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The Volusia County Bar Association Newsletter | October 2025



YLD CHILI COOK-OFF

October 19, 2025, 4:00pm

Ormond Brewery

Lay down the law and pick up the ladle on **Sunday, October 19, 2025**, at 4:00 pm, at Ormond Brewery to help decide whose chili will be crowned Volusia Bar's best!

Taking the heat out of the courtroom and into the kitchen!

Judges

Judge Bobby Pickens
Judge Joe LeDonne
Judge Katherine Hurst Miller
Judge Chris Miller
Judge Alicia Washington

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Matt Welch, Cobb Cole
Troy Parker, Smith Bigman Brock
Cynthia Lane, Mara Law
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UCBA YLD CHILI COOK-OFF

10.19.2025 **BRING THE HEAT!** 4:00 PM

Join us for our YLD Chili Cook Off with chili prepared by some of our favorite local attorneys and judged by the judiciary!



Ormond Brewery, 301 Division Ave. Unit 15, Ormond Beach, FL 32174



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY - OCT 10

Join us for **Tea & Talk**

Friday, Oct. 10, 2025

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Bring your coffee, tea, lunch, anything you wish and chat with us, held via zoom.

[RSVP Here](#)



Tea & Talk

. Take a Break .

Join us for a quick break just to chat about whatever is on your mind!

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Mental Health and Wellness Center

The Bar's Mental Health & Wellness of Florida Lawyers Committee is working to destigmatize mental illness, recommend best practices and remedies, and help bring more balance into members' daily professional lives.

WHY WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT LAWYERS' MENTAL HEALTH



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This free and **completely confidential** service connects members with professional counselors. Calls are always free. You may be referred for up to five free counseling sessions per year to help you develop strategies to overcome life's challenges, balance priorities, and better handle both personal and professional pressures.

UPDATES FROM THE CLERK

Rules, Requirements & Access



LAURA ROTH

Clerk of the Court

Webinar Agenda:

- eEverything Rules: SC2023-1401
- CCIS Updates: the future of statewide court record access
- Unified Family Court: date element requirement developments
- Proposed and Executed Orders: Volusia County practices



DATE

NOV 4, 2025



TIME

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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VCBA HALLOWEEN GET TOGETHER

Edgar Allan Poe Speakeasy

The **Edgar Allan Poe Speakeasy** returns to Daytona Beach for a haunting sequel that delves even deeper into the macabre. This time, the Poe Historians bring four new tales from Poe's dark imagination to life, each paired with a fresh selection of classic cocktails.

Date: Friday, Oct. 17, 2025

Time: 10:00 pm

Location: Anderson-Price Memorial Building, 42
North Beach Street, Ormond Beach, 32174

[Buy your ticket directly from the website here.](#)

If you're interested in dining together beforehand, join us at **The Grind Gastro Pub** (walking distance to event) at 8:00 pm, please rsvp to volusiabar@gmail.com.



VCBA SECTIONS

SOLO/SMALL PRACTICE SECTION

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 17, 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., julie@herringlawpa.com or R. Shawn McBride, Esq. shawn.mcbride@rsmlawpllc.com



VOLUSIA COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION



Invitation to Annual CLE Seminar

***“Leveraging AI in Legal Practice:
Innovation, Integration, and
Intellectual Property”***

*Featuring Guest Speakers including VCBA
President, Lori Sandman*

CLE: 3 General CLE Credits
for attorneys and FRPs

DATE: October 25, 2025

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Fairfield Inn & Suites
Daytona Beach Speedway
1820 Checkered Flag Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

COST: \$45 (Nonmember Attorneys)

We will explore:

- Intellectual property concerns when using AI;
 - Ways AI is being integrated into paralegal programs, and how that training can be leveraged by law firms
 - How legal professionals can increase efficiency by using AI; and
 - Ethical concerns when using AI
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Register online by October 15, 2025
www.volusiacountyparalegal.com

PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS

FLAGLER COUNTY BAR

Good afternoon! The Flagler Bar Association will be having their Annual Meeting on **Friday, December 12, 2025**. Please save the date and more information will follow.

