

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA
BAR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 9, 2021 MEETING**

1. Attendees:

- a. Judge Caryl Delano (Judicial Chair) (cdeano@flmb.uscourts.gov)
- b. Robert Charbonneau (Outgoing Chair) (rpc@agentislaw.com)
- c. Andrew Layden (Incoming Chair) (alayden@bakerlaw.com)
- d. Utibe Ikpe (Incoming Vice Chair) (uikpe@melandrussin.com)
- e. Luis Rivera (Incoming Second Vice Chair) (luis.rivera@gray-robinson.com)
- f. Stephanie Svisco (SSvisco@floridabar.org)
- g. Elizabeth Stamoulis (Liaison from IP Committee)
(estamoulis@williamsparker.com)
- h. Eli Mattern (Liaison from Computer & Technology Law) (eli@savvysuit.com)
- i. Michelle Suarez (Liaison from Corporations, Securities, & Financial Services)
(msuarez@floridaentrepreneurlaw.com)
- j. Rick Gross (rwilgross48@gmail.com)

2. Meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Charbonneau at approximately 2:05 p.m. ET.

3. Summary of Meeting:

- a. **Attendee Introductions.** The attendees each briefly introduced themselves and their respective practice areas.
- b. **Approval of January Minutes.** Upon a motion (Mr. Layden) and second (Ms. Ikpe), the Committee voted to approve the January Meeting Minutes circulated prior to and at the June 2021 Meeting.
- c. **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 2022 issue (due February 1), the May/June 2022 issue (due April 1), the July/August 2022 issue (due June 1) and all openings thereafter.
- d. **Upcoming CLEs.** The Committee discussed the upcoming CLEs, including Machine Learning & Your Practice (June 24), Nuts and Bolts of the Legislative Process (June 30), and Mediation Perspectives (July 14).
- e. **Discussion with Business Law Section Leadership.** Business Law Section joined the meeting in progress and Ms. Leyza Blanco addressed the CLE Committee.

- f. **Discussion Regarding BLS Diversity Policy.** The Committee discussed the Florida Bar's recent opinion on the BLS's diversity policy and the potentially far reaching effects of the decision on BLS CLE efforts, including partnerships with other bar associations, and the proposed amendment to the BLS diversity policy that will be presented at the Executive Council meeting. The Committee decided not to take any action at this time pending the Executive Council's decision on the proposed amendment to the BLS diversity policy.
4. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:58 p.m. ET upon a motion (Mr. Gross) and second (Mr. Layden).

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