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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Message from the President

Greetings! This is my seventh President's Message. I have been told that this is about the time that Presidents start experiencing burnout and don't have much to say, inserting gibberish to fill out their monthly message. That won't be the case here. I have a lot of important things to say to fill out this space. There are a lot of important things happening. I have a lot of important things to say. [Word Count: 73]. The weather has been incredible the past month, hasn't it? In fact, I was talking to Chief Judge Roby at our recent Bar Association meeting (at the Monarch Country Club, in Palm City) and he remarked, "you know, the weather has really been nice this week." [Word Count: 124].



But, seriously, we have been busy setting up the rest of the year for the MCBA. Shaun Plymale and Erica Lester, co-chairs of the MCBA Social Committee, have commenced planning two upcoming events (well, three in Erica's case, as she is getting married in February!). On March 15-16, the MCBA will be hosting its annual overnight canoe "trip." Details will be forthcoming (about the canoe trip, not about Erica's wedding!), but there are a limited number of canoes and I

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THE MCBA: BRINGING REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS TOGETHER!

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would not be surprised if they are all reserved. Chief Judge Roby, that keen observer of the local weather picture, has pledged to prepare breakfast for all of the voyagers. Now, that's Martin County in a nutshell - you have the chief circuit court judge cooking breakfast and, if he overcooks the eggs, you can call him a lousy cook and not worry about him taking it out on you in his court (on the other hand, he's about 6'5", so I wouldn't expect the criticism to get too harsh).

We are also beginning planning for the Bar Association's annual dinner. The date of this event is Saturday, May 31. Please mark that on your calendar. We're still sorting through the site of this extravaganza (it will be in Martin County), the menu, the entertainment, and the cost. My goal is to have a judge seated at every table; they will also be called upon in instructing us as to how to dance the Macarena (you are now instructed to make a mental picture of the 19th Circuit judges standing on the stage dancing the Macarena—pretty funny!). You may need to seek Atonement for all of the fun you will have at this event. However, There Will Be [no] Blood. I wouldn't say that there is No Country for Old Men, but men and women of all ages will have a good time, even a lawyer as complicated as Michael Clayton. Remember, the date is May 31, not June 0. This paragraph has been my salute to the Oscar Best Picture nominees—I bet you won't find that in the Dade County Bar Association's President's Message!

Our January Bar lunch was fantastic! It is very easy to be cynical toward politicians, especially in a Presidential election year. In fact, the vitriol thus far has been unusually harsh, and we're early in the primary season—it is Democrat attacking Democrat and Republican attacking Republican. Thus, it was refreshing to hear from two politicians, one from each party, who like each other and preach bipartisanship. Adam Hasner is the House Republican Majority Leader and he speaks with a lot of passion about the need for our legislative leaders to not shy away from the serious issues that are confronting them. Later in the day, I had the pleasure to meet Adam's wife, Jillian Hasner. Jillian has had a distinguished career in government and politics and together with Adam, the Hasners make up an attractive and high energy political couple. David Aronberg, the youngest Florida State Senator, is equally passionate, and has demonstrated a capacity to work with Republicans; I sense that he's one of Governor Crist's favorite legislators, notwithstanding the fact that he's a Democrat. I met Senator Aronberg on his first trip to Tallahassee as a State Senator (he was almost thrown off of that flight, but that's a story for another day—maybe next month!). He is extremely personable and bright and, along with Adam Hasner, he has a bright future in politics. Sometimes, that line "he has a bright future in politics," is used as a backhanded insult. In this case, I would say that we would be fortunate to have articulate, bright and passionate individuals like David and Adam continue their involvement in the political process.

We still have some outstanding lunch programs ahead of us. Elsewhere in the newsletter, there is a notice regarding our February 15 program. In March, we will be hosting US Attorney for the Southern District of Florida (which includes us) Alex Acosta. He has been extremely busy and is an excellent speaker and I'm sure that his presentation will be a "must see" program. In April, we'll be hosting our third annual professionalism/judges presentation, featuring the judges of the 19th Circuit. In May, our guest will be Mark Rodgers, who operates his sports agent business out of his Palm City home (he was the agent for Mike Hampton, when the pitcher signed a \$124 million contract). And, I'm still going back and forth with Solicitor General Paul Clement in my efforts to get him down here for a dinner speech. CLE credits will be available for all of these programs.

