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Online Attorney Marketing and Presence

By James Lynch, MCBA Director

New business is the lifeblood for any attorney or law firm. While referrals from other attorneys or clients are a great way to gain new business, often referrals can be inconsistent in their frequency. Therefore, some attorneys implement marketing and advertising strategies. A quick review of your email inbox will likely show there are no shortage of

companies that provide these services. However, there are some easy-to-follow steps that will allow an attorney or law firm to effectively market itself without much cost or time commitment:

Website: In today's media-driven world, the website is king. A Google search for an attorney or a law firm will likely produce the website for the attorney or law firm within the first 3 search results, allowing potential clients easy access to your "sales pitch" on why they should hire you or your firm. Once at your website, however, it is important that the website appear professional, updated, and informative so that the client feels comfortable that you can handle their legal problem. Adding substantive legal content to your website will also draw more potential clients searching for their specific legal issue, such as "how to cure a cloud on title." Google also rewards you for including substantive content on your website by ranking your website higher in the search results. This is important, as recent data shows that 75% of people click on the first one or two Google search results, and only 7% browse past the first page of search results.

Google: If the website is king, Google represents the guards to the castle. Research for the last year shows that people consistently use Google searches to conduct over 92% of all searches online, with Bing and Yahoo combining to produce just over 4% of all searches. Knowing this, Google makes a fortune charging for advertising located at the prime locations on the page containing your search results. If you are not yet ready to sink big bucks into online advertising, there is a simple and free way to control a portion of the prime real estate at the top of Google search results – opening a Google My Business (GMB) account. To get started, perform a Google search for your law firm then click the "Own this business" link on the right side of the Google page displaying your law firm's search results. Google will then verify your identity including through your ownership of the website domain (for instance, manateebar.com). Once verified, you can manage your GMB account and business profile to provide relevant information and photos for potential clients and receive free advertising and statistical information from Google about how potential clients are interacting with your website and your business. Of course, Google makes it very easy to transition

from the free GMB account to paid advertising for your firm and certain legal specialties, but an effective tool is to have your clients provide Google reviews for your firm on your GMB business profile after you successfully handle their legal matter.

Lawyer Sites and Social Media: Lawyer sites and social media can be great resources for attorneys looking to expand their business. An easy first step is to claim your profile on Avvo.com, Martindale.com, and Lawyers.com and provide as much information about you and your firm as possible. Also, request your clients to publish reviews of you and your firm on these sites as well. The information and reviews are published and advertised by each of these lawyer websites, which will in turn raise your visibility within Google search results. You may also wish to claim you or your firm's profile on other forms of social media – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. When selecting an attorney, potential clients seek

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SAVE THE DATE!

**MCBA SPRING SOCIAL
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Join us for an evening of fun, food, and more fun!

Friday, Apr. 16, 2021, 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Grimes Family Beach House -
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More details to come!
Get it on your calendar!
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(Online Attorney Marketing, continued from page 1)

out the opinions of friends and family, and more people are now communicating using social media. However, make sure your social media profiles and messages remain professional and updated as it is easy to let these become stale when your practice becomes busy. Finally, given the nature of social media, it is important you recognize that you will receive both positive and negative reviews and comments, and an attorney must be cognizant of ethical and professional responsibilities in any response. For guidance, please reference ABA Formal Opinion 496 titled "Responding to Online Criticism."

MCBA Website & Marketing Materials: Lastly, another easy way to advertise your practice is on the MCBA website. The newly launched "Member Directory" lists all active members, their contact information, and areas of practice. The online directory is searchable by the public and is a free benefit to MCBA members. Attorneys may also become an 'Annual Law Firm Sponsor' of the MCBA and receive an extensive marketing package of continuous and repeatable exposure of their practice on the MCBA website, in the *Inter Alia*, and MCBA marketing materials. MCBA members receive a discounted rate.

I hope these suggestions were beneficial to MCBA attorneys looking to reach potential clients and expand their online presence, and I look forward to seeing each of you in person soon to engage in the more "traditional" marketing.

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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. Firms must have two or more attorneys to be eligible.

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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.



We want to share what you are doing to promote kindness in our community! Please send us any news, events, photos, etc. of YOU participating in local causes. Are you running a race, collecting food, training service dogs, baking cookies, cleaning up highways and waterways..... just some thoughts to get you thinking. We want to celebrate our members and if space allows, you may just find yourself, and your charity, in the Inter Alia and/or on our social media.

Send your info to Graceann at mcba@manateebar.com



Andrea Johnson, Esq.: I am a member of Bradenton Kiwanis and volunteered with fellow Kiwanians to package 700 meals for Meals on Wheels Plus "Food 4 Families." This is a food-distribution program to provide

COVID-19 emergency relief to Manatee County residents. The meals are distributed to families in our community at a weekly drive-through event at the Bradenton Dream Center.

