

The Florida Bar Board of Governors  
March 23, 2018  
Ritz-Carlton Hotel  
Sarasota, Florida

**1.Roll Call**

Michael J. Higer, President  
Michelle Renee Suskauer, President-elect  
Stephen H. Echsner, 1st Circuit  
Lawrence E. Sellers, Jr., 2nd Circuit  
Melissa VanSickle, 2nd Circuit  
Bruce W. Robinson, 3rd Circuit  
Michael G. Tanner, 4th Circuit  
Renée E. Thompson, 5th Circuit  
Joshua T. Chilson, 6th Circuit  
Sandra Fascell Diamond, 6th Circuit  
Sam Nicholas Masters, 7th Circuit  
Stephanie M. Marchman, 8th Circuit  
Mary Ann Morgan, 9th Circuit  
Julia L. Frey, 9th Circuit  
Wayne L. Helsby, 9th Circuit  
C. Richard Nail, 10th Circuit  
Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr., 11th Circuit  
Dori Foster-Morales, 11th Circuit  
Leslie J. Lott, 11th Circuit  
Deborah B. Baker-Egozi, 11th Circuit  
Dennis G. Kainen, 11th Circuit  
Steven W. Davis, 11th Circuit  
John H. (Jack) Hickey, 11th Circuit  
F. Scott Westheimer, 12th Circuit  
Thomas Roe Bopp, 13th Circuit  
Amy S. Farrior, 13th Circuit  
Michael S. Hooker, 13th Circuit  
Margaret Diane Mathews, 13th Circuit  
John W. (Jay) Manuel, 14th Circuit  
Robin I. Bresky, 15th Circuit  
Adam T. Rabin, 15th Circuit  
Ronald P. Ponzoli, Jr., 15th Circuit  
Wayne LaRue Smith, 16th Circuit  
Jay Kim, 17th Circuit  
Diana Santa Maria, 17th Circuit  
Lorna E. Brown-Burton, 17th Circuit  
Jay Cohen, 17th Circuit  
Marcy Lynn Shaw, 20th Circuit  
E. Duffy Myrtetus, Out of State

Ian M. Comisky, Out of State  
Eric L. Meeks, Out of State  
Brian D. Burgoon, Out of State  
Zackary T. Zuroweste, YLD President  
Christian P. George, YLD President-elect  
Lawrence W. Tyree, Public Member  
Sharon B. Middleton, Public Member

**Members Absent**

Fred. D. Franklin, Jr., 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
Gary Lesser, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
Adam G. Rabinowitz, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
O. John J. Alpizar, 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
John M. Stewart, 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
Laird A. Lile, 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit

**2. Staff in Attendance**

Joshua Doyle, Executive Director  
Patrick L. (Booter) Imhoff, General Counsel  
John Berry, Director, Legal Division  
Lori Holcomb, Division Director, Ethics and Consumer Protection  
Terry Hill, Director of Program Division  
Cynthia Jackson, Director of Administration  
Adria Quintela, Director, Lawyer Regulation  
Francine Walker, Director, Public Information and Bar Services  
Kathy Bible, Disciplinary Procedure Committee Counsel  
Elizabeth Clark Tarbert, Ethics Counsel  
Rosalyn A. Scott, Assistant to the President  
Jim Ash, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News

**3. Guests**

David Aronberg, Government Lawyer Representative  
Andrew Sasso, Board Parliamentarian  
Ashlee Pouncy, President, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, National Bar Association  
Jorge Piedra, President, Cuban American Bar Association

**4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Westheimer delivered the invocation and board member Tyree led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Introduction, Welcome**

Board member Westheimer introduced the Honorable Charles E. Williams, Chief Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Judge Williams welcomed board members to a “circus town,” founded on entertainment, praised the Bar’s focus on diversity, and said more needs to be done.

## **6. Approval of Roll Call Grievance Items**

Board member Helsby announced there were no non-roll call grievance items and the board unanimously approved the roll call items on the grievance agenda.

## **7. Guest Appearances**

Cuban American Bar Association President Piedra described his group's energetic pro bono service and scholarship fund-raising. Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association President Pouncy said Volume 2, "Florida's First Black Lawyers," which will cover the years 1980-1989, will be released at a Legacy Gala in June at the Bar's Annual Convention in Orlando. President Higer urged all members to attend.