Additionally, we are now taking nominations for those who are interested in filling board positions or becoming a board member. If you're interested, please let me know. All board members will be sworn in at our Annual Dinner on December 12.

Thank you!

Regina Ranier-Sprague, Executive Director

Flagler County Bar Association

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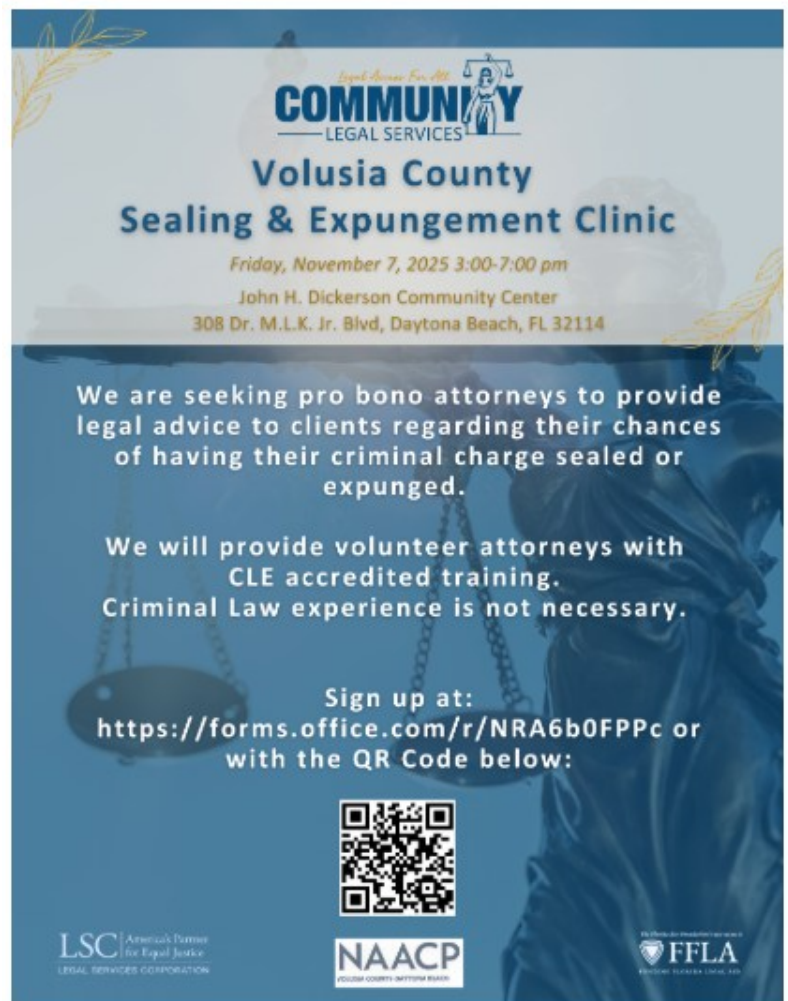
On Friday, November 7, 2025, our annual Sealing/Expungement Legal Aid Clinic is coming back to Daytona Beach at the John H. Dickerson Community Center!

This clinic is a full-service clinic, or a "one-stop-shop." Meaning, we take the application process and simplify it by bringing all the components to our clinic. If you are an attorney that doesn't practice Criminal Law or isn't familiar with the requirements to have a criminal case Sealed or Expunged in the State of Florida, we will train you. These are skills that you can then use in your own practice.

The result is truly life-changing for those that qualify.

