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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

A Barrister For A Week

by James "Jay" Horne, MCBA Director



This past August, I was fortunate to represent the Florida Bar Trial Lawyer's Section at an advanced trial advocacy course at the University of Oxford. The University of Oxford is a collection of 38 independent colleges in Oxford. The course was held at Keble College, which is relatively newer in the system, having been founded in 1870. The oldest college dates back to the 1300s. The course was attended by barristers and attorneys from the US, the UK, Ireland, Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Africa, the Caribbean, and Australia. The course was divided between civil and criminal practitioners.

Throughout the week, the course participants ate three square meals a day in a dining hall that resembled Hogwarts. Those meals led to many conversations comparing the practice of law in England to Florida. In England, the practice of law is bifurcated between solicitors and barristers. Only barristers are members of the bar and allowed to represent clients before the various Courts. Solicitors give legal advice and draft legal documents, but their practice is confined to their office.

Most barristers in private practice are organized into chambers. The barristers in the chamber share overhead expenses, but do not share profits. It is exclusively an eat-what-you-kill business model. Interestingly enough, the public generally does not get to pick who will represent them in Court. It is typically decided upon by the person's solicitor and the chamber's "clerk." The clerk is employed by the chamber, but they steer the cases to individual barristers based on a number of factors. The barristers in the program told me at Christmas time, the clerk's office overflows with gifts from the barristers because their incomes depend upon getting good, lucrative cases from the clerk. At the conclusion of the case, it is the clerk who negotiates the barrister's fee and ensures payment. Until recently barristers were not allowed to sue the solicitor or client for unpaid fees.

When I received the welcome letter from the program director there was the acronym "QC" behind his name. It stood for Queens Counsel and was more commonly referred to as a "silk." It is a merit based designation, which is conferred on about 10% of the barristers. They do not have board certification, but rather one strives for the QC designation because it means higher fees, a fancy silk robe for court and the ability to address the court from the podium.

Yes; non-QC barristers or "Juniors" have to address the court from counsel's table.

The differences are also apparent in the English courtroom. The second day of the course was dedicated to "examination in chief." Many of the barristers in my group admitted that after 5 years of practice, he had never conducted a direct examination. The reason they had never done a direct examination was that each witness must draft a witness statement, which covers the material that would be elicited on direct examination. For a vast majority of civil cases, only a judge hears the case and, it is they who read all the witness statements before trial to shorten the proceeding.

The rules of evidence are also different regarding hearsay. The barrister, if planning on relying on hearsay evidence, must only give notice to the other side. The learned judge will weigh the hearsay

evidence appropriately and the other side can certainly argue that the court disregard it based on their inability to cross examine the individual who made the statement.

Another theme that kept coming up in conversations comparing the practice of law on both sides of the pond was the (mis) conception that US attorneys coached all of their witnesses. At first blush, I was offended because I said we don't tell our clients to lie on the stand. The barrister explained their definition of coaching is when a barrister meets with their client before the trial to discuss their testimony or do a mock cross examination. I replied that it would be unimaginable for a US trial attorney to not meet with your client before trial to prepare them for direct and cross examination.

On the last day of the course, the participants put everything they just learned into action during a mock trial. The claimant in its statement of particulars alleged a former employee left the company and wrongfully poached clients and customers. The defence¹ counter-claimed the company wrongfully withheld the former employee's bonus. The author of the case study carefully crafted it so that neither side had any smoking gun evidence. After half a day trial, the learned District Judge Murch handed both sides a partial victory dismissing each other's respective claims. I guess split decisions are just as common in the UK as the US.

I strongly encourage any young litigators to join the trial lawyer's section and apply next July for this scholarship. It was extremely rewarding and aimed at taking your advocacy skills to the next level in an international forum.

¹Spelled intentionally the British way.



President's Message

Alexandra D. St. Paul, Esq. President



We are fortunate to have David Lawrence, Jr. as our speaker for our October 31st meeting. Mr. Lawrence is a graduate of Manatee High School and UF. He is one of the country's most renowned and honored journalists. He retired as publisher of the *Miami Herald* in 1999, and prior to that was editor and publisher of the *Detroit Free Press*, editor of the *Charlotte Observer* and the *Philadelphia Daily News*, and worked at the *Washington Post* and *^*. After retiring from the newspaper business, he has devoted his life to the challenge of early childhood development, founding The Children's Trust in Miami-Dade, and currently he leads The Children's Movement of Florida.

