

# OKALOOSA-WALTON BAR ASSOCIATION

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July 2007 Edition

## Next Meeting

When: August 9, 2007

Where: Scully's on the Bayou

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Guest Speaker: Tom McGloughlin, *Northwest Florida Daily News*

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### AUGUST 2007 MEETING ISSUES

Our guest speaker for the August meeting will be Tom McGloughlin, a reporter with the *Northwest Florida Daily News*. Tom will share his insights into what the public finds (or does not find) important about what we as attorneys do and how the public perceives the judicial system. Again, kudos to Marty for lining up another great speaker for our meeting!

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

We promised and now we plan to deliver! We have planned September to be our annual pilgrimage to Walton County (it is a bit like a religious experience, isn't it?). Judge Wells has graciously agreed to arrange for a tour of the new Walton County Courthouse addition. Albeit worthless, Susan Martinez, our esteemed Treasurer and a prosecutor with the Office of the State Attorney, has agreed to provide us all with

"Get Out of Jail Free" cards if the festivities get too lively and you can just about count on it because it is de 'Funk. All of you attorneys in Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Niceville, Val-P, Destin, Shalimar, and beyond, please make a special effort to join us—there will be food!!

### FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICES

FYI for all family law attorneys: the First Judicial Circuit Court has recently selected Jim Ramminger as their new Mediation Services Director. He will oversee the Family Mediation Program in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. For those eligible to utilize these services, a roster of participating mediators is maintained for parties and their attorneys to choose from. Family mediators can also be assigned on a rotating basis from the roster. At this time, the following individuals are on the roster: Mary Bruns (376-7603), Sheila Engum (547-

1700), Christle Holzman (626-2700), Albert Tarvin (626-2700, W. Jere Tolton, Jr. (837-4440), and A. Richard Troell (689-3888). For a current roster or to be assigned a roster family mediator, please contact Connie Capps, Administrative Secretary at 595-4482 or email her at [connie.capps@flcourts1.gov](mailto:connie.capps@flcourts1.gov). Mr. Ramminger can be reached at 595-4415 or via email at [jim.ramminger@flcourts1.gov](mailto:jim.ramminger@flcourts1.gov).

### CONGRATULATIONS

OWBA extends its warmest congratulations to Bruce Bowman who recently joined forces with Lamar Conerly. Their firm, located in Destin, has been newly minted Conerly, Bowman & Dykes.

### OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

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).

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

### ASSOCIATE ATTORNEYS NEEDED

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)

### PARALEGALS/SECRETARYS NEEDED

Welton & Williamson, LLC is seeking a paralegal for Attorney Williamson. Areas of practice are: civil litigation, estate planning, trust planning, probate, guardianship and business law. Please submit resume to: 1020 Ferdon Boulevard South, Crestview, Florida 32536 or via email at [wayne@welwill.com](mailto:wayne@welwill.com).

Welton & Williamson, LLC is seeking an individual with 1-2 years experience working for a title insurance company. Please submit resume to: 1020 Ferdon Boulevard South, Crestview, Florida 32536 or via email at [wayne@welwill.com](mailto:wayne@welwill.com).

### FOR SALE

Three antique desks. Any or all would make a beautiful addition to your home or office. \$600.00 per desk. If interested, please call Wayne at 682-2120.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress."*

*--Mark Twain, writer and humorist  
(1835-1910)*

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