Florida Bar Board of Governors Interim Meeting
November 16, 2020
By Videoconference

1. Roll Call
Dori Foster-Morales, President
Michael G. Tanner, President-Elect
Jeremy C. Branning, 1st Circuit
Lawrence E. Sellers, Jr., 2nd Circuit
Melissa VanSickle, 2nd Circuit
Michael Fox Orr, 4th Circuit
W. Braxton Gillam, IV, 4th Circuit
Renée E. Thompson, 5th Circuit
Joshua T. Chilson, 6th Circuit
Sandra Fascell Diamond, 6th Circuit
Philip J. Bonamo, 7th Circuit
Stephanie M. Marchman, 8th Circuit
Thomas P. Wert, 9th Circuit
Julia L. Frey, 9th Circuit
Tad A. Yates, 9th Circuit
C. Richard Nail, 10th Circuit
Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr., 11th Circuit
Nikki L. Simon, 11th Circuit
Jordan A. Dresnick, 11th Circuit
Jorge L. Piedra, 11th Circuit
Jeffrey Rynor, 11th Circuit
Steven W. Davis, 11th Circuit
Alice Sum, 11th Circuit
F. Scott Westheimer, 12th Circuit
Kenneth G. Turkel, 13th Circuit
Amy S. Farrior, 13th Circuit
J. Carter Andersen, 13th Circuit
Paige A. Greenlee, 13th Circuit
Clifford C. Higby, 14th Circuit
R. Sia Baker-Barnes, 15th Circuit
Ronald P. Ponzoli, Jr., 15th Circuit
Robin I. Bresky, 15th Circuit  
Gary S. Lesser, 15th Circuit  
Wayne LaRue Smith, 16th Circuit  
Jay Kim, 17th Circuit  
Diana Santa Maria, 17th Circuit  
Lorna E. Brown-Burton, 17th Circuit  
Hilary Creary, 17th Circuit  
Adam G. Rabinowitz, 17th Circuit  
James G. Vickaryous, 18th Circuit  
Gregory S. Weiss, 19th Circuit  
Laird A. Lile, 20th Circuit  
John D. Agnew, 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  
Adam White, YLD President  
Todd L. Baker, YLD President-Elect  
Joseph “Jody” D. Hudgins, Public Member  
Linda Goldstein, Public Member

**Members Absent**  
Kris B. Robinson, 3rd Circuit

**2. Staff in Attendance**  
Joshua Doyle, Executive Director  
Allison Sackett, Director, Legal Division  
Gypsy Bailey, General Counsel  
Terry Hill, Director, Program Division  
Cynthia Jackson, CFO & Director, Administrative Division  
Rick Courtemanche, Deputy General Counsel  
Elizabeth Clark Tarbert, Ethics Counsel  
Patricia A. Savitz, Staff Counsel  
Francine Walker, Director, Public Information and Bar Services  
Mike Garcia, Director, Research, Planning and Evaluation  
Rosalyn A. Scott, Assistant to the President  
Gary Blankenship, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News  
Jim Ash, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Board member J. Carter Andersen delivered the invocation and board member
Hilary Creary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Guests
President Dori Foster-Morales recognized the following guests:
Andy Sasso, Parliamentarian.
A. Dax Bello, Cuban American Bar Association.
Kimberly E. Hosley, Florida Association for Women Lawyers.
Kevin Nash, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, NBA.
Karen Ladis, Legal Aid Representative.
Vivian Cortes Hodz, Voluntary Bar Representative
Altanese P. Phenelus, Government Lawyer Representative.

5. Legislative Advocate Report
Legislative Advocate Jim Daughton presented.
The November 3 General Election generated a 75% turnout in Florida, “typical”
for a presidential year and below the 1992 record of 83%. Voters cast 70% of
ballots by mail or via early voting. Republican majorities increased to 24-16 in the
Senate and 78-42 in the House. The Senate has 10 attorney/legislators, the House
33. A November 17, 2020 organizational session is closed to the public due to
COVID-19 health restrictions. Committee assignments are expected in December.
Interim committee weeks convene in January and February. The 2021 legislative
session convenes March 2. No board action was required.

6. Task Force On The Distribution Of IOTA Funds Report
Chair Mayanne Downs presented.
An October 25, 2019 Supreme Court order created the Task Force on the
Distribution of IOTA Funds to “examine and make recommendations to the Court
on alternative models for the distribution of IOTA funds; whether specific
priorities should be established for the use of available IOTA funds; whether
specific requirements or limitations should be imposed on the use of IOTA funds;
whether reporting requirements regarding the distribution and use of IOTA funds
should be adopted; and any other matters related to ensuring the most effective use
of IOTA funds.” The task force’s September 15, 2020 report unanimously
recommended amendments to Rule 5-1.1(g) that would, among other things:
• Require grantee agencies to spend no more than 10% of IOTA funds on administrative costs and The Florida Bar Foundation to spend no more than 15% of IOTA funds on administrative costs.
• Prohibit The Florida Bar Foundation from expending IOTA funds for grants to improve the administration of justice.
• Require IOTA funds to be distributed within six months of collection.
• Establish comprehensive reporting requirements.
• Require a review of the proposed changes after two years.

The proposed amendments are posted online and will be published in the December editions of the Bar News. Comments are due to the Supreme Court by January 4, 2021. The task force must respond by January 25, 2021. The Florida Bar was not asked to take a formal position. No board action was required.

7. Remarks, Board Member Jody Hudgins
Board members are urged to consider proposed amendment to Rule 5-1.1(g) by the Disciplinary Procedure Committee that would set the minimum interest rate on IOTA trust accounts at 25 basis points and tie future changes to the rate of inflation. Every basis point increase generates an additional $670,000 for legal aid.

8. President’s Report
The Florida Supreme Court will conduct a virtual ceremonial session to commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment and to honor Florida women who have elevated the rule of law. Justice Jamie R. Grosshans, President Dori Foster-Morales and others will deliver remarks. The ceremony is scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 2 p.m. and will be broadcast on the Florida Channel and YouTube.

9. Time and Place of Next Meeting
There being no further business before the board, President Dori Foster-Morales adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m. The next board meeting will convene virtually on December 4, 2020.
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