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**IV. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2021 Winter Meeting (Exhibit B) – Mark Stein, Secretary**

**V. Reports of Substantive Law Committees and Legislation Committee**

A. Business Litigation – Giacomo Bossa, Chair; Allison Leonard, Vice Chair; Page Greenlee, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Edward LaRose, Judicial Chair (State); Honorable Darrin Gayles, Judicial Chair (Federal)

- a. Triple Motion Concerning Proposed Amendments to Section 768.79, Florida Statutes - Offers of Judgment (**Exhibit C**)  
*That the Business Law Section oppose any amendment to section 768.79 concerning offers of judgment that: (1) would prolong litigation and increase costs; (2) would allow for the unilateral election of mandatory binding arbitration; (3) would shift the burden of compliance to the offeree resulting in the risk of waiver of rights; (4) is vague and ambiguous; and (5) is intended to apply to a narrow type of case within a specific industry unless explicitly so stated and set forth in a separate paragraph.*

B. Corporations, Securities & Financial Services – Willard Blair, Chair; Stephen Sandiford, Vice Chair; Professor Stuart Cohn, Academic Chair

- i. Formation of Series LLC Task Force

**VI. Other Reports**

- A. Chair’s Report – Leyza Blanco
- B. Chair-Elect’s Report – Kacy Donlon

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Good and Welfare**

**IX. Future Full Section Meetings**

A. Annual Meeting Transition to Virtual - June 9-11, 2021

**X. Adjournment**

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# **EXHIBIT B**



**BUSINESS LAW SECTION**  
OF THE FLORIDA BAR

**MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA BAR BUSINESS LAW  
SECTION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING**

Friday, January 15, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 12:00  
P.M. Virtual (via Zoom)

**I. Call to Order – Ms. Leyza Blanco, Chair of the Section**

Leyza Blanco, Chair of The Florida Bar Business Law Section, duly called the January 15, 2021 meeting of the Executive Council to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. Because of the circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting convened in a virtual format via Zoom.

Because the meeting format was virtual, such attendance was taken based upon online registration and recorded and reflected in the spreadsheet attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** to these minutes.

**II. Commitment to Pro Bono Service**

Chair Blanco began the meeting by reaffirming the Section’s commitment to Pro Bono activities on behalf of the Bar and referred to the meeting agenda and the Section’s goal to achieve 100% participation in pro bono service by Section members and attorneys in their firms.

Chair Blanco acknowledged the following Executive Council members who have pledged at least \$1000 to The Florida Bar Foundation Endowment Trust to become Fellows of The Florida Bar Foundation: Douglas Bates, Leyza Blanco, Giacomo Bossa, Jay Brown, Michael Chesal, Robert Charbonneau, Hon. Caryl Delano, Kacy Donlon, Jodi Dubose, Manuel Farach, Hon. Gill Freeman (Ret.), Irwin Gilbert, Paige Greenlee, Hon. Paul Hyman, Hon. Laurel Isicoff, Stephanie Lieb, Allison Leonard, John Macdonald, Kimra Major-Morris, James Matulis, Kathleen McLeroy, Hon. Catherine McEwen, Hon. Mindy Mora, Jennifer Morando, Woodrow “Woody” Pollack, Adina Pollan, Carlos Sardi, Philip Schwartz, Detra Shaw-Wilder, Lynn Walter Sherman, Mark Stein, Michelle Suarez, Gary Teblum, Dineen Wasylik and Donald Workman.

**III. Pro Bono Heros and Super Heros Honored**

Mr. Carlos Sardi, Chair of the Pro Bono Committee presented a power point of the BLS section members that provided more than 100 hours of pro bono services and encouraged all of the members of the Executive Council and the entire BLS membership to make the pro bono pledge and provide more than 20 hours of pro bono services each year. He reminded all members of the Section of the Pro Bono Mission set forth above and recognized the following 2019 BLS Pro Bono Heroes and Superheroes:

BLS 2019 Pro Bono Heroes (Fulfilling the 20 Hrs BLS Pro Bono Pledge)

Brian Barakat  
Giacomo Bossa  
Jay Brown  
Irwin Gilbert  
Robert Kain  
Shobah Lizaso  
John B. MacDonald  
James B. Murphy  
Adina Pollan  
Terry Sanks  
Carlos E. Sardi  
Grey Squires-Binford

BLS 2019 Pro Bono Superheroes (Providing More Than 200 or More Hrs of Pro Bono Svc) - LISTED BY HOUR (Top to Bottom)

Marianne Coulton 1,000 Hrs  
Paul J. Keenan Jr. 791 Hrs  
Louise McAlpin 750 Hrs  
Bruce Jay Colan 640 Hrs  
Charles H. Lichtman 600 Hrs  
Randall Odo Reder 500 Hrs  
Elizabeth M. Lorie 480 Hrs  
Scheril Murray Powell 437 Hrs  
Cathy Jackson Lerman 422 Hrs  
James A. Nolan 400 Hrs  
Donald Christopher 400 Hrs  
Maxine Master Long 400 Hrs  
Lorna E. Brown-Burton 400 Hrs  
John R. Dodd II 395 Hrs  
Cristina Boullon Rodriguez 393 Hrs  
Yasin Daneshfar 380 Hrs  
Alexandra M. Mora 350 Hrs  
Alexis Gonzalez 350 Hrs  
Lauren Z. Alexander 335 Hrs  
Corey K. Brady 325 Hrs  
Jay D. Mussman 323 Hrs  
Howard L. Schwartz 300 Hrs  
Steven E. Wallace 300 Hrs  
Ahmed Mori 300 Hrs  
Robert DeV. Bunn 270 Hrs  
Thomas N. Julius 260 Hrs  
Jaime R. Vining 250 Hrs

