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## President's Letter



by Pan Zettler

GREETINGS TO ALL, both new members, old members, and hopefully those of you who will become members for 2002-2003.

In beginning my year as President of this great bar association, I decided to use this first column to introduce myself, as I have asked each member of our new board of director members to provide his or her own introduction to be included in this first of our monthly newsletters.

First, and foremost, I want you to know one major thing about me. Taped to the wall over my copier, I have pasted my favorite *New Yorker* cartoon that I most identify with at this stage of my life. The cartoon shows a gathering with a guy with his hand extended to another to introduce himself, and he says "Hi, I'm, I'm, I'm . . . You'll have to forgive me, I'm terrible with names." So be prepared, I cannot do what Ben Hutson did so well last year, look at members and have his/her name come up instantly. Even when I introduce my spouse, (his name is Peter - I looked it up) with whom I have lived since 1958, his name does not surface quickly, and my children and grandchildren know I will **not** introduce them. Everyone in this world should come with a permanent name tag, but with bigger lettering each year.

I have been practicing law in Williston, Florida, since I passed the Bar in 1981. This will be about how did I get here. I was a "latecomer" to this wonderful profession of ours. I was born and raised in Natchez, Mississippi. At the early age of 17, I moved with Peter and our newborn three month old baby, Edybeth, to the Windy City of Chicago, so that Peter could attend the Art Institute of Chicago - my southern parents believed that our resources should be spent sending my husband to school, even though my intent was to go to medical school as soon as possible. After many years, another child, Zandy, and Peter's obtaining all the degrees that the Art Institute ever gave to anyone, I finally got to go to undergraduate school at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, and was totally excited about teaching. I started teaching math and ballet at the brand new Chicago High School Without Walls in

1970. After a bit, some colleagues and I moved to Gainesville to begin an unstructured high school at the old Baird home on SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which later evolved into Loblolly Learning Center after I left. The Zettler clan moved to the Williston Area in 1971, and I applied to UF Law School. I was admitted to begin in Fall of '72, and when I started our son, Auguste, was three months old. After a half year of law school, I stopped and went back to teaching, birthed our fourth child, "Nory", and then decided it was time to return to law school. Having just barely missed the "five year" automatic reentry, I had to write a request for readmission in which I had to explain why I had not come back within the five year period, and my teenage daughters nixed the explanation of so many unexpected pregnancies with the comment - "They will never let you back in if you are too dumb to understand birth control". And so began a saga that I try hard not to remember, with my finally graduating through the encouragement/assistance of Roy L. Hunt, without which I would never have completed law school. While waiting to take the bar, I had the unparalleled opportunity to walk into a court house for the first time when the Honorable Stephan P. Mickle allowed me to come and work with him for many months. I even had the joy of assisting with his trial practice class at the law school, and got a glimpse of what law school was like for others. I can never say enough about how patient and wonderful Judge Mickle was to me. To learn about the practical things about lawyering in such a way was a treat. I keep in mind the photo of Judge Mickle swearing me into the bar, with Peter and Auguste (age 9) standing beside me.

So what does a 40 year old woman do to start actually practicing law. I began working with William G. O'Neill, who had offices in Williston and Ocala. After a year and a half, and a few too many arguments over the purchase of \$35 CLE books, I opened my own office in Williston, and have loved being here, practicing law and mediating matters ever since. I now practice general civil law out of the old Greyhound Bus Station, which I share with Peter. I get the front part for an office, and he has the larger back part for his studio.

I began my sojourn on the Board of Directors of the

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**Deadlines are the 10th of each month.**

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EJCBA in the fall of 1990, with Sam Stafford as President, and have served ever since, except for a two year break. I strongly recommend serving on this Board to everyone who has not done so. For me, it has been an opportunity to interact with some of our area's finest and most delightful attorneys. I have seen my job to be the one who always reminded the others that EJCBA represents six counties - Frank Maloney coming from McClenny and I from Williston have represented the counties from the most distant parts of our bar association, and often laugh together about our "travels".

So now you know - more than you may have wanted.

