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Through The Tunnel of 2020

By Stephen Dye, MCBA President Elect

Looking back on 2020, it reminds me of being on a road trip when the highway enters a long tunnel. You have no choice. Everyone must drive through it. Then suddenly it gets really dark, but you have no choice but to keep going hoping to make it to the other side. It is uncomfortable and sort of scary until you emerge back into the sunlight on the other

end. I feel we are not out of the 2020 tunnel yet, but we can see the end of it and the bright sunlight on the other side.

I never worked remotely during the pandemic. But I dealt with lots of people who obviously did and some still are. The CEO of Bank of America recently said he had no plans to ever work from his office again (he made 24.5 million in 2020 from home and boasted that he also learned to play the guitar with his extra time not commuting to work.) You can tell if the person on the other end is working hard or not by when they respond. Some folks work just like they are in an office. They immediately call or email you back. But we have all experienced others where there is a long delay, or you get voicemail (or the inbox is full) when you never have before. Maybe they were on a bike ride or walking the dog for the tenth time? I guess a lot of people were too close to their refrigerators as well. They gained the infamous "Covid 19 pounds". It will be interesting to see what happens with commercial office space now that many people have decided they do not want to ever have an office again. I have quite a few clients that are not going to renew their office leases.

During the pandemic, the Manatee Bar Association stayed in connection with its members through technology and continued to hold Member and Board meetings via Zoom and more recently moving to "Hybrid" meetings at the Kiwanis Hall of the Manatee Performing Arts Building. The Association continued to offer members interesting and timely CLE options, as well as hopefully informative inter alia articles. And while we lost a few members and a couple of sponsors, which is understandable, we also added a lot of new members and several new sponsors as well. To me, this shows there is value in being both a member and sponsor of the Manatee Bar Association and I predict we will continue to see membership grow, especially in the latter part of 2021.

Most people are simply tired of not being able to meet and socialize face to face. Most of us are social animals which is why we went into law to begin with. The Association had our first face-to-face social gathering in February which was an outdoor-themed food truck/ fire pit BBQ held at the Willis Smith corporate office in Lakewood Ranch. We had 50-60 attendees which was not at all bad for our first post Covid, in-person, event and everyone had a great time.

The next live social gathering was the annual spring beach party held last month at the Grimes Family Beach House. It was a huge success and had more people attend than I can ever remember and Graceann and the committee did an outstanding job. Great food and beverages and this year a ping pong table that saw nonstop action! We had an increase in attendance by the YLD group so even the millennials have cabin fever as well, which is encouraging as they are the future of our organization.

Our next event, which I believe will be fantastic, is Law Day which will be held May 26, 2021, again, at the Kiwanis Hall location. The theme this year is, "Honoring the Men and Women of Local Law Enforcement", with Sheriff Rick Wells as the keynote speaker. It will also include a panel discussion and "Q and A" period; and we are asking anyone who wants to submit a question to the panel to please send the same to Graceann no later than May 19th,

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2021. Included in the meeting are the Police Chiefs from most of the area municipalities, Mayor Brown from the City of Bradenton, and representatives from the FBI, ATF, Highway Patrol, and Fish and Game. We have also invited our local congressional and state representatives. So, with all that has been going on, this should be a great program to both attend or to even bring a guest to enjoy. Make sure if you plan to attend to RSVP to Graceann early as we need to determine in advance the food needed as it is catered at that location and may even sell out. I want to thank Brian Iten for his leadership in putting this program together as well.

Finally, I want to thank our Association President Charlie Telfair and the Officers and Board Members for agreeing to serve two terms during the pandemic; and, who all worked hard to hold things together and actually thrive under difficult times. This goes double to our Executive Director Graceann who has had the difficult task of keeping things on track and of value to the membership during difficult times for any Association. What is amazing is we are financially stable; our membership is strong, and I think everyone is more than ready to get back to normal.

Let's leave the 2020 tunnel in our rear-view mirror!

