KEEPING AN EYE ON THE PRIZE

Non-Profits, Scholarships & Community Partnerships

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Biography

• Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science: UCF, 2001.
• Juris Doctor: University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2005.
• Practice in the areas of commercial and real estate litigation.
• Experience in a variety of commercial matters, including contract and business disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, foreclosures, and enforcement of creditors’ rights under defaulted loan transactions and court judgments.
• Fluent in Spanish (native of Colombia, SA).
• Professional activities include involvement in the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida (Past President and Currently on the BOD of its Foundation.
• Co-chair of the Real Property Committee of the Orange County Bar Association.
• Graduate of Leadership Orlando Class 75.
• Graduate of Inaugural Class of The Florida Bar Leadership Academy.
Charitable and Pro Bono Service Through Involvement in the HBACF

• Conozca Sus Derechos “Know Your Rights”
• Extended Day Summer School Program
• School Supply Drive
• Scholarship Awards
• Book Awards
• IDignity
• Seniors First
• Holidays All Year Long
• Natural Disaster Relief Efforts
Scholarship & Book Awards

• Scholarship Committee.
• Responsible for organizing the HBACF’s Annual Scholarship Night.
• Event kicks-off fundraising efforts for the scholarship fund.
• HBACF not a 501(c)(3) organization and therefore partnered with the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando to annually award at least 1 local, Hispanic law student with a $5,000 scholarship.
• To date, HBACF has awarded close to $50,000 in scholarship funds.
How to fundraise to accomplish the charitable and pro bono services offered through the HBACF?

- Partnerships with 501 (c)(3) organizations (e.g., Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando – http://www.hhsfmo.org/)
- Support from Corporate Partners (e.g., the Walt Disney World Minority Business Development Office)
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Contributions from members
- Collaboration with other voluntary bar organizations
- Fundraising Events through HBACF (e.g., Domino Tournament)
- GRANTS
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• The Florida Bar YLD - https://flayld.org/get-involved/affiliate-grants/
• Diversity Leadership Grant through the Florida Bar – https://www.floridabar.org/about/diversity/diversity002/
• Hispanic National Bar Grants for Affiliate Organizations – https://hnba.com/programs/
• The Florida Bar Foundation – https://thefloridabarfoundation.org/
Handouts

• Scholarship Application
• Annual Corporate Partners Program
• Grant Applications
• HBACF Resume
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13th Circuit’s Veterans Treatment Court
Services available for homeless veterans and those at risk include:

- Medical Care
- Employment Assistance
- Hair Cuts
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Driver's License ID Bike Raffles
- And more...

Services will be available to veterans interested in finding out more about Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Act programs.

A Stand Down Event will also be available. Veterans interested in attending the Stand Down Event are encouraged to register.

The Stand Down Event will feature:

- Haircuts
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Driver's License ID Bike Raffles
- And more...

Registration is recommended to ensure a smooth transition for all attendees.

PVC will provide free bus transportation to all veterans attending the Stand Down Event. There is a 50% off and bus fare for PVC.

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Veterans Legal Assistance Registry (VLAR)

The MVAC (Military and Veterans Affairs Committee) Veterans Legal Assistance Registry includes those attorneys who are licensed to practice in Florida and who may be available to assist veterans and active-duty personnel. The registry lists their areas of practice and contact information. Veterans and active-duty military personnel who need legal assistance may directly contact a lawyer through this registry. Please note that the lawyer has the option but not the obligation to represent you. You can find the contact information of the participating lawyers (listed by areas of practice) in the links below.

Personal Information & Fees

Upon contacting a lawyer through the Registry, you may be asked certain personal questions by the lawyer and his or her staff for the purpose of evaluating your legal claim, ascertaining whether any critical concern is impending, and determining a suitable fee arrangement, so that the lawyer agrees to represent you. Those inquiries may include personal financial information, the nature and date of your claim, from what county or state your claim originated, and information about your military service. Attorney’s fee options may include a full fee arrangement, a sliding fee scale, a reduced rate, or a pro bono or no charge basis.
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PARTNERSHIPS

• Hillsborough Education Foundation
  • Yearly partnership for annual Scholarship Banquet
  • They are a 501(c)3 which assists with sponsorships
  • Provides us access to students throughout Hillsborough County
  • Provides matching scholarships for us
PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED

- Moffit Cancer Center
  - Partnership was established because our namesake dies of cancer
  - Moffitt created an organization called the George Edgecomb Society whose purpose was to research health disparities amongst African Americans
  - Sponsored our Banquet for the last 3 years
  - Co-hosted our scholarship banquet in 2018
    - Brought together 800 of Tampa’s legal and medical community
    - Money raised went to research and the scholarships

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