



COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of the Volusia County Bar Association ~ May 2023

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE VCBA BOARD? The Nominating Committee will convene to consider nominations for Director positions on the VCBA board. Directors serve a term of three years and the board meets 4-5 times a year to plan membership meetings, CLE seminars, social, networking and service activities. The slate of nominees will be voted upon at the August 4 annual meeting. The deadline to apply is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16. Contact the VCBA office volusiabar@gmail.com for an application.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION BOARD? The Young Lawyers Division has open director positions for the 2023-24 Bar year. YLD members must be less than 35 years old and/or in practice 1-5 years to be considered. The board meets 4-5 times a year to plan a variety of YLD events including CLE seminars, community service projects and socials. The slate of nominees will be voted upon at the August 4 annual meeting. The deadline to apply is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 16. Contact the VCBA office volusiabar@gmail.com for an application.

WORKERS COMP SECTION MEETING

With Judge Wilbur W. Anderson, Judge Jill E. Jacobs, Judge Neal P. Pitts, Judge Lourdes M. Sancerni and Chief Judge Brian Newman, head of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

Wednesday, May 10 ~ 5:30 - 7:30

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YLD LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 11, 2023 ~ 12:00 noon

Stonewood Grill & Tavern
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CLERK OF COURT: Civil Case Processing Status

Attention Civil Practice Firms and Civil Litigants:

As you may be aware, an unprecedented number of civil lawsuits were filed statewide as a result of the passage of HB 837. In Volusia County, the Clerk's office received from **24 to 60 times** more new circuit civil suits per day than normal throughout the surge period as thousands of cases were filed. Our civil department resources are consistently strained by the high volume of small claims filings in Volusia County, and the unexpected rush of HB 837-related suits resulted in a backlog of cases we've never before experienced.

We have been in communication with the Chief Judge, and have committed every available resource to process new civil suits and subsequent filings as quickly as possible. Our civil staff is working as much overtime as our revenues allow, and we have adjusted staff assignments and processes where able to increase speed.

Be assured it is our highest priority to process the backlog of civil cases and filings and return to normal time frames. We apologize for any inconveniences the delays may cause, and appreciate your understanding and patience with our staff.

We will keep you updated with any useful information or new developments as they arise.

Laura E. Roth

Clerk of Court, Volusia County

Volusia Paralegals -- Up and Coming Organization

Submitted by Kathy Reimann, Taylor Hurley-Apking and Michelle Williams

There has been a lot of interest in creating a Volusia County Paralegal Association. A few of us have been meeting with different associations around Florida learning about their organizational structure and member activities.

We have decided that the most beneficial way to support Volusia paralegals is to set up a Volusia Paralegal Association, as 501(c)6 organizations. The Pros are that we can create a paralegal association centered around our unique legal community and be a support to each other. We can have a more creative development in our association. We can give back to our community by hosting benefits and supporting charities. The annual dues would be more affordable for our members.

The Volusia County Bar Association is committed to helping and supporting the Association. We are invited to their events, meeting and CLE seminar paying nonmember price.

Some of our plans:

- Be a nonprofit association based on giving back to the community and supporting charities in Volusia.
- Provide education and support to members and encourage professionalism.
- Establish an annual event for paralegals and attorneys.
- Hold annual seminars.
- Hold membership meetings.
- Establish a job bank for members.
- Issue a newsletter to our members.
- Establish a mentoring program with the college(s).

We hope to work on this through the summer and start up the association by August or September 2023. In the meantime, we have set up a Facebook Group, search Volusia Paralegals. We have had two socials that have been fun and well attended, and hope to have another social this coming summer.

Attorneys if your paralegals would like more information, are interested in becoming a member, or are interested in being a part of the board, please ask them to send us an email at: Volusiaparalegals@gmail.com.

We are excited to see this happen.

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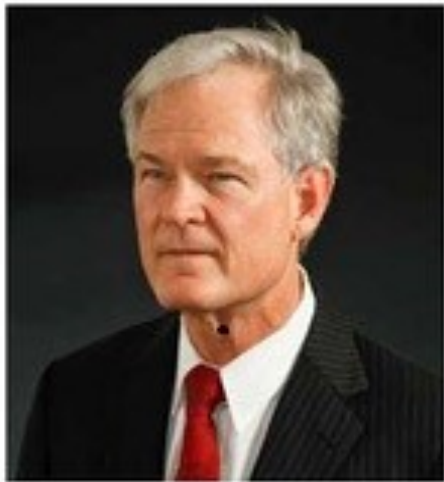
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- The Military Divorce Handbook: A Guide to Representing Military Personnel and Their Families, Mark E. Sullivan, ABA
- Veterans Benefits Manual, Barton F. Stichman, et al., LexisNexis
- Guide to VA Mental Health Services for Veterans and Families, Veterans Administration
- The Veteran's PTSD Handbook: How to File & Collect on Claims for PTSD, John D. Roche, Potomac Books
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