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St. Lucie County Bar Association

The Heart of the Treasure Coast

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Message From The President

Welcome back from our summer recess! I am honored and excited to assume the presidency of our great St. Lucie County Bar Association for the upcoming 2013-2014 year.

Several events are already planned for this fall which include our first lunch meeting on Friday **September 6th** at noon at Cobb's Landing, and a highly anticipated portrait hanging dedication ceremony followed by a judicial reception in honor of the Florida Supreme Court Justices from St. Lucie County on Wednesday **September 25th** in the jury room.

More events are in the works as I type this letter, so be sure to bookmark our newly redesigned website (www.slcba.org) for additional details and an updated calendar of events! Most of these events are completely free for members who are up to date on their dues, so please be sure to mail in your payment as soon as possible to take advantage of everything we have going on this year.

Thank you all again,

Lillian Ewen



Visit our redesigned website www.SLCBA.org



"The St. Lucie County Bar Association consists of the attorneys who practice law in St. Lucie County, Florida. Our mission is to promote respect for the legal profession, serve our local legal community, and foster camaraderie among attorneys in St. Lucie County."

Upcoming Monthly 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:

September 6, 2013	November 1, 2013	March 7, 2014
October 4, 2013	February 7, 2014	April 4, 2014

Upcoming Special Events

Criminal E-Filing Training:

Thursday, August 29 and Friday, August 30 - the Clerk's Office will hold 5 separate demo sessions on Criminal E-Filing which launches on October 1. Register online. See the flyer on page 6 for more times and other information.

Portrait Dedication Ceremony and Judicial Reception:

Wednesday, September 25 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the St. Lucie County Courthouse Jury room. Please join us as we honor the four Florida Supreme Court Justices from St. Lucie County. See the flyer on page 7.

3rd Annual Cocktail Par-Tee and Golf Tournament:

Friday, October 11 at 6:00 pm - Cocktail Par-Tee; **Saturday, October 12 at 7:30 am** - Golf Tournament. Hosted by LifeBuilder's of the Treasure Coast, held at The Legacy Golf and Tennis Club. Price for the tournament is \$125.00 for golfers (includes attendance at cocktail party). Price for non-golfer to attend cocktail party is \$25.00. Call 772-940-9942. See the flyer on page 8.

National Pro Bono Week Ask-a-Lawyer Event:

Thursday, October 17 at 1:00 pm - 4:00pm at the St. Lucie County Courthouse, Jury Room. See the flyer on page 9 for more information.

Charity Mixer with the Florida Institute of CPAs:

Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 pm - 7:30pm at Cobb's Landing.

Annual Holiday Party:

Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 pm - 9:30pm at the Pelican Yacht Club.

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We have a vacancy for the secretary/treasurer position for the 2013-2014 year. Please contact Lillian Ewen at ewenl@circuit19.org if you're interested.

Please join the SLCBA on Friday September 6, 2013 at 12pm for the monthly meeting. Our speaker is Circuit Judge Larry Schack, and the topic is Acting as an Attorney Ad Litem in Dependency Court.



Please RSVP by September 5th at noon to ewenl@circuit19.org.

Salad Buffet: Mixed greens/spinach, grape tomatoes, carrots, red onion,
crumbled bacon, bleu cheese, chopped egg, grilled chicken
Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit, Breadsticks
Iced tea, soda, and coffee
Assorted cookies

Lunch sponsored by



SLCBA Committee Information

Judicial Liaison:

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 FRLS 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:

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.

For more information regarding the Pro Bono committee, contact either DHarell@gh-law.com, or Carolyn.Fabrizio@frls.org.

UPCOMING EVENT: Ask-a-Lawyer on Thursday, October 17, from 1-4pm. See the flyer on page 9 for more information.



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

Young Lawyers:

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.

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. 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 articles covering current and trending legal topics, committee news, and local events. We welcome member article submissions, opinions on current topics, and letters to the editor.

For more information, contact BrejC@circuit19.org.



Caroleen Brej, Esq.
Felony Staff Attorney

Criminal E-Filing Demos at the St. Lucie Clerk's Office August 29 and 30



Criminal E-Filing launches October 1 in St. Lucie County. To ensure a seamless transition of services in St. Lucie County, the Clerk's office is hosting **five demo sessions on August 29 and 30**. The sessions will be held in the 3rd floor training lab of the Clerk's main office in downtown Ft. Pierce. Representatives from the Clerk's office and the Florida Court Clerks & Comptroller's association will also

be on hand to provide a general overview of Criminal E-Filing and answer many of your questions. If you practice criminal law in St. Lucie County, you are highly encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

The training sessions will outline:

- General overview of criminal e-filing
- Upcoming changes to the criminal process
- Necessary preparations for criminal attorneys
- Resources available for technical assistance
- Question/Answer session with the Clerk's office and the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers association.

