

The Florida Bar Board of Governors
February 8, 2019
Doubletree Hotel
Tallahassee, Florida

1. Roll Call

Michelle Renee Suskauer, President
John M. Stewart, President-Elect
Jeremy C. Branning, 1st Circuit
Lawrence E. Sellers, Jr., 2nd Circuit
Melissa VanSickle, 2nd Circuit
Bruce W. Robinson, 3rd Circuit
Michael Fox Orr, 4th Circuit
Michael G. Tanner, 4th Circuit
Renée E. Thompson, 5th Circuit
Joshua T. Chilson, 6th Circuit
Sam Nicholas Masters, 7th Circuit
Stephanie M. Marchman, 8th Circuit
Thomas P. Wert, 9th Circuit
Julia L. Frey, 9th Circuit
Wayne L. Helsby, 9th Circuit
Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr., 11th Circuit
Dori Foster-Morales, 11th Circuit
Jordan A. Dresnick, 11th Circuit
Deborah B. Baker-Egozi, 11th Circuit
Jeffrey Rynor, 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
Margaret Diane Mathews, 13th Circuit
Paige A. Greenlee, 13th Circuit
Michael P. Dickey, 14th Circuit
R. Sia Baker-Barnes, 15th Circuit
Ronald P. Ponzoli, Jr., 15th Circuit
Gary S. Lesser, 15th Circuit
Wayne LaRue Smith, 16th Circuit
Jay Kim, 17th Circuit
Lorna E. Brown-Burton, 17th Circuit
Hilary Creary, 17th Circuit
James G. Vickaryous, 18th Circuit
Gregory S. Weiss, 19th Circuit
Laird A. Lile, 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
Christian P. George, Young Lawyers Division President
Santo DiGangi, Young Lawyers Division President-Elect
Lawrence W. Tyree, Public Member
Sharon B. Middleton, Public Member

Members Absent

Sandra Fascell Diamond, 6th Circuit
C. Richard Nail, 10th Circuit
Robin I. Bresky, 15th Circuit
Diana Santa Maria, 17th Circuit
Adam G. Rabinowitz, 17th Circuit
Marcy Lynn Shaw, 20th Circuit

2. Staff in Attendance

Joshua Doyle, Executive Director
John Berry, Director, Legal Division
Lori Holcomb, Division Director, Ethics and Consumer Protection
Cynthia Jackson, Division Director, Administration and CFO
Rick Courtemanche, Deputy General Counsel
Terry Hill, Director, Program Division
Richard Ramsey, Bar IT Director
Francine Walker, Director, Public Information and Bar Services
Adria Quintela, Staff Counsel, Lawyer Regulation
Will Spillias, Unlicensed Practice of Law Counsel
Kathy Bible, Rules and Disciplinary Procedure Committee Counsel
Elizabeth Clark Tarbert, Ethics Counsel
Homer Franklin, Manager of Facilities, Grounds, and Security
George Jones, Director of Print Shop Operations
Wallace Saunders, CLE Electronic Production Director
Lani Fraser, Program Analyst, Programs Division
Chelsea Chick, Editorial Assistant, Legal Publications
Chris Mitchell, Legal Secretary, Legal Division
Annemarie Craft, Lead Attorney, ACAP
Mark Hohmeister, Public Information Coordinator
Jennifer Krell Davis, Assistant Director, Public Information and Bar Services
Melanie Woodall, Administrative Assistant, UPL
Stacey Thrash, Administrative Assistant, Clients' Security Fund
Roselyn A. Scott, Assistant to the President
Kirsten Wilson, Assistant to the Executive Director
Mark Killian, Editor, Florida Bar Journal & News
Melinda Melendez, Managing Editor, Florida Bar Journal
Jim Ash, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News
Gary Blankenship, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News

3. Guests

Jenny Richardson, President, Florida Association of Women Lawyers
Lawshanda K. Jackson, President, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, National Bar Association
David Aronberg, Government Lawyer Representative
Judge Joey Williams, Conference of County Court Judges
Andy Sasso, Parliamentarian

4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Wayne Smith delivered the invocation and board members Larry Sellers and Melissa VanSickle led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Welcome by Mary Barzee Flores

Flores, the Deputy Commissioner for Consumer Affairs at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, welcomed the board to Tallahassee. She said many people don't realize that the extensive nature of the consumer affairs part of the department affects most Floridians. She invited input from board members about consumer matters.

