

St. Lucie County Bar Association

The Heart of the Treasure Coast



Message From The President

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Fall is here and those of us who are football fanatics are excited about our favorite game returning to television. Football fans are some of the most loyal folks you will ever find when it comes to their team. College or professional (or both as it is in my house), the game is full of fast action and hard hitting.

Like football our Bar Association has upcoming action. We on the Executive Committee are planning some exciting events this fall. One of which is hanging the portraits of the St. Lucie County Florida Supreme Court Justices in our courthouse.

Two years ago, our Bar commissioned a photographer in Tallahassee to professionally photograph those Florida Supreme Court Justices who hailed from St. Lucie County and frame them with the notion of hanging those portraits in our own courthouse.

Because the courthouse was undergoing renovation, we had to postpone a dedication ceremony until now. We are proud to announce we will be having a dedication ceremony with a judicial appreciation reception to follow.

Please watch for the date and time, as we will post those in the near future.

I want to thank all those who came to our welcome back Bar lunch at Cobb's Landing. We had a full house of members join us. We also thank our sponsor Bank United for their sponsorship of our meeting. Without sponsors we would not be able to do all of the events we host throughout the year.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for an event or speaker, please contact me at (772) 905 – 8692.

Please bring a friend (and potential new member) to our next lunch on Friday, October 5, 2012.

See you all there!

Hugh J. Eighmie II





Upcoming General Membership Luncheons

Regular Bar meetings are held on the first Friday of every month from noon to 1:00pm at Cobb's Landing in downtown Fort Pierce. All attending active members receive complimentary buffet lunch. During each luncheon, a different guest speaker gives a presentation on current legal topics. CLE credit is provided.

The dates of this year's general monthly meetings are:

October 5, 2012	January 4, 2013	March 1, 2013
November 2, 2012	February 1, 2013	April 5, 2013

"The St. Lucie County Bar Association is comprised of dedicated attorneys who practice law in and around St. Lucie County.

Our members consist of some of the finest attorneys in the country.

Our mission is to provide the public with access to all state and federal courts on Florida's Treasure Coast, and to provide the same access to our members."

Upcoming Special Events

Young Lawyers Mixer

October 25, 2012 at 6pm at Vine and Barley in St. Lucie West. Come out and meet your fellow young lawyers while enjoying some wine and cheese! For more information, contact DApfelbaum@deanmead.com.

Second Annual Charity Mixer with the FICPA

November 7, 2012 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Cobb's Landing. Please bring canned goods to donate to the Treasure Coast Food Bank or a monetary donation for Sarah's Kitchen. Great prizes will be raffled, and there will also be a 50/50 raffle. Please come out and support two great organizations—let's raise more food and money than the accountants!

Holiday Party

December 5, 2012 at 5:30pm at the Pelican Yacht Club. Please contact ewenl@circuit19.org with suggestions for this year's entertainment.

Spring Softball Tournament

The Martin County Bar Association has challenged us to a softball game in February. Please email ewenl@circuit19.org to join the team. Hopefully we'll be able to get in a few practices after the holidays before we beat the MCBA in February!

2013 Bench Bar Conference

April 12, 2013 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. For more information, see the attached flyer or contact haroldmelville@bellsouth.net.

Law Day

May 3, 2012 at 12:00pm at the Pelican Yacht Club.

SLCBA Committee Information

Judicial Liaison Committee:

The Judicial Liaison Committee works to assist in building better relationships and understanding between the members of our judiciary and the members of the bar. This is important, because it is difficult for lawyers and judges to exchange thoughts and concerns if their only interaction is in the formal setting of a courtroom.

The Committee works with the staff of Florida Rural Legal Services each year to produce the Annual Bench Bar Conference. The annual conference is an all-day event which provides both educational opportunities and an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and issues between the bench and the bar. Since this is a circuit wide event, the Committee has members from not only the SLCBA but also from all of the bar associations in the circuit. In addition to the Annual Bench Bar Conference, the Committee also periodically hosts judicial receptions and smaller informal events to assist in communications between the bench and the bar.

For more information, contact **HaroldMelville@bellsouth.net**.



Harold G. Melville, Esq.
Melville & Sowerby, P.L.

Pro-Bono Committee:

The Pro Bono Committee assists Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) in the placement and handling of pro bono cases, and in holding special events to provide free civil legal assistance to indigents and low income individuals, in St. Lucie County. The primary function of Committee is recruiting SLCBA members to “staff” various events, in particular “Ask-a-Lawyer” Pro Bono Clinics that are scheduled for a St. Lucie County venue approximately once each quarter. For these Clinics, FRLS pre-qualifies clients, sets appointments for consultations of ½ hour each, and provides malpractice coverage for the volunteer attorneys who provide counseling services to clients. At the last event, held on September 19, volunteer attorneys from the SLCBA counseled a total of 24 clients within a period of about two hours.

FRLS anticipates that the next “Ask-a-Lawyer” Clinic will be held in mid-December. The Pro Bono Committee will notify the SLCBA membership of the date, time, and location once confirmed, and will again recruit volunteers for the event.

