

The Florida Bar and the Constitutional Judiciary Committee  
present

## **Benchmarks: Raising the Bar on Civics Education (Session 2)**

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**COURSE CLASSIFICATION: INTERMEDIATE**

**Course 7708**

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### **OVERVIEW**

Have you ever been asked to speak to a civic or community group – but didn't have time to put a presentation together? Don't worry because Benchmarks has you covered! Benchmarks is The Florida Bar program that takes presentations about the court system, the Constitution, and the rule of law to adult civic and community groups.

Surveys show many Americans lack a basic understanding of the three branches of government and how government works. So, through the Benchmarks program, Bar Members can teach adults through presentations using traditional print and PowerPoint methods or virtual presentations and even via smart phone technology called Nearpod.

Once trained, Bar Members can confidently use the tools found on The Florida Bar website to speak to civic and affinity groups, clubs, religious institutions and associations.

Attorneys can receive CLE credit for making Benchmarks presentations: 1 ethics credit hour for this training session and one credit hour for each presentation for up to three presentations in a three-year reporting period.

## LECTURE PROGRAM

### Thursday, June 22

- 3:30 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. Introductions and Overview  
*Katherine Van de Bogart, Constitutional Judiciary Committee Chair*
- 3:35 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Benchmarks Presentation & Q&A – LFI
- 4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. What to do next? CLE Credits, Self-Reporting All presenters



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## **SPEAKERS**

**Katherine Van de Bogart** is the current chair of the Constitutional Judiciary Committee of the Florida Bar. Katherine is the President of Van de Bogart Law, P.A. a boutique litigation law firm, in Fort Lauderdale. Katherine is also a member of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, and currently serves as the Second Vice Chair of the Inclusion, Mentoring & Fellowship Committee. In her free time, Katherine enjoys spending time with family, working out at Orange Theory, and practicing yoga. Judge Flower is a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville, where he has served as Program Director Chair and as a member of both the Adult and Youth Selection Committees. Judge Flower is also a Graduate of Leadership Florida, where he has served as a member and is the County Chair of the State-Wide Selection Committee.

**Jason Silver** is an Attorney at Kelley Kronenberg specializing in mortgage foreclosure litigation and assisting banks and financial service providers with regulatory, enforcement, transactional, and litigation matters. With nearly a decade of experience in contested foreclosure litigation, he guides creditors throughout the entire court action process. Before joining Kelley Kronenberg, Jason worked as an Associate Attorney at an AmLaw 200 firm, focusing on banking, consumer finance, bankruptcy, general litigation, and municipal and government law. He also served as the Deputy Municipal Attorney for the Village of El Portal, Florida. Jason holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations with a minor in History from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctor degree from St. Thomas University School of Law. During law school, he received a Book Award in Appellate Advocacy and gained experience through internships at the City of Miami's Office of the City Attorney and the Third District Court of Appeal. Outside of work, Jason is an enthusiastic runner and has completed several half marathons, including the ING Miami Half Marathon in 2011 and the Hollywood Beach Half Marathon in 2020.

CLE Credit

General: 1.0 hour