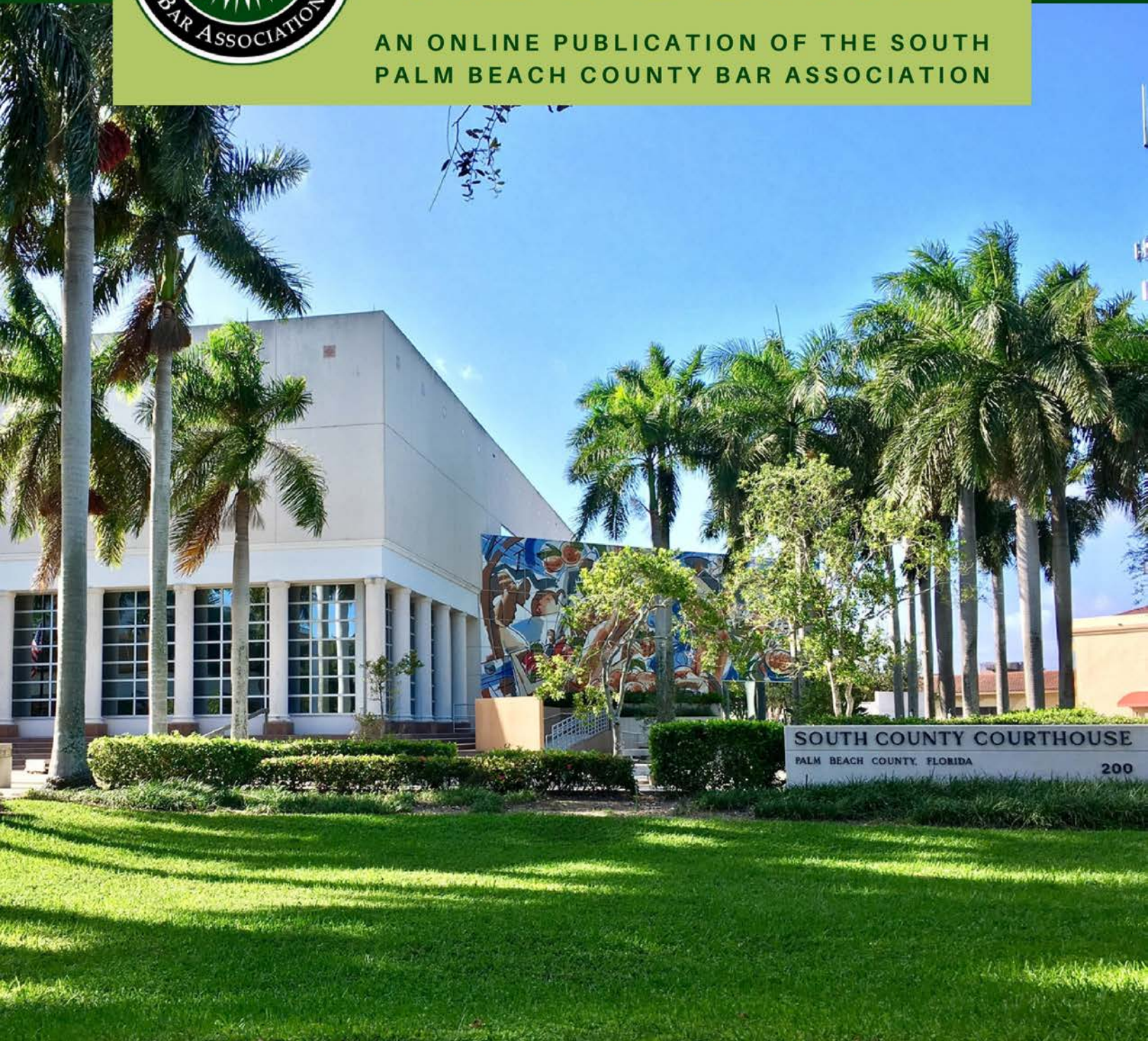




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Dear Members –

In my first message as President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the honor of being installed as the 64th President of the Association. I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to take the helm at this amazing organization with some of the best lawyers in the state. It is truly a privilege for me to practice law in this area now for eighteen (18) years and to continue to serve the community.

