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Wednesday, February 21, 2025

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Chart House, 1100 Marina Point Drive, Daytona Beach

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Alzheimer's & Dementia Care

Thursday, February 15 ~ 12:00 noon

Brookdale Ormond West, Ormond Beach

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Veteran's Benefits & Resources

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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CLE: Artificial Intelligence—Thinking in a New Era

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

Friday, March 22, 2024 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Daytona Beach Airport Meeting Room

\$60.00 per person - VCBA members & staff only

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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.

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

\$20.00 per person

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Catherine Taylor Lamb

2023/2024 President, Volusia County Bar Association



Greetings VCBA!

So, February is a little bit of an odd month. It's shorter than all of the other months, which is something to remember when calculating timelines or deadlines that work on schedules with the word "month" in them. The holidays are over and spring is not quite here yet. And of course, for those of us living here in Florida, February can often mean running your AC during the day and the heat at night. Then, every four years we throw another curve to February by adding an extra day to compensate for the fact that our earth does not orbit the sun in precisely 365 days.

It just so happens that 2024 is a leap year month, so we will be having a February 29th this year. This means that even though February is still a short month, we have one more day to reach goals and work toward the expectations we have set for ourselves. Here are a few additional things that can enrich the way we as lawyers "do February" this year.

1. If your schedule allows, it may be a good time to clear your calendar and schedule February 29th as a "catch up" day.
2. February is Black History Month. The American Bar Association has published a great webpage dedicated to the month-long celebration of achievement, legacy, and diversity as it relates our legal profession with free webinars, informational resources, and historical facts to ponder. Link: [ABA Black History Month](#)
3. In the spirit of our mentorship theme this year, if you are mentoring or considering mentoring one of our newer attorneys, offer to have them shadow you at the office or at a hearing or court appearance this month.

This final thought does not have anything to do with the legal profession, but February 29th or "Leap Day" is National Frog Leg Day. I may celebrate this day, but in deference to my childhood friend Kermit, I think I will prefer the gummy candy kind of frogs.

Wishing you all a healthy and productive 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 volusiabar@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Judge Mary Jolley

Area of practice: Currently assigned to the Circuit Civil division at the Courthouse Annex and the Marchman Court docket at the Justice Center. Previously assigned to the Unified Family division in DeLand. Before I became a judge, I was in civil practice at the Volusia County Attorney's Office and prior to that, I handled criminal appeals for the Office of the Attorney General.

Where were you born and where did you grow up? I was born in Elmhurst, New York. We moved from Queens to Clinton, New Jersey when I was in second grade, and I graduated from North Hunterdon High School in Annandale, New Jersey.

College and law school and graduation year: Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia in 1991, and Seton Hall University College of Law in Newark, New Jersey in 1994.

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? Definitely a librarian.

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? After I graduated law school, I clerked for the late Hon. Robert Staton on the Indiana Court of Appeals in the Indiana State Capitol in Indianapolis. At that time, he had been an appellate judge for more than twenty years. Judge Staton shaped my ability to analyze a legal issue and stressed the importance of concise legal writing. He instilled in me that the rule of law must be followed, respected, and not result driven. His humility and kindness left a lasting impression on those of us who had the honor to serve as his law clerk.

Sports fan? I am a huge sports fan; and scoring any MLB game I attend is a necessity. The New York Giants and the New York Mets are my favorite teams (for better or for worse). Also, my husband transformed me into a Big Ten football and basketball fan – Go Illini!

Favorite holiday food? My mother's Christmas Yule Log. Recipe on page 5.

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. I met my husband while standing in line at Thunder Mountain at Walt Disney World in 1984. We reconnected years later, and we will be married thirty years this June.



Kelly Chanfrau

Area of practice: Employment & Labor, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

Where were you born and where did you grow up? I was born at Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach and grew up here in Ormond Beach.

College and law school and graduation year: I went to undergrad at FSU and Law School at Stetson University College of Law. I graduated FSU in 1997 and Law School in 2001.

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? English Professor or Screenwriter.

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? My father, William Chanfrau, Sr. is definitely my mentor. I have also had other mentors and have been blessed by all of them but my father is number one and he still is.