The dates and times of the five training sessions are:

Thursday, August 29

10 am - 11 am

2 pm - 3 pm

4 pm - 5 pm

Friday, August 30

10 am - 11 am

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Attendance is **FREE** but you must **REGISTER online in advance!**

If you have any questions about the demo sessions, please contact Kristen Garrison at (772) 462-1146.

The Saint Lucie County Bar Association

Cordially Invites You to:

The Portrait Dedication of the Four Florida Supreme Court Justices From Saint Lucie County



Wednesday September 25th, 2013
5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Saint Lucie County Courthouse
Jury Room

Reception to follow—sponsored by



LifeBuilder's of the Treasure Coast, Inc.
3rd Annual Golf Tournament
Save the Date
Saturday, October 12, 2013



Cocktail Par-tee, Friday October 11, 2013

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LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast, Inc.
3rd Annual
Golf Tournament - October 12, 2013 @ 7:30a.m.
Cocktail Par-Tee - October 11, 2013 @ 6:00p.m.

*Tournament being held at
The Legacy Golf and Tennis Club*

Sponsorship Opportunities
Golf Registration Information
and Updates

Call (772)940-9942

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Life Builders of the Treasure Coast, Inc. 3604 NE Indian Road, Suite 200, Fort St. Lauderdale, FL 33308

SLCBA Pro Bono Committee **to Celebrate National Pro Bono Week**

In 2009, the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service launched National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. National Pro Bono Week allows us to draw attention to the need for pro bono services while celebrating the pro bono work attorneys provide throughout the year. With your help, over the past 4 years we have been able to increase local access to justice by presenting pro bono events during National Pro Bono Week. This year, Pro Bono Week is October 20th - 26th. The SLCBA is celebrating pro bono week in advance with our "Ask-a-Lawyer" event. The event is being held on Thursday, October 17, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Saint Lucie County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, Fort Pierce.

FRLS will pre-screen clients and set appointments for 30 minute consultations. The appointments will be for on-site counsel and advice only with **NO on-going commitment**. We need volunteers! Volunteer for 1, 2, or 3 hours!

To volunteer for the event or for additional information please contact:

Carolyn Fabrizio, 19th Circuit Pro Bono Coordinator at carolyn.fabrizio@frls.org (772) 466-4766, ext. 7024 or

Daniel Harrell, Esq., Pro Bono Committee Chairperson at ddharrell@qh-law.com (772) 464-1032, ext. 1010



National Pro Bono Celebration
October 20 - 26, 2013

In the News: Judge Mark Klingensmith is Appointed to the 4th DCA



Congratulations to Mark Klingensmith on his appointment to the Fourth District Court of Appeals!! He previously served our 19th Judicial Circuit as a circuit judge in the St. Lucie County Family Division. Prior to taking the bench, Klingensmith had been in private practice in a West Palm Beach law firm and served as chairman of the Republican Party of Martin County. He also served as mayor of Sewall's Point from 2010 to 2011.

He began his post West Palm Beach on August 12, 2013 and the SLCBA wishes him the best of luck in his new appointment.

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.

\$150 General Members
\$75 Young Lawyers Division Members
\$75 Full Time Government Attorneys
\$30 Assistant State Attorneys and Public Defenders

Visit our new website
www.SLCBA.org
or contact us in writing:
P.O. Box 3014
Fort Pierce, Florida 34948

Dues for the 2013-2014 year are now due and payable.

Please submit your payment as soon as possible to PO Box 3014, Fort Pierce, Florida 34948 or at the September 6 monthly meeting.

2013-2014 Executive Board:

President: Lillian Ewen

Vice President: Garrett S. Roberts

Secretary and Treasurer: Vacant

Immediate Past President: Hugh J. Eighme II

Judicial Liaison Chair: Harold G. Melville

Pro Bono Chair: Dan Harrell and Carolyn Fabrizio

Young Lawyers Division Chair: Dana Apfelbaum

Membership Chair: Shannon Eighmie

Newsletter Editor : Caroleen Brej

Newsletter Submissions

The SLCBA Newsletter is published monthly. Please feel free to submit articles, opinions, news, or other information. We hope to include articles covering current and trending legal topics, committee news, and local events. We are open to and appreciate all feedback!

Contact Caroleen Brej at **brejc@circuit19.org** with any submissions, announcements, or ideas ; put "SLCBA Newsletter" in the subject line.

Submissions may be in Word or PDF format.

See the deadline chart below.

Advertising space is available for purchase.

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Submission Deadline	Date of Publication	Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Aug 23	Sept 6
Sept 13	Sept 20	Oct 4
Oct 11	Oct 18	Nov 1
Jan 17	Jan 24	Feb 7
Feb 14	Feb 21	March 7
March 14	March 21	April 4

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:

<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 2013-2014: \$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

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