



## News Brief

July 28, 2016



**TBA President Dick Collins**

On Tuesday, July 26, the Tallahassee Bar Association in conjunction with polling company Ballot Box Online emailed an electronic poll to all lawyers in Florida's Second Judicial Circuit. This poll was sent to the email address you have registered with The Florida Bar, with the subject line: BallotBox [292494]: New Poll 'The Tallahassee Bar Association Judicial Poll.' The ballot lists candidates for the Second Circuit, Leon County Judge, Seat 2 and is intended for you to evaluate the candidates on attributes that relate to their

qualifications for judicial service. You are encouraged to complete and submit this poll by 11:45 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2016.

I hope to see many of you at the Tuesday, Aug. 2 TBA Membership Meeting at Capital City Country Club where we will "Meet the Candidates" for Property Appraiser, Clerk of Courts and Supervisor of Elections. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 6:15.

We have a great line-up for the fall, including Tables for 8, the annual Fish Fry at the FSU College of Law, TBA's continuing monthly CLE series, the Election Watch Social and the Holiday Party. Watch for dates and details to be announced.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



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### **August TBA Membership Meeting**

#### ***Meet the Candidates for Supervisor of Election, Property Appraiser and Clerk of Courts***

Tuesday, Aug. 2 - Capital City Country Club  
5:30 Networking, 6:00 Buffet Opens, 6:30 Program Begins

Cost: \$25 for TBA Members/\$35 for non-TBA Members  
(includes buffet and drink ticket good for beer or wine)

RSVP to Joann Gore by [email](#) or by calling (850) 702-5008 by close of business today.



**Judicial Poll Emailed to Second Judicial Circuit.** On July 26, the Tallahassee Bar Association in conjunction with polling company Ballot Box Online emailed an electronic poll to all members of The Florida Bar in the Second Judicial Circuit. This poll was sent to the email address that each member has registered with The Florida Bar, with the subject line: BallotBox [292494]: New Poll 'The Tallahassee Bar Association Judicial Poll.' The ballot lists candidates for the Second Circuit, Leon County Judge, Seat 2 and is intended for Second Circuit lawyers to evaluate the candidates on attributes that relate to their qualifications for judicial service. Recipients are encouraged to complete and submit this poll by 11:45 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2016.

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**Nominations for TBA's inaugural Champion for Diversity in the Legal Professional Award are due by Aug. 8.** Nominees must be TBA members – lawyers, law firms\*, judges, employers or in-house corporate counsel attorneys – who facilitate inclusion and serve as role models by influencing and inspiring others to understand the challenges and barriers that some lawyers experience in the practice of law. The 2016 award will be presented at TBA's annual Tables for 8 event in September. Nominations must be received by TBA Executive Director Joann Gore by the close of business on Monday, Aug. 8. For more information,

please [email](#) Joann or call (850) 702-5008.

*\*If a law firm is nominated, at least one lawyer from the firm must be a Tallahassee Bar Association member.*

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



TBA member [Jami A. Coleman](#) of Viera Williams P.A. has been honored by the [National Bar Association](#) as the 2016-2017 Nation's Best Advocate. National Bar Association President [Benjamin L. Crump](#) and the selection committee inducted Jami as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Advocates in the Nation. Among the Top 40 Advocates, she received the highest recognition as the 2016-2017 Nation's Best Advocate. Jami serves as a Tallahassee Bar Association board member and as president of the [Legal Aid Foundation](#) of the Tallahassee Bar Association.



Congratulations to TBA member [Jasmyne Henderson](#) of Pittman Law Group on being honored by the [National Bar Association](#) as an inductee of the 2016-17 Class of Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40. This honor is awarded to the nation's top lawyers under 40 who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, including innovation, leadership, and community involvement. Jasmyne is Pittman Law Group's director of government law practice and is a general campaign consultant for local, state and federal candidates. Jasmyne is pictured here with her grandfather, retired 5th DCA Judge Emerson Thompson



Tallahassee attorney and longtime Florida Bar senior staffer [Mary Ellen Bateman](#) received the Marshall R. Cassedy, Sr. Award from Florida Bar President Ramon Abadin during The Florida Bar's Annual Convention. The award, established in 2012, recognizes the legacy and attributes of Marshall Royal Cassedy Sr. who served with great distinction as executive director of The Florida Bar from 1961 to 1980. Bateman began working for The Florida Bar in 1982 as a staff attorney. In 1998, after a two-year leave, she was rehired as the director of the Unlicensed Practice of Law (UPL) Department. She was promoted in 2002 to assistant division director for the Lawyer Regulation Department and, in 2006, she became the division director for Ethics and UPL Division.



[Tallahassee Barristers](#) Immediate Past President and TBA Board Member [G.C. Murray](#) was presented with the inaugural Second Judicial Circuit Unity Award for his great efforts in unifying many legal organizations in the circuit. G.C. is pictured here with his sister, Jessica Murray.



[Jim Gustafson](#) recently was sworn in as 2016-2017 president of the Florida Justice Association at its annual meeting at The Breakers in Palm Beach. The FJA is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Florida's civil justice system and protecting the rights of Florida's citizens and consumers.

**The Maddox Horne Law Firm seeks a part-time legal assistant/secretary who is computer-knowledgeable for e-filings, in-house case filing, typing of pleadings, etc. Salary and hours are negotiable. Send resumes to [slepin@maddoxhorne.com](mailto:slepin@maddoxhorne.com).**

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The TBA [Young Lawyers' Section](#) recently held its 20th annual Holidays in July at Skate World Center Inc. At the event, 56 local area foster children skated and enjoyed breakfast with Santa (Tallahassee attorney H. French Brown), who gave each child a gift. The generous donations of the Tallahassee legal community and Dog Et Al, Donut Kingdom, Bagel and Krispy Kreme continue to make Holidays in July an overwhelming success.



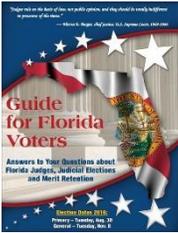
**Adventure Vacation Photos - We Want Them!** Pushing your limits? Adventurous vacation? Not content to remain indoors and at a desk? If you've had a great outdoor adventure or trip, send your photos and stories to [Joann Gore](#) for possible inclusion in upcoming Tallahassee Bar Association Bulletins. In this photo, Public Information and Bar Services Director for The Florida Bar [Francine Andia Walker](#) is zip lining upside down in Costa Rica "because she could." Share *your* photos with us!



**August TWL Event.** Please join [Tallahassee Women Lawyers](#) on Aug. 10, 2016, at the Capital City Country Club for "The Same River Twice: How Florida's Constitution Came to Be What It Is," by Professor Mary Adkins, director of UF Law's Dept. of Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy.

6 – 8 p.m., \$25 for TWL members / \$30 for non-members. RSVP to [twlrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:twlrsvp@gmail.com) by Aug. 5 or [pay online](#).

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**Guide for Florida Voters.** The 2016 [voter guide](#) provides public education on the upcoming judicial elections and merit retention elections. This guide is a project of The Florida Bar's Constitutional Judiciary and Judicial Administration and Evaluation committees.

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