Sports fan? I do love to play sports and I love watching womens' tennis and womens' soccer.

Favorite holiday food? On Christmas morning my family has a Mexican brunch. Its my favorite.

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. I played Division One Soccer.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Rebecca McGuigan

Area of practice: Criminal Appellate

Where were you born and where did you grow up? I was born in Tallahassee, Florida. I grew up in New Port Richey, Florida.

College and law school and graduation year: Double Hatter – Stetson 1999, B.A. and 2002, J.D.

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? Librarian

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? Ann Phillips served as my mentor when I began as a new attorney at the Attorney General's Office and helped instill in me a love for the rule of law and strong respect for serving the people of the State of Florida. She also served as a great example to pattern my own mentoring of new attorneys.

Sports fan? Not a sports fan.

Favorite holiday food? Cinnamon Rolls.

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. I have read over 1,400 books for fun during the last ten years.



Ronald Hertel

Area of practice: Civil Litigation and Trials (primarily probate and trust, personal injury, and commercial)

Where were you born and where did you grow up? Born New York, New York. Grew up in Palm Coast, FL

College and law school and graduation year: UNF undergrad 1998; FIU College of Law 2006

If you weren't practicing law, what would your career choice be? Rock star

Did you have a mentor at any point in your legal career and if so, what did that mean for you? Yes, Gary Pollack and Lew Berns. Litigation is an artform and a chess match, so quality mentorship was crucial to giving me the skills and confidence to do well in a court room.

Sports fan? Florida Gators, USMNT

Favorite holiday food? Home cooking

One thing others might be surprised to know about you. I fronted a rock band after undergrad and saved over 100 lives as a lifeguard.

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Kelley Kronenberg Announces Promotion of Lara Weems Rezapour to Business Unit Leader

[Kelley Kronenberg](#), a leading national full-service law firm, is pleased to announce the promotion of Lara Weems Rezapour to the position of Business Unit Leader.

Lara Weems Rezapour joined Kelley Kronenberg in 2022 and has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, legal acumen, and dedication to client service. Her promotion reflects Kelley Kronenberg's commitment to recognizing and promoting top talent within the firm.

Lara focuses her practice on general liability, third-party insurance defense, and gig economy liability.

Before joining Kelley Kronenberg, Lara was a Partner at a prominent Florida defense firm where she represented insurance companies in defense of their first-party property, general liability, automobile negligence, and premises liability claims. Prior thereto, Lara dedicated her practice to advocating on behalf of some of Florida's most vulnerable citizens, first serving as a Guardian Ad Litem to assess the needs of children involved in high-conflict family law cases and then representing victims of domestic violence.

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GALA YULE LOG

4 EGGS SEPARATED
3/4 CUP SUGAR
1/2 TSP VANILLA
1/2 CUP FLOUR
1 TSP BAKING POWDER
1/4 TSP SALT
1/2 CUP FINELY CHOPPED PECANS (OR WALNUTS)
CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR
1 CUP SWEETENED WHIPPED CREAM
CHOCOLATE FROSTING
DECORATING CANDY OR POWDERED SUGAR (OPTIONAL)

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees. Combine dry ingredients (flour, baking powder and salt) in medium bowl. Grease 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1" jellyroll pan; line with waxed paper, grease again.

Beat egg yolks in small bowl until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually beat in 1/4 cup sugar; add vanilla.

CLEAN BEATERS THOROUGHLY.

Beat egg whites in separate large bowl until soft peaks form; gradually add 1/2 cup sugar. Beat until stiff peaks form. Fold yolks into whites. Fold combined dry ingredients into egg mixture. Add pecans. Spread on prepared pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes until lightly browned.

Immediately loosen sides and turn out on a towel sprinkled with confectioner's sugar. Starting at narrow end, roll up cake; cool on rack. When cooled, unwrap cake; spread with sweetened whipped cream; re-roll cake. Spread chocolate frosting over rolled cake. Decorate with red and green sprinkles or confectioners' sugar immediately before serving.

NOTE: This cake has been served as dessert in the Griffio house on Christmas Eve after our traditional fish dinner for over 35 years.