For more information, contact either **DHarrell@gh-law.com**, or **Carolyn.Fabrizio@frls.org**.



Carolyn Fabrizio, Esq.
Pro Bono Coordinator
Florida Rural Legal Services

Young Lawyers Division:

The young lawyers division is designed to serve lawyers new to the profession. We assist in providing mentors within the profession and provide opportunities to serve the community. Our committee will put together events for new lawyers and come up with ways to serve the community and the profession.

On October 25, we are hosting a mixer at Vine and Barley at 6pm. Come out and meet us while enjoying wine and cheese!

For more information, contact DApfelbaum@deanmead.com.



Dana Apfelbaum, Esq.
Dean, Mead, Minton & Zwemer

Membership:

The membership committee is responsible for encouraging new members to join the SLCBA and helping to facilitate events that will accomplish that goal. Please bring a friend to a meeting or an upcoming event. Visit our website to see how you can become a member by filling out a brief application and paying your required annual membership dues which cover your monthly lunches which offer CLE's, the Holiday party, and law week activities. Also, please see the attached application.

Shannon Eighmie, Esq.
Assistant Public Defender
(photo currently unavailable)

Special Events:

The special events committee seeks to coordinate interactive social functions for SLCBA members to attend. At these events, members have the opportunity to network with other local attorneys as well as individuals in different professional fields. This year, we have a range of exciting events planned. Please see the list of "Upcoming Special Events" on page 2 for more details.

For more information, contact EwenL@circuit19.org.



Lillian Ewen, Esq.
Appellate Staff Attorney

Newsletter:

The SLCBA Newsletter is published monthly by the St. Lucie County Bar Association as a service to its members. We strive to include legal articles covering current and trending legal topics, committee news, and coverage of local events. We welcome article submissions, opinions on current topics, and letters to the editor.

For more information, contact BrejC@circuit19.org.



Caroleen Brej, Esq.
Felony Staff Attorney

SLCBA Membership

To join the St. Lucie County Bar Association, you may register online or by completing and submitting the application attached at the end of this newsletter.

Pricing:

Private Attorneys:

Over 5 year of practice: \$150

Less than 5 years of practice: \$75

Government Attorneys: \$75

Assistant State Attorneys and Public Defenders: \$30

Visit us online @ www.SLCBA.org
or contact us in writing:
St. Lucie County Bar Association
P.O. Box 3014
Fort Pierce, Florida 34948

2012-2013 Executive Board:

President: Hugh J. Eighmie II

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Immediate Past President: Jennifer R. Kuczler

Judicial Liaison Chair: Harold G. Melville

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Young Lawyers Division Chair: Dana Apfelbaum

Membership Chair: Shannon Eighmie

Newsletter Editor Chair: Caroleen Brej

Newsletter Submissions

The SLCBA Newsletter is published monthly by the St. Lucie County Bar Association as a service to its members. Please feel free to submit articles, opinions, news, or other information.

In the upcoming issues, we hope to include legal articles covering current and trending legal topics, committee news, and coverage of local events. We are open to and appreciate all feedback!

Please contact Caroleen Brej at brejc@circuit19.org with any submissions, announcements, or ideas for our newsletter; please put "SLCBA Newsletter" in the subject line of all emails.

Advertising space is available for purchase.



Barbara Paxton and Rick Lynch

Event Recap: Inaugural Norm Paxton Golf Tournament

The golf tournament was a huge success!

The first place team was Joey Trefelner, Jared Trefelner, Brett Chevier, and Steve Cheyne.

September Meeting Highlights:

A special thanks to Bank United for sponsoring our first luncheon!

Our guest speaker was Ed Sikorski, Jr., and the topic was effective mediations between personal injury clients and insurance companies.

