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Law Center Plus: Continuing Your Legal Education

Follow the Money: Forensic Accounting and
Mandatory Disclosure in Family Law

**Friday, February 10, 2017
7:30 am – 9:30 am
NSU Shepard Broad College of Law
3305 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314**

Joyce Julian has been working in Florida courtrooms as a judge, magistrate, and attorney for over 30 years, serving the people of Fort Lauderdale and surrounding Florida communities in and around Broward County. Joyce earned her law degree from the Shepard Broad College of Law at Nova Southeastern University and also obtained a Master's Degree in Forensic Accounting.



Joyce was honored to serve as both a Magistrate Hearing Officer for 10 years (including 8 years as the Chief General Magistrate for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit), and as a Broward County Circuit Court judge for 6 years. In her time serving as a judge on the Broward County Circuit Court, Joyce served in both the Family and Criminal Courts, where she presided over thousands of cases involving divorce, custody, adoption, and criminal prosecutions.

Divorce law often involves difficult-to-find assets as well as complicated questions of valuation and ownership, and Joyce will put her years of forensic accounting experience to work for you in ensuring you get the financial results that you deserve. Likewise, many white collar criminal cases depend on understanding complicated financial instruments and information which may go beyond the understanding of a typical lawyer or prosecutor, but Joyce's mastery of accounting procedures and skills will give you the edge in fighting your criminal case.

Elgin F. Polo, CPA, ABV, CVA is a partner at Kabat, Schertzer, De La Torre, Taraboulos & Co., LLC. Elgin has been in the public accounting profession since 1997.



Elgin is recognized as a court-appointed neutral forensic accountant in both Miami-Dade and Broward County courts, where he also has served as an expert witness in commercial disputes. His civil litigation experience includes lost profit analysis, business valuations, settlement negotiations, purchase or sale of a business and shareholder disputes.

Elgin also specializes in forensic accounting and valuation matters for matrimonial dissolution cases. He works with the separating parties and their attorneys to provide income and expense evaluations, asset and liability analysis, property distribution, alimony and child support computations, client representation in mediations and expert witness depositions.

Elgin provides business and accounting guidance to small businesses in the areas of retail establishments, real estate investments and professional services.

Elgin is a certified public accountant in Florida and New York. He is also a certified valuation analyst, accredited in business valuation and a Supreme Court certified family mediator. He is also an adjunct professor in accounting at Florida International University.

Mark E. Sawicki is a Fort Lauderdale Family Law Attorney handling all types of matrimonial related matters for South Florida.



Mark earned his Bachelor's degree from the prestigious SUNY Binghamton University with high honors. He then received his Juris Doctorate from Nova's Shepard Broad College of Law. While in law school Mark interned at Palm Beach County's Staff Attorneys office. During this internship is when he was first exposed to the courtroom, and especially Family law. This lead Mark to excel in numerous advanced Trial, Business , and Family law classes further honing his skill at focusing on Family law, and Trial work. Sawicki was active in numerous organizations such as Jewish Law Students Association, and the most senior member of the Academic Dishonesty Panel, a distinction received for being a member for 3 years.

Upon admittance to the Florida Bar Mark E. Sawicki immersed himself in the practice of Family Law. Immediately learning law and court room strategy from a well respected sole practitioner in South Florida. He decided to open his own law firm using his skills and knowledge learned from his time spent practicing Family Law in South Florida. Mark E. Sawicki is a member of the Broward Bar, and the Florida Bar Family Law section.

Welcome & Introduction:

8:00 to 8:05 am

Laura Dietz, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law Director of Alumni Relations, Welcome & Introduce: Mark E. Sawicki, Esq., Joyce Julian, Esq., and Elgin Polo, CPA.

Seminar Presentation

8:05- 9:00 am Learning Outcomes include:

- How to properly represent Family Law Clients regarding Financial Disclosure
- Review standard of conduct and Ethics in the production of materials, and the Attorney- Client Relationship
- Florida Rule 12.285, understanding the format and requirement set forth under the rule
- Understanding how a CPA or Forensic Accountant can assist as to an individual or Corporation; for Alimony, Equitable Distribution, Temporary Attorneys Fees purposes, etc.
- Working together with clients, opposing counsel, and within the rules to keep the discovery costs down during a family law litigation case.

9:00 - 9:30 am Q&A

Resources:

Rule 12.285 http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/comments/2005/05-117_FullPageRules.pdf



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