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YLD News & Happenings

New Issues with Homeowner's Insurance and Transfer-on-Death Deeds

By M. Brandon Robinson, Esq., YLD Director



The recent unpublished opinion in Strope-Robinson v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co., No. 20-1147 (8th Cir. 2021), has complicated the use on Enhanced Life Estate Deeds and other Transfer-on-Death Deeds as it relates to the insuring of the real property. In that case the Court held that the remainder beneficiary of a Transfer-on-Death Deed was not covered by the Decedent's homeowner's insurance policy. A brief review of the case, and suggestions to work around the insurance issue, are below.

In Strope-Robinson Dawn Strope-Robinson became the owner of real property and a home following the death of her uncle, David, pursuant to a Transfer-on-Death deed. Shortly after David's death, David's ex-wife intentionally set fire to the home, damaging the home and destroying many of the personal belongings contained therein. Dawn, as Personal Representative of David's Estate, filed a Claim with State Farm, the insurer of the real property. State Farm paid David's Estate the value of the destroyed personal property, as the personal property was considered an asset of David's Estate, but denied the claim for the damages to the home on three bases: Dawn, as an individual, was not a named insured on the Policy; the named insured, David, did not have an insurable interest in the property at the time the fire took place due to his death; and David's Estate did not have an interest in the real property at the time of the fire due to the operation of the Transfer-on-Death Deed. After the case was removed to Federal Court by State Farm based upon diversity jurisdiction, the District Court entered Summary Judgement for State Farm on the basis that "The Estate had no insurable interest in the Property, and State Farm had no obligation to Strope-Robinson as an uninsured non-party to the Policy." Strope-Robinson v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co. 429 F. Supp. 3d 634, 646 (D. Minn. 2019). This Appeal followed.

The U.S. Eighth Circuit decided the case based upon the Law of the State of Minnesota, where the real property was located. Under Minnesota Law, much like in Florida, title to real property vests in the remaindermen of a Transfer-on-Death Deed at the moment the Grantor dies. The Court found that "David Strope died on August 14, 2017, after executing and recording a transfer on death deed naming Strope-Robinson as the grantee beneficiary. Under Minnesota law, we conclude that Strope-Robinson was the sole owner of the property named in that deed when it burned on August 20, 2017." Strope-Robinson v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co., No. 20-1147, 4, (8th Cir. 2021). The Court further found that, "In the absence of assignment or express stipulation of the parties, policies of insurance do not attach to or run with the property insured and in case of a conveyance or assignment of the property, they do not go with it as an incident thereto" Id. at 5 *citing* Closuit V. Mitby, 56 N.W.2d 428, 431 (Minn. 1953). The Court ultimately affirmed the Summary Judgment of the District Court, holding that "Under Closuit, State Farm did not enter into an insurance contract with Strope-Robinson and State Farm's policy did not run with the property after it was conveyed, so State Farm properly denied the Claim."

This ruling leads to the uncomfortable conclusion that when a parcel of real property is transferred pursuant to a Transfer-on-Death Deed, such as an Enhanced Life Estate Deed, the insurance on the real property is immediately extinguished unless the remainderman is also a member of the household where the decedent resided (family members who reside in the home are usually included as additional insureds on most homeowner's policies), or unless the remainderman are added as additional named insureds prior to the transfer taking place, i.e. prior to the death of the Grantor. Therefore, when preparing any Transfer-on-Death Deeds for a client, it is imperative that you counsel them to add the remaindermen to the homeowner's insurance policy as an additional named insured. Because the insurance companies often consider the additional risk associated with an additional named insured as marginal, adding an additional named insured to the policy should result in only a small increase in cost of the overall policy premium.

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Remembering Judge Robert Judson Boylston

By Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr.