Mr. Lawrence has led a fascinating life. He has spoken in 26 states, and in his career met the rich, powerful, average and poor. He has served on numerous charitable foundations and state sponsored programs for children, raised millions of dollars for multiple causes, and received numerous honorary doctorates and awards. He has dined with Queen Elizabeth II and Margaret Thatcher, interviewed Fidel Castro, and met every President from Nixon to

Trump. He became imbedded in the fabric of every community in which he has lived. From his years in journalism and community service, Mr. Lawrence has found many valuable life lessons that can help people lead a fulfilling and satisfied life. His talk at our bar luncheon, entitled "Inspiration and Idealism: The Meaning of Life and Work," will speak to those matters, focusing on the benefits of idealism and inspiration and service to others. His presentation will be an interesting counterpoint to the core of Past President Michael Higer's valuable but sobering presentation to our Bar six months ago concerning the worrisome state of the mental and emotional health of far too many Florida lawyers. Hopefully, Dave Lawrence's remarks will help some of us get back to the very things that drew us to our profession. We will also receive a CLE ½ credit hour for his talk.

Mr. Lawrence has written an autobiography entitled "*A Dedicated Life: Journalism, Justice and a Chance for Every Child*." I have had the opportunity to read the book and found it very interesting and recommend it to you. If you have a copy, or receive one of the copies that will be given out as prizes at the lunch, Mr. Lawrence will be happy to sign the copy for you after his talk.



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Is Your Estate Planning Practice Programed For The Digital World?

By: M. Brandon Robinson, Esq.

Almost everyone of school age in the United States owns some form of digital assets, many of which have both sentimental and pecuniary value. Whether it is the pictures and text messages on a smartphone; digital documents, logos, websites and online stores for a business; or the online bank accounts, utilities accounts, shopping accounts, and online bill pay programs that a growing number of Americans are now using; addressing digital assets is now necessary for the majority of estate planning clients. In this article, I will discuss what digital assets are, how to best classify digital assets, and what advice you should be giving your clients to start the conversation concerning digital assets.

Anything that is stored in electronic format is a digital asset. A hard drive, thumb drive, computer, iPod, and cellphone are all tangible items that can be devised like any other piece of tangible personal property. However, the pictures, movies, songs, text messages, computer programs, apps, and other digital media stored on those electronic devices, as well as anything stored in the cloud, are considered digital assets. Because of strict privacy laws, or the inherent encrypted nature of the asset itself, many digital assets require special authorization to access. If not properly planned for, these assets may be lost forever when the client passes away. So that clients may be best counseled concerning the disposition of their digital property, I have found it helpful to classify digital assets into six general categories.

The first category are those assets to which access may be necessary for estate administration, such as email accounts, utility accounts, bank accounts, and social media accounts. Any recurring payments will need to be examined and possibly stopped, utility accounts will need to be accessed and transferred, and online memberships to services such as Netflix will need to be canceled. The second category are those assets solely of sentimental value, and which the client will likely want preserved, such as family photos and films stored on a computer hard drive, or online in a location such as Facebook or Instagram. The third category are digital products that have been purchased by the client and/or have inherent value, such as downloaded movies, songs, video games, and online website domain names. It is important to note that many of these types of assets have user agreements that govern their use and ownership. It is possible that the client only purchased a license to use a particular product, such as is often the case with songs from iTunes and many downloaded software programs. The fourth category are assets that are themselves valuable, such as bitcoin, other online currencies, PayPal accounts, Credit Card Rewards accounts, and Apple Store accounts. The fifth category are assets capable of producing income, such as YouTube accounts, blogs, certain social media accounts, eBay, online stores, Twitch accounts, etc. The final category are those assets of a very personal nature that many clients may want deleted outright, such as the text messages on their cell phone, online browsing history, and personal papers and documents. As you can see, the list of potential digital assets can be quite extensive.

When counseling a client, it is good to help them understand the breadth of their digital footprint. The best way to accomplish this is



by having the client perform a digital audit. The primary audit should consist of the listing of every online account the client has, along with the username and password for each account, as well as the answers to any potential password prompts. The secondary audit would consist of a list of groups of digital assets, such as online photo albums, movies, etc., the location and identification of the device they are stored on or their location online, and any information required to obtain access to the asset. Additionally, clients should be advised to research what estate planning tools particular online accounts and assets may have available, as many vendors and custodians of digital assets such as Google and Facebook now allow the account owner to designate an account beneficiary, much like a transfer-on-death account.

A client with multiple online accounts should also be advised to consider using a password manager, such as LastPass, DashLane, or OneLogin for both estate planning and online security purposes. Many of these password managers will allow the client to store their username and a very complicated, virtually uncrackable password for each of their online accounts in an encrypted format that is only accessible via a master password. Not only will a password manager help prevent a client from becoming a victim of online hackers, but will also allow their Personal Representative to manage their online estate much easier via the use of single master password.

