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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## The Tao of Bill and Ted: Going Beyond Professionalism to “Be Excellent to Each Other”

*By Jennifer Fowler-Hermes, Esq.*

*Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen*



If you have not heard of the 1989 movie *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*, it is a high school time travel story that spans thousands of years. Despite the appearance of personages of historical significance such as Socrates, Genghis Kahn, Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Billy the Kid, Freud and Abraham Lincoln, the protagonists of this tale are time traveling, underachieving best friends

Bill and Ted, who are guided through time in a phone booth (likely an ode to Dr. Who's police call box) by Rufus (played by George Carlin). Yes Way! It may not have the deepest of plots (although it does include the most historic conflagration of Rome), anything close to good acting (although some would say it is Keanu Reeve's best performance), or have an award winning screenplay, but it is a fun, sometimes non-odious, tale that at its heart, is a story of friendship, and yes world peace. The not so subtle theme of the movie is summarized best by the immortal words of cinematic Abraham Lincoln in his commentary about Bill and Ted:

*These two great gentlemen are dedicated to a proposition, which was true in my time, just as its true today. Be excellent to each other...and...  
PARTY ON, DUDES!*

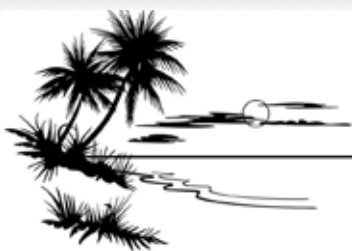
Although not ever specifically defined during the movie, it becomes clear that to “be excellent to each other” is Bill and Ted speak for treating others with kindness and respect; that quality of being friendly, sincere, generous, and considerate. Typically, these are not words that those outside the legal profession, and even some within, would associate with the practice of law or those that engage in our profession. On the other hand, some of our distinguished colleagues would argue that as members of The Florida Bar, our duty to exhibit professional courtesy in our interactions with others is tantamount to being excellent to each other. I think professionalism falls just short of the most outstanding proposition set forth by Bill and Ted.

The Florida Bar's Creed of Professionalism explains what is expected from us in regard to professionalism:

*I revere the law, the judicial system, and the legal profession and will at all times in my professional and private lives uphold the dignity and esteem of each.*

*I will further my profession's devotion to public service and to the public good.*

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*Good food...good drink...  
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The party starts at 5:30 PM or so and will keep going as long as there are bar members enjoying themselves.

Everybody wears a nametag and this is a great way to meet other members of your local bar.

Listen for the good music and look for all the friendly Manatee Bar lawyers under the tent near the beach.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## With Appreciation For All Our JA's

The Florida Assn. for Women Lawyers – Manatee Chapter recently hosted their annual Judicial Assistant Appreciation Luncheon in the private dining room at O'Bricks. Each judge in attendance had the opportunity to introduce his/her JA to the audience. It was clear how much they are all valued for their loyalty and many for their longevity.



**Back row left to right:** Cathy Reed, Kelly Zoellner, Lisa Fritz, Jennifer Peters-----Vicki Shawvan, Petrina Lanza, Laurie McClure, Carla Neal. **2nd row – left to right:** Nicole Cabrera, Gail Elliott, Sue Wilfong, **1st row – left to right:** Ruth Taylor, Marianne Makar, Debbie Grund. **Not pictured:** Debbie Trusz, Cindy Chin, Tess Luli, Donna McCammond



## Back to School

Manatee Young Lawyers Sean Flynn & Jesse Tilden recently represented the Manatee Bar at Braden River High School for their College & Career Day.

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## State of the FAMILY LAW DIVISION in Manatee



*Members of the MCBA Family Law Section gathered recently for an update. Judge Janette Dunnigan, Judge Ed Nicholas, Child Support Hearing Officer David Caskey and MCBA Family Law Section Chair Libby McNary.*

### West Coast Inland Navigation District



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**Filing deadline: June 4, 2016.**

## WHAT. NOT. TO. DO!

### Criminal Law 101 for the Non-Criminal Defense Attorney



*Partially factual but mostly fun. Members and guests enjoyed a spoof of a most unusual first appearance, featuring local 'talent'.*



*Public Defender Larry Eger, attorney Brett McIntosh and State Attorney Ed Brodsky participated in the panel discussion. Kudos to MCBA Board member Lori Dorman for assembling the star studded panel of speakers and talent.*



*Judge Diana Moreland served as moderator.*

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James Murga

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Books may be checked out for one week by Judges and Officers of the Court. Renewals of checked out materials is permitted if requested. All materials in the library which have a red tape on the spine cannot be checked out. These are considered "Reference" materials and need to stay in the library so that they are readily available and everyone can use them at any given moment.

