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## December Events

### NBBA Holiday Party

December 2, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.

### BCBA Holiday Party

December 8, 2011 • 5:30 p.m.

### YLS Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2011 • 12:00 noon

### DiveBar-Underwater Bar Association Holiday

**Happy Hour & 1/2**  
December 9, 2011 • 5:30 p.m.

### BCWLA Annual Holiday Judicial Reception

December 13, 2011 • 5:30 p.m.

### West Broward & South Broward Joint Holiday Party

December 16, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.

## Come Out to Our Holiday Party!

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*Holiday Party*

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## Veterans' Court Coming to Broward County

Fort Lauderdale, FL – The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is forming a new division within the circuit. Veterans Court will provide rehabilitative services to veterans struggling with treatable behavioral, mental health and substance abuse issues who come into the court system by way of another division, including drug court, mental health, and domestic violence.

The first planning session will be held December 1 in the cen-

tral courthouse; invitees include members of the Broward county commission, the Veterans' Administration, the Broward Bar Association, and various other community resources.

Though only in the planning stages now, the Seventeenth Circuit hopes to establish a defined program, ready to implement, in the coming months. "We believe this is an invaluable service to offer the men in women in our community that served us and now need our help," said Chief Judge Peter Weinstein.



# President's Message

By Jordana Goldstein



## The Holidays...A Time to Be Thankful

This truly is my favorite time of year. I love preparing for the holidays, shopping for presents, and attending parties with family, friends, and colleagues. I am truly in the holiday spirit and have been feeling this way for several weeks now given all of the holiday music on the radio and holiday decorations in the stores. I know most of us are so busy this time of year, but I encourage you to pause, if only for a moment, and really think about how fortunate we are and to be thankful for not only what we have, but who we have in our lives that support us each and every day. In that spirit, below I have listed just a few things I am so thankful for:

I am thankful to have a supportive and loving family. I am particularly thankful for my twins, Ariel and Jonah, who will be three years old this month, as they have enriched my life in more ways that I can possibly describe.

I am thankful for the education I received, which has enabled me to practice law amongst some of the brightest and hard working attorneys I have ever met.

I am thankful to work in a firm where cooperation and teamwork are valued and encouraged.

I am thankful for the staff members in my firm who never say no when I ask for help.

I am thankful to the attorneys in my firm who are always willing to discuss any issues that may arise in my cases (not to mention their willingness to cover a hearing for me when asked-especially this year!).

I am thankful for my bar presidency. In particular, I feel so fortunate to be able to work with a board of directors who work so hard to ensure that our Bar Association will grow and prosper.

I am thankful for the committee and section chairs who have tirelessly worked to organize various events and to educate our members by arranging CLE seminars and by ensuring that well written substantive legal articles are placed in the Barrister.

I am thankful for our members who continue to support the Bar by attending our events and who eagerly volun-

teer to assist with various activities.

I am thankful for Art Goldberg and his staff for all of their hard work. I am particularly thankful this year to Traci Lewis who has assisted in putting together every bar event that has occurred so far this year. To name just a few, she has helped to organize our annual installation dinner, "bar at the bar" happy hours, past presidents' luncheon, legislative reception, diversity seminar, new member reception, and our upcoming holiday party.

I am thankful for the Bar's sponsors, including Sabadell United Bank, Kaufman Rossin & Co., Connections for Business, Boss Certified Realtime Reporting, Legal Expert Connections, Westlaw, USI Affinity, Bob Coury - Insurance and Employee Benefits, and all of the law firms and attorneys whose generosity has enabled us to put on diverse programs and events for our members.

I am thankful for the attorneys who are committed to providing pro bono representation to members of our community because it is largely through their efforts that there is equal access to our justice system.

I am thankful that the weather has turned a bit cooler and the sun, for the most part, is usually shining, both of which remind me how fortunate we are to be living in Florida.

Last but certainly not least, I am most thankful to our troops both here and abroad, who unselfishly serve to protect us each and every day.

