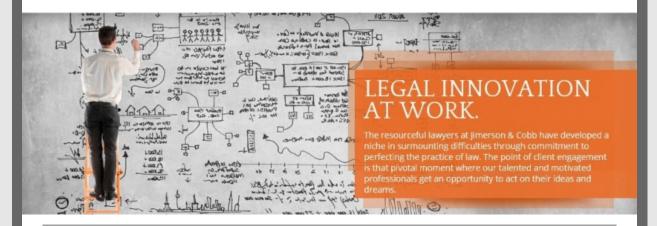


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"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." -John Quincy Adams

> Patience is how well you endure under difficult circumstances before experiencing negativity. It is also used to refer to the character trait of being steadfast. Patience is most definitely virtue. The best way to teach patience is to practice patience. You must train you mind for patience. Play chess. Work in a garden. Work on something where the result is not instantaneous. One of the downfalls of our battery operated lifestyles is that the opportunities to model and



practice patience are quickly dwindling. John Quincy Adams understood that patience alone cannot overcome. You must also have perseverance.

Perseverance is the choice and willingness to confront difficult circumstances. It is persistence and tenacity. The effort required to do something and keep doing it until the end, even if it's hard. Perseverance can be subjectively measured by ones "grit". Those who are high in grit are determination and able to maintain their motivation lack despite the of positive feedback. Their passion and commitment toward

long term objectives is the overriding factor that provides the stamina required to "stay the course" despite challenges and setbacks. In other words, you cannot have perseverance without patience.

Last month was a very large test of patience for the firm. We experienced great personal and professional challenges. Being displaced from the office tested everyone's patience and resolve. Now that we have endured through this difficult circumstance, we, as a firm, have experienced and practiced patience. Some of us responded by working extra hours to make up for the operational interruption and some of us went on covert rescue missions to save the firm pets (Thank you Jessica). But in the end, the firm became more patient. I cannot recall one negative statement about being displaced.



Office pets are safe!

As a firm, we are joined by the collective strengths of the individuals and we all share a common trait. We believe that actions speak louder than words. We will not tell you that we are going to persevere, we will show you.

God bless,

### Christopher M. Cabb

#### J&C Earns Law Firm 500 Ranking for Second Consecutive Year

The Law Firm 500 Award committee announced the list of 2017 honorees ranking Jimerson & Cobb, P.A. number 61 on its 2nd Annual Law Firm 500 Honorees List. The Law Firm 500



award is an annual award given to the fastest growing law firms in the United States. This is the second consecutive year J&C has made the list.

#### **ImpactJAX Re-Elects Adam Edgecombe**



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# ImpactJAX

ImpactJAX, the Jacksonville Chamber's Young Professionals group, has reelected associate Adam Edgecombe to its Board. This will be his second year on the board serving as Community Pride Chair. The committee is responsible for hosting and participating in local events to show off their Jacksonville pride, including the Painting of the Paws. In past years Adam has contributed to ImpactJAX by planning and executing networking and volunteering events for Impact members.

#### **J&C Legal Blogs**

Are you keeping up with the latest information in business and law? J&C publishes weekly blog posts covering topics from construction law, business litigation, eminent domain law, community associations law and everything in between. Click here to subscribe today and stay up-to-date on the latest legal news from these areas:

- Construction Industry Law Blog
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#### **Construction Industry Law Blog**

Challenging Building Permit
Denials in Florida



# By: Charles B. Jimerson & Sophie M. Hayashi, J.D. Candidate

When a party wishes to construct, erect, alter, modify, repair or demolish any building in the state of Florida, obtaining a building permit is the crucial first step. Once a party is denied a building permit, the process of challenging a building permit denial begins.

<u>Click here</u> to read more about this process and the alternative methods for challenging a building permit denial.

#### **More from the Construction Industry Law Blog**

#### Personal Liability for Qualifying Agents in Florida

By: Adam B. Edgecombe

When a construction project encounters problems, and especially when a suit is filed, a property owner will seek every bit of leverage he or she can get against the contractor handling the project. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about this type of personal liability.

### The Disciplinary Process of a Certified Contractor in Florida: Part One

By: Clayton T. Osteen

All certified contractors must abide by the provisions of Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, which govern construction contracting. This blog discusses how the Department of Business and Professional Regulation ("Department") is tasked with the responsibility of regulating the construction industry and disciplining the licensee for violations of Chapter 489, Florida Statutes.

