



**BUSINESS LAW SECTION**  
OF THE FLORIDA BAR

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Boca Raton Resort**  
**Boca Raton, Florida**

Thursday, June 26, 2025

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**I. Call to Order**

Manual Farach, Chair of The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, duly called the June 26, 2025 Executive Council Meeting to Order at approximately 3:46 p.m.

The attendance list for the meeting is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

Chair Farach advised the members of the Executive Council in attendance that the Annual Meeting of The Business Law Section would be held immediately following the Annual Meeting of The Executive Council of the Business Law Section.

**II. Roll Call**

Secretary Robert W. Barron called the roll for the voting members of the Executive Council. Secretary Barron noted that the Executive Council was lacking two voting members to satisfy the quorum requirements of the Bylaws at the initial roll call. However, with the arrival of two additional voting members of the Executive Council, the quorum requirements were satisfied at 4:07 p.m.

**III. Guests and Special Appearances**

The Chair recognized Mr. Jeff Reiner and invited him to address the Executive Council. Mr. Jeff Reiner, a member of the Business Law Section and a candidate for President of The Florida Bar, briefly addressed the Executive Council.

The Chair recognized Ms. Paige Greenlee and invited her to address the Executive Council. Ms. Paige Greenlee, a member of the Business Law Section and a candidate for President of The Florida Bar, briefly addressed the Executive Council.

**IV. Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2025 Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting (Exhibit 1 Minutes)**

The Minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting were attached as **Exhibit 2** to the Agenda. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Murphy, and seconded by Woody Pollack. There was no discussion, and upon vote taken, the motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

**V. Treasurer's Report (Exhibit 2 Current Financials 2024-2025)**

Treasurer Peter Valori provided his Report. Mr. Valori noted that the Financials attached to the Agenda as Exhibit 2 indicate that the Section appears to be experiencing a financially successful year, but that the final financial results will not be available from The Florida Bar until the next meeting of the Section at the Labor Day Retreat. Chair Farach added that the financial performance of the Section has been strong due to the cooperative work of many members of the Section.

**VI. Commitment to Pro Bono Service**

The Chair noted that the Section reaffirms its goal to achieve 100% participation in pro bono service by Business Law Section members and attorneys in their firms.

The Section proudly acknowledges the Executive Council members which are listed on **Schedule 1** attached hereto who have pledged at least \$1000 to The Florida Bar Foundation Endowment Trust to become Fellows of The Florida Bar Foundation.

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**VII. Recognition of Sponsors**

The Section acknowledges the generous contribution of all its sponsors, including the following Legacy (\$15,000), Diamond (\$10,250), Sapphire (\$7,750) and Emerald (\$5,250) sponsors:

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**VIII. Triple Motions**

**A. Chapter 617 Task Force – Toni Tsvetanova, Chair**

Toni Tsvetanova, the Chair of the Chapter 617 Task Force, presented the following triple motion to the Executive Committee of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar:

***RESOLVED, that the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar (the "Section") supports proposed legislation addressing updating and modernizing Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (the "Chapter 617 Proposed Legislation"), substantially in the form of the draft legislation set forth in the Ch. 617 Task Force Report, dated as of May 23, 2025, presented to the Executive Council of the Section, and subject to such further changes as are deemed appropriate and approved by the Chapter 617 Task Force and/or the Executive Council of the Section; and it is further***

***RESOLVED, that the Chapter 617 Proposed Legislation: (1) is within the Section's subject matter jurisdiction as described in the Section's bylaws; (2) either is beyond the scope of the bar's permissible legislative or political activity, or is within the bar's permissible scope of legislative or political activity and the proposed Section position is consistent with an official bar position on that issue; and (3) does not have the potential for deep philosophical or emotional division among a substantial segment of the bar's membership.***

The triple motion was seconded by Greg Yadley. There was no discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously, but with all judges present at the meeting abstaining.