6. Minutes approval

The regular and grievance minutes from the board's December 14 meeting in Naples were unanimously approved. The vote included ratifying the following Executive Committee actions taken since the December meeting:

- On January 9, 2019, the Executive Committee voted 12-0 to accept the recommendation of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section to appoint Colleen Sachs to fill the vacant First District Court of Appeal jurisdiction seat on the Florida Realtor-Attorney Joint Committee.
- On January 25, 2019, the Executive Committee voted 11-0 to approve the request of the Tax Section to file an amicus brief, at the request of the First District Court of Appeal, in *Crapo v. Academy for Five Element Acupuncture, Inc.*

7. Consent Agenda Approval

President Suskauer announced that consent agenda items 5d(ii)(a)-(d) were being removed. The board approved the remainder of the consent agenda. The approval included:

- Appointing Amy K. Chapman as a public member to UPL Committee 9B, Mary Elizabeth Kramer as an attorney member and Michelle Merilus and Deirdre Mirmelli as public members to UPL Committee 11D, Jeremie Ayala as a public member to UPL Committee 18A, and Chris Marshall as a public member to UPL Committee 19.

- Agreed not to oppose the following legislative positions sought by the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section.

- Support replacing mandatory presuit arbitration with the Division of Condominiums for certain disputes between a condominium association and unit owner with mandatory presuit private mediation, including a change to Florida Statutes 34.01, 718.013, 718.112, 718.117, 718.1255, 718.303, 720.303, 720.306, and 720.311.

- Support a proposed amendment to Section 719.103(25), Florida Statutes, to provide much needed clarification and guidance regarding the inurement of the constitutional exemption from creditors' claims upon the death of a Florida resident who owns a leasehold cooperative unit.

- (Modified position, excised language is stricken through, new language is

underlined.) Oppose proposed legislation that would allow banks or other financial institutions in Florida to distribute funds from any account in the name of the decedent (with no pay-on-death or survivor designation) in the absence of an appropriate probate proceeding or other court proceeding, specifically including HB 1241/SB 892 unless safeguards are put in place to protect the rights and interests of persons rightfully entitled to the proceeds, the constitutional rights of the decedent to direct the disposition of his or her property, and the rights of creditors to recover debts through a probate proceeding.

8. Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Chair Larry Tyree had attending committee members introduce themselves to the board: Sylvia Carra-Hahn, Maggie Davis, Mary Ann Morgan, Steve Maxwell, and Louis Kalivoda. Tyree said the committee would be getting five new public members next year and he asked board members to recommend applicants. The committee is completing its main charge for the year, from President Suskauer, to identify ways that the public can become involved in Bar and legal system activities, and he said a report should be ready for the board in May. If approved, the committee will follow that up next year with disseminating that information to the public.

9. Budget Committee Report

Chair Renée Thompson reported that at its meeting on February 6, the committee reviewed the fiscal impact of the proposed rule amendment on the right to an inventory attorney. As a result of the significant fiscal impact on the Bar budget, the Budget Committee has asked the Disciplinary Procedure Committee to review and come up with an implementation plan. The committee approved language on pro hac vice fee structures that will be part of a rule change being considered by the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee. Chair-elect Steve Davis, who oversaw the detailed proposed budget review process, said the 10 committee members met with 38 Bar staffers and reviewed 103 programs in preparation for next year's budget. He reported that the initial proposed operating revenues for 2019-20 will be \$40.5 million with projected investment earnings of \$1.6 million. Expecting operating expenses will be around \$45 million which means, as projected, the Bar will expect a deficit next year. He said staff have been tasked to review certain items and the revised proposed FY 19-20 budget will be presented for Board consideration at the March 29 meeting.

10. Investment Committee Report

Chair Ian Comisky commented on the impact of stock market volatility on the investment portfolio in December but also indicated that December's losses were nearly recouped by gains in January and early February. For the 2019 calendar year, the Bar's long-term investment portfolio was up 7.2 percent, although for the fiscal year the fund is down about 1 percent. Reflecting on the expected cash requirements for the remainder of the year and the possible requirements for next year, now was the time to fund those operations by moving some funds from the Long Term portfolio over into the Short Term portfolio. This is the second such move in the past 18 months. The most recent transfer was for \$2 million in January. The two funds have around \$58 million as of January 31. The committee reviewed investment performance for December and January, and Comisky noted the Bar's diverse range of investments. He said because of the transfer between the two funds transfers and recent returns, the committee was recommending a rebalancing of its long-term investments to stay closer to the targets outlined in investment policy. The recommended changes are to reduce by 0.5 percent equities, and slightly

