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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Back to the Future

By Stephen R. Dye, Esq., MCBA Treasurer



As many know, the “Dye firm” and the “Harrison firm” joined forces approximately a year and a half ago and as part of that the Dye firm moved into the Harrison firm’s building at the corner of Old Main Street and Manatee Avenue West. An interesting fact is that this is the same building the Dye firm occupied when the firm consisted of my father and grandfather (“Dye and Dye”). When the Harrison firm bought and remodeled the building twenty-five or so years ago they saved us an original leaded glass window from the second floor showing the faint “Dye and Dye” painted on it which I still have at my home. Our families have not just known each other for several generations but we have always been friends as well. Tom and Joe’s dad, George and my father, Dewey, attended the University of Florida law school together and would share rides between Bradenton and Gainesville. When George graduated from law school, his first job was at the Dye firm.

The Dye firm prior to our merger was located in what was formerly known as the Riverview Center on 3rd Avenue West, which was Cox Chevrolet before that. It had a ramp where you could drive a car to the third floor. The Dye firm and the Miller family (of Pier 22) purchased the Cox building in the early ‘80’s and remodeled it into condo office suites. The Dye firm occupied the third floor until relocating to the Harrison firm’s building in 2017.

It’s funny that our old building was called the Riverview Center because it had beautiful views of the Manatee River after it was constructed. However, the City of Bradenton made the controversial decision of building a new City Hall and Police department on the waterfront Bradenton Auditorium property after which about 75% of our view of the river was eliminated. Then about five years ago the Bradenton Herald relocated into our building and as part of that transaction the building was remodeled and renamed the “Bradenton

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President's Message



by Alexandra St. Paul, Esq.

I wanted to take a moment to share my personal experience with the Manatee Community Foundation (MCF). Last year, I lost a friend and client (John) who was a very special person and lived the American Dream. As a child born of Polish immigrant parents, he was quite poor in his formative years and began working at the age of 5 shining shoes for pennies. He worked hard all of his life but never married and had no children. After his death, he wanted a foundation established to help poor underprivileged children.

John lived to be quite elderly and by the time he died, there simply wasn't enough money to establish a foundation and make it worthwhile. In the alternative, I established a fund in his memory with MCF. Over the years I have had friends and clients who established funds with MCF or left money to MCF but I had no personal experience with the organization.

MCF is quite remarkable. Jennifer Abbott, the Director of Philanthropy at MCF, has brought projects and grant applications to me and so far we have helped seven worthy causes in Manatee County. Each contribution from John's fund will directly impact the lives of our young poor children in a very positive way.

Please consider MCF when you are working with your clients or even looking for worthy charities to help on your own. As members of this community, I think we are lucky to have such a great organization to help our poor and needy citizens.

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- May 17, 2019 BEACH PARTY SOCIAL
- May 29, 2019 General Membership Luncheon - LAW DAY
- June 13, 2019 CLE: Guardianship & Probate Section:
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YLD News & Happenings

Legal Community Gives Back To Local Community

By Amanda Tullidge, Esq., YLD Director



For over 20 years the Manatee County Bar Association has recognized the volunteerism of its members through its Community Service Awards. This year, MCBA has asked to hear from its members directly about the nonprofits with which we serve. This is a wonderful opportunity for our legal community to learn more about the local community

and the many ways in which we can get involved.

Community service is truly a touchstone of the legal profession and there are so many avenues in which our lawyers can and do give back. Many lawyers sit on the boards of local nonprofits to provide their expertise and sound advice to guide their organizations. Some legal organizations choose a particular charity to support with their fundraising efforts throughout the year. For example, our local chapter of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL) has selected Save Our Seniors as their designated charity for this year. Save Our Seniors focuses on providing medical equipment to physically limited seniors whose needs may not be covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

The Young Lawyers Division also plays their part in contributing to our local community. Most recently, the YLD partnered with Step Up Suncoast to present a series of seminars on a wide range of topics including landlord/tenant law, insurance law, and estate plan-

ning. These seminars were presented to the employees of Step Up Suncoast and other local nonprofits to provide them with a greater understanding of key legal issues which they can then pass on to their clients in need. Step Up Suncoast was the perfect partner for this initiative as they bring together resources for individuals, children, and families in need in the five-county area including Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The YLD is extremely appreciative to the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar for the grant which enabled us to present these seminars.

