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BLSE Chair Report

Humbled and honored would be an understatement to explain my excitement at being chosen to Chair this amazing committee for the 2022-23 Bar cycle. I am passionate about Board Certification and have been for essentially my whole career. We have a fantastic board that is working diligently to help in so many ways and I am very grateful to be a part of it!

Applications and Testing: It is important to the Florida Bar and the BLSE that we continue to have Board Certification as a method of identifying lawyers who truly excel in their field. To that end, BLSE is continually working to assist the area committees in ensuring applications are fair and accessible and that testing is improved where it can be. With the assistance of our test matriculators, the BLSE hosted a “how to write the test” seminar in conjunction with Annual Meeting 2022 and is looking forward to one regarding grading exams at the Winter meeting. Ensuring that each area committee creates a test that truly tests what a board certified lawyer should know is of paramount importance. The tests should not be made to trick or test the ability to take a test, but should be a true representation of the applicant’s knowledge of their practice area. We are working every day to ensure this standard.

Communications: Our Board is also working hard to make sure Board Certified lawyers are publicized and acknowledged. Between social media posts, this publication and marketing and promotional ideas on our website, we are endeavoring to provide you with all you need to stand out for possible clients.

I am truly interested in making sure that Board Certified lawyers are acknowledged and respected and equally as motivated in encouraging others to want to take the path towards Board Certification. Starting early is the best way for this to happen, so I ask that you, my fellow Board Certified lawyers, take up that cause: mentor a young lawyer, speak at events for your local Bar or Section regarding the requirements and steps towards certification, volunteer to serve on an area committee. The success of all of us is dependent upon on those we bring up after us!

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Mr. Weiss is a 1995 graduate of the University of Florida, where he completed the Army ROTC program and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and a 1998 graduate of the University of Florida College of Law. Mr. Weiss served on active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, in the 82d Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California, before deploying to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Mr. Weiss was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Iraq. Mr. Weiss currently serves as the Chairman of the University of Florida College of Law Board of Trustees.

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2022’s winner is: Jennifer Diaz of Diaz Trade Law in South Florida.
WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A BOARD-CERTIFIED LAWYER

By: Steven B. Lesser Esq. Chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Specialization

The Florida Bar reports there over 93,000 lawyers eligible to practice law. Demand for legal services is on the rise as droves of out of state consumers and their businesses relocate to Florida. To meet this demand, law firms have aggressively been recruiting lawyers particularly in specialty areas such as real estate, construction and corporate law. In the wake of these developments, lawyers can best position themselves to achieve success by becoming a board-certified specialist.

Board certification is administered by eight national private organizations with eighteen certification programs accredited by the American Bar Association. These private certification programs include specialty areas in bankruptcy, criminal trial advocacy, patent litigation, and complex litigation. Many state bar associations also administer board certification programs. For example, Florida has the largest number of certification specialty areas, at 27, which range from marital and family law to criminal law, construction, real estate, and workers’ compensation. Board certification is Florida’s official, independent determination of a lawyer’s expertise to practice in a specialty area of law. As noted on its website, “It is the gold standard for Florida lawyers, representing a recognition by a lawyer’s peers that they have attained a level of professional expertise in their chosen field”. Florida’s slogan for board certification is “Evaluated for Professionalism and Tested for Expertise.” In Florida, only less than 6% of all Florida lawyers are board certified specialists.

In Florida, the board-certified designation will allow you to advertise as a board-certified specialist. This designation can be important to potential clients because selecting a board-certified lawyer provides an assurance of the lawyer’s expertise. This is the case for several reasons. Generally, all certifying programs require a lawyer to have practiced with substantial involvement in a specialty area for at least five years and pass a rigorous examination testing their knowledge of the law in the specialty area. A board-certified lawyer must also be vetted by their peers for professionalism and ethics through a confidential peer review process. In addition, most candidates must satisfy a continuing education requirement in a designated specialty area. Typically, board-certified lawyers must apply to be recertified every five years and through that process, must demonstrate compliance with all board certification requirements.

Becoming board certified can foster confidence in your everyday practice because a board-certified lawyer is required to be up to date on current developments and legislation that impacts their legal specialties. For example, with constantly evolving business technologies and systems, lawyers who are board certified in Privacy Law by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) are on top of emerging privacy legislation on state
and global levels. In a legal landscape where fewer cases are actually tried to verdict, lawyers board certified in Complex Litigation by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) have, at a minimum, actively participated in one hundred contested matters, and NBTA lawyers board certified in Criminal Law have extensive jury trial experience and significant experience dealing with expert witnesses. Lawyers board certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification (ABC) must participate in at least thirty adversary proceedings or contested matters across a range of business areas. Thus, board-certified lawyers have focused legal acumen that is demonstrated and tested on a regular basis.

