

Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association

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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 that has made the bankruptcy practice here in Central Florida unique and special.

On May 5, 2017, CFBLA held its annual seminar at the Citrus Club in downtown Orlando. This year the seminar was combined with the State of the District Address, which was presented by Chief Judge Williamson. Thank you to all of our speakers and attendees for what proved to be a very successful and informative event. Special kudos to our planning committee, Chris Thompson, Andy Layden, Esther McKean, Jack Brennan, and Noreen Shaugnessy-Benford, for all of their hard work in making this event happen!

CFBLA holds its general membership lunches on the third Thursday of each month. The lunches are hosted by the Gray Robinson firm in downtown Orlando. Upcoming speakers include Circuit Court Judge Julie O’Kane, Orange County Business Court, on July 20th, regarding Creditor’s Rights issues in State Court and Professor Jeffrey Davis from UF on September 21st.

CFBLA is currently accepting nominations for the Jules S. Cohen Professionalism Award. CFBLA established this award in 2003 to honor an attorney practicing before the bankruptcy court in the Orlando Division of the Middle District of Florida who demonstrates, on a consistent basis, professionalism and civility in dealing with the court and opposing counsel, high ethical standards, competent legal representation of his or her clients, and sustained service to the bankruptcy community. Nominations will be accepted through August 31, 2017. Please submit your nominations to CFBLA President, Ryan Davis, rdavis@whww.com. **Nominations should be accompanied with a written statement setting forth the reasons for the nomination, along with any additional information that you would like considered by the board.** The award recipient will be selected by the board and recognized at an event later this year.

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 and click the membership application link. If you’re new to CFBLA check out our website for some great information and learn how to become a member.