increase emerging markets and short-term treasuries. The exact adjustments are: sell \$125k Congress Mid Cap Growth; sell \$140k Anchor Mid Cap Value; sell \$160k Clearbridge Small Cap Growth; buy \$195k Lazard Emerging Markets Real Assets; sell \$115k of Tortoise MLP & Pipeline ; buy \$115k of Invesco REIT; sell \$435k of ACL; buy \$435k of Skybridge; sell \$155k of PGIM High Yield bonds; buy \$155k of Galliard Intermediate Fixed Income bonds; and buy \$230k of US Treasuries to mature 12/31/19. The board approved the changes. Comisky said that at the next meeting, the committee will spend some time taking a deeper dive into the performance of the various portfolio managers and consider the managers' economic predictions for the coming year.

11. Audit Report

Chair Duffy Myrtetus said the committee had met on the previous day and completed the annual face-to-face meeting with the Bar's auditors who were overall complimentary of Bar operations. The committee is beginning its biannual review of Bar policies, he said, and the annual audit was filed with the Supreme Court in January. The Bar did an IT review in 2017 and a few recommendations are still being addressed, mostly relating to disaster testing and recovery and security testing procedures that continue to require modification as the entire system continues to be re-engineered. The Bar is nearing the end of a five-year plan to migrate Bar operations from its old AS400 system, but a few projects remain, Mrytetus said. Overall, 21 projects have been completed, 14 are in some active stage of implementation, and three are temporarily on hold.

12. Administrative Law Section Report

Chair and administrative law Judge Garnett Chisenhall, Jr., said the section is working to boost its membership by reaching out to law students and new lawyers, including with a series of monthly lunchtime seminars at law schools and having more social activities for new lawyers. He also said the section is looking at creating a new certification area focusing exclusively on state administrative law. The present administrative law certification includes state and federal administrative law as well as state and federal common law. The areas covered are so broad, Chisenhall said, that it discourages lawyers from seeking the certification.

13. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Josh Doyle and various Bar division directors introduced several employees who work at the Bar in its diverse operations. Introduced were Bar Journal Managing Editor Melinda Melendez, Public Information Coordinator Mark Hohmeister, Print Shop Director George Jones, Legal Publications Editorial Assistant Chelsea Chick, Programs Division Program Analyst Lani Fraser, Legal Division Legal Secretary Chris Mitchell, ACAP Lead Attorney Annemarie Craft, Disciplinary Procedure Counsel Kathy Bible, UPL Administrative Assistant Melanie Woodall, Clients' Security Fund Administrative Assistant Stacey Thrash, Facilities, Grounds, and Security Manager Homer Franklin, and Wallace Saunders, who provides electronic recording and editing services for CLE programs and has been at the Bar for 50 years. Doyle also reported that the Bar has hired a consultant to interview all Bar employees to explore how to maximize efficiencies and create a better work environment for employees.

14. Legislation Committee Report

Co-chair Gary Lesser said the committee considered four legislation positions requested by the Legal Needs of Children Committee. One request was tabled and the committee voted not to take

action on the other three. The committee recommended, and the board approved, not opposing three section legislative requests:

- The Business Law Section opposing amendments to Section 689.151, Fla. Stat. that would (1) permit an owner of personal property to create a tenancy by the entirety by a direct transfer to the owner and the owner's spouse, notwithstanding the absence of the required common law unities of time and title, and/or (2) change the presumptions to (a) require "clear and convincing" proof that tenancy by entirety was not intended or created, and (b) create a "conclusive presumption" as to the "intent to create a tenancy by the entirety" when a spouse's name is added to an ownership document.

- The Elder Law Section supporting adopting the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act.

- The Trial Lawyers Section supporting passage of the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act (UIDDA). The legislation would amend s. 92.251, Fla. Sta. (the "Uniform Foreign Depositions Law") and will streamline litigation in this state for cases in which witnesses are located in other states. If passed, the legislation would assist attorneys by removing the requirement that an attorney seek permission from the trial court before issuing a subpoena to a witness in another state. Subpoenas would be issued by the clerk of court, for both depositions and if requested, documents for production. An amendment filed by Senator Rodriguez would add a reciprocity requirement. As of this date, 41 states and territories have passed and implemented the UIDDA.

The committee recommended and the board approved the legislative consulting contract between the Tax Section and the Advocacy Group at Cardenas Partners.