Moreover, it is with immense appreciation and excitement that I reflect on the incredible installation Gala we recently celebrated together. The sold-out event was a resounding success, with a record number of nearly 300 esteemed lawyers, judges, and distinguished guests in attendance. Judge Rosemarie Scher was awarded the Distinguished Jurist of the Year. The evening was a testament to the strength, unity, and camaraderie of our legal community. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation and unwavering support, which made the event truly memorable.

Additionally, I want to thank Chris Sajdera for his service and tremendous leadership as this past year’s president. I must also express my gratitude to our Association’s annual and event sponsors. Without our sponsors, we are not able to successfully move the organization forward.

Now, as we turn our attention to the year ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us. I look forward to continuing to build on our organization’s success and incorporating new ideas for programs to benefit the membership. Our Board of Directors and staff are already hard at work planning a series of engaging and impactful events that will enrich our professional lives and strengthen our connections within the legal community.

As I mentioned during the installation Gala, this year, we want to continue to thrive and thrive with purpose. We will work on providing more benefits to the members, including additional CLE offerings. A second priority will be to emphasize community engagement and support, with particular attention given to support towards the development of the next generation of lawyers. We will also continue to have some great social events that will allow for networking opportunities but will incorporate more events that are family friendly.

To achieve these goals, we need your active participation and collaboration. I strongly encourage you to join one of our committees, where your insights and energy can help drive these initiatives forward. Your expertise, enthusiasm, and dedication are invaluable to the success of our Association. Together, we can create a year filled with professional growth, meaningful service, and memorable experiences. I look forward to working with all of you to make this bar year our best yet.

Thank you once again for your commitment to the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. Wishing you a summer filled with joy, relaxation, and inspiration.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next events.

Warmest regards,

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The Spring 2024 edition of The Advocate showcases articles ranging from financial planning, United States foreign policy sanctions, and determining factors for those applying for Social Security Disability. This Edition further highlights the 62nd Annual Installation Gala, community outreach events and initiatives, and CLEs that the Association has hosted over the past several months. Finally, we are proud to present our Annual Sponsor Spotlight! Get to know all those who form our SPBCBA and learn more about the various events as you peruse this edition of The Advocate!

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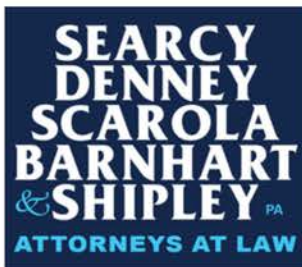


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Understanding Federal Sanctions Lists For Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons

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Most lawyers understand that the United States has long had embargoes with several countries. Think of the U.S. sanctions against Cuba described in 31 CFR Part 515. We have also long had sectoral sanctions such as no oil from Iran described in Executive Order dated August 6, 2018. Over the last few years, under Presidents Obama, Trump, and Biden, there has been an explosion of the use of economic and trade sanctions against not just countries or sectors, but against companies, associations, and individuals all over the world. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 added another layer of complexity for U.S. businesses (and the lawyers who advise them) in their global operations or doing business with or in other countries. For example, the number of Russian entities (persons and organizations) which are sanctioned by the U.S. Government increased from 2,695 in 2022 before the invasion to 19,282 as of May 1, 2024. The number of Special Agents from various Federal agencies conducting investigations of U.S. companies and persons has increased as well.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), U.S. Department of the Treasury is typically the lead Federal agency that regulates sanctions, and puts people and organizations on the dreaded Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List ("SDN List"). A few other lists and Federal agencies to know about include the "Entity List" maintained by the Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, the "Debarred Parties List" maintained by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State, and the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevent Act ("UFLPA") List maintained by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. For every name on any of those lists, no U.S. person may have any further business contact. Violations may be prosecuted criminally (imprisonment and fines) and/or civilly (monetary penalties and seizures). Sanctioned entities immediately have all their assets "blocked" by the U.S. Government and U.S. financial institutions. For example, any money in a bank, in which the account holder has been sanctioned, is immediately frozen.

There are now many more sanctions programs that did not exist even a few years ago, such as the Cyber-Related Sanctions at 31 CFR Part 578, the Global Magnitsky (human rights) Sanctions at 31 CFR Part 583, the Ukraine Related Sanctions at 31 CFR Part 589, or the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions at 31 CFR Part 587. A person or company may be listed by OFAC merely for being related to a person or company already on a sanctions list, or associating with or supporting a listed person or organization.

