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Court Funding Issue Update

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By Gary Blankenship, Senior Editor

Proposed state budget cuts would have devastating impacts on Florida courts and their ability to resolve cases for citizens, Chief Justice Fred Lewis told a key legislative committee.

Lewis testified February 19 that a 5.9 percent additional cut to the courts' budget, to be concentrated in April, May, and June, would mean "rolling furloughs" of court staff and long delays in handling cases, particularly on the civil dockets.

"We're not down to skin and bones, we're talking about amputation," Lewis told the Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee. ". . . I recognize the economic hard times. We are willing to be a partner [in state budget cuts] but we do not want to be the sacrificial lambs."

But Sen. Victor Crist, R-Tampa, chair of the committee, said the panel has little choice but to make painful reductions in virtually every area it oversees, including the courts. In polite but firm tones that marked the back and forth exchanges during the meeting, Crist said the committee was given a budget allotment and had no ability to

increase that or find other revenue sources.

(Two days later, however, Crist bristled that some judges across the state warned the legislative cuts would severely hamper court operations. See story page 8. State Courts Administrator Lisa Goodner said after both meetings that detailed discussions are continuing with both House and Senate budget staffers.)

Crist said the committee's priority was to avoid cuts to the Department of Corrections that could lead to early releases for prisoners or closing juvenile justice facilities that could lead to the release or lack of places to house juvenile defendants.

"Everyone is coming up and saying the same thing, 'If we have cuts, there's going to be a crisis,'" Crist said. "Unfortunately, we are faced right now with some significant shortfalls. We can't print money; this committee doesn't have taxing authority. . . . We haven't got enough for the needs.

"The recommendations from the staff will not shut the government down, they

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 3

17 G Florida Grievance Committee Meeting at the Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Tuesday, March 4

The Broward County Justice Association is turning 45! Tower Club (Region's Bank Building) 5:30 7:00 PM: Cocktail Hour/Case Evaluation 7:00 – 8:30 PM: Dinner and Program All of the 45 years of past presidents will be there. Remarks by Ray

Ferrero, Jr. & Leonard "Lenny" Robbins. Cost to attend: \$50.00 Members, \$60.00 non-members For more information: please call (954) 522-1622 or BCBJA @att.net

Thursday, March 6

BCBA Clerk & Bar Committee meeting, noon. Public Defender's Office.

Saturday, March 8

4 Hour Minor Guardianship Class held at the Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Cost to attend: \$100.00. Please call ext. 202 to register.

Tuesday, March 11

Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators luncheon at the Tower Club. 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Speaker: Barbara Beilly.

Topic: Updates in Family Law RSVP to Jane Goldberg (954) 764-8040 Ext. 202 or email (www.asfma.org)

Tuesday, March 11

BCBA Board of Directors meeting, 5:15 pm.

Thursday, March 13

Broward County Hispanic Bar and the Women Lawyers' Association present the new First Appearance Procedures featuring Judge Ana I. Gardiner. This luncheon will also include BCHBA's Elections for board and officers 2008-2009, 11:45 a.m., Tower Club.

Friday, March 14

The Broward County Bar Association's Family Law Section and Broward Lawyers Care - Free Intermediate CLE Family Law Seminar. Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club. Contact Kimberly Ligman Zaffere 954-736-2426

Saturday, March 15

Adult Guardianship class, 9 am – 5 pm
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Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Cost to attend: \$180.00. (954) 764-8040 ext. 202 to register.

Monday, March 17

Does Immigration Law baffle you? Want to learn more? How to find Immigration materials easily? Where to find forms? Then you will not want to miss the Law Library's Open House, Monday, March 17, 2008 from 10 am – 2 pm. Visit with our Westlaw experts for research assistance. The Lamar Warren Law Library of Broward County, First Floor of the North Wing, County Courthouse, 201 S.E. 6th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301; TEL. 954-831-6226

Tuesday, March 18

17 H Florida Grievance Committee Meeting at the Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Tuesday, March 18

Bench and Bar Committee Meeting Noon. Lunch included. Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale RSVP to (954) 764-8040

Wednesday, March 19

BCBA Solo/Small Law Firm Networking Group Dinner. Airport Hilton Hotel. 6 pm. Cocktails, 7 pm dinner. \$35 members - \$40 non-members. RSVP required in advance. Call 954-764-8040 ext. 202.