While the library has traditionally been book-oriented, we are steadily moving towards the future by adjusting our collection to reflect the technological trends in field. The Law Library currently has three computer terminals with access to digital resources like Westlaw and Lexis Nexis Advance. These databases contain the majority of the information that can be found in law books throughout the library and provides customers with the ability to quickly search through all of those materials without having to go from book to book.

The Law Library has a subscription to the Westlaw Database which gives us access to a robust collection of Florida and Federal materials (we even have access to materials in other states). The kinds of materials you find on Westlaw include West's Florida Practice Series, District and Supreme Court Cases, Rules of Court, the Florida Statutes Annotated, and many legal forms.

The Lexis Nexis Advance database contains the Shepard's Citations along with a citation validation tool that allows you to verify that a citation is cited correctly. Within Lexis Nexis Advanced you also have access to a keyword searchable database with a number of Florida Law Journals, Law Reviews and other Secondary Sources (such as Florida newspapers).

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While the Law Library is staffed with a librarian, the Law Librarian cannot answer any legal questions, assist individuals in filling out legal forms, or provide any legal assistance of any kind. The Law Librarian does, however, assist the public in utilizing the resources available to them in the library.

For attorneys, the Law Librarian is a "go to" person when you are looking for specific materials and want to know: a) Does the library have this? and b) Where is it located in the library? The Law Librarian regularly assists attorneys in finding specific case law, advises them as to which database will contain the information they are looking for, and shows them how to navigate the databases available in the library so that they have a higher chance of finding what they are looking for. The Librarian also gladly assists attorneys in utilizing the copier and with printing at the computer terminals.

One final note of interest to attorneys is that the Law Library receives two copies every year of the latest edition of the CLE: "Survey of Florida Law". These are available for check out by Bar members with a current library card, but arrangements must be made with the Law Librarian to borrow a copy.

James Murga

Law Librarian

For Angelina "Angel" Colonnese

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### WHERE?

O'Bricks Private Dining Room  
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### WHEN?

April 26th  
11:45 am - 1:15 pm

### RSVP

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Open to All MCBA Young Lawyers  
Space is Limited. RSVP by April 19, 2016  
Event is Free of Charge

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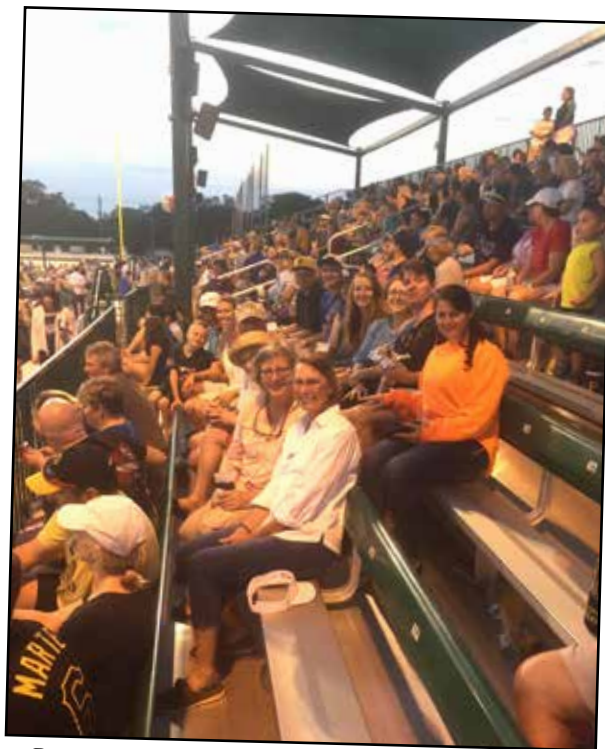
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*Terri Cromley and her Pirates fans.*

