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The Volusia County Bar Association Newsletter | December 2025



We Want to Hear From You!

Your feedback helps shape the programs, events, and resources we offer.

Please take a few minutes to complete the **Annual VCBA Member Survey** and share your thoughts on how we can better serve you in the year ahead. The survey only takes a few minutes and your input makes a big difference! Survey closes December 15.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

Join us for a Private Tour of the DeLand Naval Air Space Museum followed by Dinner and CLE by Judge Heidt.

When: Jan. 13, 2026

Time: 5:30pm tour starts

Where: DeLand Naval Air and Space Museum, 910 Biscayne Blvd, DeLand, FL 32724

Cost: \$25 (includes dinner)

Dinner to follow when tour ends (approx. 6:30pm) we'll head next door to the DeLand Airport "Perfect Spot" Restaurant for CLE with Judge Heidt.

Register at www.volusiabar.org

To learn more about the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum visit their [website](#) or download the [brochure](#).



VCBA SOLO/SMALL PRACTICE SECTION PRESENTS

DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION



TOUR

LAND - AIR- SEA "IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED"

13TH JANUARY 2026

5:30pm Cost: \$25
Dress: Casual

JOIN US FOR A PRIVATE TOUR & CLE

MEETING POINT
DeLand Naval Air Station Museum
910 Biscayne Blvd., DeLand, FL 32724

Private Tour, Dinner & CLE with Judge Heidt

Register now! www.volusiabar.org

VCBA MEMBER DUES

Dear VCBA Members,

It's that time of year – 2026 VCBA Membership Dues are due. VCBA Member Dues run on calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31) and will expire at the end of the year.

We continue to use JoinIt for our Membership Management Platform. This system allows you to pay your membership dues securely online, update your profile information at your convenience, and access member benefits and resources effortlessly.

To ensure uninterrupted access to your VCBA membership, please follow these steps to complete payment:

- [Log in to the JoinIt platform here](#)
- If you have any issues accessing your account, please reach out to us at volusiabar@gmail.com.
- Submit your payment for 2026 membership dues directly through the platform.

If you utilize the **Attorney Search feature** on our website, please note the following update intended to reduce confusion from last year:

- You have now received ONE combined invoice that includes both your 2026 member dues and the Attorney Search fee (which remains \$50 for the first category and \$10 per additional field).
- If you would prefer two separate invoices, you may go ahead and pay your dues, then you will receive the second invoice for the attorney search separately.

If you are part of a large firm and need one invoice for multiple attorneys, please reach out and I will be happy to assist. We are working to reduce physical invoice mailings due to rising costs of printing and mailing.

****Please note: we do still accept check payments! Mail to:**

Volusia County Bar Association
1440 N. Nova Road, Suite 101
Daytona Beach, FL 32117

We appreciate your prompt attention and your continued support. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at volusiabar@gmail.com.

Warm regards,
Sarah Grover

Executive Director, VCBA

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION (YLD)

YLD “CLEAR THE LIST” FOSTER CHILDREN TOY DRIVE

Thank you to all of you who have support the 9th annual toy drive. We are happy to report that every child has been claimed!

If you need a reminder for who you signed up for, [view the list here](#).

Friendly reminder the deadline to drop off toy is Dec. 5th at 12:00pm.

**The Daytona location Drop off toys are due Dec. 4th at 12:00pm. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Drop-Off Locations: Please drop off during office hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

- Michael Ciocchetti, 125 N. Ridgewood Ave., Suite 100, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
- Cobb Cole, 231 N Woodland Blvd, DeLand, FL 32720
- Shuffield Loman, 851 Dunlawton Ave., Suite 300, Port Orange, FL 32127



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The VCBA Young Lawyers Division is partnering with [Food Brings Hope](#) to volunteer at their weekly Fresh Market and we're inviting the full membership to join us in serving our community.

The Fresh Market provides free fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meats to more than 140 families each week, and volunteers are essential to keeping the market running smoothly.

Event Details

- Date: Tuesday, December 9
- Time: 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Location: Dickerson Community Center – Mickel Brown Activity Building, 308 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Daytona Beach

Volunteer Roles Include:

- Assisting with set-up and break-down
- Manning a market station and assisting guests
- Refilling produce bins
- Helping guests carry items to their vehicles

What to Wear: Casual, comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes recommended. Aprons and optional gloves provided on-site.

To help us plan accordingly, please **RSVP to volusiabar@gmail.com**.

Thank you for helping us support this meaningful community program!

VOLUNTEER



WEST VOLUSIA FAWL

Seventh Circuit Judicial Reception

The West Volusia Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL), in partnership with Arwani Law Firm, cordially invites you to attend the **Seventh Circuit Judicial Reception** — an evening dedicated to honoring the judges, attorneys, and community leaders who uphold the values of justice and service across Florida.