Terri Cromley, Esq.: Our book club, many of whom are MCBA members organized a toiletry drive for Turning Points. We provided them with a trunk full of soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo, etc. They need both travel size and full size items. As you can understand, their need has increased with COVID. If you would like to donate, feel free to drop off any donations to me, Terri Cromley at Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, 714 Manatee Ave. E, Suite C, Bradenton 34208. You can also have an Amazon delivery sent to me or directly to Turning Points.

Stacey Maloney, Esq.: What does member, Stacey Maloney, Esq., do when she is not practicing law? Why, she bakes delicious chocolate chip cookies, of course! Stacey is the owner of Stacey's Sandcastle Cookies, and she would like her company to ultimately benefit foster/orphaned young adults aging out of the system with their housing needs and first-time home purchase so they too can experience coming home to milk and cookies and sharing their day with their loved ones.

Stacey has applied for a grant to make this vision happen and needs your help! Please take a moment to VOTE in the FedEx Small Business Grant Contest to award twelve (12) U.S.-based small businesses with grants up to \$50,000 and up to \$7,500 in FedEx Office® print and business services.

Please vote at this link: [Small Business Grant Contest \(fedex.com\)](https://www.fedex.com). Click on the link and scroll down to vote in bottom left-hand corner. **You can vote up to a total of 15 times (1 vote per day) by voting every day from TODAY 3/10/21 through Wednesday, 3/24/21.** For more info, please contact Stacey at: stacey@maloneylegalfl.com



MANATEE COUNTY ATTORNEY, MICKEY PALMER, RETIRES

By Pamela J. D'Agostino

Assistant County Attorney

I am both pleased and disappointed that Mitchell O. Palmer has retired. Mickey's last day was Friday, January 29, 2021. Mickey has been an incredible lawyer, colleague, friend, leader, and mentor for many in his nearly 40 years of practice.

Born and raised in Manatee County, he is a proud product of the County's public school system and Manatee High School in particular. In his teen years he worked for Publix and Robby's Sporting Goods. He attended Florida State University and went on to Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

His legal career began as an Assistant State Attorney, first in the Sixth Judicial Circuit and then in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. From 1987 to 2000, he served as an Assistant County Attorney for Manatee County, handling a diverse workload

including personal injury litigation, construction litigation, eminent domain litigation, employee discipline and termination, and contract drafting. Then in 2000, he transitioned to the private sector with Williams Parker Harrison Dietz & Getzen. Later, he established his own law office handling commercial and construction litigation, eminent domain, and local government law.

While serving as president of the Manatee County Bar Association in 2012, he was chosen to be the new County Attorney for Manatee County. For the next nine years, he devoted his talents and wisdom to County government. In retirement, Mickey is looking forward to getting back on the golf course and spending more time with his wife, Nanci, and his son Evan, and traveling. Please join me in congratulating Mickey on a full and successful career and wishing him all the best in his retirement!

Registration Now Open for the March General Membership Luncheon!



Special Guests:
Florida Bar President,
Dori Foster-Morales
and
Florida Board of Governors,
Twelfth Circuit Representative,
Scott Westheimer



Registration is now open to attend the March General Membership Luncheon at the Manatee Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at noon. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting, both in person and online. If attending in person, please note Covid guidelines are followed, and masks are required. You will have your temperature checked upon entering the building.

Lunch will be a box lunch from Pier 22, with your selection of one of the following:

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ABA House of Delegates: Two lawyers to serve two-year terms commencing August 2021, at the conclusion of the ABA Annual Meeting. Applicants must also be ABA members.

Florida Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors: One lawyer to serve a three-year term commencing July 1, 2021. This 15-member board provides judicial advocacy through co-counseling with local program attorneys and volunteer pro bono attorneys and provides legislative and administrative advocacy on policies impacting the legal rights of the poor, as well as providing civil legal assistance to indigent persons who would not otherwise have the means to obtain a lawyer.

Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. Board of Directors: Three lawyers and two non-lawyers to serve three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021. This 15-member Board assists the legal community in securing counseling and treatment for emotional and chemical dependency problems for lawyers.

Persons interested in applying for this vacancy may [click here](#) to download the Application for Special Appointment or should call Bar headquarters at (850) 561-5757, 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, April 16, 2021. 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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Mr. Barnes is an attorney with Spinner Law Firm, PA, 7241 Delaney Court, Sarasota (Lakewood Ranch) FL, 34240.

Area(s) of practice: Personal Injury, Estate Planning, and Civil Litigation

MICHAEL FARR, ESQ.

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Year Admitted to the Florida Bar, 2020

Mr. Farr is an attorney with Blalock Walters, 802, 11th Street W., Bradenton, FL 34205.

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Northern Kentucky University, 1994

Year Admitted to the Florida Bar, 2005

Ms. Morris is an attorney with Spinner Law firm, PA, 7241 Delaney Court, Sarasota (Lakewood Ranch) FL, 34240. Area(s) of practice: Personal Injury

CHARLES S. SPINNER, JR., ESQ.

