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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## Teen Court & Teen Court Too

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MCBA President 2001-2002



*Lori Dorman*

If you knew of a program directed at minors charged with their first crime that recidivism rates of less than 15% and gave these minors the opportunity to help their peers along the way, would you support it? If your answer is "Yes," then you should know about Teen Court.

Nearly every Tuesday evening, the 4th Floor of the Manatee County Judicial Center is bustling with teenagers, parents and volunteers, manning the courtrooms of Teen Court. This program started in Manatee County 1990 through the efforts of the Honorable Paul Logan.

Teen Court offers children aged 10 through 17 who make misdemeanor-level mistakes the opportunity to participate in a pretrial intervention and diversion program instead of prosecution. Over the past twenty years, this program has proven itself to be a success, both with the minor defendants and the teens who volunteer for the

program. As Judge Logan explained, Teen Court "works because it's so simple. Kids won't let other kids' manipulate the system. They see through any deception to the heart of the matter. This is truly peer pressure at its finest."

In order to be eligible to participate in Teen Court, the child must be a first time offender who's committed a misdemeanor. He or she must plead guilty to the offense, agree to participate in Teen Court and then complete with the sentence decided by the Teen Court jury. The child must show some remorse for the crime and agree to behave respectfully in all aspects of the program.

Speaking as a multi-year volunteer Teen Court judge, the crimes most often involve battery (mostly school-related fights), petit/retail theft (usually shoplifting) and minor drug offenses (usually possession of marijuana or paraphernalia). More recently, many of the fights involve social media – a teen posting something inappropriate about another teen.

The child defendant participates in an actual trial with teens acting

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**All members of the Bench and Bar are most cordially invited to the Manatee County Bar Association's**

## HOLIDAY PARTY 2015

**Who:** All members of the Bench and Bar and their spouse/guest are invited to attend!

**When:** Thursday ~ December 17, 2015 from 5:30-8:00 pm

**What:** Hosted Bar.....Cocktail Buffet catered by enRich Bistro

**Dress:** Business/Festive Attire

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**Cost:** There is no cost for M.C.B.A. members to attend.

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**RSVP:** By Monday - December 14th to: [manatee.bar@manateeclerk.com](mailto:manatee.bar@manateeclerk.com)

**Bring:** In the seasonal spirit of charity, Bar members are asked to bring items for families in crisis, which will be distributed through the Food Bank of Manatee.

Items such as infant formula, baby food, baby cereals, tuna & other canned meats, peanut butter, soups & stews.



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as prosecution and defense counsel. Teens also serve as the Court's clerk, bailiff and jurors. Although the defendant's guilt is not in dispute, the child is placed under oath and then questioned about the crime, how he/she has been punished and what is different now. Counsel makes closing arguments and the child is then sentenced by a jury of his/her peers. The sentences often include written apologies to the people affected by their crimes, essays about proper behavior and community service hours, including time as a juror for Teen Court.

The Teen Court program holds court approximately forty-four Tuesday evenings every year and this requires a vast number of volunteers. For those not familiar with Teen Court, these evenings can be very hectic and without the help and support of many dedicated individuals, this worthwhile program could not exist. They not only oversee the hearings, but take time to mentor the troubled youth as well as our volunteer Teen Attorneys.

We are very grateful that we can count on such wonderful, devoted members of the Manatee County legal community who give so generously of themselves. The following MCBA members have served as Teen Court judges this year:

*Lisa Bell  
Larry Chulock  
Lori Dorman  
Heather Doyle  
Susan Fischer  
Gregory Hagopian  
Patrick Hogan  
Andrea Johnson  
Judge Paul Logan  
Linda Lorrier  
Lisa Pratt  
William Price, III  
Maureen Sikora  
Judge Mark Singer  
Judge Charles Sniffen  
Steele Williams*

Teen Court is staffed by Coordinators Sue Locklear and Rina Madrid, who do a wonderful job in Manatee County. I've learned a lot sitting on the bench as a volunteer judge and wholeheartedly recommend this program. If you or your teen has any interest in becoming a Teen Court volunteer, please call the Teen Court office at (941)741-4027.



