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January News from Jimerson & Cobb



Next month, I have the opportunity to preside over the 13th Annual Raymond J. Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar through the Jacksonville Bar Association. Being chosen to chair this signature event was a great honor in large part because it is an opportunity to pay respect to a great man who has paved the path for lawyers like me to follow. Justice Ehrlich had a reputation of being a lawyer's lawyer and someone who chased his dreams. He was a proud son of a Jacksonville and WWII Navy veteran. During his time as the Chief Judge of the Florida Supreme Court, he oversaw a major renovation and expansion of the Supreme Court Building and released a major study of gender bias in the Florida legal system that led to significant reforms in the law and legal culture affecting women. Ehrlich was known as a studious Justice who put in long hours, worked most weekends, and always wore a signature bowtie. He was greatly admired in the legal community and among government officials. In a 1988 article in the *Florida Bar Journal*, former Gov. LeRoy Collins spoke of his own appreciation of Ehrlich, stating, "He symbolizes as much as any person I know," Collins said. "The term 'integrity'." How many people would you say that about?

I hope to put on an event that would have garnered his approval. We have some great speakers lined up on very timely legal topics. I'll be moderating a "Bet the Company" litigation panel in the morning and presenting the Justice Raymond J. Ehrlich Professionalism Award to this year's recipient at our monthly bar lunch. In the afternoon, we'll have a panel of eight trial and appellate judges asking each other questions they've always wanted to ask. Thereafter we'll have a presentation on jury focus groups, and we'll conclude with another panel covering "Media Relations in Courtroom Proceedings" featuring Judge Debra Nelson. Judge Nelson is best known for presiding over the State v. George Zimmerman trial pertaining to the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. I trust that Judge Nelson will have some interesting things to say about her experiences in dealing

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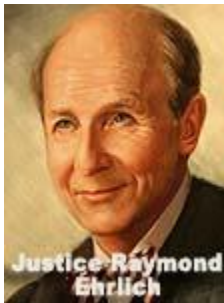
I encourage you all to come and be a part of this treasured opportunity, because we all know it's a rare thing for wizards to reveal how they cast their spells. If you don't learn how to object and preserve the record for appeal the next time a preacher asks whether anyone has any reason these two should not be wed, I promise I'll personally refund your money.

See below or contact the JBA for sign up information. Hope to see you next month.

Very Truly Yours,

[Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.](#)

13th Annual Raymond J. Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar coming up



The Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar began as a way to honor former Florida Supreme Court Justice Raymond Ehrlich by providing exceptional educational opportunities to the Jacksonville legal community.

This year's seminar will be held on February 11 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. The seminar is presented by the Litigation Section of the JBA. The seminar flyer can be viewed [here](#). Registration is available online [here](#).

For questions, [email](#) Charles Jimerson, the Litigation Section Chair.

Partner Cobb to present this February on design liability

Partner Christopher Cobb will be presenting in February to the Florida Bar Construction Law Committee's monthly telephone conference on the topic of design liability. He will be teaching the Design Liability section of the Construction Certification Review Course in March and will also be a panel speaker for the Construction Law Institute on "Working with Florida Regulatory Boards." For questions, [email](#) Chris.



Featured bLAWg Posts

Acceleration of Debt in Mortgage Foreclosures: Beware of the Statute of Limitations

Accountability for Building Code Violations in Florida

By: [Christopher M. Cobb, Esq.](#)

By: [James O. Birr, III, Esq.](#)

Mortgage foreclosures in Florida took an interesting twist in December 2014, due to the recent decision in Deutsche Bank Trust Company, et al. v. Beauvais, et al. This decision effects the time period for bringing foreclosure claims in the event of acceleration and a prior dismissal of a foreclosure lawsuit.

Click [here](#) to read the full bLAWg post.

Section 553.781, Florida Statutes, provides a measure to require design professionals and contractors comply with the Building Code. The Legislature found that accountability for work performed by design professionals and contractors is the key to strong and consistent compliance with the Florida Building Code and, therefore, protection of the public health, safety, and welfare was required. The legislature enacted 553.781 to provide such accountability.

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Additional bLAWg Posts

Assistance Animals in Florida Condominiums

By: [Christopher M. Cobb, Esq.](#) and [Brittany N. Snell, Esq.](#)

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Results Driven

Community stewards by night; see what we do for our clients in our day job.

*Ousted a minority shareholder from industry leading professional services firm.

*Drafted amendments to declaration, bylaws and articles of incorporation on behalf of homeowners' association.