## **8. Minutes Approval**

The board by voice vote approved the minutes from its January 26, 2018, meeting in Tallahassee. That approval also ratified the following actions taken by the Executive Committee since that meeting:

- At a January 22, 2018, meeting the Executive Committee voted 12-0 to make a joint filing with the Court Interpreter Certification Board and Committee to modify an earlier filing with the court on Rules of Judicial Administration affecting court interpreters and interpreting services because some issues need further study. The action also requests a 12-month pilot program to research the impact of some of the changes. The vote sought to withdraw Rules 2.430 and 2.535 amendments, withdraw and delete Rule 2.560(e)(4) and amendments, and maintain and renumber as appropriate amendments to Rules 2.560(a), 2.560(e)(5), and 2.565(1).

- At a February 5, 2018, meeting, the Executive Committee voted 10-0 not to prohibit the Young Lawyers Division from opposing Proposal 47 pending before the Constitution Revision Commission which would require lawyers be Bar members for 10 years before becoming trial judges. The committee also voted 10-0 not to prohibit the Trial Lawyers Section from supporting Proposal 47. The committee voted 10-0 not to prohibit the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section from opposing Proposal 30 at the CRC which would amend Art. 1, Sec. 2, which among other things prevents the removal of property, inheritance, ownership, or disposition rights because of mental disability. The current section prohibits the impingement of those rights because of physical disability and the proposed amendment removes the word "physical."

- On February 23, 2018, the Executive Committee voted 12-0 to purchase for \$1,895 a new domain name for the Bar's Practice Resource Institute in line with a recommended change in name proposed by the Program Evaluation Committee.

- At a February 27, 2018, meeting, the Executive Committee forwarded to the Board of Governors slates of nominees recommended by the board's six screening committees for upcoming vacancies on the state's judicial nominating commissions. The action did not include nominees for the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit JNC which did not have the minimum six applicants needed.

- At a March 2, 2018, meeting the Executive Committee reviewed a list of recommended nominees for appointment to upcoming vacancies on the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission as recommended by the appropriate Board of Governors screening committee. The Executive Committee voted 12-0 to forward the six names to the Board of Governors.

### **9. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The board approved the consent agenda including these items:

- Appointing Alicia Dawn Carothers as an attorney member to the UPL Committee 14, Sean J. Greene as an attorney member to UPL Committee 19, Stephanie Cloutier as a public member to UPL Committee 13A, and Leslie Moreau as a public member to UPL Committee 13B.
- Approving the Secretary's Certificate for modifications to The Florida Bar Pension Plan.
- Approving a plan under Chapter 9 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar as recommended by the Prepaid Legal Service Committee for legal services plan submitted by the Southern Baptist Association.
- Approving appointing to the Legal Services of North Florida Board of Directors Nicholas Youtz and Michael Hamby for terms ending May 31, 2021.
- Approving the members of the International Litigation and Arbitration Certification Committee: Edward Mullins, chair; Annette Escobar, vice chair; Gary Davidson, Robert Kobert, Luis Konski, Clement Reetz, Effie Silva, Gilbert Squires, and Stephen Zack.

### **10. Special Committee on the 2017 Constitution Revision Commission Report**

Chair Diamond reported the CRC's March 13 final public hearing drew approximately 1,200 residents to the University of South Florida/St. Petersburg Campus. At the subsequent full commission meeting, commissioners rejected gun-control amendments to P-3, which was prompted by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. She said 13 of 36 remaining proposals have Article V implications. The board approved the report unanimously.

### **11. Legislative Committee Report**

Board member Tanner reported that the Legislature adjourned March 11. Legislative consultant Jim Daughton reported on the failure of HB-753, which would have eliminated the Bar's authority to recommend judicial nominating commission members to the Governor. He said trial court budget cuts were restored and the state will continue to pay for Bar fees and CLE for government lawyers.