OFAC and the other Federal agencies publish such additions to these lists regularly in the Federal Register, and on their websites. There is a very brief explanation for the listing of the person or organization. Fortunately, there is a procedure to "delist" a person or company from such lists. For OFAC, it is referred to as a "delisting petition." The OFAC regulation describing what should be included in such a petition, and how to submit it online to OFAC is at 31 CFR 501.807.

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Once the delisting petition has been submitted through the attorney for the sanctioned entity, OFAC will promptly provide an acknowledgment email, and provide a case reference number. Often a Questionnaire from OFAC will follow. Ultimately, the petition is either granted or denied. There is no time limit for OFAC to issue its decision, typically no appeal to a U.S. court of law to expedite the decision or reverse a negative decision, and no right to meet with OFAC personnel at its HQ office located behind The White House, next to Lafayette Square, in the same building as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

It can be frustrating representing a sanctioned entity, especially because the information used by OFAC to add a person to a list may be from sensitive, non-public information, or from an anonymous source who provided information to the FBI, DEA, CIA, etc. Fortunately, the licensing officers, information analysts, and lawyers at OFAC and other Federal law enforcement agencies will (eventually) review, and hopefully recommending granting, a well-written, comprehensive delisting petition with numerous exhibits.

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Taking Control of Your Finances After Divorce or Death of a Spouse

By: Eliot Popper

Divorce or the death of a spouse can turn the best laid financial plans upside down. An income stream dries up; assets may be divided; in short, where life had a feeling of certainty, you may now be standing on shifting ground.

Whatever the circumstances, if you haven' been closely involved in investing or other big-picture financial decisions, taking the lead on money matters can seem daunting.

To be sure, gender roles are evolving, and women are increasingly active in financial planning. But even so, women who outlive their husbands, or who experience a so-called silver divorce—a split that occurs later in life, sometimes after decades of marriage—can be caught off guard by the magnitude of the decisions they must make alone, not least those concerning their home.

With the right approach and the right advice, the process need not be onerous. On the contrary, it can be empowering.

Here' show to manage the transition:

Find a Confidante

To help you get started, ask a couple of money-savvy friends or family members to act as a sounding board. They can go with you when you initially meet advisors and help you ask good questions. While it's helpful if your confidantes understand the basics of investing or estate planning, they needn't be professionals. Their role is to help you take the steps you need to make good choices, not make them for you.



Put Your Team in Place

Depending on the complexities of your situation and your financial savvy, you may want to seek out several professionals, including an attorney, tax professional and Financial Advisor. Because you don't know what you don't know, getting the right advice is critical in the early stages of a transition. A common mistake is to delay financial planning until after a divorce is final or the estate is settled. You want to understand what you're up against financially before you agree to anything.

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If you don't have a Financial Advisor, finding the right one is not unlike finding a good doctor or general contractor. Get two or three recommendations from other professionals (e.g. your attorney) and people who have been in similar circumstances. Then meet with them to see which Financial Advisor has the right mix of experience, personality and approach.

No matter which route you take, be leery of anyone who tries to sell you insurance or investment products out of the gate. If the person immediately goes into, "how much money do you have and what is your risk tolerance," get another opinion. Investing should be the last step.

Get—and Stay—Organized

A Financial Advisor can walk you through all the steps you need to take to get organized, but you can facilitate the process by tracking down key documents, including: recent brokerage and bank statements, life and health insurance policies, recent tax returns, loan documents, and Social Security statements.

As you go about gathering these documents, you'll want to update your information—including beneficiaries—and start taking steps to protect your assets and your heirs. Among other things, you will want to update your will and any trust agreements. Be sure to also look at life insurance and long-term care needs and policies.

Finally, create an inventory of your accounts and financial interests—everything from bank accounts to recurring bills—and store the information in a safe place, or with your attorney or Financial Advisor. Let your loved ones know that such a document exists and where they can find it.

Take Stock of What You Have, and Need

At the heart of financial planning is understanding your goals and creating a road map to achieve them. A key part of the process is reconciling your income and savings with your spending. For this reason, your Financial Advisor will likely ask you to track your spending for several months, either with a spending journal or financial software.



Be Patient but Proactive

You don't want to delay key steps in the planning process, but you also don't want to rush into decisions. The first year after a death or divorce can be very rough. It is wise not to make any major changes, such as selling a house, right away.

The same is true of coming up with a financial plan. A good Financial Advisor will take their time building a solid foundation than rush and create a plan that is unrealistic. You want to start the planning process as soon as you can, but you may not have all the answers right away, and that's to be expected.