Morgan Lyle Weinstein 250 Hrs  
Sandy R. Pineda 250 Hrs  
Karen Droleski Sullivan 250 Hrs  
Daniel F. Pilka 250 Hrs  
Carlos F. Gonzalez 250 Hrs  
Tina M. Talarchyk 250 Hrs  
Mark E. Stein 250 Hrs  
Edward Soto 249 Hrs  
Andrew J. Mayts Jr. 225 Hrs  
Jenay E. Iurato 225 Hrs  
Marlon Andrew Hill 220 Hrs  
Bradley Dean Houser 211 Hrs  
Jason Bennett Sherry 210 Hrs  
Ilene M. Tognini 200 Hrs  
Kadisha D. Phelps 200 Hrs  
Claudia T. Pastorius 200 Hrs  
Amy L. Judkins 200 Hrs  
Melissa H. Orlen 200 Hrs  
Pedro Garcia Menocal 200 Hrs  
Charles Throckmorton 200 Hrs  
Nicole Sauvola-LaMay 200 Hrs  
Robert W. Murphy 200 Hrs  
Gil Ben-Ezra 190 Hrs

#### **IV. Recognition of Sponsors**

As included in the meeting agenda, Chair Blanco acknowledged and recognized the generous contribution of all the Business Law Section sponsors, including the following Diamond (\$10,000), Sapphire (\$7,500) and Emerald (\$5,000) sponsors.

**Diamond Sponsor:**

*Michael Moecker & Associates*

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*P.A.*

*Sequor Law*

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*Bowen*

*SunTrust*

## **V. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2020 Special Meeting**

Secretary Stein presented the meeting minutes from the October 1, 2020 meeting of the Executive Council. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Greg Yadley, which motion was seconded by Mr. Jay Brown the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

## **VI. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bates presented documentation found as Exhibit C to the meeting agenda and provided brief remarks regarding the documents included in Exhibit C. Treasurer Bates reported that the Executive Council of the Section approved the budget appearing in Exhibit C and has submitted it to the Florida Bar. He also pointed out that the Section's fund balance is strong and that he does not anticipate any issues in securing approval of the budget from the Florida Bar.

## **VII. Recognition of Section Fellows**

Ms. Michelle Suarez introduced the Fellows and each briefly addressed the Executive Council providing an introduction and a brief report on the projects each is working on. The Fellows introduced were:

Ms. April Martindale  
Ms. Nicole Mclemore  
Mr. Juan Mendosa  
Mr. Reginald Sainvil  
Ms. Tony Tsvetanova

## **VIII. Reports of Substantive Law Committees and Legislation Committee**

### **A. Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison**

Judge McEwen gave the report of the committee. Over seventy (70) members, including Judges from each of the three Districts, attended the meeting. Each of the Districts gave a report. In general, Bankruptcy case filings are down overall, 20% to 30%, although Chapter 11 filings have held steady or have ticked upwards. Court proceedings in all three Districts generally remain virtual, with most hearings being conducted telephonically, while many of the Judges are transitioning to Zoom hearings.

The topic for the substantive component of the meeting was Discovery Issues in Bankruptcy. First, Judge McEwen gave a report on the new amendments to Rule 30(b)(6). Next, John Hutton and Steve Berman lead a discussion on Zoom depositions, with good participation from the group. Topics discussed included:

1. Live versus remote depositions (when and how to determine which)
2. Coordinating court reporters, videographers, witnesses and documents
3. Establishing environments for the deposition (witness and lawyers)



4. Preparing witnesses
5. Addressing the integrity of the testimony and minimizing witness tampering or influence
6. Use of technology
7. Handling exhibits, mechanics and strategy
8. What can judges do at the pretrial conference to facilitate this type of discovery?
9. Are there any procedures that might be appropriate for local rules or an administrative order?
10. Have attorneys ever had the need to contact the court for assistance with any of these issues in the middle of a deposition? If the answer is that an attorney has not, in what respects does the attorney think the court can be helpful during the course of a Zoom deposition?

Lastly, Judge Grossman from the Southern District, Judge Williamson from the Middle District and Judge Specie from the Northern District led a discussion on discovery sanctions (when appropriate and when not), particularly focused on the proportionality standard in Rule 26(b) (“We know it when we see it”) as made applicable to bankruptcy cases by Bankruptcy Rule 7026. The discussion included consideration of proportionality in the bankruptcy context, taking into account the available resources of the estate, and not only the amount in controversy, but rather the true bankruptcy dollars involved.

\*\*\*Following the Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison report, Chair Blanco introduced Mr. Steve Davis as a candidate for President-Elect of The Florida Bar. Following a brief introduction, Mr. Davis provided a brief report on his candidacy. Following the presentation, Chair Blanco returned to the meeting agenda.

## **B. Bankruptcy/UCC**

Chair, Jennifer Morando gave the report for the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee. The Bankruptcy/UCC Committee voted to approve a proposal to amend Fla. Stat. 679.4061 and 679.4081. These amendments will bring Florida’s UCC in conformity with the uniform laws. Substantively, the amendments seek to prevent the UCC from interfering with the “pick you partner” principle, which protects members of LLCs and partnerships from having to go into business with someone they did not intend to go into business with. The Committee has circulated this proposal, along with the proposal for judgment lien amendments passed at the previous Executive Council meeting, to the substantive committee leaders for their review and comment. The Committee plans to seek triple motion approval of these proposals at the Executive Council’s annual meeting in June during the Florida Bar Annual Meeting in order to pursue these proposed amendments in the 2022~~1~~ legislative session.

