



# **Palm Beach County** Chapter

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY ALA CHAPTER MONTHLY FOCUS March 2011**

### **Legal Exposition**

This year's Legal Exposition, held at the County Convention Center, was fabulous. The Committee did an outstanding job planning this year's event. We had a great turnout of vendors and attendees, along with some delicious food. I hope that everyone had a chance to visit all the vendors. Without them, we could not afford to do the many things we do during the year, such as bringing in great speakers for our meetings, chapter socials, etc.

### **CHAPTER SOCIAL**



It's once again time for a PBCALA social event!! It's March 24<sup>th</sup>  
– 5:30 – 7:30...

As you know, this is the **HOTTEST** event in town!!

This month, we're getting together at **Cabo Flats** at Downtown at the Gardens – the newest "place to be" for fun and food! We're planning a fun, but laid-back evening of eating, drinking, and talking – of course with a game or two tossed in to mix things up and award some prizes!

Please come party with us! RSVP right away to Sue Recchia [sue@wiclax.com](mailto:sue@wiclax.com) so we know how many pitchers of Margaritas to mix up!

### **LOOKING FOR CLM CREDITS, UP COMING SEMINARS**

Conflict Resolution: Why Can't Everybody Just Get Along? (CM): This program meets the requirements of 2 hours of credit in the category of Organizational Development for those seeking to fulfill the CLM application; 2 hours in Communication & Organization Management (CM) for CLM Recertification. The speaker is our very good presenter, Rachel Schaming! The full description of this program and registration information is at <http://www.alanet.org/education/teleseminars/upcoming.aspx> Bring together as many individuals as you wish and each will receive the CLM general education credit.

**Wednesday, March 16, 2011:** 11:00 a.m. –; 1:00 p.m. Pacific; 12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m. Mountain; 1:00 – 3:00 Central; 2:00 – 4:00 Eastern

General Education Requirements: At the 2011 Annual Conference, ALA members can earn all 10 hours of the CLM general education requirements to apply for the Fall CLM exam or one at a future date. Sessions eligible for credit can be viewed at <http://www.alanet.org/conf/2011/clm.html>, plus there are [four different examples](#) demonstrating how to obtain these credits. And of course, you can help your colleagues learn more about the CLM designation at [www.alanet.org/clm](http://www.alanet.org/clm).

### **South Florida Chapter Legal Expo**

Please join us Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, to hear Judith Equels, Director of LOMAS for the Florida Bar, present **Ethical Aspects of Legal Administration**. Ms. Equels will discuss Florida Bar regulations regarding:

Trust Accounting  
Ethical considerations in file retention and destruction  
Law office confidentiality  
Client relations and personnel management

*[This seminar is approved for 1.0 hour of General CLE Credit, including 1.0 hour of Ethics credit, course # 98040.]*

This seminar is being presented from 3 – 4 pm as a part of the 2011 Legal Expo being held Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Hyatt Regency, 400 SE Second Avenue, Miami, Fl. This is an excellent opportunity to educate your staff on the current Florida Bar rules and make sure your office is compliant.

The expo will run from 3 – 7 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to network, play Vendor Bingo and win fabulous prizes, and be the first to see new products and services. There will be great giveaways and free food and drinks. Admission is free. Send your rsvp to [Victoria@rmzlaw.com](mailto:Victoria@rmzlaw.com) by Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Member**

Please welcome our newest member: Davika Peters with Beasley Hauser Kramer & Galardi, PA. Welcome Davika!

### **Committee Reports:**

**Business Partners:** For a list of business partners, please go to the website at [www.pbcala.org/bp](http://www.pbcala.org/bp). If you have a business that you feel would benefit from partnering with our Chapter and/or would like to be on this committee, please contact Gloria E. Hernandez at [geh@flappellatelaw.com](mailto:geh@flappellatelaw.com).

We would like to recognize and thank the following Business Partners who participated in the Legal Expo:

Integrated Data Technologies	Halsey & Griffith	Milner Voice & Data
Segue Search	Solomon Mansure Group	Baytree Bank
Brown and Brown Professional	Cintas Document Management	Equitrac Corporation
Esquire Solutions	Executive Office Products	Gulfstream Business Bank
IKON Office Solutions	Kouwenhoven & Associates	LAN Infotech
Legal Graphicworks	Legal Search Solutions, Inc.	LexisNexis
OTS Legal	Saxon Business Systems	Thaxton Barclay Group, Inc.
The Brazilian Court Hotel	The Legal Group, Inc.	US Legal Support
All-Ways Advertising Co.	Alpern Rosenthal	Artcraft Engraving & Printing
Daily Business Review	The Wells & Drew Companies	

**Business Partner Directory:** If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Kim Ayers at [kayers@llw-law.com](mailto:kayers@llw-law.com).

