SPBC FAWL

Promoting Women's Leadership Roles within the Legal Profession Since 2003
Fall 2016 Edition

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Taryn G. Sinatra
President of SPBC FAWL

Welcome everyone, to another wonderful year with South Palm Beach County FAWL! Our 2016-2017 has had a tremendous first several months. It's hard to believe we are already half-way into our year. I want to recognize our Board of Directors and the past presidents who continue to dedicate their time to help our chapter grow and thrive. Serving on our Board and, particularly, planning our events, programs, and sponsorship throughout the year, takes time and commitment. As we are half-way through our year, we have had not only wonderful events, but have seen record-breaking attendance and sponsorship, making this our biggest year yet.

We have now reached over 100 members, and I'm thrilled that we have so many of our loyal annual sponsors continuing to support us, but also been able to welcome several new annual sponsors. This year, our annual sponsors include: Platinum Sponsors--Attorney At Law Magazine, Duree & Company, E-Print Solutions, Kravit Estate Appraisals, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, Richman Capital Management, Weingard Wealth Management, Sabadell United Bank, Signature Paradise Realty; Gold Sponsors--Blow and Go, Dr. David J. Applebaum, Law Offices of Robin I. Bresky, Law Offices of Taryn G. Sinatra, Manis O'Shell, LLC, and Prosperity Home Finance.

With such an increase in membership and sponsorship, we have made great use of new venues for our fantastic and well-attended events. Our

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BOARD!!!

Left to right: Kara Brotman, Heather Samuels, Cynthia M. Pyfrom, Taryn G. Sinatra, Bernice Lee, Melissa Melzer Feingold, Merryl S. Haber, Lisa Paige Glass, Lisa S. Lullove, Tammy B. Saltzman, Stacey Mullins, Staci L. Burton

8th annual signature event, Think Pink Luncheon, was a success at our new venue, City Fish Market. As many of you know and love, in past years, we have held our last luncheon of the year, our Installation Luncheon, at the beautiful and lovely Mariposa at Nieman Marcus. This year, we decided to host all monthly luncheons at this venue, and for the first luncheon held in November, we hit a record-breaking SOLD OUT monthly membership luncheon! Our Annual Holiday Party and Annual Judicial Reception both will be held at new venues this year: the Seagate County Club in Delray Beach and 32 East in Delray Beach, respectively. Both events are sure to be huge successes, and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

I am proud of the compelling, dynamic, and meaningful programming that SPBC FAWL brings to our membership and the ways in which SPBC FAWL serves our community. In November, guest speaker Sujata Uppal, MA presented "Negotiating the Gender Gap", a topic which we'll continue to see trending, as the both the Florida Bar and State FAWL have put a large focus on gender bias in our profession and how we can start to bridge that gap. As in past years, we dedicate our Holiday Party to give back to the community to those less fortunate. This year, we are collecting child-friendly gift cards to donate to the children of the Place of Hope, a group foster home. We plan to once again present to local high school seniors the "Now You Are Adult" presentation, helping to prepare them for legal issues as an adult, in a fun and interactive way. We continue to partner with the Palm Beach County Pro Bono Committee to serve the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, and contributing our efforts to a make a juvenile mentoring program possible with Judge James Martz and the West Palm Beach Courthouse.

Our year is off to an amazing start with much more to come, made possible by the generosity of our Board, sponsors, and members. As 2016 comes to a close, I look forward to an amazing 2017 with SPBC FAWL! I continue to be grateful to have become a part of this dynamic and empowering group more than five years ago. Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President this year.

Best Regards,
Taryn G. Sinatra, President of SPBC FAWL

Farm Share

Free Food Distribution

In Partnership With State Representative Lori Berman & Boynton Beach Commissioner Joe Casello

When:

Saturday
January 28th, 2017
9am-12pm

Location:

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church
900 N Seacrest Blvd
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Will be providing free food for families*
To help alleviate hunger and malnutrition by recovering fresh and nutritious food and distributing it to those who need it most

Volunteers Needed: please call our office at 561-374-7850 or e-mail Lori.Berman@myfloridahouse.gov if interested

*Food available on a First come, First serve basis.

FALL IN REVIEW

by Heather Samuels

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We have had quite a busy start to our year! This autumn, our members have enjoyed networking, luncheons, and charitable giving events to kick off a great year. In August, our Board met to plan an ambitious calendar for the year, and to begin to work on projects that will enhance and grow our membership. Led by President Taryn Sinatra, the board met to discuss ways to improve our signature events as well as establish new and fun programming for our members.

