

# FORUM 8

## President's Message

By Meshon Rawls



With my term quickly coming to an end, I had to really consider how best to use this opportunity to share my thoughts with you. After considering a number of topics, I decided to make one last effort to motivate and encourage people to immerse themselves into the profession of law, not just the practice of law. During the early part of my career, I was so committed to serving my clients that I failed to see many of the benefits and opportunities that were before me as a member of the legal profession. I certainly did not consider the impact I could have in the lives of my colleagues by engaging in Bar-related activities.

At the EJCBA Board retreat last summer, I asked several of the members of the Board why they decided to join. Ray Brady joined to become known by more people in the community. Frank Maloney joined to get to know attorneys throughout the Eighth Circuit. Norm Fugate joined after Judge Lancaster asked him to serve in her place when she was elected as a Judge. Dawn Vallejos-Nichols joined when Judge Ferrero asked her to help with the newsletter. Sharon Sperling joined when she was asked to be the secretary. Courtney Johnson joined after becoming involved with wrapping the holiday gifts. Gloria Walker joined because she loves people and sharing the work of Three Rivers Legal Services. Magistrate Katie Floyd was asked to join and couldn't say no. Tee Lee joined because she loves to be actively involved. Derek Folds joined to get to know other attorneys.

As you can see, there are a host of reasons why people choose to join the Board. However,

after considering the reasons that were given, I noticed wanting to connect to and with people was a common theme. Either previous members of the Board reached out and encouraged the current Board members to join, or the current Board members had a desire to meet other attorneys in the Circuit. I haven't taken another poll, but if my fellow Board members had experiences similar to mine, I suspect they have gotten more out of being a Board member than they expected.

I joined the Board after Rob Birrenkott convinced me to collaborate with him on a few projects. Since then, I have grown professionally on so many levels. I have met lawyers not only in the Circuit, but all across the state. Working alongside other leaders, I have strengthened my leadership skills and used many of the lessons that I have learned in managing and teaching the Juvenile Law Clinic. I find that I am more attuned to issues that are impacting lawyers. Sharing my experiences and perspectives with other lawyers has become my new norm, and my ideas have not only been well-received but implemented as part of the EJCBA agenda (although I suspect becoming President could be part of the reason that my ideas are included in the agenda). Most importantly, I have developed friendships that will continue long after our terms on the Board end.

I share this because I paid my dues for a number of years and never became actively involved. I periodically attended the luncheons, but I was not compelled to do anything else. I guess I was waiting on that person to come along and invite me to become more involved. I never envisioned gaining as much as I have. I hope that those of you who read this article will help us recruit members to the Board and increase involvement in the EJCBA. If you know of anyone

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**Deadline is the 5th of the preceding month**

# Alternative Dispute Resolution

By Chester B. Chance and Charles B. Carter



## Personal Injury Case: Mediation Suggestions For The Plaintiff

Previously we shared some thoughts for defense counsel concerning considerations and suggestions for a successful mediation in a personal injury case. This article addresses some considerations and

suggestions for the plaintiff attorney in a personal injury mediation.

Here are some differences between the defense room and the plaintiff room at a mediation, which the plaintiff attorney should consider:

1. The defense (the adjuster) should be familiar with the relevant legal issues which your client, the plaintiff, is not. The adjuster should understand concepts such as comparative negligence, the relevance of any pre-existing medical conditions, the effects and risks of proposals for settlement, the concept of set-off based on insurance adjustment for medical bills and P.I.P. payments, etc. In summary, the legal issues which your plaintiff is trying to understand and is often being exposed to for the first time in their life, the insurance adjuster has dealt with in thousands of files for years. You may disagree with the adjuster's conclusions, but, typically the adjuster is at least familiar with relevant concepts.

2. The insurance adjuster has typically "roundtabled" the case with three to five other adjusters, and, has the benefit of 1-2 defense attorneys commenting on and evaluating the case well in advance of the mediation. Moreover, those evaluations (we hope) are all done with less subjectivity than any evaluation done by your plaintiff who has typically never been involved in a litigation or exposed to legal issues and is the most subjective about their own injury.

