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The Volusia County Bar Association Newsletter | March 2025



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
Include BBQ Dinner

Join us for our annual event celebrating the Volusia County Legal Community and our 50 year members and State of the Judiciary by Chief Judge Leah Case.

[REGISTER NOW!!](#)

The card has a cream-colored background with a red and white plaid border at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "SAVE THE DATE" in a brown, serif font; "BENCH AND BARBEQUE" in large, bold, red, sans-serif font; "April 17, 2025" in a brown, serif font; and "Brannon Center, New Smyrna Beach" in a brown, serif font.

SAVE THE DATE
BENCH AND BARBEQUE
April 17, 2025
Brannon Center, New Smyrna Beach

The card has a light green background with a pattern of green shamrocks. A white rectangular area in the center contains the text: "Join us on 3/26/25 at 5:30 PM at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery" in a small, black, sans-serif font; "VCBA YLD St. Patrick's Social" in a large, bold, green, serif font; and "Wear green and snag a FREE DRINK!" in a small, black, sans-serif font. There are green shamrock illustrations around the text.

Join us on 3/26/25 at 5:30 PM
at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery
**VCBA YLD
St. Patrick's
Social**
Wear green and snag a FREE DRINK!

RECAP

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

Feb. 7th, 2025

Florida Bar President Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr. provided key updates on the Bar's priorities, member benefits, and initiatives to advance legal professionalism.

- **Ethics & Well-Being Support:** Resources like the Ethics Hotline and Florida Lawyers Helpline.
- **Practice Tools:** NOTA for IOLTA management and LegalFuel for law practice growth.
- **Professional Development:** Programs to support attorneys and elevate the profession.

The meeting offered valuable insights and practical tools to help Florida attorneys navigate their practice effectively.



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FAWL Spring Conference

February 6, 2025

Judicial Dinner Honoring Florida's First Female Circuit Judges

- The Honorable Alicia R. Washington, 7th Circuit
- The Honorable Joan Anthony, 7th Circuit

The VCBA was honored to be a sponsor.



VCBA IN ACTION

Gold E. Locks on Trial: St. Barnabas 4th Graders Take Over DeLand Courthouse

St. Barnabas Episcopal School's 4th-grade students took center stage at the DeLand Courthouse for a mock trial of *State vs. Gold E. Locks*. Students were prepared in advance by Social Studies teacher Lauren Clarke. Presided over by Judge Katherine H. Miller, the trial gave students a hands-on experience with the legal system.

Students learned about courtroom procedures, critical thinking, and due process. Playing attorneys, witnesses, and jurors, students debated whether Gold E. Locks was guilty of burglary or trespassing for entering the Three Bears' home uninvited.

The courtroom buzzed with energy as key witnesses, including Mom A. Bear, Pop A. Bear, Babe E. Bear, Sheriff Skunk, and even forest neighbors like Hazel Nutshell and Reginald Raccoon, took the stand. After deliberation, the jury reached a guilt verdict of trespassing, reinforcing lessons on fairness and responsibility.

Thanks to Judge Miller, the DeLand Courthouse, and the dedicated educators and legal professionals involved, these young students got a taste of what it's like to practice law—perhaps inspiring future careers in justice.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Taylor Carley, YLD Board of Directors

Meet Taylor Carley, a dedicated attorney specializing in Labor and Employment Law. Born and raised in Ormond Beach, Florida, Taylor pursued her education at Florida State University (Class of 2015) before earning her law degree from Stetson University College of Law (Class of 2018).

Taylor credits Kelly Chanfrau as a pivotal mentor in her legal career, providing guidance, support, and invaluable insight into navigating the challenges of the profession—particularly as a woman in a traditionally male-dominated field.

When she's not practicing law, you might find Taylor enjoying a meal at her favorite local restaurant, L'angolo. And here's a fun fact—she and her husband first met in preschool and later reunited in high school and recently got married in Ireland!

As mentioned in the August 2024 issue of the Florida Bar News, Community Legal Services presents the:



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 20, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Our presenter will be Mike Willard, Esq. with the State Attorney's Office. who will be presenting: "The Common Types of Evidence in Criminal Prosecutions". You will receive 1 NALA CLE for the presentation. (The Florida Bar recognizes NALA CLEs)

Menu Options:

(All options come non-alcohol beverage i.e., soda, coffee, or tea).
Alcoholic beverages are available at cost.