## **B. Intellectual Property Law Committee**

Sean Combs presented the following triple motion of The Intellectual Property Committee to the Executive Committee of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar:

***RESOLVED, that the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar (the "Section") supports the proposed Trademark Modernization Amendments Act of 2026 (the "Trademark Proposed Legislation") to ensure our state trademark registration system is equipped for the twenty first century by: (1) amending the Florida trademark classification system so that it continues to meet national and international standards in a sustainable manner; (2) clarifying that Florida trademark application statements need not be notarized and (3) requiring an option for online submission of trademark registration applications, substantially in the form of the draft legislation presented to the Executive Council of the Section, and subject to such further changes as are deemed appropriate and approved by the Intellectual Property Committee and/or the Executive Council of the Section; and it is further***

***RESOLVED, that the Trademark Proposed Legislation: (1) is within the Section's subject matter jurisdiction as described in the Section's bylaws; (2) either is beyond the scope of the bar's permissible legislative or political activity, or is within the bar's permissible scope of legislative or political activity and the proposed Section position is consistent with an official bar position on that issue; and (3) does not have the potential for deep philosophical or emotional division among a substantial segment of the bar's membership.***

There was no discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously, but with all judges present at the meeting abstaining.

**IX. Other Voting Matters and First Reading Matters: Renewal of the Legislative Advising Services Agreement and Proposed Changes to Amended and Restated Bylaws**

**A. Legislation Committee**

Woody Pollack reported as Chair of the Legislation Committee as follows:

Aimee Diaz Lyon and Doug Bell were asked to leave the room for the next item of business. Mr. Pollack expressed the appreciation of the entire Legislation Committee for the exceptional advisory services provided by Ms. Diaz Lyon and Mr. Bell during the previous legislative session.

After they departed, a motion was made by Mr. Pollack to renew the Metz Husband & Daughton, PA Section Legislative Advising Services Agreement. Mr. Pollack noted that the form of the Agreement is promulgated by The Florida Bar and that Metz Husband & Daughton, PA was not requesting any modification to their existing annual compensation.

Chair Farach noted that the updated form of the Section Legislative Advising Services Agreement has not been provided to the Business Law Section. Upon receipt of the updated form of agreement, the Executive Committee will review and approve the form for execution by the Business Law Section.

The motion was seconded by Dineen Wasyluk. There was no discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously.

**B. First Reading of Proposed Changes to Amended and Restated Bylaws**

The Chair noted that the proposed change to the Amended and Restated Bylaws for the Business Law Section were published in the notice for this annual meeting of the Executive Council, as required by the Amended and Restated Bylaws.

The Chair requested Secretary Barron to explain the reason that an amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws was being requested.

Mr. Barron noted that the current Amended and Restated Bylaws require that, in order for the Executive Council to act by written consent, rather than at an in person or telephonic meeting, consents given in writing by a majority of the current members of the Executive Council must be secured in order for the action to be approved. Mr. Barron stated that, although the judicial members of the Executive Council are counted as members of the Executive Council in determining what constitutes a majority, it is customary for many if not all of the judicial members of the Executive Council to abstain from voting with respect to motions related to legislative positions. Mr. Barron advised that, in those situations where the Executive Council is seeking to act by way of written consent, the current

Amended and Restated Bylaws do not exclude an abstaining member of the Executive Council when calculating whether a majority of the current members of the Executive Council have approved the action.

Mr. Barron stated that the purpose of the proposed amendments to the current Amended and Restated Bylaws is to exclude from the “majority of the current members” calculation any member of the Business Law Section who submits a written abstention from the vote in question.

There was discussion from various members regarding the proposed amendments. Mr. Philip Schwartz, the Parliamentarian of the Business Section and a former Chair of the Business Law Section, proposed that the proposed amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws be modified to exclude members of the judiciary who submit a written abstention with respect to the vote in question but not to exclude other members of the Business Law Section who submit a written abstention with respect to the vote in question.  
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Chair Farach noted that no vote would be taken on the proposal in this meeting because the Amended and Restated Bylaws required two readings of the proposed amendments to the Amended and Restated Bylaws before a vote could be taken. Accordingly, the vote on the proposed amendments is intended to be taken up at the Labor Day Retreat Meeting.

