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Augustine Becomes Chair of the Board of Legal Specialization & Education

BLSE is currently accepting applications for the 2022 board certification exams.

Philip Augustine of Lake Mary has become chair of the Board of Legal Specialization & Education, which oversees the work of all the Bar’s certification committees.

“Service to the Bar has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have participated in throughout my years of practice,” said Augustine, who is board certified in workers’ compensation and practices with Bolton, Helm & Augustine. “When I was admitted to the Bar in 1997, I was not aware of the amazing board certification program that we have in Florida or the benefits that flow from being a board certified attorney. As such, one of the BLSE goals this year is to develop an outreach program designed at targeting new practitioners and making them aware of the benefits of board certification. After a year of Zoom meetings and conference calls, we also look forward to continuing our efforts in person to promote board certification to all attorneys in the State of Florida by speaking at Bar events and other Bar-related activities.

Augustine said the BLSE will continue to work with Sachs Media Group in Tallahassee to promote certification and board certified attorneys.

“It is our goal to continue to work on the goals that were started with Sachs in the promotion of all board certified attorneys throughout the state,” said Augustine, who is a past chair of the Workers’ Compensation Board Certification Committee. “Greater client exposure, a reduction in malpractice insurance, and reputation in the legal community are but a few of the benefits board certified attorneys enjoy. It is our mission to continue in the fine tradition of prior BLSE’s in promoting our board certified members. The BLSE constantly strives to improve our board certification system and increase exposure both inside and outside of Florida. I am excited to work with all of the BLSE members and board certified attorneys to advance board certification and look forward to a successful and productive year.”

The Florida Bar board certification program offers 27 areas of law, and more than 5,000 Florida lawyers are board-certified, making the Bar’s board certification program the largest in the country. The BLSE is currently accepting applications for the 2022 board certification exams. The First cycle exams will be held March 11-12 and the second cycle exams are set for May 13-14, with the option of an in-person examination in Tampa adhering to social distancing protocols. Access the applications, rules, policies, exam dates, and specifications may be found online at www.Floridabar.org/certification.
Board Certified Lawyers Recognized For Excellence

The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education presented the 2020 and 2021 Justice Harry Lee Anstead Board Certified Lawyer of the Year Award and the Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Board Certification at the Virtual Board Certified Lawyers Reception and Pinning Ceremony in conjunction with The Florida Bar Annual Convention in June.

Chief Justice Charles Canady presented the 2020 and 2021 Board Certified Lawyer of the Year Award and BLSE Vice Chair Philip Augustine presented The 2020 and 2021 Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Board Certification. BLSE Chair Steve Lesser recognized those newly board certified and all members were mailed their certification lapel pins.

THE JUSTICE HARRY LEE ANSTEAD AWARD

The 2020 recipient for the Justice Harry Lee Anstead Award, recognizing exemplary professionalism, excellence, character, and commitment to The Florida Bar’s certification program and the practice of law, went to Anthony Musto.

Musto has a vast and varied background developed over 45 years of practicing and is dually board certified in appellate practice and juvenile law. Within his 45 years of law practice he has been a private practitioner, prosecutor, assistant public defender, assistant county attorney, assistant attorney general, traffic magistrate, code enforcement magistrate, city commissioner, and professor at St. Thomas University School of Law on a full-time basis for 11 years. Musto served two terms on The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Certification Committee and was also influential in the inception of the Juvenile Law Board Certification area. The Appellate Practice Certification Committee has repeatedly asked Musto to participate as a pretester for certification exam questions to provide feedback for question improvement. He has also been a speaker at the annual certification review course offered by the Appellate Practice Section. While employed at the Broward County Attorney’s Office, he became the first member of that office to achieve certification in any subject area.

The 2021 recipient of the Anstead Award went to is Mark A. Touby.

Touby is the managing partner of Touby, Chait & Sicking in Coral Gables and is board certified in workers’ compensation. Touby initially became certified in 2011 and was appointed to the Workers’ Compensation Board Certification Committee in 2017 and currently chairs the committee. Touby also served as a mentor for past eight years of the Trial Advocacy Seminar sponsored by the Workers’ Compensation Section.

THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PROMOTION OF BOARD CERTIFICATION

The 2020 recipient of the Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Board Certification is Jamie Moses of Holland and Knight in Orlando. Moses is a board-certified appellate lawyer and since becoming certified, travelled the state to educate and encourage Florida lawyers to attempt to become board certified.

Moses has focused her personal resources on educating young lawyers about the board certification process, what the benefits are and how it is achieved. She also has focused her efforts on speaking to minority bar associations and FAWL affiliates. Moses believes that helping women and minorities see board certification as an attainable goal and then having the determination, focus, and courage to go after that goal will only serve to make the profession better.

The 2021 recipient of the Excellence in the Promotion Award is Eddie Stephens of Ward Damon in West Palm Beach.