On a final note, I sincerely wish you all the best in 2008. I get the sense that this is going to be a wild year, and I don't use "wild" in a positive sense. For some of you (bankruptcy lawyers, for example), this will be a busy lucrative year. I know that this is going to be a busy professional year for me (as you may recall, I am the chairman of the Unemployment Appeals Commission). For others, this year may prove to be quite difficult. I know that all of us are going to be watching our 401(k) account balances with a bottle of Pepto-Bismol nearby. I nonetheless am very "bullish" with respect to Martin County and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Committee Chairs' Website Updates Due	2
3	4	5	6	7 MCBA Happy Hour @ FINZ 5:30pm Trial Litigation Comm. Meeting @ PMF&R (Noon)	8	9
10	11	12 MCBA Officers' Meeting @ TBD (Noon) RSVP FOR 2/15 LUNCHEON DUE	13 Probate/Trust/ Guardianship (Noon) @ McCarthy Summers Iss of Court Meeting @ Courthouse (5:30pm)	14	15 MCBA Luncheon @ Monarch CC 11:45am Committee Chairs' Website Updates Due	16
17	18 President's Day (Courthouse Closed)	19 YLD meeting @ Dos Amigos CANCELLED	20 YLD meeting @ Jumbo Bay in Abacoa 5:30 - 7:30pm SideBar Articles/Ads Due	21	22	23
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EMPLOYMENT LAW COMMITTEE REPORT
Alan Orantes Forst, Chair

There are several upcoming seminars and meetings sponsored by the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Florida Bar. On February 28-29, the Section is hosting the Eighth Annual L&E Law Certification Review Seminar in Orlando at the Disney Hilton. This course covers everything on the Certification Exam and is also a great overview course for L&E attorneys. I plan on attending (and giving a brief presentation re: unemployment appeals). The Section is also hosting the Advanced Labor Topics CLE Seminar at the Marco Island Marriott in Marco Island (what, you expected the Marco Island Marriott to be in Jacksonville?).

Finally, the Section's annual meeting will be in the late afternoon of Thursday June 19 at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting in Boca Raton. Rumor has it that the new chairman of the Section will be a Martin County boy. In the mean time, if you have any questions regarding the Florida Bar L&E Section or any requests to make of our Martin County E&L Committee, you may e-mail the aforesaid Martin County boy at usakids@comcast.net. You can also check out the Florida Bar's L&E Section website, <http://laboremploymentlaw.org>.

THE MCBA YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION
ANIKA HARDMON AND ERICA J. LESTER,
COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Join us for a joint Happy Hour with the Palm Beach YLD at Jumby Bay in Abacoa on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 (5:30 – 7:30pm). For more details, contact Anika (arh@wiliegary.com) or Erica (elester@pm-law.com). Please note that this replaces our normal meeting held at Dos Amigos for February.

CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

Adam Guzi and Adrienne Fleming,
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Please contact Adam Guzi
AGuzi@sao19.org
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 this committee.

PROBATE, TRUST, & GUARDIANSHIP LAW COMMITTEE

The former Elder Law & Guardianship Committee has adopted a new name and will now be referred to as the **Probate, Trust, & Guardianship Law Committee**.

The focus of this committee will be on probate and trust law. The next meeting is February 12th at noon at McCarthy, Summers et al. Lunch will be served. Future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Wesley Harvin at wii@harvinpinnock.com for more information.

LITIGATION/TRIAL LAW COMMITTEE
Gregory S. Weiss

The Litigation Section of the MCBA meets on the first Thursday of each month, at the office of Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald and Rose, P.A. for lunch. A brief entertaining excerpt from Jim McElhaney regarding trial tactics (e-mailed to each member on the Monday before the lunch) will be discussed. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Litigation Section Chair, Greg Weiss, by email at: gweiss@pm-law.com

Approval for Florida Bar CLE credits pending.

**CHEERS - NEWS FROM THE FRIENDLY
 NEIGHBORHOOD BAR**

CHEERS to Erica Lester of Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, P.A. for finally deciding to take the plunge with her fiancé Adam Sadowski. The two plan on getting hitched next month. The MCBA wishes Erica and her fiancé all the very best as they begin their new life together.

Congratulations to Joanne M. Foster for being made partner on January 1, 2008. The new firm name is now Guy, Yudin & Foster, LLP.

Please send us your news of new hires, promotions, awards, engagements, marriages, child births, new addresses and the like for future issues of the SideBar.



