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10th Judicial Circuit Launch of the Florida Bar's ONE Campaign

The oath to "never reject the cause of the defenseless or oppressed" was reviewed by 114 attorneys who attended the 10th Judicial Circuit's launch of the Florida Bar's Pro Bono ONE Campaign on Friday, November 5, 2010 held at Grasslands Country Club in Lakeland, organized by Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS) and hosted by the Lakeland Bar Association.

Attorney R. Kent Lilly, President of the Lakeland Bar Association, opened the program with a welcome and introduction to the Honorable J. David Langford, Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit. Judge Langford then introduced the circuit's Pro Bono Committee and presented the Tobias Simon Award Nomination from the 10th Circuit to Stephen R. Senn, Esq., of Peterson-Myers, P.A. who had donated over 600 hours in the past few years to *pro bono* clients.

The Florida Bar's ONE Campaign Video was shown, featuring Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Peggy Quince and the Honorable William Van Nortwick, Jr. of the First District Court of Appeal, who discussed the unquantified satisfaction received from helping those with low incomes.

The keynote speaker, Mayanne Downs, Esq., President of the Florida Bar, was introduced by Richard Nail, Esq., the 10th Judicial Circuit Member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors. Attorney Downs encouraged attorneys to calendar their oath annually and review it to remind themselves of the importance of assisting the indigent with their legal needs. She challenged attorneys to take a case (or two) *pro bono* with the theme "One Attorney. One Client. One Promise."

Don Isaac, Esq., Director of FRLS, addressed the audience and with the assistance of Dorene Yates, Pro Bono Coordinator, handed out awards to thirty-five attorneys who took *pro bono* cases during 2009 and 2010 as follows: Jack Brandon, Esq.; Joshua Brown, Esq.; William Chambers, IV, Esq.; Samuel Crosby, Esq.; Cassandra Denmark, Esq.; Kevin D'Espies, Esq.; Christopher Desrochers, Esq.; Eva M. Donohue, Esq.; William E. Evans, Jr., Esq.; Christopher M. Fear, Esq.; James "Rusty" Franklin, Esq.; Arthur Charles Fulmer, Jr., Esq.; Margery D. Greulich, Esq.; Pierce J. Guard, Jr., Esq.; Brian W. Haas, Esq.; Suzanne L. Harris, Esq.; Matthew J. Kovschak, Esq.; Chrystal S. Martin, Esq.; John K. McClure, Esq.; James F. McCollum, Esq.; Karen I. Meeks, Esq.; Keith D. Miller, Esq.; Dana Y. Moore, Esq.; Thomas L. Nunnallee, Esq.; Abigail E. O'Connor, Esq.; Andres N. Oliveros, Esq.; Sean R. Parker, Esq.; Daniel F. Pilka, Esq.; A. Renee Pobjecky, Esq.; J. David Pobjecky, Esq.; J. Scott Reed, Esq.; William J. Rinaldo, Esq.; Ira A. Serebrin, Esq.; Stephen R. Senn, Esq.; Mark A. Sessums, Esq.; Breezi Kai Stanislaus, Esq.; and Nicholas J. Troiano, Esq. Other attorneys were recognized in the program for their financial contribution to FRLS.

One attorney, making one promise and taking one case can make a profound difference in the future of those who have nowhere else to turn for legal assistance. It is through the unselfish efforts and voluntary participation of local attorneys that equal access to justice is provided to the indigent of our community.



L to R: Richard Nail, 10th Judicial Circuit Board of Governors Representative; Mayanne Downs, President of The Florida Bar; Kent Lilly, President of the Lakeland Bar Association.



L to R: Dorene Yates, Pro Bono Coordinator; Don Isaac, FRLS Director; Stephen Senn, Tobias Simon Award Nominee; the Honorable J. David Langford, Chief Judge



(Attorney Award Recipients – 8) Front Row L to R: Cassandra Denmark, Esq., Breezi Stanislaus, Esq., Dana Moore, Esq., Back Row L to R: Samuel Crosby, Esq., Suzanne Harris, Esq., Ira Serebrin, Esq., A. Renee Pobjecky, Esq. and William Evans, Jr., Esq.