

CFBLA FAMILY COURT DAY: FUN TIMES IN ORLANDO!

Once upon a time in a courthouse far, far away (at least if you're approaching from I-4), many gathered for CFBLA's Family Court Day in Orlando for the dramatic trial of the *Big Bad Wolf* (a/k/a B.B.) v. *Curly Pig*. But this trial would not be presided over by Judge Geyer, Robson, or Vaughan. Instead, three new (and far younger) judges were sworn in to preside over the serious charges alleged. A jury was empaneled, and the members of the prosecution and defense teams assembled with their clients and witnesses before a packed courtroom.



Judges Yane Icez, Reid Layden, and Zahira Mitchell



Members of the Jury

The charges were serious: Curly Pig was accused of attempted Wolficide, and the prosecution presented compelling evidence that Curly Pig tried to boil B.B. in a pot of water on the stove in Curly Pig's house. But what was B.B. doing in Curly Pig's house to begin with?



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B.B. claims he simply slid down the chimney and into the home to say hello, when someone suddenly took the lid off a huge pot of boiling water, next to which lay a cookbook open to a recipe for Poached Wolf. A witness testified that B.B. had eaten both of Curly Pig's brothers after their homes had collapsed. Curly Pig testified she was fearful that B.B. was coming to eat her up too,



Curly Pig and her Attorney

and that she was only trying to scare him off with the boiling water.

The case went to the jury, and after much deliberation, the verdict arrived. Not guilty! Curly Pig went free based on the jury's belief she was only defending herself. The jury even suggested B.B. should be the one

on trial because they believed B.B. planned to turn Curly Pig into a ham sandwich.

After the trial, participants received a security demonstration by our wonderful Court Security Officers. Each child was scanned with the wand and walked through the magnetometer. The CSOs gave the children items to hide in their pockets so they could see how they looked on screen and how metal is detected—this was a big hit! After participants enjoyed lunch with their families, the Judges, chambers' staff and the CSOs, they received a tour of the Judges' chambers.

Following a question-and-answer session with the Judges, participants received "Junior Lawyer for the Day" certificates and Bankruptcy Court challenge coins.



CSO Jeff Diaz and Yane Icez



Orlando Judges and Anthony Howie



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It was a truly enjoyable and memorable day. A heartfelt thank you to Noreen Benford, Esther McKean, Jennifer Morando, and Lori Patton for their creativity and hard work to make this special day for our Orlando bankruptcy court attorneys and their families a success, and to our staff members, Kathy Deetz, Jeanne Herdeker, and Chelsea Moore who went the extra mile to assist in coordinating this great event!