**A PROFILE OF JOHN MITCHELL STEWART
GUEST SPEAKER AT MCBA FEBRUARY CLE LUNCHEON**



On Friday, February 15, the Martin County Bar Association (MCBA) is pleased to welcome John Mitchell Stewart as our guest speaker at our monthly luncheon meeting. John is a partner with the Vero Beach firm of Stewart & Evans, P.A. He was elected in 2007 to a two-year term as the 19th Circuit representative on the Florida Bar's Board of Governors. He is also the immediate past president of the Florida Bar's Young Lawyers' Division. At the February 15 bar lunch, John will be making a presentation regarding the Board of Governors, particularly its focus on professionalism.

John Stewart is a graduate of the College of William and Mary. One of his fellow alumni is Jonathan Stuart Leibowitz. The latter changed his name in 2001, apparently having heard about the college exploits of John Stewart. Jon Leibowitz took the name Jon Stewart. You may have seen this Jon Stewart on the Daily Show. The comedian's entry on Wikipedia states "[Stewart] admits to having smoked heavy amounts of marijuana in college." We look forward to our John Stewart getting a Wikipedia entry to discover how he spent his time in college.

Our John Stewart eventually graduated from college and attended and graduated Nova Southeastern University Law School, Shepard Broad Law Center. While at Nova, he was the President of Phi Delta Phi and was personally responsible for ensuring that the school's Delta Tau Chi fraternity was placed on double secret probation. Upon graduation, John joined the law firm of his father, William Stewart, in Vero Beach. John is a mediator and a civil litigator. He has used his Phi Delta Phi skills as a member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar YLD, ultimately becoming its president in 2006-07.

As usual, attendees will be able to receive one hour of CLE credit. We look forward to another great turnout at the February 15 luncheon at Monarch Country Club. Please call 772-220-8018 to RSVP if you would like to attend. It is important that you RSVP by February 13 to guarantee a meal. The lunch is free to MCBA members and \$25 for non-members.

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CAN YOU CANOE?

The Martin County Bar Association, in affiliation with Chief Judge Bill Roby's Five Star Breakfast Catering Enterprises*, is pleased to reprise the annual MCBA Canoe Trip. This family friendly outdoor activity commences in Arcadia at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 15. The MCBA isn't providing transportation, but we'll be happy to let everyone who has signed up know who else is going, and hopefully we can carpool, thus doing our part for the environment, yada yada yada. We'll make camp that evening on the Peace River and be treated the next morning to a wonderful breakfast. We'll be on our way home from Arcadia on Sunday March 16 (unless you want to stay in Arcadia—that can be arranged, but isn't recommended). Camping gear can be purchased or rented at the Canoe Outpost. This was a very popular event last year. Space is limited, so please don't hesitate to contact the trip organizers, Shaun "I can carry a canoe, two kids, and of course a Blackberry at the same time" Plymale (stp@crarybuchanan.com) or Erica "This isn't my idea of a honeymoon" Lester (elester@pm-law.com) for more information and to reserve your Canoe. All canoes must be reserved by March 1.

*Judge Roby doesn't really own a catering business.

Martin County Judicial Assignments for 2008

Effective February 1, the 19th Circuit judges assigned to Martin County are:

Judge Gary Sweet (all juvenile dependency and delinquency cases, CINS-FINS, juvenile dependency and juvenile delinquency drug court cases, felony change of pleas and bond hearings in conjunction with Judge Levin)

Judge Sherwood Bauer, Jr. (all felony trials, 25% civil, probate and guardianship, substance abuse and mental health and felony motions as needed)

Judge Steven J. Levin (all felony motions, 3.850 motions, VOP's, arraignments, change of pleas, bond hearings, felony drug court, mental health court)

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Golf Tournament Update

Jack Sobel

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Pro Bono Committee

Jane L. Cornett, Esq.

Please contact Jane Cornett for more information regarding Pro Bono opportunities and/or participation on this committee (286-2990 or JLC@CGRElaw.com).

Do you Have A Summer Internship Available?

Martin County resident and St. Thomas 2L Law Student, Vincent G. Gallagher, M.A. is available for a Summer internship with a private practice, judge or government office for July and August, 2008. He generously gave his time this Fall to help MCBA with Constitution Week and has done legal research and writing for the Law Office of William H. Pincus in West Palm Beach. Please email martincountybarassociation@msn.com if you are interested in obtaining more information regarding Vincent's resume, recommendations and legal writing samples.

Martin County Legal: A MCBA PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT



Attorney Willie E. Gary, senior partner in the Law Firm of Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson & Sperando, P.L., is living the American dream. Once a migrant worker, Gary has overcome a lifetime of obstacles to become one of the most successful trial attorneys in the entire nation. Known in legal circles as “The Giant Killer,” Gary is noted for taking on some of America’s most powerful corporate giants, and winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients.

