1. Roll Call
Michael G. Tanner, President
Gary S. Lesser, President-Elect
Jeremy C. Branning, 1st Circuit
Lawrence E. Sellers, Jr., 2nd Circuit
Kris B. Robinson, 3rd Circuit
Michael Fox Orr, 4th Circuit
W. Braxton Gillam IV, 4th Circuit
Gordon J. Glover, 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
Judge Leslie B. Rothenberg (Ret.), 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
Michael J. Gelfand, 15th Circuit
Wayne LaRue Smith, 16th Circuit
Jay Kim, 17th Circuit
Lorna E. Brown-Burton, 17th Circuit
Hilary Creary, 17th Circuit
Adam G. Rabinowitz, 17th Circuit
Gregory S. Weiss, 19th Circuit
Laird A. Lile, 20th Circuit
John D. Agnew, 20th Circuit
E. Duffy Myrtetus, Out of State
Donald A. Workman, Out of State
Eric L. Meeks, Out of State
Brian D. Burgoon, Out of State
Todd L. Baker, YLD President
Iris A. Elijah, YLD President-Elect
Joseph “Jody” D. Hudgins, Public Member
Linda Goldstein, Public Member

Members Absent
Melissa VanSickle, 2nd Circuit
Diana Santa Maria, 17th Circuit
James G. Vickaryous, 18th Circuit

2. Staff in Attendance
Joshua Doyle, Executive Director
Gypsy Bailey, General Counsel
Elizabeth Tarbert, Director, Legal Division
Terry Hill, Director, Program Division
Jonathan Grabb, Ethics Counsel
Mike Garcia, Director, Research, Planning and Evaluation
Patty Savitz, Staff Counsel
Jennifer Krell Davis, Director of Communications
Leslie Reithmiller, Assistant to the President
Gary Blankenship, Senior Editor, Florida Bar News

3. Guests
President Tanner recognized the following guests:
Michael Davis, President, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, National Bar Association
Karen Ladis, Legal Aid Representative
Miriam Ramos, President-Elect, Cuban American Bar Association
Jenny Scavino Sieg, President, Florida Association for Women Lawyers
Andrew Sasso, Parliamentarian

4. Report of the Special Committee to Improve the Delivery of Legal Services
President Michael Tanner reported that the board had three remaining recommendations to consider from the Special Committee to Improve the Delivery of Legal Services dealing with the expanded use of Florida Registered Paralegals, allowing changes in Bar rules regarding the structure and governance of nonprofit legal corporations, and on the proposed Law Practice Innovation Laboratory, or legal lab. After discussion, the board:
  • Voted 35-13 to partially accept the special committee’s recommendation by having a pilot program to use Florida Registered Paralegals within a legal aid organization and limiting the “authorized areas of law” for those paralegals to “residential landlord/tenant law on behalf of the tenant” and “debt collection defense.” The motion rejected the remainder of the special
committee’s recommendation including that the expanded use of paralegals be tested in the proposed legal lab.

- Voted 36-5 to partially accept the special committee’s recommendation to permit within Bar rules legal aid organizations to organize as not-for-profit corporations, but to reject the recommendation that this change be done within the legal lab.
- Voted 30-8 to partially accept the special committee’s recommendation to allow nonlawyers to serve on the boards of directors of not-for-profit legal aid organizations, but to reject the recommendation that this change be tested within the legal lab.
- Voted unanimously to reject the establishment of the Law Practice Innovation Laboratory.
- Voted 40-3 to approve a motion to ask the Supreme Court for the opportunity to provide further, specific comments on any aspect of the special committee’s report that the court believes merits further review.

President Tanner said board members would have a chance to review the board’s final report before it is submitted to the court, which he hopes will be by December 15, but definitely by the end of the year.

5. Adjournment
There being no further business before the board, President Tanner adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.