**X. Reports of Substantive Law Committees and Task Forces**

**A. Bankruptcy/UCC – Adina Pollan, Chair; Matt Hale, First Vice Chair; Andy Layden, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Mindy Mora, Judicial Chair; Prof. Jeffrey Davis, Academic Chair**

Adina Pollan reported the following:

The Bankruptcy/UCC Committee had a well attended meeting. The Committee discussed, during the meeting, the bill addressing the judicial sales procedure for foreclosure and established a proposed study group to review the existing financial disclosure law and the manner in which UCC-1 financing statements are recorded. The Committee hosted CLE programs this year and future CLE programs were being planned.

**B. Blockchain & Digital Assets Committee – Terry Sanks, Chair; Mitchell Hyman, First Vice Chair; Robert Kain, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Lisa Munyon, Judicial Chair; Prof. Zachary Catanzaro, Academic Chair**

Robert Kain reported the following:

The Blockchain & Digital Assets Committee discussed the federal Genius Act and the Stablecoin legislation that is pending in the U.S. Senate.

**C. Business Litigation Committee – Joseph Van de Bogart, Chair; Utibe Ikpe,**

**First Vice Chair; Jason Hilborn, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Edward LaRose, Judicial Chair (State); Honorable Darrin Gayles, Judicial Chair (Federal)**

Zach Hyman, as a representative and member of the Committee, reported the following:

The Business Litigation Committee discussed proposing that the current Study Group addressing direct and derivative actions with respect to corporations and limited liability companies be changed to be a Direct and Derivative Actions Task Force. Kacy Donlon moved to waive the required notice for the formation of a Task Force in Section 5.4 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Business Law Section and Chris DeCort seconded such motion. There was no discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Zach Hyman explained the reason for converting the Study Group to a Task Force and the mission concerning direct and derivative actions intended to be addressed by the Task Force. Joseph Van de Bogart moved to convert the Study Group to a Direct and Derivative Actions Task Force and Phil Schwartz seconded the motion.

Philip Schwartz, the Parliamentarian of the Business Law Section, noted that, upon reflection, the notice required in Sections 5.1 and 5.4 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws may not be waived. Mr Schwartz thus pointed out that, although the Executive Council might vote now, any such vote, to take effect, would need to be ratified at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Council after the proper written notices to the members of the Executive Council were provided. There was no discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Computer Law & Technology – Michael B. Bittner, Chair; Brian J. Paul, Vice Chair; Camila Chediak, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Julie Sneed, Judicial Chair; Prof. Vincenc Feliu, Academic Chair**

Michael Bittner reported the following:

The Computer Law & Technology Committee discussed various current cases relevant to the computer law and technology industry.

**E. Corporations, Securities & Financial Services – Valeria Angelucci, Chair; Kelly Roberts, Second Vice-Chair; Zach Evangelista, Second Vice Chair; Prof. Stuart Cohn, Academic Chair**

Valeria Angelucci reported the following:

The Corporations, Securities and Financial Services Committee discussed the proposed Non-Profit Corporations Act and the proposed Trademark Act.

**F. E-Discovery & Digital Evidence Committee- Valerie David, Chair; Jacinda**

**Beraud, First Vice Chair; Alan Crane, Second Vice Chair; Honorable William Matthewman, Judicial Chair; Prof. Zachary Catanzaro, Academic Chair**

Valerie David reported the following:

The E-Discovery & Digital Evidence Committee had low attendance for its annual meeting. The Committee has scheduled one CLE program and two additional CLE programs are being developed. The Committee collaborated with the Rules of Court Committee to update the ESI guidelines document and the Committee has approved the updated guidelines. No Executive Council approval is required for the guidelines document, but the Committee intends to publish the guidelines on its webpage. In addition, Friday, June 27, 2025, the Committee will be hosting a CLE for the Florida Bar.

