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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANATEE  
COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2024

*News, invitations,  
photos and more*

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***100 Club  
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LUNCHEON MEETING**



# WHAT LIES AHEAD

By Dustin Wagner, Esq.; MCBA President

As I step into the role of President of the Manatee County Bar Association for the 2024-2025 term, I hope to build upon the foundation that has been created by our previous leaders and members. Our association has a rich history of cultivating professionalism, providing valuable resources, and serving our community. This year, we will continue to build on this legacy and ensure that our organization continues to thrive and make a meaningful impact. Our top goals for the upcoming term are designed to increase membership, maximize value for our members, and expand our community outreach efforts.

First and foremost, we aim to increase our membership. The strength of any association lies in its members. We are committed to growing our ranks. By reaching out to new attorneys, re-engaging with past members, and demonstrating the tangible benefits of joining the Manatee County Bar Association. We hope to welcome more legal professionals into our fold. A larger membership base enhances our collective voice and broadens our network. This initiative requires all hands on deck though. This is not the year for spectating. All members are encouraged to extend a hand and invite nonmembers to our luncheons and events.

Maximizing value for our bar members is another critical goal. We understand that our members seek more than just networking opportunities and hearing me ramble on stage. We know members want resources that can help them succeed in their careers. To this end, we plan to offer a variety of continuing legal education (CLE) programs, workshops, and seminars that address current legal trends and challenges.

Community outreach is a cornerstone of our mission. One program, we want more members to get involved with this year is Ray Bellamy's Turkey Drive. Ray's initiative to provide families with Thanksgiving meals has been a tremendous success in previous years and I am calling on more members to support this cause. We will support other food drives and programs throughout the year, reinforcing our commitment to combating limited resources in our community. We believe that by working together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

In addition to our established outreach programs, we are eager to hear new suggestions from our members. Our association thrives on the active participation and innovative ideas of its members. We encourage everyone to share their thoughts on how we can better serve both our legal community and the broader public. Whether it's new pro bono opportunities, partnerships with local organizations, or fresh initiatives that address emerging needs, we are open to exploring all possibilities that align with our mission and values. Feel free to contact me directly with thoughts and ideas.

As we embark on this new term, I am confident that with the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, we can achieve these goals and more. Together, we will continue to uphold the high standards of our profession, support one another, and give back to our community in meaningful ways. I look forward to working with each of you to make the 2024-2025 term a successful and impactful year for the Manatee County Bar Association.

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OCTOBER 17TH  
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**THE WIND OF CHANGE: HOW THE REVISED CIVIL RULES WILL IMPACT THE CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION AND YOU.**

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### MCBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed., September 11, 2024..... Board of Directors Meeting
- Wed., September 11, 2024..... YLD Board of Directors Meeting
- Fri., September 13, 2024..... Professionalism & Ethics CLE w/Judge Moreland
- Wed., September 25, 2024..... MCBA General Membership Luncheon
- Wed., October 2, 2024..... MCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- Wed., October 9, 2024..... MCBA YLD Board of Directors Meeting
- Tue. October 29, 2024 ..... Intellectual Property CLE
- Wed., October 30, 2024 ..... MCBA Membership Luncheon
- Tue., November 5, 2024..... CLE Malpractice with Jesse Butler - more details to come
- Wed., November 6, 2024 ..... MCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- Wed., November 13, 2024 ..... MCBA YLD Board of Directors Meeting
- Wed., December 4, 2024..... MCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- Fri., December 6, 2024.....MCBA HOLIDAY PARTY
- Tue., December 10, 2024 ..... CIA Security CLE - more details to come
- Wed., December 11, 2024..... MCBA YLD Board of Directors Meeting
- Fri., January 17, 2025 ..... CLE Mental Health - more details to come
- Wed., January 29, 2025 ..... MCBA Membership Luncheon
- Wed. February 26, 2025 ..... MCBA Membership Luncheon
- Wed. March 26, 2025 ..... MCBA Membership Luncheon
- Fri. April 25, 2025 ..... Annual Spring Beach Party Social
- Wed. May 21, 2025 ..... MCBA Membership Luncheon
- Wed., June 25, 2025 ..... MCBA Membership Luncheon

## Chad Manausa Sworn In To Florida Bar YLD Board Of Governors

At the recent Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors meeting, held in St. Augustine on August 23rd, Chad Manausa of Grimes Galvano and our YLD President Elect was sworn into the Florida Bar YLD Board of Governors, representing our 12th Circuit.