I encourage all of you to attend our annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8, 2011, which begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Bar Center. This event is being co-sponsored by the Broward County Women Lawyers' Association. We are thankful to be teaming up with this dynamic group of women to put on this wonderful event for all of our members. You can expect lots of food, drink, music and great conversation. I would like to remind everyone that the Young Lawyers Section will be collecting unwrapped toys for their annual "Holiday in January" Event, which benefits at-risk children in our community who are currently in foster care. Over the years, this program has benefitted hundreds of children in our community and I encourage you to support this worthy cause.

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful holiday and that you continue to have many things in your life to be thankful for.

# A Message from Bart Ostrzenski President, Young Lawyers Section



This article marks the mid point of our year and my Presidency and frankly, I am thrilled at our success. In fact, the YLS managed to raise a record breaking \$30,000.00 for Florida's Family First Tracey McPharlin Pro Bono Initiative from the Annual Golf Tournament. This was simply unbelievable.

From the ombudsman desk, some of you may have noticed that my November Barrister article looked an awful lot like my October article. You would be correct in that conclusion. As a result of a clerical error, my November article was not "printed" on the initial e-mail blast; however, it was corrected in the BCBA archives. Nevertheless, I felt it necessary to attach November's article to this one, as there were a number of individuals and organizations who deserve praise for their efforts for events past and I don't want that to be lost in archives. See page 13 for the November article.

As a final follow-up to the Golf Tournament, I wanted to congratulate and thank our tournament winners and sponsors from the event. As for the sponsors, our title sponsor was the Broward County Justice Association; Kelley Uustal was our gracious Tee-Off Happy Hour Sponsor; and, Digital Depo Services was our Beverage Sponsor. In addition, I wanted to thank Warren Infiniti for donating the sweet G 37 convertible, which was sweet, for the hole-in-one contest, which was certified at only 150 yards, but no one won. As for the golfers, first place went to the team consisting of Scott Chitoff (past-President, YLS), Dennis Hall, Adam Rabinowitz and James Bombulie. The second place foursome was Rick Holton, Ryan Holton Chuck Tetunic and Adam Hossein. Rounding-out third was Tasso Sterghos, Steve Bailey John Lorow and Pete Brignola. The longest and most spectacular drive of the day went to David Hirschberg. The Closest to the Pin winner was Simon Gluckman. Finally, the Putting Contest winner, after double overtime, was Matt Williams. Good job to you all.

Our November luncheon was held for the first time at the North Broward Courthouse in order to help make our luncheons more accessible for attorney outside of the downtown corridor. It was a delicious and informative undertaking, as Judges Schiff, DeLuca, Levy and Levey-Cohen were gracious hosts. I also want to thank Chief Judge Peter Weinstein for making an appearance in support of the cause. Thank you to all who attended.

As I am sure everyone has noticed, "tis the season"; the pumpkins are gone (and if not, they are hosting an ecosystem somewhere in your garage) and the retailers have switched into high gear for the Holidays. That means the Holiday YLS events are just around the corner. The first one up will be the return of the Breakfast with Judges. This will be on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. located in the Law Library at the main Courthouse.

Also, on December 9, 2011 at the Tower Club, we have the great fortune to have the Dillard High School choir return for our Holiday luncheon. Also, at that lunch, we will present Florida's Family First Tracey McPharlin Pro Bono Initiative with a check representing the proceeds raised at the Charity Golf Tournament. We expect a terrific crowd, including multiple judges from Broward County, and encourage you to register early for this luncheon. Please support the students from Dillard High School by attending this luncheon. You can register for this lunch, as well as stay current on all YLS activities by visiting [www.browardbar.org/yls](http://www.browardbar.org/yls).

# Family Court Division Gives Back to the Community

Lauren M. Alperstein and Lindsay P. Corcoran

'Tis the season to give thanks and come together for the greater good. That is exactly what the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Family Court Division is doing. This December marks the one year anniversary of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit's Family Pro Se Day. Family Pro Se Day is an event offered during nontraditional courthouse hours such as Saturdays and week nights to hundreds of unrepresented litigants in uncontested dissolution of marriage and name change cases.