**G. Intellectual Property Law – Meredith Mendez, Chair; Sean Combs, First Vice Chair; John Cunniff, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Mary Scriven, Judicial Chair; Prof. Jake Linford, Academic Chair**

Meridith Mendez reported the following:

The Intellectual Property Law Committee discussed the new proposed Trademark Law. In addition, the Committee sponsored a CLE program on subject matter eligibility that was presented during its meeting.

## **XI. Reports of Selected Standing Committees and Task Forces**

**A. Amicus Brief Guidelines Subcommittee – Dineen Wasyluk, Chair; Honorable Edward LaRose, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

**B. Antitrust and Trade Regulation Subcommittee – Ilana Drescher, Chair; Honorable Edward LaRose, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

**C. Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee – Kenneth Murena, Chair; Honorable Scott Grossman, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

**D. Budget Committee – Peter Valori, Chair (Treasurer)**

No additional report given.

**E. Business Court Task Force – Jon Polenberg and Honorable Gill Freeman, Co- Chairs; Amir Isaiah, Vice-Chair**

Chris DeCort reported, on behalf of the Task Force, the following:

The Business Court Task Force believes that its original mission has been accomplished and that the Task Force should be sunsetted. Chris DeCort moved that the Business Court Task Force be sunsetted and Zach Hyman seconded the motion. After a brief discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously. Judge McEwen submitted a written report for the record which describes the activities of the Task Force.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Executive Council, it was determined that, in order to effectively vote to sunset the Business Court Task Force, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Section require that the proposal to sunset this Task Force would first need to be noticed in writing to members of the Executive Council and thus, in order to take effect, the vote taken would need to be ratified at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Council after the proper written notices to the members of the Executive Council were provided.

**F. Chapter 48 Task Force – Giacomo Bossa and Jim Murphy, Co-Chairs**

No report given.

**G. Voluntary Trial Resolution Task Force – Fla. Statute Section 44.104 Task Force – Allison Leonard, Chair**

No report given.

**H. Chapter 517 Task Force – Will Blair, Chair; Roland Chase, Vice Chair; Prof. Stuart Cohn, Academic Chair**

No report given.

**I. Chapter 607 Sub-Committee – Philip Schwartz and Gary Teblum, Co-Chairs, Andrew Schwartz, Vice Chair**

No report given.

**J. Chapter 617 Task Force – Toni Tsvetanova, Chair; Leslie Hudock, Vice Chair; Professor Stuart Cohn, Academic Chair**

No report given.

**K. CLE Committee- Kathleen DiSanto, Chair; Dan Etlinger, First Vice Chair; Don Conwell, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Caryl Delano, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- L. Communications Committee- April Stone, Chair; Deedee Bitran, First Vice Chair; Emma Refuveille, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Paul Hyman, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- M. Financial Literacy Task Force – John Hutton, Chair; Tara Trevorow, Vice Chair; Honorable Jacob Brown, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- N. Health & Wellness Task Force – Kristina Feher, Chair, Kayla Heckman, Vice Chair; Honorable Grace Robson, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- O. Inclusion, Mentoring & Fellowship Committee – Katherine Van de Bogart, Chair; Reinaldo de la Vega, First Vice Chair; Valerie David, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Lori Vaughan, Judicial Chair (Federal); Honorable Virginia Norton, Judicial Chair (State)**

No report given.

- P. Labor Day Retreat Committee- Jennifer Morando, Chair; Andy Layden, Vice Chair; Jim Moon, Second Vice Chair; Robert Charbonneau, Immediate Past Chair**

No report given.

- Q. Legislation Committee – Woody Pollack Chair; Dineen Pashoukos Wasylik, First Vice Chair; Mariane Dorris, Second Vice Chair**

No additional report given.

- R. Long Range Planning Committee – Gregory Yadley, Chair; Honorable Mindy Mora, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- S. Marketing, Promotions & Sponsorships Committee- Peter Maskow, Chair; Michele Moss, Vice Chair; Luis Rivera, Second Vice Chair**

No report given.

