

## **Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association**

CFBLA celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year! Thank you for the support of our members, the judiciary, and the courthouse staff over the years. It goes without saying that the CFBLA has helped create a camaraderie amongst us that has made the bankruptcy practice here in Central Florida unique and special.

CFBLA welcomes two new members to its board: Daniel Velasquez of Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, and Frank Wolff of Frank Wolff, P.A. CFBLA also congratulates Ryan Davis of Winderweedle, Haines, Ward, & Woodman and Andrew Layden of Baker Hostetler on their re-election to the board. Hopefully, their campaign promises of more bankruptcy filings in 2017 will hold true! Either way, the CFBLA will be in good hands with its board and new slate of officers:

President: Ryan Davis, of WHWW;

Vice President: Michael Nardella, of Nardella Law;

Treasurer: Esther McKean, of Akerman; and

Secretary: Nicolette Vilmos, of Broad and Cassel

CFBLA welcomes Megan Murray, of Trenam Law, as its first luncheon speaker for 2017. She is bringing her much anticipated TED talk on “surcharge” issues to our membership on January 19th. It’s not too late to sign up for what promises to be an informative program. Please contact Noreen at [cfblabankruptcybar@gmail.com](mailto:cfblabankruptcybar@gmail.com) to reserve your seat now.

Our February luncheon, on the 16th, will feature Michele Michaelis of BDO. She is a nationally recognized speaker that will discuss some issues and trends that she is seeing in some of the larger cases in the country.

Brad Saxton and Andrew Roy of Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman will present their always highly anticipated, informative, and entertaining “case law update” at the March 16th luncheon. The FAMU book award, for excellence in the fall FAMU bankruptcy class, will also be presented at this luncheon.

CFBLA has the honor of having **Chief Judge Michael Williamson** present his **State of the District** address during the **May 5, 2017 CFBLA 2017 Annual Bankruptcy Seminar**. The 2017 seminar will be extra special because CFBLA will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. In honor of the 25th Anniversary, the Annual Seminar will be held at the Citrus Club. So celebrate Cinco de Mayo in style, and plan to attend the 2017 Annual CFBLA Bankruptcy Seminar.

CFBLA provides its members with a number of CLE and networking opportunities that you won’t want to miss. If you have not already done so, be certain to begin or renew your membership right away. Go to [www.cfbla.org](http://www.cfbla.org) and click the membership application link. If you’re new to CFBLA check out our website for some great information and how to become a member.