



February 2017

NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Come to Our April 7th Beach Party! by Alexandra St. Paul, Esq.



Our Bar Association has held an annual Spring Social since the early 1950s. It's hard to believe, but true. Since 1995, it has been held at the Grimes family beach house, where it will be again this year. It's a time for lawyers and judges, their spouses and significant others to dress casually, enjoy a

few beverages and some really great food, and share a lot of laughs and camaraderie.

In recent years, we all seem to have less time to get together. There are so many obligations that command our attention that our beach party's attendance has waned. We considered canceling it and surveyed our members at the October bar luncheon to find out if we should. Half the members wanted us to keep it at least one more time, so we decided we should honor those requests and hold it again this year. Many promised to put it on their calendars and attend.

Our Executive Director, Graceann Frederico, would appreciate our help with organizing the party, as this is her first year with us. She has been doing an amazing job but there is alot to do. Please call or email her if you can assist her this year by serving on the committee organizing the party. Many of our members have been instrumental in putting the party together in past years. We would greatly appreciate the help of any of you who worked on the beach party in previous years, as your input would be invaluable. It would also be wonderful to have some newer members to help organize the party, especially attorneys in our YLD.

Please mark your calendars to come to our Friday, April 7th, beach

party. It is earlier this year than usual, so the weather should be even better. Thanks to all of you who encouraged the members of your Board of Directors to continue the long-held tradition of the beach party. We hope it is a success this year!



Diversity & Inclusion Committee – Symposium Highlights



Panel Discussion: 1 to r: Judge Williams, Judge Isom, Judge Hill-Harvey, and Attorney Perez



Speakers: 1 to r: Lori Dorman, Judge Williams, Judge Isom, Judge Hill Harvey, Alex Perez

The MCBA Diversity & Inclusion Committee held its first event on February 9th, 2017 at the MCJC! Appx. 80 attendees attended the Diversity & Inclusion Symposium which was moderated by Judge Charles Williams. Judge Claudia Isom, 13th Judicial District did a tremendous presentation addressing "Implicit Bias", and a panel discussion followed which featured panelists Judge Karimu

Hill-Harvey (retired, New Jersey) and Alan Perez, esq. Mallard Law Firm, Sarasota. The MCBA would like to thank Charles Clapsaddle and the METV team for graciously filming this event, and the staff at the MCJC for all of their efforts in making this a success. If you attended this CLE event, please make sure to turn in your verification number to The Florida Bar to receive your credit!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YLD!!

By Melissa Casanueva, Esq. Porges, Hamlin, Knowles & Hawk, P.A.



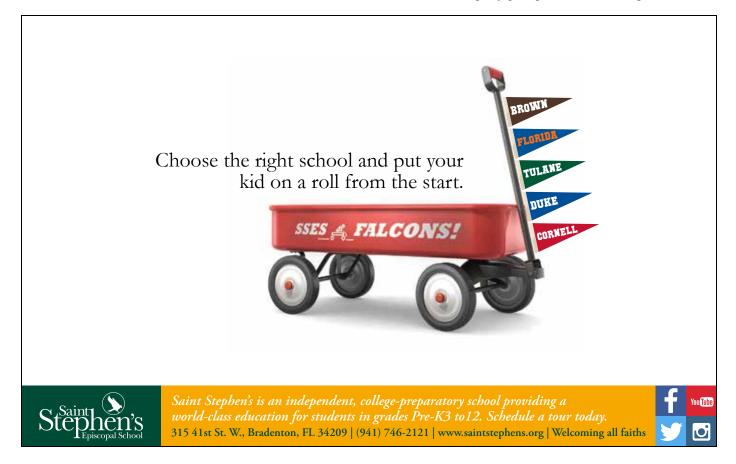
On January 14, 2017, I had the privilege to present the Affiliate Outreach Grant Proposal for the Young Lawyers' Division of the Manatee County Bar Association's project "Stock Up for College" benefiting Take Stock in Children serving Manatee County. The Young Lawyers' Division of the Florida Bar Association awards grants to its affiliates for projects that will benefit their local community. This year the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyers' Division of the Manatee

County Bar Association decided we would work with Take Stock in Children to support its graduating seniors' determination to attend college.

