



# COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of the Volusia County Bar Association ~ June 2023

**No events scheduled for June or July!  
Enjoy the summer and hope to see you in August!**

## ***My Annual Letter of Gratitude! 19 years and Counting.....***

June, 2023

*The mission of the Volusia County Bar Association is to maintain the honor and dignity of the legal profession; to regulate the practice of and promote improvements in the law and in the methods of its administration; to educate its members and the general public in matters pertaining to the law and to the legal profession; and to cultivate professional ethics and a spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship among the members of this association.*

Some things have changed since I began this journey way back in 2004, but the mission statement continues to be the guide I follow. This year we are finally back to offering live events with small group lunches, the annual Bench & BBQ, section meetings and the annual meeting every August. Attendance is lower than pre-covid, but we are slowly increasing the numbers. Plus, the YLD section did an outstanding job with a new event – the Masquerade Ball. It was fun to get all dressed up and dance the night away.

In 2004, I had one son in middle school and the other in high school. Today, both are married and living their best lives. Plus, I now have 3 grandchildren. On the health front, I just had my annual checkup with oncology and all is well except for medication side effects that will never go away but should dissipate over time. Every day is different and I adapt as necessary.

As I begin my 19th year in the job, I will continue to refer to the mission statement and offer my best work. What can I do for you? Ideas, comments, and critiques are always welcome.

So, once again, thank you for allowing me to be a part of this awesome legal community. I continue to love what I do.

Best wishes,

*Kathie*

### **OPPORTUNITY: WILLS, TRUSTS, ESTATE PRACTICE**

Growing estate law practice in Margaritaville, Daytona Beach. I am a semi-retired solo attorney who has expanded a trust-will-estate practice in the new developing Margaritaville community (almost 3000 new residents from all over the USA) and the new surrounding developments.

I have a unique approach in developing the client base by visiting with them at their homes, neighboring witnesses become an excellent referral base with expedient growth. I would like to develop a working relationship with an attorney or law firm interested in establishing a similar practice with my goal of retiring in 12-18 months. Ideal for new attorneys desirous of creating a boutique law firm in this "up and coming" area of Volusia County.

If you are interested, please contact Ira Halfond, Esq. at [halfondlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:halfondlaw@yahoo.com) or contact me at (518)755-4401.

### **LITIGATION PARALEGAL**

Full-time Litigation Paralegal needed for busy New Smyrna Beach law office. Excellent skills in Outlook, grammar, composition, word processing, scanning, calendaring and telephone skills also required. Knowledge of any of the following areas are a plus: personal injury defense; construction litigation; commercial litigation; real estate litigation; trial procedures; and electronic discovery. Email with cover letter, resume, and salary requirements. Our workplace is a smoke-free environment. Email [bcasey@surfcoastlaw.com](mailto:bcasey@surfcoastlaw.com) with resume.

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## New Partner Announcement



**Douglas Kneller and Thérèse Misita Truelove are excited to announce the addition of Mikaela M. Nordman as iFloridaDivorce.com, LLC's newest Partner.**

Ms. Nordman has earned this designation through her hard work and dedication to our clients since becoming our Law Clerk in 2018 and our Associate in 2019. Ms. Nordman has obtained her "dream job" in working with Doug and Thérèse, practicing exclusively in family law matters.

Since she has joined the firm, Ms. Nordman has demonstrated an exceptional ability to evaluate and analyze legal issues in complex dissolution of marriage cases. Her capacity to learn quickly and develop her skills makes her an invaluable asset to the firm and our clients.

Ms. Nordman's ability to accurately and effectively present legal arguments on behalf of our clients will continue to contribute to the success of our firm in the future as she enters this new phase of her practice. She is excited to continue to grow with iFloridaDivorce.com, LLC.

Ms. Nordman is a member of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar, and the Board of the Volusia Flagler Association for Women Lawyers.

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Hours are 9 -5 Monday -Friday unless part-time. At least 2 years of personal injury litigation experience preferred. Experience with e-filing, drafting complaints, motions, subpoenas, affidavits, and court orders is required.

Experience in Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance liens preferred. Experience in scheduling mediations, hearings depositions, and court reporters is preferred. Experience in calculating and keeping track of deadlines is required. Must be able to type 60 WPM.

Salary: \$18.00 an hour - \$23.00 an hour. There is paid time off that accumulates for full-time employees. There is no health insurance. Please provide your resume with a cover letter to [bbernsattorneymail@gmail.com](mailto:bbernsattorneymail@gmail.com).