- T. Membership Committee- Christina Taylor, Chair; Zach Evangelista, First Vice Chair; Luis Rivera, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Karen Specie,**

## **Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- U. Opinion Standards Committee- Stefan Rubin and Gary Teblum, Co-Chairs, Robert Brighton, Vice-Chair**

No report given.

- V. Pro Bono Committee- Tara Trevorrow, Chair; Raina Shipman, First Vice Chair; Luis Rivera, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Laurel Isicoff, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

- W. Restrictive Covenant Task Force – Brian Barakat, Chair; Keith Bell, Vice Chair**

No report given.

- X. Rules of Court – Chris DeCort, Chair; Jodi Dubose, First Vice-Chair; Allison Leonard, Second Vice Chair; Honorable Darren Farfante, Judicial Chair (State); Honorable Melissa Damian, Judicial Chair (Federal)**

No report given.

- Y. Scholar and Fellows Retention Task Force – Zach Hyman, Chair; Chris Broussard, Vice-Chair; Honorable Catherine McEwen, Judicial Chair**

Zach Hyman reported the following:

The Task Force has conducted a survey and prepared a handbook for the Committees of the Business Law Section to assist in addressing the retention of scholars and fellows. Having accomplished the mission of the Task Force, the Task Force requested that a vote be taken to sunset the Task Force. Judge McEwen concurred with the request for the Task Force to be sunsetted. Zach Hyman, moved that the Scholar and Fellows Retention Task Force be sunsetted. After a brief discussion and, upon vote taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Executive Council, it was determined that, in order to effectively vote to sunset the Scholars and Fellows Retention Task Force, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Section require that the proposal to sunset this Task Force would first need to be noticed in writing to members of the Executive Council and thus, in order to take effect, the vote taken would need to be ratified at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Council after the proper written notices to the members of the Executive Council were provided.

**Z. Series LLC Task Force – Louis Conti, Chair**

No report given.

**AA. State & Federal Courts Judicial Liaison Committee – Chris DeCort, Chair; Brian Barakat, Vice Chair; Honorable Lisa Walsh, Judicial Chair (State); Honorable Wendy Berger, Judicial Chair (Federal)**

No report given.

**BB. UCC Article 12 – Robert Kain, Michael Dunn and Jaime Leggett (Co-Chairs); Zachary Catanzaro, Judicial Chair**

No report given.

**CC. Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act (UCRERA) Task Force – Amanda Fernandez, Chair; Jodi Dubose, Vice Chair**

No report given.

**DD. Uniform Voidable Transfers Act (UVTA) Task Force – John Hutton, Chair; David Slenn, Vice Chair**

No report given.

**XII. Reports of Section Liaisons**

No reports were given for any of the following Section Liaisons.

- A.** The Florida Bar Board of Governors – Donald Workman
- B.** The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education – Luis Rivera
- C.** The Florida Bar Council of Sections – Stephanie Lieb
- D.** The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section – James Marx
- E.** The Florida Bar Young Lawyers (YLD) Division – Joseph Coleman
- F.** The Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) – Donald Workman
- G.** The Out-of-State Division of The Florida Bar – Lawrence Kunin
- H.** The Working Group on Legal Opinions (WGLO) – Philip Schwartz

**XIII. New Business**

There was no new business for this meeting.

**XIV. Other Reports**

A. **Chair’s Report** – Manuel Farach announced and presented the following awards by the Chair:

<b>ProBono</b>	Carlos Sardi
<b>Section Member of the Year</b>	Peter Maskow
<b>Business Law Section Distinguished Service Award</b>	James Moon Kathleen DiSanto
<b>Business Law Section Distinguished Budget Award</b>	Jennifer Morando
<b>Judge Michael Williamson Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	Gregory Yadley

Chair Farach gave his reflections on the past year, including the new CLE programs and the Montreal/Quebec trip, and the financial successes for the year. He also expressed his appreciation to the work and leadership of the administrative support team, Tracey Eller – Communications, and Carly Hopkins – Administrator.