*Coordinated real estate closing of lender's collateral to payoff loan in full.

*Facilitated transfer of developer interest in condominium project through deeds and assignments.

*Modified special asset mortgage.

*Represented professional

*Drafted corporate stock sale agreement to add a new partner to a local business.

*Filed condominium assessment lien foreclosure actions.

*Filed motions to dismiss arbitration demand.

*Negotiated full value settlement for homeowner in construction defect lawsuit involving faulty tile roof installation.

*Settled federal court lawsuit involving contract and payment bond claims.

*Filed construction lien foreclosure action for HVAC

*Draft dual construction contracts for residential renovation involving a 203(k) loan.

*Drafted employment and non-competition agreement for a materials supplier.

*Drafted and negotiated contract on behalf of the owner for construction of an addition to nursing home facility in South Florida.

*Facilitated condominium association's annual meeting and board of director election to ensure compliance with Florida Statutes.

*Obtained final judgment against tenant in commercial lien foreclosure.

engineer against condominium association in payment dispute for consulting services for full amount of demand including attorneys' fees for collection.

*Served demands for payment of commercial obligations.

*Successfully obtained payment in full for past-due condominium assessments.

*Called promissory note and guaranty for corporate party.

*Engaged to assist a condominium association with amending its rules and regulations to focus on the health and wellness of its residents.

work.

*Revised business operating agreement and provided implementation counsel to comply with Florida's newly effective Revised Limited Liability Company Act.

*Revised homeowner association's governing documents.

*Settled wrongful demolition matter against demolition company that demolished a mobile home and septic system on owner's property upon insurer paying full demand without having to file suit.

*Engaged by medical products distributor to defend bankruptcy preference action and further course of dealing defenses.

*Obtained final judgment against unit owner for breach of settlement agreement to pay assessments.

*Defaulted commercial mortgagors in payment arrears and covenant violation on behalf of regional bank.

*Drafted employment agreement including restrictive covenants for construction company seeking to employ Certified General Contractor qualifier for its construction business.

Client Focus: Tillman Building Services

A monthly feature on one of our valued clients.



Tillman Building Services, Inc., among other licenses it holds, is a Certified General Contractor, a Certified Roofing Contractor, a Florida Mold Assessor, a Florida Mold Remediator and a Florida Home Inspector primarily serving the Northeast Florida commercial and residential markets. Terry L. Tillman II, the president of TBS, is a second generation roofer with over 30 years' experience. TBS is committed to providing the highest quality work in all services it offers and provides its clients. Because of the many

licenses it holds, TBS offers a wide array of services to its clients including roof inspections, roof repairs, roof replacement, roof maintenance programs, roof cleaning, custom home construction, home additions, home remodels and home inspections, just to name a few.

Jimerson & Cobb is proud to represent [Tillman Building Services](#) and wishes it continued success in the new year.

Firm News

Curiosities, ruminations and various eccentricities of firm biz.