### **12. President's Report on Board Election Results**

President Higer announced the following Board of Governor's Election Results:

First Circuit: A runoff between Jeremy C. Branning and Joseph Passeretti; Third Circuit incumbent Bruce Robinson, winner; Fourth Circuit winner, Michael Orr; Eleventh Circuit runoff between Jordan Dresnick and Patrick Montoya; Thirteenth Circuit, winner Paige Greenlee; Seventeenth Circuit, winner Hilary Creary; Eighteenth Circuit, winner, James (Jim) Vickaryous; Nineteenth Circuit, winner Gregory Weiss.

### **13. Elections Committee Report**

The board voted 33-11 to waive first reading and publication and to approve Standing Board Policy 2.20. Committee member Lott said the voluntary best practices, which apply only to The Florida Bar president-elect and board of governor races, call on candidates to maintain the highest standards of propriety and honesty while limiting unsolicited campaign communications.

### **14. Tax Section Report**

Section Chair Schimmel said every lawyer should “re-examine the form and structure” of his or her private practice following the recent federal tax code overhaul. He said the section sponsors 12 hours of free, member-only CLE per year and assembled a tax reform task force over the summer to respond to the new regulations. The section has 2,000 members but could not decide if that is an appropriate size. The board approved the section report unanimously.

### **15. Member Farewell, Jay Cohen**

Cohen praised the board for its 52, “strong independent voices,” and the cooperation and friendship he enjoyed while serving on it. He urged his colleagues not to fear challenging the majority whenever they feel it necessary.

### **16. Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics**

Chair Hooker gave the committee’s report:

(a) Proposed amendment to rule 4-7.14, final action. The BRCPE voted 9-0 on February 14, 2018 to recommend that the Board of Governors adopt amendments to Rule 4-07.14(a) and comment that addresses use of “specialist” and “expert” by lawyers and law firms who are not board certified to conform to federal court order in *Searcy v. Florida Bar* as directed by the Supreme Court of Florida in In re Amendments to Rules Regulating Florida Bar (Biennial Petition), No. SC16-1961, 42 Fla. L. Weekly S903, (Fla. Nov. 9, 2017). Amendments adopt new subdivisions (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), and (a)(8), providing that lawyers and law firms may use “specialist,” “expert” and their variations only if they can objectively that they meet or exceed the standards under the Florida Certification Plan in Chapter 6 and include disclaimers when they are not certified under specified circumstances. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics approved further non-substantive changes 8-0 on March 22, 2018. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics requested the Board of Governors waive first reading and publication at least two weeks in advance of the Board of Governors meeting. The Board of Governors unanimously approved the Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics recommendation on a voice vote.

(b) Proposed Advisory Opinion 17-2 Lawyer Referral Service Payments. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics voted 8-0 on March 22, 2018 to recommend that the Board of Governors direct the committee to republish the board’s request to draft a proposed advisory opinion (numbered 17-2 if adopted) addressing how a qualifying provider may be paid, in compliance with Rules 4-7.22 and 4-5.4, which prohibit a lawyer referral service from being paid in any manner that constitutes an improper division of legal fees with a nonlawyer. Amendments to Rule 4-7.22 will go into effect on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 that change terminology from lawyer referral service to qualifying provider and expand the definition. The Board of Governor’s approved the recommendation to republish on voice vote without objection.

(c) Request Amendment to Rule 4-7.13. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics chair reported that the committee heard numerous comments regarding a Florida Bar member request that the Bar propose an amendment to Rule 4-7.13, adding new subdivision (c) and new commentary that would state it is inherently misleading or deceptive for a lawyer to intentionally use, or arrange for the use of, the name of a lawyer not in the same firm or the name of another law firm as words or phrases that trigger the display of the lawyer's advertising on the Internet or other media, including directly or through a group advertising program. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics deferred this item for lack of time.

(d) Proposed amendment to Rule 4-7.22 on lawyer referral services at the direction of the Supreme Court of Florida. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics reported that it voted 6-2 to approve amendments to Rule 4-7.22, adding new subdivision (d)(5) at the direction of the Supreme Court of Florida to prohibit lawyers from participating with a qualifying provider that refers or attempts to refer clients to both a lawyer or any other person, entity or service for any type of professional service arising from the same incident, transaction, or circumstance. The Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics also reported that it voted 8-0 to recommend that the Bar's petition indicate the Bar has concerns with the Court's directive, point out the length of time since the issuance of the report of the Special Committee on Lawyer Referral Services on which the court's directive is based, and ask that the Court allow its full comment period on this case. The Board of Governors received this item on first reading, with final action to be taken at the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board meeting.

