

# Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association

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March 2004 Edition

## Next Meeting

When: March 9, 2004  
Where: Hotel Defuniak  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Special Guests: Honorable Lewis R. Lindsey and  
Honorable Kim Skievaski, Chief Judge

Speaker: Martha Ingle

Special Agenda: Article V, Revision 7 to the Florida Constitution Issues

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### Please come out to the next meeting...

Where we will honor one of the 1st Judicial Circuit's finest Circuit Court Judges, now retired, Honorable Lewis R. Lindsey. Judge Lindsey will be honored with a special presentation by Daniel O'Rourke on behalf of the Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association.

Also, Martha Ingle will address the group with regard to issues involving the Clerk's Office in Walton County.

We will also have a speaker on behalf of each of the following programs: Law Library, Legal Aid, Teen Court, Drug Court, Alternative

Sanctions, Mental Health Court, and Domestic Violence Court. Each speaker will give a brief presentation as to the necessity and importance of each program. Each of these programs is expected to be cut as a result of the Article V, Revision 7, changes to the Florida Constitution. Chief Judge Skievaski has been invited to the meeting and will address the bar as well. We will be ranking each program, as to the level of importance to Okaloosa and Walton Counties, to present to the Boards of County Commissioners and our legislative delegation. Judge Skievaski is expected also to use this input in presenting his views to those same bodies.

*We are only as strong as our weakest link...please support your local Bar Association.*

## Please make a special point to attend CAC Sports Classic & Gala

The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Sports Classic and Gala will be held March 14 and 15, 2004 at Kelly Plantation. On March 14, 2004, enjoy a gala evening featuring silent/live auction with entertainment by David Seering and Company. Then on March 15, 2004, enjoy a day of golf along side Bart Starr and Zeke Bratkowski. Proceeds benefit the CAC. For information regarding sponsorships or player registration, please contact Julie Hurst at 833-9237, ext. 223.

By the way, Zeke feels badly he did not make our January meeting and has volunteered to speak at an upcoming meeting just about football. I will let you know the exact date (Judge Tolton!)

## OWBA Annual Bar Dues

It is time to pay your annual dues again. As announced at last month's meeting, the annual dues are now \$75.00 which will allow us to reduce the cost of monthly meetings from \$15.00 to \$10.00. You may forward your annual dues to our treasurer, Kirby Williams. Kirby's address is:

Kirby Williams, Esq.  
151 Regions Way  
Suite 6A  
Destin, Florida 32541

## Office Space Available

James C. Campbell, Esquire, 4 Eleventh Avenue, Suite 2, Shalimar, Florida, has office space available at a reasonable rate. Please contact him at (850) 651-9313 for more information.

this important and special meeting.

Jeffrey M. Stephens, Esquire, also has office space available in Destin, near the Mid-Bay Bridge. You may contact him at (850) 837-7135 for more information.

**LAW OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: 12 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar. A turnkey space in a great location - one block from the Shalimar Courthouse Annex. This is a fully furnished executive office and secretarial space in a well-established law office building. Amenities include receptionist, library, conference room, phone system, copiers, kitchen and storage area. Call Julie Harrison (651-5240) for more information.**

## Do you practice Criminal Law?

If so, this is for you! The probation office wants you to know that there is no longer an option to have clients report to the probation office by mail. If a client is out of state and the judge agrees to allow him/her not to have to come to Florida each month to report, the client needs to be placed on Administrative Probation.

## Family Law Matters

There are some changes to the orders used for referrals and monitored exchanges for visitation involving the Family Visitation Centers in Shalimar, Crestview and Defuniak Springs. If you receive this newsletter via email, I have attached them for your convenience. If you receive this newsletter via regular U.S. mail, please contact me directly and I will be happy to fax you a copy of the orders.

Also I have an Administrative Order, No. 2004-2, regarding Certification of Civil Process Servers for your review from Chief Judge Skievaski. Please contact my office for a copy.

## ***Albert Grinsted***

As you may know Albert Grinsted passed away in Naples, Florida on February 14, 2004. Mr. Grinsted was an active member of the local Bar since 1973 until his retirement a few years ago.

His memorial service was at Hurlburt Soundside Club, on Saturday, February 28, 2004.

The burial will take place on March 22, 2004 at Arlington National Cemetery. The processional will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the service to follow at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Please continue to keep the Grinsted family in your hearts, minds and prayers.

## ***Can you guess the quote?***

***"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."***