

**BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR**  
**INCLUSION MENTORING FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 21, 2023, 1:00-2:00 P.M**  
**BOCA RATON, FLORIDA**

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1. **Meeting called to order:** Chair Valeria Angelucci at 1:07 PM on June 21, 2023.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** Chair invited a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes, which were circulated with the Agenda. Christina Taylor made the motion, April Martindale seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
3. **Chair Report**
  - a. **Introduction of 2023-2025 BLS Fellows:** All in attendance.
    - i. Matthew Akiba
    - ii. Jacinda D. Beraud
    - iii. Elizabeth R Brusa
    - iv. Joseph ("Joey") M. Coleman
    - v. Ian M. Corp
    - vi. Valerie David
    - vii. Kameron Fleming
    - viii. Reinaldo R. Gomez de la Vega
  - b. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fellowship Program: Celebration at the Labor Day Retreat and Reception
  - c. Accomplished current Fellows spotlight articles and social media spotlights as a part of the lead-up to applications.
  - d. Revamp and revision of the IMF Sub-Committees accomplished.
    - ix. Revisited existing Sub-Committees, requested current fellows or other IMF members to be actively involved and volunteer for leadership
    - x. Subcommittees will be structured with similar leadership structure as leadership positions in the Section (with current chairs being replaced by vice chairs after June 2024
    - xi. Requested to meet at least once in between Section meetings, and provide Chair minutes/updates to leadership.
    - xii. New Fellows were encouraged to join a Sub-Committee or one would be assigned to them.
    - xiii. Information needs to be updated online.
4. **IMF Sub-Committee Reports**
  - a. Communication & Marketing Committee Report from Lauren Stricker.

- i. Co-Chairs: Lauren Stricker, Tyler Brand Stall
  - ii. Ideas to celebrate the 10th anniversary and market the fellowship program.
- b. Networking Committee Report from Adam Gilbert.
  - i. Committee has planned a Thursday (tomorrow) night dinner for Fellows for this meeting and will secure a restaurant for a Fellows' dinner for the Sunday dine-around night during Labor Day Retreat.
  - ii. Organized welcome Zoom meeting for incoming Fellows for introductions, talk about the Fellowship how it works, and address questions.
- c. CLE Committee Report from Lauren Stricker.
  - i. Labor Day Retreat CLE is being put together by Lauren Stricker and Mariane Dorris.
- d. CLE Diversity Policy/Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Report from Kelly Roberts.
  - i. Committee needs to meet to update the Plan, which has not been updated or revised since 2011.
- e. IMF Mentor/Mentee Program Report from April Martindale.
  - i. Looking at the Mentor programs for other Florida Bar sections and associations to get ideas on how to structure and collaborate.
- a. Reports from Substantive Committee Liaisons
  - i. Business Litigation: Katherine Van de Bogart/ Alejandra Iglesia- *Nothing to Report.*
  - ii. Bankruptcy/UCC: Adam Gilbert- *Nothing to Report.*
  - iii. Computer and Technology: Alejandra Iglesia- *Nothing to Report.*
  - iv. Corporations/Securities and Financial Services: Chemere Ellis- *Nothing to Report.*
  - v. Intellectual Property: Joseph Coleman/ April Martindale - *Nothing to Report.*
  - vi. Blockchain: Michael Dunn-*Nothing to Report.*
  - vii. News/opportunities from substantive committees.
- 5. **Other Matters for Discussion/Good Order/New or Unfinished Business-** no new business
- 6. **Closing from Chair:**
  - i. Reminder to register for Labor Day Retreat (code will be provided for registration fee); reminder to immediately book hotel rooms and to register children and spouses. There will be no onsite registration.
  - ii. Encourage participation/involvement with Communications Committee and discuss blog posts submission.
  - iii. Questions/Issues/Suggestions: None
- 7. **Adjourned by Chair at: 1:49 P.M.**