Wednesday, March 26

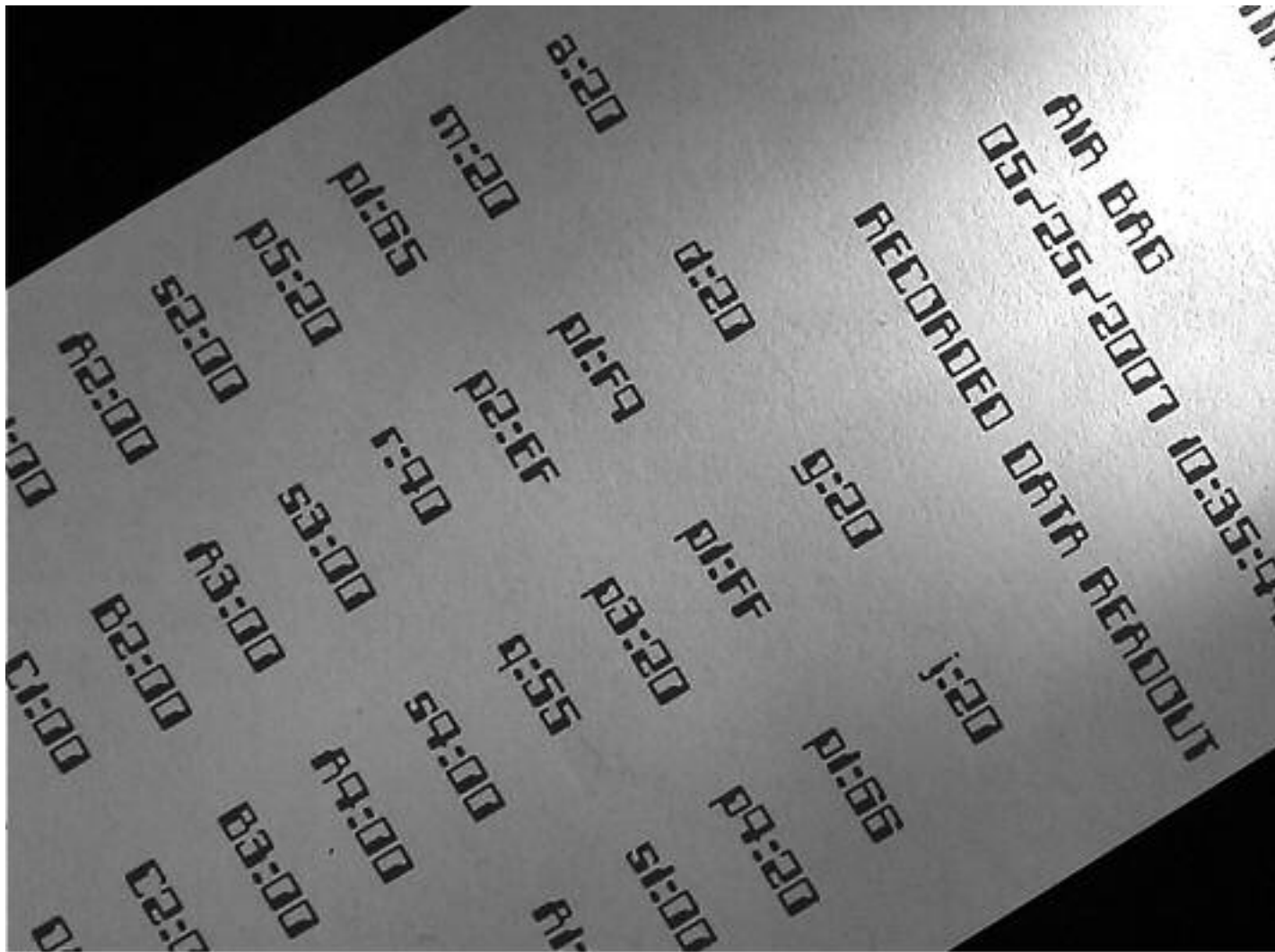
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Thursday, March 27

BCBA Young Lawyers' Section Monthly Luncheon. Noon, Tower Club. \$25 per person. Guest speaker BCBA President Barbara Sunshine. RSVP to Mike at 954-764-8040 ext. 210.