*(The Tao of Bill & Ted, continued from Pg. 1)*

*I will strictly adhere to the spirit as well as the letter of my profession's code of ethics, to the extent that the law permits and will at all times be guided by a fundamental sense of honor, integrity, and fair play.*

*I will not knowingly misstate, distort, or improperly exaggerate any fact or opinion and will not improperly permit my silence or inaction to mislead anyone.*

*I will conduct myself to assure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action and resolution of every controversy.*

*I will abstain from all rude, disruptive, disrespectful, and abusive behavior and will at all times act with dignity, decency, and courtesy.*

*I will respect the time and commitments of others.*

*I will be diligent and punctual in communicating with others and in fulfilling commitments.*

*I will exercise independent judgment and will not be governed by a client's ill will or deceit.*

*My word is my bond.*

So, what strange things are afoot at the Circle K that would cause me to say that the standard set forth above falls short of the righteous proposition of Bill and Ted? Three words - sincerity, empathy, and kindness. I submit that professional courtesy dictates behavior but does not fully address the motivations behind that behavior. A person can act respectful towards another, be diligent, and not tell any untruths, but he can also be bogus.

Truly, even those that have never seen this off-the-wall of a movie can recognize the difference between professionalism and being excellent to each other. Check it out, scope it out, and you will know it when you see it (kind of like the standard for proving obscenity), or more accurately, when you feel it. When we interact with someone that is sincere in his or her motivations and whose actions emanate from a place of kindness, we feel good about our dealings with that person and often good about ourselves.

In Manatee and Sarasota counties, large numbers of attorneys volunteer their time to the state and local bar associations, sit on boards of not-for-profits, work hours pro bono, donate time and money to various charities, and for the most part treat each other with respect. I find, whether they realize it or not, that most of the attorneys I interact with in both Manatee and Sarasota counties do indeed apply the Tao of Bill and Ted to their interactions with others. These non-heinous persons are sincere in their actions, treat others with kindness, and exhibit empathy. They are not just engaging in activities merely to satisfy their professional obligations or to market themselves, but act from a place that is most righteous.

These stellar individuals stand out, not because they self-promote or advertise the good that they do. Instead, we see the excellence in their quiet tears when they witness the pain of others, or the joy they experience when someone else succeeds in reaching a goal. We can see in their faces that they really do care. They go out of their way to make others feel good, even in the most difficult of circumstances. I have witnessed such totally outstanding individuals and have always

appreciated these individuals for their most triumphant efforts.

Having long been witness to not only sincere professionalism, but also the genuine good deeds of my resplendent peers, it was only recently that I experienced what it was like to have this good will directed at me. This experience made me appreciate even more what a great group of people we work with in this area, and also gave me inspiration for this article.

In mid-February of this year, I learned that the firm I had been with for over fifteen years was shutting its doors in a short period of time. No Way! As others in the legal community learned of this from other sources, I started to not only get messages of moral support, but messages trying to help me find a place to land. A member of the MCBA board offered to help me get set up if I wanted to go out on my own. Friends that had their own firms offered to find a way to bring me on board with their firms. During my interviews at the firm where I did eventually land, the attorneys and staff exhibited empathy and kindness in their acknowledgment of the atypical situation that my co-workers and I faced. In light of the fear of not knowing what my future held, all of these righteous acts provided a degree of solace and comfort in an otherwise anxious situation.

A most excellent example of someone being excellent to another (that is, to me) occurred in the days following that most non-triumphant day when I learned my now old firm was closing. Someone who had been a competitor, someone who I do not communicate with on a regular basis, went out of her way to see if her firm could find me a position. After learning that there was not a position available with her firm, she shared my information with another firm in town. She suggested to this other firm (a firm that historically refers its employment law matters to her) that I could be someone to develop an in house employment law practice. That firm did contact me. However, by that time I had pretty much figured out where I was going on the next excellent adventure of my career. Even so, the point is the same. In sharing my information in an effort to help me, this most bodacious attorney risked cutting off one of her own referral sources. My heart swelled with gratitude. Such a non-egregious act is a totally unrivaled example of being excellent to each other.

Let us be inspired by the most bodacious individuals in our bar that exhibit sincerity, empathy and kindness. Let us challenge each other to not only continue to demonstrate professional courtesy, but to do so grounded in sincerity, empathy and kindness. In other words let us be excellent to each other, because it really does make a difference.

