



Federal Bar Association

Tampa Bay Chapter

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Chapter Presents 15th Annual Civil Seminar Featuring Judges Charlene Honeywell, Kathryn Mizelle, and Sean Flynn

The Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its 15th Annual Civil Seminar on November 2, 2023 at the Tampa Club. The seminar featured a panel discussion consisting of U.S. District Judge Charlene Honeywell, U.S. District Judge Kathryn Mizelle, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Sean Flynn, and was moderated by Robert Stines.

The panel presented an informative discussion on navigating important motions in federal district court, from preliminary injunction motions to motions for attorneys' fees. Co-Chairs Mindi Richter and Robert Stines would like to again thank the panel and all who attended.



Upcoming Events

December 14 - Annual Luncheon

January 31 - Advanced Mediation & Settlement Strategies for Handling the Toughest Situations

March 8 – Appellate Roundtable and Cocktail Hour

August 7-9 – The Honorable Elizabeth A Kovachevich 33rd Annual National Seminar on Federal Sentencing

Check out our weekly newsletter for more details!

Young Lawyers Division Hosts Annual Federal Practice Seminar

On October 26, 2023, the Young Lawyers Division of the TBCFBA held its annual Federal Practice Seminar. The event showcased the brilliance of practitioners, judges, and law faculty within the Middle District of Florida. The speakers covered topics including professionalism in writing, the life cycle of a federal case, and practice points concerning summary judgment filings. The Young Lawyers Division extends a special thank you to the panelists and the attendees for their participation.

Call for Announcements

The TBCFBA welcomes its members to share



announcements and photographs of personal milestones, e.g. birth or wedding announcements, in its monthly newsletter. Anyone interested in sharing personal milestones should email [Erik Johanson](#).



Judge Badalamenti Welcomes Guests for Chambers Luncheon



On Tuesday November 7, 2023, the Law Clerk Committee hosted its third and final Chambers Lunch of 2023. Judge John Badalamenti graciously welcomed ten members to the courthouse for lunch and intimate and thoughtful conversations. The attendees ranged from seasoned practitioners to newly minted attorneys to law students! Thank you to all that attended and a special thank you to Judge Badalamenti for his willingness to host this lunch and the conversations and for his thoughtful answers to the attendees' questions. The Law Clerk Committee looks forward to hosting more Chambers Lunches next year!

Judges, Practitioners, and Courthouse Staff Enjoy "Coffee at the Courthouse"

The Young Lawyers Division hosted the annual Coffee at the Courthouse event on Thursday November 9, 2023. A group of practitioners in the private and public sector, law students, law clerks and other courthouse staff, and judges came together in the federal courthouse for informal networking over a mid-morning breakfast. Led by Judge Scriven, Administrative Judge of the Tampa Division, the judges of the Middle District once again demonstrated their support of the FBA and legal community by attending in large numbers. Many thanks to all attendees, the YLD Committee, and the Middle District of Florida's Bench Bar Fund Committee!



Middle District of Florida Hosts Civics Education Program

On April 8 and 9, 2023, Tampa Bay Chapter members Mindi Richter, David Wright, and Ellen Lyons joined Middle District of Florida Judge Virginia Covington and Hillsborough Circuit Court Judge Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe to present "Civil Discourse and Difficult Decisions" to two classes of high school students at Plant High School in Tampa. Check out the full article on the Federal Bar Association's page on Civics Education Resources – found [here](#)!

Criminal Law Committee Hosts Luncheon on Resources for Defendants

On Wednesday, October 18th, members and non-members joined the FBA Criminal Law Committee for lunch at the federal courthouse and heard perspectives from the Court, Pretrial Services, and the Defense Bar on alternatives to pretrial detention and custodial sentences. Moderated by Natalie Adams, Judge Anthony Porcelli, Pretrial Services Officer Kadi Murray, and Assistant Federal Defender Howard Williams shared insights earned from their substantial experience about what resources our district has to offer and how to best take advantage of them. The Committee thanks the moderator, panelists, and attendees for their participation in this event!

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