B. **Chair-Elect’s Report.** Chair Elect Stephanie Lieb presented a gift to the Chair, an engraved Mont Blanc pen, together with a Past Chair’s Lapel Pin. She provided some additional information regarding the Labor Day Retreat and presented a PowerPoint hitting the highlights of the planned Executive Council Spring Retreat to Iceland scheduled for early March 2026.

**XV. Good and Welfare**

There was no report under Good and Welfare of the Council.

**XVI. Future Full Section Meetings**

- A. Labor Day Retreat Meeting of Florida Bar, August 29, 2025 - September 1, 2025 – JW Marriott Marco Island
- B. Mid-Year Meeting, January 28, 2026, to January 29, 2026 – Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor, Charlotte Harbor, Florida

**XVII. Future Section Events**

A. Executive Council 2026 Spring Retreat – *Iceland* – March 4-8, 2026

**XVIII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting of the Executive Council of Business Law Section of The Florida Bar was made by Mark Stein and seconded by Woody Pollack. Upon vote taken, the motion was carried unanimously.

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## **List of Schedules**

**Schedule 1**                    **List of Executive Council Members of the Business Law Section of  
The Florida Bar Who Are Fellows of The Florida Bar Foundation**

## **List of Exhibits**

**Exhibit 1**                    **Minutes from January 23, 2025 Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting**

**Exhibit 2**                    **Current Financials (2024-2025)**

**Exhibit 3**                    **Selected Provisions from the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the  
Business Law Section Addressing Proposed Amendments for Review**

## Schedule 1

### List of Executive Council Members of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar Who Are Fellows of The Florida Bar Foundation

Zascha Abbott  
David P. Ackerman  
Glenn A. Adams  
Martin J. Alexander  
Cristina Alonso  
Pedro A. Alvarez  
Jonathan L. Awner  
Scott L. Baena  
Robert W. Barron  
Hamden H. Baskin, III  
Paul J. Battista  
Jerald S. Beer  
Jonathan D. Beloff  
R. Lee Bennett  
Howard J. Berlin  
Ceci C. Berman  
Jay R. Beskin  
Brian L. Bilzin  
Russell M. Blain  
Willard A. Blair  
Leyza B. Florin  
Bruce H. Bokor  
Giacomo Bossa  
Wiley S. Boston, II  
Ginger B. Boyd  
John M. Brennan  
Alejandro Brito  
Gregory P. Brown  
Honorable Jay A.  
Brown  
Lorna E. Brown-Burton  
Stephen D. Busey  
Anthony J. Carriuolo  
Joseph R. Casacci  
Robert P. Charbonneau  
Douglas A. Cherry

Charles R. Chilton  
Patrick Christiansen  
Robert N. Clarke, Jr.  
Howard A. Cohen  
Jules S. Cohen  
Cristin A. Conley  
Kevin B. Cook  
Deborah S. Corbishley  
Dennis Corrick  
Richard H. Critchlow  
Glenn Curran, III  
Thomas H. Dart  
Amber N. Davis  
C. Jade Davis  
Ryan E. Davis  
Steven W. Davis  
Christopher L. DeCort  
Daniel DeCubellis  
Honorable Caryl E.  
Delano  
Katherine C. Donlon  
Ava Doppelt  
Marisa R. Dorough  
Mayanne Downs  
Joshua E. Doyle  
G. Ray Driver  
Leonard S. Englander  
Katie Fackler  
Michael J. Faehner  
Manuel Farach  
Michael Fertig  
Carey M. Fischer  
Michael A. Fischler  
Roy E. Fitzgerald, III  
Brian Foremny  
Honorable Gill S.  
Freeman  
Eric Gabrielle  
James A. Gale  
Alan S. Gassman  
Honorable Darrin P.

Gayles

Christian George

Leonard H. Gilbert

Suzanne E. Gilbert

Brian Gilchrist

Joseph M. Goldstein

Ricardo A. Gonzalez

James W. Goodwin, II

Paige A. Greenlee

Merrick L. "Rick" L.