University of Dayton, 1993

Year Admitted to the Florida Bar, 1999

Mr. Spinner is the President/Managing Attorney of Spinner Law Firm, PA, 7241 Delaney Court, Sarasota (Lakewood Ranch) FL, 34240. Area(s) of practice: Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

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General Membership Luncheons Resumed in February!

Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr., was the guest speaker at the February 24, 2021 General Membership luncheon, held at the Manatee Performing Arts Center. The first in-person luncheon since March 2020 due to the Covid 19 crisis, the meeting was the first in MCBA history as a “hybrid” using technology to livestream the meeting to those who could not attend. Costumed in period clothing from the “Titanic” era, Judge Smith gave a very informative history lesson of the Bar, highlighting members of the judiciary from the American Civil War to modern times. Judge Smith gave a sneak peak into his latest work-in-progress, “Legends of the Bench”. Members in attendance were very excited to help Judge Smith and the MCBA make history at the first meeting of this kind. Special thanks Janene Amick, CEO of the Manatee Performing Arts Center, her staff, and our annual sponsors for making the event possible.



MCBA Executive Director Graceann Frederico & Judge Smith in “Titanic Era” costumes



Judge Smith signing book for MCBA member, Stacey Maloney



Left to Right: SCF President Dr. Carol Probstfeld, MCBA President Charles Telfair, MCBA Past President Andrea Johnson, and Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr.

Seeking Will for Karen Bittner Of Bradenton, FL

The family of Karen Bittner is looking for her Florida Will. She died January 29, 2021 at age 65 (born 1955). Her last address was
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March General Membership Meeting

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and

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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

12 Noon - Kiwanis Hall at

Manatee Performing Arts Center

Lunch is Free for MCBA Members who attend.

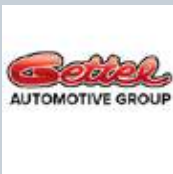
To reserve your ticket and lunch, email Graceann
at **mcba@manateebar.com**

*with your lunch choice of: Turkey BLT, Grilled
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Absolute Deadline to Order: Friday, March 26th

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The Health and Wellness Olympics, which runs from April 1, 2021 and through May 27, 2021, are designed to encourage all members of the Florida Bar (not just the young ones!) to live a healthier lifestyle. Participants can earn points through a variety of activities including, physical activity, meditation, counseling, group sports, reading, webinars, and much more. Awards will be given to the top three affiliates (small, medium, and large affiliates) and to the top three individual point earners.

Go register now so that you can help us get the recognition, **grant money (and bragging rights!)** we deserve. It's free, simple and will help keep all of us on track to meet our goals. Be sure to choose **Manatee County Bar Assn** on the drop down so that we can collectively go for the GOLD! If you post to social media, be sure to use #YLDMotionGranted.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 31, 2021	General Membership Meeting
April 7, 2021	Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2021	YLD Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2021	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
April 16, 2021	Spring Social at the Beach!
May 5, 2021	Board of Directors Meeting
May 6, 2021	Guardianship & Probate CLE
May 12, 2021	YLD Board of Directors Meeting
May 20, 2021	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
May 26, 2021	LAW DAY General Membership Meeting
June 2, 2021	Board of Directors Meeting
June 9, 2021	YLD Board of Directors Meeting
June 17, 2021	Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting
June 30, 2021	Annual Meeting: General Membership Meeting

*dates are subject to change – check your weekly News You Can Use email for updates



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Diversity Committee Holds CLE Presentations

Recently, the MCBA Diversity and Inclusion Committee, in partnership with the Council for Diversity and Inclusion of the Sarasota County Bar held a series of wonderful programs and CLEs in February as part of Black History Month. The programs were filmed by METV.

Between Brown v. Board of Education and Integration: Black and White Education 1954-1970. This program featured retired Judge Durand Adams, Sarasota Commissioner Willie Charles Shaw, retired NFL Raider, Henry Lawrence and ABC 7 WWSB journalist, Renee Gilmore.

Finding Angola – Manatee’s First Black Settlement. This CLE told the history of the Angola community along the banks of the Manatee River. From about 1812 to 1821, more than 700 escaped slaves and their descendants called this area their home. Vickie Oldham, Uzi Baram, Ph.D. and Rosalyn Howard, Ph.D., shared the fascinating story about how this community was discovered and what happened to these people. Our very own Past President Dewey Dye played an important role in the preservation of Angola’s history and it is only fitting that the MCBA share this information with the community.

Links for the presentations can be found on METV’s YouTube site at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ManateeEducationalTV/videos>



Dr. Uzi Baram and Charles Clapsaddle, Director of METV



Filming Finding Angola, left to right: Dr. Rosalyn Howard, Professor, UCF, Dr. Uzi Baram, Professor, New College of Florida, Vickie Oldham, President of the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition

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