



Message from HCBA President Grace Yang

March 13, 2020

Dear HCBA Members:

Based on the ever-increasing risks and concerns associated with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), additional announcements within the last 24 hours from various authorities, including a national emergency declaration, and in an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our members, staff and the community, we are adjusting course at the HCBA.

Effective Monday, March 16, the HCBA will make the following changes.

- All scheduled in-person HCBA meetings and CLEs at the Ferguson Law Center through **Friday, April 10th** will either be rescheduled or will utilize teleconferencing or a web-based virtual meeting technology (GoToMeeting). Meeting organizers have been notified this afternoon of the changes going into effect on Monday, and the calendar of events on hillsbar.com will be updated next week with the latest information.
- Members who previously registered for a meeting or CLE that is not being rescheduled will receive emails with further information about how to participate remotely or opt for a refund if they decide to cancel entirely.
- Members in need of CLE credits who would be interested in downloadable CLEs may visit <https://www.hillsbar.com/page/CLEStore> for the current options.

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (www.fljud13.org) is also closely monitoring developments. There will be no criminal and civil jury trials from March 16, 2020 to March 27, 2020.

Also, I want to make sure you are aware of the Florida Bar's new webpage at www.floridabar.org/covid19 to centralize communications to Florida Bar members on the status of upcoming Florida Bar meetings, court announcements and other issues that may affect lawyers.

Please know the HCBA will continue to update members through the HCBA's regular communications like the HCBA Weekly and the HCBA CLE Update, as well as the HCBA's various social media platforms.

I appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we all come together as a community during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Grace Yang