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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



What a Long Strange Trip It's Been

By Steven Dye, Esq., MCBA President

Nineteen eighty-three was a big year in my life. I graduated from law school, moved back to Bradenton, passed the Bar exam, got married and started my law practice. And I had no idea what I was doing.

So, I immediately joined the Manatee County Bar Association. It was incomprehensible not to do that. The monthly lunch meetings were at the same location,

however, it was just called "The Pier" back then. The Board, with no executive director, met there in a private dining room monthly. The Bar president and his/her legal assistant pretty much had to do most of the work and keep the records. Who would do that now?

The meetings were well attended, a little more formal back then as everyone read the book, "Dress for Success". Dark blue suits, white shirt, red tie, black shoes. Briefcase. Women the same, with a "cowl neck" blouse and blown dry hair. Bangs were very in. I even had them. "Casual Friday" had not been invented yet. Otherwise, it was very similar to present day meetings with decent food and good programs. I do recall as a newer member that some of the older established attorneys were a bit intimidating compared to today, and even in 1983, there were quite a few women lawyers, similar to my law school class. There was no kiddie pool. You were forced into the deep end. There was also no "professionalism" movement and the backlash against legal bullies, both male and female, had unfortunately, not begun. Quite a few of the judges were downright nasty and you would dread appearing before them.

Sometime between 1983 and today job satisfaction with the legal profession dropped a great deal. To top it off, at every social gathering you would be hit with "lawyer jokes" from non-lawyers which were mean spirited and offensive. Political correctness was years away and we all just had to deal with it.

Yet something happened, and I cannot point to exactly when, but things got better and job satisfaction went up a bit. My theory is that lawyers and judges collectively decided, indirectly, that if you were nicer to each other and lightened up a bit that the stress and pressure would go way down. Or maybe the lawyer jokes pulled us together. Whatever happened, we collectively started to see ourselves more as allies in the trenches, and the critics and laypersons were really our opponents, not the other lawyers. And yes, we have a responsibility to represent our clients, but we also have a greater responsibility to ourselves and to our profession and society in general. Lawyers actually keep things from falling apart more than people understand. And while most clients do not understand this concept, I believe we are lucky that in Manatee County most attorneys and judges do understand this, making practice here more desirable than in many other counties around the state.

On a regular basis, non-Manatee County judges and attorneys tell me they like it when they have a matter in our County, that our judges and attorneys are professional and courteous. I also hear this about our Bar Association. That compared to some of our neighboring counties, we are seen as people who act more like friends than competitors. We have a healthy and vibrant Bar Association where our members socialize, blow off steam, discuss matters they are working on in a relaxed atmosphere, while catching up with each other's personal lives. We openly embrace all new members regardless of background in a friendly and inclusive atmosphere. We refer business to each other and network with the new attorneys which is very valuable to them and to us.

For these reasons, I am proud and excited to be the president for the upcoming year. We have a very strong board and officers, and the best executive director in the state: yay Graceann! I plan to make sure we have interesting programs that you will not want to miss. I also plan to have more joint activities with the Young Lawyers Division, especially outdoor themed, bringing our entire Association together as much as possible. The Young Lawyers Division also has very strong leadership and I foresee them having a great year on their own.

In sum, this Association, your Association, has been exceptional my entire career, valuable to me personally, and I look forward to us having another fantastic year.

Manatee FAWL Elects New Board Of Directors

Manatee FAWL (Florida Association for Women Lawyers) has installed officers and board members for the 2021-22 year. Officers are Whitney Glaser, Esq., President; Sean Powers, Esq., Vice President; Judge Diana Moreland, Secretary; Jennifer Fowler-Hermes, Esq., Treasurer; and Lisa Gonzalez Moore, Esq., Past-President. Board members are Dana Langanella Gerling, Esq.; Anne Hunter, Esq.; Darlene Ragoonanan, Esq.; and Stephanie Baptiste Sandaire, Esq. Manatee FAWL actively promotes gender equality and the leadership roles of Manatee FAWL's members in the legal profession, judiciary and community at large. The group provides educational and networking opportunities for Manatee FAWL members; as well as supporting Manatee County charitable organizations.