Monday, March 31

Construction Law Committee meeting Topic: Arbitration Best Practices and Strategies for Successful Arbitrations-Part II at the Broward County Bar Association 1051 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale from 12:00p.m-1:30p.m. Cost to attend: \$10.00 RSVP call Brian Wolf's office. (954) 769-5323



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Barbara K. Sunshine

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS PLANTATION—MY TOWN

You really missed a great luncheon on February 22 at the Jacaranda Country Club in Plantation. Over 70 members attended, including Chief Judge Victor Tobin, Judge Jack Tuter, Judge Pedro Dijols, Judge Stacy Ross, Judge Arlene Simon, and Judge Julio Gonzalez. The speakers were the West Courthouse Judges: Ghost of Christmas Past, Judge Steven Shutter, Ghost of Christmas Present, Judge Jane Fishman, and two Ghosts of Christmas Future, Judge Catalina Avalos and Judge Alan Marks. Past President Steve Moody was there, as was Past Young Lawyers' President Anne Ogden. We learned about the past, present, and future: the first West Courthouse was in Lauderhill with Judge Shutter presiding; the Plantation Courthouse was opened in 1992; there are no parking fees; a probate hearing can be held by video-conferencing one time a week; there are currently 30,750 cases pending in addition to criminal cases; and, because of space limitations, the judges share courtrooms.

West members wondered why we have waited so long to include them in an area event, and when will we be doing it again!

NORTHEAST, NORTHWEST, SOUTHEAST, AND SOUTHWEST YOUR TOWN?

We're hoping to come to your town next:

Northwest is set for Friday, April 4 at Olive Garden, 1555 North University Drive, Coral Springs

Northeast is set for Tuesday, April 8 at Steak and Ale, 6300 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale—we are partnering with the North Broward Bar Association

Southeast is set for Friday, April 11 at Dave & Buster's, Oakwood Plaza, Hollywood

Southwest is set for Friday, April 18 at The Ark, 6255 Stirling Road, Davie

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED APRIL 1

Get ready for a new Board and new ideas! The Ballots will be mailed on April 1 and are due on April 15. Board members will be installed at the Dinner on Thursday, June 12 at the Marriott Harbor Beach.

FRIENDS (AND FAMILY)

Around this time, my family starts coming down. We have company throughout the year, but especially now. Every Spring Break, my best friend, Kathy, and my cousin, Anne, come from the cold North to visit for a week. The first year they came I took them to a different beach every day—Pompano Beach, Ft. Lauderdale (Commercial Pier), Hollywood, and South Beach. After that, we decided that Hollywood Beach is the best for us. The wide beach, long Boardwalk, tons of restaurants and shops, and best of all, meter parking. I am a true Southerner now. I have an umbrella and sunscreen at the ready. Guess all that sunbathing while a teenager took its toll. After the beach, we go shopping...

For my New Year's resolution, I committed to being a better friend. Kathy and Anne from Lima, Ohio, my friends and neighbors from the cottage in Manistee, Michigan, college friends from Colby, Ohio University, and Nova Law, and others picked up along the way. It hasn't been hard. I sent out a Christmas photo of Samantha, Bill, and me and the pets. That roused a response from many of them, so we opened up the lines of communication right away.

My brother, Rick, and his wife, Mary Beth, are very lucky to have several couples within a four-block radius in Lima who get together regularly. They have book clubs, holiday parties, and other festivities. Rick and Mary Beth will be here soon. They are ready to get out of the grey weather. We will go to the beach either for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. We also take a trip with them in the winter. This year it will be New Orleans. I've never been there, so I'm excited about staying in the French Quarter and being a tourist. Some of their friends and neighbors are coming along as well.

Hope you are taking some time off, too!

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Message From Broward County Bar Association's Young Lawyers' Section President

by Chris D. Connally

Although the shortest month of the year, February was still as busy as any for the YLS! February 1st was the YLS Martini Happy Hour at Timpanos on Las Olas in Ft. Lauderdale. We had an amazing turnout and guests were each given two martinis or drinks of their choice, along with appetizers in our secluded section of the restaurant. The YLS and all of the foster care children attendees at Holiday in January are very thankful to Timpanos for their generosity! All of the drink tickets were donated by Timpanos and 100% of the money raised that evening went straight towards the purchase of gifts and pizza for the YLS Annual Holiday in January at the Museum of Discovery & Science.

