



NORTH TAMPA BAR ASSOCIATION

NTBA Monthly Update November/December 2021

Message from NTBA's President, Angelica Rosello

Happy Holidays, Members!

Our annual holiday party was one for the books! This year it was held at Esposito's Italian Restaurant. Not only did we have an amazing turnout of members and sponsors, we also had the opportunity to welcome our newest corporate sponsor to the NTBA community, Tampa Team TLC - Mihara & Associates, LLC! We had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays and the coming new year together. Jared Krukar, our immediate past President, and I were honored by the NTBA with beautiful engraved clocks commemorating our service as Presidents of the NTBA. We had been unable to celebrate Jared's tenure the year before due to the

pandemic and so a double celebration was held at Esposito's. While this gift has been a time-honored tradition to give the outgoing president, I am no less honored and humbled for having had the privilege to receive this award and serve this association. I want to thank you all for helping me to make this year a successful year for our association despite all of the issues that continue from the pandemic. I would especially like to thank our fabulous Executive Administrator, Tiffany Hanson. Without her experience, abilities, work ethic, and devotion to the NTBA, none of what we accomplished this year would be possible.

A look back to where we started this year and how we ended:

CLE Luncheons:

All of our monthly CLEs for the first half of the year were held via Zoom and we ended the year back to in person with a Zoom option to make sure all our members were provided the opportunity to remain as present and involved as they were comfortable. We continued to have an amazing line up of speakers:

January 2021, Judge Thomas Palermo discussed ethical and effective advocacy in the age of virtual presence technology.

February 2021, Donald A. Smith, Jr. and Debra Davis taught us about trust accounting and how to protect against an audit.

March 2021, family law military divorce expert Kristin Kirkner, Esq. discussed the intersection between military issues and family law.

April 2021, Lance Randall, AFPS & Diana Wardwell, AFPS of the Florida Association of

Professional Process Servers explained the ins and outs of service of process.

May 2021, Darrel Dirks, Assistant State Attorney of the 13th Judicial Circuit presented on illegal wiretapping in Florida.

June 2021, we held our first in-person CLE luncheon at the Carrollwood Country Club where Sgt. Duane Benton, Dep. Stephanie Krager, and BHCM Lauren Alston of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office discussed the HCSO Behavioral Resources Unit and walked us through how this department assists with mental health and behavioral issues in the community.

July 2021, our in-person CLE luncheons continued with Chief Deputy of the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's Office Patrick Alesandrini explaining methods of property valuation and the technology Hillsborough County uses to detect improvements on properties and how multiple counties work together to assess property damage from natural disasters.

August 2021, Supervisor of Elections for Hillsborough County, Craig Latimer, discussed the 2020 election and how the county prepares for an election and how they test the voting machines for accuracy. He also examined recent voting legislation and described how and if it will affect future elections.

September 2021, Representative Traci Koster of District 64 provided our members with an in depth legislative update, providing first hand insight about the 2021 Florida legislative session.

October 2021, Judge Mary S. Scriven taught our members about the Supreme Court of Florida's adoption of the federal summary

judgment standard, using case studies to address the issue and fielding questions concerning the pleading and the proof required in pursuing and resisting summary judgment under the prevailing standard.

November 2021, we wrapped up our CLEs with Hillsborough County Commissioner Ken Hagan's discussion on Hillsborough County's legislative and policy update.

Socials:

We held our first social of the year via Zoom with Brewpalooza: a free virtual craft beer tasting, courtesy of the NTBA and Tom and Katie Nealon who served as our host and home brewing experts.

In April, we had our first in-person (outdoor) social. Thanks to our gracious hosts, Bleakley, Bovol, Denman & Grace for offering their beautiful offices and outdoor patio so that we may be able to connect again and network in person while doing so safely.

We held our last social before the holiday party at Glory Days Grill in Carrollwood. A wonderful turnout of members and judiciary made for an incredible evening!

Attorney Roundtables:

While continuing our monthly attorney roundtables via Zoom at the start of the year, we were able to finally meet outdoor and in person in April. Our roundtables were offered in a hybrid style, both outdoor and in person and via Zoom. In July, we began holding our attorney roundtables in person at one of our favorite local eateries and longtime NTBA sponsor, Brunchies. Our last two attorney roundtables of the year were held at Glory Days Grill in Carrollwood.

The Board:

The Board continued to meet every month via Zoom for planning purposes and in July our incoming president, Gus Centrone, and I attended the Florida Bar Voluntary Bar Leaders conference at the beautiful Margaritaville Resort in Orlando where we learned from dozens of other voluntary bar associations around the State of Florida of ways to better serve our organization, especially in these unprecedented times. In October we held our 3rd Annual Board Retreat at the Carrollwood Country Club where the board met and was hard at work planning for next year.