Gross

Thomas H. Gunderson

John M. Guthrie

Eric J. Hall

Paul Hancock

Scott G. Hawkins

Anna M. Hernandez

Andrew R. Herron

Michael J. Higer

Honorable Paul G.

Hyman

Daniel Jacobson

Richard K. Jones

Kenneth M. Kaleel

Robert Kapusta, Jr.

Alan J. Kluger

Tammy L. Knight

George Knott

Michael H. Krul

Mark Lang

Alan D. Lash

Gregory K. Lawrence

William Lawton

Allison J. Leonard

William R. Leonard

Richard Levenstein

David Lichter

Stephanie C. Lieb

Michael Lockamy

Maxine M. Long

Robb R. Maass

John Macdonald  
Joshua Magidson  
Kimra Major-Morris  
Jonathan S. Marcus  
Michael Marder  
Jerry M. Markowitz  
Andrew J. Markus  
Lonnie K. Martens  
Gregory S. Martin  
R. Donald Mastry  
James M. Matulis  
Elizabeth McCausland  
Honorable Catherine P.  
McEwen  
Kathleen S. McLeroy  
William B. McQueen  
Robert W. Mead, Jr.  
Stewart A. Merkin  
Thomas M. Messana  
Stephen Milbrath  
Alison Miller  
James Moon  
Nichole Mooney  
Jennifer L. Morando  
Rene V. Murai  
John B. Murray, Jr.  
Patrick Neale  
Kelly A. O'Keefe  
Michael F. Orr  
Thomas F. Panza  
John Patterson  
Ambarina A. Perez  
Robert E. Pershes  
Jorge L. Piedra  
Anne Pollack  
Woodrow H. Pollack  
Elizabeth S. Pons  
Abel Putnam  
Ramon E. Rasco  
Patricia Redmond  
Justus Reid

Ricardo A. Reyes  
Douglas H. Reynolds  
Harley E. Riedel, II  
Peter A. Rivellini  
Luis E. Rivera II,  
Esquire  
William H. Robinson,  
Jr.  
Lawrence P. Rochefort  
Stephen K.  
Roddenberry  
Ron Rosenwasser  
Scott R. Rost  
Steven A. Salzer  
Gary S. Salzman  
Roland Sanchez-  
Medina, Jr.  
Carlos E. Sardi  
William J. Schifino, Jr.  
Philip B. Schwartz  
Patrick S. Scott  
Lansing C. Scriven  
Stephen R. Senn  
Detra Shaw-Wilder  
William Shepherd  
Lynn W. Sherman  
Michael E. Siegel  
David Sigalow  
Michael Silver  
Grasford W. Smith, Jr.  
Wayne L. Smith  
Grey Squires-Binford  
Glen A. Stankee  
Mark E. Stein  
Scott A. Stichter  
Adele I. Stone  
Richard Straughn  
Michelle Suarez  
Ashley N. Sybesma  
Thomas Tatum  
Gary I. Teblum  
Robert Thornburg

Theodore L. Tripp, Jr.  
Frank Ullo, Jr.  
James C. Valenti  
Frank C. Walker  
Clifford Walters  
Jeffrey W. Warren  
Dineen P. Wasylik  
Robert Wayne  
Thomas O. Wells  
Honorable Kathryn D.  
Weston  
Steele T. Williams  
Kerry Wilson  
John F. Woodson, II  
Donald A. Workman  
Gregory C. Yadley  
Gwynne A. Young  
Thomas Zehnder

**Exhibit 1**

**Minutes from January 23, 2025  
Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting**

**Exhibit 2**

**Current Financials 2024-2025**

### Exhibit 3

#### **Selected Provisions from the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Business Law Section Addressing Proposed Amendments for Review**

**Section 4.2. Membership.** The membership of the executive council consists of:

- (a) the members of the executive committee;
- (b) the chairs (including any judicial chair) and 1 vice-chair of each substantive law committee of the section;
- (c) the chairs (including any judicial chair) and 1 vice-chair of each standing committee of the section;
- (d) all members of the long-range planning committee;
- (e) the chairs and 1 vice chair of any task force of the section;
- (f) up to 5 liaisons between the section and other organizations who are selected in the manner set forth in Section 5.5 below;
- (g) the liaison to the section from the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar; and
- (h) up to 5 at-large members designated by the chair-elect to serve for the upcoming administrative year.