Catch you later...and Party on Dudes.

[Insert air guitar riff here]

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The movie, and this article, is littered with Bill and Ted speak, which is "a unique mixture of apple pie, Slurpee®, and unabridged dictionary. Bill and Ted stand for wide-eyed, laid-back optimism, and their vocabulary reflects their values." *The Bodacious Language of Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*, <http://blog.oxforddictionaries.com/2014/09/bodacious-language-bill-teds-excellent-adventure/>. Can you find the 33 words/phrases/movie quotes in this article? Some words and phrases are repeated and each repetition should be counted. Any Bill and Ted word preceded by "most" or "totally," together will only count as one word/phrase. Also, variations on the "be excellent to each other" quote are not counted, as they are not direct quotes. If you want to check to see if your phraseology skills are unrivaled, email me at [jfowler-hermes@williamsparker.com](mailto:jfowler-hermes@williamsparker.com) and I will send you the answer sheet.



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April 15	Beach Party at Grimes Family Beach House 5:30 pm Sponsored by Gateway Bank	May 16 – 20	7th Grade Civics Project Various middle schools throughout Manatee County
April 26	YLD Professionalism Roundtable 11:45 am O'Bricks Private Dining Room Reservations required.	May 19	Retirement reception for Renee Smith, Marlene Moran and Debbie Ruggerio Clerk's Office Court Services
April 30	Bar-wide Community Service Project We Care Manatee 9:00 am – Noon	May 20	Law Day Luncheon 11:45 am at Pier 22 Sponsored by BMO Harris Bank
May 4	MCBA Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon MCJC	June 1	MCBA Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon MCJC
May 7	Manatee FAWL – Wonderful River Cruise To benefit the Women's Resource Center	June 8	YLD Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon MCJC
May 11	YLD Board of Directors meeting 12:00 Noon MCJC	June 17	Manatee YLD Joint Social with Sarasota YLD 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Polo Grill and Bar

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In past years, we've painted, we've hauled, we swept, scrubbed and sweated. This year, we will help move the We Care Manatee Clinic & Administrative Offices! We Care Manatee is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit located directly across from Manatee Memorial Hospital in the Riverside Medical Center Building, at 300 Riverside Drive East, Suite 2000 in Bradenton. Initially started in 1999 by members of Manatee Medical Society and incorporated in 2002, We Care Manatee currently provides a variety of medical services at no cost to low income uninsured residents of Manatee County, ages 18 to 64 years of age. We Care Manatee is moving to expand offices, services and the number of patient exam rooms. This will allow them to better meet the growing need for healthcare services by an underserved population within in our community. Bar members will assist with moving and setting up office and patient equipment and supplies from one suite to another in the same building.

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Clerk of Circuit Court Angel Colonnese recently provided Bar members with an overview of the multitude of services and multi-faceted functions of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk oversees a staff of more than 275 people, responsible for performing nearly 1,000 constitutional or statutory functions or duties, representing the broadest and most diverse mantle of responsibility of any locally elected official.

"My goal is to provide the highest level of customer service possible," said Colonnese, "I plan to continue to raise the bar for our customer service by reaching the greatest number of customers and visitors possible. By empowering my employees and finding innovative ways to use technology, I will carry on our long standing tradition of excellence in customer service."

## Bar Luncheon Meeting

**2nd DCA Judge Samuel Salaro** enjoyed some local hospitality when he was seated with members of the Greene Hamrick, Quinlan & Schermer firm at the February Bar luncheon meeting.



*Pictured L to R: Jim Johnson, David Denton, Mike Hamrick, Judge Salaro and Trevor Quinlan.*

