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The Volusia County Bar Association Newsletter | February 2025



Membership Meeting with the Florida Bar President, Roland Sanchez-Medina

Feb. 7th, 2025

11:45am - 1:00pm

Members: \$30 includes lunch

[REGISTER NOW!](#) Registration Closes Feb. 3rd

We're excited to invite you to the upcoming **Membership Meeting: State of the Florida Bar** with Florida Bar President Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr. We will discuss the Florida Bar's priorities, member benefits, and how we're advancing legal professionalism in Florida.

- Gain insights into the latest updates and initiatives.
- Learn about key resources, such as the Ethics Hotline and Florida Lawyers Helpline.
- Discover practical tools like NOTA and LegalFuel to enhance your practice.

Once registered you will receive an email for lunch selection (salmon or chicken).



VCBA Happy Hour Social

Feb. 27th, 2025, 5:00pm - 7:30pm

The Chart House, Daytona Beach

Members: FREE

No RSVP required!



VCBA AND VFAWL PRESENT

MEMBER MEETING

With the Florida Bar Present, Roland Sanchez-Medina

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

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"The Daytona"
1870 Victory Cir.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114



VCBA
HAPPY HOUR

THURS. FEB 27, 2025
5:00PM - 7:30PM
CHART HOUSE, DAYTONA BEACH, FL

*MEMBERS ONLY

SAVE THE DATE!

BENCH & BARBEQUE

Thursday, April 17th, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Brannon Center, NSB
105 S Riverside Drive
New Smyrna Beach, FL
32168

Members Only: \$30

An Annual Event Celebrating the Volusia County Legal Community and our 50 year members!



VCBA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

NEW BYLAWS COMMITTEE!!

Do you love clarity, order, and the thrill of properly placed commas? Do you enjoy the power of making things official? Then this is the committee for you! No special criteria required—just a willingness to review, refine, and maybe even revise the bylaws that keep our organization running smoothly.

The time commitment is minimal, the impact is huge, and the satisfaction of a well-structured sentence? Immeasurable. We're looking for 3-5 members to join the fun.

Interested? Email us at volusiabar@gmail.com.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Judge Sandra "Sandy" Upchurch

Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit

Division 36, Family

Born in Pittsburgh, Judge Sandy Upchurch only spent six months there before her family relocated to Florida while her father served in the FBI. She later attended Boston College for her undergraduate degree and went on to earn her law degree from Stetson University, paving the way for a distinguished career.



Judge Upchurch attributes her strong yet compassionate approach to the guidance of her parents, who taught her to be firm but kind and strong without seeking power. She enjoys dining at Daytona Beach's newest hotspot, Cast and Crew, and if she weren't a judge, she'd be a country singer—mainly for the outfits! A fun fact? She's currently in the process of obtaining Italian dual citizenship.

VCBA IN ACTION



VCBA Sponsored Port Orange Elementary's Literacy Night with Book Bingo!

VCBA was proud to sponsor Port Orange Elementary's Literacy Night, featuring an exciting game of Book Bingo! Families enjoyed a fun-filled evening celebrating reading while savoring delicious pizza from locally owned Giuseppe's, bananas, and tasty cookies.

We were thrilled to support literacy and bring the community together for this special event!

Pictured: Charley Vega and Sarah Grover

NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 21, 2025

CONTACT: Travis Mydock, Chair
Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Phone: (904) 864-3002

Email: tmydock@mydocklaw.com

SEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE OF VOLUSIA COUNTY COURT VACANCY AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Governor Ron DeSantis has requested that the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission convene for the purpose of selecting and submitting a list of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Volusia County Court. This appointment shall fill a vacancy created by the elevation of Judge A. Christian Miller.

The Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission shall accept applications. **The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm EST on Monday, February 10, 2025.** The interview date and location shall be published by separate notice.

Applicants must meet the qualifications for county court judges as described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications must be delivered by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at tmydock@mydocklaw.com.

The current version of the application (“Judicial Appointment Application 2022”) is available at: <https://www.flgov.com/eog/info/judicial/applications>

To be considered, an applicant must deliver the following by email:

1. A .pdf version of the complete application with all attachments; and
2. A .pdf redacted version of the complete application with all attachments, excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

A complete application shall include: a signed Certificate, Financial History, notarized Form 6, Judicial Application Data Record, FDLE form, a writing sample, and a current color photograph. All questions in the application must be answered fully and completely. Applicants must include current contact information for all judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation. Each .pdf file should be titled so that the applicant’s full name and “original” or “redacted” is readily apparent before opening the attachment. The application and all attachments should be combined into a single .pdf file.

