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*On February 5, 2009
Judge Victor Tobin was
re-elected as Chief Judge
of the 17th Judicial
Circuit. He will serve a
two year term.*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Christopher M. "Chris" Neilson

"All who have cause to plea, draw near, give attention and you shall be heard...". This statement is inscribed upon the book marks I recently picked up at The Supreme Court of the State of Florida in Tallahassee. The purpose of my January 29th, 2009 trip was to support and

recognize Broward County's own Attorney Russell E. Carlisle, who was chosen as the statewide recipient of the prestigious 2009 Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award by the court, in session for this very special occasion, and was presented the award by Chief Justice Peggy Quince.

I had the privilege of traveling to Tallahassee with Anthony Karrat, Executive Director of Legal Aid Service of Broward County; Kathleen Thomsen, their Director of Development, and Kimberly L. Zaffere, their Pro Bono Coordinator; Barbara J. Prager, Executive Director of Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida; Jeffrey A. Ahren, Pro Bono Coordinator, Legal Aid Service of Collier County; and Russell Carlisle's secretary Mary Alice Denny.

The award commemorates, and is named after, the famed Miami civil rights lawyer who died in 1982, when it was created, and is thought to be the very first of its type in the country to recognize private lawyers for their free legal service to the poor. For over 50 years Russ Carlisle has given freely to pro bono activities. In fact, Russ was the founding President of Broward County Legal Aid in 1975. Amazingly, Russ actually later briefed and argued before the Supreme Court of Florida for the creation of the Interest on Trust Accounts program (IOTA). He is also a Past-President of the Broward County Bar Association (1981). Russ has freely and unselfishly given so much more of his time to BCBA and the citizens of Florida than can ever be written about in my comments. Please join me in congratulating Fort Lauderdale Attorney Russell Carlisle for his lifetime of service. So many of you are unnamed Russell Carlises. You know who you are. You give much, ask little, and do it for the right reasons. Please know that BCBA and I truly appreciate all of you for your many contributions that continue to improve BCBA and restore the image of our profession.

If you ever go to Tallahassee, be sure to go to our Supreme Court of Florida. It stands proudly behind our current State Capitol Building (which actually stands behind the older historic State Capitol). These buildings are all worth visiting. The old capital is available to tour, where the old desks and chambers are historically preserved. In the new Capitol, there is a small non-denominational quiet chapel of sorts on the ground floor, with beautiful artistic scenes of the history of Florida. There is also an observation area on the top 22nd floor of the Capitol. As to our Supreme Court of Florida, there is a fascinating Florida Supreme Court Historical Library, which is worth a trip.

I enjoyed reading a display of an old one page case posted on one of the walls outside of the Supreme Court chambers. The case was a very early Florida opinion which involved The City of Tallahassee, where they were sued in 1850 by

the owner of a mare which had been tied to a hitching post. The court opined that some people tie their mares more carefully than others, and sometimes a mare gets loose. When the mare gets loose, the court opined that it was an accident, not negligence. The court went on to describe how when mares get loose they are prone to typically return to their stable or barn. The mare in this case got loose, travelled down the street (ostensibly on its way to its stable) and fell into a chasm and died. The court went on to hold the City of Tallahassee liable for allowing this condition to exist on its public streets ...ergo...one of the earlier Florida cases dealing with the concept of foreseeability.

That evening the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society hosted it's annual dinner which was held at The University Center Club at Florida State University Bobby Bowden Stadium. What a beautiful stadium, club, and event. Historical Society President Alan G. Greer welcomed us. The invocation was given by Florida Supreme Court Justice Ricky Polston. The Master of Ceremonies was Henry M. Coxe, III, a Past-President of The Florida Bar. Chief Justice Peggy A. Quince spoke, and the dinner culminated with a historical speech by Judge Rosemary Barkett, a former nun who was born in Mexico to parents of Syrian descent. Judge Barkett, the first woman to sit on the Florida Supreme Court and the Court's first female chief justice, later was appointed to the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Miami. The speech was quite interesting, and encompassed everything from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement. She said one thing that really stuck with me, and that was the importance of the concept of not only diversity, but more importantly DIVERSITY OF IDEAS. This is truly a wonderful concept, reminding us to be open minded and receptive to the ideas of others although those ideas may be different from our own.

