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Dear VCBA Members,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I step into the role of President of the Volusia County Bar Association for the 2024-2025 term. As we embark on this new chapter together, I am filled with excitement about the possibilities that lie ahead for our association.

This year, my primary focus will be on increasing member engagement and deepening our service to the legal community. Our association thrives on the active participation of our members, and I am committed to creating an envi-

ronment where everyone feels empowered to contribute, connect, and grow. Whether you are a seasoned attorney or just beginning your career, your voice and your involvement are vital to the continued success of our organization.

We will be introducing a series of exciting CLEs, socials, and networking opportunities designed to bring us together, both professionally and personally. These events will not only help us enhance our legal knowledge and skills but also strengthen the bonds within our legal community, making us better equipped to serve our clients and the broader community.

In addition to our traditional offerings, I am thrilled to announce the formation of new committees aimed at expanding our impact and reach. One of our key initiatives will be the creation of a Technology Committee, which will be tasked with upgrading our current technology systems and adding a member platform. This new platform will enhance communication, streamline processes, and provide more value to each of you as members. I encourage everyone to get involved and share your ideas as we work together to bring these advancements to life.

Our association is built on a foundation of collaboration and community, and I am confident that by working together, we can achieve great things. I look forward to serving you all and to a year of growth,

innovation, and strengthened connections within our legal community.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Volusia County Bar Association. Let's make this year one to remember!

J. David Ellzey

President, Volusia County Bar Association



VCBA EVENTS

CLE: Cybersecurity

As we all know, cybersecurity is a growing concern. Join this virtual event with two guest speakers who will cover how to protect yourself, clients, and business in the ever changing landscape of cybersecurity.

- Sept 13, 2024
- 12:00 pm 1:00 pm
- VIRTUAL
- FREE for VCBA members!
- \$20 for non-members.

Speakers:

- Josh Nelson (left); WOM Technology Management Group
- David Kaletski-Maisel (right): Brown & Brown, representing The Center for Cyber Safety and Education



Happy Hour Social at Chart House

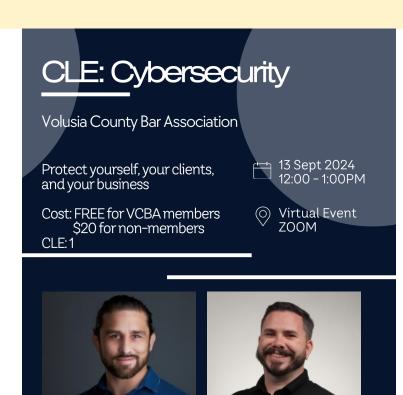
Save the Date: September 19, 2024

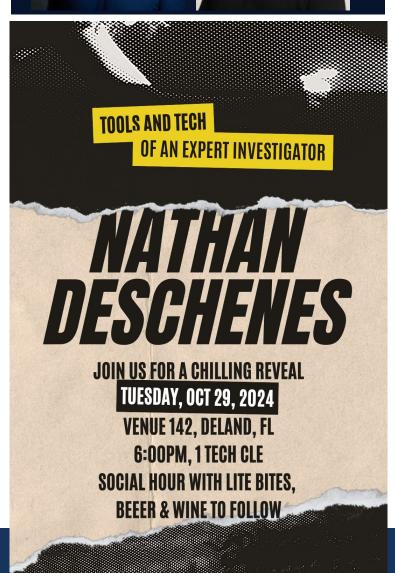
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. You do <u>not</u> have to RSVP to attend and there is <u>no</u> cost for members.

We want to hear from you!

I am more likely to attend a social...





WELCOME MESSAGES

YLD Incoming President Letter

Greetings,

It is my honor to serve as the 2024-2025 President of the Volusia County Bar Young Lawyers Division! The VCBA YLD has already kicked off this bar year with great success and a strong sense of community.

On August 7th, we held our Bowling for Backpacks event, which was a fantastic success. Thanks to a generous grant from the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, we raised over \$1,000 and donated 13 backpacks, along with a host of miscellaneous school supplies, to benefit the students of Holly Hill School. All of this while having a blast bowling! Your participation and contributions made a real difference, and we are grateful for your support!