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- **Grilled Chicken Breast (prepared Hawaiian, Smothered or BBQ style)**
(choice of potato salad, homemade coleslaw, mashed potatoes,
fresh steamed vegetables or seasoned Fries)

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- **Steak Wrap**

(Grill sirloin, mushrooms, onions & provolone)
(choice of potato salad, homemade coleslaw, mashed potatoes,
fresh steamed vegetables or seasoned Fries)

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- **Fish and "Chips"**

- Membership Cost with dinner: \$ 21.00
- Membership cost without dinner: \$7.00
- Non membership cost with dinner: \$26.00
- Non membership cost without dinner: \$10.00

Payment will be taken at the door. You will be able to pay via Zelle, credit card, check or cash. Please RSVP by March 19, 2025, by emailing Volusiaparalegals@gmail.com. Anyone not showing up at the meeting without cancelling will be responsible for the meal cost. Please provide us with your choice of meal, and any menu change, so that your meal can be prepared and served shortly after 6:00 p.m.

Note: If you are vegan or have other dietary needs, please let us know and we can help you with options.

POSTINGS

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Volusia County, located in the heart of the beautiful east coast of Florida, is a rapidly growing, progressive area. Sixteen municipalities make up the county, with Daytona Beach, DeLand, Deltona, Ormond Beach, and Port Orange as the largest metropolitan areas. The county is conveniently located for easy access to major cities such as Orlando, Jacksonville, Tampa, and Miami.

Volusia's 553,200 residents are engaged in a variety of occupations, including tourism, farming, light industry, education, government, and the professions. Volusia's public school system is equally rich in what it offers. With over 61,400 students and over 7,600 employees, the district is the state's fourteenth largest school district and one of the largest employers in the county. More than half of the district's employees are skilled teachers, all of whom are state-certified.

Volusia County School Board is seeking a Staff Attorney. The candidate must be a member in good standing of the Florida Bar Association and have a minimum of five (5) years in the practice of law. A minimum of two (2) years' experience in administrative law is preferred. Have practical knowledge of rulemaking and hearings under the Florida Administrative Procedures Act as well as experience in all facets of labor relations.

This position will provide legal counsel regarding the day-to-day operations of the Volusia County Schools and provide administration of labor relations, contract administration and policy development services.

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Family Mediator

Program/Dept.: Family Mediation / Court Services
Class/Working Title: Mediator – Circuit/Family
Location: DeLand
Position #: 10093
Annual Salary: \$51,631.92
Deadline to Apply: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Function: The mediation function is part of the Family Court Services division of Court Administration. This position is responsible for providing mediation and related services to parties in Family Law proceedings throughout the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court. The position is headquartered in DeLand, however, duties may be performed throughout the Circuit. Headquarters subject to change based upon the needs of the Court.

Minimum Requirements:

Certification as Family Mediator by the Supreme Court of Florida as per Rule 10.100(d), bachelor's degree and 5 years of related experience.

Also, otherwise meet the requirements set forth in Rule 10.100, Florida Rules for Certified and Court Appointed Mediators.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of the responsibilities and authority of family mediators. Knowledge of and ability to interpret and apply Florida Statutes and case law concerning dissolution of marriage, paternity, support unconnected with dissolution of marriage, grandparent visitation, child support, and adoption, including Chapters 61, 63 and 409, Florida Statutes. Ability to work with litigants who are in stressful situations. Knowledge of and ability to apply child support guidelines and determine appropriate exceptions and modifications.

This State-funded position is paid monthly and includes the State of Florida benefits package. The successful applicant is required to undergo a background check including fingerprinting.



How to Apply

Please submit a completed and signed **State of Florida Application** by the deadline. Go to www.circuit7.org, click on "Employment" – then click on "State of Florida Application" or you may call 386-626-6561 to have one sent to you.

Court Administration – Human Resources
101 N. Alabama Ave
Suite B-206
DeLand, FL 32724

If you are disabled and require an accommodation to participate in the application/ interview process, please contact Tracy Woodman twoodman@circuit7.org with as much notice as possible. We will be happy to make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests.

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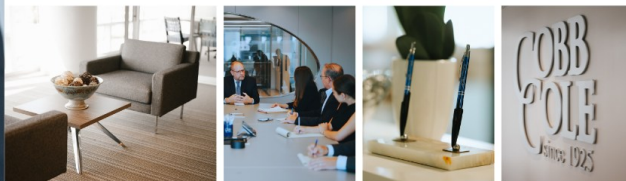
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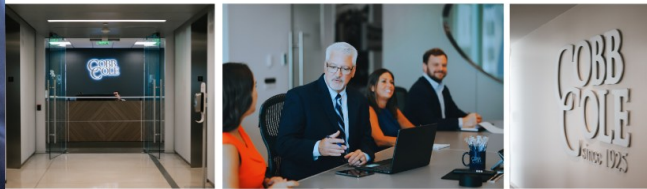
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Board of Directors for the Volusia County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Divisions for the 2024-2025 year (August - July). The Annual Meeting took place on August 2nd, 2024, for the official vote and swearing in ceremony led by Judge Katherine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

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