I was invited to attend the Friday, January 30, 2009, 8:30 A.M. Florida Bar Board of Governors (BOG) meeting held at The Florida Bar Annex building in Tallahassee. I called for a cab from my hotel at 8 a.m., and it still had not arrived by 8:30. While the cab service seems to be lacking, the people in Tallahassee were all very nice. A woman who I had not previously met saw that I was waiting and actually offered to give me a ride. What a kind gesture. Due to her act of kindness, I still arrived before the meeting began. It was quite impressive to see all 50 Governors around the large rectangular tabled area. It was nice to visit with BCBA Past-Presidents and current BOG members Nancy W. Gregoire, Frank C. Walker and Jesse H. Diner (who is the current President-Elect of The Florida Bar), and to also see Allison Bethel and so many other members and staff.

President Jay White opened the meeting with the pledge and invocation, and eventually asked me to introduce myself to the Board. I introduced myself as BCBA President, extended my appreciation for the invitation, acknowledged the wonderful Award to Russell Carlisle, as well as the Florida Supreme Court Historical Dinner the prior evening, and thanked them for their service on behalf of the Broward County Bar Association.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 2nd:

Grievance Committee 17G Meeting. 2:00 p.m. Broward County Bar Association's, Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

Thursday, March 5th:

South Broward County Bar Association Installation Dinner 6:00 p.m. At the Signature Grand, 6900 W. State Rd. 84, Davie. Speaker: Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Peggy A. Quince Contact: Nellie Hassett, hassettlawdavie@aol.com (954) 791-3939 Mary Jacobs, mjacobs@thomasadamlaw.com (954) 581-6632.

Sunday, March 8th:

The 29th Annual Installation Brunch. Celebrating the Installation of Incoming President The Honorable Peter Weinstein, and the officers and directors of The B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207. At 9:30 a.m. At the Renaissance Hotel- Plantation, 1230 South Pine Island Road. A Gourmet Brunch will be served. Cost: \$50.00. RSVP to Mark Schorr: 954- 761-3774 or mbs@mbschorr.com.

Monday, March 9th:

Free CLE Seminar. Topic- The Family Love Letter. 1 Hour CLE. 4:00 p.m. At the Broward County Bar Association, conference room, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Please RSVP to: (561) 961-9311.

Tuesday, March 10th:

BCBA Board of directors meeting. 5:15 p.m. Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

Wednesday, March 11th:

Solo/ Small Law Firm Networking Group dinner. For attorneys in firms with four or fewer lawyers. 6:00 PM. Dave and Buster's, 3000 Oakwood Blvd. Hollywood, FL 33020.

When reserving at least 48 hours in advance: \$35 for Broward County Bar Association members and \$40 for non-members. At door, \$5 more on a space available basis. Credit card and check payments accepted. For further information contact the Broward County Bar Association at (954) 764-8040.

Thursday, March 12th:

Effective Mediation Seminar. Hosted by Mediation, Inc. 12:00p.m.- 2:00p.m. 2 C.L.E.R. 1.50 Certification. Cost to attend: \$25. At the Broward County Bar Association, 1051 SE 3rd Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For more information contact the Bar at (954) 764- 8040, or register online at www.Browardbar.org.

Thursday, March 12:

Broward County Hispanic Bar Association invites you to its Monthly Luncheon. Topic: Broward County's Priorities and the Courthouse Future. Featuring Commissioner Stacy Ritter, Mayor, Broward County. 11:45 a.m. Riverside Hotel, 620 East Las Olas Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale,

FL 33301. Admission: \$25. Please RSVP to Carmen@Velasquez-law.com.

Saturday, March 14th:

Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators Annual Seminar. The Tower Club, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Keynote speaker: Sharon Press, Director of the Dispute Resolution Center in Tallahassee. Members: \$135 if payment is received before February 25th, \$150 if payment made at the door. Nonmembers: \$175 if payment no later than February 25th, \$190 if payment made at the door on March 14. For more information visit www.asfma.org.