Lesser reported that the Bar's Legislative Reception the previous Wednesday evening was a success with over 50 lawmakers attending. Legislative Consultant Aimee Diaz Lyon reported that pre-session legislative committee meetings are well underway and that President Suskauer has held numerous meetings with lawmakers and attended several committee meetings.

Co-Chair Michael Tanner presented one item that the committee recommended for approval and the board unanimously approved: Standing Board Policies - 900 Series: Adds new 9.11 containing definitions of voluntary bar groups, mandatory bar groups, and political. Within Standing Board Policy 9.20, adds new subdivision (a) on applicability. Within Standing Board Policy 9.20, current subdivision (a) [renumbered (b)], adds "legislative office." Within Standing Board Policy 9.20, current subdivision (b) [renumbered (c)], adds that requests must be made on a particular form. Within Standing Board Policy 9.20, current subdivision (d) [renumbered (e)], changes "for the full biennial legislative session during which the board adopted or recognized the position" to "until election of a new Legislature" and changes "executive director" to "legislation committee chair" or the chair's designee. Within Standing Board Policy 9.20, adds new subdivision (h) listing the categories in which the bar may approve legislative or political activity. Within Standing Board Policy 9.40, clarifies the retaining of legislative advisors and consultants for the bar. Within Standing Board Policy 9.50 clarifies legislative procedure for voluntary bar groups. Within Standing Board Policy 9.51, clarifies language for retaining legislative or political advisors for voluntary bar groups. Deletes Standing Board Policy 9.60 which is included in revisions to Standing Board Policy 9.20.

15. Appearance by Former Bar Presidents Bill Schifino and Hank Coxe

The two former presidents talked about their service on last year's Constitution Revision Commission and serving as Bar President.

16. Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics Report

Chair Lawrence E. Sellers reported that the committee voted 7-0 to recommend that the Board of Governors approve Bar staff filing a response to comments submitted on proposed amendments to Rule 4-7.14 in *In re Amendments to Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 4-7.14*, Case No. SC18-2019. The response will agree with some of the technical changes suggested by the comments and would add commentary that would allow a firm to claim specialization or expertise based on the qualifications of a single "of counsel" only if that "of counsel" exclusively practices through the firm and provides substantial legal services through the firm. The response also will request that the Court not consider the proposal to require law firm registration with The Florida Bar at this time, as that proposal is well outside the scope of the Bar's proposal and requires additional study by the Bar, and that the Bar will refer the matter to the appropriate committee for study.

The Board of Governors approved the recommendation on voice vote without objection.

Sellers presented on first reading amendments to Rule 4-7.13 approved by the BRCPE 10-0 on December 13, 2018. The amendments would prohibit a lawyer from stating or implying that another lawyer is currently part of the advertising lawyer's firm when that is not the case. New proposed commentary provides examples and guidance on compliance with the new proposed rule. Although it would not prohibit the purchase of a competitor's name in Google AdWords (now Google Ads), any resulting advertising could not state or imply the person whose name is purchased is part of the advertising lawyer or law firm. No Board of Governors action was taken.

Sellers reported that the BRCPE voted 7-0 to recommend that the Board of Governors affirm Florida Bar Staff Opinion 38678, which concludes that the inquirer may not ethically receive a referral fee or commission for recommending that the inquirer's clients use the services of an independent insurance broker unless the inquirer 1) believes that the referral is in the client's best interests, 2) fully discloses the referral arrangement to the client, 3) obtains the client's informed consent, and 4) passes the benefit of the referral arrangement to the client. The inquiring lawyer requested Board of Governors review of the staff opinion after the Professional Ethics Committee voted 26-2 to affirm the staff opinion as written. The Board of Governors approved the Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics recommendation on voice vote without objection.

The BRCPE began a discussion, Sellers said, on a referral from Bar leadership on whether Rule 4-5.8, which addresses ethical obligations when there is a change in firm composition, should be amended to address obligations regarding client files. The committee will report more at a later meeting. No Board of Governors action was taken.

Sellers reported that the BRCPE discussed a request from a Bar member, who was a member of the Special Committee on Child and Parent Representation and who works for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. The lawyers asked that the Board of Governors direct the Professional Ethics Committee to issue an ethics opinion regarding lawyers in the Guardian Ad Litem Program. The committee reviewed the request and directed staff to request additional information from the inquirer, invite the inquirer to attend an upcoming meeting of the committee at which there will be more time to discuss the issue, and to invite a representative of

the Guardian Ad Litem program to address the committee regarding the request as well. No Board of Governors action was taken.