State FAWL Annual Summit and 65th Anniversary Celebration

September was a very busy month! The State FAWL Annual Summit and 65th Anniversary Celebration were held locally at the Seagate Hotel in Delray Beach. Several of our members, including Andrea Reid, Laurie Thompson, and Lisa Lullove, were lucky enough to attend and enjoy not only timely and empowering CLE programming, but a fantastic reception celebrating FAWL's 65th Anniversary. We closed out September with a fabulous Member Reception at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Our members met to network and enjoy drinks and appetizers and check out our calendar for a year of great events!

Membership Receiption

Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October ushered in one of our most well-attended and fun events of the year: the 8th Annual Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon! Dayve Gabbard, Executive Director of Susan G. Komen, South Florida Affiliate, and Lisa Rose, a breast cancer survivor, spoke at this year's luncheon before 70 members and guests, which was held at City Fish Market. Our raffle raised nearly $1,000, which we proudly donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation, South Florida Affiliate. In November, our sold-out membership luncheon was held at Mariposa, inside Neiman Marcus. Sujata Uppal presented a dynamic lecture on "Negotiating the Gender Gap: Powerful Negotiation Strategies for Women."

Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon

Our members always look forward to the capstone of a wonderful autumn season with our annual Holiday Party! This year's festive gathering is being held at The Seagate Country Club in Delray Beach! There is a good chance that you're reading this at that event, so until the Spring: eat, drink, and be merry!

Heather Samuels is an Elder Law attorney with Solkoff Legal, P.A. and the Historian for SPBC FAWL..

SPBC FAWL'S NEWEST ARRIVAL!

Congratulations to SPBC FAWL's Historian, Heather Samuels, her husband Richard, and their daughter Hadley on the new addition to their family!
A baby boy!

~Hudson Alexander Samuels~

Born September 14, 2016, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and 20 inches.
We wish the entire Samuels family much love,
health, and precious snuggles!!

BEAT THE CLOCK AT YEAR-END

by Melissa Melzer Feingold

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There are many ways to make a charitable gift, but time is of the essence if you want to receive tax benefits for 2016.

Gifts of Securities

Appreciated stock, mutual funds, and bonds are a tax-wise way to give. Your charitable deduction is for the full market value of the shares and there is no tax on the capital gain, meaning you in essence receive a tax break for income on which you never paid taxes. Even if you are pleased with your investments, give your appreciated shares and use cash to replace them with shares with a higher cost basis. Most gifts of stock can be made easily via electronic transfer.

The Charitable IRA Rollover

You can still make a tax-free gift from your IRA this year. If you are 70 ½ or older, distributions up to $100,000 made directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity are NOT counted in taxable income. By directing that an IRA withdrawal go directly to the qualifying charity, you avoid reporting that amount as income and do not pay taxes on those funds. If you don't need some or all of the income that your required minimum distribution provides, please consider making a gift to charity in this easy and tax-wise way.

Gift Annuity

Make a gift and benefit from a year-end tax deduction while receiving fixed payments for life. Advantages of making this type of gift by year-end include:

- A partial charitable deduction for income tax purposes, when you itemize your taxes for 2016.
- A portion of your income payments is tax-free throughout your estimated life expectancy.
- Any applicable capital gains is reportable over your life expectancy.

How do I beat the clock?

The gift date for tax purposes depends on the type of gift and how you are making the gift.

- Cash or check – the gift date is the date it is postmarked (the "mail box
- rule")
- Credit card payments – the day the charge is posted to your account (this may be a few days after you put the charge through on your end so please don't wait until the very end of the year)
- Securities – the gift date for electronic transfers is when they are deposited into the qualifying charity's account, not when you request that your broker initiate the transfer.

Again, please be sure to give your broker adequate time to complete the gift transfer paperwork.

Melissa Feingold is Sr. Gift Planning Officer for the South Florida Region of the American Red Cross. Melissa assists donors as they make gifts through their estate plans. Melissa is currently on the Board of Directors of SPBC FAWL.

LOOKING TO PURCHASE A HOME?