Stephens is a marital and family law board certified lawyer and created a monthly Family Law CLE, and every month he features a “Board Certification Tip of the Month,” promoting certification. This CLE generates approximately $100,000 a year in revenue that is donated to a non-profit, Center for Child Counseling. Stephens also created a special 90-minute program: “Tips on How to Pass the Family & Marital Law Board Certification Exam.” He has been actively involved in the Palm Beach County Bar, The Florida Bar, and the Family Law Section for 23 years. Stephens has also presented at the Marital & Family Law Certification Review Course and formerly served as the chair of the Board Certification Committee for Family Law.

To see the past recipients of both awards, visit our website at www.floridabar.org/certification.
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The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education decided to administer the 2021-2024 exams remotely, with the exception of those hand writing their exam or special ADA requests. The option to handwrite the exam will take place in Orlando.

The 2022 first cycle exams will be March 10-22 and the second cycle exams will be May 12-13. By testing remotely, examinees will be required to have access to the technology required by Exam Soft Worldwide Software, including a computer, internet connection, and a webcam for monitoring during the test. The 2022 exam eligibility letters for the first cycle exams will be e-mailed on January 25th, and the second cycle exams will be e-mailed on March 29th.

The 2021 first and second cycle exams were successfully administered remotely in March and May using Exam Soft Worldwide Software. There were 239 attorneys who tested remotely and 37 examinees who tested in person.
“When I started my career I was watching, doing a lot of watching. And I immediately gravitated to Senator Simmons. And there’s probably a lot of reasons, including the fact that we’re both practicing attorneys, board-certified attorneys. And I watched how he did his business. And one of the early things I noticed is that he never apologized for being an attorney, in a town that sometimes doesn’t always hold attorneys in the highest regard. In fact, like myself, he was quite proud of it. He was quite proud of the fact that our country and its foundations and the things that we all believe in – attorneys had a lot to do with building that. And those of us who are proud to be attorneys look at carrying on a certain tradition in that regard. That was one of the first things I noticed.”

— Senator Rob Bradley following Senate Pro Tempore David Simmons’ Farewell Address in the Senate chamber on March 4th
Board Certified Lawyers

IN THE NEWS

Sharon Quinn Dixon presented a Stearns Weaver Miller webinar, “The Mystery of Disappearing Employees and Electronic Information” on July 22, 2021.

Maria C. Gonzalez of the Law Offices of Maria C. Gonzalez, P.A. in Miramar has been installed as president of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (FLAFCC). Ms. Gonzalez was also appointed to serve a second, three-year term on the Board of Directors of The Florida Bar Foundation by the Board of Governors.

Gerald I. Kornreich of Kornreich Associates is the first and only attorney in Miami-Dade County to be Board Certified in Marital and Family Law 8 consecutive times. Kornreich has been certified since 1985.


Robert Turk of Stearns Weaver Miller virtually presented “COVID-19 Vaccinations Medical and Legal Employer Update” on February 26, 2021 for Physicians Health Center Emerging Trends Webinar Series.
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AFTER 25 YEARS AS AN NFL REFEREE, FT. MYERS ATTORNEY J. JEFFREY RICE HANGS UP HIS WHISTLE

By Jim Ash, Senior Editor Top Stories

Triple-board certification and decades of courtroom experience make Ft. Myers attorney J. Jeffrey Rice a formidable litigator.

But a second vocation puts Rice in a different league entirely — the NFL.

For the past quarter century, Rice has worked as a full-time lawyer and a National Football League umpire, trading business suits and dress shoes on weekdays for zebra stripes and cleats, 26 weekends a year.

“If you count working out, planning, going to games, it accounts for 40 or 50 hours a week, so it’s tough,” Rice said. “But I’m a workaholic and a Type A personality, so for me, it’s always go, go, go.”

Scheduling is a challenge with two demanding jobs, Rice acknowledges.

“Yeah, that’s the tough part about it, I traveled well over 100,000 miles a year,” he said. “I might be in Miami one weekend, Seattle another weekend, and this year, I went to London.”

But the former managing partner of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz could count on the support of his eight-lawyer “family firm” — or an occasional assist from a tight-knit legal community.

“The good news is, our legal community in Southwest Florida is extremely collegial,” he said. “We’ve got a phenomenal bar and a phenomenal bench, and they think what I did was so interesting that they were very, very cooperative about rescheduling things.”

A 1975 graduate of Case Western Reserve University law school in Cleveland who is board certified in Civil Trial, Business Litigation and Construction Law, Rice is in the process of winding down his mostly commercial construction litigation and real estate practice.

And last month, Rice finally let the clock run on an NFL career that spanned 400 games, 24 post-season assignments, and four Pro Bowls.