Tuesday, March 17th:

Grievance Committee 17H Meeting. 2:00 p.m. Broward County Bar Association's Norma B. Howard Bar Center, 1051 SE 3rd Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, 33316.

Thursday, March 19th:

Federal Bar Association Broward County Chapter Lunch. Guest Speaker: District Court Judge Cecilia Altonaga. Noon- 1:30 p.m. Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale. Cost: if Reservation and Prepayment Received by March 12, Members: \$30.00, Non-members: \$35.00. If reservations Received and payment made at the door, Members: \$35.00, Non-members: \$40.00, Judiciary: \$20.00. Please RSVP to lwilliams@bergersingerman.com.

Saturday, March 21:

Broward County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Presents its 7th Annual BOWL-A-THON Benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. 5:00- 8:00 PM Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors, Florida 33305 (954) 566- 7457 For any questions please contact Bart Ostrenski at (954) 229- 2468 or via e-mail at Ostrenski@oslawyers.com

Thursday, March 26th:

Broward County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Luncheon. Topic- Electronic Discovery. At the Tower Club in Ft. Lauderdale. 12:00p.m. The cost per person is \$25. Reservations are required due to limited seating. Please RSVP to (954) 764- 8040.

Friday, March 27th:

Raising The Bar Family Law Seminar. Full day with Judges and General Magistrates. \$85 for members of the BCBA; \$100 for non-members. Fort Lauderdale Renaissance Hotel. RSVP to (954) 764- 8040 Or sign up online at www.browardbar.org. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Thursday, April 2nd:

South Broward Bar Association Monthly Luncheon. Noon. At the Ark Restaurant in Davie. Guest Speaker Mike Satz -State Attorney. For more information contact 954-791-3939.

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Shortly after my presentation, I was able to stay and observe a Public Admonishment given to an attorney. She had not responded to several Bar inquiries regarding complaints made against her on several matters. It was quite humbling to observe another attorney, even though I did not know her, receive this admonishment. She had to approach the podium inside the tables, surrounded by the BOG. President White read her the admonishment, and she then left the room. This is just one more reminder to return calls and correspondence. As they went into Executive Session all non-board members had to leave the room. I was grateful for the generosity of a Past President of The Florida Bar, Attorney Alan Bookman, who gave me a ride back to my hotel. Again, Legal Aid was gracious to allow me to ride with them to the airport. Actually, we drove across the state to Jacksonville both ways, as air travel directly to Tallahassee is limited and very expensive.

On January 23, 2009, BCBA hosted a 3.5 hour Criminal Law Ethics Seminar at the Broward County Courthouse Jury Room. This was the largest event of its type we have ever presented, and all Assistant State Attorneys and Assistant Public Defenders were invited. Many thanks to Chief Judge Victor Tobin; Administrative Judges Ilona Holmes, Sharon Zeller, and Joel Lazarus; Clerk of the Court Howard Forman, Court Administrator Carol Lee Ortman, State Attorney Mike Satz, and Public Defender Howard Finklestein for allowing and coordinating the scheduling of such a huge event. And of course Kudos to Art Goldberg and our fine BCBA staff for all of their efforts in making this happen, providing beverages and snacks for the breaks, and cleaning up afterwards.

I knew when Jeff Harris to accept the appointment as Chair of the Criminal Law Section that he would not let me down. As with all appointments, we request the chair write at least one article for the Barrister, and to host a CLE seminar for its section members. With the Criminal Law section, I wanted to revitalize this important section, and to include the Public Defenders and State Attorneys: Jeff Harris not only did that, he exceeded my expectations. Jeff worked closely with Barbara Mitchell and Tony Loe of the State Attorney’s Office. Jeff not only envisioned the program, but also coordinated and wrote letters to all involved. Jeff invited a dynamic statewide lecturer from Clearwater, Attorney Denis M. de Vlaming. Mr. de Vlaming presented a fascinating interactive seminar, forcing everyone to be on their toes and think about the variety of everyday ethical scenarios they might encounter in the practice of criminal law. I have recommended this event, or one like it, to become an annual seminar.

