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## ***Happy New Year from Jimerson & Cobb, P.A.***



The beginning of the year is a good time to reflect on your company's progress over the past year and plan how you want your business to develop. New Year's resolutions are notoriously easy to make and hard to keep. Diet books hit the best seller list year after year because most people don't follow through on their plans to eat better, and therefore don't lose weight. Gyms are packed right after the holidays, but clear out once the weather warms up. Scripting 10 resolutions and then trying to keep them can often be an exercise in futility. Instead, I implore you to take

one large business goal and implement measurable objectives that will enable your company to obtain this goal. Lofty goals like "increase sales" or "foster greater work-life balance" are oftentimes meaningless without a specific plan as to how those lofty goals can be achieved. Clear, focused directions ("I will engage in personal contact with prospective clients for at least 30 minutes per day, four times per week") are far more effective than impressive but vague goals. No matter what business goal you set, you will likely obtain it so long as you establish and communicate the incremental measuring points, give exact deadlines to those charged, simplify instructions and build accountability with regular follow-ups. Feel free to email me to share some of your resolutions and your achievement plan.

Very truly yours,

Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

## ***Best J&C bLAWg posts from 2011***

In reflection of the last year, we have compiled a list of some of our favorite posts from 2011. Click each bLAWG title to read more.

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## ***Featured bLAWg Post: Revisiting a familiar law school hypothetical: Spouses cannot transfer marital homestead without spousal permission***

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

Recently, we encountered a case reminiscent of a typical law school real property class hypothetical. Our experience with its prosecution inspired me to write a refresher on the law in this area for our readers. Our experience confirmed how we likely stood up in class and answered as a 1L - one spouse cannot transfer ownership of the marital homestead away from the other spouse without notice and permission from both spouses.

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

## ***Featured bLAWg Post: A Speedy Foreclosure in Florida- Proper Utilization of Statute 702.10***

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### ***Client Focus***



[Zabatt Power Systems](#) is a generator and air compressor company that provides power generation supplies and systems back up solutions to homeowners, businesses and industries across the region for more than 30 years.

Jimerson & Cobb is very proud and thankful to represent Zabatt Power Systems and wishes it continued success and growth in 2012.

### ***Results Driven***

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys obtained final order awarding appellate attorneys fees for HVAC lien foreclosure action.

By: Austin J. Calhoun

It takes, on average, 600 days for a party to litigate a foreclosure through trial in Florida. Successful summary judgment motion practice may squeeze that time down to as little as 180 days. Even better, under the proper conditions, a diligent plaintiff can shorten foreclosure time down to less than 60 days by properly utilizing Florida Statute 702.10. If you're interested in bypassing the foreclosure log-jam to obtain a speedy foreclosure, read on.

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

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented creditors in preventing lien stripping in bankruptcy filing.

\*Jimerson & Cobb engaged in mediation on contract and construction defect case on downtown condominium project.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys engaged members of board of directors in suit against other board members for breaching fiduciary duties and usurping corporate opportunity.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys engaged in property inspection for construction defect.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys prepared for trial representing material supplier in non-payment of goods sold.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys resolved bankruptcy preference action with more than \$100,000 of exposure for less than \$2,500.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys argued motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction in case involving unfair and deceptive trade practices.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented commercial landlord to obtain full recovery of post-petition rents for bankrupt tenant.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented framing contractor in resolving disputes with construction bid protests.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys engaged in mediation conference in business litigation matter seeking recovery of recruiting services.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys retained to defend shareholder

## **Additional bLAWg Posts**

### **BASIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR TAX DEEDS IN FLORIDA**

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

A tax deed is a written instrument which transfers title to real property from the nonpayment of property taxes. Black's Law Dictionary (9th ed. 2009). Tax collection, tax deed sales and tax liens are governed in Florida by Chapter 197 of Florida Statutes and section 197.522 specifically illustrates the validity of a tax deed.

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

### **PLEADING REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING AN EQUITABLE LIEN CLAIM**

By: [Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.](#), and [Kelly A. Karstaedt, Esq.](#)

In today's market, there is a great risk of investing labor and materials into a construction project as the probability of actually getting paid for your services is markedly reduced. In many cases, a lack of funding leads to abandonment of the project leaving vendors fighting to recover funds owed from whatever money is still left. In this situation, the only legal remedy may be an equitable lien against the real property.

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

## **J&C Service Spotlight: Real Estate Litigation**



Jimerson & Cobb's Real Estate Litigation team blends a broad knowledge of real estate law and business practice with well-honed skills in litigation and alternative dispute resolution. In addition, we pride ourselves on our familiarity with business concepts that transcend traditional real estate issues and on our ability to unify the many disciplines necessary to litigate sophisticated transactions. We have successfully and regularly litigated real estate contract disputes, complex real property improvement issues, quiet title issues, condemnation cases, easement or restrictive covenant disputes, premises liability and boundary line disputes. Our specialized knowledge in real estate law, combined with excellent advocacy skills, will put you in the best possible position to obtain a positive outcome in your real estate

litigation.

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dispute of small private business.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys assisted franchisor in termination of multiple franchises and resolving franchise agreement breaches.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys retained to investigate construction defects and failure to disclose claims for beachfront residence.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys retained to file complaint for national insurance company in business litigation matter seeking recovery of monies lent.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys argued and defeated motion at evidentiary hearing seeking attorneys fees based upon 57.105, Florida Statutes.

\*Jimerson & Cobb attorneys represented hotel chain owners in construction defect and fraudulent lien discharge litigation.

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## J&C Firm News

\*Charlie fulfilled his Gator Bowl Executive Committee host responsibilities at the 2012 Taxslayer.com Gator Bowl, rooting on his alma mater, University of Florida. UF won the game against Ohio State 24-17.

\*Our third annual holiday party gave way to much fanfare as the firm Yankee Swap yielded such prized possessions as a Snuggie, a Big Cynthia CD, chocolate-flavored liquors and entertaining 2012 calendars.

\*As a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, Charlie has been actively involved in the committee doling out charitable contributions to local organizations. One such organization is the St. Vincent's New Mobile Health Outreach Clinic. Click [here](#) to read more.

\*J&C hosted about 30 attorneys for a luncheon of the Small Firm section of the Jacksonville Bar Association. Steve Johnroe from the Duval County

Clerk of Court spoke to the group about the office's new e-filing procedures for court cases. Click [here](#) to read more about the new procedures.

\*Congratulations to Charlie and his wife, Ashley, who are expecting the birth of their second child late this spring. Their daughter, Lila, 1, is looking forward to being a big sis to a new little brother!

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