### **C. Business Litigation**

Chair Giacomo Bossa gave the report of the Business Litigation Committee. The committee had a well-attended meeting with a peak of 33 participants. The Committee introduced and explained the use of email blast, list serves: <http://lists.flabizlists.org/listinfo.cgi/bizlitlegislation-flabizlists.org> and <http://lists.flabizlists.org/listinfo.cgi/bizlit-flabizlists.org> and its legislative sub-committee's list serve. There were reports from each of the following Task Forces: Restrictive Covenants (Section 542.335), Chapter 48 and the Chapter 607 Drafting Subcommittee (regarding the Son of a Glitch Bill). The committee also discussed an LLC Charging Order with judgment against all members (the Corporations, Securities & Financial Services Committee will be looking at the issue and informing the Business Litigation Committee whether a change to the statute should be proposed) and arbitration of records requests for LLCs, specifically whether a general arbitration provision in an operating agreement has the effect of overriding the statutory right to request corporate records. The Corporations, Securities & Financial Services Committee is also reviewing this issue and will report back as to whether any changes should be proposed. Mr. Manny Farach provided a legislative update. Mr. Van De Bogart led a discussion concerning the Florida Supreme Court's recent adoption of the federal summary judgment standard in a change to the Florida rule addressing summary judgments. The Committee took a short break when BLS Leadership visited the meeting and encouraged the committee to create short CLEs. There were also reports from the Communications, Pro Bono, CLE, IMF, and Membership Committees. Ms. Allison Leonard provided an update regarding CLE and advised that the Business Litigation Certification Preparation Course is available for free on the BLS website and consists of the three-part case-law update presented in October/November 2020. The Committee will also be planning to organize at least two additional 1-credit CLEs by June per the directive from the Chair. Ms. Amanda Fernandez gave an update on the UCRERA Task Force and advised the Committee of the Task Force's plans to ask the Executive Council to disband the Task Force. The judiciary presented an update on issues in different circuits regarding jury trials and procedures. Magistrate Judge Smith encouraged Committee members to review amendments to the Middle District local rules. Judge Gayles and Magistrate Judge Smith gave an update concerning the Southern District Court and Middle District Court, respectively, and the anticipated schedule for resuming in-person proceedings and jury trials given the current state of the pandemic. Bart Valdez gave an update concerning the COVID task force and advised of an upcoming survey concerning virtual practice and willingness of attorneys to resume in-person proceedings. Members of the Section are encouraged to fill out the survey and to share the survey with other firm members and encourage such others to fill out the survey.

### **D. Computer Law & Technology**

Chair Peter Maskow provided the report of the Computer Law & Technology Committee. The Computer and Technology Law Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 2:00 PM. The meeting was attended by over 30 participants. During the meeting, the Committee announced the changes in First Vice Chair – Eli Mattern and Second Vice

Chair – Daniel Davis in light of the resignation of Joshua Marks as First Vice Chair. Next the Committee discussed anticipated review of legislative issues for the upcoming session of the Florida House and Senate. The Committee anticipates that a comprehensive data privacy/security bill will be introduced and is prepared to address that bill with a review and a white paper. In addition, two bills already introduced – Social Media Privacy and Sales Tax for online transactions were discussed. The Committee also reviewed CLEs conducted in the final Quarter of 2020, and anticipated CLEs on the horizon for 2021, including a panel examining Artificial Intelligence and the Law. Members of the Committee were further encouraged to submit ideas for CLE programming and/or Florida Bar Journal articles for the coming year, and members were thanked for their willingness to engage in these initiatives in the past. Finally, Committee members were encouraged to volunteer to serve in open liaison positions to standing committees of the Business Law Section, especially in light of the recent leadership changes in the Committee.

#### **E. Legislation**

Chair Manuel Farach provided the report of the Legislation Committee. Chair Farach introduced two law students, Angelo Gasparri and Madison Turner, who will be helping the committee with research and committee coverage during the 2021 legislative Session. Chair Farach discussed the upcoming telephone conference calls of the committee as well as the 2021 Legislative Session timing and process. Chair Farach reported that the BLS has three proactive legislative initiatives for the upcoming legislative session beginning March 2, 2021. The BLS proactive legislation for the 2021 session includes: (i) the corporations' glitch bill which already has a bill number, Senate Bill 602, has a bill sponsor in the House and is in House bill drafting; (ii) covenants not to compete; and (iii) notice to homeowners in foreclosure cases. Chair Farach reported that the Legislative team had been working on sponsors for the covenants not to compete and the notice to homeowners in foreclosure cases bills, but noted that Senator Gruters now has decided not to pursue a covenants not to compete bill this year. In addition, the BLS is working with the RPPTL section on the Kearney fix legislation, although the RPPTL section is taking the lead on this legislation and the BLS is only acting in a support role.

Chair Farach also reported that the Legislative team anticipates there will be bills of interest to the section introduced in the areas of Blockchain, Digital Currency, COVID-19 Liability, Legal Notices, Social Media Websites and Contingency Risk Multipliers.

Chair Farach reminded everyone that the Legislative Session ends on April 30, 2021 and that it is very important that committee chairs and sub chairs distribute any bills provided by the Legislative team to their entire committee quickly and advise the Legislative team very rapidly if the committee believes the BLS should take a position regarding the legislation. Finally, the Committee then discussed possible issues for the 2022 Legislative Sessions including, covenants not to compete, blockchain, motor vehicle judgement lien, international service of process, chapter 48 and cy pres.

## **F. Corporations, Securities & Financial Services**

Second Vice-Chair Michelle Suarez gave the report of the Corporations, Securities & Financial Services Committee. The Committee received a report from the Chapter 607 Drafting Subcommittee, with Mr. Philip Schwartz Co-Chair of the Chapter 607 Drafting Subcommittee discussing the status of the glitch bill proposing changes to (i) the Florida Business Corporations Act - Chapter 607 related to appraisal rights and (ii) the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporations Act - Chapter 617. Mr. Schwartz indicated that the glitch bill was filed in the Florida Senate on January 13, 2021 and will be filed shortly in the Florida House of Representatives. Senator Burgess and Representative Robinson are the sponsors of the bill in the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, respectively.