My goal this year is to make our bar association the most INCLUSIVE it can be, to encourage every single lawyer in our circuit to come and assist us in having a GREAT and PRODUCTIVE year. I extend to each of you an open invitation to come to our monthly meetings, which will be the second Friday of each month except Oct on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Feb on the 7<sup>th</sup>; to come to our board meetings the first Tuesday of each month; to send me any suggestions or complaints by email; and to call first and then come to Williston to visit your President in my office at the old Greyhound Bus Station (although we are always closed Friday afternoon). I sincerely thank you for the opportunity of serving you.

So come. Let's all be active. Let's be supportive of each other. And last, but not least, Let's have a good time!!!

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## Clerk's Corner



*by J. K. "Buddy" Irby, Clerk of Circuit Court*

As of October 1, 2002, a new law prohibits any person preparing or filing a document for recordation in the official records to include a social security number in such document, unless required by law. In addition, any person has the right to request the Clerk of the Court as

County Recorder to remove, from an image or copy of an official record placed on our Website ([www.Alachuaclerk.org](http://www.Alachuaclerk.org)), any social security number contained in the official record.

In addition, there are a plethora of changes that allow any person to request the removal of the actual image from previously recorded documents found on our Website a military discharge, death certificate, or document relating to matters or cases governed by the Florida Rules of Family Law, the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure, or the Florida Probate Rules. While new images of these types of documents are no longer available via the Internet, they will be available in the Recording Office.

On the court side, persons may now request that bank account numbers, credit card numbers, and social security numbers be redacted from the documents within a court file. There are rules governing this process and the forms may be found on our website.

# Officers and Board Members of the EJCBA

## **Ben Hutson, Past President**

I met my dear wife of over eight years, Denise, while still in law school. Family law class. Still don't know a thing about family law. During my last semester of law school, I interned at the Public Defender's Office, then accepted a job from Rick Parker, who somehow managed to track me down on the first night of the bar exam. I found unexpected enjoyment in advocating for the hapless souls out at the jail who felt as if everyone either had given up on them or was against them, banished. I considered it my duty to fight like one of those "high-priced lawyers" for the person whose family couldn't afford to pay someone to jump into the fray. I worked misdemeanor, traffic and felony in Alachua, then Levy, County until 1997, when I gratefully accepted a position with Monaco, Monaco & Birder, P.A., and received a tremendous education in civil litigation and civil trial practice. After three years, it was time for me to try it on my own, and as I began to set up my own law practice, my old friend (and erstwhile nemesis when he was prosecuting my clients), Bill Davis, called and invited me into a partnership. We now practice criminal defense and plaintiff's personal injury law, and find a great deal of satisfaction in helping people who need help. Thanks for letting me be your president last year, and I'm still hanging around.

## **Carl B. Schwait, President Elect**

I am a certified trial attorney who works at Dell Graham. I also serve as an adjunct professor of law at the law school where I teach the lecture portion of the Trial Practice course and act as a faculty advisor to the trial team, which has recently been recognized as one of the top teams in the country. This recognition is largely due to the efforts of the coaches of the team and the lawyers who participate in the team's selection process, all local attorneys and judges. The team and law school are grateful for everyone's participation.

## **Sharon Sperling, Treasurer**

I started practicing law in 1988 as an associate of Lansing Roy. I was later an associate with Scruggs and Carmichael before going to work with Cynthia Swanson in 1991. My practice is almost exclusively bankruptcy, mostly debtors but I do represent a few banks and some individual creditors. I am a glutton for voluntary bar punishment, having been president of 8-FAWL, treasurer and president of the Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association, treasurer and now president-elect of the James C. Adkins Inn of Court and I've been secretary, president and now treasurer of the EJCBA. I'm married to Kevin Gunning (*not* to Stephen Sperling, who is a nice guy but not related to me) and Kevin and I have three children.

## **Marynelle Hardee, Secretary**

I grew up in Jacksonville, with frequent trips to Alachua County to visit grandparents, cousins and other relatives living here. I graduated from Amherst College in Massachusetts in 1979 and received a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1982. I worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Sarasota and West Palm Beach before enrolling in law school at the University of Florida in 1989.

After graduating from UF in 1991, I worked as an associate with attorney Robert Rush in Gainesville, mainly in the areas of civil rights, employment discrimination, criminal defense and personal injury. In 1995 I married Reid Rivers, engineering manager for Gainesville Regional Utilities, and in 1996 we had a daughter, Meredith, who entered first grade this year.