April Owen (Assistant City Attorney for St. Augustine) swore in both Chad Manausa and Jacob Meyer, as a Governor of the 9th Circuit.

Congratulations, Chad!





# September Luncheon Meeting

“SeaPort Manatee - Insight & Impact”

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**Wednesday, September 25th, 2024**  
**Manatee Performing Arts Center- Kiwanis Hall**  
**11:45 Lunch, Noon Meeting Start**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-20.4  
(Amends 2024-15.4 as to new Civil Division R)

AMENDED JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS 2025

The following judicial assignments are effective January 2, 2025.

Chief Judge	Honorable Diana L. Moreland
Acting Chief Judge (in absence of Chief Judge)	Honorable Frederick P. Mercurio
Desoto County Administrative Judge	Honorable Don T. Hall
Manatee County Administrative Judge	Honorable Frederick P. Mercurio
Sarasota County Administrative Judge	Honorable Hunter W. Carroll

CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

Civil Division

Honorable Hunter W. Carroll (Sarasota County)  
Honorable Edward Nicholas (Manatee County)

Unified Family Court (Desoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties - has operational authority to implement UFC policy and procedures circuit-wide)

Honorable Maria Ruhl

Family Division

Honorable Maria Ruhl (Sarasota County)  
Honorable Charles Sniffen (Manatee County)

Hague Convention Cases (see AO 2023-15.12)

Honorable Maria Ruhl (Sarasota and Desoto Counties)  
Honorable Charles Sniffen (Manatee County)

Criminal Division

Honorable Dana Moss (Sarasota County)  
Honorable Frederick P. Mercurio (Manatee County)

Probate/Guardianship Division

Honorable Charles E. Williams (Sarasota County)  
Honorable Diana L. Moreland (Manatee County)

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PROBATE & GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION -MANATEE & SARASOTA COUNTIES

Manatee County	Honorable Diana L. Moreland
Sarasota County	Honorable Charles E. Williams
South County Probate & Guardianship	Honorable Maria Ruhl

CIRCUIT COURT - DESOTO COUNTY

All Circuit Civil (other than Division R),  
Unified Family, Circuit Criminal,  
Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency,  
Probate and Guardianship

Honorable Don T. Hall

Civil Division R

Honorable Diana L. Moreland

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS - DIVISION P

Division P Administrative Judge	Honorable Lon S. Arend
Comprehensive Treatment Court	Sarasota County Honorable Lon S. Arend
Drug /Opioid/ Veteran's Court	Sarasota County Honorable Lon S. Arend
Health Care Court	Sarasota County Honorable Lon S. Arend
CTC Manatee	Manatee County Honorable Lon S. Arend
Drug Court, Veteran's Court	Manatee County Honorable Lon S. Arend
Early Childhood Court	Manatee County Honorable Lon S. Arend

All problem-solving courts are assigned to Division P. The problem-solving courts listed below are presided over by the following judges:

Desoto Case Mgmt. Court	Desoto County	Honorable Guy Flowers
TYLA Court	Manatee County	Honorable Susan B. Maulucci
Community Care Court	Sarasota County	Honorable David L. Denkin
DUI Court	Sarasota County	Honorable David L. Denkin
Early Childhood Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Andrea McHugh
OPTIONS Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Andrea McHugh
Truancy Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Andrea McHugh
TYLA Court	Sarasota County	Honorable Shannon Hankin

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CIRCUIT CIVIL - MANATEE & SARASOTA COUNTIES

Civil Division B	Manatee County	Honorable David Ryan Felix
Civil Division D	Manatee County	Honorable Edward Nicholas
Civil Division A	Sarasota County	Honorable Stephen Walker
Civil Division C	Sarasota County	Honorable Hunter W. Carroll
Civil Division H	South Sarasota County	Honorable Danielle Brewer
Civil Division R	Manatee and Sarasota Counties	Honorable Diana L. Moreland

