

**BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR**  
**INCLUSION MENTORING FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING (IN PERSON)**  
(Joint Meeting with Membership)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**  
**WALDORF ASTORIA GRAND BALLROOM 1**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introduction of current Leadership Team**
  - i. Chair: Kelly Roberts
  - ii. Vice Chair: Katherine Van de Bogart
  - iii. Second Vice Chair: Reinaldo Gomez de la Vega
  - iv. Judiciary chairs: Hon. Lori Vaughan, and Hon. Virginia Norton
3. **Welcome Incoming Fellows. See attached Exhibit A for the incoming 2024-2026 Class.**
4. **Acknowledgement of exiting 2022-2024 Class. See attached Exhibit B.**
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from Winter 2024 Meeting**
6. **Chair Report**
  - a. IMF Sub-Committees Reports
    - i. Communication & Marketing Committee
      1. Chairs: Matthew Akiba and Valerie David
      2. Vice Chairs: Alfredo Dally and Jessey James Krehl
      3. Members: Lauren Stricker and Tyler Brand Stall
      4. Report:
        - a. Stay tuned to emails, LinkedIn, and Facebook page for updates and information.
        - b. Reference the IMF page (<https://flabizlaw.org/committees-task-forces/standing-committees/inclusion-mentoring-fellowships/>) and Fellow Page (<https://flabizlaw.org/about-us/fellows/>) for information.
    - ii. Networking Committee
      1. Chairs: Zachary Needell; Elizabeth Brusa, and Joseph Coleman
      2. Vice Chairs: Samantha Medina and Christian Haman
      3. Members: Adam Gilbert and Jake Isenberg
      4. Report:
        - a. Upcoming local networking events. Looking for firm sponsors.
        - b. Annual Meeting Fellow meet up: TBD

c. Labor Day Retreat Sunday Night Dine Around: TBD

iii. CLE Committee

1. Chairs: Alejandra M. Iglesia; Kameron Fleming; and Reinaldo Gomez de la Vega
2. Vice Chair: Marshall Kobrin and Jessey James Krehl
3. Members: Chemere Ellis and Katherine Van De Bogart
4. Report:
  - a. Need to develop a CLE for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 per the Sections initiative.
  - b. CLE Ideas.
  - c. Report from Section CLE Committee meeting at 1:00 pm

iv. Mentoring Committee

1. Chairs: Nader Amer; Kayla Heckman; Ian Corp; and Jacinda D. Béraud
2. Vice Co-Chairs: Layla Nguyen and Rasheed Nader
3. Members: Marisol Cruz and April Martindale
4. Report:
  - a. Upcoming Mentor-Mentee matches for the new Fellow class; before Labor Day Retreat.
  - b. Developing exit interview

v. Collaboration and Involvement Committee

1. Chair: current IMF Vice Chair
2. Incoming Chair: IMF Second Vice Chair
3. Current Members:
  - a. Mariane Dorris,
  - b. Jacob Isenberg,
  - c. Chemere Ellis,
  - d. Adam Gilbert,
  - e. Tara Trevorrow
  - f. all current Fellows are heavily encouraged to attend meetings and contribute.
4. Report:
  - a. Analysis of the Section's compliance with Diversity CLE policy

b. Substantive Committee Liaisons

i. Current Liaisons:

1. Business Litigation: Katherine Van de Bogart/ Alejandra Iglesia
2. Bankruptcy/UCC: Adam Gilbert
3. Computer and Technology: Alejandra Iglesia

4. Corporations/Securities and Financial Services: Chemere Ellis
5. Intellectual Property: Jennifer Shiner/Jim Matulis
6. Blockchain: Michael Dunn

ii. Upcoming Meetings

1. Annual Florida Bar Convention – June 19–22, 2024, Signia by Hilton Orlando, Bonnet Creek & Waldorf Astoria, Orlando, FL
2. Judicial Liaison Dinner
3. Labor Day Retreat- August 30th -September 2nd, 2024, Ritz Carlton, Naples, FL
4. Winter Meeting- January 22-24, 2025, Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL (if BLS meeting with Big Bar).

**7. Other Matters for Discussion/Good Order/New or Unfinished Business**

**8. Adjourn**

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WINTER MEETING (Joint Meeting with Membership)  
January 17, 2024  
Renaissance Sea World Orlando