17. Program Evaluation Committee Report

Chair Wayne Helsby reported the committee has 11 ongoing program reviews. He said the committee plans to finish those reviews and report by the board's May meeting. The committee is also reviewing six prior sets of recommendations to see how they are being implemented. The committee moved and the board approved amendments to the Animal Law Section bylaws.

18. Certification Plan Appeals Committee Report

Chair Jack Hickey said the committee is looking at appeals that challenge scoring of answers on certification exams. He noted that those appealing exam results don't have the right to personally appear before an appellate panel until the appeal reaches CPAC, and CPAC is empowered only to review procedural issues and not those like whether there were problems with exam questions and scoring. He said the committee is looking at whether appellants should have a right to personally appear at an earlier stage in the appeal process.

19. Communications Committee Report

Chair Scott Westheimer reported the committee had met with the Citizens Advisory Committee. He said the Florida Bar *News* and *Journal* have begun their transition to a more digital presence, with only one monthly issue of the *News* and six annual issues of the *Journal* being printed. He said the committee is working with the Young Lawyers Division on several projects, including its Stigma Free campaign to remove any connotations for lawyers seeking help on mental health issues.

20. Rules Committee Report

Chair Margaret Mathews presented three items on second reading with the committee's recommendation for approval. The board approved all three:

- Rule 1-3.10 Appearance by Non-Florida Lawyer in a Florida Court: Within subdivisions (a), (b), and (c), removes specific requirements and instead mandates compliance with all requirements under Florida Rules of Judicial Administration.
- Rule 21-3.1 Continuing Legal Education: Within 21-3.1(c), adds 1 hour of technology continuing legal education per year and changes the requirement from 2 hours of ethics continuing legal education requirement each year to 2 hours of legal ethics, professionalism, bias elimination, substance abuse, or mental illness each year.
- Rule 4-1.5 Fees and Costs for Legal Services: Within subdivision (f)(1), clarifies that a closing statement in a contingent fee case must itemize all fees and costs.

Mathews presented two items on first reading:

- Chapter 7, Clients' Security Fund Rules: Merges the Regulations of the Clients' Security Fund into Chapter 7, Clients' Security Fund Rules, so that all rules may be found in one document; removes references to the regulations from the rule.
- Regulations of the Clients' Security Fund: Regulations of the Clients' Security Fund are deleted in their entirety and will be merged into Chapter 7 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

21. Young Lawyers Division Stigma Free Report

The board viewed the first of five planned videos prepared by the YLD in its mental health stigma free campaign. YLD President Christian George said the division was excited about having five lawyers willing to share their stories, and the videos will be distributed on social media.

22. Special Committee on Trust Accounting Solutions

Chair Andy Sasso said after several problems with the pilot program for the project, the committee met with TMI™ which developed the software. The company has pledged to redo the software to make it simpler and more intuitive and hopes to have that done by late February. Sasso also said other state bars around the country have expressed interest in the program.

23. Technology Committee Report

Chair Brian Burgoon said the committee is moving away from suggesting the Bar has a special award or designation for technologically proficient law firms and instead is developing a list of best practices. That way firms that cannot not afford to do everything on the list could take some steps to improve their technology capabilities and the list also would educate members. The committee continued to study the idea of a secure online communications portal for lawyers and their clients and concluded it would be best to educate members about how to achieve secure online communications and also have the Member Benefits Program solicit providers of secure email services. Burgoon said the committee also recommended that the Bar's LegalFuel service develop educational material for members about secure communications. The committee voted to recommend to the Special Committee on Trust Accounting Solutions that it drop efforts to develop software for an automatic, Chapter 5 compliant trust accounting program because the software has been unable to comply with Chapter 5 and Bar staff has spent an inordinate amount of time in development and testing. Burgoon said the recommendation was being made to the special committee, not the board.

24 Special Appointments

The board elected Min K. Cho of Orlando and Lara J. Tibbals of Tampa for three-year terms as attorney members of The Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors.

25. Disciplinary Procedure Committee

Chair Wayne Smith said the committee was withdrawing from consideration a rule amendment on inventory attorneys because the issue required further study. He presented five items relating to the Bar's grievance mediation program on first reading:

- Rule 14-2.1 Generally: Within subdivisions (a)(1) through (a)(4), replaces "certified" with "approved."
- Rule 14-3.1 Application Required: Within subdivision (a), deletes the word "certification" and replaces it with "approval."
- Rule II. Program Mediators: Within subdivision (a)(1), adds that Supreme Court certified mediators must be in good standing with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center. Within subdivisions (a)(3), (b), and (d), replaces "certified" and "certification" with "approved" and "approval" for grievance mediators. Adds new subdivision (c) adding training requirements for program mediators and renumbers subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

- Rule IV. Procedures: Within subdivision (e), changes that parties may be represented if approved by the parties and program mediator to each party having a right to be represented at any mediation conference.