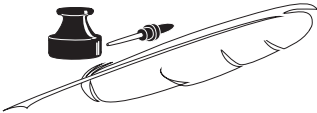
If all of the above weren’t enough, BCBA also hosted the Robing Ceremony for our nine new judges at the Broward County Courthouse Jury Room on February 6, 2009. These men and women were listed on last month’s cover of our Barrister. For those who missed the Robing Ceremony, the jury room was standing room only, and it was a very special afternoon. There were laughs as well as tears of joy, with families and friends hearing the wonderful stories and heartfelt gratitude from these fine new jurists. With nine judges and nine presenters, I am pleased to report the robing moved along quickly, and that we actually completed this event in an incredible two hours. On behalf of BCBA, I

presented each new judge a gavel and professionalism plaque for his or her courtroom. We are confident that these fine new judges will be fair and impartial, and treat everyone who appears before them equally, with dignity and respect.

I am extremely pleased to advise that Legal Aid Service of Broward County and Broward Lawyers Care have selected your Broward County Bar Association to receive the Voluntary Bar Association Award for 2008. This award will be presented to BCBA at the 8th Annual “For the Public Good” event on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel, celebrating Legal Aid Service’s 35th Anniversary! On behalf of The Broward County Bar Association, I offer our heartfelt thanks to Legal Aid and Broward Lawyers Care for this tremendous honor, and encourage all of our members to save the date and attend this meaningful and worthwhile event.

All the best!

Chris



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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW

by Nancy Little Hoffmann

1. Attorney's Fees/Timeliness of Motion

Amerus Life Insurance Company v. Laite,

34 Fla. L. Weekly S49 (Fla. January 29, 2009).

Resolving a conflict in decisions between the Third and Fifth Districts, the supreme court held that rule 1.525, which requires that a motion for attorney's fees and costs be filed within 30 days of a final judgment, does not apply when the trial court has already determined entitlement to fees and costs and only reserves jurisdiction to determine the amount. The court observed that the purpose for adopting rule 1.525 was avoidance of prejudice and unfair surprise, and that once the trial court has determined entitlement to fees and costs, the parties are on notice, and the 30-day time requirement is thus no longer necessary.

2. Criminal Law/Double Jeopardy

Valdes v. State,

34 Fla. L. Weekly S116 (Fla. January 30, 2009).

The supreme court receded from its prior precedent in three cases which had announced and applied the "primary evil" test in analyzing certain double jeopardy issues. Instead, the court held that the only offenses that fall under section 775.021(4)(b)(2) are those that constitute different degrees of the same offenses, as explicitly set forth in the relevant statutory sections.

3. Evidence/Rule of Sequestration

Hernandez v. State,

34 Fla. L. Weekly S149 (Fla. January 30, 2009).

In an opinion upholding a conviction and death sentence for murder, the supreme court addressed – among numerous other issues – "the Rule" of sequestration. After analyzing the history and practice of sequestering witnesses, the court rejected the defendant's argument that the trial court had erred by excusing the State's mental health expert from the rule and allowing him to remain through the presentation of lay and expert testimony during the penalty phase of his trial.

4. Evidence/Settlement with Prior Defendant

Saleeby v. Rocky Elson Construction, Inc.,

34 Fla. L. Weekly S106 (Fla. January 30, 2009).

The supreme court quashed a Fourth District decision and held that the unambiguous language of sections 768.041 and 90.408, Fla.Stats., without exception,

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prohibits the admission at trial of any evidence of settlement of a defendant, and that violation of that prohibition is reversible error. In this case, the injured plaintiff had deposed the president of one of the defendants, with which he then settled prior to trial. When the plaintiff called the president to testify regarding the accident, the defendant was permitted to impeach him with the fact that his company had previously been a defendant and had settled with the plaintiff. The supreme court agreed that this was reversible error and ordered a new trial.