And of course many of our lawyers enjoy rolling up their sleeves and volunteering directly with a nonprofit which they feel passionately about. On April 15th, I took the opportunity to work with Stillpoint House of Prayer, a local food pantry located on Tamiami Trail just minutes from our courthouse, which serves the homeless and needy, with a special emphasis on the local migrant community. That day a local children's shoe designer, Susan Giroux, had kindly donated boxes and boxes of beautiful new children's shoes, sandals, and boots. I spent a wonderful morning distributing these to children in need. Experiencing their faces light up as they were able to select their very own new pair of rainbow colored sandals or glittery pink shoes was something I won't soon forget.

In ways both big and small, I look forward to seeing how the legal community will choose to give back to their local community in the years to come and how MCBA will continue to recognize their contributions.

The Manatee County Bar Association supports diversity and inclusion in our membership and welcomes lawyers of all backgrounds, ethnicities, races, religions, cultures, sexual orientations and abilities. As part of this initiative, the Manatee County Bar Association has created the Diversity and Inclusion Committee (DAIC) and fully supports its mission to increase the diversity of our membership and the local legal community.

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Questions like these were answered at our recent Wellness CLE: Attorneys & DNA held on May 2nd at the MCJC. Tracy Gapin, MD presented his very informative and engaging talk on how our DNA influences our lives, professions, and relationships. Dr. Gapin also introduced attendees to the field of Epigenetics and the future of medicine. Response was overwhelming and we hope to have Dr. Gapin return in the future.



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Herald Corporate Center” and Riverview Center was no more. Looking back, while I loved our offices I feel we dodged a bullet to have left that location when we did as that building now stares into the giant yellow wall of horror. In theory there may be people that like the yellow wall of horror but I can’t imagine looking at that view day in and day out. It was also built REALLY CLOSE to the property line like many new buildings in Bradenton these days. It’s “in your face”. I do get that Bradenton needs additional parking. I just can’t believe how much money was spent on the facade of a parking garage. You go to small towns all over the country and there are pedestrian walkways so you can safely cross busy roads. In Bradenton, that is desperately needed. It’s scary and dangerous standing on the sidewalks in Bradenton waiting to cross. Drivers in downtown are angry and frustrated. It also takes a ridiculous amount of time to walk or drive anywhere as the lights last so long. I suppose the new parking garage will be billed a major tourist attraction like the world famous “Riverwalk”. Each section of the new parking garage is a dramatically different architectural style. It is almost like a display board at Home Depot for the different styles of tile. My favorite elevation is the portion on Old Main facing Westminster Courtyard. Thankfully it appears to have picked up on the New Orleans-style architecture of the Courtyard and even has two very large elevated balconies. What is strange is the balconies simply go into the parking garage. So you can park then walk out on the huge balconies and wave to the residents at the Courtyard.

After the move was completed, my partner Alix St. Paul found a November, 1991 *Inter Alia* where I wrote the featured article just like this one. It was interesting to go back and read my comments from 1991. I do not recall much about serving on the Bar Association board at that time other than the fact that the Board decided to hire an executive director, Sue Revell. We really didn’t think we could afford it but it was getting to be too much of a burden to be on the Board without some hired help. It was a great decision.

In the 1991 article, I reported that I had just returned from vacation in England where I discussed the U.S. legal system with some of the locals. This was travel before kids and Maureen and I separated for the day with plans to meet back at Harrods at the end of the day. I set out early to go to the War Museum but when I got there it was not open. (In those days you couldn’t just look that up on your phone.) I had no plan B but noticed a pub across the street and headed over for a breakfast pint and to get some recommendations on what to do with my day. Some of my new friends were upset that English lawyers were starting to do the same types of deplorable things as American lawyers regarding personal injury type matters. (They had no idea of what was coming.) I stayed in their pub all day and they were nice enough to have me delivered to Harrods in one of those black cabs. I never took my wallet out.

