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Newsletter of the Volusia County Bar Association ~ March 2024

ELDER LAW SECTION MEETING

Veteran's Benefits & Resources

Thursday, March 21, 2024 ~ 12:00 noon Zinn Legal, 140 S. Beach Street, Suite 404, Daytona Beach

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WITH FLORIDA BAR PRESIDENT WESTHEIMER

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024 ~ 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. The Daytona Marriott at One Daytona ~ \$20 per person

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BENCH & BBQ

An annual event celebrating the Volusia County legal community. Sponsored by REV Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine

Thursday, April 18, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING OUR 50-YEAR MEMBER Michael Lambert

and

Recognizing Kathie Selover for her 20 years of commitment to the Volusia County Bar Association

Brannon Center, 105 S. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach

REGISTER

CLE: Artificial Intelligence—Thinking in a New Era

presented by Lori Sandman, Esq. and Jeffrey Franklin, Esq,

NEW DATE: Friday, May 17, 2024 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon The Daytona Marriott at One Daytona

\$60.00 per person - VCBA members & staff only CLE Approved 3.0 General, 1.0 Professionalism, 1.0 Ethics, 1.0 Technology, 3.0 Business Litigation Certification REGISTER

Catherine Taylor Lamb 2023/2024 President, Volusia County Bar Association



Greetings VCBA and Welcome to March!

As winter transitions into spring, the VCBA will also be experiencing some big changes. Our Director, Kathie Selover will be retiring after 20 years of service to our organization. Kathie has been an integral part of the VCBA during the past two decades and I don't think there's a member out there who wouldn't agree that we wouldn't have enjoyed the successes and forward motion

through the changing times without her. I would like to take this opportunity (in writing) to extend our gratitude and personally thank Kathie for all of her hard work and dedication to the attorneys, judiciary, and local community the VCBA serves.

In addition to our traditional format for the Bench and Barbeque next month, we will be giving Kathie a place of honor in our program to kick off her retirement.

If you have never attended this annual event, it is the VCBA's signature evening where the attorneys and judiciary of the Volusia County Bar Association dress in blue jeans and gather to celebrate our 50-year members, network, and socialize. This event is always well attended and I sincerely hope you can join me in celebrating.

A few things for your consideration as we head into March:

- 1. March 12th is National Organize Your Home Office Day. Enough said.
- 2. Keeping up with our mentorship theme this year, if you are mentoring or considering mentoring one of our newer attorneys, invite them to join you at a networking or other professional event together! You can also meet for lunch to discuss everyday challenges that come up as part of the legal profession, so they have a better understanding of what to expect.
- 3. The Business Law Section of the Florida Bar has a Mentoring Program for recently graduated law students and young lawyers within the membership to help with guidance on career and professional development. You can check it out and sign up to be a mentor or mentee here: <u>https://flabizlaw.org/mentor/</u>

Wishing all of you a healthy and happy month!

Catherine Taylor Lamb

Reminder: If you or anyone you know is interested in being featured in our attorney spotlight pages, please email the VCBA at <u>volusiabar@gmail.com</u>. We'd love to hear from you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Judge Bryan Feigenbaum



Practice area: I was a prosecutor for 20 years, 1990-2010. I handled all kinds of cases here in the 7th Judicial Circuit. I was appointed to the Bench in 2010. Spent the first two and a half years in a civil division, handling cases in Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, and DeLand. Shortly after getting elected in 2012, was assigned to a criminal division at City Island. I handle that division and a Veterans Court that meets twice a month. I cover other divisions, county and circuit, whenever I can.

Where were you born and where did you grow up? I was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1965. After my father's military service was over, family moved down from New Jersey and New York to Daytona/Ormond Beach in 1970. My mother's family, the Shepards, had a big connection to New Smyrna Beach. Grew up going to public schools here and graduated from Seabreeze High School in 1983. Go Fighting Sandcrabs!

College and law school and graduation year: Davidson College, near Charlotte NC. Go Wildcats! 1987. University of Florida Law School. 1990. Go Gators!

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? I love history and thought about going into teaching. I also have always liked news / current events and may have tried journalism.

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? I have been extremely fortunate to have been guided by several lawyers, whether they saw themselves as mentors is another question. Ben Fox was an excellent supervisor to have out of the gate and colleagues like Ed Davis, Celeste Gagne, David Beck, Elizabeth Blackburn, Sean Daly, and Raul Zambrano were among the many who were invaluable sources of wisdom and guidance. I was also mentored by the actions and professionalism of excellent judges such as Judges Hubert Grimes, Jim Foxman, Shawn Briese, Julianne Piggotte, David Monaco, Rick Orfinger, and Patrick Kennedy. Judge Kennedy was very kind to encourage me to put my name in for consideration in front of the JNC and I'm grateful for that and for Jim Foxman's help during a rough patch. Judge David Beck is of special note since I'll always be grateful for his friendship, advice, and being led into work with both Veterans and Mediators.

Sports fan? I root for the Gators [my 2 oldest kids are currently at UF], Yankees in baseball [Dad is from the Bronx so I was brainwashed early on], and both the Dolphins and NY Giants in football.