Hot Chocolate Day

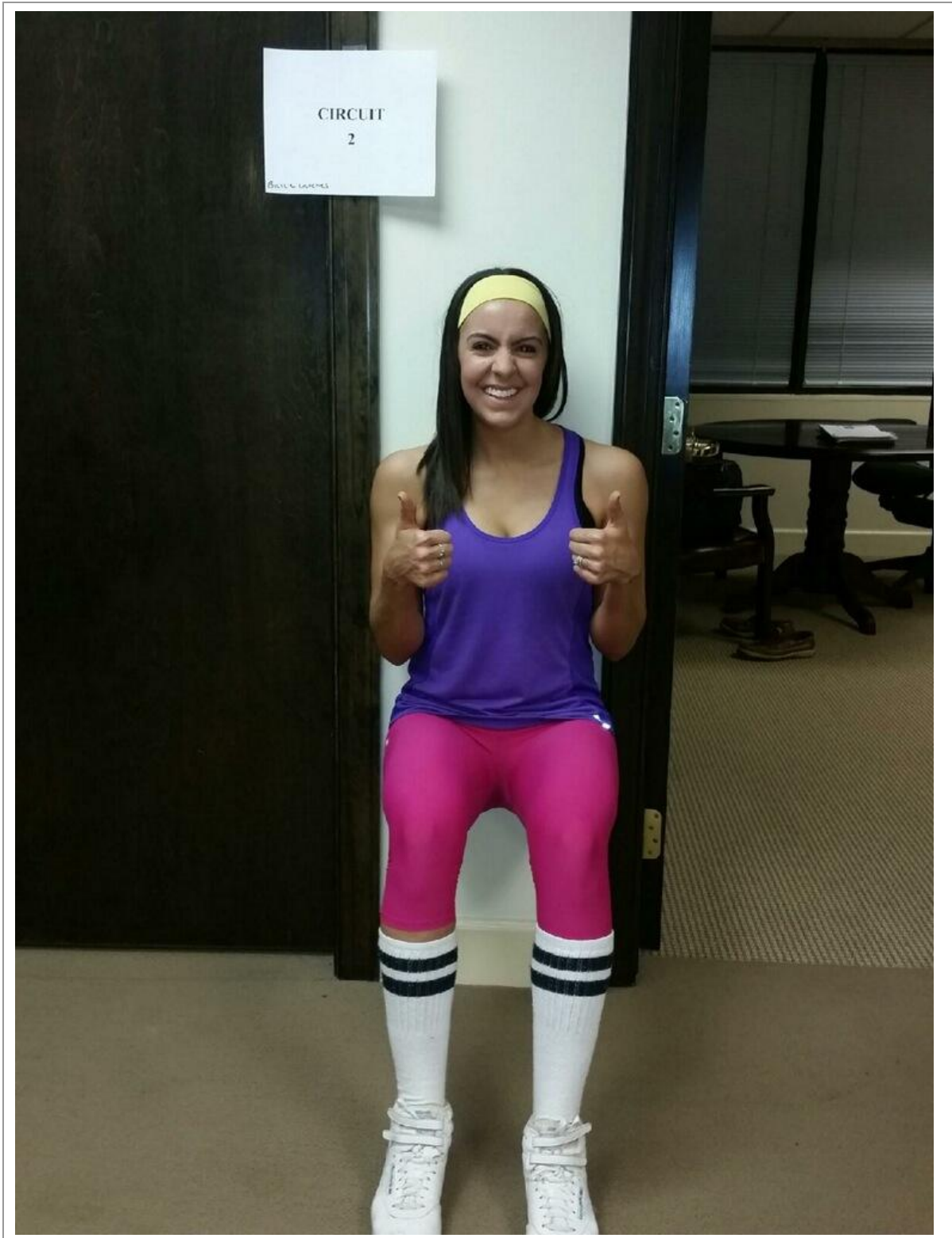
We love our random holidays here at J&C and the weather has been perfect to celebrate National Chocolate Day today. We offered the cozy treat with marshmallows in our break room all day for the event.

J&C gets in shape with circuit training

This week, we decided to help ourselves kick start the most popular New Year's resolution: getting in shape! To help do it in style, each employee was asked to sport 80's workout attire while selecting an exercise for their office (kettle bell swings, jump rope, squats, etc). The goal? To complete the most reps in 60 seconds. Results of the competition are as follows:

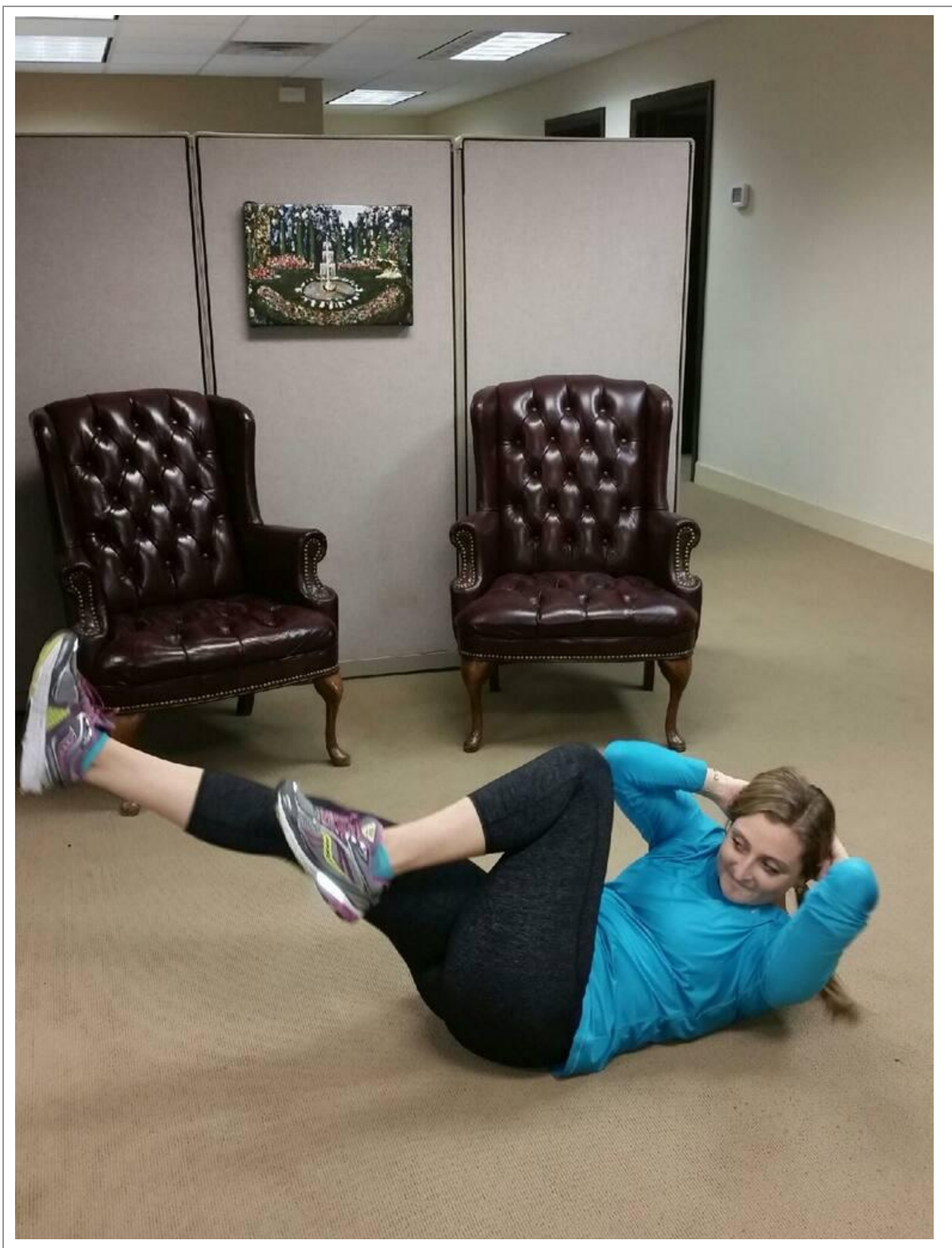
- 1st place- Charles Jimerson
- 2nd place- Christopher Cobb
- 3rd place- Brittany Snell

Check us out in action!











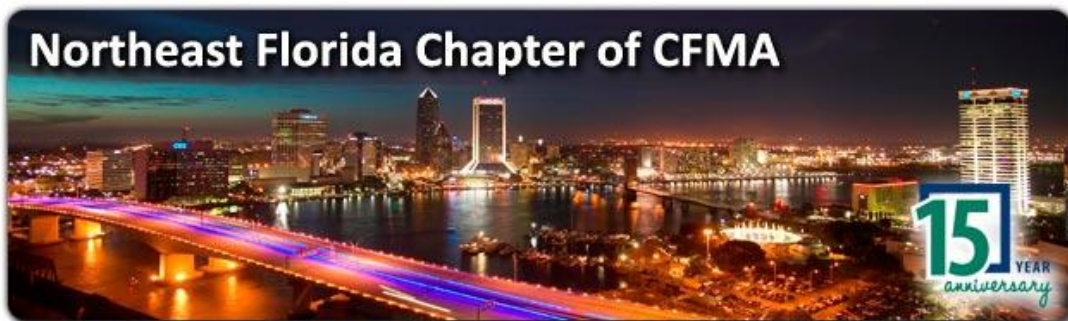
National Pie Day is January 23!

In honor of National Pie Day, J&C is celebrating with pizza pies and dessert pies for lunch. We encourage you all to celebrate this momentous occasion yourselves next Friday!



Partners Zimmerman and Birr presented to CFMA

Partners Brent Zimmerman and Joby Birr were the featured speakers at this month's Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) meeting. They spoke about legal updates impacting the construction industry this year.



Partners Cobb and Zimmerman presented to ABC

Partners Chris Cobb and Brent Zimmerman presented to the Florida First Coast Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors. Their lecture was on Florida construction lien and bond law.



**Florida First Coast
Chapter**

Partner Cobb re-certified as construction law expert

Partner Christopher Cobb was re-certified by the Florida Bar in the area of Construction Law. Lawyers certified in construction law deal with matters relating to the design and construction of improvements on private and public projects and are considered experts in the construction law practice area.



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