Mr. Robert Barron reported that the draft First Supplement to the Report on Third-Party Legal Opinion Customary Practice in Florida dated December 3, 2011 was updated and approved by the Opinion Standards Committee to incorporate certain non-substantive changes necessitated as a result of revisions to the Florida Revised Limited Liability Company Act and the Florida Business Corporations Act (which were both revised subsequent to the prior approval of the First Supplement by the CSFS Committee and by the Executive Council). This revised First Supplement, which was approved by the Committee, will be presented to the Executive Council of the Business Law Section for approval at its upcoming meeting.

Mr. Greg Yadley reported that the Federal Securities Institute will not be held in 2021 due to concerns that a virtual program is not likely to be successful and accordingly will be delayed with the hope of holding an in person conference in March 2022. Mr. Danny Aronson indicated that a subcommittee of the BLS designated as the Survey Ad Hoc Committee was formed to finalize the form and content of a BLS Survey to be distributed to members of the Business Law Section. The BLS Survey is intended to elicit certain information regarding the members' choice of jurisdiction of formation for their corporate entities, including, why, the extent to which, and the reasons for designating and using Florida as the jurisdiction of choice over another jurisdiction (e.g., Delaware, Illinois or Texas). The form of the BLS Survey is currently being finalized, upon which, Ms. Leyza Blanco, Chair of the Business Law Section will distribute the BLS Survey to the entire Business Law Section for completion and participation.

Mr. Lou Conti discussed Series LLC, which allows an LLC to create a series within an LLC that is not a separate legal entity but that will have protections similar to those afforded to separate legal entities if certain requirements are met. Mr. Conti indicated that both the Tax Section and the RPPTL Section would like to be involved in establishing a drafting committee to look into the viability and advisability of adding Series LLC to the Florida LLC statute. Mr. Conti indicated that he will circulate a solicitation of interest for members to serve on this drafting committee to get started by March 2021. Mr. Lou Conti also discussed UCC §§ 9-406 and 9-408 and the recent amendments in seven or eight states to Article 9's overrides of anti-assignment provisions to make them inapplicable to LLC and partnership interests. The Committee had previously concluded that these

proposed changes to Articles 9-406 and 9-408 of the corresponding Florida UCC statute piloted by the Bankruptcy and UCC Committee were beneficial changes but that no formal action was required from the Committee.

The Committee discussed generally Section 605.0503 of the Florida Revised Limited Liability Company Act, which currently provides for the exclusive remedy of a charging order in connection with the satisfaction of a judgment debtor's interest in a Florida LLC. In this regard, the Committee discussed the pro and cons of the current statute and whether it might be beneficial to make certain changes to the current statute to expand upon the circumstances where a judgment creditor would be entitled to exercise other remedies, including foreclosure, in connection therewith. Mr. Gary Teblum discussed the recent Corporate Transparency Act passed by Congress, which went into effect on January 1, 2021. The Committee discussed the requirements of the Act and the role (including possible liability) of attorneys in connection with assisting clients in complying with the Corporate Transparency Act.

### **G. Intellectual Property Law**

Chair Jim Matulis provided the report of the Intellectual Property Law Committee.

Mr. Darren Spielman reported that the IP Symposium will be held virtually on April 22 and 23, 2021, with the start/stop times TBD. Chair Matulis reported that the 542.335 Task Force has now submitted its proposed revisions to Section 542.335 to Senator Gruters for his input and confirmation of sponsorship and is looking for a House Sponsor. While the legislation is expected to be introduced during the legislative session that begins in March, there are several items of legislation that the legislature needs to take up due to the pandemic that will probably be given a much higher priority. Mr. Woody Pollack updated the Committee on Board Certification and reported there are currently 141 board certified IP lawyers and that 7 new lawyers have applied for IP Board Certification. Currently there are 15 IP Board Certified Lawyers due for recertification (with five applications submitted so far) and the most recent test was given electronically, with 2 out of the 3 applicants passing.

Ms. Nicole Reid reported that the new BLS diversity CLE rules are now in effect and apply to any BLS committee CLEs with 3 or more panelists. Applicants must submit the form to IMF Chair/co-Chair at least seven days in advance to get CLE credit, and the form will be on the IMF website in a few weeks. There is an IMF event in March open to the entire section membership, and an event in April that will only be for Fellows and members of the Executive Council. A diversity CLE is expected to be announced soon. The Committee discussed conducting virtual roundtables and Chair Matulis agreed to get with the big Bar to better understand our options and to coordinate with the big Bar if feasible. Vice-Chair Moss reported the Committee has received 11 bills to date, but upon review, it was determined that none of these particular bills present issues that need to be proactively addressed by the Committee. The Committee also received an update from the Legislation Committee and Manny Farach. A discussion followed regarding updating client contact information with existing trademark registrations to avoid cancellations without client

getting notice (due to issues with mail) and regarding the upcoming program at USPTO for allowing anyone to initiate cancellation proceedings based on non-use under Section 16(a) (ex parte expungement). Chair Matulis further advised that the Committee is still looking for volunteers to fill several positions as liaisons with other BLS Committees.

Finally, the Committee had a CLE presentation entitled **The Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019 (CASE Act of 2019)** which was presented by Catherine “Catie” Zaller Rowland, Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Public Information and Education, United States Copyright Office.

## **IX. Reports of Permanent and Other Committees**

### **A. Amicus Brief Guideline Subcommittee**

This Amicus Brief Guideline Subcommittee did not provide a report.

### **B. Antitrust and Trade Regulation Subcommittee**

The Antitrust and Trade Regulation Subcommittee did not provide a report.

