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The Volusia County Bar Association Newsletter | May 2025



## MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

**9 MAY**

CLE – FinCEN

**16 MAY**

Solo/Small Practice

**22 MAY**

Elder Law

**30 MAY**

Family Law

### VIRTUAL CLE - MAY 9

#### Preparing for 2025 – Understanding the New FinCEN Regulations

A one hour look into the latest Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) updates, including expanded anti money laundering requirements, beneficial ownership reporting changes under the Corporate Transparency Act, and new rules for real estate transfers. This course breaks down complex regulations, equipping you to confidently navigate the evolving regulatory landscape.

- Date: Friday, May 9, 2025
- Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- CLE: 1 hour
- Location: Zoom
- Cost: FREE for VCBA Members

[Register here](#)



# VCBA WEBSITE - "YOUR LOGO HERE"

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If you currently have your logo placed on the website you will receive an invoice to continue for this year (year runs July 2025 - August 2026).



## SECTION MEETINGS

### SOLO/SMALL PRACTICE SECTION

Date/Time: May 16, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Location: Asahi Japanese Restaurant, Orange City, FL 32163

The VCBA Solo/Small Firm section is meeting for lunch the third Friday of each month. This month at Asahi, casual attire, cozy atmosphere. We look forward to meeting you. Please RSVP to Julie E. Herring, Esq., [jherringlaw@gmail.com](mailto:jherringlaw@gmail.com) or R. Shawn McBride, Esq. [shawn.mcbride@rsmlawpllc.com](mailto:shawn.mcbride@rsmlawpllc.com)

### ELDER LAW SECTION

Date/Time: May 22, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

Location: Zinn Legal, 140 S Beach St., Suite 416, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Paula Morton at PALM Aging Life Management will be hosting our monthly luncheon. Lunch will be provided, please RSVP to Victoria Zinn [Victoria@zinnlegal.com](mailto:Victoria@zinnlegal.com).

### FAMILY LAW SECTION

Date/Time: May 30, 2025 @ 11:45 am

Location: Cobb Cole, One Daytona Blvd., Daytona Beach, 32114

Bring a lunch and come and meet our newest family law judge- Judge Robert W. Pickens III. If you have items that you would like to have added to the agenda, please email Sara Glover [sara.glover@cobbcole.com](mailto:sara.glover@cobbcole.com).

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## Being A Lawyer

*Civility, Ethics & Professionalism*



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.*

### “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](#)

## 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.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## Savanna Gaslin

Meet Savanna Gaslin, a dedicated attorney in personal injury law. Originally from South Florida, she earned her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University in 2017 and J.D. from Barry School of Law in 2020.

Mentorship has been a meaningful part of Savanna's journey. She credits Judge Myers with offering invaluable guidance early in her career. Savanna says "We've shared a few coffee conversations—each one offering more than just caffeine. Judge Myers has generously shared insights and humility in how she reflects on her own path to the judiciary, making the legal world feel more navigable, or even possible as I'm navigating my own legal career."

Savanna's favorite local eatery is Chicas Cuban Restaurant in Downtown DeLand. And if she weren't practicing law? "I'd be a fitness trainer!" she says, reflecting her energetic and health-focused outlook. One surprising fact about Savanna? She lives on a farm and is the proud mom of a two-year-old son named Bear.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## THE VCBA PROFESSIONALISM SYMPOSIUM

Join us for a day  
of insights and  
learning.

**August 1, 2025**  
**1:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**@One Daytona**



**VCBA Day is Coming!**

**August 1, 2025**

Two back-to-back events —  
choose what fits your needs  
and schedule best.

**Registration opens soon!**

## VCBA ANNUAL MEETING

Join us and take part in shaping the future of  
the Volusia County Legal Community!

