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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Join us as we present, “Letters from Anne and Martin” to Manatee County on Thursday, September 26th at 7pm!

By Lori Dorman, MCBA Past President



“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” Dr. King wrote while jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, after being arrested at a peaceful march in 1963. Twenty years earlier, while she and her family hid from the Nazis, Anne Frank wrote, “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment

before starting to improve the world.”

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee (DAIC) is honored to present our next event: bringing “Letters from Anne and Martin” to all of the 10th grade students at Manatee County’s public high schools. With the generous support of The Johnston Family Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation and The James Bruen and Jane Plitt Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation, Embracing Our Differences, and the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation, more than

3000 students will get to hear the inspirational words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *Letter from Birmingham Jail* and Anne Frank’s *Diary of a Young Girl* in a performance that is thoughtful, moving and uplifting. The play shares important messages from Dr. Martin Luther King and Anne Frank as they speak of their hopes and plans for a peaceful, just and unified world. Retired Judge Peter Dubensky will moderate our high school performances.

On Thursday evening, **September 26, 2019**, the MCBA is presenting a community performance of “Letters from Anne and Martin” at the Manatee Performing Arts Center. Following the performance, Penn State Professor Dr. James Stewart will lead a post-show discussion with the actors and audience. We encourage you to bring your family and friends and join us for this truly special event.

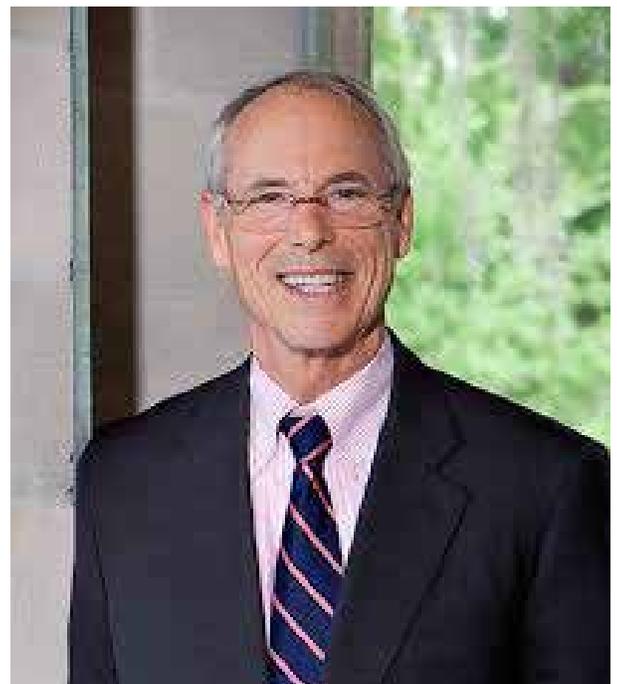
Tickets are available at the Manatee Performing Arts Center Box Office or can be purchased online: <https://tickets.manateeperformingartscenter.com/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=5597>.

Welcome Pat Neal!

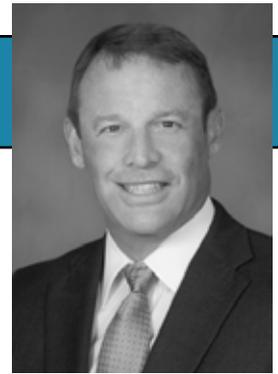
Wed, September 25, 2019
General Membership Meeting
Pier 22
Noon

Join us as we welcome Pat Neal, as our guest speaker at the September 25th, 2019 General Membership Luncheon at Pier 22. Pat Neal is known as the business leader for Neal Communities, a public servant and a philanthropist. He is also a former state Legislator and Senator. As a former member of the Florida Senate and Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Pat served on Governor Rick Scott’s transition team with oversight of the Department of Management Services. He currently holds a similar role for Governor Ron DeSantis as a member and former chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission and the current chairman of TaxWatch. Pat is the former chair of the Florida Commission on Ethics, a state agency established in the Florida Constitution, that oversees the conduct of Florida’s 380,000 public employees.

Please RSVP to reserve your spot by emailing
Graceann at MCBA@ManateeBar.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2019



By: Charles W. Telfair, IV.

We have an outstanding line-up of speakers for our 2019-2020 MCBA luncheons. On September 25, 2019, Pat Neal will speak to us about the history and role of the Judicial Nominating Commission. This should be an interesting and informative discussion given the recent questions raised by some members of the community regarding the JNC and the appropriateness of its role.