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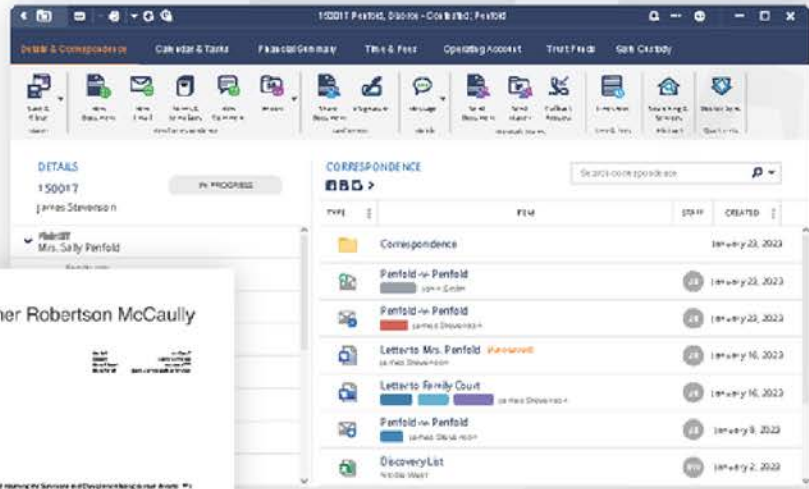
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SSA continues to use outdated jobs data to determine fate of SSD applicants

By Jeffrey M. Freedman, Esq.

Most of us live in the lightning fast world of technology, where everything is a computer including our watches, phones and cars. But not the staff of the Social Security Administration (SSA) whose job it is to determine whether or not a claimant is eligible for Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits.

The agency is a Back to the Future holdout, still depending on a publication called the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, last updated in 1977. This Dictionary would transport applicants back in the time so they could work at such jobs as envelope addressers, egg processors and dowel inspectors, rather than pay them SSD benefits of about \$1,300 to \$1,700 a month. (Envelope addressers, by the way, used typewriters — remember them?)



One of the ways eligibility for SSD benefits is determined, is by whether there exist any jobs in the economy which claimants could perform, given the physical and/or mental disabilities that forced them to quit working in the first place. From an electrician who has had two strokes to a woman with a connective tissue disorder, applicants find themselves denied at the final stage of the process by seriously outdated labor market data that has not even been used by the Department of Labor for more than 30 years. It can take claimants two years or more to go from their initial application to the final decision stage in front of an Administrative Law Judge, only to be told they could work at jobs that in reality have been offshored, outsourced, or automated.

Since 2012, the SSA has spent \$250 million building a directory of 21st Century jobs, according to an internal fact sheet. To date, the SSA is not using this list however, and the agency estimates that before it is complete and comes into use, it will cost another \$50 million. For about two million disabled Americans a year, the 45 year-old Dictionary sits between them and basic financial security — this from a system they have paid into during their working lives so they would have a minimal income, should they no longer be able to work.

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Attorneys who work with disability applicants find it unjustifiable for the agency to continue using the outdated guidelines. The National Organization of Social Security Representatives (NOSSCR), of which I am a member, is advocating the SSA begin using current data about the modern economy immediately. NOSSCR’s president, David Camp, has said he suspects the outmoded process is a deliberate strategy to keep more claimants from getting the support they need and deserve.

Additionally, there are claimants who don’t retain an attorney to help them and don’t know this obsolete vocational guide is still in use. And, the path to getting a bad decision overturned is to take the case to federal court, which is beyond the expertise of some claimants’ representatives.

If the stakes weren’t so high, the practice would be laughable. As Robert Heard, the electrician who had had two strokes said, the idea of having a person who shakes as much as he does in charge of sorting nuts is ridiculous – there would be more nuts knocked to the floor than ever made it into the package.