Favorite food? Too many to list. Obviously. Spicy Curry is always good as is a good steak, salmon, or bar-b-q. Angell and Phelps chocolate – have you tried the chocolate covered potato chips?

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. Met my beautiful wife Wendy, almost 24 years of marriage, through her father who was on a plane flight. One conversation led to a meeting, she lived in Texas at the time, and got engaged within months. One never knows when your life can change. Have 3 great kids, 2 great dogs, 2 good cats and 1 stinker cat. Make me an offer on that one.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

State Attorney RJ Larizza



Practice Area: Criminal Law and a few Civil proceedings that fall under our jurisdiction.

Where were you born and where did you grow up? I was born and raised in Jacksonville Florida. I moved to St. Augustine in 1983

College and law school and graduation year: Graduated Troy State University in 1980 and graduated Mercer Law in 1996.

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? Playing Harmonica in a blues band.

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? Judge Richard O. Watson and Judge Richard G. Weinberg. They encouraged me to attend Law School and they supported me throughout my legal career. Their friendship and advice was priceless.

Sports fan? I am a big fan of Florida State Football – GO NOLES!

Favorite food? Fried Chicken and BBQ.

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. My wife and I hiked and summitted Kilimanjaro in 2018. We made it to the top of Half Dome in 2021 and we hiked down and back up the Grand Canyon in 2023.



Sundria Ridgley

Practice Area: I am General Counsel of Concert Golf Partners, a private equity backed company in the golf and country club industry. We own Heathrow Country Club in Lake Mary and The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes in Longwood, along with 31 other clubs throughout the United States. I am a true Corporate Generalist, handling everything from contracts to litigation to everything in between.

Where were you born and where did you grow up? I was born and reared in DeLand, Florida.

College and law school and graduation year: I am a 1988 graduate of Georgetown University, and a 1991 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center.

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? I probably would be a politician! I always have been fascinated by government and public policy, and during my college years I interned on Capitol Hill for the late Rep. Bill Chappell and the late Sen. Lawton Chiles.

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? I have been incredibly blessed to have a number of experienced attorneys and judges invest in my professional development, ensuring that I had the training, tools, and resources for success. Their commitment to my career growth was a gamechanger, and I cannot thank them enough for opening doors and creating opportunities for me.

Sports fan? I love the Georgetown Hoyas, the Washington Commanders, the Baltimore Ravens, and the DeLand Lightning Boltz.

Favorite food? Blue crabs with garlic butter!

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. Only one thing? Take your pick -- I am a huge fan of the Little House on the Prairie television series (and actually traveled to Nashville to see Little House on the Prairie the Musical), I know virtually all of the lyrics of the songs from the Wizard of Oz, and I literally have hundreds of pairs of stylish eyeglasses.





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- (a) be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar;
- (b) be familiar with pertinent provisions of Florida Statutes and Florida Rules of Traffic Court;
- (c) abide by The Florida Bar Code of Professional Responsibility and applicable provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct;
- (d) undergo a background screening to include reference and criminal history checks; and
- (e) complete an initial 40-hour training program prior to serving and agree to obtain 4 hours of continuing education annually thereafter.

In accordance with opinions issued by the Florida Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officers are prohibited from representing clients in civil traffic and criminal traffic matters.

Applicants must be willing to travel to Bunnell, Daytona Beach, DeLand, Palatka, South Daytona and/or St. Augustine. Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officers are independent contractors. Compensation is approximately \$65 per hour.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Court Administration 125 E. Orange Ave. Room 200 Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Letters and resumes must be received by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Questions regarding this notice may be addressed by calling (386) 257-6097.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 14, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

Our presenter will be Brittany Gloersen, Esq. with Landis Graham French, PA regarding Elder Law. You will receive 1 NALA CLE for the presentation. Laura Roth, Clerk of Court, will be attending and giving updates from the Clerk's office. (The Florida Bar recognizes NALA CLEs)

Buffet-Style Dinner Includes:

A non-alcoholic beverage, i.e., soda, coffee, or tea (alcoholic beverages are available at cost)

Buffalo Wings

Mild, garlic teriyaki, or sweet chili

House Salad

Fresh mix of iceberg & romaine lettuce, cucumbers, onions, Roma tomatoes, croutons, and topped with turkey, ham, Swiss & American cheese

Nacho Platters

Homemade tortilla chips, topped with chili, nacho cheese, tomatoes, jalapenos, shredded lettuce & shredded cheddar-jack cheese. Served with sour cream

Baked Cavatappi Pasta with Chicken

Tender cavatappi pasta tossed in homemade marinara sauce, garlic & basil. Baked with Parmesan, jack, and cheddar cheeses

- Membership cost with dinner: \$ 21.00
- Membership cost without dinner: \$7.00
- Non membership cost with dinner: \$26.00
- Non membership cost without dinner: \$10.00

Payment will be taken at the door. You will be able to pay via Zelle, credit card, check or cash. Please RSVP by Monday, March 11, 2024, by emailing <u>Volusiaparalegals@gmail.com</u>. Anyone not showing up at the meeting without cancelling will be responsible for the meal cost.

SAVE THE DATE! VCPA'S FIRST ANNUAL BRING YOUR ATTORNEY TO LUNCH

April 9, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

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