Silvia "Stefani" Lopez Smith

Staff Attorney – Pro Bono Development Office. (386) 222-0307



The poster is for the Volusia County Sealing & Expungement Clinic. It features a blue background with a faint image of a person in a suit. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says "Legal Services For All" in small yellow text, followed by "COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES" in large white letters. Below that, "Volusia County Sealing & Expungement Clinic" is written in large white letters. The date and time "Friday, November 7, 2025 3:00-7:00 pm" and the location "John H. Dickerson Community Center 308 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114" are listed in yellow. The main text in white says: "We are seeking pro bono attorneys to provide legal advice to clients regarding their chances of having their criminal charge sealed or expunged." and "We will provide volunteer attorneys with CLE accredited training. Criminal Law experience is not necessary." The sign-up information "Sign up at: https://forms.office.com/r/NRA6b0FPPc or with the QR Code below:" is in white. A QR code is located at the bottom right. Logos for LSC (America's Partner for Equal Justice), NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and FFLA (Florida Federation of Legal Attorneys) are at the bottom.

Legal Services For All
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LEGAL SERVICES


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NOTICE



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2025

TO: Circuit and County Judges
Judicial Assistants
Clerks of Court
General Magistrates / Hearing Officers
Mediators
Staff Attorneys
County Bar Associations

FROM: Joshua Griffith, General Counsel

RE: **Interest Rate on Judgments or Decrees Effective October 1, 2025,**

Section 55.03(1), Florida Statutes, requires the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida to set the interest rate payable on judgments or decrees quarterly.

Please be advised that the interest rate for the quarter beginning October 1, 2025, has been reduced to 8.65% per annum or .000236986 % per day.

Pursuant to section 215.422(13), Florida Statutes, the interest rate for payments to health care providers remains at 1% per month.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Accounting of the Department of Financial Services at (850) 413-5511.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 4th Annual Harold V. Lucas, Jr. Foundation Gala

I would like to personally invite you to join us as we honor one who has been a mentor and friend to many of us, **Retired Judge Hubert Grimes**. Judge Grimes and other Community Icons will be celebrated during The 4th Annual Harold V. Lucas, Jr. Foundation Gala six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

The Harold V. Lucas, Jr. Foundation is a Daytona Beach based not-for-profit my father formed in 2020. The Gala (a.k.a. Lucas Fall Ball) is our annual fundraiser to help fulfill the Foundation's vision to "Honor the Past, Enhance the Present, and Contribute to the Future." Our namesake, and visionary leader, Harold V. Lucas, Jr., is a lifelong resident of Daytona Beach, Korean War Veteran, and former educator, coach, and college administrator. As he reflects over his 92 years of life, he is excited to know that The Foundation will carry on his powerful legacy of education, service, athletics, and contribution perpetually. To date we have provided \$27,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in Volusia County, given away back packs to K-12 students, contributed financial support to The Chiles Academy, the Pace Center for Girls and the Volusia Flagler Boys & Girls Club, received a Florida Historical Marker for a site in Midtown Daytona Beach, and more.

For more information about all of the Community Icon Award honorees, the event details, and to purchase individual tickets visit <https://www.hvlucas.org/fall-ball-1>.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I hope to see you in November!

D'Lorah Anderson, Esq. (formerly D'Lorah Butts-Lucas)
Vice President, The Harold V. Lucas, Jr. Foundation, Inc.
admin@hvlucas.org



GOLFING FOR YOUTH TOURNAMENT

November 2nd 2025

Schedule

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, Halifax Plantation Golf Club
3400 Clubhouse Dr, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Continental Breakfast 7:30 AM
Shotgun Start 8:30 AM
Awards presentation 2:00 PM
Lunch, Awards, and 50/50 drawings
Million Dollar Hole in One Drawing and play on Hole 18.

Tournament Prizes

Team & Player Awards	Hole in One Prizes	Men and Woman's
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Second Place Team		Closet to the Pin

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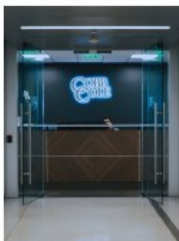
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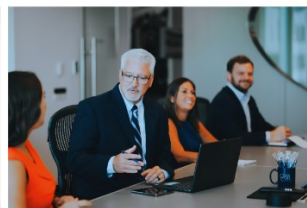
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