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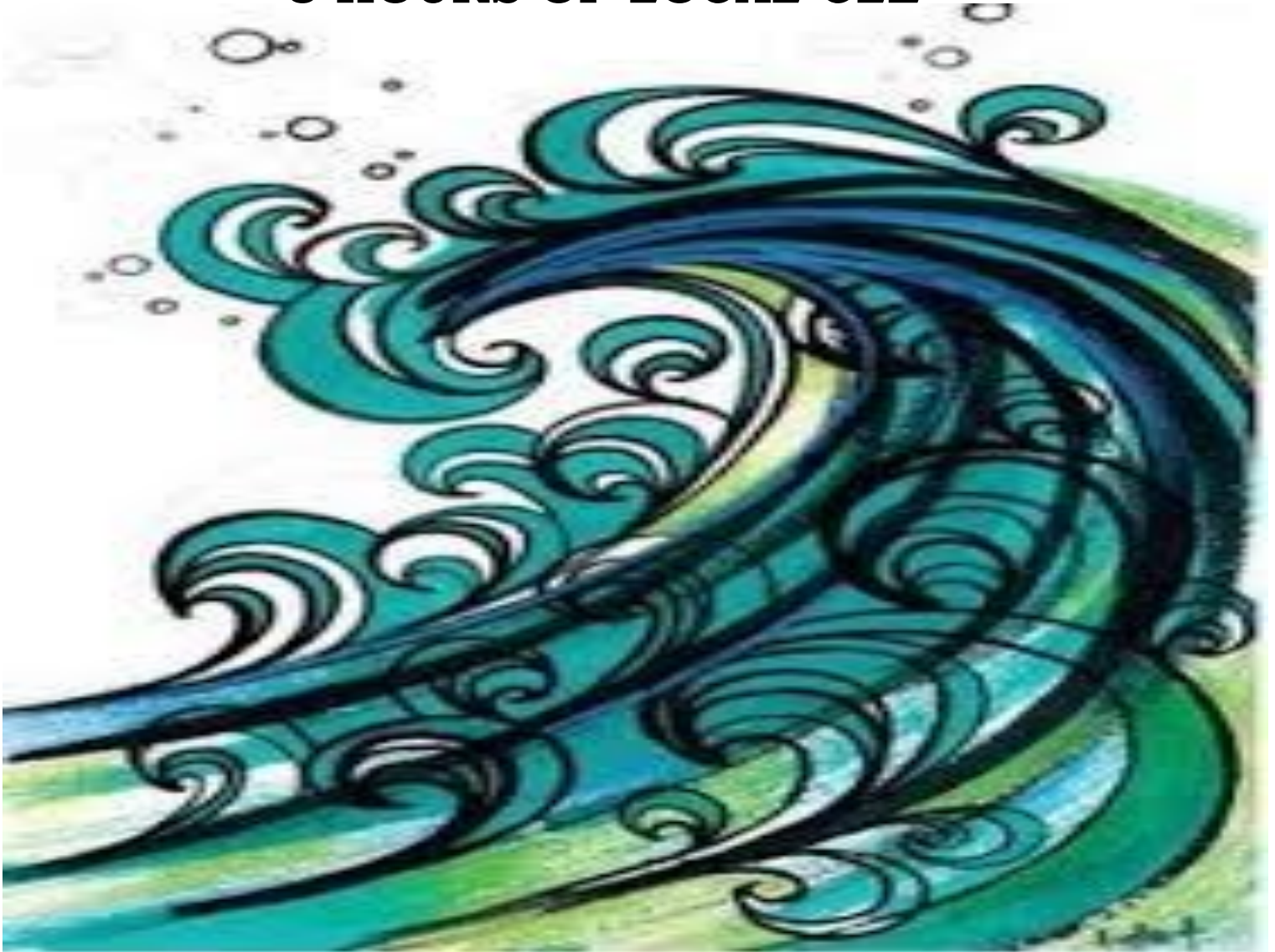
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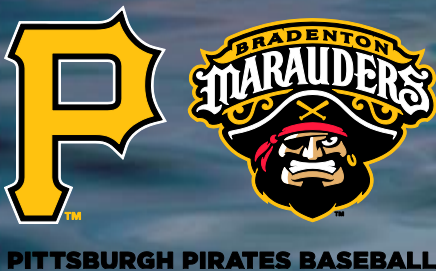
The Women's Resource Center of Manatee offers assistance to ladies coping with life's stressors by offering a variety of counseling, coaching, seminars, therapy, and classes on such issues as abuse, changing careers, loss of a loved one, family issues, financial insecurity, personal growth, etc.

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
11am – 3pm**

We are "On Board" for another great boating fundraiser this year. We will be visiting the lovely homes of three of our members. Details will follow regarding where we will be boarding, it is NOT the BYC this year.

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