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President's Message



By Dawn M. Vallejos-Nichols

We have the best judges in the Eighth Judicial Circuit!! I know I'm not the only one that feels that way because attorneys talk (if there's one thing an attorney knows how to do, it's talk!) and I've heard people say that they went to court in another circuit and the

judge was unprepared or disinterested or just downright nasty. I've also heard attorneys from outside our circuit who come here for a case now and again mention how much they appreciate our judges – their courtesy, their preparedness, and their professionalism.

Well, the Eighth Judicial Circuit is about to get two more excellent judges. As President of the EJCBA, I will have the great honor of presenting Union County's new County Court Judge, Bo Bayer, with his judicial robe at his investiture at the Union County Courthouse on Friday, March 1 at 3:00 p.m. On Friday, March 15, President-Elect Nancy Baldwin will have the distinct pleasure of presenting the judicial robe to new County Court Judge Sheree Lancaster in Gilchrist County, as I will be in trial in Marion County. Her investiture is at 4:00 p.m. at the Gilchrist County Courthouse. If you have the opportunity, please attend one or both of these investitures, which is the formal ceremony that confers upon these new judges, who have been in their positions since January, with the authority and symbols of their office (such as the robe and gavel). In addition to the formality, though,

investitures are genuinely a lot of fun, with family and friends telling great stories about the new judge, and a reception immediately following the ceremony. An investiture is an occasion when the entire circuit can celebrate together.

I have no doubt that Judge Bayer and Judge Lancaster will serve their respective counties with intelligence, humility and compassion, and join the ranks of the "quality" that are our judges. Congratulations to you both.



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From The Editor

I'd like to encourage all of our members to contribute to the newsletter by sending in an article, a letter to the editor about a topic of interest or current event, an amusing short story, a profile of a favorite judge, attorney or case, a cartoon, or a blurb about the good works that we do in our communities and personal lives. Submissions are due on the 5th of the preceding month and can be made by email to dvallejos-nichols@avera.com.

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The Duty to Disclose is Not an Option



By Audrie M. Harris, Esq.

Last time we talked about the ramifications, ethically and financially, of filing a frivolous appeal. There is also an ethical duty to disclose directly adverse facts and legal authority, at the trial and appellate level, which can be found at Rule 4-3.3(a)(2) & (3) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

As to disclosing adverse legal authority, the Rule uses the language “in the controlling jurisdiction.” However, a court’s physical jurisdictional boundaries may be irrelevant. In Florida, if there is no controlling decision by the court or the district court of appeal having jurisdiction over the trial court on a point of law, a decision by another district court is binding.¹ While the ethical duty to disclose is applicable in both trial and appellate courts, this article focuses on the duty at the appellate level where the appellate courts have not hesitated to sanction counsel for failing to disclose adverse facts and/or legal authority in their appellate briefs. For instance, in *Hays v. Johnson*, 566 So.2d 260 (Fla. 5th DCA 1990), the natural mother of a minor child filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus seeking release of her child to her custody after the lower court entered an order granting temporary custody to a guardian. The mother alleged that the child was being held in shelter care beyond the permissible time.²

After reviewing the responses filed by the guardian and the guardian ad litem program, the appellate court found that the mother’s petition was wholly without merit and, further, issued a rule to show cause, pursuant to Rule 9.410 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, why sanctions should not be imposed against the mother’s counsel for omitting material facts in the petition.³ Specifically, mother’s counsel failed to disclose several material facts: (1) that the mother consented to the appointment of the guardian and the granting to him of full discretion to place the child as he saw fit; (2) that the temporary custody order was entered as a result of the mother’s incarceration for contempt for violating a visitation order and failing to reveal the whereabouts of the child; (3) that he, as the mother’s counsel, had sought numerous continuances of the proceedings; and (4) that the mother had waived all applicable time limits in the juvenile rules.⁴ Clearly, these various facts were material to the mother’s

petition for immediate release of the child from his custodial arrangement.

