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North Florida Chapter



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## North Florida Chapter Q1 News and Information

### Chapter President's Letter

*By Robert Ledoux (Florida East Coast Railway)*



**Robert Ledoux, ACC N. FL Chapter President**

Dear ACC North Florida Chapter Members,

The year is already a quarter done. The spring ramps up our events for the NFLACC. We started the year with a member appreciation event at Smash that was well attended. The months ahead have interesting social and CLE opportunities. We encourage all the members to check out our website and sign up. I want to thank the programs committee for developing a great set of activities for our membership.

Hope to see you at our next event.

Very Best,  
Robert Ledoux, ACC North Florida President

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### Past Event Recap - Smash Event Celebrating Our Membership!

ACC North Florida Chapter celebrated our membership this year with an event at "Smash" on February 21. Our members donned sweatbands and played ping pong, ate delicious snacks and drank cocktails. The chapter also held a non-perishable food drive, the proceeds of which were donated to the BEAM Food Pantry. Finally, a drawing was held to select the lucky member who will have his tuition paid at the next ACC Annual Meeting to be held in October in Arizona: Robert Wohn. Congratulations Robert!

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(Photos by Kathy Hartland)

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## ACC North Florida Chapter - Welcome NEW Members!

Welcome to our new members!

Rachael Pileggi, Designs for Health, Inc.  
 Stephanie Shaw, TIAA Bank  
 James R. Hubbard, TIAA Bank  
 Beth Luciano  
 Michaela Albon, TIAA Bank  
 Ursula Eikman Baum, TIAA Bank  
 Stephen J. Hanson, TIAA Bank  
 Thomas Edward Ross, TIAA Bank  
 Kevin Baker, TIAA Bank  
 Laura C Tierney, Fidelity National Title Group, Inc.  
 Chelsea Palmer, Fidelity National Financial, Inc.  
 David W. Barrett, TIAA Bank  
 Amy C. Wagner, TIAA Bank  
 Stacey L. Harbeson, TIAA Bank  
 Tanya Inama, Allstate Insurance Company  
 Cassie Sadowitz, Jacksonville Jaguars  
 Catherine Michaud, Fidelity National Financial, Inc.  
 Matthew Lynn, DLP Real Estate Capital  
 John Maroney, TIAA Bank  
 Amanda J. Bowman, ONSOLVE LLC  
 Maria Aguilar, TIAA Bank  
 Andrew Landon, Convergys - an affiliate of SYNEX  
 Allison Keller, PGA Tour  
 Kurt Schumacher, TIAA Bank  
 Jessica K. Huntley, Deutsche Bank  
 Mark G. Baum, TIAA Bank  
 Jonathan R. Sacks, Ash Properties  
 Michelle Trost, TIAA Bank

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## Special Announcement - Winner of the Membership Appreciation Contest!

Congratulations to the winner of our membership appreciation drawing: Robert Wohn. He has won tuition for the next Annual Meeting of the Members, which will be held in Arizona in October. [Read more](#)

**Winner**

## Community Outreach Committee Update

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Megan Wilson (Fidelity National Financial)

Thank you to our generous members who donated non-perishable food items at our Member Appreciation event at SMASH in February! Because of your kindness, the Community Outreach Committee of ACC North Florida was able to contribute several large boxes packed with food to BEAM's food pantry.

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Thank you for your generosity!

## World Affairs Council - Upcoming Events

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

ACC is sponsoring the World Affairs Council Global Business Luncheon on May 22. Since we are a sponsor, we have several seats to fill at no cost to ACC Members and their guests! This should be a very interesting luncheon, so please consider attending. Our available spots will be filled on a first-come first served basis, so don't wait! If you wish to attend, please make sure to let Barbara Johnston know: [BarbaraJohnston@regencycenters.com](mailto:BarbaraJohnston@regencycenters.com).

The following is a list of upcoming events for the first quarter of 2019.

### Global Business Luncheons

April 2, 2019, Noon

**Globalization vs. Nationalism**

The River Club, Jacksonville, FL

Rawi E. Abdelal

May 22, 2019, Noon

**Annual Event Hosted Jointly with the Fed Featuring a Keynote Speaker from the 2019 Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Financial Markets**

The River Club / Jacksonville, FL

Federal Reserve of Atlanta

### Global Issues Evenings

April 9, 2019, 7:00 PM

**Our Towns**

UNF, Jacksonville, FL

James Fallows and Deborah Fallows, PH.D.