### Before The Mediation

3. Try and pick the right mediator for your client. Your client may relate better to a female mediator, a male mediator, an older mediator, a younger mediator, etc. Very often your client will do fine with the mediator you are comfortable with; however, please do not fail to at least consider the specific needs of any specific client when it comes to relating to a mediator.

4. Provide all relevant data for evaluating the file

to the defense counsel well in advance of mediation. What data do you provide? Any relevant data which would be useful or necessary for evaluating the file including but not limited to: (a) current medical bills along with any adjustments, balances due, PIP payments, etc; (b) wage loss documentation; (c) relevant medical records; (d) relevant



photographs; (e) anything else which needs to be reviewed in order for the defense to properly evaluate the case. What does well in advance of mediation mean? Think 4-6 weeks before the mediation at a minimum. Remember, the 'roundtable' evaluation only evaluates what you have provided for evaluation. What happens if you provide relevant data for the first time at a mediation or shortly before the mediation? Maybe nothing for another few weeks after the mediation. One of the number one complaints in the defense room is the failure of the plaintiff attorney to provide relevant information, including the medical bills, etc. well in advance of the mediation. Therefore, it is not only a practical thing to do, it is a psychologically beneficial thing to do.

5. Send a statement to the mediator. Mediators actually read your statements. They actually take notes and then with your permission argue your points and the strength of your case during the caucus session. A mediator can only do that if they are prepared in advance.

6. Bring relevant documents and information to the mediation. Maybe you provided some things well in advance of the mediation, however, showing the document at mediation or allowing someone to re-review it at the mediation never hurts.

7. Should you do a PowerPoint? Sure, why not? Doing a PowerPoint presentation is not compulsory, but it shows you are prepared and in a digital age everyone always watches and listens.

8. Most importantly, even with your busy schedule, take the time to meet with your client before the mediation. How long before? At least several days or a week before. What do you discuss with your client at the pre-mediation conference? Well, how about explaining a little bit about the mediation procedure including its privacy and confidentiality. This would be an excellent time to go over some of

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# Criminal Law

By William Cervone



This month I will give myself, and maybe you, a headache by writing about something that shouldn't have to be written about. This is an offshoot of the general truism that reading FLW or case law at all is likely to cause a headache. It's a little known but medical reality and it's why my office has an evidence locker full of fairly heavy narcotics.

Our topic will be the Rule of Completeness. Completeness is such an easy, clear term that it really needs no definition or explanation. Something is either complete or not complete. If it is complete you are done. If it is not you may complete it. Or so it should be. But no, not in our world of legally splitting hairs, which anywhere else might well be a felony battery.

Let's start with Randy Tundidor. He killed a couple of people in Broward County. Why doesn't matter but he was apparently mad about something like an eviction in the pointless way that often provokes murder. At trial, the defense wanted to call a witness who was AWOL so instead, one assumes with a proper predicate, some fairly brief pre-trial hearing testimony was read. The State was then allowed to introduce a more extensive pre-trial deposition of the witness to "give a more complete picture of her testimony and follow up on issues" addressed at the motion hearing. This must have clarified things nicely as Tundidor was convicted.

Foul, he cried on appeal. Nope, said the Supremes as FS 90.108(1) says that you can do that with something that, per the Rule, "in fairness ought to be considered simultaneously." Indeed it does say that - it's right there in the statute books.

So, Point 1 is read the statutes - it's amazing what's in them. Point 2 is that the Rule of Completeness is not limited to an omitted portion of a statement the opponent uses that is being taken out of context - any other statement might do as well. Point 3 is that what works is discretionary with the trial judge, leading to Point 4, which is that it is potentially pretty broad.

