

**REPORT/MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2025
MEETING OF THE CLE COMMITTEE
OF THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Kathleen DiSanto, Chair of the CLE Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:15pm ET.
- b. Chair DiSanto welcomed attendees and invited introductions.
- c. Attendees:

| Name | Committee(s) and Task Force(s) | Position(s) |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| Judge Caryl Delano | CLE Committee | Judicial Chair |
| Kathleen DiSanto | CLE Committee | Chair |
| Daniel Etlinger | CLE Committee | First Vice Chair |
| Don Conwell | CLE Committee | Second Vice Chair |
| Manuel Farach | BLS Officers/Executive Committee | Chair |
| Carly Hopkins | BLS Officers/Executive Committee | Program Administrator |
| Andy Layden | Bankruptcy/UCC | Second Vice Chair |
| Lynn Sherman | Bankruptcy/UCC | Member |
| Judge Darrin Gayles | Business Litigation | Federal Judicial Chair |
| Judge Julie Sneed | Computer Law & Technology | Judicial Chair |
| Michael B. Bittner | Computer Law & Technology | Chair |
| Brian J. Paul | Computer Law & Technology | Vice Chair |
| Valeria Angelucci | Corporations, Securities & Financial Services | Chair |
| Kelly Roberts | Corporations, Securities & Financial Services | Vice Chair |
| Sean E. Combs | Intellectual Property | Vice Chair |
| Alan Crane | Electronic Discovery & Digital Evidence | Second Vice Chair |
| Louis Conti | BLS Series LLC | Chair |
| Luis Rivera | Florida Bar Liaison | Liaison |

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2025, Meeting (attached as Exhibit A)**
 - i. No objections being made, the minutes were approved without a vote.
- b. **CLE Policy (attached as Exhibit B)**
 - i. Chair DiSanto presented the CLE Policy and discussed the 4 programs a year resolution, including signature program updates.
- c. **CLE Committee Website**
 - i. Chair DiSanto discussed the continuing updates CLE Committee Website, including the addition of the CLE Planning Event Checklist to the page. Other updates include advancements to make the page more user friendly. Chair DiSanto encouraged attendees to utilize the website and to provide any suggestions for further improvements.

III. LEADERSHIP VISIT

- i.** Manuel Farach, Section Chair, praised the CLE Committee and the substantive committees for an excellent year of CLE presentations.
- ii.** The Section held approximately 24 seminars, generating revenues of approximately \$30,000 through the end of April 2025. Much of the value derived from after market sales, which remain available for up to 18 months from the date of recording.
- iii.** Chair Farach highlighted three programs in particular: **(a)** Computer Law & Technology's AI Prompting for Lawyers and Legal Teams had 17 live and 98 after market sales, **(b)** Business Litigation's Amendments to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure garnered 21 live and 84 after market and **(c)** Corporations, Securities & Financial Services' Operating Agreements in Florida: The Basics had 43 live.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. LABOR DAY RETREAT

- i.** Andy Layden, chair of the Labor Day Retreat Committee, discussed the upcoming Retreat. Registration link will go live next week. Chair Layden encouraged attendees to repost the link to their social media platforms.
- ii.** Each substantive committee strives to put on 1 CLE program during the Retreat.
- iii.** Section sponsors offered an opportunity to participate in the CLE presentations at the Retreat. To date, 3 sponsors have expressed interest, and the Labor Day Retreat Committee is in the process of matching those sponsors with an appropriate substantive committee.

b. REVIEW CLE PLANNING EVENT CHECKLIST (attached as Exhibit C)

- i.** Chair DiSanto reviewed the CLE Planning Event Checklist.

c. UPCOMING CLEs

- i.** The CLE Calendar is available on the CLE website and is updated frequently as programs move through the submission and approval process.

d. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED CLEs

- i.** Chair DiSanto encouraged sections and task forces to start planning ahead and coordinating the dates for tentatively scheduled CLEs.

e. **PROGRESS REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**

i. Vice Chair Daniel Etlinger led the discussion for reports by committees and task forces. The progress of each committee towards meeting the requirements of the CLE Policy is summarized in the chart below:

| Sponsor | Signature Programs | Completed CLEs | Upcoming CLEs | Tentatively Scheduled CLEs* |
|--|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Bankruptcy/UCC | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Blockchain & Digital Assets | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Litigation | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Computer & Technology Law | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Corporations, Securities, & Financial Services | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Elec. Disc. & Digital Evidence | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Intellectual Property | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |

* Tentatively Scheduled CLEs are programs for which a topic and date are reserved with the section administrator, but the course forms and other documentation have not yet been submitted.

- ii. **Bankruptcy/UCC.** The Committee presented 3 CLEs, plus the View From The Bench signature event. For the next bar year, Bankruptcy/UCC has 2 programs in the pipeline, neither with firm dates but targeting October 2025 and January 2026, respectively.
- iii. **Blockchain & Digital Assets.** No report given.
- iv. **Business Litigation.** The Committee exceeded the expectations of the CLE Policy, producing 5 CLEs.
- v. **Computer & Technology Law.** The Committee sponsored a CLE at the last Retreat with FTI Consulting. The webinar in October on AI Prompting with GCAI was well received, as was the CLE on data privacy. The section met that morning to discuss upcoming CLE programs and webinars.
- vi. **Corporations, Securities, & Financial Services.** The Committee presented 4 CLE webinar, plus a signature program. The Committee plans to present at the Labor Day Retreat with a sponsor and has already begun the planning process for next year.
- vii. **Electronic Discovery & Digital Evidence.** At the upcoming Florida Bar convention, the section will be presenting a 4 hour CLE on practical e-discovery best practices, which will be in person with after market resales.
- viii. **Intellectual Property.** The intellectual property symposium in April was well received. The section also put on a 2 part program in addition

to a CLE webinar on arbitration to meet the requirements of the CLE policy.

f. FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL PIPELINE: UPCOMING ARTICLES

- i.** Soliciting May/June 2026 articles. Series LLC comes effective the Summer of 2025. Lou Conti kindly volunteered himself and Gary Teblum for an article for May/June 2026 issue.
- ii.** Guidelines are linked to the CLE agenda and webpage. As always, the CLE Committee welcomes feedback as to the resources available to publish articles on behalf of the Section.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- i.** Judicial Chair Chief Judge Caryl Delano encouraged the Section to make the CLE link more easily accessible, since it has a great trove of resources available.
- ii.** Chair DiSanto concluded the meeting at approximately 1:15pm ET.