Adverse Witness

January 2010

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Happy new year!

It is hard to believe 2009 is over and we are entering a whole new decade. Like many, I look forward to moving on with 2010. New Year’s brings the opportunity to reflect upon where we’ve been and where we are going. With January marking the midway point in our bar’s operating year and my term as president, this is a good time to check on my progress as president to date.

Back in June, I enumerated a number of goals to tackle during this bar year. First, I raised the need to tighten the bar’s budget as concerns about low renewals loomed with the poor economy. Fortunately, our renewals remained strong for the 2009-2010 bar year and we were also able to affect some meaningful cost savings. Our first ever online renewal process was a smooth one and went a long way to reducing not only mailing expenses but also staff processing time. Further use of technology, such as optional delivery of our newsletter via email, will increase our cost savings in the future.

I also discussed the need to review the operation of our Lawyer Referral Service and to that end formed a Lawyer Referral Service Committee. The committee has studied a number of areas regarding our service’s processing and documentation. To bolster our referral pool to include more areas of practice, we put out the call for more attorneys to join the service and I thank those that have. I believe our efforts here will ultimately lead to a more profitable program for our bar and a stronger service for our community.

This past summer I announced my intention to issue a member survey which I hope to have out early in 2010. I promise it will be short and to the point with space for comments as you see fit. Of course the survey will only be meaningful to the extent we receive responses. I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the survey and help us build a better association for our members.

Finally, I pledged to continue to support the pro bono efforts of our bar members and of Legal Aid Service of Collier County. I have been awed by our members’ service to the public throughout this year. Not only has the Foreclosure Task Force maintained a busy slate of outreach events throughout 2009, but we also had excellent support for our fall legal clinic in Immokalee and have another clinic scheduled for the spring. These activities are in addition to the pro bono cases our members take through Collier Lawyers Care. While my role in these events is a modest one, I hope discussing, publicizing and generally supporting our pro bono efforts have in some way helped the cause.

Naturally a number of items arise during the year you did not anticipate. We reformed our slate of Law Library Trustees at our annual retreat in August and a number of law library projects have developed since that will better control the public’s use of the library and generally improve library operations. The trustees will also monitor the county’s budgeting process and its impact on the law library going forward.

As far as our own budget goes, many of our sections continue to have successful events that generate profits. Some sections have done so well over the years they have amassed significant savings. The success of our section events is due to the strong leadership of our section heads and the support our bar staff provides in organizing and administering section events, which can require a significant amount of staff time. My feeling is that the sections should, at least to some extent, reimburse the bar’s general operating funds for this support. At this time, the bar collects only twenty percent (20%) of each section’s member dues and does not collect anything from events or section surpluses. The board has discussed ideas for fairly allocating section event revenue but has not yet found an agreeable solution. Stay tuned, this one needs more work.

I’ll leave it to the pundits to evaluate the first half of my presidency, but in looking back

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**Event Policy**

It is the policy of the Collier County Bar Association to request that all reservations for our events are placed at least two days prior to the event. We are always willing to accommodate our members; however, event sites must order food two days prior to an event.

Also, it is the policy of the Collier County Bar Association to issue refunds ONLY if a member cancels a reservation two days prior to an event. If a member cancels the day before, or the day of an event, a refund will not be issued.

We appreciate your consideration of this policy.

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Cost: TL members - $25;  
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Major award winners announced

Legal Aid Service of Collier County is proud to announce the recipients of the following awards, to be conferred at the 2nd Annual Barrister’s Bash event at the Naples Hilton on April 22, 2010:

Law Firm of the Year - Legal Aid Service of Collier County has named Quarles & Brady, LLP as ‘Law Firm of the Year’ for 2009 in recognition of the firm’s many contributions to the program, and unique dedication to pro bono service to the community - which is ingrained in the culture of this firm.

Partners and associates alike with Quarles & Brady volunteered a very substantial amount of time and resources to LASCC and the Collier Lawyers Care (CLC) Pro Bono Program. Pro Bono attorneys who donated time to CLC include, but are not limited to, Partners Jennifer Nackley, Esq., and Mark Muller, Esq., and Associates Kelly Lyon Davis, Esq., and Eric Veenstra, Esq. (a past recipient of Legal Aid’s ‘Attorney of the Month’ award).