### **C. Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Task Force**

Chair Woody Pollack gave the report of the Task Force. The Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Task Force had a well-attended meeting. The Task Force received a legislative update from Legislation Committee Chair Manny Farach, Aimee Diaz Lyon and Doug Bell, confirming that there is currently no filed blockchain or cryptocurrency-related legislation, but that the Task Force should be prepared for a quick response, as it is anticipated that the issue will arise this legislative session, as it has each of the past many years. The Task Force is finalizing materials to provide to Ms. Diaz Lyon and Mr. Bell to have at the ready as they meet with legislators, including the Task Force’s perspectives on statutorily defining what blockchain is, and updating the Task Force’s 50-state survey of what the various states are doing with regards to blockchain-related legislation. The Task Force is also working to continue to assist the Florida State Blockchain Task Force as it finalizes its responsibilities in drafting a master plan for the State of Florida. This master plan is intended to include a proposed pilot project for Florida's government to test this technology with, and the BLS Task Force is exploring what assistance and resources the BLS Task Force will be able to provide to the State Task Force and legislators to assist with these efforts. Lastly, the BLS Task Force is looking at preparing one or more intro-level type presentations or CLEs to help explain what the underlying technology is and associated legal issues.

### **D. Business Courts Task Force**

The Business Courts Task Force did not provide a report.

### E. Chapter 607 Sub-Committee

Co-Chair Phil Schwartz gave the report of the Chapter 607 Sub-Committee. Mr. Schwartz reported that the proposal for the son of a glitch legislation has been finalized, that the legislative team has secured bill sponsors in both the Senate and the House and that the bill has been submitted to bill drafting.

### F. Continuing Legal Education Committee

Committee Chair Robert Charbonneau gave the report of the Committee.

**Florida Bar Journal Submissions.** The Committee discussed the need to establish a robust “pipeline” of articles for the Florida Bar Journal and asked the attendees and liaisons to communicate that need to their respective substantive committees for consideration. Currently, there is a need for the March/April submission (due February 1), the July/August submission (due June 1), and all openings thereafter. On January 12, 2021, the May/June submission was filled by Ms. Mariane Dorris.

**Mission Statement.** The Committee discussed the proposed Mission Statement. Upon a motion (by Mr. Layden) and second (by Mr. Valdes), the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Mission Statement in the form included in the Committee’s Meeting Agenda, which reads as follows:

The CLE Committee supports the substantive committees of the Business Law Section in their efforts to provide continuing legal education programs and articles for The Florida Bar Journal. The CLE Committee serves as a liaison between the substantive committees, their designated representatives, and the Business Law Section Administrator to facilitate the scheduling and marketing of CLE programs and provides editorial oversight for Bar Journal articles.

**Upcoming CLEs.** The Committee discussed the Section’s upcoming CLEs. Mr. Bart Valdes discussed the January 28, 2021 Eviction and Foreclosure CLE. Ms. Utibe Ikpe discussed the February 25, 2021 Leadership in the Bar CLE. Mr. Peter Maskow expressed that the Computer Law Section is working on a CLE to present in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021, and the Committee expressed its willingness to assist in that effort.

The Committee discussed its gratitude for the BLS members’ increased effort during the COVID pandemic, which resulted in providing several timely and insightful CLEs in a virtual format. The CLE Committee discussed the slightly reduced number of CLEs scheduled for early 2021 and attributes some of that reduction to a combination of pandemic fatigue and the hope and expectation that the pandemic would largely be contained by the end of 2020 and thus the hope that in-person CLEs would restart in early 2021. The Committee discussed establishing a checklist or other guidelines for parties interested in hosting a CLE. The Committee discussed the existing process, including the

form currently utilized by Ms. Stephanie Svisco, and did not take formal action to change or modify the process at this time.

Chair Charbonneau discussed the possibility of creating and the desire to create CLEs on the CARES Act and other recent legislation relating to the Bankruptcy Code and asked that anyone interested in assisting or speaking at the CLEs contact him directly.

#### **G. Communications Committee**

Ms. Adina Pollan provided a brief report on behalf of the Communications Committee.

By sharing the screen on the Zoom, Ms. Pollan presented the new website and reviewed the website with the Executive Council. She pointed out and demonstrated a number of new features including the membership directory, the archive of the newsletter and direct links to the Section sponsor websites.

With respect to the newsletter, Ms. Pollan reported that, at the request of Chair Blanco, the Committee implemented a new electronic newsletter, which has been sent out on a weekly basis each Thursday for about 6 weeks now. Ms. Tracey Eller has assisted the Committee with the content. The Committee has based the timing and content of the electronic newsletter on both its own calendar as well as the BLS overall calendar.

#### **H. COVID Task Force**

Co- Chair Bart Valdes gave the report of the Task Force. The COVID-19 Task Force is putting on a CLE on January 28th on foreclosure and eviction issues and is planning additional CLEs regarding employer liability issues relating to COVID-19, an update on CARES Act and PPP loan forgiveness, and recent changes to the Bankruptcy Code. The Task Force will also prepare an updated survey to practitioners to assist the judiciary in handling the reopening of the courts. Further, the Task Force continues to update the COVID-19 Resources webpage on the Section's website with all of the administrative orders relating to the re-opening of the courts and the resumption of civil jury trials.

#### **I. eDiscovery Committee**

Committee Chair, Zachary Catanzaro, provided a brief report on behalf of the eDiscovery Committee. He noted that, during the Committee's meeting, the Committee discussed the efforts of the Proposed Amendments to the Fla. R. Civ. P. Task Force and related matters and is waiting on input from section committees. Mr. Bart Valdes led a discussion regarding the adoption by Florida State Courts of the Daubert standard and the harmonizing with federal law. Judge Smith led a discussion regarding setting of schedules by judges and Rule 1.440. Chair Catanzaro stated that the Committee hosted a CLE presentation in November on eDiscovery management that had over 100 participants. The



Committee also discussed potential topics for an annual symposium, such as AI and/or Managed eDiscovery and potential shorter CLE topics, including: preserving objections on Zoom, conducting Zoom testimony, AI managed eDiscovery and Deep Fakes, and ESI Protocols / Search Terms. He also noted that the Committee is working on a letter to send to each Florida Circuit Court offering one or more of the above CLEs as webinars. There was also a discussion of the Section's new diversity requirements for CLE panels and the possible preparation of a new paper on the use of Blockchain data as evidence.

