

The mission of the Standing Committee on Professionalism is to assist the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, The Florida Bar, and The Florida Bar's Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism in implementing programs, events, and activities to promote professionalism throughout the state. This year, the committee was divided into several working groups that took on specific tasks.

- *Awards Working Group* — Led by Chair Judge Frances Perrone, this group oversaw the entire process leading up to the selection of all three major professionalism award recipients, including the William M. Hoeveler Judicial Award, the Law Faculty/Administrator Award, and the Group Professionalism Award. Additionally, the working group developed a strategy to promote and educate members of the Bar about the awards, reviewed nominations, and made recommendations to the full standing committee regarding selected recipients.
- *Circuit Professionalism Working Group* — Chaired by Judge Caroline Tesche Arkin, this working group was responsible for collecting and compiling the circuit professionalism reports from each of Florida's twenty judicial circuits. The reports were submitted to Justice R. Fred Lewis, chair of the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. The group reviewed the reports from the prior year and considered changes and additions to the forms. Group members were assigned to circuits and ensured that these reports were collected and summarized for use by the Center. The information from these reports is invaluable to the bench and the Bar in measuring the effectiveness of professionalism programs and efforts around the state.
- *Education and Resources Working Group* — This working group, led by Chair Howard Marsee, has been supplying the Center with articles and personal submissions for use in *The Professional*, the Center's tri-annual newsletter, and on the Henry Latimer Professionalism Library Guide. This year, the use of a theme for each newsletter produced more article submissions and subscribers.
- *Young Lawyers Working Group* — Chaired by Jennifer Smith, this working group promoted the 2016 Law Student Professionalism YouTube Contest at all the law schools in the state. This contest advances the professionalism expectations through role-playing videos to be used in training by the Center. In addition, the working group supported the YLD Law Student Division in professionalism programs.
- *Professionalism Symposium Working Group* — The Professionalism Symposium Working Group chaired by Whitney Untiedt, organized a multi-faceted symposium titled *Putting the "Pro" in Professionalism* held at the Hilton West Palm Beach on Friday, April 21. The symposium focused on discovering professionalism from within through core soft skills training. Presenters included Past President Eugene Pettis, Professor Scott Rogers from the University of Miami College of Law, and Dr. Mimi Hull of Hull and Associates. The symposium was taped and will be available for purchase on The Florida Bar's CLE page.
- *Stakeholders Workshop Committee* — This group was formed to address professionalism issues among Florida law school students and recent graduates. The vision of the committee is to

conduct a workshop as an informal gathering of persons who work directly with law students in helping them develop, understand, or apply professionalism. The workshop is slated for fall 2017.

I personally express my gratitude to all the Standing Committee on Professionalism members and the Center's staff members for their hard work this year. Professionalism is and continues to be a major emphasis in Florida and it is due to these hardworking committee members that we can make great strides in advancing and protecting the legal profession.

Tim Chinaris, *Chair*