A particularly noteworthy contribution in 2009 by Quarles & Brady involved the decision by the partners of the firm to assign an associate, Eric Veenstra, to perform pro bono services at Legal Aid for one full day per week for four (4) months! This incredibly generous, innovative and groundbreaking arrangement was designed to meet the growing demand upon Legal Aid for pro bono assistance on housing law cases - including foreclosure and related matters. Mr. Veenstra specializes in real estate law. Thanks in large measure to the generosity of Quarles & Brady, and the hard work and skill of Eric Veenstra, LASCC and CLC administered and placed for handling a record number of pro bono cases in 2009.

Quarles & Brady was a sponsor at the 2009 Barrister’s Bash event, and has vigorously supported Legal Aid over the years. Members of the firm have served on the Collier County Foreclosure Task Force, and have participated in pro bono legal clinics conducted at Legal Aid. The overall contribution by Quarles & Brady tremendously assisted Legal Aid in carrying out its mission to meet the legal needs of the low income population in Collier County in 2009.

Attorney of the Year - Legal Aid Service of Collier County has named Kathleen C. Passidomo, Esq., as ‘Attorney of the Year’ for 2009. Kathleen is a partner with Kelly, Passidomo & Alba, LLP, and serves as Co-Chair of the Collier County Foreclosure Task Force.

Kathleen has been a driving force in the success of the Foreclosure Task Force, a grassroots initiative formed to promote foreclosure prevention through education and intervention. The Task Force began as a cooperative effort between Legal Aid and several members of the Collier County Bar Association in February of 2008, and has since grown to include numerous other public, private and non-profit agencies and individual volunteers.

Thanks to the outstanding leadership skills of Kathleen, and her passion and dedication to serve those less fortunate, the Task Force since 2008 through pro bono foreclosure legal clinics and public workshops has directly engaged in outreach to approximately 1,000 area homeowners, and thousands more through a multi-media website (www.collierFTF.com). In recognition of her service to the community, Kathleen was nominated for and received the Florida Bar President’s Pro Bono Service Award for the 20th Judicial Circuit. As the ultimate ‘team player,’ Kathleen by nature will reflexively want to highlight and acknowledge the efforts of all of the other members of the Task Force who have worked so hard alongside her. Her efforts have inspired us all!

Kathleen has been a longtime ‘champion’ of Legal Aid and its mission, and heartily supports the Collier Lawyers Care Pro Bono Program. She annually participates in the Law Week pro bono clinic and other pro bono clinics conducted by Legal Aid, and has supported other Legal Aid projects, including the Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program.

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Drug Free Collier to sponsor community event

At this time of year when we abound in feelings of thanksgiving and holiday cheer, I would like to thank everyone involved in the judicial system. There are so many people who work tirelessly to make sure the wheels of justice turn and who do not receive credit for their contributions. So, thank you for all that you do. This thank you extends to the bailiffs, judicial assistants, interpreters, multiple agencies, (CCSO, DJJ, DCF for me in the juvenile division), clerks, court administration, my judicial colleagues and to all the attorneys who work so hard to contribute to the administration of justice - I thank you.

I would also like to advise you of two upcoming events sponsored by Drug Free Collier. As many of you know, Drug Free Collier is dedicated to reducing juvenile substance abuse through education and prevention. I encourage you to participate in these efforts and would welcome your attendance and assistance.

The first event is a Community Town Hall Meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Administration Building. Lois Thome is the Facilitator. Superintendent Dennis Thompson of the Collier County Public Schools and CCSO Sheriff Kevin Rambosk are two of the local panelists. We want to have your input!

The Second Community Awareness luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Naples. The guest speaker is Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Founder and Chairman of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University who recently published his 12th book: How to Raise a Drug Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents.

I wish you a happy and healthy new year. Judge (Lawrence) Martin, I wish you the best of luck and we will all miss you.

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Foundation party to benefit Eden Florida

January 23, 2010. That is the day of the annual Collier County Bar Foundation party at Joe Stewart’s house. And, Larry Farese’s band, the Dazzling Del Rays (from New Jersey) will be providing the entertainment. The Del Rays played together back in the 70’s and have since re-united. While Larry’s band will be headlining, we are hoping we may also hear from other talented musicians who are members of our bar, some of whom we will be contacting shortly.