In December 2010, Family Pro Se Day was initiated in an effort to help clear the backlogged family pro se docket, which has exponentially grown over the past several years. As a result of the economic crisis and Legal Aid funds being cut, the number of pro se litigants has, and continues to, escalate. Approximately seventy five to eighty percent of the family law cases in Broward County have at least one pro se litigant.

There have been three Family Pro Se Days this past year. Two of these were held on a Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and one was held on a Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Broward County Central Courthouse. Each event cleared between 300-400 cases for a total of 1,025 closed cases. By scheduling these cases for nontraditional court times, the Court is able to free up the Monday-Friday docket time for more complex family law cases.

Not only has Family Pro Se Day swiftly reduced the Family Division cases helping the backlogged dockets, Family Pro Se Day has provided unrepresented litigants a fast, convenient resolution to their cases without having to lose time from work. As Lynn Allen, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Family Court Manager, commented, "With the increase in unrepresented litigants, the family court administrators had to get creative in a positive and efficient way to move these cases through the system."

Former Trial Court Administrator Carol Ortman introduced the idea of Family Pro Se Day to the Seventeenth Circuit after the Superior Court of Arizona won a Justice Achievement Award for its Night and Saturday Family Court initiative. Knowing the

potential benefits this kind of program could have for the unrepresented family litigants in the Seventeenth Circuit, Ms. Ortman presented the idea to former Chief Judge Victor Tobin and the Unified Family Court Administrative Judge, Susan Greenhawt. Together, Ms. Ortman, Judge Tobin, and Judge Greenhawt reworked the concept of Family Pro Se Day into a program that would work for and benefit the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Allen had the challenge of rallying the cooperation of all the different court agencies to get Family Pro Se Day off and running. Family Pro Se Day requires volunteers on more levels than you would imagine. Not only do up to eight judges volunteer their time on each Pro Se Day, but the success of Family Pro Se Day also relies on court administration staff including family case managers, mediation staff, information systems personnel, clerk's staff, and deputies from the Broward Sheriff's Office. Cer-



tified Mediators volunteer their time to assist in solving any last minute disputes that may arise. Together, all of these units work as a team to provide a smooth running, docket clearing session for unrepresented litigants to have their cases heard, ruled upon, and finalized. The unrepresented litigants even receive free parking in the county parking garage.

All of the hard work has paid off: Family Pro Se Day has been a complete success. Ms. Allen attributes the success of the Family Pro Se Days to "the coordination of all the units helping—and, in particular, to the efforts of the case managers" continued on page 5



for their hard work, extra hours, and extra work on top of their already heavy workload." Ms. Allen feels "confident we'll be continuing this event, holding it on an as needed basis provided all the other departments and agencies have the ability to do so." Family Pro Se Day is a win for both the Court and the Broward County community.

The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Family Court Division also offers other programs to assist unrepresented litigants through the court system. By way of example, the Clerk's office sells pro se divorce forms and entire packets of forms needed throughout the dissolution of marriage, paternity, and name change process. In 1995, Court Administration started to offer the Pro Se Divorce Class on the first Monday of each month. The Pro Se Divorce Class is taught by volunteer attorneys from the Broward County Family Law Section. During the class, the volunteer attorneys go over each form in the dissolution of marriage with children and property packet to assist the unrepresented litigants in filling out their forms to efficiently move their case through the court system. The attorneys who have volunteered their time have found teaching the Pro Se Class very rewarding as they directly see the positive impact they are having on the litigants. In addition, as recently as October,

2011, General Magistrate Vicki Plant has been reassigned to a full, pro se only hearing docket in an effort to keep the pro se docket moving as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Local attorneys can get involved and volunteer for Family Pro Se Day or other court projects such as Teen Court or Guardian ad Litem for family cases by contacting Lynn E. Allen, Family Court Manager at 954-831-7756 or Jeanne Potthoff, Director of Mediation and Arbitration at 954-831-6075. The next Family Pro Se Day is tentatively scheduled to take place on January 21, 2012.