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOUR LOAN PROCESS GO QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY

1. Make sure your credit is in good shape
   a. Check your credit score
      - Excellent Credit: 750+
      - Good Credit: 700-749
      - Fair Credit: 650-699
      - Poor Credit: 600-649
   b. Try to get your credit card balances below 40% of the limit
   c. It's best to have at least 3 open and active accounts listed on your credit report
2. If you're renting, pay by check
   a. Having documented proof of your last 12 months of payments is often required by the lender
3. Obtain proof of employment for the past 2-years
   a. W2s and tax returns
   b. Paystubs covering 30 days
   c. Be prepared to explain any gaps in employment
4. Avoid large deposits or withdrawals from your bank account
5. Determine a down payment amount based on your available funds
6. Obtain a pre-approval letter from an Independent Mortgage Professional
7. Research a local real estate agent

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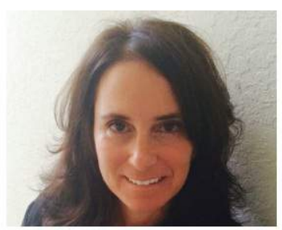

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Alicia M. Zweig
as the Firm's newest attorney!

Alicia graduated *magna cum laude* from Boston University, with a B.S. in Journalism and a Minor in English Literature. She earned her Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center. Alicia brings her litigation expertise as well as her extensive community service background to the Firm's distinguished team of experienced litigators.

Alicia was formerly an associate attorney at a prominent insurance defense firm. She is the co-founder of In Jacob's Shoes, a charity which provides new and gently used shoes, athletic equipment and school supplies to thousands of children in need throughout South Florida.

Alicia will focus on personal injury, motor vehicle negligence and premises liability at the Firm's Boca Raton office.

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THE FLORIDA COLLABORATIVE LAW PROCESS ACT: A REVOLUTIONARY NON-ADVERSARIAL DIVORCE METHOD

by Denise Rappaport Isaacs

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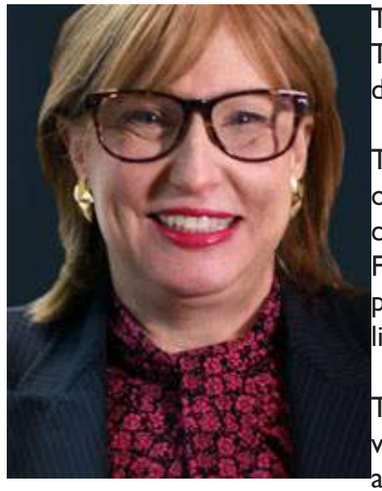

The new Florida Collaborative Process Act passed March 2016. This new law encourages early and peaceful resolution of disputes through voluntary collaborative settlement procedures.

Two parties, two lawyers, one neutral forensic CPA, and one neutral therapist facilitator; the facilitator is the key to calming the parties and lawyers down to enable settlement. For motivation to complete the collaborative process, all professionals withdraw when one party leaves the process to litigate.

The essence of the collaborative process is the parties' voluntary disclosure. Their good faith leads to a mutually acceptable settlement. The parties, sitting together at team meetings, reveal all financial and other facts. Transparency lessons the parties' paranoia. Thus, depositions and subpoenas are not needed. Distrust is not stoked by months of blind discovery. Continuing knowledge of financial and family matter grows tolerance and goodwill and leads to settlement. Collaborative practice revolutionizes divorce. Collaborative practice saves families.

Collaborative Practice is a cost-effective, problem-solving approach to minimize the impact of divorce on families. The professionals support the parties to resolve issues through legally binding agreements. Clients are empowered to make sound, lasting decisions that will positively impact their lives in the years to come. The collaborative process preserves privacy and dignity while providing the best chance at resolving disputes respectfully.

Denise Rappaport Isaacs is a family law attorney at Isaacs & Reid, P.A.

IS YOUR MATRIMONIAL CLIENT AN "INNOCENT SPOUSE" UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE?

by Cathy Mitchell

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When a new matrimonial client walks in the door, tax issues are generally not at the forefront of our minds. Perhaps they should be, particularly in cases of suspected dissipation of marital assets, fraud, and domestic violence.

Beware of Joint Returns and Abuse

There is often confusion about how innocent spouse issues may apply to a matrimonial case. Consider the possibility it applies in *every case*, and engage a tax lawyer at the outset of your case in case your client needs help. We will call our client the "requesting spouse" for purposes of this article, and their spouse the "nonrequesting spouse."

