2010 Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference

July 16-17, 2010
Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa
Ft. Lauderdale
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Mark your calendars for the 2011 Affiliate Outreach Conference, at the Disney Boardwalk Inn, January 21-22, 2011. Grant monies will be awarded to affiliates who present a project and reimbursement funds are available for affiliate members to attend the conference.
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Panelists: Thomas Campbell, Chief Growing Officer, lawgrow; Eric Engel, Executive Director, Ketchcom Development, Inc.; Jowita Wysocka, Artful Attorneys, LLC

Session F  
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Moderator: Karen France, Executive Director, Clearwater Bar Association  
Strategic Planning  
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2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  
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Moderator: Suzanne Van Wyk, Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee  
The ABA, The Florida Bar and The Florida Bar Foundation – Tapping Into Their Resources  
Panelists: Karen Linn, ABA Division for Bar Services; Maria Simmons-Johnson, Voluntary Bar Liaison, The Florida Bar; Jane Curran, Executive Director, The Florida Bar Foundation
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6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Networking Reception  Oceanview Terrace

Saturday, July 17

7:30 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.  Breakfast and Networking –  Grand Salon F
Tables will be set with specific issues that individuals can talk about and listen to

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session A  Grand Salon E
Moderator: Asad BaYunus, Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee
Specialty Bar Associations: What Are the Most Pressing Issues Affecting Specialty Bars?
Panelists: Nydia Menendez, Past President, Puerto Rican Bar Association and Barnaby Min, Past President, Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Session B  Grand Salon B
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Session C  Grand Salon C
Moderator: Michelle Ku, Florida Supreme Court Committee on Fairness and Diversity
Diversity: Building Bridges Between the Bench, Bar and the Community
Panelists: Larry D. Smith, Chair, The Florida Bar Equal Opportunities Law Section; Hon. Scott M. Bernstein, Circuit Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida; Thomas Genung, Court Administrator, 19th Judicial Circuit of Florida

Session D  Grand Salon D
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Moderator: Karen France, Executive Director, Clearwater Bar Association
Generational Differences in Bar Associations
Nora Bergman, Practice Advisor, Atticus, Inc.
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Session E –
Moderator: Sean Desmond, Assistant State Attorney, 2nd Judicial Circuit
Mentoring Programs – How to Implement and Run a Successful Voluntary Bar Mentoring Program
Panelists: Jeannine Williams, St. Petersburg Bar Association; Jennifer Sullivan Davis, President-elect, Tallahassee Women Lawyers; Ben Wilson, Miami Dade Bar Association
10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS [BY GEOGRAPHY]**

*Session A*  First District Court of Appeal  
*Grand Salon E*

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*Session E*  Fifth District Court of Appeal  
*Grand Salon J*

11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Break**  
*Grand Ballroom Foyer*

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Closing Session:**  
*Grand Salon E*

- **Past Bar Presidents Panel**  
  Michael Faehner, Past President Clearwater Bar Association and Past President of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division; Gwynne Young, The Florida Bar Board of Governors, and Past President, Hillsborough County Bar Association

- **Introduction of New Bar Program initiatives: The Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Association Diversity Leadership Grants and “Benchmarks: Raising the Bar on Civics Education**  
  Eugene K. Pettis, The Florida Bar Board of Governors

- **Presentation of The Florida Bar Foundation 2010 Voluntary Bar Association Grant Winners**

- **Preview of the 2011 Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference**
Kathy Arrant is Executive Director of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society. Kathy has more than 20 years of volunteer management experience and enjoys serving as vice chair on the Volunteer Bar Liaison Committee, past president and current board member for the Florida Council of Bar Executives and as a board member of Florida Commerce Credit Union. Contact her at arrantk@tallahasseebar.org

Asad M. Ba-Yunus is the immediate Past President of the Florida Muslim Bar Association and a member of The Florida Bar’s Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee. He practices in Fort Lauderdale at Lubell & Rosen, a medical malpractice and health law firm and served as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County. He earned his J.D. in 2000 from the American University Washington College of Law and spends much of his time working with and for a variety of local and national religious, cultural and political organizations.

Nora Bergman is a business coach and certified practice advisor with Atticus. She has practiced as an employment law attorney and certified mediator and has served as an adjunct professor at both Stetson University College of Law and the University of South Florida. She has also served as the Executive Director of the St. Petersburg Bar Association. Nora is a graduate of the Leadership Development Institute at Eckerd College, and is certified in the Conflict Dynamics Profile® developed by Eckerd to help individuals and organizations learn how to deal with conflict constructively. She is also certified in the DISC Behavioral Style Assessment. Visit Nora online at www.realifepractice.com and www.atticusonline.com.

