

Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association

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October 2005 Edition

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Where: The "Black Pearl"

(Underneath the Crab Trap on the Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island)

(Coy SWEARS it's not a house of ill-repute)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

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

OCTOBER 2005 MEETING ISSUES

The October meeting will feature a 2-hour lecture by Professor Eliazer P. Twiddlebottom of the Florida North Central Coastal College of Law on the recent technical amendments to the holder in due course doctrine under the Uniform Commercial Code.

That is, UNLESS we get a strong turnout at the meeting. The good professor is afraid of large crowds. If he can't speak, we'll just have to spend the meeting eating, drinking, and socializing like usual. Please show up and save your colleagues from law school flashbacks.

OWBA COMPOSITE PICTURE

Composite pictures should be ready in about 3 months. Individual portraits, however, should be ready in 2 to 3 weeks. Go figure.

OWBA TREASURER REPORT

As of August 24, 2005, we had \$9743.22 in our account. Your humble Board will now be riding to each meeting in limos.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, it's never too late. Payments should be sent to:

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KUDO CORNER

Many thanks to the law firm of Michael D. Weinstock, and especially Aaron Weinstock, for compiling, formatting, and mailing the announcements of appointment times for the composites. Thanks also to Beth Blankenship and Alicia Wardlow for coordinating the rooms and schedules at the courthouses to accommodate the photographers.

NEWBIES

Pleat & Perry, P.A., is pleased to announce the addition of two associate attorneys, Wesley Fontaine and John B. Fuller III. Wesley was raised in Okaloosa County, graduated from Auburn University in 1999, and the Cumberland School of Law in 2002. He is a member of the State Bars of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, as well as three federal district courts. John graduated from Washington & Lee in 2001 and the Florida State University College of Law. He subsequently clerked for the Hon. Melinda Harmon, a federal judge in Houston, Texas. John was recently admitted to the Florida Bar.

Please welcome both these new members to our legal community . . . if Dave and Amy let them off work long enough to attend our meetings. ☺

OWLSA CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE

The Okaloosa Walton Legal Support Association (OWLSA) is sponsoring a Christmas greenery sale again this year to raise money for their scholarship fund and other activities. Orders must be placed by October 21, 2005. Prices include tax. Delivery will be during the first week of December. Checks should be made payable to FALSS 2006 Annual Meeting account. Please contact any OWLSA member to order, or call Fran Novak at 651-9944 with any questions.

Available items include:

22" mixed evergreen wreath	\$18
22" noble fir wreath	\$17
28" noble fir wreath	\$25
22" x 30" door swag	\$15
10' cedar garland	\$17
Centerpiece	\$14
Lawyer-proof mistletoe	\$20

(Okay, I made that last one up.)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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

"What a holler would ensue if people had to pay the minister as much to marry them as they have to pay a lawyer to get them a divorce."

-- Claire Trevor