Equitable Relief and Deadlines

The Service may relieve a requesting spouse who satisfies all the threshold conditions below under certain prescribed circumstances:

(1) The requesting spouse filed a joint return for the taxable year for which he or she seeks relief.
(2) Relief is not available to the requesting spouse under section 6015(b) or (c).
(3) The claim for relief is timely filed (as defined in the Code)
(4) No assets were transferred between the spouses as part of a fraudulent scheme by the spouses.
(5) The nonrequesting spouse did not transfer disqualified assets to the requesting spouse (as defined in the Code).
(6) The requesting spouse did not knowingly participate in the filing of a fraudulent joint return.
(7) The income tax liability from which the requesting spouse seeks relief is *attributable (either in full or in part) to an item of the nonrequesting spouse* or an underpayment resulting from the nonrequesting spouse's income.

Note how this analysis could potentially affect an alimony determination.

Abuse and Fraud

If the requesting spouse establishes he or she was the victim of abuse prior to the time the return was filed, and as a result of the prior abuse, the requesting spouse was not able to

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A HOUSE DIVIDED: 10 TIPS FOR GOOD REAL ESTATE MOVES THROUGH THE DIVORCE PROCESS

by Laurie Dubow

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No matter what your politics, there can be no question that after this presidential election, we are a country divided. Observing the nasty and divisive rhetoric, coming from both sides, I was struck with the similarities of working with a family going through divorce, as they try to make decisions about how to go from one family, living in one house, to a functional two household unit. No matter how deep the anger, sadness, and feelings of loss, it becomes essential to have a solid plan, that is well thought out, and takes into account the new impending reality.

Many years ago, I was asked to observe a workshop that was being offered for those who are contemplating or going through divorce, and while I was there it occurred to me that everyone going through the divorce process will have to make some difficult decisions regarding their housing. I became one of their key speakers for 4 years until the workshop was discontinued. I have continued to work with attorneys and other professionals as a consultant to help guide them through the complex transition from one home to two.

Although there are many things to consider during the process, these are my
Top 10 Tips For Good Real Estate Moves Through the Divorce Process:

1. Understand the Emotional, Psychological, & Financial factors that drive decisions about the home
I realized a very long time ago that there is a large emotional and psychological component to every real estate transaction, and that needs to be balanced with the financial and procedural components so that people can make decisions that are in their best interest, and that of their family.

It is no coincidence that one of the most famous movie lines ever spoken was by Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. Picture Dorothy as she closed her eyes and clicked her little red heels and said those famous words... "There's no place like home, there's no place like home". Think about what your home means to you. For most of us, home is at the core of our lives. We begin and end each day there, and it is truly a reflection of who we are. Even Dorothy

finally understood that it is where our deepest emotional connections occur--both positive and negative. Few aspects of our lives are as emotionally charged as the place we call home. Because home is where the heart is, and the place of many of our most precious memories, when our home is in jeopardy we can feel like our heart is being ripped out of our chest and our world is literally being turned upside-down.

Whether our clients decide to remain in their home or to let it go, it is important to make sure that they understand the emotional ramifications of the decision and help them get support.

Psychologically, it becomes important to determine what will give our clients the most peace of mind. Do they have positive or negative memories in the home? How might it affect the children, who are already going through so many changes?

I have found that when I am working with clients going through the divorce process, and we explore their housing options, it is critical that they understand all three factors that drive their decisions, the emotional, psychological, AND financial, so that they can make the best choices.

In addition to the emotional and psychological factors, it is essential to address the many financial factors that will impact this important decision.

The first step is to:

2. Determine is how much the house is worth

Learn the difference between the appraised value and the market value. The appraised value can be determined by a licensed Appraiser, based primarily upon recent home sales. The market value, determined by an experienced Realtor, will address the marketability of the house, the average days on market, and current market conditions. Understand that the value can change quickly, and is determined by many factors!

3. Search ALL the liens against the house

Include first and second mortgages, HOA dues, real estate taxes, and mechanics liens. Research open permits that could affect the ability to sell. One spouse may take out a lien against the property without the knowledge of the other, and this can affect the home as a potential asset or liability if it is being included in a settlement.

Once you have determined the value of the house, the next decision is "can our client afford the house?" Understanding housing expenses and cash flow is critical at this stage of the process. This will comprise #s 4, 5, and 6.