Since 1991, personal injury advertising has gone off the rails. Before the internet, the injury lawyers basically just owned the phone book. Now, it appears to be difficult to do run a successful personal injury practice without some type of gimmick. If you disagree please drive by the former Kaklis, Venable and Witt property on 15th Street West which is now painted bright red and features a fleet of ambulances wrapped with a giant picture of some Tampa attorney’s smiling face. I suppose this guy sends these fake ambulances to accidents and maybe tries to get there before the real ambulances? At least he’s not an ambulance chaser. He’s driving the actual ambulance! I bet if you went to the City and asked to put up five giant bright red signs on your property advertising your

business, they wouldn’t tell you “no way, Jose “. But if you park five large vehicles with your sign painted on them, it’s “A-OK”. Here’s some good news. A large corporate client of mine who does get claims from injury attorneys from time to time recently told me that they are now relieved when “the attorney is the from the most well-known personal injury firm in Florida” (not to be mentioned by name), because they will settle quickly and for less money.

“1991 Steve” complained about how boring the *Florida Bar News* was. That has not changed. It seems like every time I look in my inbox, there’s a new one sitting there. And it’s still a newspaper! The thing I’ve found it most useful for over the years is putting several pages under my charcoal chimney as I don’t receive a regular newspaper anymore. It seems very few people read newspapers anymore. One of our local trial judges recently told me he was worried when a local newspaper ran a front page article on one of the big criminal trials he was handling on the morning before jury selection. So, the first thing he did was ask the jury pool if they had read the article. Nobody had. The judge added that the new problem with jurors is their cell phones enabling them to communicate about the proceedings, take pictures, make recordings or simply not pay attention to the proceedings. But cell phones did remove the threat of them reading local news. The poor *Bradenton Herald*. It has not only lost most of its customers; it’s building now stares at the giant yellow wall of horror

When I read the *Florida Bar News* these days there are a lot of articles regarding social justice-type issues. One of the most popular is gender equality. Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Bar President Michelle Suskauer who spoke at our Bar Association luncheon. One of Michelle’s main issues was the need for gender equality in the Bar. So I looked up the current statistics on Florida law school enrollment and the majority of persons attending and graduating from Florida law schools now are female. I would not be surprised if that trend continues.

Since writing the 1991 article, I was blessed to have two sons, neither of who wanted to become attorneys and honestly I did not encourage it. One reason is they are both good at math. Like me and their grandfather and great grandfather, they attended local public schools and later the University of Florida. My oldest son is a mechanical engineer living in South Tampa and the youngest just graduated from business school. With the baby boomer retirement surge underway, the youngest wants to be involved in the senior housing and healthcare industry. It’s still possible he could later go into law.

“1991 Steve” wrapped up his article by applauding the efforts of the Manatee Bar Association on becoming more visible in the community. At that time, we still had both a booth at the Manatee County Fair and we also did an event at De Soto Mall where people from the public could “ask a lawyer” various legal questions for free. The fair booth was like being in a dunk tank where people made snide anti lawyer remarks as they walked by. At the mall event you committed malpractice trying to answer legal questions that you knew nothing about. But at least the 1991 lawyers were trying. And we have certainly aged better than the mall.

I’ll wrap this up by pointing out something that I didn’t discuss in 1991 but that I now feel is worth mentioning. Getting into law school, graduating, passing the Bar exam and becoming a real lawyer is not easy or inexpensive. Private practice is particularly difficult. You are not just being an attorney but you are also having to run an office, pay overhead, stay current in the law, attract new clients, do the actual work, send out invoices, try to get paid, hire and manage

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a staff, recruit and manage new attorneys, deal with problem clients, deal with problem attorneys, dealing with HR problems, deal with the Bar, participate in community service, etc. It can be overwhelming. Somewhere in there you are supposed to have life balance, work out, get a hobby, raise a family, go to church, take time off, maybe even go on a vacation, but when you do that, your income comes to a stop until you return! Possibly, because of the many challenges lawyers face, there is an unusually high rate of substance abuse, depression, health issues, personal problems and even suicide. Instead of receiving prestige and riches for all that you did to become a lawyer, you're rewarded with a poor public image, cheesy lawyer television ads, billboards and now fake ambulances further tarnishing our profession. One good thing I'll throw in is that I think the females entering the profession in such large numbers counteracted the tacky "lawyer jokes" that were in full swing in 1991. Rude people are not so willing to publicly insult "the ladies". So ladies, the guys very much thank you for that.

