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The Volusia County Bar Association Newsletter | June 2025



We are so excited for the return of the VCBA Professionalism Symposium! Last held in 2019, we need YOU to make it a success.



VCBA

2025 PROFESSIONALISM SYMPOSIUM

 Friday, August 1, 2025

 "The Daytona" Marriot

VCBA Annual Meeting

 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Professionalism Symposium

 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

 4 CLEs

Topics and breakout sessions include:

- Professionalism & Ethics Panels
- Civil Rules
- Criminal Panel
- Pleadings
- Cybersecurity

Followed by happy hour!

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SPEAKERS

including but not limited to:



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Bryan Feigenbaum

“Being a Lawyer” Virtual CLE

Date: Friday, June 13, 2025

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

CLE: 1 Ethics

Location: Zoom

Cost: Free for Members

[Register Here](#)

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Jim Vickaryous, author of *Being A Lawyer* presents his seminar exploring what it truly means to practice law with purpose.

You'll Learn...

- The importance of professionalism and active listening in building trust with clients, colleagues, and the court.
- How practicing civility and kindness can strengthen your credibility and enhance your effectiveness as a lawyer.
- Effective strategies for managing burnout while staying true to your ethical obligations and personal values.

This seminar is approved for 1 Florida Bar Ethics Credit and offers a thoughtful look at professionalism, integrity, and the everyday challenges lawyers face in practice.

Be a Diplomatic Lawyer

[Florida Bar Article](#)

Jim Vickaryous, managing partner of the Vickaryous Law Firm in Lake Mary and 18th Circuit representative on The Florida Bar Board of Governors, writes: “By being diplomatic, we can avoid a messy situation despite there being no agreement on any point. Being diplomatic is often simply agreeing to disagree. It is perfectly fine to agree to disagree. It can be a good starting point in understanding an opposing party’s view just to learn that they disagree with everything you assert.

Part of diplomacy is first determining what motivates your opponent to come to their conclusion. Being a diplomatic lawyer can be tricky though, as we lawyers must get involved with the other side of a matter. But we can do so without feeding the bear. Success is more often had with an open hand of greeting instead of the closed fist of contention. We have all been in the presence of lawyers blessed with a diplomatic touch. Diplomatic lawyers are rare. They are peacemakers.

VIRTUAL CLE

“Who Has the Power”

Level: Intermediate (1 hour)

This course will discuss how to determine who is authorized to sign for an entity selling or mortgaging real estate including review of entity documents, resolutions and affidavits.

- Date: Friday, June 27, 2025
- Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- CLE: 1 hour
- Location: Zoom
- Cost: FREE for VCBA Members

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Erika Barger

Employment Practices Litigation Counsel, Brown & Brown, Inc.

Erika was born in Jacksonville, four months premature weighing just 24 ounces—but grew up in Ormond Beach. Erika graduated from Seabreeze High School and Daytona State College through the dual enrollment program. She went on to earn her B.A. from Georgetown University in 2010 and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Florida State University College of Law in 2013.

While Erika didn't have a single mentor early in her career, she credits many attorneys, professors, and local organizations, like the VCBA and Dunn-Blount Inn of Court, with helping to guide her path and build lasting professional relationships.

Erika is an adventurous traveler and passionate foodie. By age 30, she had visited all 50 U.S. states, taking a photo at each "Welcome To" sign. Most recently, she completed Ormond Burger Week by trying all 20 featured burgers in just one week!

If not practicing law, Erika says she'd love to be a travel broadcaster or international tour guide. Whether in the courtroom or on the road, she brings energy, curiosity, and dedication to everything she does.

Check out the articles below on Erika's new book!

"FLORIDA LAWYER'S BOOK OFFERS INSIDER TIPS FOR WINNING SCHOLARSHIPS"

[Florida Bar Article](#)

"Ormond Beach resident publishes book to help students apply for scholarships"

["Observer" Palm Coast/Ormond Beach Article](#)

[Amazon link](#)



Sara Glover

Section Chair, VCBA Family Law Section | Social Chair, VCBA

This month, we're proud to spotlight Sara Glover, a dynamic family law attorney and a dedicated leader within the legal community. A Georgia native, Sara was born and raised in the Atlanta area. She earned her undergraduate degree from Auburn University in 2004—War Eagle!—and went on to receive her J.D. from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2007.

Sara's passion for family law has been a constant throughout her career, and if she weren't practicing law, she admits the only other job that ever truly appealed to her was talk show host—she loves hearing people's stories and experiences.