Along the way, Rice served as an alternate official in Super Bowl XXXV in 2001, and umpired Super Bowl XXXVI in 2002, Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004, and Super Bowl 50 in 2016 — making him one of only 16 NFL officials to work three or more Super Bowls.

On January 26, weeks before his 70th birthday, Rice donned his No. 44 jersey for the last time and officiated his final game, the 2020 Pro Bowl in Orlando.

“It’s something that so many people would want to do, and I was blessed to be able to do it, so I’m thankful,” Rice said. “And it was a great run.”

“Run” is the operative word.

Umpires monitor the line of scrimmage for illegal blocking or
holding and false starts, mark off penalty yardage and assume responsibility for counting the number of offensive players on the field.

Hustling endlessly up and down the field is a job requirement. To stay in shape, Rice converted a utility room at his firm into a personal gym.

“We run, probably five or six miles a game, and we do a lot of stopping and starting and running sideways and backward, so it’s a good workout,” Rice said. “I’ve noticed in these past couple of years that it’s gotten harder and harder — and it’s usually Tuesday or Wednesday before I recover.”

Officiating and litigating require surprisingly similar skills, Rice said. It doesn’t take an attorney to understand the NFL rule book, but it helps, he said.

“You know, as an attorney, you got to know the law, you’re used to reading statutes and case books, and the football rule book is a couple of hundred pages long, so I’ve got to know that,” Rice said.

Confronting a 280-pound lineman who doesn’t like a call isn’t all that different from confronting an overly aggressive opposing counsel, Rice said.

“When I’m in court, I’ve got to stand up on my feet and be ready when the judge asks me a question, when something happens, you’ve got to think, react, and do,” he said. “And the same thing on the field, when you see something, you’ve got to think, react, and do.”

Both jobs require extreme concentration and quick thinking, Rice said.

A quarter-century of NFL service earned Rice the honor of having his name engraved on a plaque in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. More plaudits could be coming.

“After my last game in the Pro-Bowl, the Hall of Fame called me and asked for my jersey so they could possibly display it,” Rice said.

A league contract guaranteeing a six-figure salary wasn’t the only motivating factor for becoming an NFL official, Rice said.

Legacy played a role — Rice’s father, a teacher and a coach, was a league official for 19 years who worked two Super Bowls.

Rice played football in high school in his native Ohio and went on to play center in his freshman undergraduate year at Northwestern University. When Rice entered law school, his father encouraged him to become an official.

“So I scheduled my classes in law school in the morning so I would have afternoons off to do junior high and JV games, and I started doing it in law school and I enjoyed it, and I started working my way up.”

Over the years, football has allowed Rice to rub elbows with celebrity athletes — he counts Green Bay Packers Quarterback Aaron Rodgers as a friend — and to travel to Europe and premier cities such as San Francisco and New Orleans.

And over the years, the game has changed, Rice said, with the players getting bigger and faster, and league expectations rising as technology relentlessly improves.

Some NFL games are monitored by eight cameras, but most feature 16, Rice said. The last Super Bowl was scanned by 36 cameras. Just like players, NFL officials are graded on their performance on every play. Grades determine an official’s game assignments, Rice said.

And officiating has gotten tougher, Rice said.

“There wasn’t as much scrutiny when I joined the league in 1995,” he said. “So they can see everything from every angle, slow it down, show whatever they want, whereas, we’ve got to react, see it from one angle, one time, and make a split-second decision.”

Rice is a Cleveland-area native, and grew up cheering for the Browns, but he no longer claims a home team. When he’s not working a game, he watches football differently than most fans.

“I don’t watch and cheer for a team,” Rice said. “I watch to see how my brethren are doing and I hope they do well, and if they do, I point it out, and if they miss something, then I tell them, yeah, we missed that, so it happens.”

Rice officiated two of the closest Super Bowls in NFL history, but one of his most enduring memories is of a pre-game ceremony before Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans in 2002, a game between the New England Patriots and the St. Louis Rams.

It was the first post-911 Super Bowl, and Rice remembers seeing snipers posted on rooftops along the major thoroughfares leading to the Super Dome, and he remembers standing next to St. Louis Head Coach Mike Martz on the sidelines during a tribute to the 911 victims.

“I remember we looked at each other, and we both had tears coming down our faces,” Rice said. “It was the most poignant, jingoistic moment. I’ll never forget.”
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- Elder Law
- Immigration & Nationality Law
- International Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Marital & Family Law
- Tax Law

Second Cycle:
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- Business Litigation
- City, County & Local Government Law
- Construction Law
- Criminal Appellate Law
- Criminal Trial Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Litigation & Arbitration
- Juvenile Law
- Real Estate Law
- State/Fed. Gov. & Administrative Pract
- Wills, Trusts & Estates Law
- Workers’ Compensation Law

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**There are no alternative dates or make-up exams.**

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