For those of you who may not have heard about Take Stock in Children serving Manatee County, this charity selects, challenges and encourages children from low income families to achieve academic and personal success through an achievement and mentoring program led by partnerships between Manatee County schools, local businesses, agencies and individuals. Students apply for admission to the program in sixth or seventh grade, and, along with their parent or guardian, sign a contract to remain drug-free, crime-free, maintain good grades, maintain good behavior, attend program seminars, and meet with a mentor on a weekly basis through high-school graduation. Students who successfully complete the program, are rewarded with a postsecondary college scholarship.



The Young Lawyers' Division of the Manatee County Bar Association will use the grant funds to purchase items that will benefit college bound graduating seniors from the Take Stock in Children program, which items would not be covered by the tuition-only scholarship provided. In addition, representatives from the Manatee YLD will meet with the seniors in a mentorship setting to discuss strategies for success during college and goals for after college. We hope to inspire this group of hardworking youth to remain focused on their aspirations. Perhaps, in this mentorship setting some students may realize becoming an attorney is an attainable and worthwhile goal! We were awarded a grant of \$1,500.00 and we are excited to present each graduate with a tablet, which will assist them to be successful in college by giving them access to digital text books!



Matthews Eastmoore Dedicates 25 Acts of Kindness in 2017



Front Row (L to R): Margaret Good, Lamar Matthews, Maureen Kuzma, Linda Hutchinson, Alisa Vizcarra Back Row (L to R): Brenda Guilinger, Alison Prouty, Josh Dell, Tricia Bernier, Patti Hughes, Marcia Muldoon

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Matthews Eastmoore is dedicating 2017 to performing 25 Acts of Kindness in the local community. As their first act, the team hosted a food drive, along with other tenants in the Ringling Square office building. The collection was donated to All Faiths Food Bank, an organization that addresses the basic need for food in the community by providing healthy solutions to end hunger. Matthews Eastmoore has a variety of acts planned throughout the year, including painting the girls locker room at Girls Inc. and volunteering at The United Way Suncoast Obstacle Course Race in February. Visit www.matthewseastmoore.com/blog to follow their progress.

Upcoming MCBA Monthly Meetings!

Scott Westheimer to Speak at February MCBA Luncheon

Scott Westheimer, Esq., is our guest speaker at the February 22nd, MCBA luncheon. As our representative of the 12th Circuit to The Florida Bar, Scott will be bringing us an update regarding legislative priorities and The Constitutional Revision Commission. Please RSVP!

Professor Mary Adkins to speak at MCBA March 29th Luncheon

We had a change in schedule. Mary Adkins is now our March speaker.

Professor Mary Adkins, who teaches Advocacy and Legal Writing at the University of Florida Levin, College of Law brings the commission and its members to life in her new book *Making Modern Florida*. At this meeting, Ms. Adkins will tell us how the 1966 Constitutional Revision Commission modernized Florida.

Attorneys- Please check your forms and documents!!

R.B. "Chips" Shore was Manatee County Clerk of Court for 38 years, and many form documents and pleadings created over the years by attorneys that name Mr. Shore as the Clerk of Court-- such as Summonses and Proposed Certificates of Sale, Title, and Disbursement— are still being used today. Since Mr. Shore's passing, the Clerk's office has been accepting these documents and asking the filers to update their forms, but this issue still exists and is creating an additional workload for the Clerk's staff as each individual document must be updated. Please check the forms that you use to make sure they are up-to-date. As of March 1, 2017, all documents and pleadings filed with the Manatee County Clerk of Court will need to reflect the Clerk as Angelina "Angel" Colonneso or they will be placed in "PENDED" status until they are corrected and resubmitted. Thank you very much for helping us with this matter.

Welcome New Members

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Congratulations To Judge Doug Henderson!



'photo courtesy of Bradenton Herald" L to r: Judge Henderson, Judge Williams

The MCBA would like to congratulate Manatee County Court Judge Doug Henderson for receiving the Edgar Price Jr. Humanitarian Award at the 24th Annual MLK Awards Banquet. Judge Henderson accepted this much deserved award and was officially sworn in to his final term as county judge. The theme of this year's banquet was "Restore the Dream," and we congratulate Judge Henderson and the Palmetto Youth Center.