- Rule VII. Standards For Certification Approval And Training: Within the title and subdivisions (b) and (d), replaces "certification" with "approval." Adds new subdivision (a)(4) "any other person who is in good standing as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, American Health Lawyers Association, Association for Conflict Resolution, JAMS (formerly known as Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc.), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA), or any other recognized conflict resolution organization" and renumbers subsequent subdivision accordingly. Adds new subdivision (c) requiring training for participating mediators.

26. Young Lawyers Division Report

YLD President Christian George said the division's annual Affiliate Outreach Conference in January was a success with the Orange County Bar Association's Young Lawyer Section taking the award for the best affiliate for a project they started with a YLD grant last year. The YLD's law school summit was productive and included conversations about student loan debt. The YLD is starting a campaign on financial literacy for potential law students including information that the median debt for a law school graduate is \$150,000 while the average male attorney earns \$80,000 and the average female attorney earns \$70,000. George said law schools will be encouraged to provide that information to applicants. George also reported as a result of a federal lawsuit, the Bar's Henry Latimer Professionalism Center will receive \$400,000 to devote to professionalism activities at law schools and the YLD will be participating in that effort. (The same suit resulted in a \$3.6 million payment to The Florida Bar Foundation.) YLD President-elect Santo DiGangi reported the division is developing a website for all its local affiliates, which will allow them to share upcoming activities and ongoing projects. Board member Josh Chilson praised that effort and said the Bar's Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee is looking at duplicating it.

27. City, County, and Local Government Law Section Report

Chair Michele Lieberman said the section is focusing on the health and wellness of members, noting that section members have all of the stress factors of private sector lawyers but do all their work in the public eye. The section has created its own Health and Wellness Committee. The section's 15 other committees provide services and education for members and its listserv provides a communication links between those members. The section this year will award \$25,000 to local governments for law student internships and will provide a \$500 scholarship for one student at each of the state's law schools. The section is working to improve its certification review course and other CLE offerings, Lieberman said.

28. Leadership Academy Committee Report

Committee Co-Chair Anthony Visone presented Class VI of the academy and said it is finishing its task to provide a video encouraging lawyers to become involved with Florida Bar work. He said the goal is to finish the video in time for the June Annual Convention.

29. Appearance by the Florida Supreme Court

Chief Justice Charles Canady introduced the three new justices on the court – Barbara Lagoa, Robert Luck, and Carlos Muñoz – and gave the court’s budget priorities for the upcoming legislative session, including \$10 million to improve branch salaries and \$20 million for a new Second District Court of Appeal courthouse. The chief justice also reported that State Courts Administrator PK Jameson had returned to work for the Legislature with the Senate Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations and will be replaced in the interim by former State Courts Administrator Lisa Goodner Kiel. The court also will work with the Legislature on bills raising the civil jurisdiction for county courts. The court has endorsed raising the limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and Canady warned raising the limit too high could cause problems if the county courts are unready to deal with the resulting cases. Canady also discussed with the board the court’s interest in streamlining the procedural rules process. He also praised the close relationship and working ties between the court and the Bar.

30. President-elect’s Report

President-elect Stewart reported that Parliamentarian Andy Sasso will be returning to that duty next year. He said the Special Committee on Technology Affecting the Practice of Law is working on rule amendment to allow the voluntary registration and regulation of online legal service providers that seek to link lawyers with potential clients. Stewart said it was the next step in the Bar’s qualified provider rule, and he hopes to have a draft for board review at its March meeting and a version to present on first reading at the board’s May meeting.

31. President’s Report

President Suskauer congratulated board member Dori Foster-Morales on her election as the Bar’s president-elect designate and Adam White on his selection at YLD president-elect designate. She said some changes are planned for the Annual Convention in June, particularly for the Judicial Luncheon. The chief justice will continue to deliver a state of the judiciary address but Governor Ron DeSantis has been invited to give the keynote address. She went over plans for the board’s next meeting in Washington, D.C., which includes a breakfast at the U.S. Supreme Court.

32. Time and Place of Next Meeting

There being no further business before the board, President Suskauer adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The next board meeting is March 29 at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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