The Broward County Family Law Section is always looking for volunteers to teach the Pro Se Divorce Class. To find out more information and get involved, contact Heather Apicella, Esq. at 954-522-1700.

The Family Law Section of the Broward County Bar Association gives thanks to our Broward County Family Court Division for their efforts to ease the family case backlogged dockets and provide unrepresented litigants a quick and convenient resolution of their cases while freeing up regular court hours for other more complex cases.

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# Five Common Myths About Foreclosures

Mike Christiansen, Mediator/Arbitrator/Lawyer

## **MYTH 1: Foreclosure Mediators are all the same.**

They're not. Any of you who have done mediations know that mediators, like all other professionals, can be good, bad or indifferent. I regret to say that there are too many mediators in the twilight of their careers who are sleepwalking through mediation, who are passive, only moderately interested or less – and contribute little or nothing to the foreclosure mediation process. On the other hand, there are mediators who care, who understand HAMP and the various programs that are available by lenders. A caring, knowledgeable and motivated mediator can make the difference between yet another impasse and the successful modification of a mortgage.

## **MYTH 2: The bank has the documents.**

They don't. As a lawyer, probably the single most important contribution you can make before mediation is to make certain that your client has sent the documents – and if you or the client has to send them two, three or several times, so much the better. So often, mediation begins with the banker on the phone saying she or he has not received the necessary documents. Immediately, the integrity of the mediation is in question. Immediately, you've been set up for impasse. Make certain – doubly certain – that your client has completed all the documents and forwarded them to the lender. Check with bank counsel or the bank's website for a complete list of what's needed, but check it.

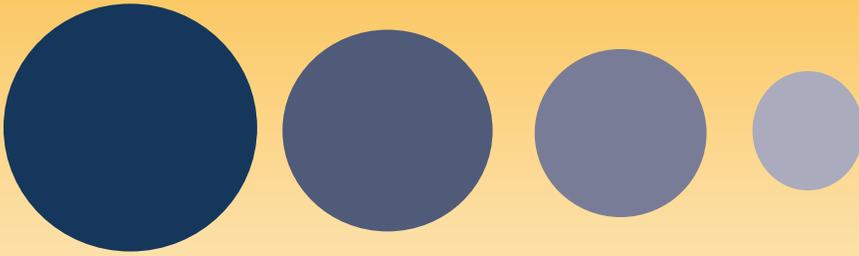
## **MYTH 3: The documents are complete.**

They aren't. So often, if the bank has documents, it doesn't have all the documents, or one document isn't signed, or some or all the documents are stale, or the incorrect box was checked, or the spouse didn't sign the 4506-T . . . and the list goes on and on. HAMP is a government program filled with regulations. Every "i" must be dotted and every "t" crossed to the nth degree. Even the proprietary programs that lenders have require exact compliance and every document not only must be received, it must be received in good order, properly executed and within the timeframes required by the bank. Do yourself and your client (and the mediator) a favor by making doubly – triply - certain that not only are all the documents in, but they are filled out correctly, properly executed and are timely.

## **MYTH 4: The bank will respond to threats or logic.**

They won't. You think you can defeat the Motion for Summary Judgment or assert strong defenses that will torpedo the foreclosure? Good for you. The banker could care less. You want to make a logical argument that **continued on page 7**





the bank shouldn't take back the property because the homeowners can maintain it? Go right ahead. The banker won't care. In mediation, the banker has to follow a set format and acts basically as a data entry clerk for the almighty algorithm that will determine whether your client gets a loan modification. The banker doesn't want to hear about threats or logical arguments – she or he has heard them all a thousand times before anyway – but more importantly has no authority to do anything about them anyway. Which bring me to the final myth . . .