### **17. Program Evaluation Committee Report**

Chair Thompson asked for a two-thirds vote to waive notice of a bylaw amendment for the Workers Compensation Section that was unanimously approved December 7, 2017 and that the Rules Committee unanimously approved December 11, 2017 but was mistakenly not published in the *Bar News*. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion and waive notice requirements.

13d (1-2) Evaluation of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The board voted unanimously to approve the PEC report and its recommendations, which include forming an executive subcommittee that will establish annual concrete deliverables for objectives and subcommittees; appointing a legal service representative. (e.g. paralegal,) to the executive subcommittee; establish a new member orientation session at the Annual Bar Convention.

13b (1-5) Evaluation of Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. The board voted unanimously to approve the report and its recommendations, including establishing regular joint meetings with The Florida Bar and the Florida Board of Bar Examiners (FBBE); that representatives of the FLA board undertake to attend the annual FBBE board meeting/policy retreat held each June; that FLA attempt to address each entering class of all Florida law schools; and FLA update its website.

13c (1-4) Evaluation of Practice Resource Institute. The board voted unanimously to approve the report and its recommendations, including maximizing existing the complementary CLE library to include programs on law office/law practice management; rebrand the institute as "Legal Fuel" and to rename the program, "Practice Resource Center of The Florida Bar;" to refer a recommendation for the establishment of a universal help desk to the Board of Governor's Committee on Technology after the subcommittee determined the scope is too large for its jurisdiction.

### **18. Member Benefits Committee Recommendations**

Board liaison Thompson sought approval to add Amazon Business Solutions to the suite of Florida Bar member benefits. She said the product is similar to Amazon Prime but designed for office use and office products. Thompson also proposed approval of Page Vault, which allows attorneys to save and print web content. The board voted unanimously to approve the motions.

### **19. Labor and Employment Law Section Report**

Chair Zascha Blanco Abbott reported that the section has five CLEs and webinars planned throughout the year. She said the section is strengthening its relationship with the judiciary through a CLE program for judges. The next CLE is in Marco Island in June and a long-range planning retreat in April will discuss strategies for strengthening member communication.

### **20. Budget Committee Report**

Chairman Davis requested approval of a \$650,000 amendment to the 2017-18 budget to increase an existing \$350,000 budget allocation for outside legal counsel to \$1 million for ongoing litigation. The board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Davis reported that at the end of January, The Florida Bar was on track related to the budget and is expected to experience a slight deficit this year. He said Florida Bar fees are second-lowest in the nation and were increased only twice in 28 years, rising in 1990 from \$140 to \$190, and to \$265 in 2001. Chair-elect Thompson presented the proposed budget for FY 18-19 which will continue the current operating revenue of \$40.8 million. Other than a minor increase in fee revenues and a \$2 million increase in investment earnings, revenues will remain flat, Thompson said. Operating expenses are proposed at \$44.6 million, about \$1.2 million more this year due mostly to a \$500,000 increase in outside counsel, \$200,000 more than this year's expenditures for technology upgrades and the client security fund contribution was increased by \$500,000. A \$1.7 million operating loss is \$30,000 more than projected for this year but still leaves the fund balance well within the established reserve range, Thompson said. The board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed FY 2018-19 budget.

### **21. Investment Committee Report**

Chair Comisky said the committee has held two conference calls with the advisors since January, agreeing to reduce investment risk by converting some assets to cash. Despite market volatility, Bar investments are performing well, Comisky said. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the long-term account was \$51.5 million. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, it was \$53.3 million.

### **22. Audit Committee Report**

Chair Myrtetus said President Higer is committed to leaving a "clean audit" when leadership transitions to President-elect Suskauer this summer. He said auditors continue to meet regularly with Bar staff and will be performing some additional work related to contracted services and IT security upgrades. In addition, Myrtetus reported that one of the new IT initiatives underway relates to digital access and archiving of the Bar Journal and TFB News.