The Manatee County Bar Association is mourning a former president of the MCBA and a “Legend of the Bench”. On April 29, 2021, Judge Robert Judson Boylston passed away at 89 years old. Throughout his career as an attorney and a judge he was active in the MCBA. Judge Boylston was born and raised in Sarasota, Florida. He played the saxophone and clarinet in the Sarasota High School marching band and in a dance band called the “Solid Six”. The band charged \$5.00 per person to play for school groups and \$7.50 per person to play for other groups. In 1945, while in high school, Judge Boylston had an experience that changed his life. Locals were shocked when Sarasota County Judge Forrest Chapman was charged with attempted murder after he allegedly fired a handgun at an adversary at Five Points in downtown Sarasota during the middle of the day. When the case of *State of Florida v Forrest Chapman* went to trial, Judge Boylston became so interested that each day he would walk to the Sarasota County Courthouse to watch the proceedings. One of his defense lawyers was Paul Albritton who had served as a circuit judge in Sarasota when Sarasota County was the 27th Judicial Circuit. The trial ended with Judge Chapman being acquitted. Judge Boylston was so impressed with Paul Albritton’s representation of Judge Chapman that he decided to become a lawyer. He graduated from Sarasota High School and then graduated with his bachelor’s degree in political science from Sewanee, the University of the South, in Tennessee. During the summers, Judge Boylston would travel to Port Huron, Michigan to work as a bell hop at the Gratiot Inn. That is where he met Tom Gallen who would become a colleague later in life. Judge Boylston also joined the ROTC during college and served in the Army for three years after college stationed at Ft. Devins, Massachusetts.

After receiving an honorable discharge, Judge Boylston continued his career goal to become a lawyer. He attended University of Florida where he met up again with his friend, Tom Gallen. Judge Boylston graduated with his juris doctorate and began his legal career with the firm of Powell, Kirby, Montgomery, and Sands in Jacksonville. In 1960, he decided to move back to his hometown to practice however instead of settling in Sarasota, he settled in Bradenton where his friend Tom Gallen was also practicing. Judge Boylston began practicing with the firm of Goodrich and Willis in Bradenton where he stayed for several years. In 1972, he began practicing with the firm of Grimes, Goebel, and Parry. Judge Boylston also became president of the MCBA that same year. On July 1, 1985, Governor Bob Graham appointed Judge Boylston to finish Judge Robert Hensley’s term. During his time on the bench, he would become fondly known as the “Gentleman Judge” because of his polite and pleasant demeanor on the bench. Judge Boylston also believed in community service and volunteered his time with many organizations including the Girls Club of Manatee County. He will be greatly missed by the legal community.



New Case Management Procedure in Place for Circuit Civil, County Civil Cases

Are you familiar with the new case management protocols in civil cases filed after May 1? In response to the requirements set forth in FL Supreme Court AOSC20-23, Amendment 12, Chief Judge Bonner issued [AO2021-6.1](#) outlining the court's new case management protocols for **county civil** and **circuit civil** cases.

Highlights of the AO include three designation categories plus definitions for civil cases – general, streamlined or complex. Further, the AO compels parties to file case management reports and outlines maximum deadline periods for events.

Plaintiffs are *highly encouraged* to serve a copy of the AO and proposed case management report with the initial summons so all parties can understand the new requirements, timeframes and deadlines as soon as possible.

All administrative orders entered by the court are on the court's [Administrative Orders page](#). Download a copy of the case management report from the [Court Forms page](#).

