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North Florida Chapter Q4 News and Information

Chapter President's Letter

By Caroline Prieto (Beeline)

Dear ACC North Florida Chapter Members,

As we approach the end of 2019, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all of the achievements our chapter has reached this year, thanks to our fantastic members, sponsors, and 2019 leadership. During 2019, six sponsors supported our chapter and presented 6 CLEs to our members, including CLEs for ethics and technology credit. We published 13 articles authored by members of our sponsoring firms in our quarterly chapter newsletters that further educated our membership and gave our sponsors an opportunity to share their expertise. Our six sponsors hosted a combined total of nine social events giving our chapter a chance to connect with each other and our sponsoring firms. We hosted a membership event at Smash to permit our members to further engage with one another, and in furtherance of our chapter's diversity initiatives also hosted our annual women's event. Through our community outreach committee, our chapter organized supply drives for school supplies, canned food, and toys that benefitted three local charities (Beam, Teach for America, and Blessings in a Backpack) and provided much needed supplies for our teachers, families, and over 100 children in our community. Our chapter also volunteered with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid to provide pro bono legal service opportunities through the Advance Directives nights and Guardianship Project. To conclude 2019, at our annual membership meeting we welcomed six new Board members in addition to seven returning Board members.



Caroline Prieto, ACC N. FL Chapter President

Our accomplishments during 2019 as a Chapter could not have been possible without our members, our sponsors, and our 2019 Board and Officers. Thank you all for your participation and support of our organization. We enter 2020 with many great initiatives and events planned. We welcome back seven returning sponsors (Jackson Lewis PC, McGuire Woods, Holland & Knight, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Littler, Jimerson Birr, and Adams and Reese LLP) and welcome Casa Counsel as a new sponsor. We are hitting the ground running with our first sponsor event (a Mardi Gras themed social event) to

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be hosted by Adams and Reese on February 20, 2020. Please continue to support our Chapter during 2020 by attending sponsor and membership events, participating on committees, engaging with members of our sponsoring firms, participating in or contributing to our community and diversity initiatives, and contacting Chapter leadership for ways to get further involved. I look forward to a fantastic 2020 for our Chapter.

Thank you!

Caroline Prieto, ACC North Florida President

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Toy Drive for Blessings in a Backpack

By Megan Wilson (Fidelity National Financial)

Our members had the opportunity to spread a little holiday cheer to one hundred children in our community this holiday season. ACC North Florida partnered with First Coast Blessings in a Backpack to gift local children some fun sports equipment and healthy snacks to enjoy over their holiday school break. Blessings in a Backpack is a 501 c(3) private, non-profit organization feeding over 4,300 kids in elementary schools across St. Johns and Duval County every weekend during the school year who might otherwise go hungry. You can learn more about First Coast Blessings in a Backpack here: <https://www.firstcoastblessingsinabackpack.com/home.html>.

In conjunction with the Jackson Lewis annual Holiday Party on December 11, members generously donated sports equipment and outdoor games to the Blessings in a Backpack children who attend a Duval County elementary school. Community Outreach Committee co-chairs, Megan Wilson and Stephanie Waidner, had the privilege to visit the elementary school and deliver the gifts to the surprise and delight of the children. Thank you to all of our members who participated in the donation drive for your kindness and generosity!

If you'd like to get involved in other community service projects in 2020, please reach out to Megan Wilson (megan.wilson@fnf.com; 904.701.6119) or Stephanie Waidner (StephanieWaidner@regencycenters.com; 904.598.7792) to find out more about our chapter's Community Outreach Committee.



(Photos by Megan Wilson)

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And welcome to these new 2020 sponsors!

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Welcome to our new and renewing members!

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Past Event Recap - Annual Meeting of Members and McGuireWoods CLE at the River Club

Annual Meeting of Members and McGuireWoods CLE with Tom Spahn at the River Club- Oct 10.



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World Affairs Council - Upcoming Events

By Barbara Johnston, ACC Board of Directors (General Counsel, Regency Centers)

The following are upcoming events to calendar for the first quarter of 2020. Please reach out to Barbara Johnston if you have any questions: BarbaraJohnston@regencycenters.com.

Global Issues Luncheon

January 28, 2020, 12:00 PM

Global Growth in a 4D World

The River Club, Jacksonville, FL

Ruchir Sharma

Global Issues Evenings

January 14, 2020, 7:00 PM

Global Power and Sea Power

Adam W. Herbert University Center, Jacksonville, FL

Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN (RET.)

February 5, 2020, 7:00 PM

A Conversation with Madeleine Albright

5:30 PM reception in the UNF Field House and 7:00 PM presentation in the UNF Arena, Jacksonville, FL

Secretary Madeleine K. Albright

March 24, 2020, 7:00 PM

China: The Asia-Pacific Struggle for Control

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Upcoming ACC Events



Join us for these upcoming events:

- **February 20, 2020:** SAVE THE DATE for a Mardi Gras social event hosted by Adams and Reese.

National Events:

- **Oct 13-16, 2020** - ACC Annual Meeting at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. [More info...](#)

Do you have pictures from a past event to include in the newsletter? Please send those to Kathy Hartland at nfla@accglobal.com.

Please be sure to check our Chapter page for additional information on upcoming events by clicking [here](#). [Read more](#)

Legal Articles

'Tis the Season for Retail and Hospitality Establishments to Remember their Obligations to Accommodate Service Animals Under the ADA

By Nancy A. Beyer, Esquire (Littler Mendelson, P.C.)

Owners of retail and hospitality establishments must be cognizant of the applicability of two different sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") that address their obligation to accommodate service animals in their places of business.

First, as businesses serving the public, retail and hospitality establishments must allow customers with disabilities to bring their service animals onto their premises pursuant to Title III of the ADA. In addition, as employers, these businesses must address requests by employees to bring service animals to the workplace as a reasonable accommodation under Title I of the ADA. While both Titles I and III apply to accommodating service animals, they differ in several key respects. [Read more](#)



Nancy Beyer

What is a Prior Material Breach and What Does it Mean for My Contract?

By Austin T. Hamilton (Jimerson Birr)

Most lawyers can recite the elements for a cause of action for breach of contract. However, not as many lawyers can explain the effect of a prior material breach on a contract. This article analyzes prior material breaches and the effect on future performance of the

contract. Many of the concepts discussed below should also be considered while negotiating and drafting future contracts. [Read more](#)



Austin T. Hamilton

Florida's New Texting While Driving Law: What General Counsel Need to Know

By Paul R. Hitchcock (Holland and Knight LLP)

A patron presses her thumb to a scanner station posted at the entrance of a theme park. The finger scan is converted to a numeric algorithm that serves to validate the patron's identity for future visits. The entire transaction, in which the patron transferred her fingerprint, i.e., her biometric information, to the park, occurred in a matter of seconds. The park did not explain the significance of the scan and, consequently, the patron did not provide informed consent. [Read more](#)



Paul R. Hitchcock

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