With all that said, in 2019 I am very proud to be a lawyer. I'm proud to be a member of the Manatee County Bar Association and I enjoy and respect the vast majority of other lawyers, judges and legal staff. I truly believe that all of the adversity we experience as lawyers in many ways has drawn us closer together as a profession. Even though the system is competitive and adversarial by design, there is a new awakening that we need to stand together as a group and have each other's back. You can advocate for a client without being obnoxious to the other attorney. In fact, you should always show respect to other attorneys and their staff. In many ways, it's us against the world, since the time that we graduated, and not only are we better off, but society is better off if we look at it this way.

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- A .pdf version of the complete application with a color photograph to ncason@smrl.com
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All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on May 22, 2019. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: All questions in the application must be answered fully and completely. Applications should include current and accurate contact information for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel and references, as those individuals will likely be contacted.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held on June 7, 2019 at the Manatee County Courthouse, Manatee County Florida. Members of the bench, bar and public are encouraged to contact members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. A complete listing for each member is available on the Florida Bar's Website www.floridabar.org.

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1. My favorite food: mustard greens
2. I don't always dress formal for court
3. I am tired of singing "Mustang Sally" at every band gig
4. I am the oldest of 5 "D" brothers: Doug, David, Dale, Dana, and Duane
5. I ran the "original" marathon route in Greece



Message from Linda Harradine, CEO of Legal Aid of Manasota

Did you know that Legal Aid of Manasota is the designated administrative agency for pro bono services in Manatee and Sarasota Counties?

Last year we helped over 2,300 clients, primarily with the assistance of local attorneys who donated over 5,000 hours of pro bono service valued at over \$1.1 million dollars!

Unfortunately, we still had to turn away hundreds of deserving clients and we need your help. Legal Aid has many cases awaiting pro bono placement and the list only gets longer every day. In the next few weeks you will receive a Legal Aid of Manasota pro bono registration form outlining the types of civil matters we need help with. Please consider registering to handle one, or more, cases or donate to help support access to justice.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at LindaH@legalaidofmanasota.org or our Pro Bono Coordinator, Pam Fields, at PamelaF@legalaidofmanasota.org

Thank you!

*Linda Harradine, Esq.
CEO*

Us Magistrate Opening - North Florida

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida is currently accepting applications for a full-time United States magistrate judge position to be resident in the Tallahassee division of the court. Additional details regarding the position and the application process are available on the court's website at www.flnd.uscourts.gov or by using the link below. Applications must be received no later than August 1, 2019.

<http://www.flnd.uscourts.gov/news/appointment-full-time-unit-ed-states-magistrate-judge-tallahassee-division>

Applications Being Accepted Manatee American Inn of Court

The Manatee American Inn of Court is now accepting applications for new members. Members of the Inn are attorneys who practice in Manatee County and judges of courts serving Manatee County. To receive an application, please email Andrea Johnson, Membership Chair, at Andrea@amjlawfirm.com.

Completed applications are due on **May 30**.

Join us for
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lature, who were born in Manatee County. Dewey Dye (Senate -1939 - 1942), William G. Grimes (House of Representatives - 1955 - 1958), Robert Knowles (House of Representatives - 1959 - 1966), Jerome Pratt (House of Representatives - 1967 - 1970), and John Harllee (House of Representatives - 1971 - 1974). For the first time in our history, we can now claim the honor of having a member represent us in the United States Congress and at the same time, have a member represent us in the Florida House of Representatives.

Over our 110 plus years of history, the Manatee County Bar Association has had several members serve in the Florida legis-



W. GREGORY STEUBE

W. Gregory Steube was born and raised in Bradenton, graduated from Southeast High School and then graduated from University of Florida with his Bachelor of Science degree and Juris Doctorate degree. He enlisted in the U. S. Army and participated in the infantry and was a JAG officer in Iraq and the Middle East. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Greg returned to Bradenton and began practicing law in private practice before he started his own firm. In 2010, he continued his service to the public when he was elected to the Florida House of Representative before being elected to the Florida Senate in 2016 and then in 2018 to the United States House of Representatives.

William C. Robinson Jr. was born and raised in Bradenton, graduated from Manatee High School and then graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree from Notre Dame University and with his Juris Doctorate degree from Stetson University. He began his legal career with the law firm of Grimes, Goebel, Grimes, Hawkins, Gladfelter & Galvano before becoming a partner with the Blalock Walters law firm. Will took the opportunity to serve the public when he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2018.