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL - MANATEE & SARASOTA COUNTIES

Felony Division I	Manatee County	Honorable Matt Whyte
Felony Division III	Manatee County	Honorable Frederick P. Mercurio
Felony Division V	Manatee County	Honorable Teresa K. Dees
Felony Division II	Sarasota County	Honorable Donna Padar
Felony Division IV	Sarasota County	Honorable Thomas W. Krug
Felony Division VI	Sarasota County	Honorable Dana Moss

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT - MANATEE & SARASOTA COUNTIES

A. FAMILY DIVISION -MANATEE & SARASOTA COUNTIES

Family Division 3	Manatee County	Honorable Kevin Bruning
Family Division 4	Manatee County	Honorable Charles Sniffen
Family Division 1	Sarasota County	Honorable Rochelle T. Curley
Family Division 2	Sarasota County	Honorable Maria Ruhl
South County Family Division 1		Honorable Danielle Brewer
South County Family Division 2		Honorable Maria Ruhl

B. JUVENILE DIVISION - MANATEE & SARASOTA COUNTIES

Division J	Manatee County	Honorable Gilbert A. Smith, Jr.
	<i>Dependency cases</i>	
Division K	Manatee County <i>Delinquency cases,</i>	Honorable Susan B. Maulucci
	<i>crossover cases</i>	
	Sarasota County	Honorable Andrea McHugh
	<i>All Dependency and Delinquency cases</i>	

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COUNTY COURT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

Desoto County	Honorable Guy A. Flowers
Manatee County	Honorable Renee L. Inman
Sarasota County	Honorable Maryann Olson Uzabel

DESOTO COUNTY COURT

All County Civil and Criminal  
Honorable Guy A. Flowers

MANATEE COUNTY COURT

Civil Division 1	Honorable Renee L. Inman
Civil Division 2	Honorable Heather Doyle
Criminal Division 3	Honorable Jacqueline B. Steele
Criminal Division 4	Honorable Melissa Gould

SARASOTA COUNTY COURT

Criminal/Civil Division A	Honorable Maryann Olson Uzabel
Criminal/Civil Division B	Honorable Kennedy Legler
Criminal/Civil Division C	Honorable David L. Denkin
South County Criminal/Civil Division E	Honorable Erika N. Quartermaine
South County Criminal/Civil Division F	Honorable Shannon Hankin

GENERAL MAGISTRATES/HEARING OFFICERS

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**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICERS**

Laura M. Hale  
Lawrence Jacobs

**TRUANCY COURT GENERAL MAGISTRATE**

Linda Lorrier

**CIVIL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS HEARING OFFICER**

Matthew K. Peters

DONE AND ORDERED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

**DIANA L. MORELAND, CHIEF JUDGE**  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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# MEDIATION CONFIDENTIALITY

## Silence Is Golden - And Required

*By D. Robert Hoyle, Esq.*

### “Loose lips sink ships” - United States War Advertising Council

Confidentiality in the conduct of a mediation is the bedrock of the process. If a mediation is to succeed, there must be an understanding that all communications made within the mediation time frame are not to be disclosed. The importance of this concept is apparent in the fact that the legislature has created a specific statute called the Mediation Confidentiality and Privilege Act. (Sections 44.407 - 44.406 F. S.) The statute establishes restrictions on disclosure that apply to mediation parties, mediation participants, attorneys and mediators. The MCPA also has relevant definitions, exceptions to confidentiality, and sanctions for breach of confidentiality. The concept of confidentiality is a mandated part of the process.

Not to be outdone, the Florida Supreme Court created six specific rules in the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators that deal with confidentiality. (10.230, 10.300, 10.360, 10.420, 10.650, 10.810). For example, Rule 10.360 prohibits a mediator from disclosing a communication made in caucus without the consent of the party making the communication.

Finally, the Florida Dispute Resolution Center, a branch of the Florida Supreme Court, has a separate category of Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee (MEAC) opinions devoted to confidentiality issues.