Speaking of Holiday in January, which was actually February 2nd this year, the YLS and countless foster care children over the years are most appreciative to the Museum of Discovery & Science (MODS) for their continued support. This year, children from Jack & Jill Children's Center and Children's Home Society enjoyed a countless number of toys, backpacks, a pizza party and access to the MODS. The YLS would also like to thank BCBA President-Elect, Chris Neilson, for his role as Chris Kringle a/k/a Mr. Claus this year! Thank you to Frank Wagner of BNY Mellon for helping out and to the DeBianchi family for attending and their continued support over the years. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Butler deserve a standing ovation for their generous donation of bags and bags of toys for the children. Finally, the event could not have been made possible without the financial and toy donations made by Broward County's finest! Thank you all!

Continuing with our run of fantastic luncheon speakers, the YLS and co-host T.J. Reddick Bar Association were fortunate enough to have Broward County's Chief Assistant State Attorney, Chuck Morton, for the February 28th, Black History Month luncheon. Those who know Chuck Morton, know he is a fascinating man and a tremendous speaker. Of course, he did not disappoint and delivered a captivating speech for those in attendance! The YLS would like to thank Chief Assistant State Attorney Morton and the T.J. Reddick Bar Association for another successful luncheon!

As the YLS has done with past BCBA Presidents, we would like to recognize the current President of the BCBA for her hard work and efforts on the "Big Bar" and would like to invite all of you to attend the March 27th luncheon with Barbara K. Sunshine. The cost for attendance is \$25.00 per person and R.S.V.P.'s can be made to the BCBA Office at 954-764-8040.

In March we have some exciting events to look out for. This year's Bowl-A-Thon will be on Saturday, March 8th from 5:30 to 8pm at Wilton Manor Lanes and is to benefit a most worthy cause...a fight to cure cystic fibrosis. All proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and we encourage people to not only come out and have a great time, but to truly help make a difference in the lives of so many people that are affected by this horrible disease. The Great Strides: Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis 5k Run/Walk will take place Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. Please contact the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 954-739-5006 for more information. As the softball field was under renovation in the month of March, the YLS Softball Tournament will be placed to the side this year in favor of a Kickball Tournament to be held at the end of March! We will be sending out email blasts soon with more information.

Remember, you do not have to be young or a lawyer to attend our events! As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chris D. Connally at CDConnally@hotmail.com.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW

by Nancy Little Hoffmann

1. Appellate Procedure/Dismissal of Complaint

Golden Gate Homes, LC v. L&G Engineering Services, Inc.,

33 Fla. L. Weekly D380 (Fla. 3rd DCA January 30, 2008).

Although an order dismissing a complaint without prejudice is ordinarily considered a non-final order, it will constitute a final order if the statute of limitations has run. Accordingly, the Third DCA held that the trial court lost jurisdiction after the ten-day period for rehearing expired, and that a "motion to reinstate," served later than ten days after the order, was untimely.

2. Appellate Procedure/Disqualification of Judge Sutton v. State of Florida,

33 Fla. L. Weekly S76 (Fla. January 31, 2008).

Resolving a conflict of decisions between the First and Fifth Districts, the supreme court held that where a county court judge denied a motion for disqualification and the circuit court denied a petition for prohibition to review that order, that ruling by the circuit court was reviewable in the district court of appeal by certiorari.

3. Insurance/Attorney's Fees

Continental Casualty Company v. Ryan Incorporated Eastern,

33 Fla. L. Weekly S59 (Fla. January 24, 2008).

Resolving a conflict between the First and Second DCAs, the supreme court held that a surety that has no written assignment from its insured and is not a named insured, omnibus insured, or named beneficiary under the policy, is not entitled to attorney's fees under section 627.428, Florida Statutes.

4. Jury Selection/Challenge for Cause

Rodriguez v. Lagomasino,

33 Fla. L. Weekly D310 (Fla. 3rd DCA January 23, 2008).

The Third District reversed a defense verdict in an automobile accident case, remanding for a new trial, because the trial court failed to strike two jurors for cause. One juror had expressed negative feelings about an insurance claim which caused his insurance rates to double, and the other juror stated that his belief that

there should be a cap on damages would possibly come into play during deliberations. The court found that the responses given by the jurors were insufficient to show that they had been rehabilitated, as the trial court had found.