Lastly, all estate planning documents, including Durable Powers of Attorney, Wills, and Trusts, should be updated to include clauses that address digital assets. The Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (RUFADAA) has been adopted, in some form, by a majority of the states. Florida has adopted the act as the Florida Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act, which became effective July 1, 2016, and has been codified as Florida Statute Chapter 740. To better facilitate the fiduciary's access to the principal's digital assets, however, estate planners should not rely solely on the statute, but should specifically grant that authority to the fiduciary in the client's estate planning documents. It is also advisable to draft a separate written digital asset memorandum, often known as a Virtual Asset Instruction Letter or "VAIL," describing what is to be done with the various classes of assets owned by the client, instructions for accessing those assets, and the client's wishes concerning the devise of those assets that are divisible, similar to a separate written memorandum concerning tangible personal property. While this document should be kept in a secure location along with the client's Trust or Last Will and Testament, under no circumstances should the Digital Asset Memorandum be made a part of the client's Will, as the Will becomes public record when entered into probate, and it would not be wise to have the client's usernames and passwords out in the public domain. The client might also consider naming a trusted person, perhaps one who is technologically savvy, to serve as his "digital personal representative." The Estate Personal Representative could then rely on or delegate the duties of accessing, devising, and disposing of the client's digital assets to this "digital personal representative."

A majority of the tasks that were once accomplished by mail or
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via telephone are now conducted online, and this trend does not seem to be slowing down. As more of our personal, professional, and business lives are conducted online, on the web, or in the cloud, digital assets will become an ever-growing percentage of a decedent's overall estate. While this article is by no means a primer on estate planning for digital assets, I hope that it has stimulated some ideas, and that it will get you talking to your clients about addressing their online estate.



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David Lawrence is a nationally renowned journalist, and for the last 19 years, the person behind The Children's Movement of Florida. For more information on David Lawrence, please see our President's Message in this issue.

Mr. Lawrence will be available to sign copies of his book, *A Dedicated Life: Journalism, Justice, and a Chance for Every Child* (available on Amazon). However, we have copies available as part of our giveaway at the luncheon! You just may win one, but you need to attend.

RSVP NOW to reserve your spot at the October 31, 2018 luncheon. Seating is limited.

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Florida Rural Legal Services: One attorney to serve a three-year term commencing January 1, 2019 on its 20-member Board of Directors. Other appointing organizations are the NBA, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, ACLU, voluntary bar associations and various other eligible client and community organizations. The mission of Florida Rural Legal Services is to provide accessible legal assistance that empowers low-income and disadvantaged populations.

Persons interested in applying for these vacancies [may click here to download the Application for Special Appointment](#) or should call Bar headquarters at (850) 561-5667, to obtain the application form. Completed applications must be received by the Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-2300 or submitted via e-mail to specialapptapp@floridabar.org no later than the close of business on Friday, November 9, 2018. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of the required application. The Board of Governors will review all applications and may request telephone or personal interviews.

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CONGRATULATIONS JUDGE GALLEN!

Recently, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed October 25, 2018 as: Judge Tom Gallen Jr. Day!



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WHEREAS, Tom Gallen Jr.'s life exemplifies a selfless devotion to the well-being of all mankind, regardless of race, creed, color, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, his life is a shining example of service, philanthropy, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his unwavering care and compassion presiding over the people of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, Tom Gallen Jr. contributed to the community as a veteran, volunteer, member of the Florida Legislature, and as a circuit court judge; and

WHEREAS, Tom Gallen Jr. has shown care, compassion, sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom, and charity in all that he does; and

WHEREAS, he has led an exemplary life and has enhanced and enriched the lives of the community; and

WHEREAS, Tom Gallen Jr. has answered the call to public service with grace, dignity, and determination, and for that our community has been enriched; and

WHEREAS, with great admiration and respect, and sincere gratitude for his dedication to community and service, the Manatee County Rural Health Services Foundation honors Judge Tom Gallen Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that October 25, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

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Nomination submissions are due by December 3, 2018. The Board of the Suncoast Chapter and the Board of the Sarasota-Manatee Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators will review the nominations and select the finalists. The recipients will be notified of their nomination and the awards will be presented at the Suncoast Chapter's dinner meeting on January 14, 2019.

We hope you will help us recognize the outstanding work our paralegals do for you and the community. For additional information or a nomination form, please contact: Malora Shaw, Suncoast Chapter 2nd VP, email: mshaw941@hotmail.com; cell: 941-920-4913.