Every year, the Foundation puts on this event to provide a casual atmosphere for members of our bar to eat, listen to music, socialize, and, of course, raise money for charity. This year the beneficiary of our efforts will be Eden Florida (www.edenservices.org). Eden Florida provides various lifespan services to SW Florida children and adults with autism.

Of course, any of you who have been to Joe Stewart’s house know that he throws a great party. And his backyard is suited for just that purpose. Rumor has it that Joe may be smoking some turkeys or roasting a pig at this year’s event.

Everyone who has attended this event in the past has had a great time. The food is always great, the music will be fantastic, and the company enjoyable. Mark your calendars, get your friends (it is open to everyone, not just bar members, and tickets are $40 per person or $60 per couple), and plan on spending the evening at Joe’s house. We promise that you will enjoy yourself, and, help a good cause in the process.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The law firm of Asbell, Ho, Klaus, Goetz and Doupé is proud to announce the recent accomplishments of their attorneys.

Dale W. Klaus has been named by his peers as a 2009 Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine. He was also named a Legal Elite for 2007 and 2008.

Reuben A. Doupé has been named by his peers as a 2009 Legal Elite “Up and Comer” by Florida Trend magazine. He was also named an “Up and Comer” for 2007 and 2008.

Nicole L. Goetz
• Lectured in Miami and Tampa in 2009 on the “Nuts and Bolts of Equitable Distribution” at a course sponsored by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Young Lawyers Division.
• Has been named co-chair of the Equitable Distribution Committee of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar for 2009-2010.
• Has been named by her peers as a 2009 Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine. She was also named a Legal Elite for 2007 and 2008.
• Received an Award of Merit from The Florida Bar Family Law Section recognizing her leadership, commitment and labor for the benefit of the Family Law Section for 2008-2009.
• Was elected to the Executive Council of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar for a 4-year term.

Fitzgerald A. Frater of Frater Law Firm, P.A. was sworn in as a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court on October 13, 2009 before all of the Justices in open court. Mr. Frater concentrates his practice in business, commercial, construction and community association litigation matters.
New civil forms required January 1

Dwight Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Collier County is mounting an effort to remind attorneys, as well as others filing Civil actions, that new forms will be required as of the beginning of the calendar year.

Starting January 1, 2010 a new Civil Cover Sheet and Final Disposition Form will be required to be filed by each plaintiff or petitioner for use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to the FL Statute 25.075.

A Civil Cover Sheet (Form 1.997) shall be completed and filed with the clerk at the time of an initial complaint or petition is filed by the party initiating the action. If a cover sheet is not filed, the clerk shall accept the complaint or petition for filing; but all proceedings in the action shall be abated until a properly executed cover sheet is completed and filed with the Clerk’s office. The clerk shall complete the Civil cover sheet for a party appearing pro se.

A Final Disposition Form (Form 1.998) shall be filed with the Clerk by the prevailing party at the time of the filing of the order of judgment which disposes of the action. If the action is settled without a court order or judgment being entered, or dismissed by the parties, the plaintiff or petitioner immediately shall file a final disposition form with the clerk. The clerk shall complete the final disposition form for a party appearing pro se, or when the action is dismissed by court order for lack of prosecution pursuant to the rule.

There is also a new Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.928, Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases, that goes into effect on January 1, 2010.

The Clerk’s website provides easy access to all Civil forms, instructions and rules at www.CollierClerk.com.

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Spear phishing attacks on law firms

On November 17, 2009, the FBI issued a warning of an increase of attempted spear phishing attacks on law firms and PR firms. The better known and broader version, phishing emails, are emails designed to appear to be from a legitimate company in an attempt to obtain your personal identifying information or to install malware on your computer. The hacker sends out thousands of phishing emails in hopes of deceiving a few victims. A few examples are the “IRS Refund” and the “DHS Shipment Problem” emails. Spear phishing emails are targeted to a select group of individuals with something in common in an attempt to bypass network defenses by exploiting the person at the keyboard. Spear phishing emails are manipulated to appear to be from someone with whom you would normally correspond. To further the deception, these spear phishing emails are crafted to appear to be from a trusted source within your organization. They often have a subject line and attachment relevant to your business. Spear phishing emails are created to obtain personal identifying information or to install malware to facilitate a data security breach.