In 1998 I left private practice and joined attorney Anita Shepperd as in-house counsel for the Clerk of Court. Until May, when Anita moved to Alaska, I was primarily responsible for issues affecting the Civil Department and Official Records. I now handle matters affecting the Clerk's Civil, Official Records, Criminal, Traffic, Domestic Relations, Finance, Marriage License, Personnel and Tax Deeds departments.

## **Frank Maloney, Historian**

Frank escaped from Ft. Lauderdale 21 years ago to become a "country lawyer". Hobbies include history, photography, and bicycle riding.

## **Stephen N. Bernstein, P.A., Member-at-Large**

Stephen N. Bernstein is the oldest legal relic on your Board of Directors. He has been admitted to practice since 1972 and has terrorized the criminal courts ever since. He also masquerades as a guest lecture at the Trial Procedure Program at the University of Florida Law School and has served on and currently serves on the faculty of the Prosecutor/Public Defender Program held at the University College of Law. He has also served on and currently serves on the faculty for Advance Trial Advocacy seminar offered by the Florida Bar and held at the University. His most recent claim of fame is serving as a General Master in a civil case where either side could agree on what proper attorney ethics are totally exhausted the patience of the Circuit Court Judge presiding over that matter, went in search of a lawyer with patience of Job and the wit of an ass. He is also remembered fondly as being a recipient of the Golden Cockroach Award given out by the Miami Herald for his distinguished defense of a youth in the Appledorf murder trial in 1981. This year he has committed himself to being a directive force on the Board, keeping our nose to the grindstone and constantly reminding us of how great Carl Schwait is.

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### **Sam W. Boone, Jr., Member-at-Large**

Sam W. Boone, Jr. is a sole practitioner in Gainesville, Florida concentrating his practice in the areas of estate planning, estate administration and guardianship. He received his J.D. degree from University of Florida in 1978. Mr. Boone is a member of the Florida Bar and the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, where he serves on the Board of Directors. He is a member of the Probate Rules Committee of the Florida Bar and regular lecturer at continuing education seminars on probate, trust and guardianship topics. He serves on the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust law section of the Florida Bar as a Circuit Representative and is a member of the Section's Guardianship Law committee, Guardianship Alternatives committee and the Probate Forms committee (which produce the Florida Bar FLSSI forms for Probate and Guardianship). He is also active in the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder law Attorneys. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts in the Northern and Middle districts of Florida and the U.S. Tax Court. His community service includes service on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging.

### **Ray Brady, Member-at-Large**

I specialize in representing injured victims in personal injury cases of all types. I practice with my partner, Rod McGalliard, in the law firm of McGalliard & Brady in Gainesville.

I first served as a director on the EJCBA Board of Directors from 1995 to approximately 2000. I agreed to serve as a Director again because I believe our Bar Association is at a crossroads. Participation in Bar Association events has been dwindling steadily. Some of that can be accounted for by the aftermath of the tragic September 11th terrorist attack. It also may be, however, that in an effort to be all things to all people, the Bar Association has undertaken too many projects and events and spread itself thin. Simply pulling off a successful Bar luncheon each month takes more effort than many might imagine.

My pledge as your Director is to advocate for identifying the services that are essential to our members and providing those services timely and efficiently. In my view, this "bare bones" list includes providing an updated Bar Association Directory (at this point, the listings in the 2000 Directory are as outdated and unrealistic as many of the member photographs), monthly luncheons with interesting speakers, and an informative monthly Newsletter.

Please share your views and vision with your EJCBA Officers and Directors, and, above all, lend your support to the project that you believe is essential to the continued vitality and success of our voluntary Bar Association.

### **James M. Colaw, Member-at-Large**

Graduated from University of Florida Law School in 1998. I have been working at the State Attorney's Office ever since. I spent my first nine months in the Baker County Office, the

next two years in the Bradford County Office, and have been in the Gainesville Office since October of 2000 as part of the Sex Crimes and Felony Domestic Violence Division.

### **Judy Collins, Member-at-Large**

After 25 years of practicing law at Three Rivers Legal Services and its predecessor organization, Storefront Legal Aid and having worked in the legal profession for some time before that, I decided "Hey, I'm good enough, I'm smart enough and doggone it people like me" so I applied to become a board member for the EJCBA. No one was more surprised than I at my selection.