#### **J. Financial Literacy Task Force**

Task Force Chair Amanda Finley gave the report of the Task Force. She reported on behalf of the Task Force that the Task Force is working with the Department of Education to potentially create a new textbook in 2022-2023 for teaching financial literacy and the possibility of making this subject a stand-alone class and not part of the math curriculum. The Task Force plans a letter writing campaign by the summer, including letters to the Governor thanking him for his overall support of financial literacy and implementing BEST standards and letters to the school districts to offer assistance, if needed. The Task Force will be conducting a joint program with the Section's Pro Bono Committee to virtually present to the veterans on financial literacy issues and may eventually also use the presentation in nursing homes and for elderly generally. The Task Force discussed additional ideas to achieve the goals noted above, including reaching out to Roy Colbert and having presentations made to school boards and also plans to continue its lobbying efforts.

#### **K. Health & Wellness Task Force**

The Health & Wellness Task Force did not provide a report.

#### **L. Inclusion/Mentoring/Fellowships Committee**

Committee Chair, Michelle Suarez delivered the report for the Inclusion, Mentoring and Fellowships ("IMF") Committee. She advised that the IMF Committee had voted and recommended, for presentation to and approval by the Executive Council, the BLS CLE Diversity Policy form which will be made available to all BLS members who will be coordinating and planning CLEs. Those members will need to review and complete this form and submit it to the presiding IMF Chair and Co-Chair at least one week before a CLE is to take place in order to approve the CLE as meeting the requirements of the BLS CLE Diversity Policy. Chair Suarez reported that the IMG Committee had the following IMF events since the last committee meeting:

- 09/03/20 - IMF Themed event (sports or 90's)
- 10/29/20 - IMF Halloween party
- 11/30/20 - Fellows only end of year meeting

The IMG Committee is planning a networking event in March 2021 open to all BLS

members and an April networking event open only to BLS Fellows and current and past BLS Executive Council members.

CLE sub committee co-chairs Ms. Ikbe and Martindale reported that there will be a CLE on BLS Leadership in April and a diversity CLE planned for the summer.

Thirty-eight BLS members signed up to be mentors. Each will be assigned 2 mentees as seventy-three (73) people signed up as mentees. The IMF Committee is also now accepting applications for the BLS 2021-2023 Fellowship Program. Applications will be available soon on the BLS website. This program continues to attract many applicants and the Committee is looking for applicants that are most likely to take full advantage of the opportunity and eventually pursue leaderships roles in the Section.

#### **M. IOTA Task Force**

John Macdonald, the Chair of the Pro Bono Task Force, delivered the report. Chair MacDonald provided background regarding a proposed Florida Bar Rule and advised the Executive Council that the Florida Supreme Court will be scheduling oral argument and recently granted an extension of time until February 3, 2021 to provide comments with respect to the proposed Rule. Chair MacDonald reviewed the several concerns with respect to the proposed Rule and summarized efforts in connection with providing comments by other constituencies and ongoing efforts to provide comments on behalf of the BLS. Regarding the latter, Chair MacDonald advised the Executive Council of the substance of the ongoing draft and noted that the draft continues to be a work in progress and still needs revisions and still has not incorporated or addressed the comments provided by the Business Law Section.

Chair Macdonald made the following triple motion on behalf of the Task Force:

The Task Force moves that the Section's IOTA Task Force be authorized to continue to review and refine the proposed Comments to the proposed IOTA Rule changes, substantially following the substance and structure of the present draft of the Comments, with the final Comments to be reviewed and approved by the Section's Executive Officers, to submit the revised Comments for approval by The Florida Bar, and if so approved, to file the approved Comments with the Florida Supreme Court.

Mr. Carlos Sardi seconded. Chair Blanco called the question and the motion passed without opposition.

#### **N. Labor Day Retreat Committee**

Committee Chair Amanda Fernandez provided the report of the Committee. She reported that the Committee is planning a live Retreat for the first time in three years. She encouraged all Executive Council members to sponsor the Retreat and further advised that a new package of sponsorship options will be circulated shortly.

### **O. Marketing, Promotions and Sponsorship Committee**

Chair Brett Lieberman presented the report of the Committee. Ms. Stefanie Svisco is going to be pulling a report setting forth the last two years' of sponsorships to be available for a meeting of the Committee on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Svisco will also be preparing several sponsorship deck options for the coming fiscal year to better track where the sponsorship money is being used. The Committee is planning to change the deck slightly to allow for each of the Committees that benefit from sponsorship income to know the exact amount that they have for the fiscal year. There has been a problem with the general sponsorship money split for Labor Day not being clear in the past and the Committee is anxious to remedy that issue to ensure proper record keeping. More information to come after the Committee's meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **P. Membership Committee**

Ms. Dyanne Feinberg, Chair of the Membership Committee, presented the report. In light of the pandemic and the lack of live events, the Membership Committee has revised the Scholars program for the period during which the pandemic is continuing so as to focus on planning and holding Zoom events at most, if not all, of the Florida law schools. In November, the Committee held the first "Zoom with the BLS" with students from St. Thomas Law School, which was well-attended by both the Business Law Section members and the students and included a PowerPoint presentation on the advantages and benefits of joining the BLS. Many of the students who provided feedback requested another meeting with more opportunities for one-on-one contact.

The Committee is scheduling Zoom meetings this Spring for UM, FIU, FAMU, and FSU. The Committee continues to explore ideas for promotion of membership in the BLS to lawyers, but has been handicapped by Covid.

### **Q. Opinion Standards**

Mr. Gary Teblum, Co-Chair of the Opinion Standards Committee, provided a report on behalf of the Committee. Co-Chair Teblum reported that, although the Opinion Standards Committee meetings are normally very thinly attended, the mid-year meeting of the Committee was very well attended with more than 16 people in attendance. He noted that allowing for Zoom attendance seemed to facilitate increased attendance and suggested that the option be continued even after we return to in person meetings.

