuck's Steakhouse (corner of 17th Street and Miami Road, Ft. Lauderdale). RSVP by phoning Kathryn Holtzman, Esq. 954/763-1839.

Friday, August 18

Broward County Women Lawyer's Association Installation Luncheon (more details regarding the installation will be forthcoming).

Friday, August 18

Solo-Small Law Firm Networking Group Lunch, Hollywood Area. Noon at The Ark (6355 Stirling Road). RSVP by phoning Stephen Ziegler, Esq. 954/467-2000.

Wednesday, August 23

Solo-Small Law Firm Networking Group Lunch, Coral Springs Area. Noon at the Olive Garden (1555 N. University Drive). RSVP by phoning Ronald Luzim, Esq. 954/755-1500.

Friday, August 25

Solo-Small Law Firm Networking Group Lunch, Weston Area. Noon at Max's Grill (2210 Weston Road). RSVP by phoning Evan Baron, 954/385-9160.

Thursday, August 31

Construction Law Luncheon Meeting, noon at the Norma B. Howard Conference Center. Contact Brian Wolf at 954/761-8700.

Tuesday, September 19

Bench and Bar Committee Meeting. Noon at the 110 Tower. RSVP by phoning 954/764-8040.

Thursday, September 21

Family Law Section CLE Cruise. Seminar from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Cruise from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost to attend is \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members. Contact 954/764-8040 for more information.

Saturday, September 30

Caribbean Bar Association Annual Scholarship Banquet featuring a Silent Auction at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood. Cocktail Reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.caribbeanbar.org.



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