Judge Scott Bernstein is currently the Associate Administrative Judge of the Family Division in the 11th Judicial Circuit. He received his law degree at the University of Florida College Of Law in 1983 where he wrote for the Law Review and graduated with honors. He went into private practice from 1983 to 1998 with a large corporate firm and later in his own firm as sole practitioner, concentrating in commercial litigation and appellate practice. He served as a Traffic Magistrate from 1996 to 1997. Elected as a Circuit Judge in 1998, he asked to be assigned to Juvenile Court so he could dedicate his judicial career to the needs of children. He was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court to the Statewide Commission for Families and Children in the Courts, for which he chaired the Delinquency Subcommittee. After years serving in the criminal, family and civil divisions, he chose to return to the Family Division, where he currently presides. In 2007, the Chief Justice appointed him to chair a statewide Fairness and Diversity Education program for all Florida judges and court employees. In the last year, this project trained almost 10,000 people. He was recently appointed chair of the Education Committee of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. The Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court has also just appointed him as chair of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity for the State of Florida for the next two years. His email is sbernstein@jud11.flcourts.org.

Brant S. Bittner is the Executive Director of the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA). In his eight years in the position, he has grown membership to over 3,100 and increased the budget to $1.5 million. His responsibilities include managing the day-to-day operations of the OCBA and directing a staff of 12. He brings a wealth of corporate experience to this position, after serving as a marketing, advertising, and community relations manager for 27 years in the telecommunications industry in Florida and Ohio. He is a member of the Florida Bar Voluntary Liaison Committee, Lawyer Referral Service Committee, the American Bar Association and the National Association of Bar Executives for which he has served as a member of the Program Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, has a master’s degree in business and was a member of the team that won the SEC Swimming Championships in 1970. He established a world’s record in the 800-meter freestyle event at the World’s Master Swimming Championship in 1988 in Brisbane, Australia, where his mother was born and raised. He can reached at branb@ocba.org.

Stephanie Bolton is a construction associate with the Tampa office of Carlton Fields. She received a bachelor’s degree with honors from Bowling Green State University and a law degree with honors from Stetson University College of Law. Her practice includes representing general contractors, developers, owners, subcontractors and material suppliers. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Clearwater Bar Association, the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, The Florida Bar Annual Convention and Voluntary Bar Liaison Committees. She is active in the Junior League of Tampa and is a dedicated Tampa Bay Rays fan. Contact her at boltonlaw.live.com.

Patience Burns has been employed by the Palm Beach County Bar Association since December 1980. She served as its Assistant Executive Director from 1980 until September 1989 when she was promoted to the position of Executive Director. She previously worked for The Florida Bar from 1978-80. She has served on several National Association of Bar Executives and Florida Bar committees.
over the years and was also a PAR Consultant for the ABA. She has been associated with the Florida Council of Bar Executives, serving as a member and in each officer position since 1982. She has formerly served as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Palm Beach County and is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach County Bar Association has a membership of 2,950 and a staff of five full-time employees and one part-time employee and has a budget of just over $1,000,000 per year. Patience is married to Tom, a CPA and has two children, 28 and 24. Email her at pburns@palmbeachbar.org

Thomas Campbell is the Chief Growing Officer and founder of lawgrow.com. lawgrow’s mandate is to help attorneys relate better to their clients and centers of influence. By realizing that one-on-one interactions matter just as much as the advertising, Thomas takes an integrated approach to the communication needs of his clients. He is studying Communication and Mass Communications at the University of South Florida. Visit www.lawgrow.com to learn more.

Denise D. Corin is an Associate Director of Career Development at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center. Denise provides career related resources, strategies and guidance to law students and alumni, through counseling and programming, to help achieve optimum career development and satisfaction in the legal profession. Denise can be reached at 954-262-6125 or corind@nsu.law.nova.edu.

Jane Elizabeth Curran is the Executive Director of the Orlando based Florida Bar Foundation, which is the administrator of Florida’s Interest on Trust Accounting program. Jane joined the Foundation in June 1982, having moved to Orlando from Washington, D.C. where she was the Assistant Director of the Consortium of Universities of the District of Columbia. Prior to that, she served in several capacities including Assistant to the Executive Director of the American Judicature Society in Chicago. Jane has served on the board of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association and chaired its personnel committee. She served on the ABA IOLTA Commission, was vice chair of its Technical Assistance Committee, and is a past president and board member of the National Association of IOLTA Programs. She also is a past president of the National Conference of Bar Foundations. She served for several years on the design team for the joint ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, and served as a member of the ABA Law Day Working Group and Ad Hoc Committee on State Justice Initiatives. She currently serves as Chair of the Florida Philanthropic Network. Reach Jane at 800-541-2195 or jane@flabarfdn.org.