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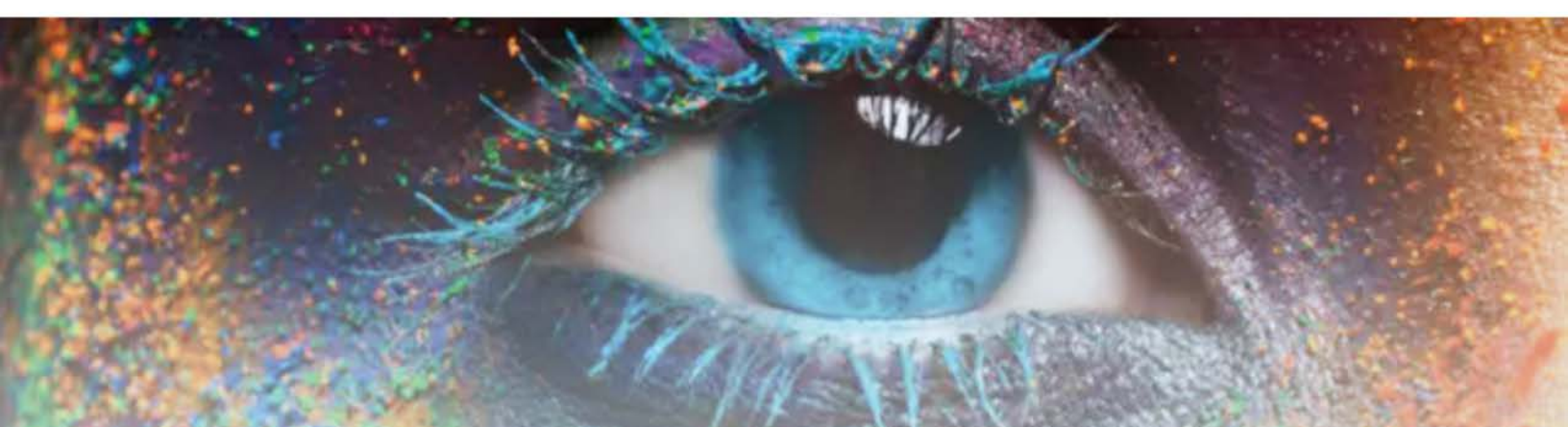
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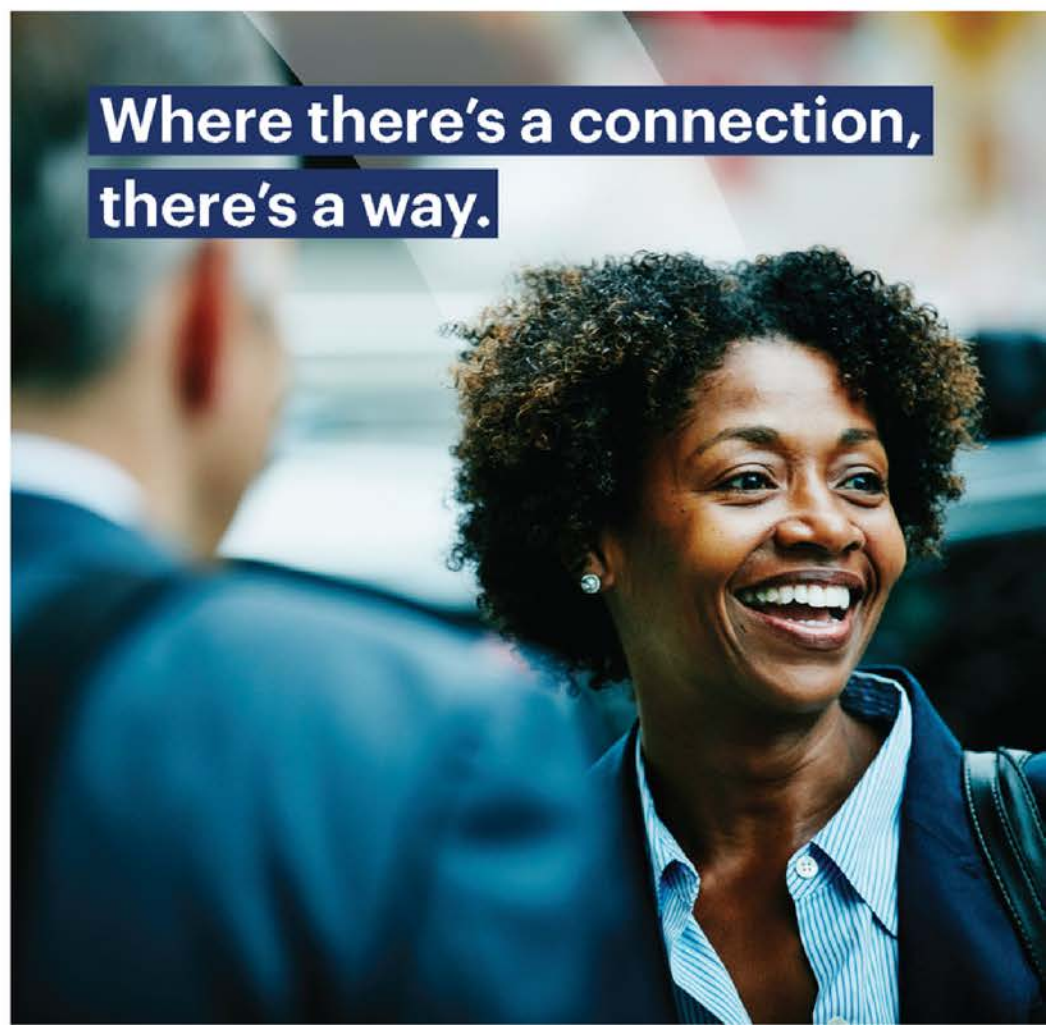
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Rachel Schragger