While the mother’s counsel was given the opportunity to explain why he omitted material facts, he chose to re-argue the case and, due to that failure, the court admonished the attorney and directed that he personally pay the attorneys’ fees incurred by the respondents in preparing responses to his client’s petition.⁵ The appellate court made it clear that it would not tolerate the actions of any attorney who misleads the court in material matters.⁶

In *Long v. AvMed, Inc.*, 14 So.3d 1264 (Fla. 1st DCA 2009), the First District Court of Appeal relied upon *Hays* when it ordered that the appellant and her attorney be equally responsible for the appellee’s attorneys’ fees under Section 57.105, *Florida Statutes*, for failing to disclose material facts and filing a frivolous appeal. The court reminded the attorney that refusing to acknowledge unfavorable facts is not an option the attorney or their client possesses. “The conduct is sanctionable as it violates an appellate counsel’s ethical obligation to present the facts accurately and forthrightly.”⁷

Although we have an adversary system of justice, it is one founded on the rule of law. Simply because our system is adversarial does not make it unconcerned with outcomes. Might does not make right, at least in the courtroom. We do not accept the notion that outcomes should depend on who is the most powerful, most eloquent, best dressed, most devious and most persistent with the last word-or, for that matter, who is able to misdirect a judge. American civil justice is so designed that established rules of law will be applied and enforced to insure that justice be rightly done. Such a system is surely defective, however, if it is acceptable for lawyers to “suggest” a trial judge into applying a “rule” or a “discretion” that they know-or should know-is contrary to existing law. Even if it hurts the strategy and tactics of a party’s counsel, even if it prepares the

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

Under the Mediation Sun

By Chester B. Chance and Charles B. Carter



An attorney/mediator in Austin, Texas specializes in resolution of family law cases, i.e., divorces. The website for the practice is "Divorce Resort: Customized Mediation". The mediator at Divorce Resort requests the divorcing couple to send all necessary information concerning the divorce, which is then organized by the staff at

Divorce Resort. Then, a 3-day weekend is scheduled at a four star resort which will take you away from all the distractions of life to allow the mediator and the couple to focus solely on the issues of the couple's separation and their future in a "calm, relaxed and pampered setting." The Divorce Resort suggests the mediator will work with each spouse individually so that a spouse does not have to work with the soon-to-be ex-spouse in the same room. (We assume the other spouse could be playing golf, enjoying a gourmet meal, relaxing in the sauna, etc.)

The Divorce Resort mediator/attorney will mediate all issues of the divorce for the first two days of the weekend and if there are any issues left after two days of mediation, the mediator will become your arbitrator and will arbitrate the final issues. "This way, you are assured that all of your divorce issues will be finalized by the end of the three-day weekend." Arbitration is utilized as a "last resort".

Divorce Resort suggests this concept "significantly reduces the high cost of traditionally litigating a divorce case, both the financial cost and the emotional cost." By agreeing in advance to the Divorce Resort process "there is no threat of litigation, no ugly mud-slinging court battles, no intrusive nor invasive discovery tactics, and no contradicting expert witnesses."

Divorce Resort suggests the negotiation of a divorce settlement is done in a "creative, private and dignified setting." The website suggests "couples who might spend months wrangling with paperwork, inter-lawyer battles and endless delays spend just 72 hours in a luxurious location away from stresses of daily life, focusing only on their own futures....."

The cost? Fox-43 News from Central Pennsylvania reporting on Divorce Resort suggests the cost is a flat rate fee ranging from \$3,300 "on up" per side. WCHS-Charleston/Huntington reports the

flat rate begins at \$7,500 per side. The cost includes the hotel.

Want to know more? Go to www.divorceresort.net. The site notes there is always time for a time-out in that if at any time during the process either party feels overwhelmed, stressed or over-emotional, the mediator may call a "time-out" to take a relaxing breather for a few hours



for whatever the individual party needs to address their emotions or anxiety "including utilizing the facilities and activities offered by the hotel in which they are staying." The website also explains "the role of the mediator" and "the role of the arbitrator" which in this case is the same person by agreement. It is unknown whether that role includes tennis lessons, aerobic exercise clinic, etc.