**AUG 1, 2025 | 11:45 AM**

**"The Daytona" Hotel**  
1870 Victory Circle  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

**SAVE THE DATE!**



# BENCH & BARBEQUE [RECAP]

## BENCH & BARBEQUE

April 17, 2025

We recently gathered for our annual event celebrating the Volusia County legal community, with honoring our esteemed 50+ year members. This year, we honored **Jerry Wells and Daniel Wallace** for their outstanding contributions to the legal profession. We also celebrated the retirement of **Judge Stacia Warren**.

Thank you to our **sponsor Stewart** who made the event possible. Thank you to all who attended and continue to support and strengthen the Volusia County legal community.



*VCBA President-Elect Lori Sandman presenting Daniel Wallace*



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*Judge Dawn Nichols presenting retiring Judge Stacia Warren*



# VOLUSIA COUNTY PARALEGALS ASSOCIATION

## Please Join Us for the Second Annual Attorney Lunch



The Daytona Hotel  
1870 Victory Circle  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

May 8, 2025

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Speaker – Judge Michael Orfinger

CLE Credit – 1.0 Hour approved by the Florida Bar  
for both Attorneys and Paralegals

### Cost

\$30 – Members  
\$40 – Non-Members

PLEASE RSVP BY  
May 1st, 2025

to

vicepresident.volusiaparalegals@gmail.com

### Menu

Freshly Baked Rolls & Butter

Green Salad

Chef's Choice Vegetable and Starch

*Entrée One*

Joyce Farms Pan Seared Chicken with  
Mushroom Demi-Glace

*Entrée Two*

Mahi Mahi with Roasted Pineapple Relish

Chocolate Torte

[Download the Registration  
Form Here](#)

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Packet Here](#)



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## The USDC, Florida Middle District has several positions open:

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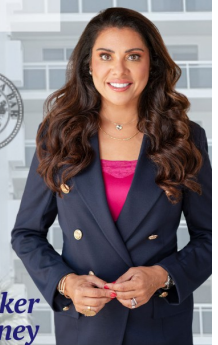


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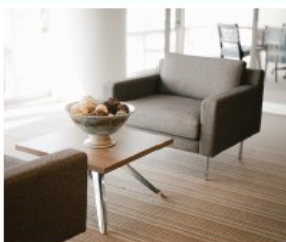
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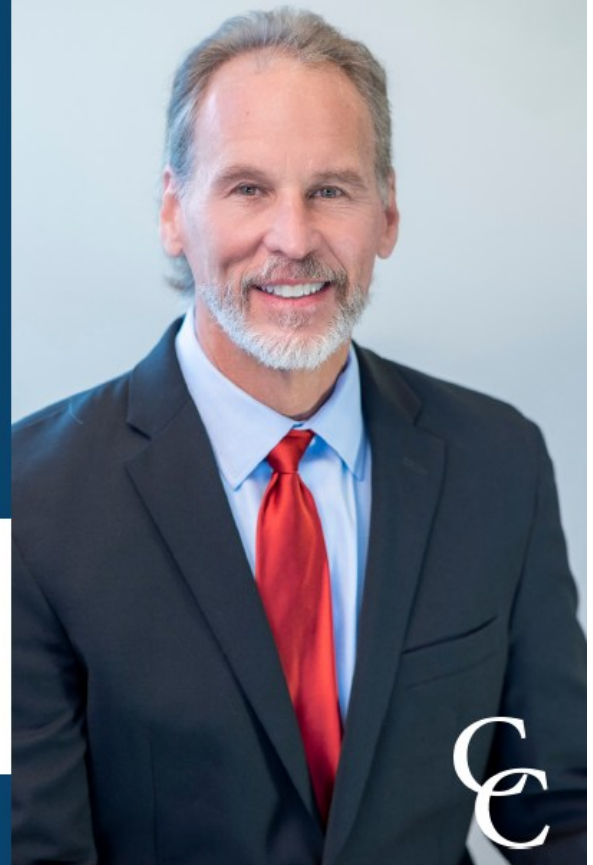
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