

# The Brief



**SLCBA luncheon Meeting  
Friday Sept 30th at the  
Mana Tiki located in  
downtown Ft Pierce**

*Newsletter of the St. Lucie County Bar Association online at [SLCBA.org](http://SLCBA.org)*

**[www.SLCBA.org](http://www.SLCBA.org) the bar web site is user friendly and helpful**

**Officers for 2005-2006:**

Joel C. Zwemer, President

Kevin Griffin, President-Elect

Richard E. Gitlen, Secretary

Brad Gould, Treasurer

September Agenda Items

1. Judicial liaison committee appointments
2. By laws draft
3. SLCBA.org
4. Joint bar meeting proposed for Treasure Coast bars to meet President of the Florida Bar
5. Clerk of Court presentation

If you haven't received an email from the bar or checked out your St Lucie Co Bar Assoc web site isn't it time you tried out the interactive web site at [www.slcba.org](http://www.slcba.org) to see how far we've come. The old was mixed with the new so you have at the top of the page the photograph from the old web site that depicts the pre hurricane Ft Pierce waterfront. From that point on the remainder of the site is new and interactive which means you click and something happens or can happen provided you type in the information in the blanks provided or click on the drop down menu to post your practice areas for the public to see. From an administration stand point the most useful feature is the global email where those of us with a good email address can be contacted by the bar officers at a moments notice. If you have an important announcement pertaining to the practice of law or our legal community then contact us through the website and we will post the announcement to every member via email. We are still in the shakedown mode so be patient a few bugs are yet to be worked out of the system but we are making progress. Right now the public can "Find a Lawyer" by practice area and who is a member of the St Lucie County Bar Association. Update your professional profile on the web site. There is one catch, your dues must be paid. Soon the by-laws will be published and you can submit a classified ad. [Www.SLCBA.org](http://Www.SLCBA.org) is developing and your suggestions, comments and criticism and writings are welcome via email only. Kevin Griffin.

**Lt Hardy, SLCSO, receives Law Enforcement Award at Law Day Luncheon**



Lt. Douglas Hardy, SLCSO, chief of court security accepts the Law Enforcement Service award from past SLCBA president, Ian Lloyd, while Florida Chief Justice Barbara Pariente, her assistant, and SLCBA President Joel Zwemer, and Florida Rural Legal Services coordinator Donna Graff look on with approval at the Law Day Awards Luncheon .

Changing of the guard took place after President Joel Zwemer presented past President Ian Lloyd with a plaque and gavel for his service to the bar.



## Demonstrative evidence cases, borrowed from BG's *Case Law Update*

### Power Point

Milson v. State  
832 So.2d 897 (Fla. 3d DCA 2002)

The trial court did not abuse its discretion in allowing the state to use a Power Point presentation in closing argument to illustrate the verdict form. The use of a demonstrative exhibit is within the trial court's discretion, so long as the exhibit is "an accurate and reasonable reproduction of the object involved."

### Charts

Ratner v. Arrington  
111 So.2d 82 (Fla. 3d DCA 1959)

It is within the trial court's discretion to allow the use of a blackboard or chart during counsel's argument. This case explains the distinction between a chart that is used in evidence and one used for argument only. A chart that is in evidence may be exhibited throughout the relevant portion of the trial. A chart used purely to illustrate an argument should be shown to the jury only during the argument. It should refer only to matters in evidence and reasonable inferences from the evidence.

### Skeleton parts and Anatomy Charts

First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n of Miami v. Wylie  
46 So.2d 396 (Fla. 1950)

The trial court did not abuse its discretion in admitting into evidence "certain medical charts of the human body, and a skeleton of the arm of a body," to assist an expert witness to demonstrate to the jury the nature of the plaintiff's injury and its incapacitating effect.

# Westlaw Training

**When: Friday, September 23, 2005**

**Time: Noon/12pm**

**Duration: One/1 Hour (+/-)**

**Location: Rupert J. Smith Law Library/  
Main Courthouse**

**Presenter: Mark Hamilton Smith,  
Westlaw Representative**

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### SLCBA Law week luncheon 2005 Pelican Yacht Club



Steve Tierney, receives a well deserved award from past pres Ian Lloyd.