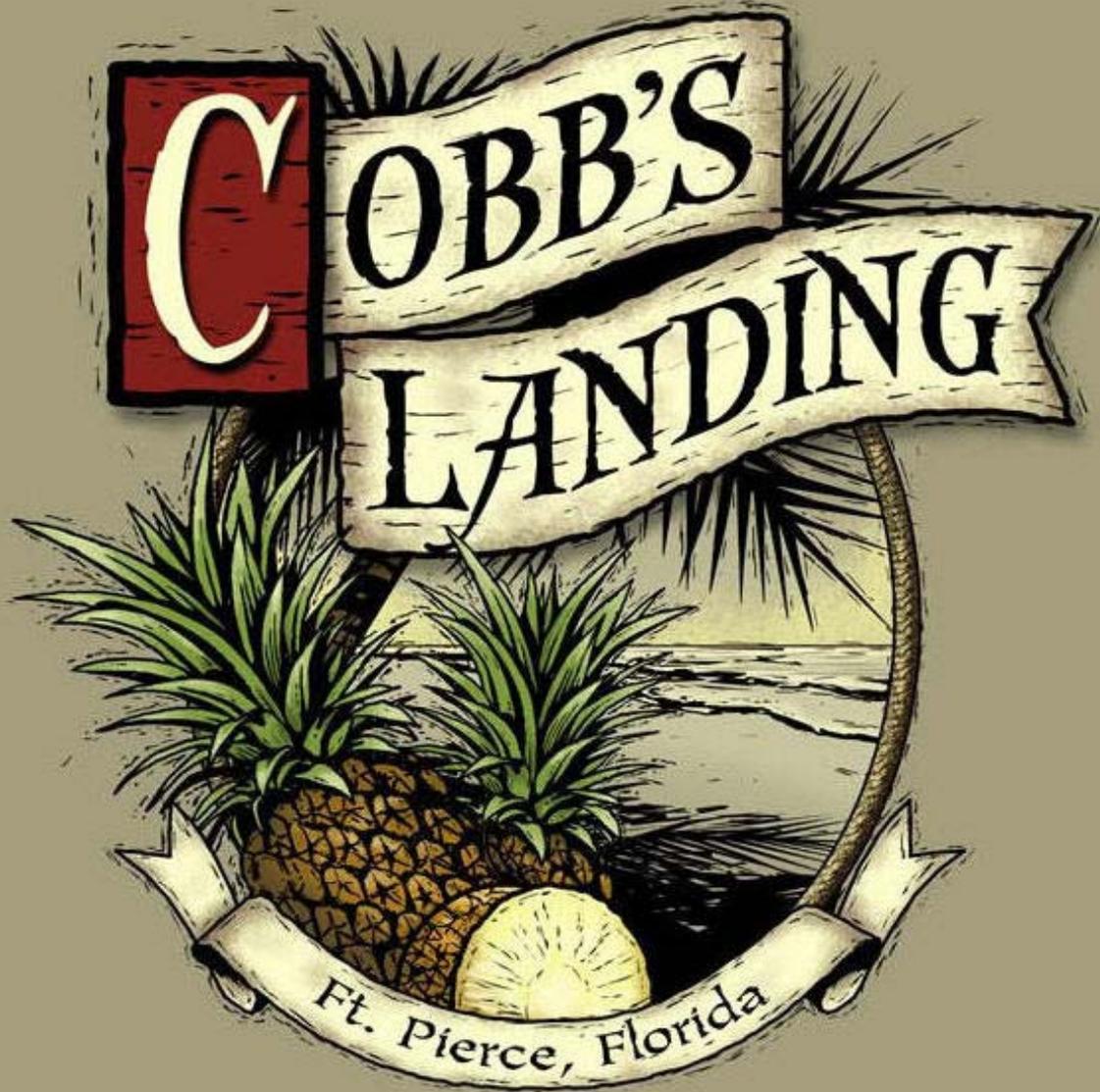
Attendees received CLE credit.

Below are some pictures from our September meeting.



Please join the SLCBA on October 5, 2012 from 12pm to 1pm for
the Association's monthly meeting.

Our speaker is Robert Hamilton
and the topic is effective trial presentation and exhibits.



Please RSVP by October 4th to garrett@hosklaw.com

Menu

Salad: Assorted greens, tomatoes, cucumber, bacon, onions, eggs, peppers
Grilled chicken, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad
Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee
Fresh Fruit and Assorted Cookies

2013 Annual Bench Bar Conference

The SLCBA Judicial Liaison Committee recently met and confirmed the date of **April 12, 2013** for the next Annual Bench Bar Conference. The 2013 Bench Bar Conference will be held at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, where it was successfully held last year.

The program is currently being finalized, but will include segments on professionalism, the current requirements for e-filing, and effective law office management. There will also be the opportunity for substantial interaction between the judiciary and the members of the bar, with judicial insight concerning how to be a more effective advocate. This year we will again have break out discussions groups in specific practice areas.

The Annual Bench Bar Conference is an excellent opportunity for positive interaction between the members of the bar and our respected judiciary. This is also an opportunity to obtain substantial CLE credit either at minimal cost or simply for agreeing to take a pro bono case from Florida Rural Legal Services.

As always, the staff of FRLS has been instrumental in helping organize the Annual Bench Bar Conference and supporting its presentation.

Mark your calendars for April 12, 2013.

More information will be forthcoming as the program is finalized.

**DUES NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

NAME: _____ FIRM: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____
BAR NUMBER: _____ COURTHOUSE BOX #: _____
WEBSITE: _____ CERTIFICATIONS: _____

AREAS OF PRACTICE: Please limit to no more than 10:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Defense | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admiralty Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Law | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate-Commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate-Residential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate-Litigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant-Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment & Sports Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant-Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Trusts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Business/Succession Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Personal | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare/Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support/Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent/Trademark Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner's Assn. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Law | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury - Defense | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury - Plaintiff | |

Other (Please List): _____

**BAR DUES FOR 2012-2013: \$150.00 General Members
\$75.00 Young Lawyers Division Members
\$75.00 Full-Time Government Attorneys
\$30.00 Assistant State Attorneys and Assistant Public Defenders**

JUDGES ARE EXEMPT FROM BAR ASSOCIATION DUES

**YOU MAY NOW PAY BAR DUES ONLINE BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)
THROUGH THE BAR'S WEBSITE: WWW.SLCBA.ORG**

Alternatively, you may submit payment to: St. Lucie Bar Association, P.O. Box 3014, Ft. Pierce, FL 34948