Please join us for an elegant evening of connection, recognition, and inspiration as we celebrate the strength of our legal community. This year's reception will feature guest speaker **Christy Martin**, former world champion boxer and advocate, whose remarkable story of resilience continues to inspire audiences nationwide.

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: Venue 142, DeLand, FL 32720

Dress Code: Business or Cocktail Attire

For all invitees, [RSVP HERE](#). The deadline is **November 15, 2025**.



FREE DESK & CABINET

FREE Desk and Cabinet!! Currently stored in the VCBA storage unit, temperature controlled. Located in Ormond Beach on Granada, you will need to pick up and help load. Contact Sarah if interested and to schedule a pick up time at volusiabar@gmail.com. Or if you know someone/somewhere in need, please let Sarah know as well.



FLALGER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

2025 ANNUAL DINNER

The Flagler County Bar Association will be holding their **2025 Annual Meeting** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Palm Coast on Friday, December 12, 2025 starting at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails (cash bar) and dinner to follow.

The cost is \$55 per person. The dinner choices are:

- 1) Chicken Marsala (Chicken breast dusted in flour and seared, finished with a mushroom, marsala and wine sauce);
- 2) Herb Crusted Tilapia (Panko and herb crusted with a roasted fennel cream sauce)
- 3) Grilled Pork Ribeye (Grilled pork ribeye finished with a garlic Dijon sauce)

Vegetarian dinners available with advance payment.

Please RSVP with your dinner choice(s) and number attending by no later than December 1, 2025. Please make your check or money order payable to the Flagler County Bar Association and send it to P.O. Box 353783, Palm Coast, Florida 32135.

**If you could also write your dinner choice on your form of payment we would greatly appreciate it.

We look forward to seeing everyone on December 12 and if there are any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

Regina Ranier-Sprague, Executive Director

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**Annual Dinner
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WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
REPRESENTATIVE SAM GRECO


Join us for an enriching evening as we welcome our esteemed local State Representative.
Enjoy a night of connection and purpose while supporting the Flagler Bar's fundraising efforts for a new & improved website.
Guests will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting basket raffle & 50/50 cash drawing.

**\$55 PER PERSON - MUST BE PAID BY 12/5
DECEMBER 12, 2025
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

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55 TOWN CENTER BLVD., PALM COAST
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REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE & TRUST LAW



RPPTL CONNECT 2025

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

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DECEMBER 4, 2025

Join us for a free **Lunch & Learn** Orientation covering the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar!

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AGENDA
REGISTRATION - 10:45 AM
ORIENTATION - 11:30 AM
LUNCH - 12:15 PM
COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 1:00 & 2:00 PM

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL MADISON GODIN AT
MGODIN@FLORIDATAX.COM OR CALL 561-998-7847**

NOTICES

COURT CLOSURES:

Following recent announcements by the Governor and various County governments, we've received a few inquiries about our upcoming holiday closures.

Please be reminded that the Court will be **closed on November 27, November 28, December 25, December 26, and January 1, 2026.**

Courts (courthouses) throughout the 7th Circuit will be open on November 26, December 24, and January 2, 2026.

JOB POSTING:

Please see job posting below for part time position in Palatka:

[See the notice here](#)

WILLS SEARCHES:

We are in search of a will for:

Matthew John Marie

DOB 1/24/1967

DOD 11/08/2025

Last Residence: 2320 Eslinger Rd., Lot 123, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

If you have any information please contact: Tiffany Lynn Marie (386) 576-7670

We are in search of a will for:

Laurie A. Scott

DOB 7/29/43; DOD 4/12/25

Last address: 2286 India Blvd, Deltona, FL 32738

If you have any information please contact: Daniel Hill at
dhill@hillandhilllawfirm.com

JOB POSTINGS

Smith Bigman Brock, P.A. is Hiring | Insurance Defense Associate

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- Comply with all legal standards and regulations
- Perform administrative and management functions related to the practice of law

Qualifications

- Licensed member of the Florida Bar, in good standing
- Previous insurance defense law practice experience
- Strong working knowledge of Florida & Federal civil practice
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Excellent research, writing and organizational skills
- Familiarity with case management software

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and references via email to dkowalski@daytonalaw.com.

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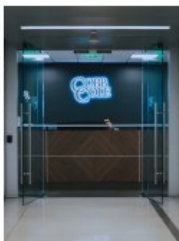
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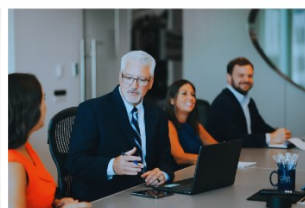
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