**MYTH 5: Foreclosure mediation is mediation.**

It's not, actually. In "regular" mediation, the parties and their counsel, with the assistance of a mediator, hammer out an agreement. But in foreclosure mediation, the homeowner negotiates with an algorithm. That algorithm is unforgiving. That computer model doesn't have compassion or empathy built in. It doesn't understand threats. It doesn't understand logic. It only understands the data that is inputted. So in that sense, the foreclosure mediation process is something less than a mediation among plaintiffs, defendants and their counsel. In a foreclosure mediation, the lawyer has essentially no power whatsoever and the banker has little or no power either. Try mediating with the Terminator!

Believe me, I've seen successful foreclosure mediations and they will mean the world to your clients who are on the verge of losing their home. Nothing is more uplifting than to see the gratitude in a homeowner's eyes when his or her mortgage is modified and the threat of being homeless is lifted. You as an attorney can create the most optimistic climate for such a result by participating in the pre-mediation process and making certain that to the extent you have a choice of mediators, you make a good one; that you make certain that all the documents have been submitted; and that you double check all documents to make sure they are complete and fully executed; that you understand you're going into a room where your opponent is a computer program.

Yes, foreclosure mediation can be successful and yes, you can be a big part of making it so.

Mike Christiansen is a commercial and real estate mediator who's done hundreds of foreclosure mediations. He can be reached at [Mike@Christiansen-Resolutions.com](mailto:Mike@Christiansen-Resolutions.com), his law office at [Mike@m-c-law.com](mailto:Mike@m-c-law.com) or by phone at 954-561-1711.



# People & Places



Broward County Court Judge Sharon Zeller spoke at the monthly BCBA West Section Luncheon.

Jay Cohen, member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors representing the 17th Judicial Circuit was a guest speaker at the BCBA's monthly Bench and Bar Committee Meeting.



BCBA Commercial Section Chairperson Kevin Markow and Broward County Circuit Judge Jeffrey Streitfeld at the CLE Seminar hosted by the BCBA Commercial/Business Section at the Tower Club.



# New Members Reception



BCBA Board Member Charles Morehead,  
YLS Board Member Tobi Lebowitz, &  
BCBA Board Member Thomas Oates



YLS Board Member Sue-Ann Robinson-Cady,  
BCBA President Jordana Goldstein, Broward  
County Chief Judge Peter Weinstein, & Broward  
County Judge Michael Robinson



BCBA Board Member Robin Sobo Moselle  
and BCBA Secretary John Jordan



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Broward County Judge Mark Speiser



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Boss will be providing pro bono court reporting services for Legal Aid and Coast to Coast for the next 12 months.



*Thank you to the following Attorneys who accepted a Pro Bono case from Broward Lawyers Care October 2011*

- Linda Alley
- Julie Baker
- David Bazerman
- Eric Gabrielle
- Jorge E. Hurtado
- Jennifer Laufgas
- Lawrence Marin
- Chester Mcleod
- Nydia Menendez
- Barry S. Mittelberg
- Hofit Nagar
- Celena Nash
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- Karol Pierce
- Samuel A. Price
- Howard Raab
- Archie J. Ryan
- Thomas Sadler
- Elliott Stanley
- Roger Stanway



**Elizabeth G. Daugherty, Esq.** was recently selected to receive The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the 17th Judicial Circuit. Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida nominated Elizabeth for this Award because of her outstanding contribution in providing legal services to the poor in Broward County since 1994. The Award will be presented at a ceremony in Tallahassee at the Florida Supreme Court on January 26, 2012.

Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida extends our congratulations to Elizabeth for this honor.

*Save the Date!*

# Broward County Bar Association

## *Annual* Worker's Compensation Seminar and Cocktail Reception

**NEW LOCATION:** Renaissance Hotel  
1617 SE 17th Street Causeway

Fort Lauderdale  
February 24, 2012  
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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McIntosh, Sawran & Cartaya, P.A. is pleased to announce that Bruno Renda has joined the firm as an Associate in the Fort Lauderdale office. Mr. Renda graduated from Nova University in 2011 and is admitted to the Florida Bar. He will be practicing in the insurance coverage and defense division of the firm under the direction of Managing Partner Douglas M. McIntosh.