I believe I bring a unique perspective to the position and I am looking forward to a productive year. I invite you to contact me with suggestions or concerns you may have about EJCBA, its direction or activities. I may not share your views but I will make sure that they are communicated to the Board of Directors.

### **Denise Ferrero, Member-at-Large**

Intro to be in next issue of Newsletter

### **Beverly Graper, Member-at-Large**

I graduated from UF law school in 1986 and have practiced in Gainesville ever since. I became a mediator in the early '90's and am currently with the Eighth Judicial Circuit as the program mediator for the circuit. I have been married to the same person, Charles Graper, MD, since 1967 and have two children, one is finishing medical school and one is an engineer.

### **Zelda Hawk, Member-at-Large**

I have practiced law since 1974. I am a sole practitioner, practicing in the areas of family law and probate, although 85% of my practice now is mediation. I received my BA and JD from the University of Florida. I have lived in Gainesville since 1962.

### **AuBroncee Martin, Member-at-Large**

My name is AuBroncee Martin. Our most charming and persistent bar association president Pan Zettler has asked each of the new members of the Board of Directors to jot down a few words of introduction. Let me begin by saying that the current group of lawyers who serve as your Board of Directors are a talented crew, who have a unified vision for providing excellent service and quality programs for the local legal community as well as the public at large, I count myself lucky to be associated with them. Now moving right along, I'm originally from Sanford Florida. I have been an Assistant Public Defender with the Law Offices of C Richard Parker for the past four years now. Presently, I practice in the felony criminal division III before Judge Peter K Seig. I attended the University of Florida College of Law and received my undergraduate degree in history from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU), where I stayed way too long and had far too much fun. While, at FAMU I was a member of

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the FAMU Marching 100 Band, which is how I met my wonderful wife Telisha. Telisha was a member of the Gator Band at the time. We met when the Marching 100 performed at the 1992 Gator Growl. Telisha and I will be celebrating our fourth wedding anniversary this October. Now to the most important event in my life, 15 months ago Telisha and I were blessed with a beautiful baby boy Jared Andrew Martin. Thinking about him never fails to bring a smile to my face, even though he has developed the habit of locking himself in closets. He's like a cat who climbs up a tree and can't get down again. Well that's my life in a nut shell I look forward meeting and working with each one of you over the next year.

### **Frank Pauley, Member-at-Large**

I work at Davis Monk and Company as a Tax Professional in the Tax Compliance and Consulting Department. I attended the University of Florida for eight years where I earned my B.S. in Accounting, M.Acc. in Tax Accounting, and J.D. Then I attended University of Miami for my LL.M. in Tax Law with a specialization in International Taxation. After all this school I quickly returned to Gainesville! I work at Davis, Monk and Company where I handle tax compliance issues, tax research, and consult with attorneys on the tax consequences of business organizations and transactions. This year I will be your Chair of the Website Committee, so look for updates soon on the EJCBA website ([www.8jcba.org](http://www.8jcba.org)). I hope to have it up to date and current soon, so that you can use it as a resource.

### **Marilyn Peterson, Member-at-Large**

My name is Marilyn Peterson, a/k/a Wolf, a/k/a ... "other things" ... long story. They say I am now "a senior," having studied (at UF) and practiced law (primarily family law) in the

Gainesville area since 1973. I have watched our local Bar Membership blossom to such amazing numbers that I find it exceedingly difficult these days to match names and faces of 90% of the Bar by the end of each Cedar Key Night (an easy and delightful phenomenon in the days of yore). So I hopped onto THE BOARD this year with a theme song, "Getting to Know You" ... (again or ab initio) ... and a CHALLENGE to all you talented lawyers out there: To sign up NOW for membership this year; meet us at Cedar Key on Thursday, November 14, 2002; and surprise yourself on how many bright friends you truly have and how much FUN your Bar participation will surely engender. P.S. The morning-after test: Can you do 90% or better on Nov. 15?

### **John Whitaker, Member-at-Large**

John is a Gainesville native who works for DeThomasis & Buchanan as a criminal defense attorney. John previously worked for the State Attorney's Office here in Gainesville since graduating from U of F law school in 1999.