Angel Colonnese Presents Award To Senator Jim Boyd

The Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller and 2021-22 Florida Court Clerks and Comptroller (FCCC) President Angel Colonnese gathered together with fellow Clerks and Comptrollers on Tuesday, July 20, in the historic courtroom within the Manatee Clerk's Office to present Senator Jim Boyd with the Clerk Legislator of the Year Award for his support of Clerks' during the 2021 Legislative Session. Pictures from left to right are: Cindy Stuart, Hillsborough County Clerk of Court; Karen Rushing, Sarasota County Clerk of Court; FL State Senator Jim Boyd; Angel Colonnese, Manatee County Clerk of Court; and Tom Bexley, Flagler County Clerk of Court.



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MCBA YLD's 2020-2021 Term Ends Strong

By Dustin Wagner, YLD President

When I learned that I would be writing about the YLD's year-in-review ten months ago, I was not sure if there would be much to review. For a second, I pictured writing a one paragraph summary given the uncertainty hosting public events and socials. However, we rallied and put "runs on the board" when it mattered most. Our YLD 2020-2021 year needs no asterisk in the events col-

umn as a result. I am proud of the work we accomplished under the circumstances. We are grateful for the time and dedication received from outgoing MCBA President Charles Telfair and outgoing YLD President Alex Nicodemi. CT and Alex set the bar high for their successors and deserve a round of drinks...I mean applause.

As you know, the 2020-2021 term started off slow as we all stayed in our bunkers while Covid restrictions lingered. YLD eventually hit the ground running as soon as we could safely congregate though. Our first shindig was an ugly sweater/mask Holiday Food Drive at Motorworks Brewing. This event worked well because folks had the opportunity to quickly drop off food in one of our collection bins and leave, or stick around to mingle. Your YLD managed to round up 629 pounds of food for Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee. They were incredibly grateful for the generosity of ALL our MCBA members.

The YLD also orchestrated a drive to collect blankets for our local pups at Manatee County Animal Services with our Paws for a Cause. This endeavor was spear-headed by Kelley Thompson; she did a great job promoting the cause. Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant of Palmetto attended the blankets drop-off, along with Annette Gutierrez of Suncoast News Network (who featured the story in an SNN segment). The Paws for Cause drive netted over 150 blankets. We appreciate all those that donated, including Mayor Bryant and the Parrish Fire Department.

From April 1, 2021, to May 27, 2021, YLD members participated in the Florida Bar YLD Health & Wellness Olympics. This challenge was meant to inspire Florida lawyers to focus more on their mental and physical health and wellness through accountability. The Florida Bar YLD created a point tracking system for those YLD members that accepted the challenge. The activities that participants could earn points doing included everything from biking, golfing, and kayaking to deep breathing exercises, avoiding alcoholic drinks, and massages. Our YLD did a solid job competing and deserve a thumbs-up!

Finally, our YLD hosted a 5K "Run for Fun" in May as our last event of the year at Anna Maria Island's the Sandbar Restaurant. This was a humbling experience for me personally, and I am glad it was not video recorded. We had the pleasure of running into what felt like gale force winds for the first mile and a half. We held our own though. Andrea Johnson brought her track star son, who crushed the run and reminded me of what fast looks like. Afterwards, we enjoyed hanging out on the Sandbar's patio deck with a great view of the water and sunset.

As I mentioned, there are big shoes to fill for the 2021-2022 term. As this year's YLD President, I am honored with this privilege and committed to enhancing the YLD legacy. Go Gators!