On October 30, 2019, John Stewart, the President of the Florida Bar and Scott Westheimer, our Florida Bar Board of Governors Twelfth Circuit Representative will speak together about the state of our Florida Bar. They are both doing a tremendous job for us and the Florida Bar and they are both excellent speakers in their own right.

On January 29, 2020, John Michael Chambers, a well known author, national speaker and news commentator will speak with us about one of the hottest topics in US politics – Voter Suppression. With the 2020 election looming, he will be both educational and timely.

On February 26, 2020, we will lighten things up with Dan Malasky, the Chief Legal Officer of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as our luncheon speaker. He will provide us with a day in the life of the Buccaneers from a lawyer's perspective.

On March 25, 2020, Chief Judge Bonner, the first woman to serve as the Chief Judge in the history of the Twelfth Circuit (unanimously elected), will be our guest speaker. As many of you know, Judge Bonner and her family have a deep and rich connection to Florida and we are very proud to claim her as one of our own.

May 20, 2020 (Law Day) and June 24, 2020 (MCBA elections) the speaker's roles remain to be filled. But, we are certain our President-Elect Steve Dye will locate and enlist dynamic speakers for these dates.

The food itself for our luncheons is going to be new and different with a hot plate served at some luncheons and a buffet style set-up at others. We felt the food selection was getting a little stale and we hope these changes are, well, appetizing.

Finally, parking should be completely restored by the time our luncheons begin. All in all, no excuses. We have great speakers, good food and parking a plenty. We look forward to seeing all of our members at our luncheons and, of course, all of our other outstanding MCBA events.

Tampa Bay

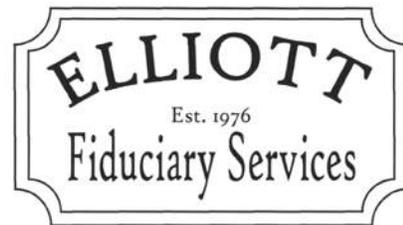


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MCBA YLD Presents
AFTERNOON AT THE COURTHOUSE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Please join the MCBA YLD at our 2019 kickoff event!

Come and hear from local attorneys, a pro bono organization, and 5 of our esteemed Judges on professionalism and tips for practicing in Manatee County. Then walk across the street to network with local attorneys while enjoying great food and drinks.

3:00pm – 5:00pm Professionalism with Opposing Counsel, Community, and the Court
 2.0 CLE credits are pending
 8th Floor, Multi-Purpose Room of the Manatee County Judicial Center

5:00pm – 6:30pm Networking at Connect Bradenton
 1201 6th Ave. West, Bradenton, FL 34205
 Food and Drinks will be provided

Start Earning Points towards winning the MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year Award!
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 11, 2019 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- September 18, 2019 YLD Professionalism/Afternoon in the Courthouse CLE
- September 19, 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
- September 25, 2019 General Membership Luncheon Pier 22
- September 26, 2019 Judge Henderson Retirement Ceremony
- September 26, 2019 Letters from Anne & Martin
- September 26, 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Event

- October 2, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- October 4, 2019 Judge Heather Doyle Investiture – Historic Courthouse
- October 9, 2019 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- October 17, 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC
- October 22, 2019 Real Property CLE: ERecording and Online Records – details coming soon
- October 30, 2019 General Membership Luncheon Pier 22

- November 5, 2019 Art in the Courthouse
- November 6, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- November 7, 2019 Walt Smith Retirement
- November 13, 2019 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- November 21, 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC

- December 4, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- December 5, 2019 MCBA Holiday Party at Bradenton County Club
- December 11, 2019 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- December 19, 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC

- January 8, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- January 15, 2020 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- January 16, 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC
- January 29, 2020 General Membership Luncheon Pier 22

- February 5, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- February 12, 2020 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- February 20, 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC
- February 26, 2020 General Membership Luncheon Pier 22

- March 4, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- March 11, 2020 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- March 19, 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC
- March 25, 2020 General Membership Luncheon Pier 22

- April 1, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- April 8, 2020 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- April 16, 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC

- May 6, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- May 13, 2020 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- May 20, 2020 LAW DAY Luncheon *Note: This is NOT the last Wednesday of the month
- May 21, 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC

- June 3, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- June 10, 2020 YLD Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- June 18, 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting - MCJC
- June 24, 2020 General Membership Luncheon Pier 22

*dates are subject to change

Investiture Ceremony

for the

Honorable

Heather Doyle



Will take place in the Honorable R.B. "Chips" Shore
Historical Courtroom in the
Manatee County Historic Courthouse
October 4, 2019 at 4:00PM



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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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YLD News & Happenings



What Is New With The YLD Of Manatee County?

