

Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association

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September 2005 Edition

Next Meeting

When: September 13, 2005
Where: Angler's Restaurant
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP via email to Marty Lester at OWBA@cox.net

OWBA COMPOSITE PICTURE

SEPTEMBER 2005 MEETING ISSUES

At our September meeting, we will be graced with the presence of Alan Bookman, current President of the Florida Bar. We'd like to turn out a good attendance to kiss Alan's . . . ring. (You remember that scene at the end of The Godfather? It'll be just like that.) Don't leave your officers to do it alone.

We look forward to seeing you.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE

As I sit here, playing and replaying different predictions of Hurricane Katrina's likely track, I am reminded yet again of the high price we pay for living in paradise. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for the Hurricane Committee. The organizational meeting will be held in the near future, if there's any place left to hold it. We always have room for more! If interested, contact Marty Lester at OWBA@cox.net or at 651-5508.

By now, you should have received your mailing about the OWBA composite picture in early September. Please make every effort to participate! Remember – if you don't have your picture taken now, your friends will have nothing to laugh at in 10 years.

OWBA TREASURER REPORT

As of August 24, 2005, we have \$9743.22 in our account. This is almost, but not quite, enough to fund the Hurricane Committee's fact-finding trip to the Virgin Islands. We're counting on you to put us over the top! If you have not paid your 2005 dues, send your check in the amount of \$75.00 (\$37.50 for you humble public servants) to:

Coy H. "Moneybags" Browning, Esq.
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KUDO CORNER

Four of our local attorneys were among the five names forwarded to Tallahassee to be considered for the new judicial position in Walton County. Congratulations to John Brown, W. Howard LaPorte, Nickolas Petersen, and Mark Davis. No official announcement of the appointee has been released as of press time. Until the decision is made, you have to be nice to all four of them.

Don't consider it brownnosing. That's such an unpleasant word. Consider it an investment for your clients.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The public regards lawyers with great distrust. They think lawyers are smarter than the average guy but use their intelligence deviously. Well, they're wrong. Usually they're not smarter.”

-- F. Lee Bailey

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