In May, the Young Lawyers Division hosted a 5K at the Sand Bar Restaurant on Anna Maria Island. Dustin Wagner of Lightening Law, PLLC sponsored the event where participants could walk or run the 5k on the beach, and then enjoy a refreshing beverage afterward. Lots of energy, fun, and a beautiful sunset was on hand – and plenty of laughs. Despite the wind, the runners and walkers persevered with the fastest finish of 18:30 going to Trenton Johnson, son of MCBA Past President, Andrea Johnson. The event was part of the YLD's participation in a larger health and wellness initiative of the Florida Bar YLD, #YLDMotionGranted.

Congratulations, Alexandria Nicodemi!

At the 2021-22 Annual Convention of The Florida Bar, MCBA YLD Immediate Past President, Alexandria Nicodemi was sworn in as a member of The Florida Bar YLD Board of Governors! Alex will be joining MCBA member, Jesse Butler and Jodi Ruberg as representatives for the 12th Judicial Circuit. Alex is also a newly elected director of the MCBA Board of Directors. Well done, Alex! We are proud of you!



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our website at www.manateebar.com

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.

MCBA Member and Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Angel Colonnese, is the 2021-22 Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers President



The Honorable Angel Colonnese, Clerk of the Manatee County Circuit Court and Comptroller, was installed as the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) President on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, during FCCC's 2021 Summer Conference Annual Banquet. President Colonnese was sworn in by State Representative Will Robinson, District 71, and took over for the Honorable Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, who served as FCCC President during 2020-2021.

FCCC is a statewide, nonprofit member association composed of Florida's Clerks of the Circuit Court and Comptrollers. FCCC provides local government support services, technical assistance, and accreditation opportunities for all association members.

The FCCC President provides direction for the association's activities, which includes the 68 independently elected Clerks of Court and Comptrollers from throughout the state, in a united effort to act as the premier model of exceptional government and improve their services for residents and protect the public trust. In addition, as an Executive Committee member, the FCCC President plays an integral role in guiding the ongoing oversight of business activities, program policies, and operations for the association.

Congratulations, Angel!



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All Manatee County residents may apply for any of the volunteer positions. Special Magistrates are usually attorneys, retired judges, paralegals, and others with a legal background and/or law experience. The new Special Magistrate appointees will fill four-year terms which expire in October, 2025. Special Magistrates serve on a volunteer basis. A full list of qualifications for Special Magistrates can be found in the County's Code of Ordinances Chapter 2-7-21.

The Special Magistrate typically holds hearings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the first floor Patricia M. Glass Commission Chambers of the Manatee County Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Ave., W., Bradenton.

Applications are due Sept. 1 and may be found online at: www.mymanatee.org/advisory_boards

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12th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission Elects New Chairs

On July 12, 2021, the Twelfth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission held its annual meeting and elected Bonnie Lee Polk, Esq. of the Law Firm Williams Parker as Chair (effective August 1, 2021) and Alvin Brown, Esq. of the Law Firm Alvin K. Brown, P.A. as Vice-Chair (effective August 1, 2021).



Way to Go, Manatee FAWL!

Manatee FAWL is proud to announce that they raised more than \$12,000 for their 2020-21 charity, Turning Points. This organization helps Manatee County residents on the verge of homelessness, as well as those who are homeless. Despite the challenges during the pandemic, Turning Points was open every day to assist those in need. Manatee FAWL held various events throughout the year to raise the funds. Each year, Manatee FAWL selects a local charity to support. For more information about Manatee FAWL, please email fawlmanatee@gmail.com