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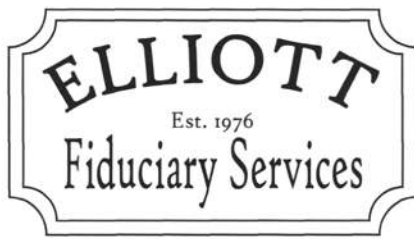
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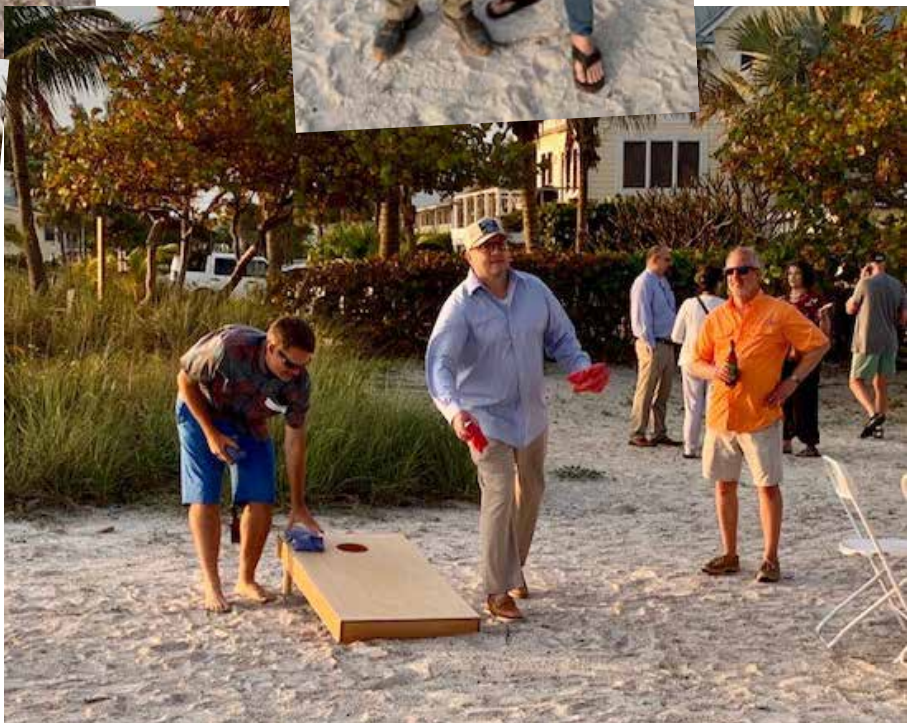
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Over 70 MCBA members, family and friends gathered at the 2021 “Beach Party” this year! After an unfortunate “shut down” last year due to Covid 19, the event was back, and better than ever in 2021. The Grimes Family Beach House was the perfect setting once again for an evening of delicious food, music, and a very busy ping pong table (courtesy of the Bruce family). It was a much awaited return of the steak sandwiches, oysters, shrimp, Tim’s corn-on-the cob, and a new addition of Stacey’s Sandcastle chocolate chip cookies – yes I was trying to hide a stash but you cookie lovers found them.....!

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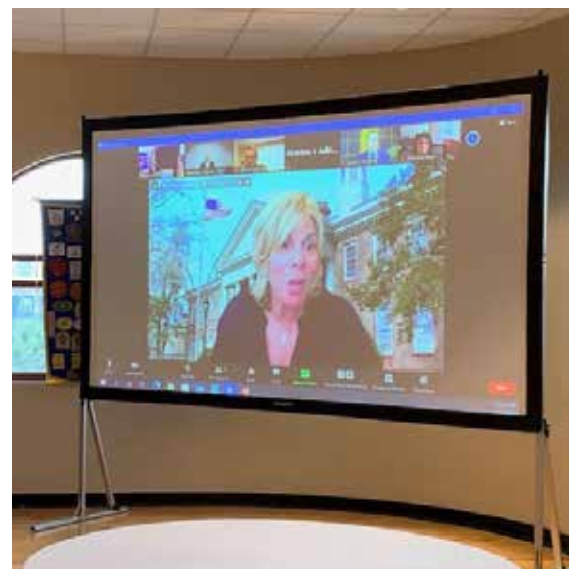
The March General Membership luncheon was a fantastic display of modern technology, and adaptability of our members, as we met at the Manatee Performing Arts Center, Kiwanis Hall on Wednesday, March 28th, 2021. Florida Bar President Dori Foster-Morales addressed the membership via Zoom, while MCBA member and Florida Bar of Governors Representative Scott Westheimer appeared in person. MCBA President Charles Telfair called the meeting to order over Zoom, while President Elect Steve Dye managed the meeting in-person. Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr., presented a special segment on MCBA history, and attendees enjoyed it so much, it will become an added feature to many of our meetings! Special thanks to the Manatee Performing Arts Center and our annual sponsors for making the event possible.



MCBA President Elect Steve Dye, Judge Gilbert Smith, Jr., MCBA Past President Alexandra St. Paul, FL Bar Board of Governors Scott Westheimer, and MCBA Past President Jeff Goethe



MCBA President Charles Telfair presides over the meeting via Zoom



Florida Bar President Dori Foster-Morales speaks to the membership over Zoom



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The meeting will be streamed over Zoom, but we encourage you to attend. Space is limited as the meeting will be socially distanced. Masks are required upon entering the venue. To reserve your spot for lunch, you must RSVP no later than Friday, May 21st to MCBA@ManateeBar.com. We must stick to this deadline in order to prepare. To submit your questions for our law enforcement panel, please submit your question to Graceann at MCBA@manateebar.com by Wednesday, May 19th.

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