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

As the President of the Young Lawyer Division of the MCBA, I am excited for the upcoming events that the YLD Board of Directors has planned for 2019-2020! The YLD Board of Directors held its planning meeting in August. We look forward to bringing great events for the young lawyers of Manatee County that will allow us to network and support Manatee County.

One of the new programs we are initiating this year is the MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year award. Winning this award will get the young attorney, and his or her firm, a great MCBA marketing package. So how can the young lawyers reading this article become the MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year? Simple, earn points by joining us at YLD and MCBA events! Whoever has the most points by June 2020 earns the title MCBA Young Lawyer of the Year! Get your first point by following the new and improved Young Lawyer Division of Manatee County Facebook page! This is where we will be advertising and taking RSVPs for upcoming events. Other ways to earn points are as follows:

- RSVP through Facebook for posted Events - 1 point
- Attend First Event – 5 points
- Attend Second Event – 10 points
- Attend Third Event – 15 points
- Every Additional Event Afterwards – 20 points
- Attend MCBA Luncheons – 5 points
- Attend Holiday Party – 10 points
- Attend MCBA Beach Bash – 10 points

The YLD are kicking off the year with Afternoon at the Courthouse on September 18, 2019. Afternoon at the Courthouse is a professionalism program with 2.0 CLE credits pending, where local attorneys and Judges will discuss different aspects of professionalism with attendees. Please see the YLD Facebook page for more information regarding this event.

If you are an attorney who has been practicing 5 years or less or are under the age of 40, I welcome you to join us at any of the upcoming YLD events. Who knows, maybe you can be the first Young Lawyer of the Year for Manatee County!



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John A.(Jack) Moran, PhD and Peggie Ward, PhD



Dr. Moran and Dr. Ward will be joined by Honorable Judges Donna Padar Berlin, Kimberly Bonner, Lee Haworth, Susan Maulucci and Attorney Heather Byrd. Additional Presentations made by: Attorney Sharon O'Day & Valerie Fisher, LMHC; and Christian Daley, IRS Agent.

Drs. Moran and Ward will cover Intractable Conflict: How it is created and how to fix it; High Conflict personalities, vulnerable children, fallible memory: Approaches to Understanding and resolving. The Judges and Attorney Byrd will address evidence-based approaches to identify, assess and intervene in these cases and will offer a Judicial Approach and Thinking about Alienation cases. Hidden Assets will be examined and there will be a comprehensive update of family case law.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019 - 8:00 A.M - 5:30 P.M.
THE GROVE – LAKEWOOD RANCH, FLORIDA**

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Family Court Professional Collaborative - 2019 Annual Conference
OVERCOMING PARENT CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS: ALIENATION AND BEYOND



When: Friday, October 4, 2019— 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Where: The Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Honorable Judge Diana Moreland as Master of Ceremonies

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration & Check-in; Breakfast Buffet / Welcome: Judge Donna P. Berlin & Stephanie Roth, LMHC
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Intractable Conflict in Cases Where Children Resist Seeing or Refuse to Have Contact with One Parent: What Creates This Type of Conflict and How Can Family Law Professionals Manage It - Jack A. (John) Moran, PhD
10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. High Conflict Personalities, Vulnerable Children, Blame, Lies and Fallible Memories: Strategies to Intervene - Peggie Ward, PhD
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cases, Statutes and Rules Update - Sharon O'Day, JD & Valerie Fisher, LMHC
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Hidden Assets in Intractable Conflict Cases: Christian Daley, IRS Agent
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Panel: Evidence Based Approaches to Identify, Assess and Intervene in Parent-Child Resist and Refusal Cases: Judges Berlin and Haworth, Heather Byrd, JD., Jack A. (John) Moran, PhD
4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Panel: Judicial Approach to and Judicial Thinking About Types of Alienation Cases: Judges Berlin, Haworth, Bonner, and Maulucci — Moderator: Peggie Ward, PhD

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Registrations will be cancelled should payment not be received on or before September 27, 2019.