Manatee County Bar Association Announces 2021-22

Board Of Officers & Directors

Bradenton, FL: Recently, the Manatee County Bar Association held its annual meeting and elected Stephen R. Dye, Esq. (President), of Dye, Harrison, Kirkland, Petruff, Pratt & St. Paul, PLLC; Faith Z. Brown, Esq. (President Elect), of Faith Z. Brown, P.A.; Brian A. Iten, Esq. (Secretary), of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; David W. Wilcox, Esq. (Treasurer), of David W. Wilcox, Attorney; Andre R. Perron, Esq. (Director), of Barnes Walker; Mary F. LeVine, Esq. (Director, of Blalock Walters, P.A.; James E. Lynch, Esq. (Director), of Harlee & Bald, P.A.; Alexandria C. Nicodemi, Esq. (Director), of the Manatee County Attorney's Office; Aaron B. Crittenden, Esq. (Director), of Harlee & Bald, P.A.; Stacey Maloney, Esq. (Director), of The Law Office of Stacey Maloney, PLLC; Dustin S. Wagner, Esq., (Director) of Lightning Law PLLC; and Charles W. Telfair, IV, Esq. (Imm. Past President), of Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A.

Established in 1902, and officially incorporated in 1963, the stated purpose of the MCBA included "inculcating in its members the principles and duties of service to the public, improving the administration of justice and advancing the science of jurisprudence among the members; maintaining the highest standards in the profession of law in the County of Manatee and in the State of Florida; and maintaining and promoting social and recreational gatherings in order to provide for a cooperative spirit among the members of the Bar and their families."

The tradition and mission of the MCBA continues fostering a unified, professional, and mostly harmonious bar association with a rich history of service among the bench, the bar, and to the public. Its members continue to nurture a small-town communal spirit while adapting to and embracing the growth and change that is reflective of the County of Manatee.

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">NETWORKING</h3> <p>Build your law practice network by attending our luncheons, events, meetings, and socials. Your lunches at our General Membership Meetings are included in your dues!</p>	<h3 style="color: #0056b3; margin: 0;">ONLINE DIRECTORY LISTING</h3> <p>Your membership includes a basic listing in our searchable online directory. The public can find you when they search our online directory for a local attorney!</p>
<h3 style="color: #0056b3; margin: 0;">INTERACT WITH YOUR JUDGES</h3> <p>Our judges often can be found teaching or participating in our CLEs, and attending our various events!</p>	<h3 style="color: #0056b3; margin: 0;">REFERRALS & MENTORING</h3> <p>MCBA attorneys are known for their professional manner and willingness to assist other attorneys with referrals and mentoring!</p>

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A Night to Remember – The Retirement Event of the Year - It Finally Happened!

On June 17th, members, friends, and family gathered to celebrate retirement with Judge Bob Farrance. The party was a year in the making, courtesy of a worldwide pandemic now known as Covid-19. Through many postponements, cancellations, location changes, ups, downs, regulations, directives, suggestions, hopes and dreams, the party happened and what a night it was!

Lights, camera, action – both Judge Durand Adams (Retired) with Judge Charles Williams presented a motion picture with no shortage of action, photos, interviews, and rare footage of the celebrated star of the evening. METV Director, Charles Clapsaddle presented a story-telling out-take perfectly encapsulating the personality and career of Judge Farrance.

The special evening was full of fun, laughs, and a few tears, as over 100 attendees celebrated the successful career of Judge Robert Farrance.

Special thanks to those who made the event possible: Ed & Donna Sobel; Barnes Walker; Grimes Hawkins Gladfelter & Galvano; Harlee Bald; Lutz Bobo Telfair; Porges Hamlin Knowles & Hawk; Mulock Law; Chris Pratt; , Connie Mederos Jacobs; Legler Murphy & Battaglia; Jim Knowles; Dye Harrison; Lori Dorman; Heintz Law; Medallion Homes Gulf Coast; METV and Charles Clapsaddle; Judge Durand Adams (Ret.); Judge Charles Williams; Christine Cyprett; Pier 22; and Graceann Frederico, MCBA Executive Director.