***Meeting Commenced at 3:15 PM***

1. Chair Kelly Roberts made open welcoming statements and introduced the current leadership team.
2. Chair Kelly Roberts then moved to approve Meeting Minutes from the 2023 Labor Day Retreat. *Marianne Dorris made the first motion; April was seconded, motion carries.*
3. Chair Report:
  - A. IMF Playbook: Chair Kelly Roberts spoke about how Chair Mark Stein wants each committee to make a playbook; Chair Kelly Roberts asked that members review and provide feedback and assistance in creating the playbook.
  - B. CLE Diversity Policy:
    - a. Chair Kelly Roberts discussed the CLE Diversity Policy. She stated it is the IMF's intent to determine whether the committees are complying with the diversity policy and once IMF has that information, we will analyze and send to the Executive Committee.
    - b. Chair Kelly Roberts also suggested for Fellows to meet with a few attorneys from substantive committees, pick a topic and then plan and put on a CLE.
  - C. Restructuring of IMF Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee:
    - a. *Chair Kelly Roberts moved to Restructure the IMF Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, which was seconded by Michelle Suarez, motion carried.*
    - b. The policy was last updated in 2011. She stated that the current IMF Chair should not be solely tasked with updating the policy; instead, a subcommittee should be formed to work on updating itcy.
4. Subcommittees:
  - A. Communications: Valerie David gave the report for Communications.
  - B. Networking: Adam Gilbert gave the report for events. They are working on hosting local events. They are also working to get small sponsorships from local law firms to host local events.

- C. CLE: Katherine Van de Bogart is collecting information from the other BLS subcommittees regarding current and upcoming CLEs.
  - D. Diversity Equity Inclusion: Chair Kelly Roberts previously circulated a draft of the updated strategic diversity plan from the 2011 plan. IMF's goal is to have the draft complete by the end of March 2024 and give it to the Executive Committee to be approved by June 2024.
  - E. Mentor/Mentee: April Martindale stated that they are updating the information they have on the current mentors/mentees. They plan to reach out to past fellows and scholars to urge them to stay and participate in BLS. They are also preparing a questionnaire and exit interview for the Fellows. Chair Kelly Roberts also asked that April Martindale follow up with the Fellows to determine if they have any feedback on their mentors and experience with the mentor/mentee program and to contact April Martindale to give her feedback.
5. Current Liaisons:
- A. Business Litigation: nothing to report
  - B. Bankruptcy/UCC: nothing to report
  - C. Computer and Technology: no one present
  - D. Corporations/Securities and Financial Services: nothing to report
  - E. Intellectual Property: nothing to report
  - F. Blockchain: Michael Dunn said there was a presentation on crypto and tax held on January 17, 2024. They also discussed UCC 12 and proposed legislation on Fla. Stat. 6669, as well as changes to UCC about securing digital assets
  - G. CLE Committee: Elizabeth Brusa- went to the meeting on January 17, 2024 and stated that every committee to have 4 paid CLE's to get more revenue in BLS. She said they discussed different types of CLEs that could be offered: (1) a 1 hour zoom CLE not hosted thru the big bar is most preferable because the CLE can stay online on the BLS website for 18 months and BLS gets to keep all the revenue; and even if only a few people attend the live CLE, as long as it stays on the BLS website, it would bring in revenue; (2) a live in person CLE does not bring in as much money; (3) the CLE's with the big bar are also beneficial as they will be on big bar's website for 18 months but the revenue is shared with the big bar. She also said that they discussed that when person is in charge of putting on CLE, the Executive Committee is asking that they make a conscious choice on the type of CLE.
6. New/Unfinished Business—Marianne Dorris addressed bias elimination in the CLE Ruling. Chair Kelly Roberts addressed HB0599. Marianne Dorris asked when the Fellowship Application process would begin. Chair Kelly Roberts said the process would begin after the meeting.
7. Upcoming meeting-

- A. Annual Florida Bar Convention will be held on June 19-22, 2024, at Signia by Hilton, Orlando, FL
- B. Labor Day Retreat will be held on August 30-September 2, 2024, at Ritz Carlton, Naples, FL

***Meeting adjourned 3:42 PM***

**EXHIBIT A: INCOMING FELLOWS, 2024-2026 CLASS**

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1.	Alfredo Dally Barakat + Bossa 2701 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Ste 202 Miami, FL 33134-6020 <a href="mailto:adally@b2b.legal">adally@b2b.legal</a>	Miami	Business Litigation
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## **EXHIBIT B: EXITING FELLOWS**





**Tyler Brand Stall**  
**Hutton, Dominko & Swaim, PLLC, Sarasota, Florida**

Tyler Stall is an attorney at Hutton, Dominko & Swaim, PLLC in Sarasota. Tyler specializes in complex business litigation. He is experienced in trial work, civil practice and arbitration. Tyler has negotiated and resolved cases in a broad range of individual and corporate disputes. He has litigated in a wide variety of legal areas, including probate, guardianship and trust matters, intellectual property, and securities fraud. Prior to joining the firm, he graduated magna cum laude from George Washington University and earned his Juris Doctorate from the Emory University School of Law. Born and raised in Sarasota, Tyler has been recognized for providing in excess of 100 hours of pro bono service by both Legal Aid of Manasota and the Florida Supreme Court. In his free time, Tyler enjoys spending time with his wife, listening to music and playing tennis.