The Dangers of Spear Phishing

Receiving a spear phishing email is, for the most part, harmless. The danger occurs when the link or the attachment within the email is clicked. Once clicked, the malicious software, known as malware, is installed. This software allows the hacker to monitor actions, access files/programs, download files, and manipulate the computer without your knowledge. Many of these malware programs are designed to look like operating system programs to avoid detection by anti-virus programs. Examples of malware are viruses, keyloggers and trojans.

Once a hacker has access to the computer and unprotected client files, a data breach has now occurred. According to a 2008 study conducted by the Ponemon Institute, the average cost to mitigate a data breach was $6.5 million or $202 per compromised client record. They also reported that 88% of the data breaches were the result of insider negligence or employee error.

Tips to Reduce Your Risk of Exposure

1. Protect files with sensitive information. A common method is to encrypt the files.
2. Have current anti-virus, anti-spyware and a firewall on the computer or network.
3. Only give access to sensitive files to those that require it for their job duties.
4. Install programs that track access to sensitive files and monitor the downloading, and/or accessing, of sensitive files.
5. Change network passwords immediately after an employee resigns or is terminated.
6. Limit remote access to the company network.
7. Never share passwords or write down passwords.
8. Create an email policy and Internet usage policy.
9. Train employees on policies and procedures.
10. Train employees on Internet safety.

The most often overlooked area is employee training on the subject of Internet safety. The Ponemon Group conducted an additional study on why employees do not follow company policy and procedure. Many respondents cited complicated policy/procedures, lack of enforcement and improper training. Through Internet safety training employees are taught how their actions will affect the law firm. As a result they will understand the importance of thinking twice before clicking on a link or attachment.

Technology is rapidly advancing along with the sophistication of scams. Staying informed continued on page 12
IRS allows tax-free exchange treatment for trademarks and other intangible assets

The IRS has changed its position and will allow tax-free treatment for some trademarks, trade names and other intangible assets under the like-kind exchange provisions of IRS Code §1031. Earlier this year, the Office of Chief Counsel of the IRS issued a Technical Advice Memorandum changing its position and stating that trademarks, trade names and other intangibles that can be separately described and valued apart from goodwill qualify for tax-free treatment as like-kind exchange property under IRS Code §1031. A like-kind exchange is a U.S. tax deferred exchange that allows for the disposal of an asset and the acquisition of another similar asset without generating a tax liability from the sale of the first asset. This change in position by the IRS provides an opportunity for taxpayers who are either buying or selling intellectual property assets as they now may be able to dispose of their intellectual property assets in a 1031 exchange without triggering taxable gain.

The historic analysis of tax-free exchange treatment for trademarks and other intangibles was based on IRS regulations which state that the goodwill or going concern value of a business cannot be of a “like kind” to the goodwill or going concern value of another business. Reg. §1.1031(a)-2(c)(2). In January 2006, the IRS issued a Technical Advice Memorandum (TAM 200602034) which stated that registered trademarks and trade names of a business entity cannot be exchanged tax-free under §1031 because they are too similar to goodwill and going concern value.

The IRS reconsidered this position and, in February 2009, issued TAM 200911006 stating that intangibles such as “trademarks, trade names, mastheads and customer-based intangibles” that can be described separately and valued apart from goodwill qualify as like-kind exchange property under §1031. The TAM also states that, except in rare and unusual situations, it is possible to describe separately and value these types of intangibles apart from goodwill. The TAM does not indicate that all trademarks and trade names automatically qualify for like-kind treatment and clearly states that the property still must satisfy all other requirements of §1031 including the “nature” and “character” rules set forth in Reg. §1.1031(a)-2(c)(t).

It is expected that additional guidance will be forthcoming from the IRS with interpretations of the types of trademarks and trade names that will be considered like-kind property. One particular issue that commentators expect to be addressed is whether, under the “nature” and “character” rules, the IRS will limit the application of §1031 treatment to situations where the underlying property to which the disposed trademark or trade name relates is the same as the underlying property to be received.

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to date Internet safety training for em-
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data breach protection.