Gary grew up as a migrant worker in Indiantown, Florida, with his parents and 10 siblings. His unwavering desire to attend college ultimately led him to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he earned an athletic scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1971. He continued his education, earning his Juris Doctorate degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1974.

After graduation, Gary returned to Martin County and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1974. With the help of his wife, Gloria, he opened the first black law firm in Martin County in 1975, in a storefront in Stuart. He expanded his practice in 1976 by opening a second office in Fort Pierce, Florida. Within 12 months of opening his first office, Willie Gary tried and won his first personal injury case with a verdict of \$250,000.

Today, the firm is a sophisticated, nationally active practice with a staff of more than 150, including attorneys, paralegals, nurses, investigators, legal secretaries, an administrator, Certified Public Accountant, travel department, public relations team and a jet airplane captain and co-pilot.

The firm operates out of four offices. Two are located on the St. Lucie River in Stuart. The main office in Stuart is in the Waterside Professional Plaza, a historic art-deco landmark that was once the Pelican Hotel. Gary purchased the building in 1988 and executed \$3 million in renovations to the property.

The firm’s Fort Pierce office is on the Intra-coastal Waterway, just south of the Fort Pierce inlet. A fourth office is located in downtown Orlando, Florida. The firm’s areas of practice include Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death and Medical Malpractice.

Gary is also recognized for his philanthropic endeavors. In 1994, he and his wife, Gloria Gary, founded The Gary Foundation which provides college scholarships, direction and resources to students so they may realize their dreams of achieving a higher education. The Gary’s have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities – including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.



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THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Shaun Plymale and Erica J. Lester, Committee Co-Chairs

The next Happy Hour will be at FINZ on February 7, 2008 at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars - the Spring Canoe Trip will be held on Saturday, March 15 (see more details in a separate article within this issue) and the Annual Banquet is scheduled for May 31, 2008.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET!

Contact Shaun Plymale (stp@crarybuchanan.com) or Erica Lester (elester@pm-law.com) for a listing of remaining sponsorship opportunities for the May 31, 2008 Annual Banquet. **Don't miss your chance to showcase your practice and/or business & to receive special benefits for securing your sponsorship early!**

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING OR SPONSORING A MCBA EVENT?

Call Michelle Katzman at **772-288-6245** or visit our website at **www.martincountybar.org** for more information.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE MANAGER'S MONTHLY MEETING

Meetings are held once a month at the offices of Crary, Buchanan, et al. for lunch and an exchange of ideas. Please contact Jim Menendez at 287-2600 for more information.

MCBA FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

Joseph Gufford, III

For more information regarding programming for this committee, please contact:

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ONLY IN AMERICA . . .

Do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

MEMBER BENEFITS

We are pleased to introduce this new service to MCBA members. Please visit the member benefits section of our website at www.martincountybar.org for special discounts and offers. Also, if you know of any local business which may want to participate, please have them contact Michelle at 772-220-8018 or by email at martincountybarassociation@msn.com. Please welcome our first provider: Mi Lenka Salon & Boutique.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS

We are looking to fill our Photo Gallery! If you have any photos taken at any MCBA past event or if you take them at future events, please forward via email to: martincountybarassociation@msn.com.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS FROM THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Please visit www.martin.fl.us then click on "Martin County Codes" for an updated list of approved ordinances.



February Luncheon

When: Friday, February 15, 2008 at 11:45am
Where: Monarch Country Club
1801 SW Monarch Club Drive in Palm City
Menu*: Tomato & Mozzarella Salad, Baked Tilapia with
Lemon Butter and Oreo Cheesecake

Guest Speaker: John Mitchell Stewart

RSVP:

No later than Tuesday, February 12th
772-220-8018 or via
martincountybarassociation@msn.com

There is no charge for MCBA members; guests are
welcome to attend for \$25 each
(to be paid at the luncheon). RSVP required.

**If you require a specialty meal, please notify
Michelle Katzman when you RSVP.*

**To keep costs down, we are only having meals
prepared for the # of MCBA members and guests
who RSVP. We would love to see you, but need
to know you are coming! Please RSVP.**

MCBA WEBSITE IS NEW & IMPROVED

The MCBA is pleased to announce that the website
is now being managed by Graphics and Media
Solutions.

Updates will be done bi-monthly.

Contact Michelle Katzman at 772-220-8018 or
martincountybarassociation@msn.com to submit
content or with any website questions.



**Please check the MCBA website
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