Looking ahead, I'm excited to remind you of our Second Biennial Masquerade Ball on October 18th at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach. This promises to be an unforgettable evening, filled with mystery, elegance, and fun. As a reminder, ticket prices increase on September 25th. I hope to see you all there, dressed to impress and ready to dance the night away!

Finally, if you know any young lawyers practicing in Volusia County, I encourage you to invite them to join the VCBA YLD. Our strength lies in our numbers and our ability to support one another as we navigate our legal careers.

Thank you for your continued involvement and enthusiasm. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

By Carleen LefflerPresident, VCBA YLD

Looking Forward to the Year Ahead

I am excited and honored to serve you in the coming year. Together, we can achieve great things and continue to grow our community in meaningful ways. We have many upcoming events that are sure to be fantastic! If you have any ideas for a CLE or fun activity for our members, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Just a quick note—I'm Sarah Grover, not to be confused with Sara Glover! Ha! While the similar names may be confusing, I assure you the service and commitment will be uniquely mine. Sara will still be managing the Family Law Section and our Socials, so you'll be in great hands.

Sarah Grover Executive Director, VCBA



The Young Lawyers Division (YLD)

BOWLING FOR BACKPACKS [RECAP]

In February members of the Volusia County Young Lawyers Division went to The FL Bar YLD Affiliate Outreach Conference where they applied for a grant to help local Volusia County Schools. They were successful in obtaining a grant and even won an award for best presentation!

To utilize the grant, VCBA YLD held a "Bowling for Backpacks" event at Ormond Lanes on August 7th. Our local attorneys showed up for some healthy competition and

Brian Hyer ultimately took home the trophy for top bowler. The attendees brought backpacks and school supplies and members who couldn't attend contributed with supplies and financially.

A total of 13 backpacks filled with supplies and additional back up supplies were donated to Holly Hilly School. They were very appreciative and have already started handing out the backpacks. This was only the first phase as there are remaining financial contributions, along with funds from the grant, which means the YLD can help out Holly Hill School throughout the year!









If you would like to donate directly to Holly Hilly School, contact Nalsy Caliendo at 386 -547-3169.

Angela Burke

Director, YLD

THE 2024 MASQUERADE BALL

Join us for a night full of fun and dancing! Dinner and drinks are included in this exclusive event, \$100 per person **before September 25th**, and will increase to \$125 after.

Includes dinner and open bar. Don't delay!

We are also looking for sponsors for the event. To help make this event reality and make an impact with your business, download the form below.

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SECTION UPDATES

ELDER LAW

The Elder Law Section will be holding our monthly lunch meeting in September.

We will be having Sandcastle Home Care present on "Homecare for Veterans" at their DeLand location:

312 S Woodland Blvd, Deland, FL 32720 on September 19th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Victoria Zinn

Elder Law Section Chair



FAMILY LAW

Section members have been asked to provide feedback on the policies and procedures of the family law judges. Your responses will be used in creating the topics for the next family law section meeting. All responses will be confidential.

Thank you for your time.

Sara Glover

Family Law Section Chair

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

NEW! Technology Committee

We're excited to form a new **Technology Committee** at the VCBA, and we'd love for you to join! This committee offers a fantastic opportunity to get involved with minimal time commitment and no prior tech experience required. Your input can help shape the future of our association's technology, and it's a great way to connect with fellow members. We are looking for a small group of only 3-5 members.

If you're interested in contributing, please reach out to Sarah Grover at volusiabar@gmail.com.



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August 16, 2024

Hello all,

On August 2, I was surprised and honored, but mainly humbled, upon receiving the Pro Bono award from Community Legal Services. I was pleased to accept this, not so much for me, but for the many of us who give of our time and advice to those in need. (With apologies, long-standing plans with family prevented my attendance).

Thank you for this honor. And, thank you to the many staff members who make this happen.

For longer than I can believe, I have practiced law, previously throughout Central Florida, and for the past 10 or so years, primarily here in Volusia County. I've come to know many of you and have enjoyed the collegial atmosphere we still have here, in a legal world filled with so many challenges.

About a year ago, as I began to wind down my practice, I began volunteering at Volusia County Legal Services, at their office on North Nova. My job is to assist clients who simply cannot afford reasonable attorney's fees, but who need legal help; I do this by giving them advice, and reviewing their forms before they file their pleadings and go to Court, on their own. My area of interest and concentration has long been family law, and these are the cases referred to me.