Co-Chair Teblum further reported that the main item for action at the Committee meeting was consideration of an updated draft of the First Supplement to the December 3, 2011 Florida Report on Third Party Legal Opinion Customary Practice, which is to be a joint update from the Business Law Section and the RPPTL Section. He noted that the Committee was reminded that a version of the First Supplement had previously been approved by the Committee, recommended to the BLS Executive Council and approved by the BLS Executive Council back in 2019, but that because of certain timing delays in getting approvals of the First Supplement from the RPPTLs and given the intervening

enactment of the Chapter 607 revision which took effect on January 1, 2020, it was determined that it would be advisable to update the proposed First Supplement to reflect the changes from the new Chapter 607 legislation adopted in 2019 and the follow on 2020 glitch bill. It was explained to the Committee that the revised draft First Supplement that was being presented to the Committee for approval was the same document that had been previously approved, solely with updates addressing the changes that had been made in Chapter 607 and related statutes in 2019 at 2020 and certain clean up changes. He also noted that the revised draft First Supplement, including a redline against the previously approved First Supplement, had been circulated to the Committee members in advance of the Committee meeting. He then reported that a motion was made and seconded at the Committee meeting to approve the revised First Supplement and to submit it to the Executive Council, with recommendation for approval and adoption by the Executive Council. That motion was adopted by the Committee.

Co-Chair Teblum noted that the revised draft First Supplement that was approved by the Opinion Standards Committee was included in the Executive Council materials as Exhibit D. Co-Chair Teblum made a motion, on behalf of the Committee, for the Executive Council to follow the recommendation of the Opinion Standards Committee and approve and adopt such revised draft of the First Supplement. Mr. Phil Schwartz seconded. Chair Blanco called the question and the motion passed without opposition. Co-Chair Teblum thanked the Executive Council and noted that the revised draft First Supplement would now go to the Florida RPPTL Section for consideration, approval and adoption, anticipated to occur at the meetings of the RPPTL section in in April 2021.

Co-Chair Teblum finally noted that the remainder of the Committee meeting addressed several topics, including how best to handle further third-party opinion topics for later supplements, updates on topics addressed by the Working Group on Legal Opinions, an update on an upcoming Business Lawyer article addressing excluded laws in third party legal opinions, and an update on Tri Bar third party opinion projects. Finally, he reported that the members of the Committee engaged in a spirited discussion of various high profile and current third-party legal opinion issues.

\*\*\*Following the Opinion Standards report, Chair Blanco introduced Mr. Gary Lesser as a candidate for President-Elect of The Florida Bar. Following a brief introduction, Mr. Lesser provided a brief report on his candidacy. Following the presentation, Chair Blanco returned to the meeting agenda.

## **R. Pro Bono Committee**

Carlos Sardi, Chair of the Pro Bono Committee provided a report on behalf of the Committee. The Committee had a well-attended and very productive meeting and recognized the 2019 BLS Pro Bono Heroes and Superheroes. Chair Sardi reported on the status of the 2020 Pro Bono Pledge Program, concluding that there is a need for more folks to sign up. The Committee also discussed planned efforts of actions that had been and were being taken with respect to National Pro Bono Week and getting the word out

about Pro Bono Week and these actions. These efforts included the Committee producing three videos featuring Judges Williamson, Colton, and Isicoff, respectively. The videos were blasted to the membership and are now posted on the Section webpage. The Committee plans to have more videos like these produced throughout 2021 and to continue its “Stories on Pro Bono” video series. The Committee also highlighted the spotlight on 2019 BLS Pro Bono Heroes, including Jay Brown, Adina Polan, Marianne Coulton, and a special recognition of Judge Thomas B. Smith, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Orlando Division), who gave his unique perspective on pro bono work and assistance to the judiciary.

Lastly, the Committee approved a new initiative to pursue, jointly with the Financial Literacy Task Force, the providing, on a statewide basis, of Financial Literacy to Veterans addressing the implementation of Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) catered to veterans throughout the State. The Committee will seek volunteers from the Business Law Section and is targeting Veteran’s Day in November 2021 to launch the project.

#### **S. Proposed Amendments to the Fla. R. Civ. P. Task Force**

Task Force Chair Bart Valdes provided a brief report on behalf of the Task Force noting the Task Force has approved a package of proposed Rule changes that are incorporated into a white paper detailing the changes and the reasons for the suggested amendments. He explained that the Task Force had rolled out these proposed amendments to all of the substantive committees during the Retreat and has asked that everyone review the proposed amendments and provide comments before the next meeting regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Council.

#### **T. Chapter 48 (Service of Process) Task Force**

Co-Chair Giacomo Bossa gave the report of the Task Force. Co-Chair Bossa announced that he and Mr. Jim Murphy are now Co-Chairs of this Task Force. The Task Force reviewed the status of the work conducted by the Task Force to date, concentrating on the preparation of a flow chart reflecting the various considerations and the principal statutory sections involved in service of process upon business entities, which is the focus of the Task Force’s efforts. The Task Force discussed with Mr. Manual Farach and Ms. Aimee Diaz-Lyon and expects to complete its work and submit the proposed statutory revisions along with a White Paper to the Executive Council for approval in time for the 2022 Legislative Session.

#### **U. Scholar and Fellows Retention Task Force**

Vice-Chair Amir Isaiah gave the report of the Task Force. The Task Force members met and had a robust discussion and a spirited and productive meeting, notwithstanding having only 5 participants in attendance. Upon a review of the prior meeting’s minutes, the Task Force discussed on-going Task Force initiatives, the increase in BLS members, and examples of leadership among past/present Fellows and Scholars. Following said discussion, the meeting participants discussed and planned future CLE programming,

including proposed topics and speakers, and timeframe goals. Lastly, the Task Force discussed the prior day's IMF/Membership meeting, and said Committees' proposed events and initiatives.

**V. 542.335 Task Force**

Task Force Chair Brian Barakat gave the report of the 542.335 Task Force. Chair Barakat reported that he and the legislative team met with Senator Gruters and are looking for a House sponsor.

