

**REPORT/MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2025**  
**MEETING OF THE CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR**

**12:15 PM – 1:15 PM**  
**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Kathleen DiSanto, Chair of the CLE Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., and welcomed attendees.
- b. Chair DiSanto read the Mission Statement of the CLE Committee, welcomed attendees, and introduced the Judicial Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair.
- c. Hon, Caryl E. Delano, Judicial Chair, welcomed attendees and discussed the benefits of holding CLE Committee meeting by Zoom, including increased attendance and advancing the business of the Committee throughout the year.
- d. Chair DiSanto invited introductions.
- e. Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee or Task Force</b>	<b>Position</b>
Hon. Caryl Delano	CLE Committee	Judicial Chair
Kathleen DiSanto	CLE Committee Bankruptcy/UCC	Chair
Lynn Welter Sherman	CLE Committee	First Vice Chair
Michelle Notte	CLE Committee	Second Vice Chair
Stephanie Lieb	BLS Officer/Executive Committee	Chair
Brian Paul	Computer Law & Technology	Chair
Zohar Peleg	Computer Law & Technology	Vice Chair
Jim Murphy	Chapter 48 Task Force	Co-Chair
Katherine Van de Bogart	Business Litigation	Second Vice Chair
Hon. Darrin Gayles	Business Litigation	Federal Judicial Chair

Hon. Catherine McEwen	Business Litigation	Judicial Chair
Marshall Kobrin	Corporations, Securities & Financial Services	Second Vice Chair
	Chapter 607 Subcommittee	Second Vice Chair
Jodi DuBose	Rules of Court Committee	Chair
Leslie Hudock	Chapter 617 Task Force	Vice Chair
David Slenn	UVTA Task Force	Vice Chair
Sean Combs	Intellectual Property	Chair
John Cunniff	Intellectual Property	Vice Chair
Jake Linford	Intellectual Property	Academic Liaison
Josh Gutter		BLS Member

## II. OLD BUSINESS

### a. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 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 policy, including signature program updates.
- ii. Chair DiSanto discussed the profitability of webinars vs. in-person seminars, including lower cost of production.
- iii. Section Chair, Stephanie Lieb, discussed robust aftermarket sales of CLE programs exceeding live attendance as a source of revenue for the Section.
- iv. Chair DiSanto discussed that live CLE programs held at retreats and bar meetings do not count toward the 4 CLE requirement, but suggested recording encore presentations as CLE using speakers and materials from the live CLE.
- v. Chair DiSanto discussed the online Course Development Form and streamlining the CLE planning and accreditation process.

- vi. Chair DiSanto discussed marketing for CLE, including blasts in the Section Chairs weekly email newsletters, Section CLE calendar, and custom marketing strategies.

**c. CLE Committee Website**

- i. Chair DiSanto discussed the continuing updates to the Section’s website, including the new CLE dropdown on the ribbon on the homepage. The CLE Committee’s page includes the CLE Planning Event Checklist, CLE Policy, forms and instructions for articles to be published in The Florida Bar Journal, and other updates to make the web page more user friendly.

### **III. LEADERSHIP VISIT**

- i. Section Chair Lieb thanked the CLE Committee and the substantive committees for their hard work in preparing CLEs to ensure a wonderful Labor Day Retreat.
- ii. Section Chair Lieb encouraged substantive committees to schedule their CLE webinars for the remainder of the bar year to ensure compliance with the CLE policy.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Review CLE Planning Event Checklist (attached as Exhibit C)**

- i. Chair DiSanto reviewed the CLE Planning Checklist.

**b. Upcoming CLEs**

- i. Chair DiSanto discussed upcoming CLE programs, including the following programs from the CLE calendar on the CLE website. The CLE website is updated as new CLE programs move through the submission and approval process.

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bankruptcy/UCC	Monkey Business – Navigating the Shifting Terrain of Dischargeability in Subchapter V	Aug. 25, 2025
Blockchain & Digital Assets	“Smart” Due Process: Protecting Due Process Rights Against Automated Enforcement Abuses (In Person – LDR)	Aug. 29, 2025
Business Litigation	Accounting for Lawyers (In Person – LDR)	Aug. 30, 2025
Corporations, Securities, & Financial Services	Delaware’s Corporate Law Shakeup – Causes, Consequences, & Lessons for the Sunshine State (In Person – LDR)	Aug. 30, 2025
Intellectual Property	Effective Advocacy – What Works and What Doesn’t (In Person – LDR)	Aug. 30, 2025
Elec. Disc. & Digital Evidence	E-Discovery Fundamentals: A Practical Introduction for New Florida Litigators	Sept. 10, 2025
Business Litigation	2025 Legislative Update	Oct. 7, 2025

Sponsor	Event	Date
Bankruptcy/UCC	Practical Evidence	Oct. 9, 2025
Bankruptcy/UCC	View from the Bench	Nov. 6-7, 2025
Corporations, Securities, & Financial Services	Federal Securities Institute	Feb. 26-27, 2026
Intellectual Property	Intellectual Property Symposium	Apr. 16-17, 2026