5.Undertaker's Doctrine/Sheriff's Duty of Care **Wallace v. Dean,**

34 Fla. L. Weekly S52 (Fla. January 29, 2009).

Applying the undertaker's doctrine, the supreme court held that deputies who responded to a 911 call to conduct a well-being check and failed to summon an ambulance, despite finding the decedent totally unresponsive, had a duty of reasonable care by having allegedly placed the decedent in a zone of risk and inducing other parties to refrain from calling an ambulance. The court also rejected the sheriff's argument that the cause of action was barred by sovereign immunity, because the deputies were performing an operational-level function.

6.Uninsured Motorists Subrogation/Limitation of Actions

Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company v. Tepper,

34 Fla. L. Weekly S111 (Fla. January 30, 2009).

After a UM insurer refused to grant permission to its insured to accept a tortfeasor's policy limits, it paid the insured the amount of the offer and preserved its subrogation rights against the tortfeasor. The trial court then dismissed the action on the tortfeasor's motion, a ruling which the supreme court approved because the carrier did not have the right to pursue its subrogation claim until the UM claim had been finally resolved. The court further held that the statute of limitations for bringing a UM subrogation does not begin to run until final resolution of a UM claim.

Nancy Little Hoffmann is a Board-Certified Appellate Lawyer practicing in the Fort Lauderdale area since 1974. She may be contacted at 954-771-0606 or by e-mail at NLHappeals@aol.com.



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by Art Goldberg

Summary of the FLA BAR Board of Governors Meeting

At its January 30 meeting in Tallahassee, The Florida Bar Board of Governors:

- Heard a report from Budget Committee Chair Gwynne Young that the Bar's 2008-09 budget, originally projected to be balanced, will be in deficit because of the downturn in the national and state economies. The primary impact has been from returns on the Bar's investments, although other parts of the budget have also been affected. She also noted that Bar expenditures are running below projections for the year. Incoming Budget Committee Chair Jake Schickel reported that the 2009-10 budget, which will be presented to the board in April, is also expected to have a deficit, although less than the current year. He said an increase in annual membership fees is not expected because the Bar has adequate reserves.

- Approved a request from the Family Law Section to file an amicus brief with the Third District Court of Appeal supporting a ruling of an 11th Circuit judge striking down the state's law banning homosexual couples from adopting. Board members said this was a different matter than the section's 2004 request to lobby for a change in the state law, which was rejected, in that it seeks to uphold a judicial ruling. The amicus brief will be filed in the name of the Family Law Section, not The Florida Bar. No Bar or section funds are being used to write the brief, which is being prepared by a volunteer.

- Heard Chief Justice Peggy Quince outline a program for getting better funding for the state court system. That includes a review of the around \$1 billion in court fees and fines collected annually, but little of which reaches the courts. She said, however, that judicial salaries should come from state general revenues, and not court fees or fines.

- Conceptually approved, upon recommendation of the Program Evaluation Committee, a public survey on attitudes about lawyer advertising as part of a new study of Bar advertising regulations ordered by the Supreme Court. The poll will be conducted by the University of Florida Research Center and the

Bar will get final review of the questionnaire before it is used.

- Approved the Bar's 2009-2012 Strategic Plan. The plan keeps the same top four priorities from the 2008-2011 plan: ensuring that the judicial system is fair, impartial, independent, and adequately funded; promoting the legal profession and improving the public perception of the judicial system; ensuring access to the courts and legal services; and improving the value of Bar membership for its members and improving the Bar's relationship with its members. However, President-elect Jesse Diner said the ways those goals are accomplished is changing because of the economy and other factors, and there will be an increasing emphasis on technology.

- Heard that the Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics is continuing to consider a rewrite of Ethics Opinion 90-6, which advises lawyers who have clients in a criminal case who are proceeding under a false name. Committee Chair David Prather said the committee is trying to resolve potential conflicts between Bar rules and constitutional protections before bringing the issue to the board.

- Were invited by Rachelle Munson of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association to the Legacy Gala on June 27 at the Bar's Annual Convention to honor the publication of Florida's First Black Lawyers (1869-1979).

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THE POWER OF THE PEN: How to Get Articles Published

By Margaret Grisdela

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Here are some guidelines for article publication:

First, select your topic. You can gain rapid visibility by focusing on subjects that challenge the status quo, like newly adopted legislation or controversial industry trends.

