



# COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of the Volusia County Bar Association ~ March 2022

## VCBA MEMBER SOCIAL

**Thursday March 24, 2022**

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Chart House - 1100 Marina Point Drive, Daytona Beach

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## SMALL GROUP LUNCH MEETINGS

### **ORMOND BEACH**

**Friday, March 18, 2022**

Lulu's Oceanside Grill  
30 S. Atlantic Avenue

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### **PORT ORANGE**

**Friday, March, 25, 2022**

Monterey Grill  
1665 Dunlawton Avenue

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### **DAYTONA BEACH**

**Friday, April 1, 2022**

Chef Papa's  
156 S. Beach Street

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### **DELAND**

**Friday, April 8, 2022**

The Table  
100 E. New York Avenue

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## BENCH & BAR-B-Q

*An annual celebration of the Volusia County legal community*

*Celebrating our 50-year members*

Hon. C. McFerrin Smith, III

Hon. John Watson, III

Christopher Wickersham, Esq.

S. LaRue Williams, Esq.

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception ~ 6:45 program & dinner

**Brannon Civic Center**

105 S. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Smith Bigman Brock, an established, AV-Rated Law Firm in Daytona Beach, has two immediate, full-time associate attorney openings in our growing insurance practice group. We are seeking an experienced trial attorney and an attorney with first-party property experience. The ideal candidates will have experience defending personal injury actions from case inception through trial. We provide our employees with an awesome work environment, excellent compensation, and full benefits package.

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### Qualifications

- Previous first chair trial experience and/or first party property experience
- Insurance defense law practice experience
- Strong working knowledge of Florida and Federal civil practice
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Excellent research, writing and organizational skills;
- Ability to prioritize and complete simultaneous projects with close attention to detail;
- Familiarity with Perfect Law, AIM, or similar case management software;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook;
- Ability to build rapport and communicate effectively with attorneys, clients, professional staff and peers; and
- Familiarity with Florida and Federal rules of civil procedure, court deadlines, civil filing procedures and e-filing.

At Smith Bigman Brock we are proud of our commitment to excellence in all that we do! If you have what it takes, don't miss this opportunity to join our team and grow with us. Submit resume to [dkowalski@daytonalaw.com](mailto:dkowalski@daytonalaw.com)



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## Volunteer Opportunity UCF Legal Studies Department

We are seeking approximately 20 mentors for our students this semester, so I was wondering if you'd be kind enough to let the members of your Voluntary Bar know that we're looking for volunteers (and potentially volunteer yourself)? UCF Legal Studies students are required to take a course on professionalism before doing an internship in the community. They learn skills such as interacting with the public, speaking to professionals, and overall, just putting their best foot forward. *To accomplish this goal, we pair a student with a legal mentor who provides input on the student's resume and conducts a mock interview with a student.*

### All we need from you is help with those 2 interactions:

A mentor provides input on the student's resume :

- Feedback can be provided via e-mail or telephone
- Approximate time for completion is 30 minutes
- Feedback occurs in March

A mentor conducts a "mock interview" for a legal assistant position with the student

- Mock interview occurs via telephone or video conference (e.g., Zoom)
- UCF provides "job description" for legal assistant position
- Approximate time for completion is 30 minutes
- Interview takes place in April

If this is something you are interested in, we would love to have you on board. Simply sign up at <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/04d23d78/-GUH7GfzPUizyVVxkYnhTw?u=https://forms.gle/tyyysYQvxXnFX148>.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cobb & Cole, P.A., an "AV Preeminent" rated law firm in Volusia County is seeking a litigation attorney for our Daytona Beach office.

The successful candidate must have superior credentials with 4-6 years of litigation law experience. Please submit your resume in strict confidence to: [resume@cobbcole.com](mailto:resume@cobbcole.com).



<b>Classification:</b>	Trial Court Staff Attorney
<b>Position/Location.:</b>	8278 in Bunnell & 8277 in Daytona Beach
<b>Annual Salary:</b>	\$48,925
<b>Applications Must Be Submitted By:</b>	March 4, 2022

This State funded position is paid monthly and includes the State benefits package. The successful applicant will be subject to a criminal background screening and employment eligibility verification through E-Verify.