Becoming a board-certified specialist has appeal for a number of other reasons beyond proven competency. Lawyers that practice in a specific specialty area tend to know their colleagues on the opposing side. This type of knowledge and familiarity can be of assistance in amicably resolving disputes that could otherwise wind up in drawn-out, expensive litigation.

The greatest benefit to becoming board certified is that studying for the examination and satisfying applicable continuing legal education requirements will make you a better lawyer. In addition, it will positively distinguish your qualifications from other lawyers outside your firm as well as those practicing within your firm.

More information about board certification can be acquired from the Florida Bar’s website at https://www.floridabar.org/about/cert/ and by consulting the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Specialization’s website for more information on board certification, specialty areas, and links to the national private organizations with ABA-accredited certification programs and states that run their own certification programs throughout the country. The ABA has been involved with board certification of lawyers for almost thirty years, and ABA accreditation is widely recognized as a valuable seal of approval for organizations conferring board certification. Additionally, the ABA has worked with states on incorporating ABA Model Rule 7.2 (formerly 7.4) into state ethics codes, and many states permit certified specialists to publicly disclose certification without any limitation if they are certified by a program that is accredited by the ABA.

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Immigration and Nationality Law Certification brings expertise to the forefront!

By: John Gihon

The practice of immigration law is a very broad and diverse field. Most immigration attorneys try to focus on one or two areas of immigration law, rather than being general immigration practitioners. This focused practice method is very effective in serving clients because clients know that their immigration attorney focuses on the area of immigration law that they need for their case. However, this focused practice model makes it very difficult for any immigration attorney to pass the Board Certification Exam as the exam tests the entire spectrum of immigration law. Immigration and Nationality law Board Certified attorneys in Immigration and Nationality Law must possess an expert level of knowledge in every area of immigration law to pass the exam. Because of this, clients, judges and other attorneys can rest assured that a Board Certified immigration attorney is well-versed and extremely knowledgeable in all areas of immigration law.

Board certification allows you to call yourself an “expert” in your field. Board certification also opens the door to potentially testifying as an expert witness and providing expert witness opinions in court and in other proceedings. Attorneys, judges and juries are more willing to accept a witness as an “expert” in a certain field if they are Florida Bar Board Certified in that area of law.

There are numerous reasons attorneys should seek board certification in their practice area. Just the process of becoming board certified challenges every applicant to expand their education, knowledge and expertise. In order to grow, every attorney must challenge themselves each and every day. Becoming board certified is one certain way to meet that challenge.

Board certification in the area of Immigration and Nationality Law is hard to achieve. If passing the exam and becoming board certified were easy, everyone would do it. The practice of immigration law is extremely demanding, and becoming board certified in immigration and nationality law establishes an immigration attorney as a counselor at the top of the profession. The 78 attorneys who are board certified in immigration and nationality law have proven that they possess the ethics, professionalism, education, and knowledge requirements needed to be the best in their field. Judges, other attorneys and clients should feel confident that when they engage with a board certified attorney, they are dealing with the best the practice has to offer.

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On September 28th, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall just below peak intensity on Cayo Costa Island in Lee County, Florida. According to Wikipedia, Hurricane Ian tied several other storms as the 5th strongest hurricane ever to make landfall in the contiguous United States. To date, 126 Floridians died during this Hurricane, mostly from flooding. Sanibel Island and Fort Myers Beach sustained catastrophic damage. The City of Naples experienced catastrophic flooding, and Ian left a path of destruction up the Southwest Florida coastline. According to The Florida Bar website, there are currently 1,828 lawyers practicing in Lee County, 278 in Charlotte County and 1,477 in Collier County. The storm damage incurred by law firms in Southwest Florida ranged from building destruction to minor inconveniences from power outages.

Having lived in Southwest Florida for over twenty years, I understand how many people underestimated this storm. After the storm, I spoke with one Naples resident who told me he has heard for fifty years that we were going to get a storm surge, but it never happened until now. The economic damage a law practice sustains going through a hurricane is related to the planning before the hurricane. Anyone living in Florida can experience catastrophic damage from a hurricane. However, after this storm, there are a couple of issues I am focusing on.

Office Mobility Promotes Financial Success. Even if there is no specific damage to the structure you practice in, it is very likely that you will experience a power outage for days or weeks depending on the damage. For several days after this storm, I did not know if our Fort Myers office building was standing. The storm damage was so severe that many cellular phone towers in Lee County were destroyed so any type of communication was not possible. We also discovered there was so much damage to the local electrical grid that power failures continued after the storm as damaged equipment became active.