**W. Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act (UCRERA) Task Force**

Kenneth Murena, Chair of the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act Task Force gave the report. Chair Murena advised that the Task Force has completed its work and UCRERA is now the law. Given the completion of the work, Chair Murena made a motion to disband the Task Force. Ms. Amanda Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

**X. Uniform Voidable Transfers Act (UVTA) Task Force**

The Uniform Voidable Transfers Act Task Force did not provide a report.

**X. Reports of Section Liaisons**

**A. The Florida Bar Board of Governors**

Board of Governors member Paige Greenlee gave the report of the Board of Governors. Board of Governor's member Greg Weiss sent his apologies for being unable to attend the Executive Council meeting. The Board of Governors continues to meet by Zoom, as it has since March of 2020. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2021. The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Awards ceremony will take place virtually on January 28 from 3:30-5:00 pm. The Board of Governors Technology Committee is soliciting feedback on Best Practices for Remote Proceedings and Governor Greenlee requested that all members of the Executive Council please review the draft that was circulated to section leadership and provide comments through the link in the email by the close of business on January 20. Governor Greenlee reminded the Council that the Florida Bar Mental Health Hotline continues to be a free and confidential member benefit and asked that if anyone knows anyone that needs some assistance to contact the hotline.

**B. The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education**

This report was the same as the CLE Committee Report above.

**C. The Florida Bar Council of Sections**

Chair-Elect Kacy Donlon gave the report of the Florida Bar Council of Sections. She reported that Mr. Greg Yadley was part of a presentation at the Council of Sections meeting on leadership planning and succession and reported that the BLS is ahead of many other sections in its leadership planning and succession.

**D. The Florida Bar Diversity & Inclusion Committee – Marianne Dorris**

Liaison Marianne Dorris provided the report of the Committee. The Florida Bar Diversity & Inclusion Committee has created a video discussing the importance of diversity and inclusion which can be found on YouTube at <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/7cf332e9/IuSJ8sVR6xGhNrfIhns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F-bnl46nu3Xo>. The Committee is also creating programming to increase and encourage diversity in the Bar's leadership. The D&I Ad Hoc Subcommittee which worked in concert with the BLS Diversity CLE Policy Study Group has expanded its role and will be taking the lead in supporting a Bar-wide Diversity CLE Policy.

**E. The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section – James Marx**

Liaison James Marx gave the report of The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section. Mr. Marx reported that there were two noteworthy developments in the Real Property Section, primarily due to Covid, and that he is available to discuss:

- (a) The Florida Remote Online Notary Statute ( RON) which went into effect January 1, 2020 was little used for the first part of 2020 (as it was new and the title underwriters and lenders were reluctant to accept remote notaries) but, because of the necessity caused by Covid, this has been increasingly used for signatures requiring notarization; particularly outside of Florida and the US. Although this is particularly helpful when parties are outside of the US, it does not require citizenship or a green card but only works if the signer has some sort of US identification (like a license or credit card) as there needs to be information on the US data systems to verify the identity of the signer. The process takes about an hour so if a notary is required and parties are in the US, it is generally more practicable to sign in front of a notary and witnesses in whatever state the signer is located.
- (b) Also, for Florida LLC “Statements of Authority” which were seldom used in the first few years after the new LLC statute (605) became effective, they are now being increasingly used to establish signing authority and this is another method to enable a foreign signer to sign in their country without a notary - as the Statement of Authority does not require a notary and is filed with the Department of State – so as to enable and authorize a designated person located in the US to sign documents that need to be notarized.

**F. The Florida Bar Young Lawyers (YLD) Division**

Liaison Cherine Valbrun provided a brief report congratulating the BLS on the three

programs, namely (i) eviction video for tenants under its Access to Justice initiative; (ii) Supervised Practice Program for new law school graduates that were unable to take the Florida Bar examination due to the Covid pandemic; and (iii) the YLD ISME campaign, which is a diversity initiative. She gave special recognition to April Martindale, a BLS Fellow, regarding her work on the Supervised Practice Initiative.

#### **G. The Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA)**

Liaison Donald Workman reported that the FICPA/bar committee has been meeting and has added new members. The group is planning a virtual CLE presentation that is not yet final, but hopes to have the CLE ready for June.

#### **H. The Out-of-State Division of The Florida Bar**

Liaison Larry Kunin reported with respect to the out-of-state division. The division put out two new CLEs and continues to publish the out of state lawyer newsletter. Liaison Kunin recognized Mr. Manny Farach for allowing the division to include his Florida Case Law update in their newsletter.

#### **I. The Working Group on Legal Opinions (WGLO)**

The WGLO did not provide a report.

### **XI. Other Reports**

#### **A. Chair's Report**

Chair Blanco advised that she plans another video communication in March to update Section members and requested reports from the Committees and Tasks Forces. She advised that the BLS is considering hybrid attendance (video and in-person) for upcoming meetings. Chair Blanco advised that the Executive Council Retreat will occur from April 7-11, 2021 in Savannah, Georgia. Chair Blanco provided details regarding the trip and showed a PowerPoint presentation about the trip with the theme of "empowerment."

#### **B. Chair-Elect's Report**

Chair-Elect Donlon provided a brief report. She applauded Chair Blanco's efforts in keeping the Section members in touch and up to date and connected. Chair-Elect Donlon also advised she was putting the 2021-2022 slate together and asked members to contact her if they were interested in getting more involved. She also advised that planning for the 2021 Labor Day Retreat has begun, invited other Executive Council members to assist her and Amanda Fernandez, the 2021 Labor Day Retreat Chair, in working on the Labor Day Retreat, and encouraged all Council members to consider becoming a Sponsor, including sponsoring the retreat.



**XII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XIII. Good and Welfare**

There was no good and welfare.

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Executive Council, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Blanco at approximately 11:43 a.m.

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