I am beyond humbled and excited to serve as the President of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section for the 2024-2025 bar year. The Young Lawyers Section will officially convene this summer to hold its annual planning meeting, where our YLS Board of Directors will meet to discuss our exciting plans for this coming year. I am honored to serve with these amazing attorneys and look forward to all we will have in store for this year.

Even before the year begins, we already have an event scheduled for this summer. On June 12, 2024 the Young Lawyers Section is hosting a joint event with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. This event is to benefit the 2024 Pre-K class of the Achievement Center for Families. We are so excited to support this wonderful cause.

After our summer meeting, we will have even more updates regarding our events, and we cannot wait to share them with the community. I am looking forward to a successful year for our Young Lawyers Section. Please follow our us on Facebook and Instagram accounts so that you are up to date. I hope to see everyone at our YLS events.

Feel free to reach out to me at rrschrager@koganinjurylaw.com or (561) 375-9500. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer.

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On January 24, 2024, the Small and Solo Firm Committee held a lunch and learn at Prezzo in Boca Raton. Our guest speaker was Chris Waters of On The Map Internet Marketing. With an intimate setting, our members enjoyed a delicious lunch and learned about some of the ethical dilemmas individuals are dealing with in the digital marketing world.



CORPORATE & BUSINESS, TAX LAW AND FAMILY LAW COMMITTEES COMMITTEE

On the morning of February 9, 2024, our Corporate & Business, Tax Law, and Family Law Committees held a CLE Breakfast Workshop at the South County Courthouse. Our members had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion with Judge Delgado, Judge Scher, and Forensic Accountant Rick Rhodes.



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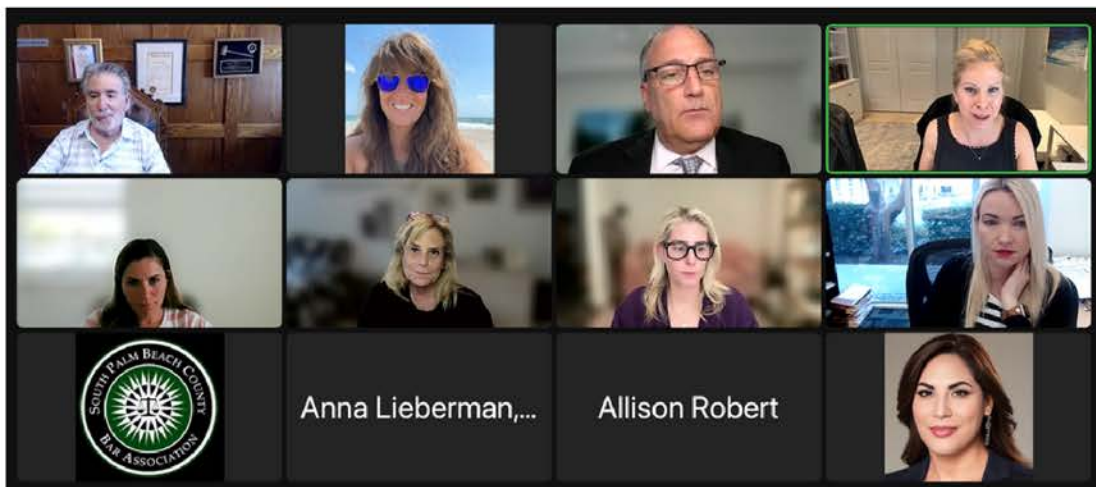
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On the gorgeous morning of February 17, 2024, our Health and Wellness Committee and SPBC FAWL's Adventure Club strolled through the Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens.