Which in turn leads us to David Carter, who likes to engage in sexual activity with the underaged children of his adult romantic interest. During the investigation into that bit of unseemliness he made the mistake of falling for a controlled call where he asserted various things that were, suffice it to say, not especially true albeit had they been true they would

have contradicted his later thoughtful confessional statements to the police and tended to prove his innocence. If true.

Admissible (the controlled call) under the Rule of Completeness? Not so much, per the 4th DCA that considered this appeal, despite Tundidor's clarification that any statement might do.

The reason for this is that the Rule of Completeness "has not abandoned the common law notion that 'fairness' requires the contemporaneous introduction of an 'other' statement only if it is required to give a 'complete understanding of the total tenor and effect' of the statement introduced in evidence." While FS 90.801(1) is broader than the common law, says the 4th, it still has its limits.

Confused yet? I thought so. Basically, the Rule of Completeness is not absolute and statements that do nothing to explain an earlier statement don't cut it. Carter, to his misfortune, had a completely different interest in interacting with his victim in a controlled call setting (call it trying to sweet talk her during which he did not deny anything because he was trying to keep her from going to the police or maybe even continue their illicit and illegal romance) than when later arrested, accused and questioned by the police. Apparently, our previous acquaintance Randy Tundidor had no such varying interests.

So Point 5 is a cautionary and limiting note: there must be some commonality in the statements before one can fairly explain the other. Which returns us as well to Point 3 - it's discretionary with the trial judge.

Confused yet? Don't be. Just look at this as one more opportunity to fill more volumes of decisional law with more split hairs on something you, or at least I, once thought was clear but no longer is.

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# April Luncheon and Leadership Roundtable



EJCBA President Meshon Rawls and Golf Committee Chair Rob Birrenkott present Guardian Foundation Chair Judy Padgett with a check from the proceeds of “The Gloria” Charity Golf Tournament in the amount of \$16,630



Judy Padgett, Chair of the Guardian Foundation and Executive Director of the EJCBA, speaking at the April luncheon



Caroline Labarga and Chief Justice Jorge Labarga served as panelists at the 5th Annual Leadership Roundtable on April 13.



Leadership Roundtable Moderator Stephanie Marchman asks the panel a question. Panel members consisted of Chief Justice Labarga, Bib Willis, Frank Maloney, Ellen Gershow, AuBroncee Martin, Nick Zissimopoulos, Adam Lee, and Caroline Labarga

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who has not been connected, extend them a personal invitation. Applications for Board membership for the 2018-2019 year are due on May 4, 2018. To complete the online application go to <https://goo.gl/forms/fm0A3CSL7s00H1gm2>. A list of the current EJCBA Project/Committee descriptions can be found [here](#). Members will have another opportunity to join committees when membership applications to the EJCBA for the 2018-2019 year become available in August.



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# EJCBA Charity Golf Tournament

## “The Gloria” in Memoriam of Gloria Fletcher, Raises \$16,630 for Guardian Ad Litem Program

By Rob Birrenkott



Judge Groeb, Judge Brasington, Judge Kristine Van Vorst and Judge Nilon joined the fun at “The Gloria” Charity Golf Tournament on March 2.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association held the Charity Golf Tournament, “The Gloria” in Memoriam of Gloria Fletcher, at UF’s Mark Bostick Golf Course on Friday, March 2, 2018. Over 80 golfers were treated to a beautiful day and competed in the “Player’s Choice” tournament. Thanks to these golfers and our 27 incredible sponsors, the EJCBA was able to exceed its prior checks to The Guardian Foundation, with a donation this year of \$16,630. The Guardian ad Litem program is a volunteer-based organization that provides representatives to children involved in court proceedings, primarily as a result of alleged abuse or neglect. Thanks to the generous contributions of everyone involved, the EJCBA was able to once again donate an estimated 30% of The Guardian Foundation’s annual budget to help the children in our community. Event sponsors included:

