

**REPORT/MINUTES FOR MAY 18, 2026
MEETING OF THE CLE COMMITTEE
OF THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR**

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

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Kathleen DiSanto, Chair of the CLE Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. Chair DiSanto read the Mission Statement of the CLE Committee, welcomed attendees, and introduced the Judicial Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair.
3. Chair DiSanto invited introductions.
4. Attendees

Name	Committee or Task Force	Position
Kathleen DiSanto	CLE Committee	Chair
Lynn Welter Sherman	CLE Committee	First Vice Chair
Michelle Notte	CLE Committee	Second Vice Chair
Leslie Hudock	Chapter 617 Task Force	Vice Chair
Marshall Kobrin	Corporations Chapter 607 Subcommittee	Second Vice Chair
David Slenn	UVTA Task Force	Vice Chair
Jake Linford	Intellectual Property Committee	Academic Liaison
Andy Laydon	Bankruptcy/UCC Committee	Chair
Brian Paul	Computer Committee	Member

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2026, Meeting (attached as Exhibit A)
 - i. No objections being made, the minutes were approved without a vote.

2. 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 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.
3. CLE committee website
 - i. Chair DiSanto discussed the updates to the Section's website. 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 forms and documents to make the web page more user friendly. Stale information has been deleted.
<https://flabizlaw.org/committees-task-forces/standing-committees/continuing-legal-education-committee/>

I. LEADERSHIP VISIT

1. Vice Chair Peter Valori and Chair Stephanie Lieb thanked the committee for its work on behalf of the Section.
2. Vice Chair Peter Valori reminded attendees of the CLE Committee's important role within the Section. AI will be a focus of CLE programming during the upcoming year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review CLE Planning Event Checklist (attached as Exhibit C)
 - i. CLE Chair DiSanto reviewed the CLE Planning Checklist and requested that Committees and Task forces attempt to spread their CLE programs throughout the year to avoid saturation of the market.
 - ii. Section Chair Stephanie Lieb asked attendees to remind their committees and task forces of the limited role that Section Administrator Carly Hopkins plays and to provide her with sufficient lead time to accomplish required tasks.
 - iii. CLE Chair DiSanto advised that 60 to 70 days of marketing time is required.

2. Upcoming CLEs

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

Sponsor	Event	Date
Business Litigation	Proposals for Settlement in Florida as provided by Fla. Stat. 768.79	May 19, 2026
Intellectual Property	Can Artificial Intelligence Reliably Stand in for Real Consumers in Trademark Surveys?	May 20, 2026
Bankruptcy/UCC	At Your Service: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Service Errors and Perfecting the Art of Excellent Certificates of Service	June 2, 2026
Business Litigation	AI for Litigators: Practical Tools Across the Case Lifecycle	June 9, 2026
Presidential Showcase	Introduction to the New Florida Protected Series LLC Legislation	June 19, 2026

3. Tentatively Scheduled CLEs

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

Sponsor	Event	Date
Computer & Technology Law	TBD	June 8, 2026
Blockchain & Digital Assets	Proof of Intelligence and the Law: Legal Innovation in Lightchain AI	June 4, 2026
Blockchain & Digital Assets	TBD	June 11, 2026
Bankruptcy/UCC	Practical Evidence	TBD
Bankruptcy/UCC	Wealth Transfers	TBD

4. Progress Reports of Committees and Task Forces

- i. Chair DiSanto lead 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.
- ii. A discussion was had regarding the new requirement for all members of The Florida Bar to get CLE credits for professionalism. The question was raised as to whether programs presented by Sections may satisfy the professionalism CLE requirement.

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

- a. **Bankruptcy/UCC.** Kathleen DiSanto presented the report for the committee. The committee's signature event, View from the Bench was a huge success. The committee has completed 2 CLE programs, has 1 CLE ("At Your Service") scheduled, and 2 programs tentatively scheduled: David Slenn, Judge McEwen, and John Hutton will present a seminar on private wealth during the next bar year; and Doug Bates and Scott Underwood will present a CLE on evidence issues in the fall.
- b. **Block Chain/Digital Assets.** No report.
- c. **Business Litigation.** No report.
- d. **Computer Law.** Brian Paul presented the report for the committee. The committee has a webinar scheduled for June 8, and is working on an AI program featuring Mark Stein for the summer.
- e. **Corporations.** Marshall Kobrin presented the report for the committee. The committee has met is CLE requirements and is planning a CLE for the Labor Day Retreat.
- f. **Chapter 617.** Leslie Hudock presented the report for the task force
- g. **Intellectual Property.** John Cuniff presented the report for the committee. The IP Symposium was very successful and drew a large audience. Sean Combs coordinated student involvement in the CLE. The IP Symposium will be held in Tampa next year. The committee held a seminar on AI, and has additional seminars planned for this week and on June 2, 2026.

5. CLE Planning for Labor Day Retreat (Ritz Carlton Naples, September 4-7, 2026)

- i. Chair DiSanto advised that the section is attempting to pair a sponsor with each CLE to be presented at the retreat.

- ii. Chair Elect Peter Valori suggested non-credit CLE of 20 to 30 minutes during substantive committee meetings at the retreat, or a short teaser for an upcoming CLE.
- iii. Chair Elect Peter Valori advised that the retreat will be AI focused and that this focus will continue throughout the year.

6. 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:

<i>TFBJ</i> Issue	Title / Author	Status	Deadline to Submit Draft to Editor	<i>TFBJ</i> Submission Deadline
July/Aug. 2026	Florida Uniform Protected Series LLC legislation – Part II (Lou Conti & Gary Teblum - Corporations)	Publication forthcoming	Apr. 1	May 1
Sept./Oct. 2026	Florida Uniform Protected Series LLC legislation – Part III (Lou Conti & Gary Teblum - Corporations)	TBD (KD)	June 1	July 1
Nov./Dec. 2026	AI Ethics (Areeb Naseer)	TBD	Aug. 1	Sept. 1
Jan./Feb. 2027	Restrictive Covenants (Brian Barakat – Business Litigation)	TBD	Oct. 1	Nov. 1
Mar./Apr. 2027	Capital Raising (Stuart Cohn & Richard Leisner – Corporations)	TBD	Dec. 1	Jan. 1
May/June 2027	Private Judging Act (James Murphy and Alison Leonard – Business Litigation)	TBD	Feb. 1	March 1
July/Aug. 2027	Tax Exempt Entities and Risk Management (David Slenn – Bankruptcy/UCC)	TBD	Apr. 1	May 1
Sept./Oct. 2027	TBD (Kathleen DiSanto & Hon. Luis Rivera – Bankruptcy/UCC)	TBD	June 1	July 1
Nov./Dec. 2027	TBD (Pierce Schultz)	TBD	Aug. 1	Sept. 1

Previous Florida Bar Journal Articles Submitted on behalf of the Business Law Section available at https://www.floridabar.org/journal_article_section/business-law/

V. OTHER BUSINESS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- i. Judicial Chair Hon. Caryl Delano reminded that substantial effort has been made over the past 5 years to make the CLE materials on the section website more user friendly. She invited input from section members on suggested revisions to make the material more easily accessible or understandable.
- ii. Chair DiSanto advised that the next meeting of the CLE Committee will be held by Zoom after the start of the new bar year. The CLE Committee meeting schedule and zoom lines are available on the Committee's web page.
- iii. Chair DiSanto concluded the meeting at approximately 1:15 p.m.