ADR COMMITTEE

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee met on February 28th. The presenter for the program was Lloyd Comiter, President of Mediation Training Academy. Lloyd discussed the 2023 Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee Opinions and others. The Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee considers written questions related to certified and court-appointed mediators who are subject to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-appointed mediators.



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REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

On March 6, 2024, our Real Estate Committee held a CLE Lunch and Learn at the Sachs Sax Caplan conference room. The guest speaker was Paul Minoff of CATIC. Paul spoke about the issues, pitfalls, and practice tips of the FARBAR contract.



MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

On April 4, 2024 the Mentorship Committee held a Table for10 Event at Burt & Max's in Delray Beach. Judge Martz used the opportunity to ask of the attendees what were some of their concerns, questions & issues as it relates to the Court. A lot of the discussion was about why it takes so long to get in front of a judge, why certain procedures are not standard for all judges in the circuit, and why doesn't Palm beach County have a status quo order in place like Broward. The conversation was informative and everyone there learned something new.



COMMITTEE EVENTS

SMALL & SOLO COMMITTEE

On April 17, 2024, Jim Dodrill of The Law Office of James Dodrill II, P.A. spoke with members of our Small & Solo Committee at our CLE Luncheon at Prezzo in Boca Raton, Florida. Jim educated us about the new Corporate Transparency Act, which requires most small businesses in the United States to report their beneficial owners to the Department of the Treasury. The failure to timely report, and the failure to timely update information about the owners after changes occur, could result in hefty fines.



UNITY SEDER

On April 29, 2024, The South Palm Beach County Bar Association proudly sponsored the first Unity Seder. The amazing turnout proves that we were right: We are stronger when we come together. We came together through the Passover Seder led by Rabbi Ryan Daniels and Reverend Kevin Jones. We celebrated the universal values of freedom and justice and the idea that things can be better if we work together.



COMMITTEE EVENTS

SMALL & SOLO COMMITTEE

On May 23, 2024, Tammy B. Saltzman, TBS Law, P.A., spoke with members of our Small & Solo Committee at our Luncheon at Prezzo in Boca Raton, Florida. Tammy spoke on the topic of Rainmakerology: The Art of Developing Successful Business Relationships. Building successful business relationships takes a well-thought-out plan, getting to know your potential referral sources, and following up on a regular basis to retain those relationships. Networking and rainmaking are two separate things and in order to have a good flow of referrals it makes sense to be an expert in both. At the meeting we learned how to meet, develop, and retain those relationships.



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February Monthly Luncheon

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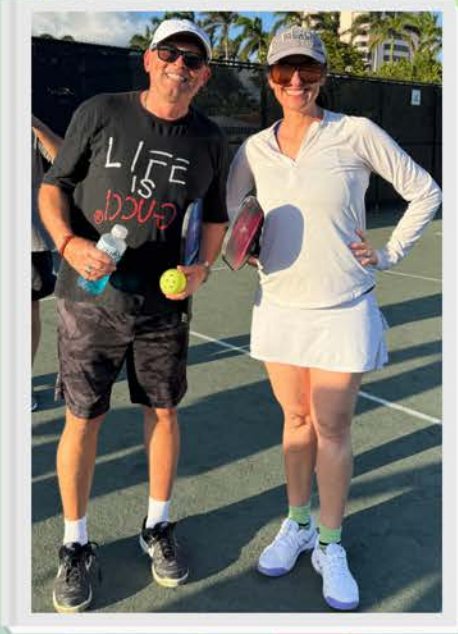
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April Luncheon

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Alexander is a member of the NSU College of Law Board of Governors. She has served as the Palm Beach County Bar Association ADR Committee's Chair and as South Palm Beach County Bar Association Health and Wellness Committee's Co-Chair. A former member of the Craig S. Barnard (CSB) American Inn of Court in Palm Beach County. She was honored by the March of Dimes as a 2021 Woman of Distinction.

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Matthew lives in Boca Raton, Florida with his wife Wendy, son David (SMU Class of 2027) and daughter Lindsey (U of Vermont Class of 2027). He enjoys all things Disney World, Las Vegas, WWE Wrestling, Social Media and Technology, Baseball, FAU Football and all South Florida sports teams.



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