WILLIAM C. ROBINSON

MCBA's Law Day luncheon will be exciting as we hear from these two distinguished legislators on their "rookie" year in their elected positions. Seating is limited, so please send in your RSVP early to Graceann at MCBA@ManateeBar.com.



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- Probate, trust and guardianship litigation
- Homestead issues
- Elder Law
- Elective share
- Rights of surviving spouse
- Public benefits and Medicaid planning
- Veteran's benefits
- Guardianship.



Jeffrey S. Goethe, Esq.

- Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1990
- Florida Bar Board-Certified in Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Current member and past chair of the Florida Probate Rules Committee
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- Past Director and President of the Manatee County Bar Association



Lawrence W. Thomas, Esq.

- Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1985
- Past Director and Secretary of the Manatee County Bar Association
- Practice areas include wills, trusts, estates, guardianship and elder law



M. Brandon Robinson, Esq.

- Admitted to the Florida Bar in 2015
- United States Department of Veteran's Affairs Accredited Attorney
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Steve Heintz and David Becker are in the less than 1% of Florida lawyers that are board certified by the Florida Bar. Less than 1/2 of 1% are board certified by the National Board. Steve is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.



PUBLIC NOTICE

2019 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

APPLICANTS FOR SPECIAL MAGISTRATE

Opportunities now exist for appraisers and attorneys, who are licensed in the State of Florida and meet the following criteria to serve as Special Magistrate(S) to the 2019 Value Adjustment Board, pursuant to Florida Statute 194.035 and Chapter 12D, Florida Administrative Code, for the purpose of taking testimony and making recommendations with regard to:

1. The Special Magistrate must meet the following qualifications
 - a. A Special Magistrate must not be an elected or appointed official of the county.
 - b. A Special Magistrate must not be an elected or appointed official or employee of a taxing jurisdiction or of the State.
 - c. During a tax year in which a Special Magistrate serves, her or she must not represent any part before the board in any administrative review of property taxes.
 - d. All Special Magistrates must meet the qualifications specified in *Section 194.035, F.S.*
2. A Special Magistrate appointed to hear issues of exemption, classifications, and portability assessment difference transfers shall be a member of the Florida Bar, with no less than five years' experience in the area of ad valorem taxation and having received training provided by the department, or with no less than three years of such experience and having completed training provided by the department.
3. A Special Magistrate appointed to hear issues regarding valuation of real estate shall be a state certified real estate appraiser with not less than five years' experience in real property valuation and having received training provided by the department, or with no less than three years of such experience and having completed training provided by the department. A real property valuation Special Magistrate must be certified under *Chapter 475, Part II F.S.*
 - a. A Florida certified residential appraiser appointed by the Value Adjustment Board shall only hear petitions on the just valuation of residential real property of one to four residential units and shall not hear petitions on other types of real property.
 - b. A Florida certified general appraiser appointed by the Value Adjustment Board may hear petitions on the just valuation of any type of real property.
4. A Special Magistrate appointed to hear issues regarding valuation of tangible personal property shall be a designated member of a nationally recognized appraiser's organization with no less than five years' experience in tangible personal property valuation and having received training provided by the department, or with no less than three years of such experience and having completed training provided by the department.
5. All Special Magistrates shall attend or receive an annual training program provided by the department. Special Magistrates substituting two years of experience must show they have completed the training by taking a written examination provided by the department. A Special Magistrate must receive or complete any required training prior to holding hearings.
6.
 - a. The Value Adjustment Board or Board legal counsel must verify a Special Magistrate's qualifications before appointing the Special Magistrate.
 - b. The selection of a Special Magistrate must be based solely on the experience and qualification of such magistrate, and must not be influenced by any party, or prospective party, to a board proceeding or by an such party with an in interest in the outcome of such proceeding. Special Magistrates must adhere to Rule 12D-9.022 F.A.C., relating to disqualification or recusal.

Please note that hearing will take place October, November and December of 2019. Availability for these dates is necessary for consideration of appointment.

Qualified individuals wishing to apply should submit a resume on or before Friday, May 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., to:

Angelina "Angel" Colonnese
Value Adjust Board
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