Sean T. Desmond graduated from the Florida State University, College of Law in 2000 and joined the Second Circuit State Attorney’s Office where he tried cases ranging from misdemeanors to felonies. From 2004-2009, he entered private practice. He currently is Chief Assistant State Attorney for Wakulla County, FL. Sean has served as President of the Midtown Merchants Association and on the boards for Big Brothers Big Sisters and for the Young Actors Theatre. He is currently serving as the president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division for The Florida Bar. Email Sean at desmonds@leoncountyfl.gov.

Eric Paul Engel has provided organizational learning and communication development services for over a decade to private, government, and non-profit organizations, including the Pentagon’s Information Technology Agency, Purdue University, University of Missouri, and Ringling College of Art + Design. A prolific writer and orator, he has facilitated more than 750 workshops, seminars and classes. He attended Purdue University, where he earned a master’s degree in Communication with a concentration in Organizational Communication, as well as the University of Virginia, where he received a bachelor’s degree in Rhetoric & Communication. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in Communication at the University of South Florida. He may be reached at e@ketchcom.net.

Kristina Feil, CMM, is Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Meetings at Sea, Inc., a niche firm of travel professionals specializing in corporate programs at sea including private charters. Kristina has been an active member of Meeting Professionals International (MPI) South Florida chapter since January 2006 and most recently served as the Vice President of Member Care on the SFMPI Board of Directors. She served on the 2009 MPI SEC educational conference planning committee and was the chair of “Stay and Play” activities for planners wanting to learn more about South Florida. Kristina has expanded her event management skills by obtaining her CMM designation, MPI’s highest-level global certification in Strategic Meetings Management. Recently Kristina became a Founding Board Member of the Florida/Caribbean chapter of GMIC (Green Meetings Industry Council). Kristina joined forces with The Langhome Group’s CruiseOne of Stuart in 2005 after working for 12 years as a freelance corporate public speaker, trainer and facilitator for Fortune 500 businesses. Kristina graduated with top honors from the University of Florida with a major in marketing and a minor in computer programming. After graduation, she moved to Kuwait with her husband and was employed in an architectural firm as a computer programmer.

Karen France was a 15-year veteran of the Indiana State Bar Association staff before becoming Executive Director of the Clearwater Bar Association and Clearwater Bar Foundation in 1997. In 2002, she earned the designation Certified Association Executive accorded by the American Society of Association Executives signifying excellence in association management. She is on the Program Committee of the National Association of Bar Executives, currently serves as the vice chair of The Florida Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service Committee, as a member of its Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee and is secretary of the Florida Council of Bar Executives. She is also on the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees for the Florida Society of Association Executives. A graduate of Indiana University, when she isn’t keeping Clearwater Bar volunteers busy she enjoys her passion of cycling. To contact Karen, email her at kfrance@clearwaterbar.org.

Thomas A. Genung, Trial Court Administrator for the 19th Judicial Circuit, received his bachelor’s degree in forestry from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1984 and his law degree from the City University of New York Law School in 1989. A member of The Florida Bar since 1989, he has been trained as a mediator and as a peacemaker. He has made a career of working in the public interest, including positions with The Con-
Art Goldberg has worked since 1982 for organizations in the non-profit sector in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, including the March of Dimes, Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, and United Way. He has been Executive Director of Broward County Bar Association since 2001. He has a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Baltimore and a master’s in Fine Arts and Creative Writing from Florida Atlantic University. Email Art at artg@browardbar.org.

Melanie Griffin is an associate attorney in the Commercial Litigation Department at Dean Mead. She is a member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors of the Young Lawyers Division (Executive Board and Law School Division Chair), Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers (President-Elect), and Orange County Bar Association - Young Lawyers’ Section (Executive Board Member). Recently, Melanie has been the recipient of the following awards and honors: 2010 Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2010 Legal Elite Up and Comer, 2010 Florida Association for Women Lawyers Leader in the Law Award, and the 2009 Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Most Productive Young Lawyer Award. Contact her at mgriffin@deanmead.com.