5. Legal Malpractice/Limitation of Actions

TSE Industries, Inc. v. Larson & Larson, P.A.,

33 Fla. L. Weekly D404 (Fla. 2nd DCA February 1, 2008).

The Second District held that a legal malpractice claim arising out of a patent infringement case did not accrue for limitation of action purposes until the issue of attorney's fees had been resolved, even though the final judgment on the main claim had previously become final. The court certified conflict with a Fourth DCA opinion, Integrated Broadcast Services, Inc. v. Mitchel, to the extent that it held that the statute of limitations on the underlying judgment runs when that judgment becomes final, even when a motion for attorney's fees or sanctions remains pending.

6. Medical Malpractice/Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan

In three separate cases, questions have been certified to the supreme court regarding the requirement that health care providers give pre-delivery notice to the patient regarding participation in the NICA Plan. In Weeks v. NICA, 33 Fla. L. Weekly D392 (Fla. 5th DCA January 31, 2008), the Fifth District held that even though the patient presented in an emergency medical condition, the obstetrician was not thereby excused from not having previously given notice, since he had been previously treating the patient for that pregnancy. The court receded in part from a prior decision and certified the question to the supreme court.

In Bayfront Medical Center, Inc. v. NICA, 33 Fla. L. Weekly D217 (Fla. 2nd DCA January 16, 2008) and All Children's Hospital, Inc. v. DOAH, 33 Fla. L. Weekly D226 (Fla. 2nd DCA January 16, 2008), the Second DCA certified the question of whether a physician's pre-delivery notice to the patient of participation in the plan satisfied the notice requirement, if the hospital where the delivery takes place failed to provide notice of any kind. In both cases, the Second DCA found that the hospital was not required to provide additional notice to the patient.

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Chief Justice Lewis, accompanied by Second District Court of Appeal Chief Judge Stevan Northcutt, chair of the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission, and Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Belvin Perry, chair of the Trial Court Budget Committee, painted a grim picture of what the budget cuts would mean.

Lewis said 87 percent of the state's funding for the courts goes for salaries, so cuts that deep would mean layoffs for court staff. He said on average, circuit court staff would have to have 22 unpaid furlough days in the fourth quarter for the 2007-08 budget year, county court staff (basically, the county judges' judicial assistants) would have to be furloughed for 58 days — or all but a few days of the fourth quarter — and DCA staff would have to be furloughed for 13 days.

Because the courts have constitutional mandates to meet in handling criminal trials, slowdowns would disproportionately affect civil trials, Lewis said, leading to long delays in foreclosures, business disputes, family law cases, and other noncriminal matters.

He also said because the court system pays lower salaries than other branches (something the Supreme Court and The Florida Bar have been lobbying to correct), many furloughed employees might find other jobs rather than return from their unpaid leaves.

The cuts also mean eliminating civil traffic infraction hearing officers, eliminating trial court mediation programs, and reductions in several other court supporting programs, Lewis said.

"I'm here speaking for the entire system. If we lose the stability of the court system, if we lose the respect for the rule of law, and we lose the respect of the citizens . . . we impact everyone across the state, unintentionally," the chief justice said. "I'm here today pleading for a branch of government, pleading for the life of a branch of government.

"We must keep the court system open and it must be administered without denial and it must be administered without delay. The [budget] picture that has been painted will not work for Florida citizens."

The judicial officials also were there to present their budget requests for 2008-09. But they generally acknowledged that there was little chance of getting additional funds to the court system in what will be another austere budget year.

On February 22, Lisa Goodner, the state courts administrator, said several options were being looked at.

"Since [the February 19 meeting], we have had numerous discussions among OSCA staff and both House and Senate staff, going over various scenarios on what the courts might

offer that might not impact their salary budgets and create the furlough situation," Goodner said.

"They are very aware on what a problem this is for the courts and are actively looking at how to address it."

She predicted, since there were no committee meetings scheduled for the last week of February, that it likely would be during the first week of session before the budget issues are settled.