4. Consider ALL of the housing expenses/carrying costs

These include common housing expenses, such as the mortgage, real estate taxes, insurance, and HOA dues, but there are many other monthly housing expenses and carrying costs that

also need to be considered, such as electric, water, pool, lawn, cable, telephone, etc. It is also important to understand exactly what the HOA covers. Sometimes this fee covers large expenses, like insurance, cable, water, and reserves for repairs, and sometimes it merely covers common areas or less significant items. When considering the budget, it is important to include this information.

5. When it comes to monthly expenses: Look at the Big Picture!

As we help our clients look at the big picture, they should consider other expenses, such as savings for college, camp, and extracurricular activities, saving money for a car, clothing, a vacation, and other "luxuries". These are all things that our clients need to address with their trusted financial professionals, and communication is the key for me as a Realtor to help guide them into the best housing choices so that they can stay on track with their overall financial goals.

6. Make sure there is enough money set aside as reserves for repairs and emergencies and income tax

Within months after I finalized my divorce, the house needed a new roof, a new air conditioner, a new refrigerator, and we had a cracked toilet that resulted in a flood and an insurance claim with a large deductible. This taught me a huge lesson, which I pass along to my clients.

7. Find out if they can qualify for a mortgage

Whether our clients decide that they want to stay in their current house and refinance so that they can remove their current spouse from the title and mortgage, or they decide to move on and purchase or rent a new home, it is important that they meet with a qualified, trusted mortgage broker so that they can find out what options they will have. With the constant changes in the lending industry, it is especially important to have up to date information, prior to making a recommendation or putting together a settlement agreement.

In addition to housing expenses, lenders will evaluate other revolving debts, such as car payments, credit card debt, and school loans. Usually, they will only focus on what is on the credit report. However, when going through divorce, they will need to consider child support and alimony, and this can get complicated. They will most likely need to look at the divorce paperwork to determine length of time of payments as well as the tax consequences of the payments.

Once we gather all the financial information and weigh the emotional attachment to the home and think about what makes the most sense psychologically, it becomes important to determine what will give our clients the most peace of mind and security.

8. Understand the importance of preserving the credit/FICO score

The importance of preserving optimal credit cannot be overstated. There are many factors that can impact a credit score, and it is essential to understand the specific dos and don'ts while going through the process. While this plays a critical role in obtaining a mortgage, credit

score can also wreak havoc when buying or leasing a car, obtaining other types of credit, and even getting a job.

9. Have written prior agreements

Often overlooked, this is one factor that is very specific to the divorce process. When listing the house, it is essential to put agreements into place with agreed upon automatic price reductions and minimum acceptable contract prices and terms. It is not uncommon to have one spouse use negotiations about the house as leverage to get other things throughout the process, and putting written prior agreements into place can help to avoid this pitfall. It is essential for me to work very closely with the divorce attorneys involved in the case so that we can work out agreements with both sides.

10. Leave enough time to pack and move

Under the best of circumstances, the process of packing and moving can be stressful. When someone is juggling work, family, AND the emotional trauma of divorce, the move from the family home can cause extreme distress. It becomes even more important to leave extra time to minimize the panic and make the transition as easy as possible.

Bonus Item:

*****MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD TEAM BY YOUR SIDE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!!!**

It really does take a village to help a family navigate through the divorce process, with input from a variety of knowledgeable and understanding professionals. In divorce, our clients are often looking for answers, trying to re-create the security that they felt when they were in their marriages. Even as their financial and emotional lives continue to shift, there are always options, and it is more important than ever to explore what those opportunities might be. As we discussed, every couple going through divorce is taking one home and dividing it into two--and often difficult decisions need to be made. Many people are faced with the difficult decision of whether to stay in their homes and struggle to make payments that are above their heads, or let their home go and try to find a way to move into a new home. At the same time, they are trying to make sense of the new rules and navigate their way through constant changes.

Either way, the choice is often complex, and it is difficult to sort through the field of information so that they can make an informed decision based upon real options. Whether they decide to stay or move, we know that we have helped our clients make an informed, well thought out decision as they MOVE through the divorce process!

On a more personal note, as I reflect upon my relationships this holiday season, I would like to thank FAWL for giving me the opportunity to be your sponsor. Over the past years, I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you, and building lasting relationships and friendships. I look forward to this coming year and continuing to find ways that I can bring value to your

organization, and work with many of you as a valued part of my team!