**c. Tentatively Scheduled CLEs**

- i. Chair DiSanto encouraged sections and task forces to start planning ahead and coordinating the dates for new and tentatively scheduled CLEs.
- ii. Tentatively scheduled CLE programs include:

Sponsor	Event	Date
Blockchain & Digital Assets	Proof of Intelligence and the Law: Legal Innovation in Lightchain AI	Sept./Oct. 2025
Bankruptcy/UCC	Wealth Transfers	Feb. 2026

**d. Progress Reports of Committees and Task Forces**

- i. Chair DiSanto led the discussion for reports by committees and tasks 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	0	2	1
Blockchain & Digital Assets	0	0	0	1
Business Litigation	1	0	0	0
Computer & Technology Law	0	0	0	0
Corporations, Securities, & Financial Services	1	0	0	0
Intellectual Property	1	0	0	0

\* 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.** Kathleen DiSanto presented the report for the committee. The Committee currently has scheduled its View From the Bench signature event (November 6-7, 2025), Monkey Business (August 25, 2025), and Practical Evidence (October 9, 2025). Wealth Transfers is

tentatively scheduled for February, 2026, and one more seminar may be planned for Spring.

- iii. **Blockchain & Digital Assets.** No report given.
- iv. **Business Litigation.** Katherine Van de Bogart presented the report for the committee. A live CLE is planned for the Labor Day Retreat. The Committee is also planning an AI for litigators seminar and another CLE for the fall.
- v. **Computer & Technology Law.** Brian Paul presented the report for the committee. A live CLE program is planned for the Labor Day Retreat. The Committee is working on a webinar in the fall on cybersecurity essentials and other CLE for winter and spring.
- vi. **Corporations.** Marshall Kobrin presented the report for the committee. The committee has a live CLE planned entitled “Delaware Corporate Law Shakeup” for the Labor Day Retreat. The committee is planning a CLE on noncompete agreements for October, and a CLE on mergers and acquisitions due diligence for the fall.
- vii. **Intellectual Property.** Sean Combs presented the report for the committee. The committee lost its speaker for the August 19, 2025 CLE program. At the Labor Day Retreat, the committee will present a live CLE on effective advocacy. The committee will present its signature IP Symposium in April. The committee also is working on planning CLEs for November, January, and June.
- viii. **Chapter 617 Task Force.** Leslie Hudock advises that the task force will present a CLE in 2026 if amendments to Chapter 617 are passed by the Florida legislature.
- ix. **Miscellaneous.** Section Chair, Stephanie Lieb, advised that the Financial Literacy Task Force and Bankruptcy Bar Association are working on a financial literacy program for senior citizens entitled Elder \$mart\$, which will include a powerpoint.

**e. Florida Bar Journal Pipeline: Upcoming articles**

- i. Chair DiSanto discussed the schedule for upcoming BLS articles to be submitted for publication by the Section in The Florida Bar Journal, which was subsequently updated following the meeting:

<i><b>TFBJ Issue</b></i>	<b>Title / Author</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Deadline to Submit Draft to Editor</b>	<i><b>TFBJ Submission Deadline</b></i>
Sept./Oct. 2025	Bricks, Mortar, and Misconceptions: The Gold Mine Hidden in Commercial Real Estate (Todd Jones, Kevin Herzberg, Stephen King, Rachel Fisch, Bradley Tennant – Bankruptcy/UCC)	Submitted, Publication Forthcoming (GDC)	June 1	July 1
Nov./Dec. 2025	Instagram Model Act (Melanie Cherdack)	Submitted, Publication Forthcoming (LWS)	Aug. 1	Sept. 1
Jan./Feb. 2026	TBD (Kathleen DiSanto & Luis Rivera – Bankruptcy/UCC)	TBD (KLD)	Oct. 1	Nov. 1
Mar./Apr. 2026	Mergers & Acquisitions (Michelle Notte – Corporations)	TBD (MN)	Dec. 1	Jan. 1
May/June 2026	Florida Uniform Protected Series LLC legislation – Part I (Lou Conti & Gary Teblum - Corporations)	TBD (KLD)	Feb. 1	March 1
July/Aug. 2026	Florida Uniform Protected Series LLC legislation – Part II (Lou Conti & Gary Teblum - Corporations)	TBD (LWS)	Apr. 1	May 1
Sept./Oct. 2026	AI Ethics (Areeb Naseer)	TBD (MN)	June 1	July 1

- ii. Judicial Chair Delano reminded attendees that previous Florida Bar Journal Articles submitted on behalf of the Business Law Section are available online at [https://www.floridabar.org/journal\\_article\\_section/business-law/](https://www.floridabar.org/journal_article_section/business-law/)

**V. OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- i. Section Chair Lieb reminded attendees on the important role of CLE Committee in keeping members up to date on current law and legislation.
- ii. Chair DiSanto discussed benefits of writing articles and presenting CLEs in developing a reputation as a subject matter expert and generating new business.
- iii. Chair DiSanto advised that the next meeting of the CLE Committee will be held by Zoom on October 20, 2025, at 12:15 p.m.
- iv. Chair DiSanto concluded the meeting at approximately 1:15 p.m.