The authors understand that some local mediators are offering similar resort package deals at several local Southwest 13th Street motels. The offer includes breakfast at the IHOP and a tour of Bivens Arm for unwinding, along with full access to the Southwest 13th Street bicycle lane.

The authors feel it is our job to keep local attorneys informed of all new alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Thus, we will "resort" to reporting any and all developments.

One of the authors is contemplating "Divorce Cruise" featuring river cruises in Steinhatchee and scalloping. The plan involves a divorce cruise for the married, or the "honeymoon cruise" where the captain performs the nuptials on the lido deck of his dory.

Save The Date!

The Clara Gehan Association of Women Lawyers (CGAWL) will present its annual JA LUNCHEON on Friday, April 26 at Cellar 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cellar 12 is located downtown at 12 SE 2d Avenue (former Sovereign location). Please calendar this event and watch for further information or email Anne Rush at arush@rtix.com.

Guns In The Workplace



What Florida Employers Need to Know

By Paul Donnelly, Donnelly & Gross, P.A.

Gun control laws are a hot--and controversial--topic in the news lately. Regardless of one's personal beliefs, it's important for employers to understand the laws governing guns in the workplace in Florida.

Legitimately concerned with safety in the workplace, many employers are asking themselves questions like:

- May I ask my employees if they have ever carried a gun to work and if they carry a gun in their car?
- May I ban employees from bringing guns onto business property? And, if employees refuse to comply with the ban, can I fire them?

The general rule is that an employer cannot inquire about or prohibit an employee's possession of a legally owned firearm when such firearm is lawfully possessed (as when said employee has a concealed weapons permit) and locked inside or locked to a private motor vehicle in the employer's parking lot when the employee is lawfully on the employer's property.

Florida Statute 790.251--Preservation and Protection of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act--was enacted in 2008 by Governor Charlie Crist, making Florida one of 17 states with "Guns at Work" laws in the country.

In drafting workplace safety policies, employers must be careful not to prohibit an employee from keeping a firearm locked in or to his or her vehicle. Employers can prohibit guns from being in company cars and from being carried about on the person on the company's property. And, employers may terminate employees who do not comply. But, while employers can prohibit guns unless they are lawfully possessed and locked inside or locked to the private vehicle, employers cannot inquire or search to determine whether these conditions are met (i.e. whether the carrying is lawful or not, whether the employee has a concealed weapons permit, whether the gun itself is lawful).

If an employer has a reason to believe that an employee brought a gun which was not lawfully possessed and locked up, the employer cannot

lawfully conduct a search or inquire, but may refer the situation to law enforcement. In the event that the gun was not lawfully possessed and locked up, the employer may terminate the offending employee.

Exceptions to the statute include schools, correctional institutions, nuclear-powered electricity generation facilities, etc.

Duty to Disclose

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way for an adverse ruling, even though the adversary has himself failed to cite the correct law, the lawyer is required to disclose law favoring his adversary when the court is obviously under an erroneous impression as to the law's requirements.

Boca Burger, Inc. v. Forum, 912 So. 2d 561, 573 (Fla. 2005), citing, *Forum v. Boca Burger, Inc.*, 788 So. 2d 1055 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001).

The appellate courts clearly agree: in order for the judicial process to function fairly and impartially, lawyers have an affirmative duty to help the court arrive at an informed decision by disclosing adverse facts and legal authority. Certainly once the disclosure is made, the lawyer can challenge or distinguish the adverse facts or legal authority. In fact, making such challenges presents a great opportunity for the lawyer to really elevate their skills to a level that will engage the participants in a conversation that will test the reasonableness of the existing law. Regardless, following ethical rules helps avoid discipline and helps the appellate court trust the arguments raised by counsel, enhancing the possibility of success on appeal.