Section 44.405(1) F.S., states that except as otherwise provided, all mediation communications shall be confidential. Section 44.402(1) defines a mediation communication as an oral or written statement, or nonverbal conduct, intended to make an assertion by or to a mediation participant, made during the course of a mediation, or prior to mediation, if made in furtherance of a mediation.

A mediation participant is a mediation party or a person who attends a mediation in person or by telephone, video conference or other electronic means. A mediation party is a participant; a participant is not always a party. No matter the name, no one is permitted to disclose a mediation communication.

Of particular importance is the time frame of a mediation; i.e. when does it begin and when does it end. The applicable time period during which the rules of confidentiality apply are specifically defined, and the time period is not limited to the time spent at the mediation session with the mediator.

A mediation can be either court-ordered or by agreement of the parties. If court-ordered, the mediation begins when an order is issued by the court. If by agreement of the parties, the mediation begins when the parties agree to mediate, (hopefully in writing) or as required by agency rule, agency order, or statute, whichever occurs earlier. In either case the mediation ends when (1) an agreement is signed by the parties, (2) an impasse is declared, (3) the mediation is terminated by court order, court rule, or applicable law, or (4) the mediation is terminated after party compliance with a court order to appear. (See Section 44.404, F. S.)

The significance of the time period is important. There might be time between the mediation conference and either the (1) date of the court order, or (2) date of the written agreement to mediate. Mediation communications during this time period are confidential and cannot be disclosed. If an offer is conveyed to settle the case for payment of \$10.00 to your client, you are obligated to communicate that offer. You have an even more important ethical obligation to tell your client that disclosure of the settlement offer to anyone is prohibited under the statute, notwithstanding the fact that it was not made at a mediation conference

Sanctions can be imposed by the court for a breach of confidentiality. Section 44.406 provides significant remedies against a mediation participant, including equitable relief, compensatory damages, attorney fees and costs incurred in the application to the court for relief.

The court can also strike the pleadings of a party who confidentiality. For example, in *Paranzino v Barnett Bank of South Florida*, 690 So. 2d 725 (Fla.4th DCA 1997), Ms. Paranzino and her attorney disclosed an offer that was made by Barnett Bank after the mediation conference, but within the subsequent time period agreed by the parties for the mediation discussions to continue. (For the record, they told a reporter from the Miami Herald who printed the offer in an article.) Barnett Bank filed a Motion to Dismiss the Complaint based upon the disclosure of a confidential mediation communication. The Trial Court dismissed Ms. Paranzino's Complaint with prejudice. The dismissal was confirmed by the Appellate Court, which stated "By violating the Court-Ordered mediation and the confidentiality provisions



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of the Mediation Report and Agreement, the Appellant ignored and disregarded the Court’s authority. The Mediation Order was entered by the Court at Appellant’s request and the Mediation Report and Agreement signed by all of the parties specifically stated that the mediation proceedings were to be confidential. In addition, the Agreement further provided that the mediation was governed by the provisions of Chapter 44, Florida Statutes.”

In *Gulliver Schools, Inc. v. Shay*, 137 So.3d 1045 (Fla.3d DCA 2014), the parties signed a settlement agreement that specifically stated no disclosure would be made of any information, including the mere fact that there was a settlement agreement. Mr. Shay then told his teenage daughter that the case had settled. She posted a statement on Facebook that the school district was financing her trip to Europe that summer by making a payment to her father. The Appellate Court refused to enforce the settlement agreement in favor of Mr. Shay, stating, “In this case the plain, unambiguous meaning of paragraph 13 of the Agreement between Shay and the school is that neither Shay nor his wife would “either directly or indirectly” disclose to anyone, any information regarding the existence or the terms of the Parties Agreement.”

The presence of a “participant” at the mediation might be a spouse, accountant, neighbor, or any other person who is not a party, but who is bound by the confidentiality rules. Will your client be vicariously responsible for a disclosure of a mediation

communication by a participant? Are you best advised to disclose in writing the scope of confidentiality to your client and to the participants, explain the sanctions and have them sign your written disclosure?