Community Service:

On November 14, 2021, the NTBA volunteered to distribute food with the Community Food Pantry. This community service project was coordinated by board member Kim Santiesteban. It was wonderful to be able to assist families in our local community just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

While challenges remain and the future is uncertain, with the last two years behind us, I know the NTBA will continue to provide wonderful programs and opportunities for our community to come together in comradery, education, and service. I ask that you all join me in wishing Gus Centrone a successful year for his presidency!

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please feel free to contact me. Cheers to 2022!

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WE HAD A GREAT HOLIDAY PARTY!





Thank you Ken Hagan!

We'd like to thank Hillsborough County Commissioner for District 6, Ken Hagan, for presenting at the NTBA November CLE Luncheon about Hillsborough County policy and legislative updates and answering all of our questions.





Thank you to Bob Wise, our 20-year Treasurer!



We'd like to thank Bob Wise for his dedication to the North Tampa Bar Association as he has served our association in his role as Treasurer for almost 20 years!!! Bob has decided to step down as Treasurer and Board member Keathel Chauncey shall become Treasurer beginning January 1, 2022. Bob shall continue to serve another two-year term on the Board of Directors. Thank you Bob for all that you have done for the association!

NTBA's 2021 Board of Directors Election

We would like to congratulate the following candidates on their election to the North Tampa Bar Association's Board of Directors:

Michael Hancock

Janelle Weber

Karren Wilson

Lexy Bubley

In addition, Keathel Chauncey was appointed by the board to the Treasurer position to fill the vacancy left by Bob Wise.

Congratulations to Keathel, Michael, Janelle, Karren and Lexy. We would like to extend our thanks to all candidates who ran for a seat on NTBA's board, and a special thanks to John Wilcox who has served us well for the past two years as a member on our board.

JANUARY'S EVENTS

Speaker:



F. Scott Westheimer

will present

“What to Know About Florida’s Lawyer Discipline System & How to Avoid It”

1 CLE Credit - General, Ethics, Technology

January 13, 2022 at 11:45 AM

Carrollwood Country Club

Option to attend via Zoom

[Register to Attend](#)

Roundtable Meeting:



**January 20, 2021
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

LOCATION:

**Glory Days Grill
Carrollwood
14457 N. Dale Mabry
Tampa FL 33618**

**On their patio, in
person only**

RSVP

NTBA-HCBA YLD JOINT SOCIAL/HAPPY HOUR:

**Join us for our joint
networking
social/happy hour
with Hillsborough
County Bar
Association's Young
Lawyer Division:**

**Thursday, January
27th, at 5:30 PM**

**Noble Crust
11618 N Dale Mabry
Tampa FL 33618**



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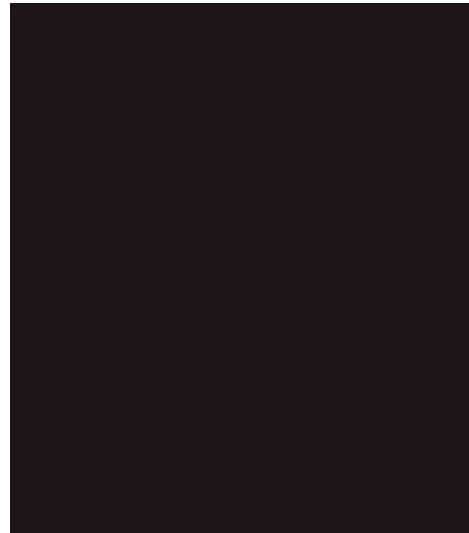
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Monthly CLE

- January 13, 2022
- February 10, 2022
- March 10, 2022
- April 14, 2022
- May 12, 2022
- June 9, 2022
- July 14, 2022
- August 11, 2022
- September 8, 2022
- October 13, 2022
- November 10, 2022

Attorney Roundtable Meetings

- January 20, 2022
- February 17, 2022
- March 17, 2022
- April 21, 2022
- May 19, 2022
- June 16, 2022
- July 21, 2022
- August 18, 2022
- September 15, 2022
- October 20, 2022
- November 17, 2022

Other Helpful Information:

Sponsorships:

NTBA offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities. Anyone interested in sponsoring the NTBA should contact our Executive Administrator, Tiffany Hanson, at northtampabarassociation@gmail.com and she will assist you in determining the appropriate level of sponsorship to meet your goals and fit your budget.

Submissions and Social Media:

Hey North Tampa Bar members! Are you doing good things in our community? Do you have a charitable or professional event coming up? Were you a speaker at a recent legal education event? We want to know, and to share!

Tag @NorthTampaBar in your Facebook post or send us a message with some info and a photo so we can get the word out! We love to hear from you!

Profile updates:

To update your membership info, email northtampabarassociation@gmail.com.

Listserv:

Attorneys - do you have a question or a notice for your fellow attorneys and cannot wait for roundtable? Email NTBA's attorneys at listserv@ntba.topicbox.com.

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