

# OKALOOSA-WALTON BAR ASSOCIATION

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July 2007 Edition

## Next Meeting

When: July 12, 2007

Where: Angler's Beachside Cafe

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Guest Speaker: Gary Witkos, Guardian ad Litem Program

RSVP via email to Jennifer Hanson Copus at [jcopus@chesserbarr.com](mailto:jcopus@chesserbarr.com)

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### JUNE 2007 MEETING ISSUES

Marty promised to schedule us a year of great speakers for our meetings, and so far he is off to an impressive start. Our guest speaker for the July meeting will be Gary Witkos, the Assistant Circuit Director for the Guardian ad Litem Program (GAL). For those of you who are not familiar with GAL, it is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff that provide a powerful voice on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children. Mr. Witkos will provide us with more in-depth information on the program and how attorneys can become involved.

If you were at our June meeting—great! If you were not, we would love to see you at our July meeting. And bring a friend, or two or three! We are working to raise attendance at our meetings and we are asking you to help us spread the word. There is food, fun and drinks and sometimes

we even stay late and get into arguments over who has the biggest phone (right Coy and Byron?) Doesn't that sound like fun? Okay, maybe it would be more fun if you came—prove it to us and come to the July meeting!

**We look forward to seeing you!!!**

### OWBA DUES

One last reminder if you have not yet paid your dues--please return your invoice and check at your earliest convenience to: Susan Martinez, 1B 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Shalimar, Florida 32579. If you did not receive an invoice, please let Susan know (651-7260) and she will mail one out to you ASAP. Thank you for your continuing support of OWBA—we appreciate it!

## LARRY BUSH

Larry Bush, an attorney who previously practiced in the local area, recently had a kidney transplant. For those of you who would like to check in on Larry and wish him well, he can be reached by calling his home phone at 863-2691.

## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

*New This Month:* Office space for lease located at 331 East Romana Street, Pensacola. Please contact Cindy Ward at Michles & Booth, P.A. at (850) 438-4848 or via email at [cward@michlesbooth.com](mailto:cward@michlesbooth.com).

*New This Month:* Two office suites for rent off Lewis Turner Boulevard plus opportunity for office sharing arrangement. Please contact Aaron B. Wentz at 863-8006 or via email at [AaronWentz@aol.com](mailto:AaronWentz@aol.com).

*New This Month:* Executive Office space for rent in Shalimar. Receptionist/Secretary, utilities and conference room included. Please contact J.R. Anglea at 651-8776.

Destin Law Firm has two offices for rent. Rent is negotiable (isn't everything?). Shared use of the conference room and receptionist. Please call Jeffrey M. Stephens for further information at (850) 837-7135 or email at [JMSDestin@aol.com](mailto:JMSDestin@aol.com).

## ASSOCIATE ATTORNEYS NEEDED

*New This Month:* Michles & Booth, P.A. is seeking a Personal Injury associate attorney

with 3-5 years minimum litigation experience. Excellent benefits. Please contact Cindy Ward, Firm Administrator at (850) 438-4848, via fax (850) 437-5556 or via email [cward@michlesbooth.com](mailto:cward@michlesbooth.com)

Pleat & Perry, P.A. is seeking an Associate Attorney with 2-5 years experience for their Destin office. Please email resume to [law@pleatperry.com](mailto:law@pleatperry.com).

Pensacola AV rated insurance defense firm is seeking associate litigation attorney. 1-3 years experience in related areas preferred (all resumes will be given consideration). Competitive compensation and benefits offered. Submit resume to Hiring Partner at: Schofield, Wade, Roane & Shoemaker, P.A., P.O. Box, 13510, Pensacola, FL 32591-3510 or email to [swlaw@s-wlaw.com](mailto:swlaw@s-wlaw.com).

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Where laws end, tyranny begins."*

*--William Pitt (1759-1806)*

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