Michelle Ku is an Assistant General Counsel for Student Legal Services at the University of Central Florida. She received a bachelor’s degree in English from Cornell University and a law degree from University of Pennsylvania. She has devoted most of her career to working in the public interest. Prior to joining UCF, Michelle worked as a senior attorney for a legal services program representing the indigent in Orange County, Florida. She also was the department chair of a paralegal studies program. Michelle is very active in voluntary bar and civic activities, with a particular focus on diversity issues. She has served on the Florida Supreme Court’s Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity since 2004, and formerly chaired the Equal Opportunities Law Section of the Florida Bar. Michelle’s email is mich_ku@yahoo.com.

Florida Legal Services, Inc. is the statewide support center for legal aid. As the Pro Bono Director, Sheila Meehan is responsible for working with private law firms and sections of The Florida Bar to develop and coordinate statewide pro bono opportunities and partnerships with legal services programs throughout the state. She also serves as staff to the bar’s Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services. In that capacity, she has been working with members of the committee to launch and promote the One campaign to encourage all Florida attorneys to work on behalf of one pro bono client. Sheila had been a labor union researcher and organizer in Washington, D.C., and was the Pro Bono Administrator at Holland & Knight, LLP for nearly 10 years. Prior to joining FLS, she was the Assistant Director of the Innocence Project of Florida. Sheila may be contacted at sheila@floridalegal.com.

Karyn Linn is the Staff Director for the ABA Division for Bar Services Field Service Program. Karyn travels to bar associations to consult with bar leaders and executive staff about association management issues and best practices, and to share information about ABA resources available to bar associations. She also is the program director for the ABA Bar Leadership Institute and a frequent speaker at bar leadership programs. Karyn began her ABA tenure in 1994 as the Tort and Insurance Practice Section’s CLE Manager. She joined the Division for Bar Services in 1996 as the Field Services Representative. Prior to the ABA, Karyn served for six years as the Assistant Director of CLE at the Chicago Bar Association. Karyn is trained to facilitate strategic planning and leadership development sessions. She is a member of the American Society of Association Executives, Association Forum of Chicagoland and National Association of Bar Executives. Contact Karen at klinn@staff.abanet.org.

Madeleine Mannello is the immediate past president and a founding member of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Miami School of Law. In addition to serving on the YLD’s LSD, Madeleine also served on the UM HOPE Public Interest Leadership Board and participated in the school’s mock trial team. In addition to today’s panel, Madeleine has appeared alongside Justices Peggy Quince and Raoul Cantero in a panel, entitled “It’s More than Grades: Matching Law School Preparation with Employers’ Needs” hosted by The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism. Madeleine works as a part-time fitness instructor, is a scuba diver and dog-lover.

A former Chief Justice and founder of Justice Teaching, Justice R. Fred Lewis was appointed to the Supreme Court of Florida on December 7, 1998. While serving as Chief Justice he founded the Justice Teaching program that now has over 3,900 volunteer lawyers and judges placed with and active in Florida public schools to enhance civic and law-related education. As Chief Justice he also convened the first commission and statewide all-branch mental health summit which developed and proposed a unified and comprehensive plan to address the increasing needs with the intersection of mental illness and the justice system. He also attempted to provide greater public access to justice for the disabled by mandating a survey and audit of all court facilities in Florida through a task force of professional-
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The Florida Bar 2010 Voluntary Bar Association Diversity Leadership Grants

The purpose of this voluntary bar association grant program is to support initiatives and programs which encourage diversity, diversity training and dialogue among lawyers in Florida through financial support of conferences, seminars, summits and symposia planned and hosted by local and specialty bar associations.

A total of $50,000 is available to award to voluntary bar associations with individual grants up to $1,500 and up to $3,000 to multiple voluntary bars working together on a project. Funding priority will be given to coalitions of local bar associations within circuits, districts or geographic regions of the state. Bar associations are limited to one application/project per year.

Grants will be awarded to underwrite multi-hour, half-day, full-day or multi-day diversity conferences designed to:

- Foster an inclusive environment in which lawyers, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability are motivated to succeed professionally and contribute to the goals of their profession; and/or
- Increase knowledge and awareness of diversity and cultural competency; and/or
- Increase participation, retention and representation in local and specialty voluntary bars; and/or
- Improve diversity in legal education, employment, the judiciary and The Florida Bar.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must be voluntary bar associations headquartered and operating in Florida.

The project described in the grant application form and the request for funding must have received approval by the voluntary bar association’s governing board.

The project for which funds are requested must be educational in nature and open for attendance by Florida Bar members, legal paraprofessionals and Florida law school students.

Application Process

The application and additional instructions are available on The Florida Bar website at www.floridabar.org/voluntarybars.

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