From Pat Griffio
March 2006

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REQUEST FOR RESUMES

Title: Executive Director

Reports to: Volusia County Bar Association Board President

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Status: Exempt

OVERVIEW:

The Executive Director of the Volusia County Bar Association (VCBA) is a pivotal leadership role within our organization, serving as a dedicated part-time employee under the guidance and oversight of the Board of Directors. This dynamic position encompasses a wide range of responsibilities vital to the seamless operation and growth of our thriving voluntary bar association. As the Executive Director, you will play a pivotal role in advancing our mission and ensuring the continued success of VCBA.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Manage financial matters related to VCBA including banking, budget preparation, expense review, and submission of tax reports, execute various financial responsibilities including making deposits and paying outstanding bills, utilizing QuickBooks, and submitting tax reports to President, Treasurer and CPA.
2. Oversee all aspects of programs, services, and events, including marketing, registration, and event coordination.
3. Coordinate and facilitate board meetings, regular membership, section meetings and ensuring proper documentation and communication with board members.
4. Oversee the planning and execution of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars, including topics, speakers, and logistics.
5. Curate and publish a monthly newsletter to keep members informed and engaged.
6. Manage and update the organization's website to ensure it remains current.
7. Prepare and administer annual VCBA and YLD board elections.
8. Handle lawyer referral requests from the public seeking a private practice attorney. Refer requests for a pro bono attorneys Community Legal Services.
9. Schedule occasional one-on-one meetings with past Presidents, including those on the bench, to encourage ongoing involvement and gather feedback.
10. Provide periodic project updates to the Chief Judge to highlight the bar's support for the legal community.
11. Attend the Florida Bar Leader's Conference and the American Bar Association Small Bar to network, gather new ideas, and seek support from similar-sized bar associations.
12. Maintain communication with vendors (e.g., printer, banquet managers) and explore potential sponsors for upcoming bar events.
13. Prepare and administer a social media strategy including maintenance and regular communications.
14. Retain an updated membership roster, prepare dues notices, and collect payments from members.
15. Other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Self-Starter and detail oriented person.
- Associates degree or higher preferred.
- Business experience and knowledge of business operations required.
- Friendly, helpful, and an attentive listener, with the ability to engage members and the community effectively; proficiency in asking pertinent questions to understand member needs, interests, and suggestions.
- Capability to adapt to dynamic situations and handle challenging members with patience.
- The ability to work autonomously.
- Consistently maintain a professional demeanor as a representative of the VCBA.
- Be assertive and persuasive, when necessary, especially in negotiating rental fees, event costs, or other financial arrangements.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently without constant supervision.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Proficiency in QuickBooks and all programs in Microsoft Office Suite including PowerPoint and Publishing.
- Willingness and ability to travel within Volusia County and, on occasion, nationally for bar events.
- Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.
- This role is a 30-hour, part-time position that may necessitate working beyond the standard workweek to fulfill critical responsibilities.

PAY EXPECTATIONS:

- \$40,000 - \$45,000
- Flexible schedule, some evenings for meetings and events may be required.
- Generous paid leave policy plus 12 court observed holidays.
- Benefits: Limited to life and disability insurance.

TO APPLY:

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WELCOMES Glenn L. Nye, Attorney at Law

We are happy to welcome Glenn Nye to our team! Mr. Nye has over 40 years of experience working with clients in estate planning and probate matters. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Florida, Gainesville, his Juris Doctorate degree at Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida and a Masters Degree in Taxation from the University of Miami School of Law.

His areas of practice will continue to include Estate Planning, Probate & Estate Administration, Trusts, Wills, Business, and Taxation Law.

Mr. Nye is a member of the Florida Bar Association and the Volusia County Bar Association. He has served on boards of the West Volusia YMCA, Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler County Endowment Committee. He is married to Madge and has one son, Gregory.



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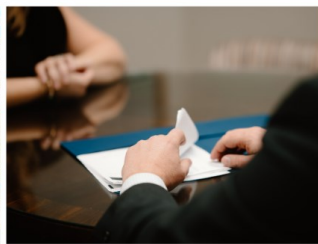
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