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FCPC has applied for CLEs, CMEs and CEUs**. No Refund will be provided. Registrants may provide a substitute or may receive all materials and membership for 2020; substitute names must be provided by September 20, 2019.

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- Listed in *Inter Alia*
- Listed on the MCBA Website
- Sent a special “100 Club” badge to be used in their marketing materials

The MCBA’s “100 Club” is open to renewal each year, as it does not automatically renew due to changes in firm rosters from year to year. Firms must renew each year to participate.

To become a member of the “100 Club” for the 2019-20 year, please submit your request via email to Executive Director, Graceann Frederico at MCBA@ManateeBar.com no later than, **October 31, 2019**. Include a listing of all attorneys in your firm. Once the names are verified as active members of the MCBA, and approved, your firm will be added to the MCBA 2019-20 “100 Club” listings and sent the official badge.

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IF IT INVOLVES FOOD



*If an event involves food,
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MCBA members were all smiles as they attended our exclusive, one day only, photo shoot event with nationally acclaimed photographer, Sally Ullman. Shown is attorney, Joe Battaglia, having some fun during his shoot. If you missed your chance to have your professional head shot updated, please contact Sally directly at www.sallyullmanphotography.com to inquire of additional opportunities.

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Inter Alia Article BOG – September 2019

by 12th Judicial District Representative Scott Westheimer

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for college football season! The Florida Bar Board of Governors met on July 19, 2019 and we will meet again on September 18, 2019 (which is after my deadline for submitting this article, so I will update everyone about that meeting in my emailed Board of Governors' report). The major actions of the

Board and the reports received at the July meeting included:

The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics reported to the board that they declined a request for an ethics advisory opinion regarding the approximately 150 lawyers in Florida who serve as Guardians ad Litem. The decision was based on the determination that the request did not meet the standard for the Board of Governors to issue an advisory ethics opinion which is only allowed "when the Board of Governors determines that the application of the Rules of Professional Conduct to a particular set of facts is likely to be of widespread interest or unusual importance to a significant number of Florida Bar members." The Florida Bar News Article further provides information on the request.

An update on the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice was presented by Florida Bar past president Greg Coleman, who chairs the commission's executive committee. He said the commission has been focusing on family law, where statistics show that as many as 85% of litigants appear in court without a lawyer, and on veterans' access issues. The commission's Council of Business Partners and commissioners are now speaking to business groups to point out that when people are unable to resolve their civil legal issues, they, their communities and workplaces, and the state are all negatively impacted. Coleman praised Florida Bar members who, through various legal aid societies, are making a substantial effort to help the estimated four million Floridians who live below the federal poverty level and lack access to the courts. For more information on the commission, visit <https://a2j.flcourts.org/>.

Discussion on a proposal for registering online legal services providers was deferred to the September 20 meeting. Approved by the board's Special Committee on Technologies Affecting the Practice of Law, the voluntary program would strengthen protection of the public and expand economic opportunities for Bar members while promoting cooperative relationships with unregulated providers. The proposal was noticed to Bar members on April 15 and appeared on first reading at the board's May meeting. If approved by the board, it would still require approval by the Florida Supreme Court. Mem-

bers should contact their Board of Governors representative(s) with any questions or input. Read more in the May 10 Florida Bar News article.

The Board of Governors reversed the Standing Committee on Advertising and found that a specific law firm name that does not include the owner's official bar name is not misleading, under Bar rules. The narrow ruling was confined to the facts of this specific situation: the filer's original and current official bar name are unique, the lawyer continues to use her original official bar surname as part of her official bar name hyphenated with her married name, the firm has built a reputation using the original official bar surname, and the firm has existed in a continuous line of succession with its name unchanged. Members can pose questions about advertising, conflict dilemmas, confidentiality questions, communication concerns, trust accounting problems, and other ethics difficulties unique to the profession by calling the Florida Bar Ethics Hotline at (800) 235-8619. Hotline attorneys are authorized to respond to inquiries from members in good standing asking about their own future conduct.