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'twas a few weeks before the holidays, and all through the Collier Athletic Club, every child was running, giggling and having a merry time! In fact, it could be described as “such a clatter”. There was candy, crafts, ice cream, games and of course, a visit from the jolliest Santa anyone has ever seen!
Nearly 300 people gathered at the Naples Beach Hotel to celebrate the career of Judge Lawrence Martin. Sharon Hanlon did an excellent job as emcee for the event. Many of Judge Martin’s friends also took the podium to honor him throughout the evening with tales of times past. There was much laughter as well as a few tears to mark this milestone in Judge Martin’s career.
The Young Lawyers rallied once again to create a great float for the annual Naples Holiday Parade. The theme this year was based upon the Dickens classic, “A Christmas Carol.” Judge Janeice Martin donned a powdered wig and proceeded to sentence Scrooge, played convincingly by Marc Huling, to hard time. Our thanks to Jill Garrett Lowe and Reuben Doupé, who helped to coordinate this event.
Other Major Award Winners:
Special Recognition Award - Eric Veenstra, Esq. (Quarles & Brady) - (pro bono service)
Special Recognition Award - Pieter Van Dien (President, Collier County Bar Association) - (leadership)
Outstanding Volunteer Service (non-attorney) - Lisa Mead (Executive Director, Collier County Bar Association)
Outstanding Volunteer Service (non-attorney) - Linda Draughn
Outstanding Volunteer Service (non-attorney) - Kathy Timmons

Please join us in congratulating all of Legal Aid’s 2009 Major Award Winners!

Adopt-A-Family Program benefits 137 children

The 3rd annual ‘Adopt-A-Family’ (AAF) Holiday program was our most successful to date this year, thanks to the generosity of 42 donors. A record number of children and their families were assisted this year, as AAF in 2009 provided toys, gifts, clothes and more to 137 needy children in Collier County!

The AAF program is a cooperative effort between Legal Aid Service of Collier County and the Collier County Bar Association, matching needy families in our community with benefactors willing to donate toys, gift cards and other items. The staff at Legal Aid identify clients with minor children who are particularly needy to participate. In many cases, the children would not receive any gifts during the holiday season without the generosity of the donors.

The highlight of the AAF program is the annual ‘gift exchange party’ conducted at Legal Aid, where the donors get to meet the families, and watch them receive their gifts. The offices of Legal Aid were decorated festively, and Santa Claus was on hand to greet the children! The party was held on Friday, December 11th, and as many donors and families as could make it were on hand.

The offices were bursting with toys of all kinds, including bikes, which clogged our hallways.

The donors were all extremely generous this year - leaving many of the parents fighting back tears as the children beamed with excitement. Our donors went to great lengths to fulfill the ‘wish lists’ of each child. In addition to the generous individual donors, the Collier County Bar Foundation made an astounding $2,500 donation - which provided gifts and toys for numerous children (Lisa Mead of the CCBA and Maggie McMorrow, Esq., served as Santa’s helpers). CCBA President Pieter Van Dien was present for the festivities, as was Incoming President Jon Scuderi on behalf of the Collier County Bar Foundation.

I would like to extend special thanks to Ana De La Cruz, Legal Aid’s Assistant Pro Bono Coordinator, for the fantastic job she did once again this year organizing, coordinating and facilitating AAF and the gift exchange party! Thanks also to Lisa Mead of the CCBA for all her efforts.

On behalf of Legal Aid and all of the families and children who were assisted this year though AAF - thank you all!

Legal Aid thanks the following donors to the 2009 ‘Adopt-A-Family’ Holiday Program:
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President’s Message

the past six months, I feel progress has been made in a number of areas. However, my list of “to-do’s” is not done and there is still quite a bit of work ahead.

Before signing off I want to extend my best wishes to Judge Lawrence Martin on his retirement. I know his leadership at the courthouse will be missed and I hope we will continue to see him at bar events for years to come. Also, I want to remind you we need support for our upcoming Bar Foundation events. Mock Trial will be held on January 29th and 30th and we will need both presiding and scoring judges. The week prior, the Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser at Joe Stewart’s house on January 23rd. This year’s fundraiser will include a special music act that is not to be missed. See this issue for further details.

Thank you for listening and have a great 2010.
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