All proceedings of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public, except for deliberations. Applicants should expect that their application will not remain confidential.

Members of the judiciary, bar, and public are encouraged to contact the Commission regarding any applicant for judicial appointment. All written correspondence regarding an applicant should be sent by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at tmydock@mydocklaw.com. The Chair will disseminate all information to the Commission.

Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquires to the Chair by email. The list of current members of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission follows:

Travis Mydock, B.C.S. (Chair)
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Jeremy Gregory, Esq.
Kelly Parsons Kwiatek, Esq.
Andrew Morgan, Esq.
John Reid, B.C.S.
Anna Shea, Esq.
Erica Tesh White, Esq.

JOB POSTINGS

Volusia County School Board is seeking a School Board Attorney. The candidate must have a Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited law school and experience in education law at the K-12 or higher level preferred.

This position will provide legal counsel to the School Board regarding Volusia County Schools and provide policy development services and school Board representation as assigned.

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To see complete job description and to apply, use the link below:

https://ats3.atenterprise.powerschool.com/ats/app_login?COMPANY_ID=IA000044

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Volusia Pride NEEDS YOU!

The mission of the DeLand Pride Advocacy Committee is to promote the rights, well-being, and equality of the LGBTQ+ population of DeLand and greater Volusia County through local action, community partnerships, and visibility.

We want to partner with a local attorney for legal guidance and feedback as we tackle the ever-changing legal landscape impacting the LGBTQ+ community.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact us at robin@delandpride.org.

www.volusiapride.org/advocacy-and-education



VACANCY: Administrative Law Clerk – Judge MacIver’s Office

POSITION TITLE: Attorney - Law Clerk Administrative

SALARY AND BENEFITS: \$47,663.37

EDUCATION: Juris Doctorate

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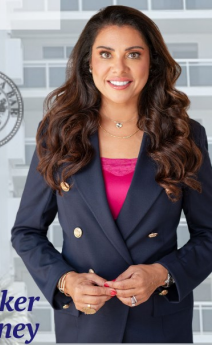


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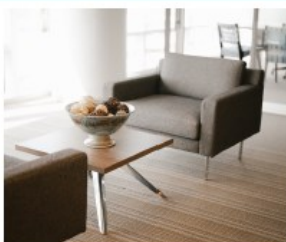
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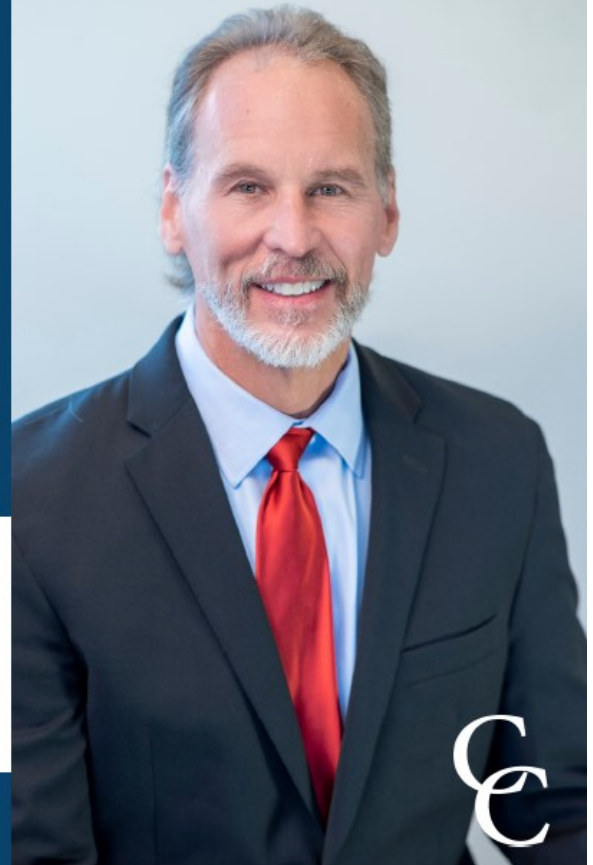
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-25

Board of Directors for the Volusia County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Divisions for the 2024-2025 year (August - July). The Annual Meeting took place on August 2nd, 2024, for the official vote and swearing in ceremony led by Judge Katherine Hurst Miller.

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