TrustBooks, web-based software designed for law firms to easily manage trust accounts while staying compliant with Bar rules, was approved as the newest member benefit. The benefit, which should be available later this summer, includes a free demonstration and an individual on-boarding telephone session, as well as webinars to keep members updated. TrustBooks will offer Florida Bar members discounts on its "DIY" and "TEAM" subscription plans. Visit <https://www.floridabar.org/member/benefits/> to learn more about the more than 70 discounted products and services available to Florida Bar members for practice and personal needs.

Also to remind everyone, the Florida Bar's enhanced Lawyer Referral Service platform is an expanded member benefit designed to drive new business for Florida attorneys, within our coverage area, in more than 120 practice areas. The Lawyer Referral service provides LRS attorneys more than 70,000 referrals each year, generating an estimated \$3.49 million in new business. To learn more, visit <https://lrs.floridabar.org/>

We are looking forward to the new Bar year (2019 – 20120) under President, John M. Stewart. For this new Bar year, I will be serving as Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, Chair-elect for the Disciplinary Review Committee, and am also serving on the Executive Committee, the Committee on Technologies Affecting the Practice of Law and the Strategic Planning Committee. As always, it is my honor and privilege to serve our circuit and please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or thoughts you have related to the Bar.

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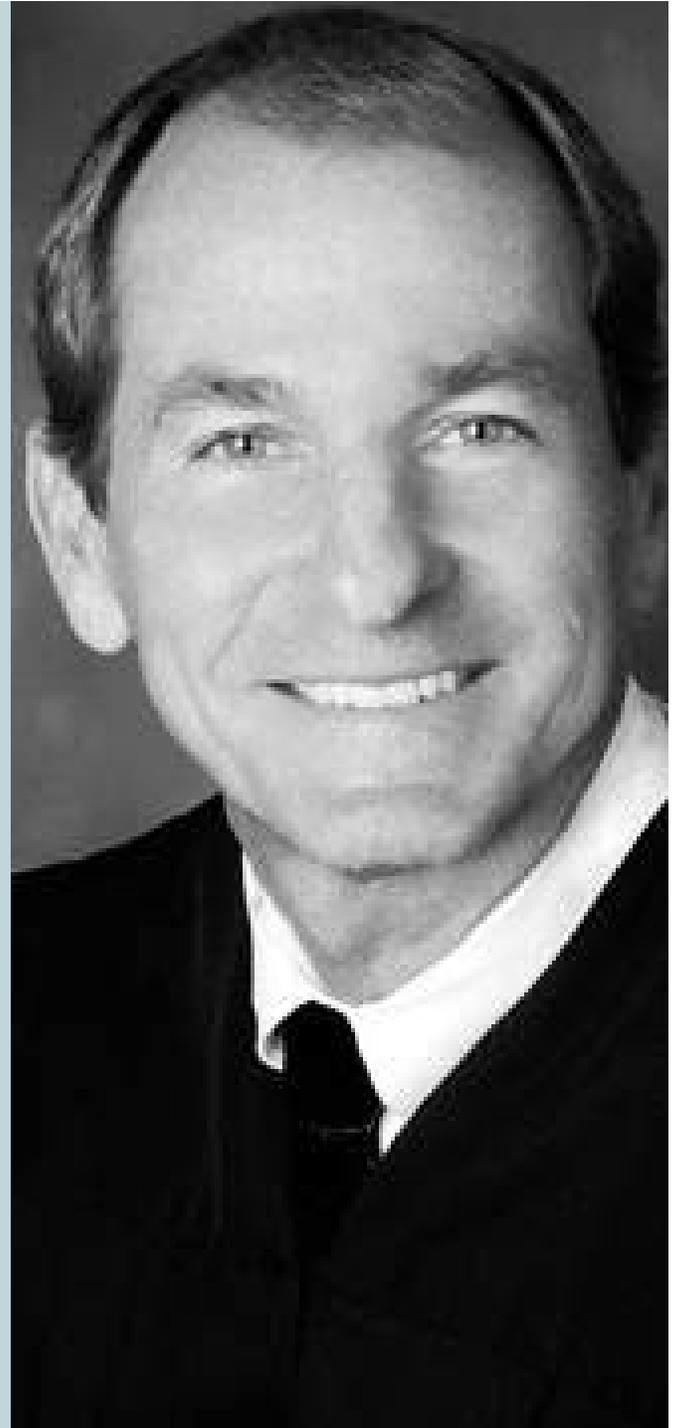
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