**CLM Study Group:** The CLM study Group took a break over the holidays, but will resume their meetings every other Wednesday night at the offices of Christine Hanley 1000 Southern Blvd second floor. Members of the group will be preparing the study session and guest speakers will be invited to cover certain study topics. The next CLM examination date will be May 2011 in Orlando. Any interested members who would like to join should contact David R. True, CLM at [drt@searaylaw.com](mailto:drt@searaylaw.com)

**Community Challenge:** The Committee has chosen Big Brothers/Big Sisters as the charity benefactor for this year's CCW. The board has approved them hosting the bowling event once again. This year we will be having it on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Marilyn Fong at [MFong@gunster.com](mailto:MFong@gunster.com)

**Education Committee:** The Committee is awaiting the return of the Scholarship applications so they can start the interview process. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Lisa Tierney [accounting@manofflaw.com](mailto:accounting@manofflaw.com).

**Job Board:** If any member has a job ad to post, please send the job ad to [employment@pbcala.org](mailto:employment@pbcala.org). In addition to the ALA Job Board, periodic Job Board e-mails will also be sent to members, to other associations, and to other media for distribution. The Paralegal Association also pulls job ads from our Chapter website for publication to its members. Only job ads sent directly to [employment@pbcala.org](mailto:employment@pbcala.org) will be posted. Note: This is a free service to all members, and also to any organization meeting the national ALA criteria. This is also a free service for any headhunter posting a management or administrator position only. Please e-mail [employment@pbcala.org](mailto:employment@pbcala.org) with ads and/or any questions.

**Resume Board:** If you are interested in posting a resume on the board, please contact Jay Montgomery [jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com](mailto:jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com). Please remember to submit resumes from individuals that you would personally recommend.

**Legal Expo Committee:** The Committee is taking a much deserved break after putting on a fabulous 2011 Legal Expo last week. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Lynn Duckett [lduckett@powersmcnalis.com](mailto:lduckett@powersmcnalis.com)

**Membership:** If anyone is interested in joining the Membership committee or volunteering to mentor new members, please contact Sue Recchia [sue@wlclaw.com](mailto:sue@wlclaw.com), and/or Maryellen Castellano [mcastellano@foxwackeen.com](mailto:mcastellano@foxwackeen.com)

**Salary Survey:** If anyone is interested in joining this committee please contact Jennifer Tracy at [jbt@paxsmith.com](mailto:jbt@paxsmith.com).

**Speaker:** If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Laura Stolzman at [lstolzman@eapdlaw.com](mailto:lstolzman@eapdlaw.com)

**Website:** Make sure that you check in at least monthly to see all the important information being posted to our new and improved PBCC ALA website at [www.pbcala.org](http://www.pbcala.org). If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Jay Montgomery at [jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com](mailto:jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com).



### **March Birthdays:**

Mary Aguiar, Kimberly Ayers, Cheryl Freel, Meryl Frid, Kathleen Goodrich, Paula Johnson, Florence Sherman, and Larry Strauss.

Happy Birthday Everyone!

### **Upcoming Events**

**March 16, 2011 - Webinar – Conflict Resolution: Why Can't Everybody Just Get Along?**

**Contact:** <http://www.alanet.org/education/teleseminars/upcoming.aspx>

**March 16, 2011 - South Florida Chapter Legal Expo**

**Lecture:** Ethical Aspects of Legal Administration

**Place:** Hyatt Regency, 400 SE Second Ave., Miami, FL

**April 28, 2011 - Night of Laughter**

**Place:** The Improv at City Place benefitting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Woman of the Year Campaign.

**Contact:** Mary Aguiar [maguiar@cdhanley.com](mailto:maguiar@cdhanley.com)

**May 22 – 25, 2011 - ALA – Annual Conference and Exposition**

**Place:** Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Convention Center, Orlando, FL

**Contact:** [Lisa Mikita](#), ALA Headquarters

**June 17, 2011 – Chapter Summer Social** - PB County Chapter is uniting with the South Florida Chapter

**Place:** Seminal Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

**Contact:** Marilyn Fong, [mfong@gunster.com](mailto:mfong@gunster.com)

Visit our Chapter website at [www.pbcala.org](http://www.pbcala.org) for other upcoming events



**Next Meeting/Speaker/Program**

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m.

Location: **Palm Beach County Convention Center**, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, Meeting Room 1GH, downstairs.

Speaker: John Remsen from the Remsen Group

Topic: **How Administrators Can Help Market Their Law Firms**

We will also be inducting our new Board Members for 2011-2012

Contact: Debbie Giordano [dag@mcsomm.com](mailto:dag@mcsomm.com)