### **23. Special Appointments, Judicial Nominating Commissions**

Chair Brown-Burton moved, and the board unanimously approved, nomination of the following candidates: **Florida Supreme Court:** Cynthia G. Angelos, Raol Cantero, Barbara Eagan, Juliet Roulhac, Hala Sandridge, William Schifino. **First DCA:** Diane DeWolf, Richard Doran, Earl Googe, Jr., Mohammad Jazil, Jeffrey Regan, Brande Smith. **Second DCA:** Robert Biasotti, Thomas Burns, Kristie Hatcher-Bolin, Antina Mobely, Murray Silverstein, Bart Valdes. **Third DCA:** Jeffrey Bass, Christina Ceballos-Levy, Glenn Falk, Eric Hernandez, Robert Klein, Effie Silva. **Fourth DCA:** Joseph Farina, David Keller, Ellen Leibovitch, Mark Miller, Anita Paoli, Kara Rockenbach. **Fifth DCA:** Vincent Citro, David de Armas, Jennifer Dixon, Michael Marder, Stephanie St. Louis, Tad Yates. **First Circuit:** David Dunkerley, Michael Griffith, Kristin Haul, Dana Matthews, Anne “Amy” McBride, Gary Shipman. **Second Circuit:** Audra Bryant, William Davis, Hayden Dempsey, Erik “Rick” Figlio, Christi Gray, John Marsey. **Third Circuit:** Carey Carmichael, Jr., John Joyce, James McCain, Perry Morrison, Tisheena Rickerson, Lucas Taylor. **Fourth Circuit:** Henry “Chip” Bachara, Jr., Charles Cofer, Clyde Davis, Courtney Grimm, Carla Newman, Mitchell Stone. **Fifth Circuit:** Mark Brionez, Gregory Harrell, Timothy McCourt, Charles Ruse, Jr., Kevin Stone, Dusty L. Twyman-Morey. **Sixth Circuit:** Erin Barnett, Donald Crowell, Jamie Girgenti, Lynn Hanshaw, Elizabeth Jack, Maribeth Wetzel. **Seventh Circuit:** Linda Matthews, Larry Smith, Ingrid Osborn, Raven Sword, Matthew Welch, Drew Williams. **Eighth Circuit:** Candice Brower, Norm Fugate, Leonard Ireland, Jr., Peggy-Anne Connor, Terry Silverman, Stuart Walker. **Ninth Circuit:** Min Cho, Mary Etzler, Thomas Feiter, Hal Litchford, Gary Salzman, William Vose. **Tenth Circuit:** Patrice Behnstedt, Kristen Carlson, Graylin Chastang, Timothy McCausland, Mark Miller, Sherri Scarborough. **Eleventh Circuit:** Loreal Arscott, Scott Dimond, Jude Faccidomo, Gerald Kornreich, Jorge Mestre, Jose Villalobos. **Twelfth Circuit:** Kevin Bruning, Robert Eschenfelder, Kathi Halvorsen, Hunter Norton, Christina Unkel, Varinia Van Ness. **Thirteenth Circuit:** Jeffrey Andersen, Christine Derr, Astrid Guardado, Gregory Hearing, Theresa Coy, Jason Mehta. **Fourteenth Circuit:** Alicia Carothers, John Maceluch, Jr., Colin McMichen, Robert Sale, Douglas Smith, John Whited, IV. **Fifteenth Circuit:** Miriam Acosta-Castriz, Alan Crane, F. Malcolm Cunningham, David Prather, Lawrence Rochefort, Salesia Smith-Gordon. **Sixteenth Circuit:** Roget Bryan, Christopher Deem, Kasey Liberatore, Richard Malafy, Brett Smith, Timothy Thomes. **Seventeenth Circuit:** Vivian Fazio, Douglas McIntosh, Kymberlee Smith, Alice Sum, Robert Vaughan, Frank Walker. **Eighteenth Circuit:** Mariane Dorris, Robert Fisher, Jack Kirschenbaum, Robert Moletteire, Christine Wasula, Jeffrey Weiss. **Nineteenth Circuit:** Barbara Cook, Usha Maharajh, Keri Norbraten, Robert Schwerer, Steven Simon, Jeffrey Vastola. **Twentieth Circuit:** Robert Greene, Aaron Haak, Jeffrey Kuhns, Kenneth Oliver, Joseph Sexton, Andrea Smith.

