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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Tampa Bay Rowdies Recap

MCBA Director Dustin S. Wagner, Esq.

We just wanted to provide a quick recap for everyone that on August 6th, your Manatee County Bar Association hosted a joint YLD event with Hillsborough, Clearwater, and Pasco County Bar Associations. This joint social was a classic mix and mingle at Al Lang Stadium where friends and colleagues watched a Tampa Bay Rowdies soccer match. MCBA members were fortunate to have Herman & Wells, P.A. and Sabal Trust sponsor our portion of the event, which was catered by Levy Restaurants.

We landed a nice section of the stadium to watch the game via the Corner Kick patio that had an impressive view of the players and located just a few feet away from the field. Most importantly, we managed to stay dry when the rain smiled upon us, thanks to the catering tents that were setup close by.

There was some concern the forecast would dissuade folks from making the trip, but it had minor impact on our attendance. Considering the function required MCBA members to journey all the way to St. Petersburg, we greatly appreciate all of you that attended. Our members made the evening a worthy endeavor for sure. We



know some of you wanted to be there but could not get your field trip permission slips executed in time. You are forgiven.

Personally, I was in Tasmanian devil mode trying to connect with other bar association members, so I probably caught eight minutes total of actual game time. I did witness the only goal scored though, which brought home a Rowdies victory. Surprisingly, everyone was on their best behavior, and no one rushed the field after the win.

As you can imagine, there were a lot of chefs in the kitchen trying to coordinate this event between all four bar associations, but we managed to get it done with minimal whining. Thank you to Grace Reeves and Luis Silva for recruiting our sponsors and staying heavily involved along the way.

The soccer match was a great time, and a unique way to collaborate with all the other bar associations. This should happen more often! If you ever have any thoughts or ideas about future events, please feel free to contact us. Next year, I am thinking we try to spice things up a little...Vegas, anyone?

MICHAEL SASSO AWARDED "CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE" by The Florida Bar

On June 24, 2022, MCBA member Mike Sasso was awarded a "Certificate of Meritorious Service" by outgoing President Michael G. Tanner, during a meeting of the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting. The award is given to outgoing Committee members who have served 6 years, "In recognition and appreciation of exemplary service to the legal profession and the Florida Bar." Mr. Sasso has served 11 consecutive years on the RGP&JA, 5 as a representative and 6 as a member. Florida Bar President Elect Scott Westheimer, when asked about Mike Sasso's service stated, "During my service on the Board of Governors and as liaison to the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee, I had the honor of watching Michael's extraordinary work for our profession and the Florida Bar. Michael has been an incredible ambassador for the 12th circuit and I commend his years of dedication and service."

During his eleven year tenure, Mr. Sasso was appointed as chair to a significant number of subcommittees, including the newly proposed Rule 2.505 Attorneys (also known as the "Attorney Appearance Rule"), which was approved by the Florida Supreme Court on March 1, 2021. Congratulations on service well done!



Mike Sasso with Stanford "Sandy" Solomon, Chair of the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, 2021-22)



September Membership Luncheon

As our dependency and use of technology increases, we rely on electronic devices to complete many daily activities. Steven Bradley will explore the risks and benefits of technology in our workplace and daily lives. Attendees will learn safety planning and evidence collection strategies for phone technology, location apps, social media, and more.

1 CLE Tech Credit Approved

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Manatee Performing Arts Center- Kiwanis Hall

11:45 Lunch, Noon Meeting Start



Stephen Bradley

With an extensive law enforcement career focusing on investigating crimes against persons, specializing in sex crimes, child abuse, domestic violence, and crimes against the elderly, Steven Bradley was recruited by the FBI to start a taskforce that would investigate technology and cyber related crimes. After graduating the FBI Academy with honors, he began combating many types of technology crimes including child pornography, cyberstalking, financial exploitation, and apprehending child predators. Later in his career, Steve began working with State Coalitions, and local domestic violence/sexual assault centers on bridging the gaps between law enforcement and community partners to better support survivors and victims.

Steven is nationally recognized as an expert on law enforcement's response to intimate partner violence, abuse of the elderly, and stalking/cyberstalking. As an International Trainer for 25 years, Steven is known for his real world practical education and has provided training throughout the globe on many related topics.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 14, 2022 YLD BOD Meeting on ZOOM
- September 20, 2022 METADATA CLE on ZOOM
- September 28, 2022 September Membership Luncheon at Kiwanis Hall CLE Credit!
- October 5, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting on ZOOM – Bldg is Closed ***
- October 12, 2022 YLD BOD Meeting on ZOOM
- October 20, 2022 Path to Unity – FAWL & TFB Display
- October 26, 2022 October General Membership Luncheon at Kiwanis Hall
- November 2, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting - MCJC
- November 3, 2022 Family Law Section CLE w/Judge Dees – SAVE THE DATE
- November 9, 2022 YLD BOD Meeting on ZOOM
- December 2, 2022 Holiday Party at Heritage Harbour Golf Club
- December 7, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting – MCJC
- December 14, 2022 YLD BOD Meeting on ZOOM

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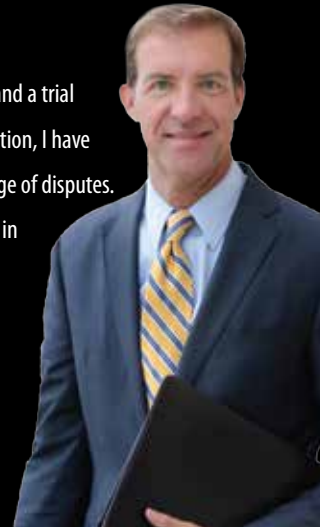
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- 10:45 p.m.-12:00 p.m. **Domesticating Cases Tricks and Treats: Why, How with Legal and Mental Health Factors to Consider** - Christine Profito, PsyD and Ken Poole, Esq.
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- 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. **Held Hostage: Identifying Coercive Control and Post-Separation Abuse** – Sarah Workman, MSW (2023), JD and Joseph Coleman, CPM Training Manager
- 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **What is Cryptocurrency? How is it mined and how it is changing the financial landscape including our personal finances** – Frank Downing, Cryptocurrency Analyst
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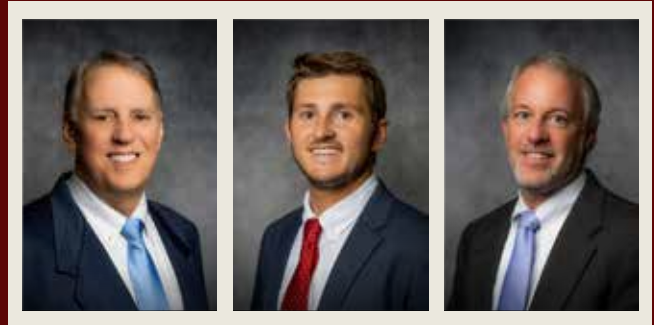
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