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St. Lucie County Bar Association

The Heart of the Treasure Coast

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Message From The President

It took over two weeks and the looming threat of a historic default and economic calamity (or so we were led to believe), but as I type this letter, our elected officials in Washington, D.C. have reached a deal to reopen the federal government and extend the nation's debt ceiling. Crisis averted! Or at least for the time being, as the current agreement only takes us through the first part of 2014. Something tells me that January and February will bring renewed mud-slinging and a reset of the blame game, but only time will tell.

Fortunately, the SLCBA avoided our own "crisis" at our October meeting by confirming a new president-elect to take the spot vacated by Garrett Roberts. Please join me in welcoming Carlos Wells! Carlos is excited to meet all of you, so please stop by and introduce yourself at one of our upcoming events. As always, check the SLCBA website regularly for an updated calendar.

I look forward to seeing you all in November!

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 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:

November 1, 2013	March 7, 2014
February 7, 2014	April 4, 2014

Upcoming Special Events

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.

Young Lawyers Division Happy Hour

Wednesday, October 23 at 5:30 pm - 7:00pm at 121 Tapas on the Water, located at 121 Melody Lane in Fort Pierce. Drinks and light appetizers will be provided. Please rsvp to DApfelbaum@deanmead.com if you plan on attending.

Celebration of Judge Klingensmith's Appointment to the 4th DCA

Friday, November 8 at 5:30 pm - 7:00pm at the Historic Courthouse Cultural Center in Stuart. See invitation on p. 6 for more details.

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.

Visit our redesigned website www.SLCBA.org

Please join the SLCBA on Friday November 1, 2013 at 12pm for the monthly meeting. Our speaker is Public Defender Diamond Litty, and the topic is A Holistic Approach to Public Defending. The CLE number is pending approval from the Florida Bar.



Please RSVP by October 31st at noon to adkinslaw@yahoo.com

Fajita Bar: Pork & chicken, grilled onions & peppers,
rice & beans, salsa, sour cream, tortillas
Iced tea, soda, and coffee
Assorted cookies



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:

Our previous newsletter editor, Caroleen Brej, has relocated to Sarasota. If you are interested in becoming the next SLCBA newsletter editor, please contact EwenL@circuit19.org.

By Special Invitation

*Sonneborn Rutter Cooney & Smith, P.A.
The Martin County Bar Association
The Indian River County Bar Association
The Port St. Lucie County Bar Association
The St. Lucie County Bar Association
The Okeechobee County Bar Association
and the Klingensmith family and friends*

Cordially Invite You to the

*Historic Courthouse Cultural Center
80 East Ocean Boulevard
Stuart, Florida 34994*

*Friday, November 8, 2013
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*For Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
to Honor and Convey Best Wishes to*

*Judge Mark W. Klingensmith
on his appointment to
Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal*

*RSVP on or before November 3, 2013 to
martincountybarassociation@msn.com
772-220-8018*



Steve Hoskins



Judge Alderman



Display located on the first floor of the court-house across from the elevator



Buck Bryan



Bill Minton



Portraits



Audience



The Alto Adams Family



The James Alderman Family



The David McCain Family



The Elwyn Thomas Family

Special thanks to Karen Emerson for the fantastic photos!

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@dh-law.com (772) 464-1032, ext. 1010



National Pro Bono Celebration
October 20 - 26, 2013

The CLE number from Michael Cohen's presentation at the October 4 meeting is **1307016N**.

Message from the 15th Circuit:

The State Attorney's Office in Palm Beach County is working under a Florida Supreme Court extension of the Oct. 1st deadline for E-Service and E-Filing. This office cannot accept any E-service documents at this time. Please continue to hand-deliver, fax or mail any documents until further notice.

The Palm Beach County, South Palm Beach County and Broward County Bar Associations present:

Inside the Appellate Court: An Afternoon with the Judges of the Fourth DCA



Friday, January 31, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Boca Raton Country Club, 17751 Boca Club Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33487

Program Schedule

- 11:00 am - 11:25 pm Registration / Check-In
- 11:25 am - 11:30 am Welcome and Introductions - Sue-Ellen Kenny, Esq., Law Office of Scott Glassman, P.A., Appellate Practice Committee Chairperson
- 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Lunch with Keynote Speaker "Brief Writing for the Electronic Reader" - Robert Dubose, Esq., Alexander Dubose & Townsend, LLP
- 12:15 pm - 12:25 pm BREAK
- 12:25 pm - 1:15 pm "Scoring a Slam Dunk With an Appellate Panel" - Effective Oral Argument - Honorable Robert M. Gross, Fourth District Court of Appeal
- 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm Meet Your New Judges (moderated discussion) - Honorable Judges Alan O. Forst, and Honorable Mark W. Klingensmith, Fourth District Court of Appeal
Moderated by: Chief Judge Dorian K. Damoorgian, Fourth District Court of Appeal; and Jack J. Aiello, Esq., Board Certified Appellate Practice Attorney, Gunster
- 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm Legal Jeopardy - Honorable Jonathan D. Gerber, Fourth District Court of Appeal
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm BREAK
- 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm "Daubert in Florida" - Honorable Burton C. Conner, Fourth District Court of Appeal
Moderator: John J. Uustal, Esq., Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney, Kelley Uustal; & Stephen E. Mahle as introductory speaker
- 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Moderated Panel Discussion - Chief Judge Dorian K. Damoorgian, Honorable Judges Martha Warner, W. Matthew Stevenson, Robert M. Gross, Melanie G. May, Jonathan D. Gerber, Spencer D. Levine, Burton C. Conner, Alan O. Forst and Mark W. Klingensmith, Fourth District Court of Appeal.
Moderated by: Jack J. Aiello, Esq., Board Certified Appellate Practice Attorney, Gunster
- 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm Cocktail Reception / Welcome New Judges

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This course is expected to receive 5.5 CLER/

Appellate Practice Certification credits are pending from the Florida Bar

The cost of the seminar, lunch and reception is \$135 if registered by 1/24/14; \$175 after that date;

Govt. attorneys & law clerks \$110.00 if registered by 1/24/14; \$135.00 after that date.

All refund requests must be made in writing and made no later than 48 hours prior to the date of the seminar.

If a phone reservation is made and we do not receive payment and you do not attend, you will be charged \$25.

____ Please check here if you have a disability that may require special attention or services. To ensure availability of appropriate accommodations, attach a general description of your needs. We will contact you for further coordination.

HOW TO REGISTER



BY CHECK
Return to:
to m



BY CREDIT CARD
To register / purchase online go to:
online at www.palmbeachbar.org



Materials will now be emailed to all registrants prior to the seminar

Credit card registration payment not accepted by Fax to comply with PCI regulations

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ Please indicate if you will be attending the reception

____ I will not be able to attend the seminar but would like to order the CD (allow 4 weeks for delivery) (Appellate Seminar 1/31/14) Cost is the same as listed above, in addition to \$10 for shipping and handling. PAYMENT BY CHECK ONLY, WITH THIS FORM.

Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1507 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406

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:



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 Lillian Ewen at ewenl@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