**\*\*Pay is 10% less if not a member of the Florida Bar at the time of hire.**

**Function:**

Conduct legal research to assist trial court judges in deciding rulings on a variety of case issues including pre-trial and trial motions, post- conviction relief (3.800, 3.850), prisoner petitions, summary judgments, motions to suppress evidence, discovery, and county court appeals. Draft orders and review briefs. Work involves considerable interpretation and judgment in the analysis of legal issues in the area(s) of criminal, civil, appellate, and/or administrative law. Duties may be performed throughout the Circuit. Headquarters subject to change based upon the needs of the Court.

**Minimum Requirements:**

Graduation from an accredited law school and membership in the Florida Bar is required within one year of hire.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Knowledge of legal principles, statutory and case law, court rules and procedures, legal research skills. Comprehensive knowledge of legal research tools and the ability to use them efficiently. Ability to reason logically and analytically. The ability to grasp, comprehend and analyze complex legal issues and complicated factual details. Ability to perform exacting work, attentive to issues in matters before the court. Exceptional reading skills. Ability to digest and communicate ideas and concepts orally and in writing. Ability to exercise discretion, confidentiality, impartiality and honesty in handling matters before the court. Ability to work effectively with others.

**How to Apply:**

**Faxed/emailed applications will not be accepted.** Please submit a completed and signed State of Florida Application along with law school transcripts and a writing sample to:

*Court Administration – Human Resources  
101 N. Alabama Ave., Ste. D-305  
DeLand, FL 32724*

To obtain an application, please visit [www.circuit7.org](http://www.circuit7.org) - click on "Current Opportunities" – then click on "State of Florida Application" or contact us at 386-626-6561 to have one mailed to you. If you require an accommodation to participate in the application/interview process, please contact Anne Pierce at 386-626-6561 or [apierce@circuit7.org](mailto:apierce@circuit7.org) with as much notice as possible. We will be happy to make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests. The 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court is an equal opportunity employer and participates in E-Verify.



## 2022 Judicial Campaign Conduct Forums May 5 & 6, 2022

The Supreme Court of Florida and The Florida Bar Board of Governors, in concert with the state's trial court chief judges and the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, have scheduled Judicial Campaign Conduct Forums in 7 cities statewide during the week following the close of qualifying. A virtual statewide presentation will also be held. All incumbent and non-incumbent candidates facing opposition in elections for judicial office will be expected to participate personally in one of the forums scheduled on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Presenters will emphasize the nonpartisan character of judicial elections and detail for candidates, committee chairs, campaign managers, staff, and others critical information regarding requirements under Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Presenters will also stress the seriousness with which the Court views any abuse of the elections process and the consequent impact of campaign misconduct on public trust and confidence in the judicial branch.

**REGISTER:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

### JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN CONDUCT FORUMS Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, 2022

LOCATION	THURSDAY, May 5, at 1:00 P.M. ET	
Jacksonville	Duval County Courthouse 501 W. Adams Street Jacksonville, FL 32202	
Miami	Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center 175 NW 1 Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room Miami, FL 33128	
Tallahassee	Leon County Courthouse 301 South Monroe Street Courtroom 3G Tallahassee, FL 32301	
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Courthouse Judicial Dining Room 205 North Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, FL 33401	
LOCATION	FRIDAY, May 6, at 1:00 P.M. ET	
Tampa		George Edgecomb County Courthouse Judicial Conference Room – Sixth Floor 800 East Twiggs Street Tampa, FL 33602
Orlando		Orange County Courthouse 425 North Orange Avenue Suite 2310 (Gene Medina Conference Room) Orlando, FL 32801
Ft. Lauderdale		Broward County Judicial Complex 201 SE Sixth Street Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
Zoom		Statewide Webinar Registration - <a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gJtj1lhRRt-llsQflxTcOg">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gJtj1lhRRt-llsQflxTcOg</a>



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- Practical Estate Planning in Uncertain Times (Credit hours: 8.0 Gen)
- Probate Law 2020 (Credit hours: 8.0 Gen - 1.0 Ethics)
- SSFS Annual Ethics Update: Legal Ethics in a Changed World (Credit hours: 5.0 Gen - 5.0 Ethics - 5.0 Tech)
- Solo & Small Firm Conference: Virtually Irresistible: Tech Tools and Strategies for Solos & Small Firms (Credit hours: 5.5 Gen - 3.0 Tech)

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