**The Office of State Attorney R.J. Larizza is seeking prosecuting attorneys for the MISDEMEANOR and FELONY DIVISIONS in Volusia and Putnam Counties.** The successful applicant must be a member in good standing with the Florida Bar. The applicant will be a self-starter, possess common sense, a good sense of humor, a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and the ability to relate to the Victims of crime. Good judgment and discretion are essential. Prior internships working in criminal law, Moot Court, trial team, litigation clinic, and/or law review participation in law school are a plus, but not required.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** This position represents the State of Florida in all criminal and civil cases as prescribed by law and at the pleasure and direction of the elected State Attorney.

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES**

- Dependable and routine in-office attendance.
- Ability to focus and pay attention to detail.
- Ability to read and comprehend. Efficient typing skills.
- Effective and efficient communication skills and ability to interact professionally with other employees, members of the public and stakeholders.
- Perform quality work within deadlines.
- Ability to operate a computer and other office machinery.
- Ability to read and follow rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Work effectively as a team contributor as well as independently.
- Comply with all Public Records statutes and policies.
- Travel as required.

**OTHER JOB DUTIES:** Ability to lift up to 25 lbs. Ability to work more than 40 hours per week.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:** The salary for a MISDEMEANOR ASA will start at a minimum of \$75,000 but can be higher depending on qualifications and experience. The salary for FELONY will commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the applicant. The position includes an excellent benefits package with health benefits, dental benefits, paid annual leave, paid sick leave, paid state holidays, and a state retirement package.

The State of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer, and does not tolerate discrimination or violence in the workplace.

Candidates requiring a reasonable accommodation, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, must notify the agency hiring authority and/or People First Service Center (1-866-663-4735). Notification to the hiring authority must be made in advance to allow sufficient time to provide the accommodation. The State of Florida supports a Drug-Free workplace. All employees are subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing in accordance with Section 112.0455, F.S., Drug-Free Workplace Act.

Job Type: Full-time

**Salary: \$75,000.00 per year STARTING**

#### **Benefits:**

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***Spencer S. Hathaway***

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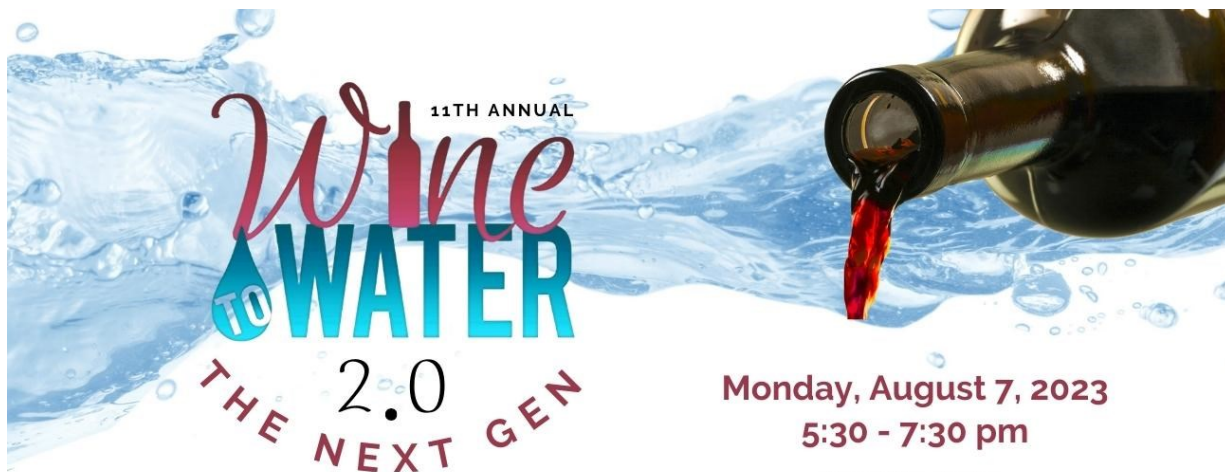
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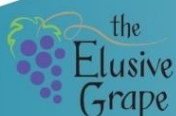


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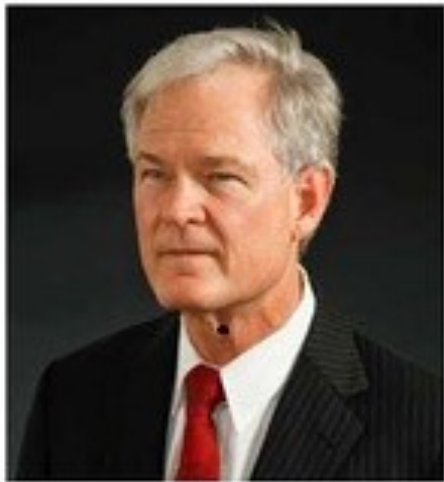
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