"There's plenty of activity at the staff level to evaluate where we are and how we might best be able to resolve it," Goodner said.

While Crist remained firm in the meeting that the budget cuts would have to be shared among the courts and agencies under the committee's jurisdiction, he acknowledged the severity of the cuts and said the legislature might have to consider other long-term solutions, including on the revenue side of the budget.

"This state needs to be taking an aggressive approach to look at ways to ensure that everyone is paying their fair share," he said. "There are a lot of loopholes that could be closed."

On a related topic, Crist opened the meeting by criticizing a news account that said the committee might consider decertifying some sitting judges to help balance the budget. While all options short of early release and closing juvenile facilities are on the table, he said it was extremely unlikely the committee would reduce the number of judges.

"There's more chance of a meteor hitting the state than that happening," Crist said.

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by Morrie I. Levine, Esq.

If you answered "No" to this question (just like me), then you need to attend the Broward County Bar Association's Solo/Small Law Firm Networking Group dinner on March 19, 2008 at the Airport Hilton hotel. The Solo/Small Law Firm Section of the B.C.B.A. established this networking group approximately six years ago to provide an opportunity to its active participants to make more money by referring business to one another. These dinner meetings (held every other month) bring together attorneys from diverse practice areas and all geographic corners of Broward County.

This networking group has developed under the leadership of Loring Spolter, the Chairman of the B.C.B.A. Solo/Small Law Firm section. Loring Spolter has done a fantastic job of organizing these dinners and the entire networking group (with the assistance of B.C.B.A. Executive Director, Art Goldberg, and his staff). Prior to dinner, there is a cocktail hour where all those in attendance get to mix, mingle, and swap business cards. Personally, during the cocktail hour, I've heard more than one great "war story" being told. When we sit down to (an ever improving) three-course dinner (no longer the famous "rubber chicken" dinner, since the hotel went back to being a Hilton hotel), the real festivities begin. There are no outside speakers at these dinners. As the salad is being eaten, Loring gives the basic mission statement of the networking group. We all follow The Florida Bar Rules regulating "co-counseling" and sharing attorney's fees. Then, "first-timers" normally get the opportunity to stand up and introduce themselves (as well as the "regular" who brought them).

Next, Roshawn Banks normally introduces five or six law students that she brought to the dinner from either St. Thomas Law School or Nova University Law School. These students are in attendance looking to promote their part-time services during school or full-time availability upon graduation. Then, those in attendance who have received a referral from another member of the group or who have sent a referral to another member of the group since the last dinner meeting, get to introduce themselves and talk about their referrals (members such as Jesse Lieberman, Beth Lindie, Lawrence Livoti, and Evan Ostfeld have earned their "Black Belt" in Networking. Finally, (during dessert) between five to seven members of the group get the opportunity to speak and make a six to eight minute presentation. These attorneys tell the group what type of referrals they are looking

for and why the group should refer potential clients to them.

All of the attorneys in attendance at the dinner meeting then get to have their name, contact information, and their areas of practice listed in a directory published by one of our sponsors, Myles German. I use this directory on the average of three or four times a week to refer potential clients to members of the group. I get phone calls from other members of the group every week with potential clients. And "Yes," I have made money from these referrals. By the way, attorneys in the group who do similar work as my law office (we help people buy, sell, and start-up businesses), have referred clients to us when there was a conflict-of-interest situation or when they wanted co-counsel on a difficult situation. Accordingly, there will never be too many attorneys in the group.