### **24. Communications Committee Report**

Chair Westheimer said committee members are working with Bar communications staff and redesigning internal web pages, pre-board summaries are being distributed, and he thanked Schwartz Media for help with social media campaigns. A website subcommittee is studying ways to improve lawyer search functions on the Bar website. The committee is putting together social media tips to augment orientation for new board members.



### **25. Special Committee on Trust Accounting Solutions Report**

Chair Sasso said the committee, working with outside counsel, is close to finalizing a contract.

### **26. Remarks, Honorable Greg Steube, Florida Senate District 23**

Board member Westheimer introduced Steube and praised him for using his authority as Judiciary Chairman to protect judicial independence. Steube asked board members to oppose P-39, a government ethics ballot measure proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission that Steube said would create financial disincentives for lawyers, especially sole practitioners, who serve in the Legislature.

### **27. Citizens Advisory Committee**

Chair Brown-Burton said the committee met March 20 and supported the BRCPE's proposed changes to Rule 4-7.14 regarding use of the term "specialist" and "expert" because committee members believed it protect the public from potentially false and misleading advertising. She reported the committee also concluded lawyers should not be allowed to pay for advertising that involves hidden manipulation of search engine results.

### **28. Executive Director Succession Plan Committee Report**

Chair Brown-Burton said the committee plans to ultimately develop an HR personnel rule for dealing with a vacancy in the Bar's Executive Director position. The committee has broken the task into three phases, plan and prepare, proof and screening, and hire and assimilation. The committee hopes to have a plan finalized for verification and approval by the May meeting.

### **29. Young Lawyer Division Report**

President Zuroweste reported that the Health and Wellness Committee is preparing for the Fourth Annual Health and Wellness Month in May. The YLD is assembling profiles of new members and promoting professionalism to law students with short skits of legal hearings featuring local judges and lawyers. YLD governors are promoting the division at local voluntary bar meetings with a three-minute elevator speech, Zuroweste said.

### **30. Special Committee on Mental Health Report**

Board Liaison Foster-Morales said proposed Marchman and Baker Act changes are being studied and legislative recommendations will be presented for board approval within a few months. The committee has begun studying firearm possession and mental health issues.

### **31. Special Committee on Mental Health and Wellness of Florida Lawyers Report**

Chair Foster-Morales said there is now a health and wellness page on The Florida Bar website and continuing education programs are being added. The committee continues to sponsor town hall meetings that are well received by members. A presidential showcase at the Bar's Annual Convention in June will include TED style talks on the mental health and wellness issues. The committee is waiting for approval of a mental health counseling member benefit. A few committee members are becoming certified in mental health first aid training.

### **32. Rules Committee Report**

Chair Shaw presented the following items for First Reading:

i) Bylaw 2-9.8 Practice Resource Institute.

Deletes the bylaw in its entirety.

ii) Rule 4-5.8 Procedures for Lawyers Leaving Law Firms and Dissolution of Law Firms.

Removes reference to the title of specific Bar program from the comment.

iii) Rule 4-8.3 Reporting Professional Misconduct

Removes reference to the title of a specific Bar program.

iv) Rule 4-1.5 Fees and Costs for Legal Services (4-1.5(f)(4)(B)(i)(d))

Within subdivision (f)(4)(B)(i)(d) makes an editorial correction to omit redundant language.

v) Rule 4-1.5 Fees and Costs for Legal Services

Deletes prohibition against charging a service charge for use of a credit plan in (h) and the comment.

vi) Rule 20-3.1 Requirements for Registration

This amendment creates a new subdivision (a)(6), which expands the registration requirement for lawyers licensed in other states.

b. Informational

i) Rule 4-1.5 Fees and Costs for Legal Services

Within subdivision (f)(4)(B)(ii), clarifies the court's role in reviewing petitions to exceed the contingent fee schedule in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

### **33. Executive Session**

The board went into executive session to discuss grievances and other matters.

### **34. Time and Place of Next Meeting**

There being no further business before this board, President Higer adjourned the meeting. The next board meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> in Key West.

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