

Business Law Section of the Florida Bar

Rules of Court Committee

Labor Day Retreat Meeting
Saturday, August 30, 2025
1:00 – 2:00 pm
Calusa 10

Chair: Jodi Dubose - Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler P.A., (Pensacola)

First Vice-Chair: Allison Leonard - Damian | Valori | Culmo (Miami)

Second Vice-Chair: Avery Chapman - Equine Law Group (Wellington)

State Court Judicial Chair: Judge Darren Farfante - Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Tampa)

Federal Court Judicial Chair: Judge Melissa Damian - SDFL (Fort Lauderdale)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pro Bono Pledge

The mission of the Pro Bono Committee is to achieve 100% participation in Pro Bono Service by Business Law Section members and attorneys in their firms.

3. Introductions – Judicial Chairs & Committee Members

4. Old Business

- a. Update: ESI Protocol Guidelines – Avery Chapman, Valeri David, Judge Artigliere
- b. CLE
 - i. 2025-2026 CLE presentations
 - 1. Conferrals under Rule 1.202?
 - 2. Ch. 48 service of process Glitch bill? (Jim Murphy, Zane Katz)
 - 3. Proportionality under Rules 1.350 and 1.340, including a mock hearing (Russ Landy?)
 - 4. Local Rules/Practices comparison in Florida Bankruptcy Courts? (Jodi Dubose)
 - ii. Timing

5. New Business

- a. Discussion: Opportunity for Comments on Amendments to the Rules of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals
<https://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/rules/proposed-revisions>
Comment Period: August 4 – September 3, 2025
- b. Discussion: Request for Comments on Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules & Forms:
 - i. Appellate Rule 15

- ii. Bankruptcy Rule 2002/Official Forms 101 & 106C
- iii. Civil Rules 7.1, 26, 41, 45, 81
- iv. Criminal Rule 17
- v. Evidence Rule 609, new rule 707

<https://www.uscourts.gov/forms-rules/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>
Comment Period: August 15, 2025 – February 16, 2026

c. Update: New Local Rules/Forms

- i. FLNB: New PHV form
- ii. FLMB: Amendments to local rules 1001-2, 1071-1, 2014-1 effective 8/15/25
https://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/announcements/documents/upload/708854428_File_1.pdf

6. Adjournment