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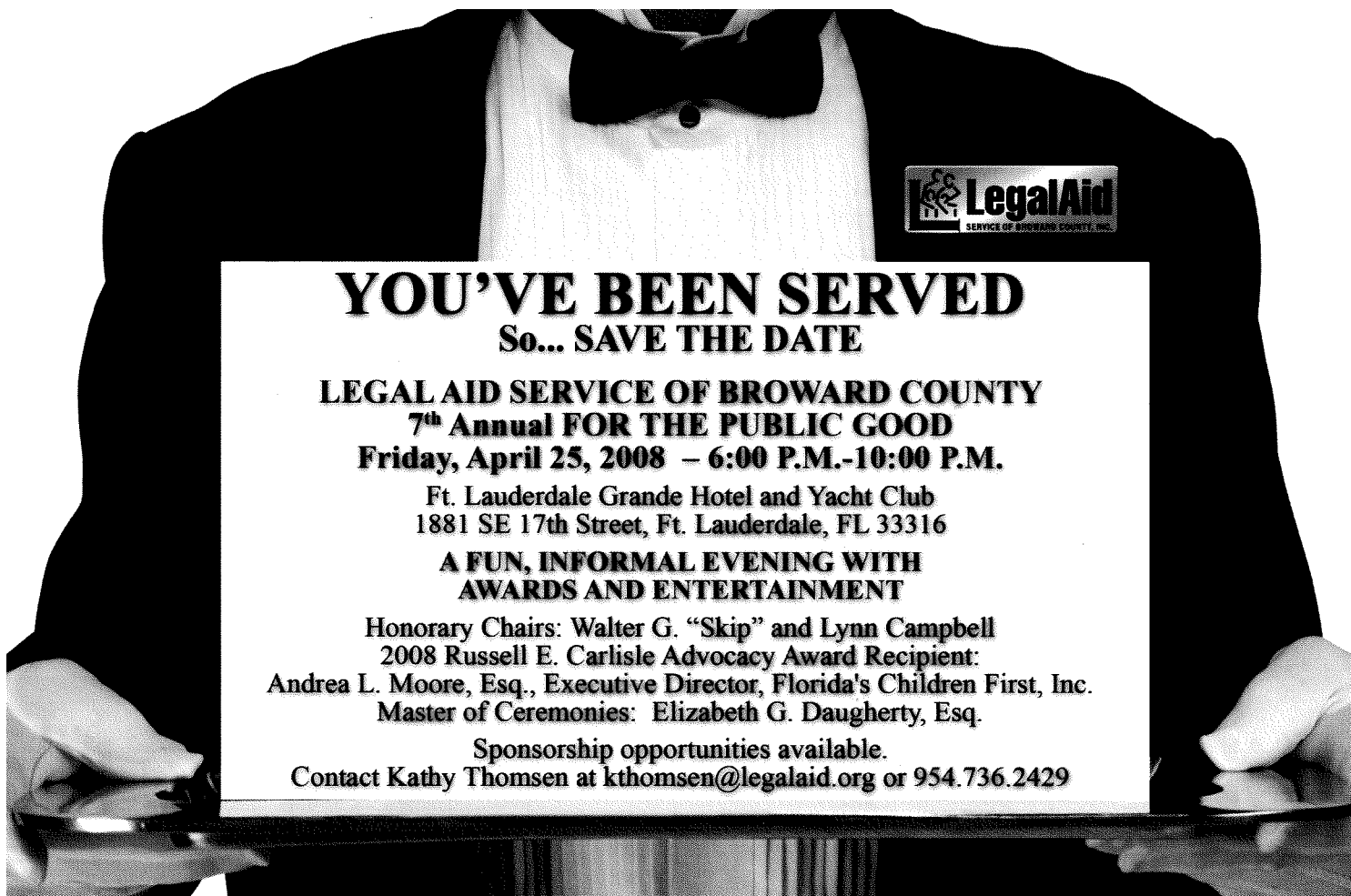
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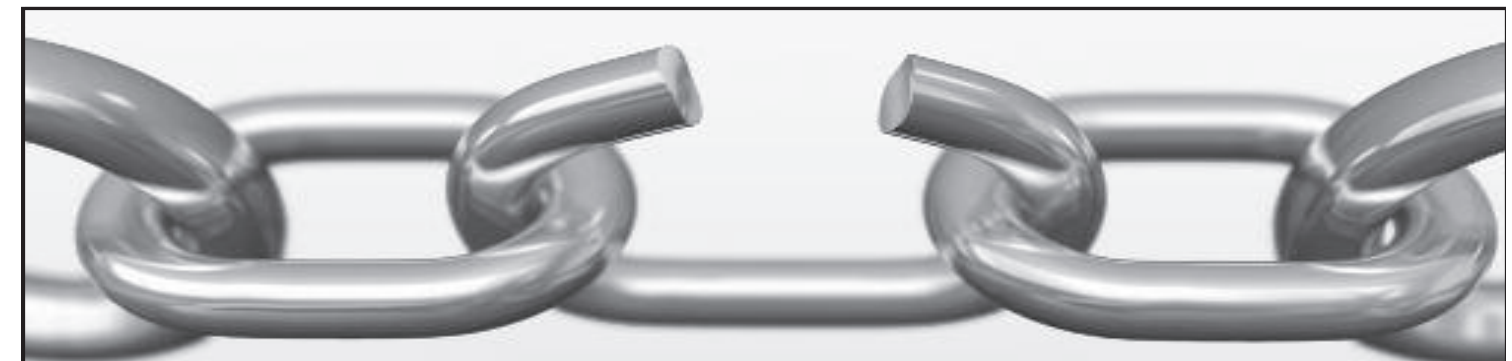
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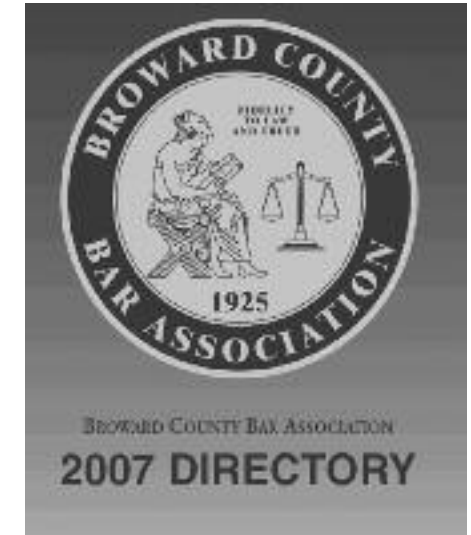
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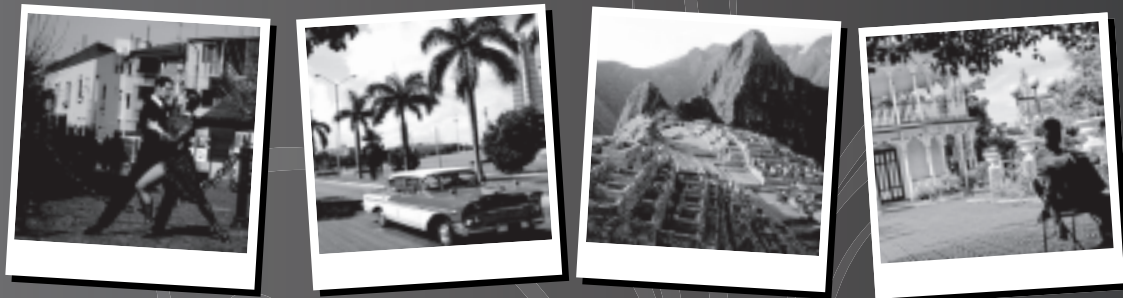