#### **Condominium Law Blog**

#### 13 Things You Need to Know About Florida Condominium Association Emergency Powers

By: Christopher M. Cobb

Hurricanes have largely shaped Florida's construction industry in that the building code is shaped and modeled after the construction of structures that can withstand hurricane

winds. Sometimes, however the storm surge and winds can over-take these structures and can lead to a catastrophe to not only buildings but entire regions of the state of Florida. When this happens, condominium associations are required to act and act quickly.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about Section 718.1265 of the Florida Condominium Act and what the Board of Directors needs to know about a state of emergency.



#### **Business Litigation Blog**



#### Aggressive Collection Strategies: Using Proceedings Supplementary to Get Paid

**By: Brad Hughes** 

Because of these perceived problems with the initial Proceedings Supplementary statute, the statute went through a complete redraft, effective July 1, 2016. Some of the main changes are 1) due process must be established via personal service of process instead of actual notice; 2) there is a statutory right to a jury trial; and 3) proceedings

supplementary are begun by issuing a Notice to Appear (which is similar to a summons).

<u>Click here</u> to learn how these changes could affect you.

#### **More from the Business Litigation Blog**

#### **Avoiding Shareholder Oppression Claims**

By: Charles B. Jimerson & Daniel L. Buchholz, J.D. Candidate

**This blog** post discusses the nature of shareholder oppression claims and the steps controlling shareholders can take to prevent them.

#### Real Property Claim for Ejectment in Florida

By: Christopher M. Cobb

Sometimes it is necessary to remove someone from your property. There are a number of legal theories that involve someone entering upon real property and the claim that a landowner ultimately asserts depends on the relationship it has with the actor. Click here to learn more about

ejectment as a statutory cause of action.

#### I Don't Recommend It, But Here is What You Must Do to Get a Judge Disqualified from Your Case in Florida

By: Charles B. Jimerson & Francisco J. Rolon, J.D. Candidate

Judges have an ethical obligation to be fair and impartial, but sometimes there are circumstances where attorneys are within their rights to move to disqualify judges to ensure judicial neutrality. **This blog post** will take a look at what actions an attorney may take to get a judge disqualified, what actions by a judge merit disqualification, and the procedure for disqualification.

#### Henson v. Santander: A "Debt Purchaser" is Not a "Debt Collector" Under the FDCPA

By: Kayla A. Haines, MBA

Recently, the Supreme Court held that an entity collecting on debt that was in default and purchased for the debt purchaser's own account in not subject to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (the "FDCPA" or the "Act") because it does not constitute a debt collector as defined in the Act. <u>Click here</u> to read a summary of the FDCPA and how it pertains to Henson v. Santander.

#### Piercing the Corporate Veil in Florida: Essential Elements and Common Factors

By: Charles B. Jimerson & Daniel L. Buchholz, J.D. Candidate

Piercing the corporate veil is easier said than done. This blog post discusses the essential elements of corporate veil piercing in Florida and the common factors Florida courts utilize.

#### **Eminent Domain Blog**

## Eminent Domain Taking of Religious Institutions in Florida

By: Christopher M. Cobb

Nothing is sacred in a Florida Department of Transportation eminent domain proceeding, including a Religious institution that owns real property. Religious institutions are not free from the government's ability to take private property for any reasonably necessary public purpose. It is the government's burden to prove, however, that the taking is for a reasonably necessary public purpose, which is, in most cases, not too difficult.



#### **Firm News**

#### Curiosities, Ruminations and Various Eccentric of Firm Biz

#### Giving Hope to the Community One Load of Laundry at a Time

J&C Marketing Manager Ashley Ruiz has volunteered with Current Initiatives for the past eight years and leads the Jacksonville Laundry Project. The latest Laundry Project in Jacksonville was already scheduled to take place at a laundromat on the Westside in the beginning of October before Hurricane Irma hit Northeast Florida. The timing could not have been better since so many families were in need of the service.



The Laundry Project is a community outreach project started by Current Initiatives, a

501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that started with young adults committed to educating others on current social initiatives and mobilizing them to bring about change.

The Laundry Project assists low-income families with meeting a basic need – washing clothes and linens, by turning laundromats into community centers of hope. Laundry fees are paid for while volunteers assist with laundry services, entertain children, and create a caring space at the laundromat.

The latest project helped **34 families wash 302 loads** of laundry in the project's 3-hour time frame - the third highest number in project's Jacksonville history.





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