The firm also maintains offices in Miami, West Palm Beach and Orlando.

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# Legal Marketing Strategies for 2012 Success

By Margaret Griselda

The New Year gives us a fresh start for business development campaigns. While the economy may remain challenging, those law firms that set the pace early with proactive, professional marketing programs will be the most likely to succeed. Here are four recommendations to jump start your business development efforts in 2012.

## Update Your Referral Network

Networking is the primary source of new business for many attorneys. No matter how well networking works for you, it can always perform at a higher level with a little time and attention. Write down your referral sources, prioritize them, and set a schedule to stay in touch. Work your list on a monthly basis for best results, and remember to reciprocate.

## Market to Current and Past Clients

Your competitors covet your clients. It is well worth your time to stay close to both current and past accounts, particularly since they are your best source for new business.

Start right now to compose a January letter to your client base. The beginning of the New Year is a perfect time to market, particularly because many law firms are slow to start their 2012 marketing campaigns.

Use your holiday list as the basis for a letter advising clients on legal considerations that will affect their business or family in the coming 12 months. Offer a call-to-action, like a free consultation or an educational seminar, to accelerate the business development process.

## Launch a New Internet Marketing Campaign

Whatever you might be doing in terms of online marketing, add at least one new campaign to the 2012 mix. Choose from social media marketing (LinkedIn, Twitter, or Facebook), adding videos to your website, a blog, a monthly e-newsletter, or a Google AdWords campaign, to name a few.

If you are already doing all of these campaigns, then start to coordinate them more closely for higher leverage.

The right Internet campaign can bring almost immediate results. Of course, Google's first page is also a crowded and highly competitive marketplace. You may need to test a few marketing initiatives before you find the one that works best for you.

Go deep into your practice area to find very specific keyword terms that are not widely used by other law firms in your sector, yet still searched by your target audience. Use these terms in blog posts and/or create a special landing page on your website. You may find that while the volume of searches is less, the quality of the prospect may be better.

## Target 10 Ideal Prospects for 2012

Your "wish list" is 10-20 high quality prospects that you would really like as clients. This is where you want to spend a considerable part of your personal business development time. Determine who the hiring contact is for your legal services, and how you might arrange an introduction to this person. Always focus on what the next steps are with each wish list prospect. Even if your business is transactional, you can target one or more groups that match your ideal client profile.

Remember, never stop marketing! Marketing is a process and not an event.

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# President, Young Lawyers Section, Bart Ostrzenski's November Message

I am happy to announce that our October luncheon, which was co-hosted with the Broward County Women Lawyers' Association and featured Trudy Evans as our speaker, provided an informative perspective on business coaching. I would like to thank our President-Elect, Meghan Clary, for filling-in for me. Thank you to everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you next month.

In fact, our November luncheon is somewhat of a departure from our typical luncheons, in that we will be holding it at the North Broward Satellite Courthouse on Hillsboro Boulevard. Judge Louis Schiff invited the YLS to have a luncheon on the north side of the County, so as to provide those attorneys who may not be able to get down to Fort Lauderdale the opportunity to participate in our monthly luncheon series. The Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 12:00. The cost is \$20.00 and you can register for the event by visiting [www.browardbar.org/ylys](http://www.browardbar.org/ylys).

The most anticipated event of the year so far has been Annual YLS Charity Golf Tournament, which took place on October 15, 2011. I need to first and foremost thank the entire YLS board for working as hard as they did on this event. However, the co-chairs of the event require special recognition for their extraordinary efforts; Meghan Clary, Lindsay Corcoran and Jeffrey Wank ensured that this year's golf tournament was historic. The YLS sold-out of available golfers (144) and raised the most sponsorship money in the history of the event.