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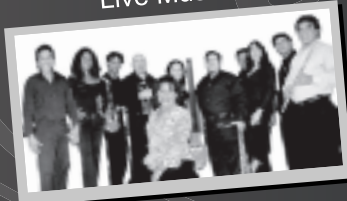
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The Honorable Thomas Lynch IV, fmr. Administrative Judge, Circuit Civil Division, with Michael Ahearn, Vice-Chair of the BCBA Bench and Bar Committee. The Honorable Jay Spechler, fmr. Administrative Judge, County Civil Division; The Honorable Dale Ross, fmr. Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit; The Honorable Gary Cowart, fmr. Chairperson, County Criminal Division; The Honorable Peter Skolnick, fmr. Chairperson, County Civil Division.

Plaques also were presented to The Honorable Howard Zeidwig, fmr. Administrative Judge, Circuit Juvenile Division and to The Honorable Linda Vitale, fmr. Administrative Judge Unified Family Division.

The event was held at the BCBA's Norma B. Howard Bar Center on February 19th.

PHOTO GALLERY

Judge Destry and family.



Judge Rebollo and family.



Judge Matthew Destry with BCBA President Barbara Sunshine



Judge Carlos Rebollo, Barbara Sunshine



Carlos Llorente, BCBA Secretary -Treasurer, with Victor DeBianchi, BCBA Past-President. Art Goldberg, BCBA Executive Director, with Chris Neilson.



Christopher M. 'Chris' Neilson, 2008 BCBA President-Elect, with Carol Ortman and Hon. Victor Tobin.