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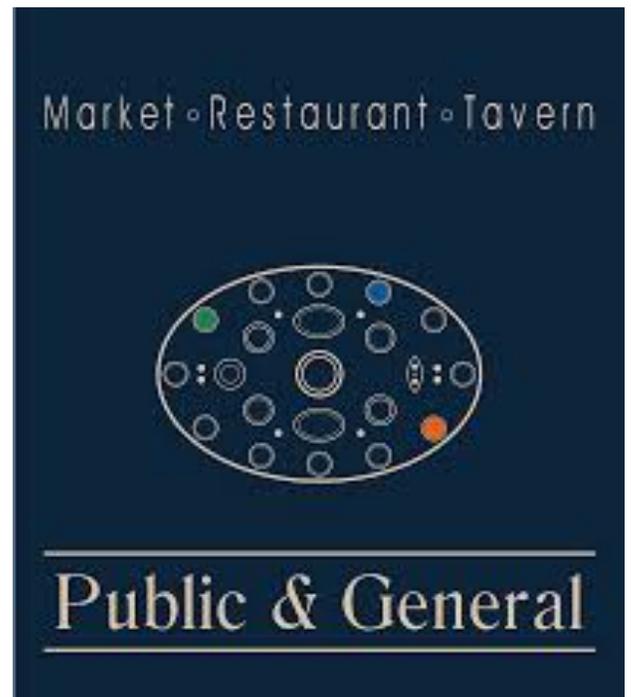
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**It’s that time again!** The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association Nominations Committee is seeking members for EJCBA Board positions for 2018-2019. Consider giving a little time back to your local bar association. Please complete the online application [here](#). The deadline for completed applications is May 7, 2018.

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## Supreme Court Broadens Scope of FLSA Exemptions

By Laura Gross



The Supreme Court recently increased the number of employees who are exempt from overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act by adopting a new relaxed standard of construction, a significant move favoring business. See *Encino Motorcars, LLC v. Navarro*, 584 U.S. \_\_\_ (2018). The question before the high court was whether service advisors employed at a car dealership were exempt from overtime pay requirements. For decades, the United States Department of Labor had determined that service advisors at a car dealership were “salesm[e]n...primarily engaged in servicing automobiles” and thus not entitled to overtime pay. In 2011, the Department reversed itself and issued a rule that service advisors were not included in the “salesman” exemption, and thus were entitled to overtime pay.

In the case below, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the Department's position that

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# Alternative Dispute Resolution

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the things that the mediator and the defense counsel will discuss at the mediation. Is there a critical liability issue? You may want to consider talking about that with your client before the mediation. Is there a pre-existing medical issue that is an important defense position? Well, how about talking to your client about that well in advance. Attorney Richard T. Jones, who now practices in Tampa, but practiced in Gainesville for a very long time, always said “you steer a person like you steer a large ship, a few degrees at a time.” When it comes to steering your client, please do not attempt to steer them at the mediation or hope that the mediator, upon meeting them for the first time, will steer your client for you. You may want to use your pre-mediation conference as an opportunity to tell your client to dress appropriately for the mediation. The defense is evaluating your client and how your client presents is important.

## **At The Mediation**

9. Just like it is important for your client to present a good appearance at the mediation, we give you the same suggestion we gave the defense attorney: dress for success. A mediation is a court-litigation process and calls for professionalism. Maybe we are old-fashioned, but dressing appropriately cannot hurt.

10. At the mediation feel free to speak privately to the mediator. You can often speak more candidly and openly than you can in front of your client. If you do this, which is not an unusual thing at all, please ask your client if it is OK for you to speak to the mediator privately. Explain to your client it’s a normal and typical part of the mediation process, but, don’t let the client’s imagination run wild as to what you are doing.

11. Your client is usually interested in how much money ends up in his/her pocket. Explain that if the case does not settle, there will be costs incurred in the future (both taxable and non-taxable) which may mean that your client will need to recover more money at trial just to put themselves in the same position economically they can be in with a settlement on the day of the mediation. Explain to your client whether there are any tax ramifications to a settlement. Many clients think they have to pay taxes on the settlement proceeds, which drives them to think they require a larger settlement.

