

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Pictured here (from left to right) are Kristen Feuer, Karen J. Ladis, Melanie Hyer, and Wendy Robbins.

We were thrilled to gather for the **Eighth Annual Probate & Guardianship Holiday Party**, a cherished tradition organized by **Melanie Hyer, Pro Estate Realty**, supported by the **Miami Dade Bar Probate and Guardianship Committee**, and hosted by **The Palace**, to benefit **Dade Legal Aid**. This annual event is generously underwritten by Melanie, and brings together judges, attorneys, guardians, and the community for an evening of connection, gratitude, and holiday cheer. More than just a festive gathering, the event served a meaningful purpose. Every dollar raised directly supports **Dade Legal Aid's** work on behalf of low-income individuals who rely on services for critical guardianship and probate matters. Thanks to the generosity of our attendees and sponsors, we are able to continue providing essential legal assistance to vulnerable adults, minors, and families navigating complex court processes. This year's celebration highlighted not only the strength of our legal community, but also the collective commitment to ensuring access to justice for all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Melanie, The Palace, the Bar**, and everyone who attended, contributed, and helped make this year's holiday party a success.



MDFAWL Holiday Party



Domestic Violence Holiday Party

December was a vibrant month filled with community engagement, collaboration, and celebration. Our team attended the **MDFAWL** and **Domestic Violence Court Holiday parties**, joining colleagues and partners from across the legal community and recognizing shared accomplishments. We are so grateful for all of the work of our current and former domestic violence staff who have dedicated their careers to providing legal services for survivors. We were also proud to attend **COLBAR's 30th Anniversary Installation Masquerade Ball** and to celebrate all of their achievements over the decades. And, in partnership with the **Bankruptcy Bar Association, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, and Dade Legal Aid's Heirs' Property Project**, we presented a **Financial Literacy Workshop at The Joseph Caleb Center**. Special thanks to our outstanding presenters **Tara Trevorrorow, Raychelle Tasher, and Sonya Rodricks** for providing accessible, empowering information to community members.

We also attended a law firm luncheon on pro bono opportunities at **Greenberg Traurig**, where we recognized **Ashley Garcia, Esq.**, an Associate with the firm, for her exceptional work as a **Pro Bono Guardian ad Litem**, and presented **Greenberg Traurig Litigation Partner, Mark Salky**, with a **Pro Bono Award** for the firm's continued dedication to serving our community. This presentation featured the **Honorable David Young, Co-Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee**, and **Stephanie Grosman, Law Firm Coordinator, Put Something Back.**, who provided remarks on the profound impact of pro bono service.



Financial Literacy
Workshop



Greenberg Traurig
Luncheon



COLBAR Gala



Altogether, these events reflect the strength of our partnerships and our ongoing commitment to justice, advocacy, and community service.



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**THE PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP
COMMITTEE OF THE MIAMI DADE BAR**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026



TIME:
8:30AM-9AM - REGISTRATION
9AM-NOON - SEMINAR



LOCATION:
AKERMAN
98 SOUTHEAST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 1100
MIAMI, FL 33131

***3.0 CLE APPLIED FOR**

Mark your calendars for the 2026 **You Be the Judge: For Newbies and Pros Seminar**, presented by the **Probate and Guardianship Committee of the Miami Dade Bar**. This engaging and highly anticipated program returns on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**, offering participants the chance to gain practical insights into probate and guardianship practice. Hosted at Akerman, the event begins with registration from 8:30 AM-9:00 AM, followed by an informative seminar from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. 3.0 CLE credits have been applied for. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**, stay tuned for more details and speakers, and don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your skills, learn from leaders in the field, and connect with colleagues across the Probate and Guardianship community.