

# Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association

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July 2005 Edition

## Next Meeting

When: August 2, 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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### AUGUST 2005 MEETING ISSUES

Due to Hurricane Dennis, the July meeting was rescheduled to August 2, and will take the place of the August meeting as well. It will still be held at Two Trees Restaurant. Please come to celebrate our survival of the storm!

Agenda items (rescheduled from July) will include the following:

- 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).

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### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE

If living on the Emerald Coast has taught us anything over the last 12 months, it is that hurricanes can inflict massive damage on individuals and communities with little warning. 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. The Florida Bar has generously awarded the OWBA a grant to defray administrative expenses. 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

The OWBA composite pictures are scheduled for September 6-9. Watch the mail for your scheduled appointment. We encourage everyone to participate!

### NEW OWBA ADDRESSES

One final reminder: The OWBA has new physical and cyberspace addresses. 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**

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. In our effort to make sure everyone receives the newsletter, we are erring on the side of inclusiveness. You may receive duplicate copies while we cross-check the lists

### **OWBA TREASURER REPORT**

As of July 26, 2005, we have \$9512.73 in our account. If you have not paid your 2005 dues, now is the time to pay. (Actually, several months ago was the time to pay, but we won't turn down your money.) Please send your check in the amount of \$75.00 to:

Coy H. Browning, Esq.  
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418 Racetrack Road NE, Suite B  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

### **KUDO CORNER**

Mr. J. Jerome Miller, Esq. of the law firm of Miller & Ansley, P.A., was awarded the prestigious Paul S. Buchman award during the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association annual meeting in Amelia Island, Florida. The Paul S. Buchman award is presented to the most outstanding municipal attorney of the year in the State of Florida. Mr. Miller has served as City Attorney for numerous cities in Northwest Florida, including the City of Destin for 18 of its 20 years.

Congratulations, Jerry!

If you are aware of any significant awards or accomplishments by an OWBA member, please

send them to the newsletter for mention in the Kudo Corner. We'll be pleased to publish them.

### **OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT**

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

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"I get paid for seeing that my clients get every break the law allows. I have knowingly defended a number of guilty men. But the guilty never escape unscathed. My fees are sufficient punishment for anyone."

-- F. Lee Bailey

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