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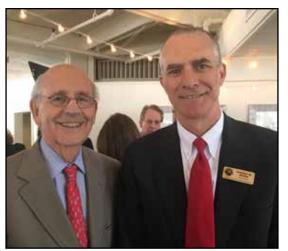
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Justice Breyer and Judge Walker



Justice Breyer and Lori Dorman, esq.

On February 11, 2017 the Tau Epsilon Rho Law Society held its 96th Annual Convention at the Boathouse at the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, FL. At this special event, US Supreme Court Associate Justice, Stephen Breyer, was awarded the Benjamin Nathan Cardozo Memorial Award. The MCBA's very own, Lori Dorman was in attendance, as well as 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Stephen M. Walker.

February Luncheon - Please RSVP

Kindly RSVP to the MCBA@ManateeBar.com or 941-741-4091 for the February 22, 2017 Membership Luncheon at Pier 22. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!





2017 SINGLE GAME TICKETS

4 great infield seats, on aisle, 7 rows behind the visitor's dugout

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 22, 2017	DCA ORAL ARGUMENTS	MCJC – 9:30 am
February 22, 2017	General Membership Luncheon Meeting	Pier 22, 11:45 am
March 15, 2017	YLD Professional Roundtable	O'Bricks, 11:30 am
March 29, 2017	General Membership Luncheon Meeting	Pier 22, 11:45 am
April 7, 2017	SPRING "BEACH SOCIAL" details to follow	SAVE THE DATE
April 22, 2017	MCBA COMMUNITY PROJECT – details to follow	SAVE THE DATE

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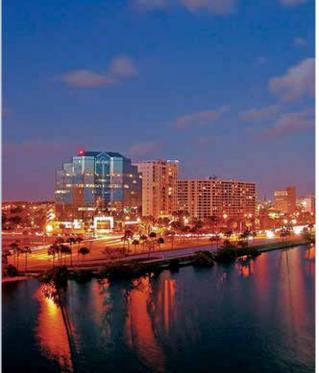
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FAMILY COURT PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIVE LUNCH & LEARN

Abuse to Alienation

Why Children Resist Contact with a Parent & What to Do about It

We have all had **high conflict parenting cases** involving children resisting or refusing contact with a parent. These are some of the most difficult cases to manage. It is always difficult to distinguish post divorce/ separation abuse from alienation from gatekeeping and other parenting problems. However this is essential to assist the family through the transitions and properly present the case to the Courts.

It is crucial to understand the different types of parent-child contact problems and what sustains them in order to be an effective advocate for children, parents and families. Often parents in these cases have personality disorders, making managing their representation and care extremely difficult. Abuse (IPV and child abuse) and alienation are part of a continuum - we need to identify the type of case before we can determine how to approach representation and/or treatment. Interventions for these highly complex and conflictual cases must be tailored to the amount and degree of alienation and or abuse.

We will explore **Do's and Don'ts** for attorneys and Mental Health Professionals and explore best practices when confronted with these types of cases. **Peggie Ward, PhD** will be the presenter.

DATE	February 16	March 16		
TIME	Noon—1:20 pm	Noon—1:20 pm		
LOCATION	Sarasota Criminal Justice Center Court Room 2, 6th floor 2071 Ringling Blvd.	Manatee County Courthouse Multipurpose Room, 8th Floor 1051 Manatee Ave. West		
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PROFESSIONALISM ROUND TABLE WHAT?

The Manatee County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division is proud to announce its Second Annual Professionalism Roundtable event. Young Lawyers are invited to share a delicious meal with members of the local judiciary and experienced practitioners. The Roundtable event will offer young lawyers the opportunity to learn about the practice of law and tenets of professionalism directly from our community's most accomplished legal minds.

Event will consist of lunch with an optional CLE on Mediation presented by Bob Hoyle, Esq., to follow from 1- 2:00 pm

WHERE? O'Bricks Private Dining Room

427 12th St. W. Bradenton, FL

WHEN?

March 15, 2017

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

RSVP

Grace Ann Frederico mcba@manateebar.com

Open to All MCBA Young Lawyers Space is Limited, RSVP by March 1, 2016 Event is Free of Charge

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