



St. Lucie County Bar Association

The Heart of the Treasure Coast

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Message From The President

I always find that the end of the year sneaks up on me. With the Christmas tree already standing tall next to Cobb's Landing, stores stocking their shelves with holiday goodies, and festive music sneaking its way onto the radio, this year is no exception. While we clearly have many blessings to count, it's always important to remember those less fortunate than us, a notion that was reinforced at last week's social with local accountants to benefit Sarah's Kitchen and the Treasure Coast Food Bank. Be sure to take some time this holiday season to give thanks for what you have and to share those blessings with others.

Speaking of which, I wanted to share a few things for which I am thankful related to the SLCBA:

- **Our sponsors:** Our fall has been chock full of social events, many of them made possible by the generous sponsorship of various businesses.
- **Our officers:** Every day, our executive board and various committee chairs are working tirelessly to keep our organization going.
- **Our members:** Without your support and attendance, our organization would crumble.

I sincerely hope that you and yours have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season, and I look forward to an exciting 2014!

Sincerely,

Lillian Ewen





“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 the 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.

Reminder: We will not be having a regular Bar meeting in December or January. Our next monthly Bar meeting will be held in February.

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

February 7, 2014 March 7, 2014 April 4, 2014

Upcoming Special Events

Annual Holiday Party:

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

Inside the Appellate Court: An Afternoon with the 4th DCA:

Friday, January 14 at 11:00 am—6:00 pm at the Boca Raton Country Club.

Friends of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library Black Tie Gala:

Saturday, February 15 at 6:30 pm—11:30 pm at the PGA Pavilion in PGA.

Annual Bench Bar Conference:

Friday, April 11, 2014 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center.

Law Day Luncheon:

Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Pelican Yacht Club.



In the News: Judge Tony Schwab is Appointed to the 19th Circuit

Congratulations to Tony Schwab on his appointment to the circuit bench! Schwab started his career at the State Attorney’s office before moving to private practice in 1997. Schwab has served as a Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Traffic Magistrate since 2003. He is taking over the family and juvenile assignment vacated by Judge Mark Klingensmith’s appointment to the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Judge Schwab takes the bench on December 9, 2013. The St. Lucie County Bar Association wishes him the best of luck in his new appointment. Stay tuned for details on his January 2014 investiture in St. Lucie County.

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. This year, the conference will be held on April 11, 2014 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. We will examine the impact of social media on legal practice, and include breakout sessions covering different practice areas, including civil, criminal, family and appellate law. 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@firls.org.



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 invite members to submit articles, opinions on current topics and letters to the editor.

For more information, contact Shaniek.Maynard@usdoj.gov.



Shaniek Maynard, Esq.
Assistant United States Attorney



St. Lucie County Bar Association

Annual Holiday Party

Wednesday December 4, 2013

Pelican Yacht Club

1120 Seaway Drive

Fort Pierce, Florida 34949

(772) 464-2700

Free to members who are current on their dues (\$50 for non-members)

Cocktail Hour: 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Beer and Wine included)

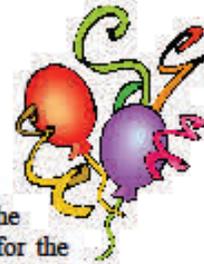
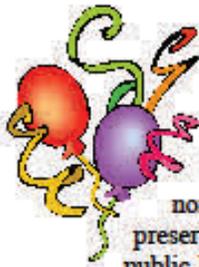
Buffet Opens at 6:00pm

Cash bar after 7:30pm

Please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated



Friends of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library Gala



The Friends of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library ("Friends") is a non-profit organization founded in 2003 and dedicated and devoted to the preservation and promotion of public access to the law through support for the public law library. The Friends are interested in the advancement of education in the law for not only the legal profession, but also the general public, and in that light focus their efforts on building a strong law library.

In furtherance of that dedication and devotion, the Friends will host a fundraiser, specifically a black-tie gala on Saturday, February 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the PGA Pavilion in PGA Village in Port St. Lucie. The Gala anticipates 200 attendees, among them many corporate sponsors and law firm sponsors.

And, the Friends are pleased to announce that the Marshall Brothers Band ("the MBB") will be the entertainment for the evening. The MBB is a classic Southern rock band whose roots are here in south Florida. The MBB is headed by Derek (lead guitar) and Alan Marshall (lead vocals). The MBB is a band that has transcended their schooling to produce a volatile blues-rock sound of pure energy, inspiration and love. The MBB have learned their lessons well and, and they play with the same drive and conviction of their mentors, The Allman Brothers. Indeed, the MBB's own music, like the music of all Southern rock artists, is rooted in rock and roll, country music and the blues. When The MBB plays, you will hear their blues rock which draws from native elements of country and folk music, and incorporates long jams informed by jazz and classical music. The MBB, boil down its potent regional influence-blues, country, soul-into a heady, potentially crippling homebrew. They like to play. Their lead guitars are not just for show.

So, please come join The Friends and purchase your ticket, or become a corporate sponsor, or sponsor a table, and participate in what is sure to be a high energy evening of cocky, boisterous, and yet soulful, bluesy Southern Rock 'n Roll! Tickets are \$100 per person. To purchase tickets, payments may be mailed to the Friends of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library, 221 S. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34980. For more information, please call (772) 462-2370.

All proceeds will go to support the Rupert J. Smith Law Library, south Florida's largest receptacle for legal texts, law journals, law review articles, and all forms of legal scholarship, some in hard form, and mostly in a digital format



**The SLCBA Celebrates
Judge Mark W.
Klingensmith's
Appointment to the Fourth
District Court of Appeals
on November 8, 2013**

**Congratulations
Judge Klingensmith!**



The CLE from Public Defender Diamond Litty's presentation at the November 1 meeting, "A Holistic Approach to Public Defending," is **1309289N**

Job Announcements

19th Judicial Circuit: Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer Independent Contractor. Closing date is December 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. A cover letter and resume are required. Please see <http://www.circuit19.org/careers.html> for more details.



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November 5, 2013

Lillian Ewen, President
St. Lucie County Bar Association
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Dear Lillian:

Please let your members know that my term as a Circuit Court Judge in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit ends in December, 2014, and that I will not be seeking reelection. I am making this announcement now so that any of your members who may be interested in running for election for that position can plan accordingly.

Yours truly,

Robert Makemson
Judge of the Circuit Court

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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 a monthly meeting.

2013-2014 Executive Board:

President: Lillian Ewen

President-Elect: Carlos Wells

Secretary and Treasurer: Victoria Adkins

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 : Shaniek Maynard

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 Shaniek Maynard at shaniek.maynard@usdoj.gov 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:

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| <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-Utigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
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| <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

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