

Business Law Section of the Florida Bar

Rules of Court Committee

Florida Bar Annual Convention Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

3:00 – 4:00 pm

The Boca Raton, Grand Ballroom C

Chair: Chris DeCort - Johnson, Newlon & DeCort, P.A., Tampa

First Vice-Chair: Jodi Dubose - Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler P.A., Tampa

Second Vice-Chair: Allison Leonard - Damian | Valori | Culmo, Miami

State Court Judicial Chair: Judge Darren Farfante - Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Tampa

Federal Court Judicial Chair: Judge Melissa Damian - Southern District, Fort Lauderdale

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pro Bono Pledge

The mission of the Pro Bono Committee is to achieve 100% participation in Pro Bono Service by Business Law Section members and attorneys in their firms.

3. Introductions – Judicial Chairs & Committee Members

4. Business

- a. Amendments to Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration (Effective July 1, 2025): Overhaul of provisions governing electronic filing, service, authentication of signatures, and the operation of the e-Portal – Ralph Artigliere
 - i. New Rule 2.345
 - ii. New Rule 2.511
 - iii. Amendments to Rules 2.514, 2.515, 2.516, 2.520, 2.525
 - iv. Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee's proposed revisions to amended Rule 2.516 (Service)
 - v. *(*See meeting materials for S.Ct. Opinion and proposed amendment to Rule 2.516)*
- b. ESI Protocol Workgroup – Avery Chapman, Valeri David, Judge Artigliere
 - i. Brief update
 - ii. *(*See meeting materials for final EDDEC and Rules of Court-approved Proposed Civil Case Guidelines re ESI Discovery)*
- c. Ch. 48 Glitch bill on service of process – Jim Murphy
 - i. *(*See meeting materials for article on Ch. 48 Glitch Bill authored by Jim Murphy and Zane Katz)*

- d. Discussion: Experiences with new Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.202 (Conferral Prior to Filing Motions)
– Avery Chapman
 - i. (**See meeting materials for article recently published in the Palm Beach County Bar Bulletin*)
- e. Discussion: Experiences with implementation of Jan. 1, 2025 Amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure – Chris DeCort
- f. CLE
 - i. Recent CLE presentations
 - 1. Legislative Update: Civil Rules Amendments – Russell Landy
 - 2. A Whole New World: What Business Litigators Should Know About Bankruptcy – Chris DeCort
 - ii. Ideas for future programming?

5. New Business

6. Passing of the Torch

7. Adjournment