1 ¹ *Aurora Loan Services LLC v. Senchuk*, 36 So.3d 716, 721 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010), citing, *Pardo v. State*, 596 So.2d 665, 666 (Fla. 1992).

2 ² *Id.*

3 ³ *Id.* at 261.

4 ⁴ *Id.*

5 ⁵ *Id.*

6 ⁶ *Id.*

7 ⁷ *Id.* at 1266, citing *Boca Burger, Inc. v. Forum*, 912 So 2d 561 (Fla. 2005).

Nominees Sought for 2013 James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award

Nominees are being sought for the recipient of the 2013 James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award. The award will be given to the Eighth Judicial Circuit lawyer who has demonstrated consistent dedication to the pursuit and practice of the highest ideals and tenets of the legal profession. The nominee must be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar who resides or regularly practices law within this circuit. If you wish to nominate someone, please complete a nomination form describing the nominee's qualifications and achievements and submit it to Raymond F. Brady, Esq., 2790 NW 43rd Street, Suite 200, Gainesville, FL 32606. Nominations must be received in Mr. Brady's office by Monday, April 29, 2013 in order to be considered. The award recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of leaders in the local voluntary bar association and practice sections.

Professionalism Seminar – SAVE THE DATE

Inexpensive (CHEAP) CLE Credits

By Ray Brady

Mark your calendars now for the annual Professionalism Seminar. This year the seminar will be held on Friday, April 5, 2013 from 9:00 AM until Noon, at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 4000 NW 53rd Avenue. The keynote speaker this year will be renowned Ft. Lauderdale litigator Bruce S. Rogow. Mr. Rogow will address issues of professionalism, including issues that arise in his profile cases, such as those he has litigated throughout his career, in both the civil and criminal arena.

We expect to be approved, once again, for 3.5 General CLE hours, which includes 2.0 ethics hours and 1.5 professionalism hours.

A reservation card is included on page 6 of this newsletter or watch in your mail for an EJCBA reservation card in early March. Questions may be directed to the EJCBA Professionalism Committee chairman, Ray Brady, Esq., at 373-4141.

James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Business Address: _____

County in which Nominee Resides: _____

The above named nominee exemplifies the ideals and goals of professionalism in the practice of law, reverence for the law, and adherence to honor, integrity, and fairness, as follows (attach additional pages as necessary):

Name of Nominator: _____

Signature: _____

Ethical Practice in the Real World

By Marcia Green

Three Rivers Legal Services is hosting **Ethical Practice in the Real World**, a free webinar for volunteer attorneys and new recruits! The webinar, with ethics CLE credit, is being taught by local attorney Eugene E. Shuey and will be held Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

The one-hour webinar includes such topics as the differences between ethics and morality and how practice makes perfect. Discussion will also include the different participants involved in the practice of law, the "rules of the game" and issues with malpractice, the grievance process and the unauthorized practice of law.

Register early as participation is limited. To register, go to www1.gotomeeting.com/register/251834529 or go to our website at www.trls.org and look at the Calendar of Events.

RESERVE NOW FOR THE 2013 PROFESSIONALISM SEMINAR!

WHEN: Friday, April 5, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 NOON

WHERE: Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Avenue, Gainesville

PROGRAM: Our keynote speaker is Bruce Rogow, a distinguished Florida trial/appellate lawyer and professor of law at Nova Southeastern University Law Center, speaking on the topic of "Lawyers: Unlikely Heroes"

COST: \$70.00 (Make checks payable to EJCBA) (or FREE if you renewed your EJCBA membership prior to 9/30/12) (3.5 Hours of CLE is expected)

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Please identify first and second choices for your area of specialty for small group discussions.

- _____ Civil/Tort Law
- _____ Family/Domestic Relations Law
- _____ Criminal Law
- _____ Estates & Trusts Law
- _____ Business Law
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NOTE: Please send a separate card with specialty areas for each attorney attending. Thank you.

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New Administrative Orders

Chief Judge Roundtree signed Administrative Order 4.01, Circuit Court Criminal Division: Organization and Procedure, on January 18, 2013. If you practice in the Criminal Division, please review this Order at www.circuit8.org.

