

# Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association

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June 2005 Edition

## Next Meeting

When: July 12, 2005  
Where: Two Trees Restaurant  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP via email to Marty Lester at [OWBA@cox.net](mailto:OWBA@cox.net)

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### JULY 2005 MEETING ISSUES

Please join us at Two Trees Restaurant on July 12 for the first meeting under our new leadership team! Issues to be discussed include:

- An update from Judge Barron on progress towards a new Judicial Center;
- A proposal to set membership fees for state or non-profit employees at one-half the regular annual rate of \$75.00;
- Plans for the OWBA Christmas Luncheon on December 16 at Mulhollows in FWB (so you can mark your calendars early);
- An update on the new Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery Committee (see below);
- And much, much more!

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE

In conjunction with the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar, the OWBA has formed a Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery Committee to focus on ways the Bar can assist the community both in preparing for and recovering from storm disasters. This is an excellent opportunity to improve the public image of the Bar, provide needed public assistance, and fulfill your pro bono requirement. If interested, contact Marty Lester at [OWBA@cox.net](mailto:OWBA@cox.net) or at 651-5508.

### OWBA COMPOSITE PICTURE

It's time for a new OWBA composite picture, both to add all our new members and ... um ... update the more "mature" look of our long-time members (i.e. document your hair loss). Picture dates are September 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, which leaves enough time to join the Hair Club For Men and see some results. Photos will be taken at the courthouses in DeFuniak Springs, Shalimar, Crestview, and the South Walton Annex. Appointment letters will go out in July, so look for further details in your mailbox.

### NEW OWBA ADDRESSES

Speaking of hair loss, in order to streamline our administrative structure and keep your Secretary from pulling out his remaining hair, please address all written correspondence to OWBA at its new address: P.O. Box 129, Shalimar, FL 32579, and all e-mail correspondence to [OWBA@cox.net](mailto:OWBA@cox.net).

### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

In order to save your bar dues, your Secretary will be making every effort to reduce the number of "hard" copies of the OWBA Newsletter sent out each month. If you have not done so already, please send your e-mail address to [OWBA@cox.net](mailto:OWBA@cox.net). If your email address is currently on file, you should not be receiving a copy of the newsletter in the mail.

### **OWBA TREASURER REPORT**

As of June 27, 2005, we have \$9621.70 in our account. If you have not paid your 2005 dues, now is the time to pay. Please send your check in the amount of \$75.00 to:

Coy H. Browning, Esquire  
Coy H. Browning & Associates, P.A.  
418 Racetrack Road NE  
Suite B  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Paying dues is the only thing required to be a member. Please join us in making this organization a strong one and one that makes a difference!

### **OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT**

Office space currently available in established location at 171 Eglin Parkway, FWB. Contact David Palmer at 244-6103.

### **ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT**

Pleat & Perry, P.A. in Destin is looking for an associate with 1-3 years experience. Excellent salary & benefits package. Please e-mail resume to [law@pleat.coxatwork.com](mailto:law@pleat.coxatwork.com) or fax to (850) 650-4402.

### **LEGAL STAFF EMPLOYMENT**

Pleat & Perry, P.A. in Destin is looking for an experienced and professional legal secretary. Excellent salary & benefits package. Please e-mail resume to [law@pleat.coxatwork.com](mailto:law@pleat.coxatwork.com) or fax to (850) 650-4402.

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