One way to mitigate that damage is to take steps now to ensure that your practice is totally mobile. Using a cloud-based server along with a digital telephone system will minimize your economic loss because you can leave your building and continue working from another location. Imagine having many paper files water-logged or destroyed by a storm. What would you do? Now imagine all those same files are stored in the cloud and available to you and your employees anywhere there is internet.

Digital telephone technology is amazing! With digital telephone technology, you can literally use your computer as an office telephone anywhere there is internet. The fun part is no one (except someone physically present in your office) will know the difference. With a good speaker, microphone and decent software, you don’t need a separate telephone. This can be set up so that you can contact other employees through their extensions even if you are hundreds of miles apart. This, along with audio visual technology, means you can continue to function with minimal economic damage – if you take the time to understand and implement this technology now.

You may be thinking, “but, I’ve been living here for many years, and we have never had a hurricane.” That may be true but tell that to all the homeowners up and down the coast of Southwest Florida who have lived here for many years damage free yet watched saltwater flood their garage and carry away their car or destroy all their personal possessions.

The truth is we all live in a state that is susceptible to significant damage from a hurricane. Never again will I listen to a storm warning and think the media is just exaggerating to promote the story. By taking advantage of technology and ensuring you are properly insured against loss, you are much more likely to withstand the damage that just visited Southwest Florida and thrive going forward.
The Florida Bar’s Grievance Mediation and Fee Arbitration Program is seeking new volunteers to serve in the program.

Established in 2004, the program is governed by Chapter 14 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and offers attorneys and former clients the means by which to resolve their fee disputes outside of the civil court system.

Because the services are free, the Bar must seek out volunteer mediators and arbitrators to handle these matters.

“At this time, we are seeking volunteer arbitrators and mediators throughout the state for both programs,” said Shanell Schuyler, the program’s director. “Our search includes not only members of the Bar, but also non-lawyer arbitrators willing to serve on a panel.’

Since the pandemic, Schuyler says most arbitration hearings and mediation conferences have been conducted online via platforms such as Zoom. Volunteer mediators and arbitrators schedule the cases on dates and times convenient to their schedules. Volunteers are also asked to commit to taking two arbitrations per year.

One of the benefits of volunteering is the experience gained while acting as a neutral. Schuyler says volunteers gain experience through the arbitration process while weighing the evidence, determining the credibility of witnesses, and, ultimately, determining who should prevail.

“Along the way, we can pretty much guarantee you will gain valuable insight into your own practice and learn how to handle various issues that may arise with your own clients over fees and billings,” Schuyler said. “The experience you will gain as an arbitrator is unique because you will have the perspective from the trier of fact’s view as opposed to the attorney who bills the client.”

She says the process provides a faster, less expensive, and more efficient way for members of the public and the Bar to resolve their disputes without court filings, depositions, discovery, and endless hours in court.

“Most mediations and arbitrations are completed in a few hours or less,” Schuyler said. “The program offers a win-win-win scenario: members of the public gain confidence that their dispute is being addressed by a fair, independent neutral; attorneys get a resolution with a former client in a forum that is not in a public setting with court filings and accusations against them filed in the public domain; and program volunteers get to provide a valuable public service.”

One more reason to volunteer is the benefit of getting free CLE. The Florida Bar allows for up to 5 hours of CLE credit per reporting cycle for taking a case. Volunteers also receive a free training course approved for 2-hours of CLE credit.

“Because this is a voluntary program, you are not paid for your time in terms of money,” Schuyler said. “However, there are many other ‘benefits’ you receive when you act as a program volunteer. Most of all, you will be providing an important and valuable service to The Florida Bar every time you serve.”

If you or anyone you know may be interested in becoming approved as an arbitrator and/or mediator under The Florida Bar’s Fee Arbitration and Mediation Programs, complete the Program Mediator/Arbitrator Application form and return it to The Florida Bar, Attn: Susan Austin, 651 E. Jefferson St., Tallahassee 32399 or saustin@floridabar.org. For further information, you may also contact Schuyler at 850-561-5647. The volunteer arbitrator and mediator eligibility requirements are listed here.

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**IN THE NEWS**


**Barry Wayne** (B.C.S. Marital and Family Law) of Stearns Weaver Miller presented “Prenuptial Agreements in Florida – Practical Considerations and Planning” at the Jewish Federation of Broward County Advisors Philanthropy Initiative.

**Barry Snyder** of North Miami Beach has been elected to the board of directors of the Florida Justice Association.

**Christopher C. Weeg** of Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun has been elected to the East Coast Estate Planning Council Board of Directors.

