June News from Jimerson & Cobb



What a month! The firm was named as one of Jacksonville's Best Places to work, as one of Jacksonville's Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies and added a new partner, James ("Joby") Birr, to the team. The hard work and dedication of everyone in the office is absolutely inspiring and it is only because of hard work that the firm is able to achieve. In reflecting on these achievements, I

remember a quote from arguably the best motivational book of all time:

"So be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 34 percent guaranteed).

So...be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea, you're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!"

- Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Regards,

Christopher Cobb, Esq.

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J&C only law firm listed in Best Places to Work in Jacksonville'



J&C is honored to be named one of Jacksonville's Best Places to Work by the *Jacksonville Business Journal*.

J&C was the only law firm in Jacksonville in any size category to be included in the awards this year.

The rankings for this list are done by Quantum Workplace, a third-party company that specializes in measuring workplace satisfaction. The list splits companies up into three categories: large businesses with 250 or more full-time employees, medium businesses with 30 to 249 employees and

small businesses with 10 to 29 employees.

To read more about Best Places to Work and to see the other winners, click here.

J&C partners named to 2013 Super Lawyers list

J&C partners Charles Jimerson and Christopher Cobb were named Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars for 2013.

Charlie was recognized as a Rising Star in Business Litigation, and Chris was recognized as a Rising Star in Construction Litigation.



RISING STARS 2013

No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are named to the Rising Star list. To read more about the nomination and selection process for the list, click here.

Congratulations!

J&C associate appointed to leadership position in the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association



Attorney Kelly Karstaedt was recently appointed the Vice President of Public Relations for the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association (JWLA). This organization, made up of both male and female members, focuses on the issues facing women in the legal field. JWLA hosts monthly luncheons with guest speakers, as well as monthly social gatherings that are often inclusive of all members of the local legal community.

Her duties in this role include being a liaison with the local newspapers to promote and publicize JWLA events, as well as maintaining current information on the organization's website.

Kelly is honored by this appointment and is looking forward to contributing her time and talents to building on the successes of the past year. Congratulations to Kelly for all of her hard work!

To learn more about the JWLA, click here to visit its website or email Kelly.

Featured bLAWg Posts

By: Christopher M. Cobb, Esq.

Many creditors have default interest provisions in their contract documents. The highest rate allowable under Florida law for these default provisions is 18 percent per annum or 1.5 percent per month. However, creditors almost never address post judgment interest in their contract documents. Such omission leaves them at the mercy of the interest rate set forth in Section 55.03, which states...

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Contractual Post-Judgment Interest Bankruptcy Treatment of a Security Interest in an Insurance Policy

By: Kelly A. Karstaedt, Esq.

It is common knowledge that when a person or business files for bankruptcy, the end result is typically a discharge of debts. The bankruptcy debtor will no longer be personally responsible for payment of the outstanding debts. However, a security interest in real property remains, such as a lien created by a mortgage on a home. But what happens to a security interest in something more intangible, like insurance proceeds?

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Additional bLAWg Posts

Collecting Accounts Receivable Part III: Obtaining a Judgment Against a **Delinquent Customer**

By: Hans C. Wahl, Esq.

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Association Board of Directors Eligibility According to Florida Law

By: Hans C. Wahl, Esq.

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Records Retention Policies for Small and Mid-sized Businesses: Part Two-Abiding by Your Policy and Honoring the Litigation Hold

By: Charles B. Jimerson, Esq.

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Collecting Accounts Receivable Part II: Commencing Legal Action Against **Delinquent Customers**

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Results Driven

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

- *Filed a levy against a piece of real property in order to prompt payment in full from two judgment debtors in satisfaction of a judgment entered in 2008.
- *Represented material supplier in resolving dispute over construction lien releases.
- *Successfully mediated real estate dispute between business partners.
- *Filed memorandum of law in construction defect case on building code violations.
- *Assisted construction materials supplier in obtaining full recovery on six-figure public construction bond claim.
- *Engaged to represent oppressed shareholder in defense of corporate expulsion.

- *Filed Condominium Class Action lawsuit for construction defects.
- *Represented construction materials supplier in renegotiating unfavorable terms in contract with manufacturer.
- *Mediated Construction Defect action for building code violations.
- *Mediated Construction Lien matter to successful resolution.
- *Mediated condominium assessment lawsuit regarding amounts due for assessments.

- *Drafted condominium declaration amendment to allow unit owners to vote via electronic means.
- *Successfully secured payments on continuing writ of garnishment.
- *Obtained show cause order on behalf of bank pursuing judgment debtor based upon repeated discovery violations.
- *Filed condominium assessment action against lender who took title to unit via foreclosure.
- *Filed construction lien action on commercial remodel project.
- *Filed complex jurisdictional motion to dismiss in federal court action pertaining to trade secret and Breach of common-law covenants of fair dealing and loyalty claims.

Client Focus: The Grand Reserve Condominium Association, Inc.

A monthly feature on one of our valued clients.



The Grand Reserve is a condominium complex containing 15 buildings and 388 units plus a clubhouse. The Grand Reserve was originally constructed in 1997 as apartments and converted to condominiums in 2001. Located on Sutton Park Drive, the Grand Reserve is centrally located and very close to Windsor Park Golf Course.

Jimerson & Cobb assists the association with all condominium and construction issues. The Grand Reserve has just completed an extensive renovation project to all of the 15 buildings.

Jimerson & Cobb is proud to represent The Grand Reserve, and wishes it continued success for years to come.

Firm News

Curiosities, ruminations and various eccentri of firm biz.



Joby featured in The Resident Community News

J&C partner James "Joby" Birr, III was profiled in the June issue of the *The Resident Community News*. The article highlights Birr's legal experience and community involvement. Click here to read the full article.



Social Madness

We're competing with other local companies to see who has the best social media engagement. After local rounds, the winners move on to national competition. The overall winner will designate a charity to receive a \$10,000 donation from the sponsor, The Business Journals. You can vote for us here.



Department of Business and Professional Regulation Seminar

Christopher Cobb was invited by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be a guest speaker at a continuing legal education seminar in July. Chris will be speaking to DBPR attorneys and staff regarding his role and experience as a board member for the Construction Industry Licensing Board.



J&C Baby Photo Contest

As part of its monthly firm events, J&C held a baby photo contest. Law clerk Austin Calhoun won bragging rights for correctly guessing six out of eight staff members based on their baby pictures. The task was a bit challenging from the get-go, especially since many could not figure out if the photos were of a girl or boy!



Jacksonville Business Journal Fast 50

J&C is excited to announce that it was named as one of the Fastest-Growing Private Sector Companies in Northeast Florida by the Jacksonville Business Journal! Be on the lookout for a full feature article on the list in next month's newsletter.



JWLA's 2013 Annual

Judicial Reception

This month, the Jacksonville Womens Lawyers Association held its annual Judicial reception. This event honors the judges, magistrates and judicial assistants from Duval, Nassau and Clay counties. Kudos to our own Attorney Kelly Karstaedt, was on the planning committee for the reception and helped ensure its success!



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