Mediation confidentiality is not given the attention it deserves. Any time your client can be sanctioned by the court, it will always fall back on you to show that you informed them of the Rule. The nuances and pitfalls are many. In *Paranzino* it was the party and her attorney who broke the disclosure, but what if it was a member/employee of your firm who disclosed an offer to an outside person. If your client is sanctioned as a result, who bears the ultimate responsibility? Do you also have an ethical responsibility to know the sanctions available to your client if there is a breach of confidentiality by an opposing party?

As an attorney participating in a mediation, you have to control the process on your side. You have to advise your client of the confidentiality rules in writing and in enough detail that there can be no question as to an understanding of the importance of compliance. You will own the result of a breach by your client if you cannot show your prior admonition in writing.

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**2024 REMEMBRANCE  
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# REMEMBERING ROGER P. CONLEY

On July 12, 2024, the Manatee County Bar Association lost a long-time member, Roger P. Conley. He not only mentored many young lawyers but also practiced with many friends over the years. Roger was the nicest person and lived a life full of love, dedication, and hard work. He was born on November 13, 1947, and raised in Portsmouth, Ohio where he graduated from Portsmouth High School. He then graduated with his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State University and his law degree from the University of Mississippi "Ole Miss" in 1973. While Roger was in college, his family moved to Bradenton in 1966, and purchased an automobile agency, which became known as Conley Buick. After he graduated from law school, he moved to Bradenton to begin his legal career practicing with George Harrison. Eventually, Roger practiced law in his own firm with friend, Bill Dooley in Conley & Dooley. The firm merged with Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, one of only a few national firms



which had an office in Bradenton at that time. Eventually, Roger returned to practicing on his own and practiced with a number of friends including H. Roger Lutz, Ken Cleary, Lori Dorman and Damien Ozark over the years until he retired in 2019. He practiced a total of 43 years in Manatee County. He was also involved in the family business as well as acting as legal counsel. Throughout his life, Roger was passionate about his family and giving back to his community. Besides being an active member of the Association, he was a member of the Bradenton Kiwanis Club, Mantee Little League Association, Manatee Area Soccer League Association and Manatee High School Booster Club. Roger coached soccer and baseball for many years with much success. He was a member of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Trinity Methodist Church and Radiant Church (trustee). Roger's legacy will live on through the countless memories and the lasting impact he had on all who knew him.



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# YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION GETS ROWDY!

In August, the MCBA Young Lawyers Division participated in a "YLD NIGHT AT THE ROWDIES" with other area young lawyers divisions. Attorneys from the MCBA, and both the Clearwater and Hillsborough Bar Associations, attended a Tampa Bay Rowdies game in St. Pete complete with their own party area, food and drink, and a lot of fun! The group also raised donations for Gulfcoast Legal Services for the work done in their respective counties. Special thanks to sponsors Hale Law, Grimes Galvano, MRI Associates and TWEEDS for making the night possible!



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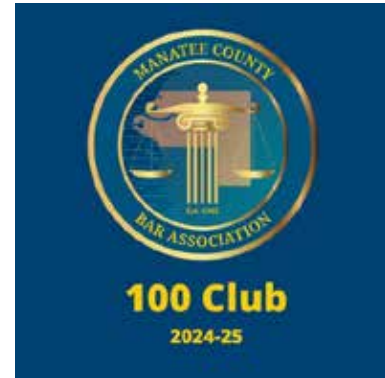
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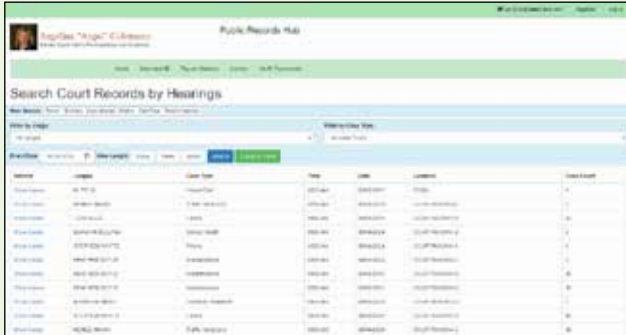


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