12. At the start of the mediation explain any time restrictions or limitations that you or your client have. Do either of you have to make a plane flight? Do you have a later court hearing you need

to attend? Whatever the reason, tell people upfront. No one wants to be told at the last minute that the mediation will be over in 15 seconds.

## **After The Mediation**

13. If you feel it will be helpful, please feel free to follow-up with the mediator. After the mediation conference itself the mediator can serve the same function with respect to analysis, making suggestions for resolution, discussing the possibility of settlement ranges, etc. A poll of approximately 17,000 lawyers from all over the United States indicates that 93% of lawyers “want” the mediator to follow up if the mediation resulted in an impasse. However, that same poll indicates that 96% of those same lawyers do “not expect” the mediator to do so. A mediator provides a service and if people want follow-up, they should provide it. Approximately 85% of cases are resolved at the mediation and 95% are resolved within 2-3 weeks following the mediation. If you think the mediator can provide a role in that follow-up, do not hesitate to ask.

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## **FLSA Exemptions**

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service advisors were not “salesm[e]n,” noting among other things the high court’s longstanding principle that FLSA exemptions are to be narrowly construed against employers and limited to cases “plainly and unmistakably within their terms and spirit.” For over 70 years, exemptions have been narrowly construed resulting in a strong presumption in favor of nonexempt status and entitlement to overtime pay.

In a 5-4 decision authored by Justice Clarence Thomas and issued on April 2, 2018, the Supreme Court reversed the Ninth Circuit, eliminated the narrow construction principal, and replaced it with “a fair reading.” While the holding was limited to the salesman exemption, the decision is much broader in impact as it eliminates the narrow construction principal historically applied to all exemptions. This approach makes it easier for employers to persuade courts that an exemption applies simply by showing the employer’s position is “a fair reading” of the statute of regulation. The decision’s impact on pending and future exemption cases, particularly in Florida which does not have pro-employee wage and hour laws, is expected to be substantial.

# New Rules for Emeritus Attorneys to Provide Pro Bono Legal Services

By Marcie Green



Retired but want to participate in Ask-A-Lawyer? Interested in the new Homeless Youth Legal Network but want to go inactive with the Florida Bar? Finding yourself needing to keep your skills and mind sharp but you've retired and not sure what to do?

Effective February of this year, retired and inactive members of the Florida Bar can become Emeritus Lawyers for the purposes of providing pro bono legal services. This great news applies to retired or voluntarily inactive members of the Florida Bar, other states or the District of Columbia, former members of the judiciary, current and former full-time law professors employed by ABA accredited law schools and Florida Supreme Court certified house counsel.

Emeritus attorneys can volunteer with Three Rivers Legal Services or Southern Legal Counsel or any other approved legal aid program.

What's required? Attorneys must have been actively practicing for 10 out of the past 15 years, except for authorized house counsel. You must also have been a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or the governing entity in the state where you were practicing. You cannot have been disciplined for professional misconduct within the past 15 years or failed the Florida bar exam three or more times. You must agree to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and submit to the Supreme Court of Florida for disciplinary purposes and you cannot ask for or receive compensation for any of the legal services you provide under this rule.

The work of the emeritus attorney must be with an "approved legal aid organization" and under a "supervising lawyer" who is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar. The supervising attorney must be employed by or a volunteer with the approved legal aid program and, of course, must agree to supervise the conduct, litigation or administrative work of the emeritus attorney.

Working with an approved legal aid program and the supervising lawyer, an emeritus attorney

can appear in court on behalf of a consenting client as well as prepare, sign and file pleadings. Further, an emeritus attorney can participate in legal clinics sponsored by the approved legal aid program, providing advice and assistance to and drafting documents, as long as the issues are not currently in litigation.