Administrative Order 9.12, Assignment of Alachua County Department of Revenue Divisions N and P Cases Involving Family Matters Other than Child Support Issues was signed by Judge Roundtree on February 11, 2013. This Order can also be reviewed at www.circuit8.org.

EJCBA Charity Golf Tournament

Benefiting the Guardian ad Litem Program



**Mark Bostick Golf Course
at the University of Florida**
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Phone: 352-375-4866

Friday, April 12, 2013
Cost: \$100 per player
Register & Eat: 11:30am
Tee-time: 1:00pm
Reception following round

To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by going to <http://8jcba.org/events.aspx> or return this form with payment.

- Longest Putt Contest
- Men and Women Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin Challenge
- "Mulligans for Kids" for sale

2-Person Scramble



This year's event will be held **Friday, April 12th, 2013**, at the beautiful Mark Bostick Golf Course at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30am, with shotgun start at 1:00pm. Post-round reception immediately following golf.

The cost for this event is **\$100** per golfer. This price includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, reception and various awards and/or prizes. All net proceeds of this charity tournament will benefit the Guardian ad Litem Program of the 8th Circuit through the Guardian Foundation, Inc.

A Guardian ad Litem is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding. Currently, the Florida GAL Program represents close to 27,000 abused and neglected children, but more than 4,600 children are still in need of a voice in court. Additional funding to the GAL Program provides invaluable financial support for the volunteers.

ENTRY FEE: \$100 per golfer

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APRIL 5TH

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Bo Bayer
County Court Judge
Union County, Eighth Judicial
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Friday, March 1, 2013
3:00 p.m.
Union County Courthouse
Reception Immediately Following



Professor David Denslow speaks at the February
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Criminal Law



By William Cervone

Because of a series of uninspired and unappealing selections in recent years I may be over the American Dialect Society and its annual Word of the Year vote, but since I went to the trouble to check I might as well pass on to you that the 2012 Word of

the Year is “hashtag.” Or, perhaps more correct and technically speaking, “#hashtag.”

This leaves me cold. Cold, of course, is only one letter removed from old. That aside, hashtag refers to the practice used on Twitter for marking topics or making commentary by means of a hash symbol, #, followed by a word or phrase. According to Ben Zimmer, Chair of the New Words Committee of the American Dialect Society and a language columnist for the *Boston Globe*, “This was the year when the hashtag became a ubiquitous phenomenon in online talk. In the Twittersphere and elsewhere, hashtags have created instant social trends, spreading bite-sized viral messages on topics ranging from politics to pop culture.”

Really? The Twittersphere? Now there’s something that should be plutoed (2006 Word of the Year). So as to fulfill my obligation of making this column legally relevant and germane let me remind everyone that, as I have written before, it’s not a good idea to Tweet, Facebook, or otherwise broadcast through social media your innermost thoughts about what an idiot a particular judge is, how inept and offensive opposing counsel might be, or why you are perfectly justified in that bit of linguistic sleight of hand you used to circumvent the truth in your last brief or argument. The Bar frowns on such things.

But I digress. I’ve seen this hashtag thing a lot recently and can agree that it is getting to be ubiquitous. Pointless as well, at least to me. And I admit that I have no idea how it works, or how Twitter works, or why anyone would spend endless time with either or care about someone else’s tweet about what they had for lunch. Which, I guess, brings me back to that “old” thing. A hopelessly out of touch, reliant on good old fashion eye to eye contact while having a real face to face conversation with an

actual person kind of old. So be it. It all brings me to my personal choice for Word of the Year: codswallop, meaning words or language having no meaning or conveying no intelligible ideas. In other words, drivel. Look it up if you doubt me.