Early in her legal journey, Sara was fortunate to work with Leonard Ross, who became a trusted mentor and lifelong friend. "He's a real bulldog in practice and absolutely hilarious. We worked together for over 10 years and he taught me so much!"

Outside the office, Sara enjoys gardening and is an avid sports fan, especially when it comes to Auburn athletics. "Although, it's been more fun to watch Auburn basketball than football the past couple of years." She admits.

When it comes to local eats, you'll often find her at Don Peppers, a local favorite.

We're grateful for Sara's commitment to the Bar and her unwavering dedication to both her clients and colleagues. She brings leadership, warmth, and energy to everything she does.

Youth Leaders to Participate in Teen Court Trials

Nearly 100 students participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, sponsored by Rotary Clubs in District 6970, will participate in Teen Court trials at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Volusia County Courthouse, 101 N. Alabama Ave., DeLand.

It's a unique partnership between the Seventh Judicial Circuit's Teen Court and Rotary International. This event provides youth from across Florida the opportunity to serve in various courthouse roles, including prosecution, defense, clerks, and jurors. The trials will be overseen by judges of the Circuit and will also feature guest speakers.

Teen Court is a nationally acclaimed program aimed at diverting less serious cases from traditional juvenile court. It operates on the premise that youthful offenders will more readily accept responsibility for their actions when judged and sentenced by their peers.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts. Participating students are sponsored by a Rotary club and are chosen based on their grades, school leadership positions, and community service.

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Judges, as always, please feel free to bring your Judicial Assistants and if there is anyone that I may have missed in this email or someone that you know that may be interested in attending, please feel free to forward this email to them.

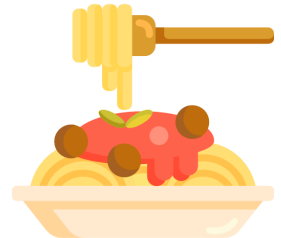
If there are any questions, please let me know. We look forward to seeing you on June 20!

Regina Ranier-Sprague, Executive Director

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CLE OPPORTUNITY

Flagler County Bar Association CLE with the Honorable Judge Distler and Judge Totten



Judge Distler

Judge Totten

1. Drafting and submitting proposed Orders
2. Ex Parte communication rules and considerations
3. Proper procedures for scheduling hearings
4. Best Practices for interacting with JA's and Court Staff
5. Common pitfalls and how to avoid them

 **June 13, 2025**

 **11:30a - 1:00p**

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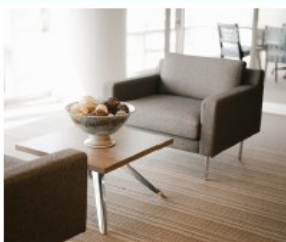
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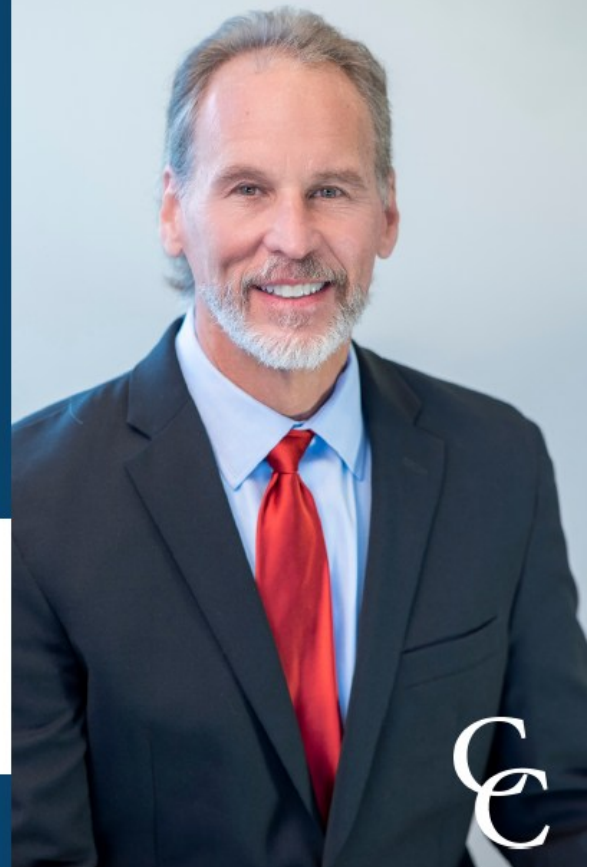
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