Laurie Dubow merged her Real Estate Brokerage with the Signature Companies in 2014, forming a true Real Estate Concierge! Now Broker of Signature Paradise Realty Int'l and Co-Broker of Signature Commercial Real Estate, Laurie brings a unique perspective. Along with her extensive real estate and mortgage expertise, she has a 20-year background in counseling, with a master's degree in psychotherapy, and a postmaster's in business administration. She earned the Luxury Home Marketing Specialist Designation, as well as the CDPE and REO Specialist Certification, which she has utilized in her experience testifying in court as an expert witness for real estate related matters. Laurie is passionate about helping others understand the importance of balancing the "emotional, psychological & financial aspects of real estate". For more information, visit www.SignatureParadise.com or call (561) 929-3329.

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of any balance due reported on the return, for fear of the nonrequesting spouse's retaliation, the Service will consider granting equitable relief *even though the deficiency or underpayment may be attributable in part or in full to an item of the requesting spouse.* The Service will also consider granting relief notwithstanding that the item giving rise to the understatement or deficiency is attributable to the requesting spouse if the requesting spouse establishes the error was caused by the nonrequesting spouse's fraud.

Tax law issues affect our clients in many ways. Keep your tax lawyer colleague's phone number on speed dial just in case.

Cathy Mitchell has been a lawyer for companies and individuals and has advanced tax law training. She represents entrepreneurs, artists, authors, sports figures, and others.

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SPBC FAWL was founded in 2003. SPBC FAWL's mission is to advance the professional status of women lawyers, to promote the rights of women generally, to enhance the visibility of women within the legal profession and within their communities, and to create and maintain supportive networks among women in the legal and other professions.

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MEMBER BENEFITS

Being a member of SPBC FAWL has so many wonderful benefits! Networking, friendship, mentoring, invatations to a variety of events, access to the newsletter, and automatic membership in State FAWL. The benefits of being a member of State FAWL are numerous--including a vast library of free CLEs! For any questions regarding membership, please contact Lisa Lullove at llullove@roiglawyers.com. For a list of membership benefits, please visit www.spbcfawl.org/membership and www.fawl.org/assets/docs/memberand%20state%20benefits.pdf.

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Please join or renew your membership with SPBC FAWL! You can join or renew your membership at any of our events or online at www.spbcfawl.org. Membership is available to female and male lawyers, the judiciary, and law students. In order to help and encourage law students to become involved in the legal community, SPBC FAWL has a scholarship fund to help law students pay for membership in SPBC FAWL. For any questions regarding membership, please contact Lisa Lullove at llullove@roiglawyers.com.

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Becoming a sponsor of SPBC FAWL is a wonderful way to meet our members and educate them about your business while at the same time supporting the advancement of women in the legal profession and enabling this orgaization to thrive. SPBC FAWL welcomes annual sponsors at all levels as well as sponsors for specific events. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and the many benefits of being a sponsor of SPBC FAWL, please contact Michelle Merson, Esq. at michelle@misdemenaorclinic.com.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 2016

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Holiday Party**, Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 5:30 P.M. to 8 P.M., at The Seagate Country Club, 3600 Hamlet Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33445.

January 2017

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, January 4, 2017 from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Joint Luncheon with SPBC Bar Association**, Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M., at Morton's Steakhouse in Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Circle, #219, Boca Raton, FL 33486, Speaker Florida Bar President William Schifino.

February 2017

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M., at Mariposa at Neiman Marcus, Boca Town Center, 5860 Glades Road, Level Two, Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton, FL 33431, Speaker Shari Boreck on Technology and the Law.
- **Annual Judicial Reception Honoring South County Judges and Magistrates**, Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., at 32 East, 32 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

March 2017

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 from 12 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M., at Mariposa at Neiman Marcus, Boca Town Center, 5860 Glades Road, Level Two, Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton, FL 33431, Speaker Kevin Gilpin on Identity Protection.
- **Past Presidents Committee "Woman Lawyer of the Year" Awards Ceremony**, Thursday, March 16, 2017, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., location TBD.

April 2017

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 12 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M., at Mariposa at Neiman Marcus, Boca Town Center, 5860 Glades Road, Level Two, Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

May 2017

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 12 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M., at Mariposa at Neiman Marcus, Boca Town Center, 5860 Glades Road, Level Two, Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

June 2017

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, June 7, 2017 from 12 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Frank, Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 10, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Installation Luncheon**, Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. location TBD.

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