### **Celia Yapita, Member-at-Large**

Celia grew up in Gainesville, and is happy to currently be working at Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. Since graduating from law school in 2000, she has been working as an Equal Justice Works (formerly NAPIL) fellow at the Lake City office of Three Rivers. Her project focused on family law and pro se legal access in the Third Circuit. Her fellowship there ended in August, at which time she continued working at Three Rivers in their Gainesville office. Within the 8th circuit bar, she has been active in Clara Gehan Association For Women Lawyers and in facilitating the Florida Bar's diversity trainings. She organized the most recent Naturalization Ceremony, and plans to be involved in EJCBA's community service and law week activities.

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## **September 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**

*by Pan Zettler*

Welcome back to our monthly luncheon meetings at the Sovereign Restaurant. We are honored that our chief Judge, **THE HONORABLE STAN R. MORRIS** once again will begin our new year with a "STATE OF THE CIRCUIT" address. Please join us for this special session by one of our circuit's most interesting speakers, who will be speaking about the topic that is dear to all of our hearts and practices. Dates are scheduled for the monthly meetings, and wonderful menus selected, for the following Fridays: 9/13; 10/4; 11/8; 12/13 - Annual Auction; 1/10; 2/7; 3/14; 4/11; and 5/9. All are the second Fridays except October and February. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Reservation cards will be forthcoming. If you make your reservation timely, you get a cost break for these delicious and exciting luncheon meetings for the low, low price of \$10, and if you come without a reservation, the price will be \$12. You also shall have the option of paying one check for all the year's luncheons, along with your EJCBA dues.

## **It's That Time Of Year . . .**

Attention all attorneys in the Eighth Circuit - come and be a part of the local bar association. Dues notices will be mailed shortly. EJCBA dues remain \$60. Please carefully review the information on the notice. This will be the same information used in the directory.

### **Classified Ad**

Elegant law office, convenient location, has SINGLE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR RENT. Share beautiful conference facilities, law library, lobby. Space for one secretary/legal assistant. \$1,200.00 a month. Call Sherrie: (352)-376-3297.

# Three Rivers Legal Services

by Marcia Lockhart

We begin this year at Three Rivers Legal Services with new faces and new programs.

Beginning in September, Three Rivers will hold a twice-monthly, evening Small Claims Advice Clinic assisting clients who are being sued in or want to pursue a lawsuit in Small Claims Court. Our goal is to prepare clients to properly complete their claims forms, present their cases, participate in mediation and collect their judgments. Currently, eight volunteer attorneys have agreed to participate in the clinic. These attorneys attended a training session led by staff attorneys Mary O'Rourke and Julie Bush along with County Court Judge James Nilon and Small Claims Mediator Janet Hearn. Middle school student Margaret Luther, working on a Girl Scout silver merit badge, videotaped the training for future volunteers and those who could not attend.

Rocky Cabagnet, a 2001 honors graduate of the University of Florida College of Law, has joined Three Rivers Legal Services replacing Gheri Hicks as our AmeriCorps housing attorney. Rocky received his undergraduate degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will complete the remainder of the grant handling primarily landlord/tenant matters. Three Rivers is renewing the National Service Corps grant, funded through a collaboration of AmeriCorps, the Legal Services Corporation and the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL), for at least an additional year. The grant provides a small living stipend along with student loan repayment

assistance at the end of the grant period. Three Rivers is one of a limited number of grant recipients nationwide.

In addition, Glorimil Walker is working part-time as our AmeriCorps Housing Paralegal while she completes her final semester at UF College of Law.

Celia Yapita also joins the Gainesville attorney staff this month after spending the past two years in our Lake City office as a NAPIL (National Association for Public Interest Law) fellow. Celia was raised in Gainesville and completed law school at University of California at Berkeley following her undergraduate work at Yale. Many of you may have already met Celia who is active in the Clara Gehan Association of Women Lawyers, has joined the board of the EJCBA and through her presentations at local diversity trainings.

Three Rivers is pleased that two of our staff attorneys are now members of the EJCBA board of directors. In addition to Celia Yapita, Judy Collins has joined the board. Judy recently celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an attorney with Three Rivers, beginning as an attorney with Storefront Legal Aid (predecessor to TRLS) in July 1977. Judy is an expert in Social Security, public benefits, education and other areas of poverty law.

Thank you to those attorneys who responded to our requests for pro bono volunteers and contributions in lieu of pro bono hours.