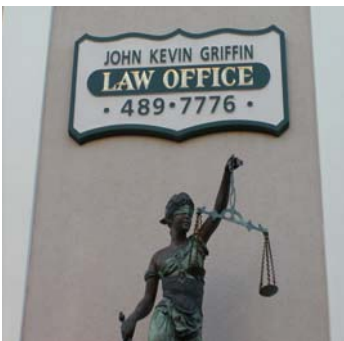
Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, Barbara Pariente, from the dais addressed the members of the St Lucie County Bar Association.



Lt Hardy addressed the bar praising the performance of the men and women of the SLCSO who provide security day in and day out at the two St Lucie County Courthouses. His Marine Corps bearing impressed the Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice.



Mike McSoley and Birt Reynolds of Robert Gorman, P.A. enjoy lunch.



Along with the hurricanes this past month came distressing news from my landlord that the new look of our building must be uniform and that means no individual shingles or signs hanging prominently above the bronze statue of justice downtown at 133 S. 2nd Street. This really hurt because my mom liked the sign when she visited last year she bragged to my seven brothers and sisters that my sign keeps company with Lady Justice a prominent landmark in downtown Fort Pierce. Ownership has its advantage and I don't own the building so the sign came down. Mom has the memory of her Ft Pierce downtown moment and I'm not going to tell her what happened. It hurts. The concept of downtown means a lot to me and working here it means civic pride something rare. My sign was created and mounted on the building with civic pride in mind. Mom's not doing too good these days 93 years old recovering from a fall and she's not going to see my sign downtown and neither are you.

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## Member Survey

When Complete Fax to The law library (772)-462-2145.

### Which CLE topics are of greatest interest to you?

Family Law     Criminal Law     Real property, trusts  
 Bankruptcy     \_\_\_\_\_, civil trial     Other, please specify

### Scheduling preferences:

Weekends?    Saturday     Sunday     Daytime   
Evening

Weeknights?     If so, which night? \_\_\_\_\_

If a CLE video replay course is offered on a subject of interest and at a time of your preference would you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Find a Lawyer at [www.SLCBA.org](http://www.SLCBA.org)

Everyone these days is using the net for fun and work regrettably a few use it for unlawful purpose nonetheless our society has wholly embraced the net. It's the only place for me to buy airline tickets, Marlins tickets, Bears tickets, Dolphin tickets, and I'm not alone. The internet surfing public in St Lucie County uses the net to conduct personal business. Now when they are looking for an attorney there is a local place on the net [www.SLCBA.org](http://www.SLCBA.org) to find an attorney by the type of law she practices. Click on the Find a Lawyer menu bar on our home page. A window opens up and you can select a practice area of law. Click on the button and a SLCBA member or members names addresses emails and web address fills the screen. This service is free to the public. How many times have we been asked if we practice Family Law, Real Estate, Wills and Trusts, business, or personal injury law. Now you can direct these people to [www.slcba.org](http://www.slcba.org). There are no referral fees and no additional costs other than your status as a current dues paying member of SLCBA.

### Meetings

#### Judge Hawley on Civil Procedure at PARALEGAL MEETING Oct 12th

The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc. will have a lunch meeting October 12th at noon at the Vero Beach Country Club. Honorable Robert Hawley will speak on the topic of Civil Procedures. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for everyone else. Call 772 234-5500 before October 6th for reservations.

### Classifieds

#### PARALEGAL MEETING Oct 19th

The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc. will have its lunch meeting at CHANTELE'S on Oct 19th. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for everyone else. 772 234-5500 for info.

### Employment

### Miscellaneous

Free airplane ride for children 8 yrs to 17 yrs old at the St Lucie Co Airport Terminal on Saturday Oct 15 from 8 am to 2 pm. Parent must be present to authorize free plane ride. Sponsored by Experimental Aircraft Association, St Lucie County Chapter EAA 908. Contact Kevin Griffin 772 489-7776 or just show up no child left behind.