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## Upcoming ACC Events

Our chapter also has several upcoming events that you won't want to miss:

- **Apr 3, 2019, Join Jimerson Birr for a Judicial Panel and Cocktail Reception** at the River Club from 4:30 to 6:30. Look for your invitation in your email box (and let Kathy know if you did not receive it). [Click HERE to RSVP](#)

- **April 10, 2019, ACC Board will honor our Sponsors at a reception** (location to be determined).
- **April 18, 2019, Join McGuireWoods and bring the family to a Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game.** Look for your invitation in your email box. [Click HERE to RSVP](#)
- **May 15, 2019, Social Event with Shutts & Bowen LLP at Moxie.** Details will be announced soon.

National Events:

- **Apr 28-30, 2019, ACC XChange, Minneapolis, MN.** [More info ...](#)
- **Sept 2019, Corporate & Securities Law Network Call, Online.** [More info ...](#)
- **Oct 27-30, ACC Annual Meeting at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, AZ.** [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](mailto:nfla@accglobal.com).

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

## Legal Articles

### Enforcing Restrictive Covenants in Florida Today

*By Nancy Johnson (Littler Mendelson, P.C.)*

2018 brought significant changes to non-competition laws throughout the United States. California and Massachusetts implemented new restrictions on the ability to enforce restrictive covenants. Despite sweeping changes elsewhere, Florida – historically one of the friendliest states in which to enforce a restrictive covenant – largely has remained steady in its overall approach to enforcing reasonable restrictive covenants supported by legitimate business considerations. [Read more](#)



Nancy Johnson

### Can Real Estate Seller Disclosure Obligations (Johnson V. Davis) Be Waived in a Purchase and Sale Agreement?

*By Charles B. Jimerson, Esq. (Jimerson & Cobb, P.A.)*

We are often asked by buyers and sellers alike as to what obligations of disclosure a seller has on a residential real estate transaction. Thanks to well established Florida precedent, in Johnson v. Davis, the Florida Supreme Court created an obligation on sellers of residential real estate to disclose latent defects in their property to buyers. Now that the sale of existing homes is on the rise, sellers of real property are often looking for guidance as to what must be disclosed and how to best protect themselves in a residential real estate transaction. This article will address Florida law on sellers disclosures and whether sellers may use contractual clauses that seek to minimize or obviate their Johnson v. Davis disclosure obligations. [Read more](#)



Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

## The Lanham Act and its Extraterritorial Reach

*D. Brad Hughes, Esq (Jimerson Birr, P.A.)*

The Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. §1051) is the primary vehicle in the United States for protecting trademarks and copyrights. However, as technology makes the world smaller companies based in the United States must decide how to protect their valuable trademarks and copyrights in the global market. There are two primary approaches that can be taken to protect the product of a United States corporation in the global market. The first approach is to register your company's mark and/or copyright in each individual country in which your product may become available, or in which your company's product may be counterfeited. This can be overwhelming as there are so many countries, with their own unique registration process. The second approach is to utilize United States law to protect your trademarks and copyrights in the global market. Although the jurisdiction of the United States Federal Courts are limited, the Federal Courts will allow jurisdiction of some primarily extraterritorial disputes when a United States trademark or copyright is exploited outside of the United States. [Read more](#)



**D. Brad Hughes, Esq**

## Florida's Non-Compete Law Draws Fire

*Colin A.Thakkar (Jackson Lewis P.C.)*

The Sunshine State has arguably the most permissive non-compete law in the country. Just months into 2019, however, the future of that law looks a little less bright, with dual attacks at the state and federal level. [Read more](#)



**Colin A.Thakkar**

## What is Captive Insurance...and Why Should I Care?

*By Susan E. Mack (Adams and Reese LLP)*

What is Captive Insurance...and Why Should I Care?

Given the diversity of industries and professional disciplines which characterize Greater Jacksonville, you may well not work for an insurance company. So, for you, a corporate lawyer who is not an insurance specialist, why is it important to know about captive insurance?

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**Susan E. Mack**

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