**Donell Andre** Hicks (B.C.S. Construction Law) of Stearns Weaver Miller presented “Residential Construction and Condominium Maintenance” for the 10th Annual Construction Law in Florida Conference.

**Ellen M. Leibovitch** of Assouline & Berlowe was sworn in as president of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association.


**Jeff Wright and Kaylee Tuck** of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt in Naples presented a Legislative Update at the 69th Florida Planning and Zoning Association State Conference in Captiva. Wright and Tuck discussed topics including pollution control standards and liability, floating solar facilities, power of land authorities, statewide flooding and sea level rise resilience, and building regulations.

**Jennifer Diaz** of Diaz Trade Law participated as a featured speaker as part of the “CEO for a Day” event hosted by the Talent Development Network.

**Jessica Icerman** (B.C.S. City, County & Local Government) of Stearns Weaver Miller has been promoted to Shareholder in the Tampa office.

**John Gihon** of Shorstein, Lasnetski and Gihon in Orlando spoke on a panel in New York City at the American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, discussing how immigration counsel can properly advise criminal defense attorneys on the immigration consequences of criminal cases.

**Leslie Lott** of Lott & Fischer spoke at the Practising Law Institute’s “Advanced Trademark Law 2022: Current Issues” program.
Lisa Berg (B.C.S. Labor & Employment) and Robert Turk (B.C.S. Labor & Employment) of Stearns Weaver Miller virtually presented “NLRB Update: Where Do We Stand Now? (Part II)” for the Florida Bar.

Maria C. Gonzalez recently presented on “Alimony” at the 30th Annual Nuts & Bolts of Family Law Seminar sponsored by Miami-Dade County Bar and Dade Legal Aid — Put Something Back.

Nancy La Vista of Clark, Fountain, La Vista, Prather & Littky-Rubin is the recipient of the 2022 Compassionate Gladiatrix Award, presented by the Florida Justice Association, for her dedication to the legal profession and achievements in the courtroom.

Richard D. West of West Family Law Group in Orlando spent a week in Houston serving as faculty of the National Family Law Trial Institute.

Rob Blank of RumbergerKirk has been invited to become a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel.

Rob Sniffen of Sniffen & Spellman co-presented, “Handling Employment Actions in the Public Sector” at the Defense Research Institute’s Annual Employment Law Conference in Denver. Sniffen’s presentation included a discussion about the unique challenges faced by public-sector employers in defending federal and state employment litigation.

Robert Turk of Stearns Weaver Miller presented, “Is a Gratuity a Tip or Service Charge?,” for the South Florida Hospitality Human Resources Association.

Sean C. Domnick of Domnick Cunningham & Whalen was sworn in as president-elect of the American Association for Justice.


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- Education Law
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- International Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Marital & Family Law
- Tax Law

**Second Cycle Filing Period:**

- Antitrust & Trade Regulation Law
- Business Litigation
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- Criminal Appellate Law
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- Intellectual Property Law
- International Litigation & Arbitration
- Juvenile Law
- Real Estate Law
- State/Federal Government & Administrative Practice
- Wills, Trusts & Estates Law
- Workers’ Compensation Law

There are no alternative dates or make-up exams. All 2023 hand write exam will be held at the Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel: 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, FL 32812 – 407.513.7225

**FIRST CYCLE AREA EXAM DATES**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023:**
- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Adoption Law
- Aviation Law
- Civil Trial Law
- Condominium & Planned Development
- Immigration & Nationality Law
- International Law

**Friday, March 10, 2023:**
- Appellate Practice
- Education Law
- Elder Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Marital & Family Law
- Tax Law

**SECOND CYCLE AREA EXAM DATES**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023:**
- Antitrust & Trade Regulation Law
- Construction Law
- Intellectual Property
- Juvenile Law
- Real Estate Law
- State & Federal Government & Administrative Practice

**Friday, May 12, 2023:**
- Business Litigation
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- Criminal Trial Law
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- International Litigation & Arbitration
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Labor & Employment Law Section, Litigation Skills Seminar
Le Méridien Tampa, The Courthouse 601 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL

DEC. 8, 2022
6 pm to 8 pm
Florida Government Bar Association & Tallahassee Bar Association, Holiday
Social & Judicial Reception. Hotel Duval, Tallahassee

JANUARY 2023
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Elder Law Annual Update – Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando
5601 Universal Blvd. Orlando FL

18 - 20
The Florida Bar Winter Meeting – Rosen Shingle Creek
9939 Universal Blvd. Orlando, FL

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Business Law Section Winter Meeting – Renaissance Orlando at Sea World
6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL

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Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section: Construction Law Institute 2023
JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, 404 Central FL Pkwy, Orlando, FL

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Tax Section Annual Meeting.
The Don CeDar, 3400 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, FL

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