Details with a few more rules and regulations that can be found in the amendments to Rule 1-7.5 and Chapter 12 of The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

This is a great opportunity to serve, for so many baby boomer attorneys looking to retire, young parents becoming inactive to spend a few years focusing on family, or out-of-state attorneys relocating to Florida because of their spouse's employment.

Interested? Contact [marcia.green@trls.org](mailto:marcia.green@trls.org) or call me at 352-415-2327.

## REALTOR ETHICS?

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## Reserve Now for the EJCBA May 2018 Luncheon



WHEN: Friday, May 11, 2018 – 11:45 a.m.  
 WHERE: The Woolly – 20 N. Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601  
 PROGRAM: Cameron Newbauer—UF Women’s Basketball Coach  
 COST: **Members: \$17.00, Non-Members: \$25.00\***  
 Chef’s choice luncheon buffet, including meat or vegetarian entrees, seasonal sides, and dessert  
 DEADLINE: Register on or before **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon at**  
<http://www.8jcba.org/event-registration/may-2018-luncheon/>

**\*\$25.00 for members and non-members, not having made prior reservations.** If you are reserving at the last minute, or need to change your reservation, email Judy Padgett at [execdir@8jcba.org](mailto:execdir@8jcba.org) or call **(352) 380-0333**. Note, however, that after the deadline, EJCBA is obligated to pay for your reserved meal and we make the same obligation of you. Thank you for your support.

**2018 Annual Dinner and Meeting**  
 Thursday, June 7, 2018,  
 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm  
 Cocktails 6:00 pm—7:00 pm  
 Buffet Dinner at 7:00 pm

at the  
 Harn Museum of Art

\$40 for members and non-lawyer guests  
 \$55 for non-members

Reservations required  
<http://www.8jcba.org/event-registration/2018-annual-dinner/>  
 Deadline to reserve: May 31st

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 EJCBA Golf Tournament.

YOUR participation made this year’s event another big success.



## The Resolution Center

is pleased to announce the addition of

**Deborah C. Drylie**

as a resident mediator. She is available to assist with all of your mediation needs.

Please call 352-371-2630 or email

[cdpa@resolutioncenter.org](mailto:cdpa@resolutioncenter.org)

for assistance with scheduling



Edith Richman will retire before long and wants another attorney to take over her law office. Call 352-495-9123 or email [erichman@cox.net](mailto:erichman@cox.net) for more info.



Professionalism Seminar Keynote Speaker Mayanne Downs and attorney Phil Beverly at the Professionalism Seminar on April 20.



Judge Kristine Van Vorst discusses intergenerational relationships in the legal profession with participants at the 5th Annual Leadership Roundtable on April 13.

## May 2018 Calendar

- 2 EJCBA Board of Directors Meeting – 5:30 p.m., Three Rivers Legal Services, 1000 NE 16th Street, Gainesville, 32601
- 4 Deadline to apply for 2018-2019 EJCBA Board of Directors
- 4 Deadline to submit nominations for 2018 James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award
- 5 Deadline for submission of articles for June Forum 8
- 9 Probate Section Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, 4th Floor, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 11 EJCBA Luncheon, UF Women’s Basketball Coach Cameron Newbauer, The Woolly, 11:45 a.m.
- 21 Family Law Section – Free CLE on Technology, 4:00 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 28 Memorial Day, County & Federal Courthouses closed

## June 2018 Calendar

- 7 EJCBA Annual Dinner and Meeting, 6-8:30 p.m., Harn Museum of Art
- 13 Probate Section Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, 4th Floor, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 13 - 16 2018 Annual Florida Bar Convention, Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek
- 19 Family Law Section Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center

Have an event coming up? Does your section or association hold monthly meetings? If so, please fax or email your meeting schedule to let us know the particulars, so we can include it in the monthly calendar. Please let us know (quickly) the name of your group, the date and day (i.e. last Wednesday of the month), time and location of the meeting. Email to Dawn Vallejos-Nichols at [dvallejos-nichols@avera.com](mailto:dvallejos-nichols@avera.com).