**Nader A. Amer**  
**Carlton Fields, Miami, Florida**

Nader Amer's practice mainly focuses on securities and derivative litigation, complex commercial litigation, and bankruptcy. Admitted to the bar in Florida and Delaware, Nader has experience in a wide range of business disputes, including shareholder freeze-outs, M&A litigation, state and federal securities law violations, director and officer liability, noncompetes, and general fraud and breach of contract claims. Nader also litigates on behalf of clients in the distressed asset and insolvency contexts, having represented debtors in possession, secured and unsecured lenders, insurers, directors and officers, official committees, and other parties in interest throughout Chapter 11 reorganizations and liquidations. Nader's experience spans a wide variety of industries including hospitality, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, insurance, manufacturing, financing, and real estate. In his free time, Nader enjoys playing tennis, traveling, and spending time with his family.



**Marisol Cruz**  
**Cruz Legal, P.A., Miami, Florida**

Marisol Cruz dedicates herself to Business Transactions (Contract Drafting for small businesses, Shareholder/Operating Agreements, etc); Family Law, where she often represents family-owned or small businesses that are joined as corporate third-party defendants in dissolution proceedings. As part of her family law practice, she also works as a Court-Appointed Guardian Ad Litem.



**Jake Isenberg**  
**Law Clerk to Judge Scott M. Grossman, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

Jake Isenberg is a term law clerk to the Honorable Scott M. Grossman, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Jake is responsible for researching, drafting orders and opinions, reviewing order submissions, and assisting the Judge with hearing preparation. Jake graduated from University of Florida and cum laude from Emory University School of Law, where he was named as a Top Oralist in the Georgia Intrastate Moot Court Competition and was selected to compete on the Emory Nationals Moot Court Team. He also interned for the Honorable Robert A. Mark, Bankruptcy Judge sitting in Miami, FL, during law school.

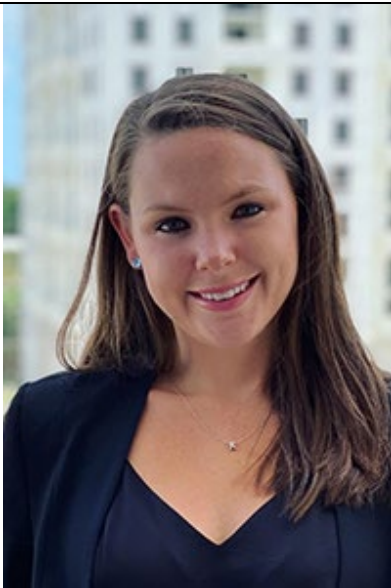
At the conclusion of his clerkship, Jake will be joining Jones Day's Miami office to practice corporate and M&A law.



**Adam Gilbert**  
**Underwood Murray, Tampa, Florida**

Adam's practice focuses on the representation of both creditors and corporate debtors in all aspects of bankruptcy proceedings, with a particular emphasis on chapter 11 restructurings. Through his practice, Adam has had the opportunity to assist both debtors and creditors navigate the entirety of the bankruptcy process, including the purchase and sale of assets via § 363 sales, the successful confirmation of plans of reorganization, the prosecution and defense of claim objections, and the prosecution of various adversary proceedings. Adam also regularly represents clients in disputes involving director and officer liability, fraud, and other complex commercial disputes.

Originally from Coral Springs, Florida, Adam now resides in Tampa and enjoys cheering on the Tampa Bay Lightning and Florida Gators, exploring Tampa's restaurants, and traveling.



**Kayla M. Heckman, Esq.**  
**Law Clerk to Chief Judge Laurel M. Isicoff, Miami, Florida**

Kayla Heckman is a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Laurel M. Isicoff, United States Bankruptcy Chief Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Kayla graduated magna cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law in May of 2020. She earned her bachelor's degree from Florida State University. During her first summer of law school, Kayla worked as a judicial intern for the Honorable Laurel M. Isicoff, which is where her interest in bankruptcy and commercial litigation originated. While in law school, Kayla was a member of the Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Board and Business Law Review. In her free time, Kayla enjoys working out at Orangetheory, riding her Peloton bike, and running half marathons—all to balance out her love for desserts (especially cupcakes).



**Tabitha Taylor**  
**Bryant Taylor Law, Plantation, Florida**

Tabitha Taylor is a co-managing partner at Bryant Taylor Law in Plantation where she represents real estate investors and small business owners throughout Florida. She assists real estate investor clients with business formation for their real estate ventures, as well as contract drafting for vendors, tenants, and private lenders, as well as operating agreements, partnership agreements, and syndication ventures. She assists business clients with partnership dispute resolution, drafting founding documents (such as operating agreements, bylaws, and shareholder agreements), and drafting independent contractor agreements, non-compete agreements, and various contracts. She also assists with negotiating redemptions and buyouts and drafting the corresponding documents and provides business succession planning services, including business continuation plans.



**Zachary Needell**  
**Law Clerk to Judge Peter D. Russin**

Zach is a Florida native, an alumnus of the University of Maryland at College Park and the Emory University School of Law, and currently serves as a judicial law clerk to The Hon. Peter D. Russin in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. Prior to joining Judge Russin's chambers, Zach clerked for The Hon. Tom Barber in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and was an associate at a boutique litigation firm in South Florida specializing in professional liability. Following the conclusion of his clerkship in September 2022, Zach will be joining a South Florida-based firm's commercial and business litigation practice.