Finally, we are looking ahead to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Three Rivers Legal Services. Watch for more information about this celebration coming in early 2003.

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## Nominations Sought for Monthly Pro Bono Awards

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association recognizes attorneys who donate their legal expertise and time to assist clients on a pro bono basis through legal services providers, nonprofit organizations or to those who just stop by in need of help. We know that our lawyers give back to the community in many different ways and we want to acknowledge their good work.

Nominations for the awards come from legal services providers, community organizations and members of the bar association. Please let us know what is taking place in our community by nominating attorneys who deserve recognition for their pro bono work.

Nominations for the monthly Pro Bono Award may be addressed to Marcia Lockhart, 214 W. University Ave, Suite A, Gainesville, FL 32601, e-mail [marcia.lockhart@trls.org](mailto:marcia.lockhart@trls.org) or by fax to 375-1631. Your participation and nominations are very welcome.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

## Three Rivers Legal Services Night

at all Alachua County SUBWAY Stores

SUBWAY Stores in Alachua County will donate \$1.00 to Three Rivers Legal Services from every Footlong Sub sandwich sold between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

This donation is made by SUBWAY Stores to Three Rivers as one of the United Way agencies of Alachua County.

**Thank you!**

Hope to see you at a neighborhood SUBWAY Store on Monday, September 23 between 5 - 7 p.m.

## 2002 Membership Survey of Eighth Judicial Bar Association

The purpose of this Membership Survey is to provide updated information about the composition of our Association to assist the Board in planning and measuring changes. It will also allow an assessment of services and programs to be provided to the Membership in the future.

**PLEASE ASSIST YOUR BOARD BY COMPLETING THIS SURVEY AND RETURNING IT BY OCTOBER 15TH TO:  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION, C/O PAN ZETTLER , 11 SW 1ST STREET, WILLISTON, FL 32696.**

1. Gender:  Female  Male                      2. Age \_\_\_\_\_

3. Year admitted to the Florida bar \_\_\_\_\_

4. Size of law firm:

Solo practitioner     15 - 25 attorneys  
 2 - 5 attorneys     Over 25 attorneys  
 5 - 15 attorneys

5. Are any of these reasons why you are/are not a member of the EJCBA:

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	An opportunity to serve and promote the legal profession
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	An opportunity to become better known among lawyers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to activities, facilities and communications
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Continuing Legal Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Required or encouraged by law firm
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefits: Discounts on services
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost

6. Please rate your approval level of the following Association activities as to importance, with (1) having the highest degree of importance to you, and (4) the least.; and if you have no knowledge of a particular activity please select (5). NC represents "NO COMMENT".

Monthly luncheons	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Cedar Key Dinner	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Newsletter	1	2	3	4	5	NC
CLE/Seminars	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Judicial Poll	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Law Week	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Annual Banquet	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Atty. Directory	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Benefits: discounts	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Telephone in Alachua Cnty. Courthouse Library	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Professionalism (code, seminar)	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Professionalism award	1	2	3	4	5	NC
Monthly Pro Bono Bone Award	1	2	3	4	5	NC

7. Which of the following projects and/or activities would you like EJCBA to consider doing/continuing: ( Please Circle)

Robes & receptions for new or retiring judge	Holidays in January
Gifts for Elderly	Joint Receptions with Law School
National Bar Association reception	Coffee/donuts for jurors programs
Publication of Administrative Orders	Guardian Ad Litem St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser
Bench/Bar Committee for conflict resolution	Publication & Delivery of U.S. Constitution for 5th graders
Contributions/co-sponsorship of programs w/sections, 8FAWL, etc.	

8. Have you attended membership luncheons and if yes with what frequency?

Yes                                       Regularly                       Sporadically  
 No     Once a year

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9. What can you suggest that EJCBA do to improve the luncheon meetings?
  
10. To what extent are you satisfied with the services and activities provided by the EJCBA?  

_____ Very Well	_____ Well
_____ Moderately Well	_____ Somewhat
_____ Not at all	
  
11. What new services do you believe EJCBA should provide to its member?
  
12. What does EJCBA do best?
  
13. What is EJCBA NOT doing that it should be doing?
  
14. Suggestions for the EJCBA Newsletter and/or Website?
  
15. If the Bar Association could only accomplish three things next year, what do you think they should be, in order of importance.