Second, spend some time researching current literature to identify the best “angle” for your article. Evaluate other articles written on the same topic and determine how your article will stand apart.

Third, determine the approach that works best for the material you intend to cover. Here are a few article formats proven to capture audience attention:

- Top 5 reasons to ...
- 10 mistakes to avoid ...
- 7 steps to achieve ...
- The pros and cons of ...
- An interview with ...

Fourth, select and prioritize three or four potential publications for your article, focusing on those that you know welcome outside submissions. Write a friendly email to the editor of the most prestigious publication on the list, after reviewing their “author guidelines.” Describe the proposed article in no more than two to three paragraphs, and ask if they have an interest in publishing it.

If the first publication turns you down, or simply does not respond, move on to the next one sequentially. Editors usually want fresh material, so do not expect to publish the same article in

more than one place. Once your article is accepted, you will usually be asked to sign an “Author’s Release” that identifies your reprint rights and other related matters.

If writing is not your strong suit, or you simply do not have the time, consider engaging the services of a ghostwriter to convert the outline of your article idea into a full-length composition. (Some publications do require the author’s original work, however.)

Once you submit your finished article, a good editor is likely to suggest some changes to your headline or copy. Do not be offended. If you feel strongly that any modifications will change the meaning of your message in a significant way, speak candidly with the editor. Most editors will give you a chance to rewrite a portion of your article if they feel it is unclear, but keep in mind that the editor’s decision is final.

Once your article is in print (and not before), be sure to mail your article to clients and prospects as a means of staying in touch and reinforcing your reputation as an expert in the field. Proudly add your new article to your CV and post it on your website also, all in keeping with your reprint rights.

Any time is a good time to start your publishing career. Young attorneys who start to publish on a regular basis will enjoy career-long benefits of visibility, an expanded prospect base, and possibly a faster track to the coveted partnership level.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Margaret Grisdela is the president of Legal Expert Connections, Inc. This article is an excerpt from her book “Courting Your Clients: The Essential Guide to Legal Marketing.” Contact her at mg@legalexpertconnections.com.

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9:10 – 9:40	Judge Renee W. Goldenberg Paternity Plans - Five Months Later
9:40 – 10:10	Judge Arthur M. Birken Common Mistakes
10:10 – 10:40	Judge Linda L. Vitale Current Procedures and Expectations in Chambers
10:40 – 11:10	Judge Marina Garcia-Wood Hot Practice Tips
11:10 – 11:40	Russ Adler, Esq. Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler Cutting Edge Software for the Future
11:40 – 12:00	Judge Renee Goldenberg, Suzie Higgins, Suzanne Ferriss and Lesley Kleiner Stretch and Relieve Stress At Your Desk
12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH / Table Topics: Core Procedures and Problem Solving
1:30 – 1:50	Judge Eileen M. O’Connor Domestic Violence and Related Issues
1:50 – 2:20	Judges Lisa Porter and Hope Bristol Teiman and Mila Schwartzreich, Esq. Dependency Practice and Procedure in Family Courts
2:20 – 2:35	AFTERNOON COFFEE
2:35 – 2:55	Judge Susan F. Greenhawt and Katherine Birnbaum, Esq., Kirschbaum, Birnbaum, Lippman & Gregoire, PLLC Private Judging and Special Magistrates
2:55– 3:30	General Magistrates, Surprise Presentation

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Douglas M. McIntosh Managing Partner of McIntosh, Sawran, Peltz & Cartaya, P.A., has been selected Chair for the 2009 Defense Research Institute (DRI) Insurance Roundtable. The Roundtable brings together insurance industry leaders and defense organization and law firm leaders to discuss issues pertinent to the defense of civil litigation.

On Saturday morning, January 17, 2009 the **Broward Legal Immigration Project (BLIP)** held its first Immigration Clinic at Hispanic Unity of Florida. This first united effort to address immigration issues facing Broward County and to empower a new generation of Americans was made possible by the Broward Hispanic Bar Association, Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF); Broward Lawyers Care (BLC), the pro bono arm of Legal Aid Service of Broward County; and Catholic Charities Legal Services.

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