I certainly have had my share of all manner of cases, complicated, custody, high dollar, valuation cases, cases involving forensics, medical, psychology and psychiatry. Much of it has been difficult, and I believe, helpful to the client. And, once in a while, their checks clear.

But this is different: I see people, primarily from lower socioeconomic circumstances, who really need help: they are faced with daunting forms, court rules, different judges, their fear of the uncertainty, to say nothing of the pushback from the "other side". I have helped clients who were sightless, could not hear, or were disabled, those whose first language is not English. I have explained to them that the judge in their case is not there to make their lives difficult, but to accomplish things that need to be done, and done fairly, for them. Each of them, every man and woman, has been most gracious and appreciative for the help I tried to give them.

I take pride in what I'm doing. I realize fully the need for us as professionals to give of ourselves to help those who simply cannot afford to come up with a retainer, and pay the ongoing expenses related to having a court case.

Helping in this way has brought me an appreciation of how fortunate we are to be in the profession we enjoy. My weekly stint does not take a lot of time. Honestly, it is truly rewarding. The satisfaction from a genuine smile, a real thank you, knowing you have helped someone, simply because you can, are intangibles we can all have.

There are many people out there who need our help. This small addition to my activities is no great burden.

I urge you to volunteer, to give back.

With best wishes.

Jon S. Rosenberg

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September 14, 2024

Hampton Inn and Conference Center-International Speedway



8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration and Buffett Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:10 am Welcome and Introductions

Kathy Reimann, President

9:10 am – 10:40 a.m. "Charting Your Paralegal Path: Advanced Skills and Career Growth Strategies" Linda McGrath-

Cruz, Perfectly Paralegal

10:40 am - 11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 12:30 pm "From Law Firm Receptionist to Esquire- Each Road Led to Another!"

Cynthia B. Beissel, Esquire Mid-Florida Mediation

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm FRP and NALA opportunities and updates

Kelly Percell, Senior Paralegal Community Legal Service, Vice Chair of the FRP Awareness Sub-

committee

Nancy Jordahl, ACP, Paralegal with Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial

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More Events at https://volusiacountyparalegal.com/event-timeline/

- September 14, 2024 VCPA half Day seminar "Roadmap to the Professional Paralegal"
- September 26, 2024 Simple Self-Defense for Women
- October 17, 2024 Membership Meeting, Guest Speaker Jessica Roberts, Esq., Florida Public Defender's Office, 7th

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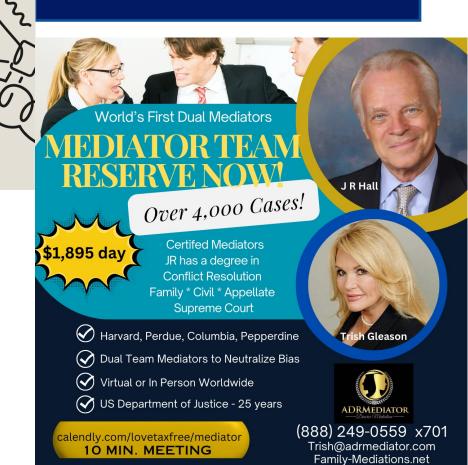
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Requirements

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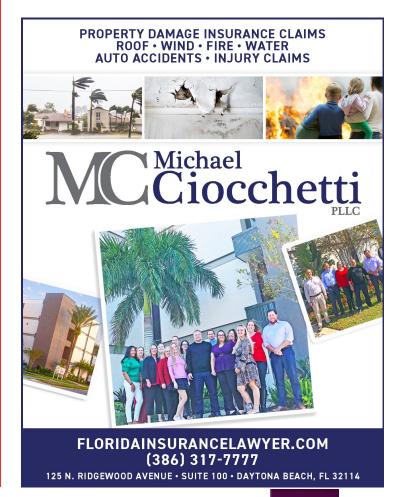
https://flcourts18.org/docs/cir/State of Florida Application.pdf

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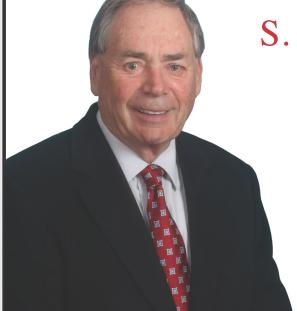
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