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## **Brown bag lunch & seminar** **IS THE FORECLOSURE** **CRISIS REALLY OVER?**

**Thursday - December 10, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**

**Judge Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center**

**2nd Floor Jury Room**

**Brown bag lunch (Bring your own)**

The seminar will address foreclosure issues in the Circuit Courts as well as matters concerning the following:

1. Judges Requirements on line
2. 12th Judicial Standards of Professionalism
3. How the judges deal with their respective dockets regarding foreclosure claims
4. Matters involving foreclosure trials and the use of senior judges

All judges that are currently sitting in Civil Circuit Court for Sarasota and Manatee Counties will be attending, including:

1. Judge Rochelle Curley
2. Judge Kimberly Bonner
3. Judge Gilbert Smith
4. Judge John Lakin
5. Senior Judge Thomas Gallen
6. Magistrate Deborah Bailey

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## Investiture Ceremonies

The 12th Circuit Court welcomes two more new judges! All members and friends of the Bench & Bar are welcome to attend.

Investiture ceremony for **Judge-elect Brian Iten** will be Friday - January 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the R.B. Shore Historic Courtroom & Museum at the Manatee County Historical Courthouse.

Investiture ceremony for **Judge-elect Hunter Carroll** will be Friday - January 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm on the Chambers of the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

## The Florida Bar Leadership Academy Now Accepting Applications For Class of 2016-17

Applications for The Florida Bar Wm. Reece Smith, Jr., Leadership Academy are now being accepted through January 15 for the 2016-17 class. Each year a select group of participants is chosen from applications submitted to become Academy Fellows.

Approved by The Florida Bar Board of Governors in 2013, the program's goals are to reach a diverse group of lawyers from across the state to create a class that reflects the regions and populations of the state, and to help give those lawyers the skills and resources to become leaders in the legal profession and in their communities.

The year-long program includes two-day meetings at locations throughout Florida, beginning at the Bar's Annual Convention in June. The curriculum focuses on developing skills and networking opportunities within the legal profession and having the Leadership Academy Fellows create projects to put their new skills to use. Fellows have an opportunity to network with both past and present Bar leaders, including presidents and Board of Governors members.

The meetings that form the framework for the academy include various speakers and topics, such as learning to work with different workplace personalities; balancing personal, volunteer, and work life; motivating others and delegating; and effective leadership styles. The schedule of meetings for 2016-17 is listed on the application form.

For more information and the online application: [www.floridabar.org/leadershipacademy](http://www.floridabar.org/leadershipacademy).

Florida Bar members are also encouraged to request appointments to serve on committees for the 2016-17 Bar year. Information, instructions and the committee preference form are online. The form must be submitted by Jan. 15 to be considered by President-elect William J. Schifino, Jr. who will make the appointments.

## InSearchOf

The Office of the County Attorney is missing a few volumes of the Laws of Florida from the 60's...specifically 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969. They are needed to complete their office library. If you have or know of any offices that may have these books in their libraries, that might be interested in selling them should contact:

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## INTER ALIA NOW IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

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## 2016 Judicial Nominating Commission Nominations To Be Made

**Judicial Nominating Commissions:** One lawyer vacancy for each of the 26 JNCs. The Florida Bar has the opportunity to nominate three lawyers for each Judicial Nominating Commission to the Governor for his appointment. Each appointee will serve a four-year term, commencing July 1, 2016. Applicants must be members of The Florida Bar engaged in the practice of law and residents of the territorial jurisdiction served by the commission to which the member is applying. Commissioners are not eligible for state judicial office for vacancies filled by the JNC on which they sit for 2 years following completion of their term.

Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, in the Executive Director's office of The Florida Bar. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of an application. Screening committees of the Board of Governors will review all JNC applications. The Executive Committee will then make recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Persons interested in applying for any of these vacancies may complete and download the new application form from the Bar's website, [www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org), or should call Bar headquarters at (850) 561-5757, to obtain the application. Completed applications must be received by the Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300 by the Feb. 26 deadline date.

## TECHNOLOGY CLE

### “Avoiding Pitfalls in the Digital Era of Law: E-discovery, preservation and other technological issues.”

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The Florida Bar’s Vision 2016 Technology Chair John Stewart

**Wednesday - January 27, 2016 - Pier 22**

**Luncheon\* from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm**

**CLE from 1:15 - 4:30 pm**

(\*There is no cost for MCBA members to attend the luncheon meeting)

**Cost: \$50 for MCBA members and office support staff**

**\$75 for non-members**



The January general membership luncheon meeting will be followed by a CLE seminar on law office technology. This course will provide information regarding developing technology, attorneys’ obligations in regard to technology, and what the rules of procedure and professional conduct require.

Topics will include electronically stored information; metadata; federal rules; lawyer’s duties; e-discovery; amendments to Florida Civil Rules; recent case law trends; ESI discovery myths; Florida ethics rules; social media sites; use of experts, authentication; spoliation and ethical issues and considerations concerning e-discovery.

