

News from the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association

CFBLA is now accepting applications for Membership! If you have not already done so, be certain to renew your membership by February 15, 2016 to take advantage of the \$25 discount. Go to www.cfbla.org and click the membership application link. If you're new to CFBLA check out our website for some great information, including how to become a member.

CFBLA finished up 2015 with a flourish! Holland and Knight provided a super venue for the group and their guests to experience a fun filled Holiday Extravaganza. Foodie Catering served up fabulous party cuisine and libations. It was a relaxing and cheerful time to catch up with each other and to get to better know our local Judges, as well as our new Chief Judge Michael Williamson.



December was election month. The new officers for CFBLA are: Cynthia Lewis – President; Ryan Davis – Vice President; Michael Nardella – Treasurer; and Esther McKean – Secretary. New members of the Board of Directors are Jack Brennan and Jonathan Sykes.

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November programming brought together an informational panel discussion on the recent *Caulkett* decision from the US Supreme Court. The lively panel, comprised of Alexis Leventhal, Jonathan Sykes, Cynthia Lewis and Robert Branson, was moderated by Andrew Roy.



January started off big with an event on January 21, 2016 jointly hosted with the Federal Bar Association: Fifty Years of Justice: A History of the U.S. District Court for The Middle District of Florida, featuring Professor James M. Denham, who penned the book. Other presenters included: Jim Leusner, Investigator & former Orlando Sentinel Reporter, and Jules S. Cohen; Senior U.S. District Judge Patricia Fawsett, U.S. District Judge Paul G. Byron, and Mark L. Horwitz were special panelists along with U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony E. Porcelli as Master of Ceremonies.

February continues the momentum with the State of the District Presentation given by Chief Judge Michael Williamson on February 18, 2016 in the main entry hall of the George C. Young Federal Courthouse. CFBLA continues its support of Junior Achievement and the Orange County School Board bringing Credit Abuse Resistance Education “CARE” training to our high school students. We have three dates in February to volunteer, for those interested in volunteering please check the CFBLA website for contact information.

March brings in our annual case law update, which always creates a few laughs while we earn our CLE’s and update ourselves on the latest legal issues. The update(s) will be presented by Brad Saxton and Andrew Roy

April 29th is the Annual Seminar. This year promises to be a great program! Save the Date!

CFBLA is moving and shaking for 2016!! Be sure you are a part of the events!