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October 31, 2018	General Membership Luncheon
November 1, 2018	"Vintage Attorneys" Happy Hour
November 8, 2018	Real Property Section CLE- Current Events in the Title World
November 8, 2018	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
December 7, 2018	Holiday Party
December 13, 2018	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
January 17, 2019	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
January 30, 2019	General Membership Luncheon
February 14, 2019	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
February 27, 2019	General Membership Luncheon
March 5, 2019	Past Presidents Luncheon
March 14, 2019	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
March 27, 2019	General Membership Luncheon
April, 2019	Beach Party/Social
April 11, 2019	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
May 9, 2019	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
May 29, 2019	General Membership Luncheon - LAW DAY
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5 Things You Didn't Know About Me:

Hon. Gilbert Smith, Jr.



1. I was born in Abbeville, South Carolina. But, I am the first child born outside of Florida for three generations.
2. My ancestor, Isham Blake Sr. fought in the American Revolution when he was 14. He fought under General Lafayette.
3. I am an Eagle Scout.
4. I know how to drive a dump truck!
5. My jobs throughout life have been quite interesting. I worked as an orderly at Manatee Memorial Hospital. I worked at Shannon's Funeral Home while I attended college. And, I worked as a teller before becoming a Vice President of a bank.

Charles W. "Charlie" Telfair, IV



1. I was raised in the military. I am the only son of a Green Beret Special Forces Sergeant Major. My dad was an advisor to John Wayne and the directors of the movie the Green Berets. He is also in the Sergeant Majors Academy Hall of Fame at Fort Bliss.
2. I lived in Central America, in Panama, for 7 years when I was a kid. I traveled down and back through Mexico by car 4 times.
3. I attended college on an Army ROTC scholarship and went on to become an officer in the Military Police Branch and an attorney. Those were two of my dad's least favorite professions so you can imagine how my doting father felt about that!
4. I am a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Mediator.
5. I was blessed by Pope Francis 2 months ago.

A Great Morning Of Learning With The Guardianship & Probate Section

Recently, the Guardianship & Probate Section held a morning learning session with Judge Deno Economou. The Judge Gilbert Smith Sr. Jury Assembly Room was host to the event, with approximately 50 attendees.

Issues Of Guardianship Practice, sponsored by Proctor Elder Law, included a discussion on newly adopted statutes by Judge Economou. Steve Moore of the Clerk of the Court's office spoke regarding Applications, Orders and Accountings. Role play scenarios were led by Sierra Butler and Liz Moneymaker, of Ferrari, Butler & Moneymaker PLLC and Rebecca Proctor of Proctor Elder Law. The CLE received great reviews by attendees, who enjoyed breakfast from Jason's Deli while earning CLE credits. Thank you to all involved for making this event possible.



Judge Economou discussing newly adopted Statutes



CLE Attendees MCBA President Alexandra St. Paul, MCBA Director and Sponsor Rebecca Proctor, Judge Deno Economou, MCBA Executive Director Graceann Frederico, YLD Director Sierra Butler, Esq., and MCBA Director Liz Moneymaker

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- ☐ Holiday Party, Bradenton Country Club, December 7, 2018
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10:00 Adoption Law

Presenter: Susan L. Stockham, Esq., The Law Offices of Susan L. Stockham, Adoption & Surrogacy Law

12:00 Lunch – provided by Legal Aid of Manasota

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12:30 Dependency/Juvenile Law

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- Introduction to Child Welfare
- Overview of Dependency Hearings
- Legal System and Ethics
- Introduction of Quality Improvement Center Concepts
- Common Issues and Theory of the Case

Presenters: Robin L. Rosenberg, Esq., Deputy Director of Florida's Children First

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Manatee County Administrative Judge	Honorable Deno G. Economou
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Sarasota County Administrative Judge	Honorable Debra Johnes Riva
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TYLA Court	Manatee County	Honorable Susan B. Maulucci
Drug Court & Veterans Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Charles E. Williams
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Mental Health Court	Sarasota County	To be announced
TYLA Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Andrea McHugh
Comprehensive Treatment Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Erika N. Quartermaine
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DESOTO COUNTY COURT

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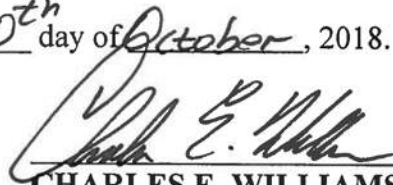
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PRESENTED BY: Jennifer Fowler-Hermes, Esq.

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