3.5 hours of CLE (including 1.0 Ethics) has been applied for

#### Presenters & panelists:

Douglas A. Cherry, Esq. - Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

Mr. Cherry is Past-Chair of The Florida Bar Computer & Technology Law Committee, a member of the Intellectual Property Committee, a member of the Executive Council of the Business Law Section (BLS) and immediate Past-Chair of The Florida Bar BLS eDiscovery Committee.

Adam Sharp - President and CEO of E-Hounds, Inc. and Data Recovery Labs, Inc.

Mr. Sharp is a computer crime consultant to a number of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and has been qualified as an expert in Data Recovery, Data Analysis, Computer Forensics, Information Technology and E-Discovery. He is a member of the American College of Forensic Examiners.

Hon. Mark D. Singer

County Court Judge

Judge Singer is currently a member of the Judicial Tools Workgroup of the Joint Technology Committee established by National Center State Courts, National Association for Court Management and the Conference of State Court Administrators.

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## DON'T FORGET to tell your clients about the Children's Waiting Room in the Manatee County Judicial Center



In August 2008, the Manatee County Judicial Center opened the Children's Waiting Room; a project spearheaded by the Manatee County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. The Children's Waiting Room is now equipped with an intercom system so that the clerk or bailiffs can contact waiting parents and children to notify them when their case is about to be called back in the courtroom.

The Children's Waiting Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Judicial Center, provides children who must accompany their parents or guardians to court proceedings a safe and friendly environment to wait while awaiting hearing times. Children using the room must be supervised by a parent or guardian. The Children's Waiting Room includes a jungle-themed hand-painted mural and custom cabinetry both supplied by local artisans. Additionally, the room contains children's toys, books, and other kid-friendly electronic entertainment.

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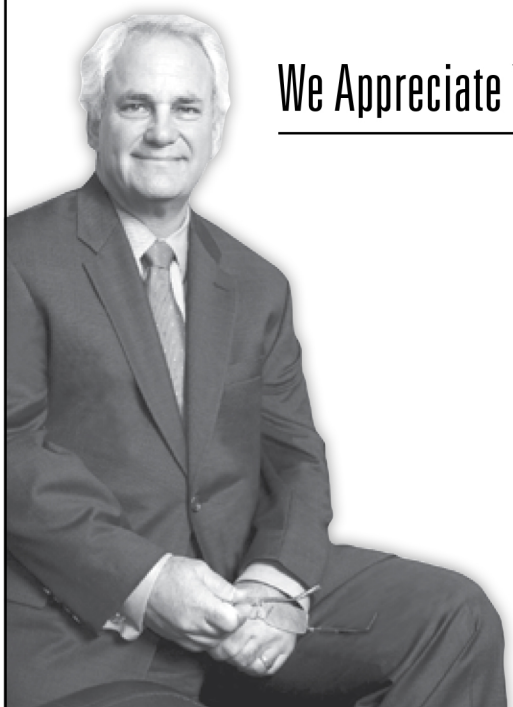
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## Manatee County Bar Association Calendar of Events

### December 2015 through March 2016

<b>December 9</b>	YLD Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon 1st floor Conference Room – MCJC	<b>January 22</b>	Investiture ceremonies for Judge-elect Hunter Carroll 4:00 pm Sarasota County Commission Chambers
<b>December 10</b>	12th Judicial Circuit Foreclosure Seminar “Is the Foreclosure Crisis Really Over?” 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm Brown bag lunch – Silvertooth Judicial Center in Sarasota	<b>January 27</b>	General Membership luncheon meeting followed by CLE seminar “Avoiding Pitfalls in the Digital Era of Law: E-discovery, preservation and other technological issues.” Luncheon from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm at Pier 22 CLE from 1:00 - 4:30 pm
<b>December 17</b>	M.C.B.A. Holiday Party @ ArtCenter Manatee 5:30-8:00 pm Spouses/guests are invited.	<b>March 30</b>	General Membership luncheon meeting followed by CLE seminar “What NOT to do when you get THAT phone call...” Criminal Law 101 for the Non-Criminal Defense Attorney” Luncheon from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm at Pier 22 CLE from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>December 21- January 4</b>	Bar Office closed		
<b>January 6</b>	Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon 1st floor Conference Room – MCJC		
<b>January 13</b>	YLD Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon 1st floor Conference Room – MCJC		
<b>January 15</b>	Investiture ceremonies for Judge-elect Brian Iten 4:00 pm R.B. Shore Historic Courtroom & Museum All members and friends of the Bench & Bar are invited		



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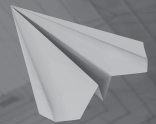
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