Judge Farrance and mom, Marian



*Tim Knowles, Nelon Kirkland,
and Jim Knowles*



*MCBA President Charles Telfair
and Valerie Telfair presenting "retirement kit"*

Highlights of 2021-22 Annual Meeting

On June 30, 2021 the MCBA held its Annual Meeting at Pier 22. Over 75 guests met over the lunch hour to elect and welcome the 2021-22 Board of Directors, including the Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors. Both boards were sworn in by Judge Gilbert Smith, who also provided historical insight as to the early days of the MCBA, specifically noting the Dye family's involvement with local history and community leadership.

Guest speaker, Emily Lekahal, General Counsel of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, gave a fantastic presentation of what it's like to have a daily walk in her shoes with the Super Bowl Champions! Westminster Communities of Bradenton, a Gold Level Annual Sponsor of the association, provided a gift basket to raffle winner, Cliff Walters, of Blalock Walters; and provided "swag bags" to all attendees.

The 2021-22 MCBA Board of Directors thanks all who made the day possible, including the MCBA Annual Sponsors, Westminster Communities of Bradenton, Bar Prep Hero, Law Pay, South State Bank, Firkins Auto, and Lucente & Associates.



The newly elected MCBA Board of Directors and the YLD Board of Directors



Judge Gilbert and Emily Lekahal.



Steve Dye and Charlie Telfair, the newly elected MCBA President with the Immediate Past President



Steve Dye and Emily Lekahal



Steve Dye presenting Charles Telfair with commemorative plaque



Brian Iten, David Wilcox, Emily Lekahal, Steve Dye, and Charles Telfair



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August 4, 2021	MCBA Board of Directors Planning Meeting
August 11, 2021	MCBA YLD Board of Directors Planning Meeting
August 20, 2021	Investiture of Judges Gould & Steele
September 1, 2021	MCBA BOD Meeting
September 8, 2021	MCBA YLD BOD Meeting
September 29, 2021	General Membership Luncheon
October 6, 2021	MCBA BOD Meeting
October 13, 2021	MCBA YLD BOD Meeting
October 27, 2021	General Membership Luncheon
November 3, 2021	MCBA BOD Meeting
November 5, 2021	Investiture of Judge Bruning
November 10, 2021	MCBA YLD BOD Meeting
December 1, 2021	MCBA BOD Meeting
December 8, 2021	MCBA YLD BOD Meeting

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☐ **Youth Related Education:** To include activities relating to civics education, classroom speaker's bureau and youth education programs.

☐ **Events:** To include the planning and preparations for social activities throughout the year, to include Law Day, Spring Beach Party and Holiday Party in December.

☐ **PR/Communications:** Solicits and reviews monthly articles for the Inter Alia, press releases, etc.

☐ **Community Service:** To include the coordination of the annual Community Service recognition awards and participation in local community service projects.

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The Manatee County Clerk's Office is issuing a notice to the public about a recent change in the filing of court records with regard to the redaction of confidential information.

In accordance with a recent amendment by the Florida Supreme Court, to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420, "the clerk will not be required to identify and designate information as confidential," in circuit civil, county civil and small claims court documents.

Effective July 1, 2021, filers will be solely responsible for ensuring any confidential information contained in filings in these cases is appropriately redacted or identified for redaction.

All filers, including attorneys and self-represented litigants, will be required to:

- **File a Notice of Confidential Information** in circuit civil, county civil and small claims court cases when filing documents with Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, or other non-public information;
- **Identify the precise location(s) of confidential information** within the document, including each page number on which it appears; and
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The amended rule affects small claims court filings and circuit and county court civil cases, except for Jimmy Ryce civil commitments, cases stemming from sexual assault, and medical malpractice filings.

The Manatee County Clerk's Office suggests attorneys, legal professionals, self-represented litigants and other individuals who file court documents review the amendment and become fully familiar with the rule change so that confidential information is not made public.

The Florida Supreme Court's amendment to Rule 2.420 can be [found here](#).

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- 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "When I'm 64": Assessing Capacity and Accommodating Capacity Issues: Brad Broeder, PhD
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