

**CLE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT FROM
JANUARY 26, 2022 WINTER MEETING**

INTRODUCTIONS

- Attendees:
 - Utibe Ikpe
 - Luis Rivera
 - Judge Delano
 - Andrew Layden
 - Michelle Suarez
 - Chris DeCort
 - Kenneth Murena
 - Elizabeth Stamoulis
- Andrew Layden explained the goal and purpose of CLE committee

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of September 3, 2021 minutes (attached as Exhibit A to Agenda)
 - Luis Rivera moves to approve minutes and Utibe Ikpe Seconds. No objections and minutes are approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Florida Bar Journal Pipeline

Fla Bar Issue	Title / Author	Article Due CLE Committee	Status
July /August 2021	Federal Contracting Disputes: Do All Roads Lead to Rome? Part I (Pamela Levinson)	June 1	Published
September / October 2021	Federal Contracting Disputes: Do All Roads Lead to Rome? Part II (Pamela Levinson)	August 1	Published
November / December 2021	Actual Intent v. Legal Intent: The Impact of Immigration Status on Establishing the Homestead Exemption (Marianne Dorris / Scott Shuker)	October 1	Published
January/February 2022	Florida’s New Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act: a Roadmap for Judges and Practitioners (Kendall Coffey and David Freedman)	December 1	Published
March /April 2022	How the Supreme Court’s Decision in <i>Van Buren</i> Impacts Mobile Employees and Computer Data Theft in Florida	February 1	Submitted
May / June 2022		April 1	
July / August 2022		June 1	

September / October 2022		August 1	
November / December 2022		October 1	

- Michelle Suarez has been working on an article she will like to contribute. The article is almost complete and ready to go.
 - Utibe Ikpe will take the lead on editing Michelle’s article.
- Andrew Layden explains the article publication process
 - Andrew Layden explains that article guidelines, style format, and deadlines can be found on the CLE page of the BLS website
- Andrew Layden asks that liaisons go back to substantive committees and announce that we are looking for articles.
- Judge Delano suggests that we reach out to potential authors and get a commitment.
- Potential Articles for Future Issues:
 - UCC: Should *Durham v. Ocwen* Affect the Interpretation of “Assignee” Under Florida’s Version of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code?
 - Bankruptcy: Third Party Releases (Dorris).
- Recent CLE/ / Events:
 - June 24, 2021 – Machine Learning & Your Legal Practice
 - June 30, 2021 – Nuts and Bolts of the Legislative Process
 - September 3-6, 2021 – Labor Day Retreat – Multiple CLEs presented, including (a) Law Firms: Internal Investigation Case Studies, (b) Dude, Where’s My Bitcoin?: Secured Transactions Involving Digital Assets, (c) Counterfeit Goods and the Intellectual Property Enforcement Landscape; (d) “Focus Groups,” and (e) Forging Your Path: Networking, Branding & Leadership
 - October 5, 2021 – Mediation Perspectives (From Business Litigation to Bankruptcy)
- Upcoming CLEs / Events:
 - February 10-11, 2022 – 39th Annual Federal Securities Institute
 - April 28-29, 2022 – Intellectual Property Symposium
 - May 12-13, 2022 - View from the Bench – Postponed to May 12 (Tampa) and May 13 (Miami)
- Potential Future CLEs
 - Andrew asks that liaisons go back to substantive committees and ask that they advise of any CLEs and let us know how we can help with coordination.
- BLS Leadership visited the meeting
 - Ask whether our committee needs anything from them.
 - Andrew Layden said that we don’t need anything at the moment, but we will discuss as a committee and reach out if necessary.
 - Mark Stein stated that the 1-hour CLEs during covid were lucrative, and we should push for more of them.
- CLE newsletter – send Tracey links to put in newsletter
 - We can use this to promote after-market CLE sales
- Michelle Suarez- suggests potential CLE on how bill becomes a law and suggested a CLE on statutory updates.

- Business litigation committee - second vice chair is in charge of CLE programs. Committee is considering a case law update CLE in late spring/ early summer, and a Fall CLE on restrictive covenants.
 - Judge Delano suggests CLEs on evidence issues, and Utibe Ikpe suggests CLEs on discovery.
- Andrew Layden announces that blockchain taskforce is putting on CLE tomorrow at 1:30pm. The CLE is supposed to be an introduction to blockchain. Tracey is going to recommend that it be recorded, so it goes on the BLS webpage.
- Andrew poses question of whether we need anything from leadership, and nobody had suggestions or comments on the topic
- Luis Rivera asks what type of articles are needed for the BLS journal.
 - Andrew Layden thinks articles can be reused, but not sure, so he will be looking into it.
 - Luis Rivera is proposing an article that is intended to be a review of the Ebony magazine case. The lawyers were of the thought that their diverse team helped obtain a favorable result.