In addition to the YLS board, I need to thank Florida's Family First, Todd McPharlin (and family) and Howard Talenfeld (and family) for being such strong advocates for the cause and being ideal partners in order to make this fund raiser more successful than ever before. If you were not able to attend the happy hour or golf tournament, feel free to visit [www.floridaschildrenfirst.org](http://www.floridaschildrenfirst.org) to obtain more information about the Tracey McPharlin Pro Bono Initiative, which was the beneficiary organization of the golf tournament, or to make a monetary contribution.

Looking forward, I hope that this article is published in time to let you know about the co-hosted happy hour with the Federal Bar Association Broward County Chapter on November 10. It will take place at Vibe on Las Olas from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All attendees will be provided two complimentary drinks and appetizers will be served. You can RSVP with Jennifer Hirschberg at [jbh@kblglaw.com](mailto:jbh@kblglaw.com).

As I mentioned in my last article, we were exploring the reinstatement of the monthly breakfast with judges' event at the central courthouse. We have moved beyond the planning stages and have tentatively scheduled the first breakfast to be on December 2, in the law library, which will start at 8:30 a.m. Keep an eye on your e-mail in-box for more detailed information in the next week or so.

If you have any questions regarding the YLS and any of our events, feel free to contact me via e-mail at [Ostrzenski@oslawyers.com](mailto:Ostrzenski@oslawyers.com).



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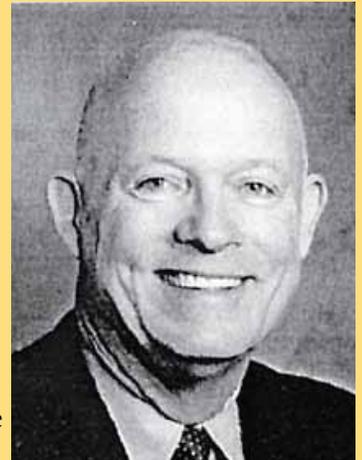
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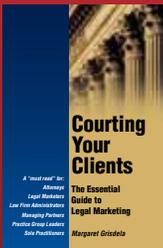
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## NBBA Holiday Party

December 2, 2011 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Cap's Place Island Restaurant

## 4 Hour Minor Guardianship Class

December 3, 2011 • 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m., \$100  
Attorneys welcome, Florida Bar approved for CLE credits  
BCBA Offices: 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale  
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## Bankruptcy Lunch and Learn

December 5, 2011 • 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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## BCBA Holiday Party

December 8, 2011 • 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
NO RSVP Necessary  
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## YLS Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2011 • 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Performance by the Students of Dillard Center of the Arts;  
\$25 per person; Tower Club

## DiveBar-Underwater Bar Association

### Holiday Happy Hour & 1/2

December 9, 2011 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
No Charge - Please bring an unwrapped toy!  
Quarterdeck Restaurant  
1541 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale FL 33316  
Contact Kim: [kim@thedivebar.org](mailto:kim@thedivebar.org) or (954)522-6601

## 8 Hour Adult Guardianship Class

December 10, 2011 • 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m., \$180  
Attorneys welcome, Florida Bar approved for CLE credits  
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## BCBA Executive Committee Meeting

December 12, 2011 • 9:30 am - 12:00 p.m.  
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## Family Law E-Filing Training

December 12, 2011 • 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
\$15 BCBA Members; \$25 Non-Members  
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## Bench and Bar Committee Meeting

December 13, 2011 • 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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## BCBA Board of Directors Meeting

December 13, 2011 • 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
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## BCWLA Annual Holiday Judicial Reception

December 13, 2011 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
\$50 BCWLA Members; \$60 Non-Members  
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620 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale FL  
Contact: [rsvp@bcwla.com](mailto:rsvp@bcwla.com)

## Intellectual Property & Business Law CLE Lunch and Learn

December 14, 2011 • 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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## Membership Committee

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## Legislative Affairs Committee

December 22, 2011 • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
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## January Events...

- 1/12/12; Probate Seminar 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 1/13/12; Criminal Section Seminar 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
- 1/19/12; Probate E-Filing 12 noon - 2 p.m.
- 1/25/12; Family E-Filing

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