



**The TBBBA Congratulates Award Winners:**  
**Quentin Poteralski, Lynn Sherman, and Scott Stichter**  
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After a three-year COVID hiatus, the TBBBA hosted its Annual Installation and Awards Dinner on June 8, 2022. The Annual Dinner coincides with transition in the TBBBA's leadership and is an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of years past and to look forward to the year ahead. We also recognize and honor our most diligent and talented colleagues with the presentation of the Judge Alexander L. Paskay Scholarship, the Douglas P. McClurg Professionalism Award, and the Don M. Stichter Award for Exceptional Service. The TBBBA congratulates its Award winners: **Quentin Poteralski, Lynn Welter Sherman, and Scott Stichter.**

**The Judge Alexander L. Paskay Scholarship** was established in 1994 by the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Florida Bar Business Law Section, and numerous judges, lawyers, and scholars throughout the country to honor Judge Paskay, then the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Judge Paskay passed away in 2012 and, with a 48-year tenure on the bench, remains the longest serving bankruptcy judge in U.S. history, presiding over thousands of cases filed each year in Tampa and Ft. Myers. The Judge Alexander L. Paskay Scholarship is awarded annually to a second- or third-year law student who shows "outstanding aptitude in areas of bankruptcy law" and desires to specialize in the practice of bankruptcy, insolvency, or creditors' rights law. **Chief Judge Delano and Lynn Sherman** presented the **Judge Alexander L. Paskay Scholarship** to **Quentin Poteralski**. Quentin expects to graduate from the Stetson University College of Law in 2023 and was a federal judicial intern with the Bankruptcy Court in Spring 2022.

**Douglas P. McClurg Professionalism Award.** Douglas P. McClurg was one of the founding directors of the TBBBA and served as its second president in 1989-90. Doug was highly regarded for his extraordinary abilities and keen sense of professionalism. Doug was a leader in the Tampa Bay community and a highly decorated combat veteran. After his untimely passing in 2002, the TBBBA established the Douglas P. McClurg Professionalism Award as its highest honor. The "McClurg" is presented periodically to a member of the TBBBA that has demonstrated over a period of years the traits of professionalism exemplified by Doug during his lifetime. The McClurg Award's criteria are: outstanding effectiveness in the presentation of matters to the

Bankruptcy Court; a reputation for thorough preparation, civility, and courtesy to opposing counsel; appropriate courtroom demeanor; ethical conduct and professionalism at the highest level; and long-term service to the bankruptcy bar. **Judge Colton** presented the **Douglas P. McClurg Professionalism Award** to **Lynn Welter Sherman**. Judge Colton remarked that in law practice, Lynn is “a force to be reckoned with. She is smart, diligent, professional and an absolute joy to work with and against. Her clients are always well-represented, she has provided outstanding pro bono work, and she is a well-respected mediator. Her service to the bar is known far and wide, including chairing the ABI/Paskay seminar for the past few very difficult years.”

**Don M. Stichter Award for Exceptional Service.** Don M. Stichter was a founding member of the TBBBA and served as its first President. Regarded as the “Dean” of the Bankruptcy Bar, Don was among the most highly honored lawyers in Florida. The Don M. Stichter Award for Exceptional Service is presented periodically to a member of the TBBBA in recognition of having demonstrated over a period of years exceptional service to the bankruptcy bar and the community at large, as exemplified by Don during his lifetime. The Stichter Award’s criteria are “selfless devotion to the bankruptcy bar and the community through years of service far in excess of expectations; sustained contribution of time and resources to the bankruptcy bar and the community at large; commitment to living the Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar through demonstrated and unwavering support of the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.” **Harley E. Riedel** and **Joan Boles** of Bay Area Legal Service (BALS) presented the **Don Stichter Award for Exceptional Service** to **Scott Stichter**. To quote Joan Boles, “giving back is not only at the core of Scott’s identity, it is also part of his DNA. . . . He treats our clients with the utmost dignity and respect. When asked to help a client, he never says no – no questions asked. He is there for the client 1000%. . . .” To date, Scott has volunteered to handle 57 pro bono cases through BALS. Scott is also an active volunteer and instrumental participant with the TBBBA Pro Se Assistance Clinic.

A very sincere congratulations to Quentin, Lynn, and Scott.



*Left to right: Lisa Mills, Quentin Poteralski, Chief Judge Delano, and Laura Stevenson*





*Judge Colton and Lynn Welter Sherman*



*Scott Stichter (at the podium) and Harley Riedel*