

Chairs Message, Fall 2018

Welcome to the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar. We are the central point for business lawyers throughout Florida to connect and find practical information about business law developments in business entities, securities, bankruptcy, banking, commercial finance, franchise, antitrust, intellectual property, electronic discovery, and computer law. We provide unparalleled opportunities for business lawyers to become engaged in Section activities, collaborate with Florida's most accomplished business lawyers, judiciary, and serve the legal profession and the State of Florida.

The Section has actively initiated policy-driven business law legislation in Florida. We are spearheading revisions to Florida's Corporate Statutes, Florida's Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act, and Florida's Fraudulent Transfer Act, as well as legislative initiatives in technology, business entities, and business litigation. The section is also a resource for the judiciary to learn about current business practices, and how they relate to difficult legal questions presented in cases.

The Section provides a forum for collaborative learning and interaction among attorneys engaged in substantive business law issues, including transactional lawyers, litigators, and members of the state and federal judiciary. We have active committees and produce nationally renowned CLE programs including the annual View from the Bench, The Federal Securities Law Institute, the Intellectual Property Law Symposium, the annual Electronic Discovery Update, an annual Section Labor Day Retreat, and many others.

We promote the principles of duty and service to the public, emphasize the importance of pro bono services, and promote diversity, inclusion and mentoring. Our active Fellows program annually selects exceptional young attorneys, subsidizing their attendance at Section meetings and integrating them into Section activities. Our recently launched Scholar's Program supports the engagement of students from Florida's twelve law schools who are interested in business law careers. Overall, we seek to project the principles of diversity, inclusion, service, and fellowship in the practice of business law throughout our membership.

We hope to see you at our Labor Day Retreat, our mid-year meeting, or during the Florida Bar's annual meeting. Please check this site for updates on meetings and programs.

As Chair of the Business Law Section, I invite you to become an engaged member of our Section. If you are not already a member, [click here to join](#).

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Chair