#### **Section 6.2. Executive Council.**

- (a) The executive council will hold its organizational meeting immediately after the annual meeting of the section required by Section 6.1 above. The executive council will also hold 1 or more additional meetings between organizational meetings of the executive council. Meetings may be held in person or by telephone conference call. It is expected that at least two additional in-person meetings of the executive council will be held between organizational meetings. The executive council may only meet telephonically if all members of the executive council in attendance at the meeting are able to hear one another at that telephonic meeting.
- (b) Between meetings, the executive council may conduct business by correspondence, telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means, to the extent authorized by the executive committee. Any action of the executive council taken by written consent requires notice of the requested written consent to the entire executive council, approval of the written consent **by more than a majority of the current members of the executive council**, and notice to the entire executive council of the action taken within ten days after the requisite written consents approving the action are received. Votes by written consent may be received by facsimile or electronic mail so long as the executive council member voting on the matter can be identified.
- (c) Notice of the organizational meeting and of each regular in-person meeting of the executive council must be delivered to members of the executive council at least 30 days before that meeting. Notices of special meetings of the executive council, including meetings to be held by telephone conference call, must be delivered to members of the executive council at least 5 business days prior to each special meeting. The date, time, location, and manner of executive council meetings will be determined by the chair.

(d) Members of the executive council may grant proxies to other members of the executive council to vote on matters to be considered by the executive council, and these proxies may be voted by the holder designated. The executive council may establish procedures for granting proxies and for the authentication of proxies. In all circumstances, proxies must be in writing and, if voted, the minutes of the meeting at which these proxies were voted must reflect a record of votes by proxy.

(e) Except as otherwise set forth in these bylaws, members of the executive council in attendance at a meeting of the executive council, whether in person or by written proxy, constitutes a quorum for any regular or special meeting and the affirmative vote of the majority of those present at the meeting in person or by written proxy constitutes the act of the executive council and is binding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, actions by the executive council on (i) **affirmative section legislative**, administrative, or judicial positions (including amicus positions), (ii) changes in the designation of section committees and task forces, and (iii) amendments to these bylaws, may only be taken (x) at properly called meetings of the executive council at which more than a majority of the current members of the executive council are present or (y) **by a written consent of executive council members meeting the requirements of subsection (b) above.**

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**BUSINESS LAW SECTION**  
OF THE FLORIDA BAR

**THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Boca Raton Resort  
Boca Raton, Florida**

**Thursday, June 26, 2025**

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**I. Call to Order** - Manual Farach, Chair of The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, duly called the June 26, 2025 Annual Meeting of The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar to Order at approximately 5:15 p.m.

**II. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers for 2025-2026** - Greg Yadley, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, which operates as the Nominating Committee of the Business Law Section, provided his report presenting the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect the following individuals as the officers of The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar for the 2025-2026 Year:

Stephanie Crane Lieb	Chair
Peter Francis Valori	Chair- Elect
Robert W. Barron	Treasurer
Woodrow "Woody" Pollack	Secretary
Manual Farach	Immediate Past Chair

A motion to approve the election of the officers for The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar for 2025-2026 recommended for election by the Nominating Committee was made by Mark Stein and seconded by Dineen Wasyluk. There being no discussion, upon vote taken, the motion was carried unanimously.

**III. Other New Business**

There was no new business.

**IV. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting of The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar was made by Greg Yadley and seconded by Woody Pollack. Upon vote taken, the motion was carried unanimously.

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