

Please join us
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
8:30 am to 1:45 pm

Dade County Defense Bar Association's
Fall 2013 Seminar:

**Jumping the Gun: Giving Young
Lawyers a Head Start on Success**



This half day seminar is designed to get new and younger lawyers started off on the right foot and ahead of the game. Practical tips, ethical guidelines, and winning methods will be the topics discussed during this informative and entertaining half-day program presented by some of South Florida's most accomplished attorneys. Finally, a lunchtime panel – which can be attended separately – will give three judges, one from each of the federal, state trial and appellate courts, the opportunity to openly share what they love – and hate – to see and hear from the attorneys who practice before them.

Who should attend the morning session:

- New lawyers – Old lawyers new to Florida – 3Ls**
- Lawyers who hire, mentor, train or supervise new lawyers – Big firm heads of litigation –**
- Small firm bosses with limited training budgets –**
- Lawyers at any level who want to freshen their outlook and sharpen their skills**

Seminar Plus Lunch (4 CLEs):

Members: \$100.00

Non-Members: \$125.00

Students: \$50.00

Lunch Only (1 CLE):

Members: \$45.00

Non-Members: \$50.00

PROGRAM

8:30 – 8:50: *Registration and networking*

8:50 – 9:00: *Welcome*

9:00 – 9:50: **Practice Tips for Young Lawyers**

Raul Chacon, a partner with the Chartwell Law Offices, LLP, is a board-certified admiralty lawyer and product liability defense specialist. In addition to being an author on technical maritime legal issues, Chacon is a frequent speaker on techniques for effective discovery, depositions and the development and use of expert testimony.

10:00–10:50: **Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls: New Lawyers/Old Problems**

Brian Tannebaum, a partner with Tannebaum and Weiss, splits his practice between criminal defense and the representation of lawyers before the Bar. A widely published blogger and author, Tannebaum is a former president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a frequent speaker on the topic of attorney regulation.

Robert Kuntz, a partner with Devine Goodman Rasco Watts-FitzGerald & Wells PA, is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law, where he teaches Professional Responsibility. A commercial litigator, Kuntz is also a frequent speaker on the topic of legal ethics.

10:50-11:00: *Morning Break*

11:00 – 11:50: **Winning Secrets Revealed: How to Advocate like a Veteran Trial Lawyer**

Ervin Gonzalez, a partner with Colson Hicks Eidson, is a board-certified civil trial lawyer and one the country's pre-eminent personal injury and plaintiffs' class action attorneys. A frequent speaker on the topic of trial practice and advocacy, Gonzalez has won more than 29 verdicts in excess of \$1 million.

11:50-12:15: *Lunch registration and networking*

12:15-1:45: **LUNCH JUDICIAL PANEL**

What Judges Hate to Hear/What Judges Love to Hear, *The Hon. Patricia Seitz, The Hon. Kevin Emas, and The Hon. Milton Hirsch*

Four Florida CLE credits have been applied for, including one hour of ethics.

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Judge Patricia Seitz was appointed United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida in 1998. Before the federal bench, Judge Seitz was Legal Counsel to the Drug Czar, Gen. Barry McCaffrey in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Before that, she was a partner in Steel, Hector & Davis, LLP for her entire private practice career. In 1993-94, she served as President of the Florida Bar, the first woman ever elected to that office.

Judge Kevin Emas was elevated to the Third District Court in 2010, after a 14 year career on the state bench, where he served as both a County and Circuit Court judge in Miami-Dade County. Before joining the bench, Judge Emas was in private practice for 14 years, following service as an Assistant Public Defender.

Judge Milton Hirsch was elected a Circuit Court Judge in the Miami-Dade in 2010, following a career as a criminal defense attorney. He joined the legal profession as an Assistant State Attorney. In addition to numerous scholarly articles, primarily on evidentiary and criminal defense issues, Judge Hirsch is the author of the award-winning novel, The Shadow of Justice.