If the American Dialect Society is to re-gain my admiration and interest, it should conduct a re-evaluation of some of the words it rejected this year. There was, for example, “mansplaining,” a man’s condescending explanation to a female audience and the winner in the Most Creative category, or “Gray Thursday,” the name given to Thanksgiving as a shopping day before Black Friday, a finalist in the Most Euphemistic category. Even “fiscal cliff” and “superstorm,” Most Likely To Succeed finalists needing no definition to anyone with any semblance of awareness, would be better albeit more hackneyed.

Alas, I fear that hashtag is part of a trend, seeing as it fits nicely if needlessly with 2009’s Word of the Year, tweet, and the 2012 winner, app. It’s somehow distressing that my Spellcheck now recognizes and approves both tweet and app. I suspect that Noah Webster would be neither amused nor pleased.

Circuit Notes

Judge Toby Monaco has been nominated for the prestigious 2013 Hoeveler Judicial Award. The Hoeveler award is for a judge who best exemplifies strength of character, service and competence as a jurist, lawyer and public servant. Nominees are judges who have by their example communicated their commitment to the ideals of justice and diligence in inspiring others to the mission of professionalism. Congratulations, Judge Monaco!

Chief Judge Robert E. Roundtree, Jr. has been re-elected by the judges of the Eighth Judicial Circuit to serve as Chief Judge for the two year term beginning July 1, 2013. Congratulations, Judge Roundtree!

It's that time again!

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association Nominations Committee is seeking members for EJCBA Board positions for 2013-2014. Please consider giving a little time back to your bar association. Please complete the application below and return the completed application to EJCBA. The deadline for completed applications is May 7, 2013.

Application for EJCBA Board Membership

Name: _____ Bar No. _____

Office Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: (Home) _____ (Office) _____
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Area of practice: _____ Years in practice: _____

Office of Interest: (Check all that apply)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Poll	<input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe Below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Law Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Professionalism	_____

Briefly describe your contributions, if any, to date to EJCBA.

What new goals would you like to explore for our association?

How many hours per week can you devote to your EJCBA goals?

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March 2013 Calendar

- 5 Deadline for submission of articles for April Forum 8
- 6 EJCBA Board of Directors Meeting; Ayers Medical Plaza, 720 SW 2d Avenue, North Tower, Third Floor – 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Law in the Library, Alachua County Public Library Headquarters, Restoration of Civil Rights and Expungement,” 6-7:00 p.m.
- 13 Probate Section Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 4th Floor, Family & Civil Courthouse
- 15 EJCBA Luncheon, Professor Michael Foley, UF Dept. of Journalism, “The Role of the Press and the Potential Collision with the Law,” Paramount Plaza, 11:45 a.m.
- 19 Family Law Section Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 29 Good Friday, County Courthouses closed

April 2013 Calendar

- 3 EJCBA Board of Directors Meeting; Ayers Medical Plaza, 720 SW 2d Avenue, North Tower, Third Floor – 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Deadline for submission of articles for May Forum 8
- 5 EJCBA Professionalism Seminar w/keynote speaker Bruce Rogow, “Lawyers: Unlikely Heroes,” 9-12 Noon, Trinity United Methodist Church
- 8 Law in the Library, Millhopper Branch, Residential Foreclosure Legal Issues, 6-7:00 p.m.
- 10 Probate Section Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 4th Floor, Family & Civil Courthouse
- 11 EJCBA Spring Social at Ballyhoo, 5:30-7 p.m.
- 12 EJCBA Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Guardian Ad Litem, UF Golf Course
- 16 Family Law Section Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 19 EJCBA Luncheon, Paramount Plaza, Judge Stephanie Ray, First District Court of Appeal, Paramount Plaza Hotel, 11:45 a.m.
- 26 CGAWL’s JA Luncheon, Cellar 12, 11:30-1:30
- 29 Nominations Due for 2013 James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award

Have an event coming up? Does your section or association hold monthly meetings? If so, please fax or email your meeting schedule let us know the particulars, so we can include it in the monthly calendar. Please let us know (quickly) the name of your group, the date and day (i.e. last Wednesday of the month), time and location of the meeting. Email to Dawn Vallejos-Nichols at dvallejos-nichols@avera.com.