



## *Professionalism: "What To Know About Florida's Lawyer Discipline System and How To Avoid It."*



*Ms. Ita M. Neymotin  
Regional Counsel Second  
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**December 6, 2021 by Zoom  
hosted by Ms. Ita M. Neymotin  
Regional Counsel Second District Court of Appeal  
and Honorable Ed Brodsky  
State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit of Florida**



*Honorable Ed Brodsky  
President of the Florida  
Prosecuting Attorneys  
Association*

Ms. Ita M Neymotin welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Scott Westheimer

**Guest Speaker:  
F. Scott Westheimer, Esquire  
Florida Bar Board of Governors**



Mr. F. Scott Westheimer gave a wonderful educational presentation on how to avoid being disciplined as an attorney. Emphasized the importance of being professional, complying with trust accounting rules, doing conflict checks, paying attention to CLEs and fee statements, utilizing fee agreements, providing regular billing statements, utilizing declination letters, being clear and timely in all communications with the clients, using social media appropriately, and getting help for stress and/or addictions. Gave examples of what not to do, showed videos of how professional attorneys should not act. Talked about different free tools and resources that attorneys have access to, such as LegalFuel.com and the Ethics hotline, which is staffed by Florida Bar attorneys.





*Honorable Amira Fox  
State Attorney  
20th Judicial Circuit*



*Honorable Judge  
Donald G. Jacobsen  
10th Judicial Circuit Court*



*Mr. Kevin Karnes  
Chief Operating  
Officer at Lee County  
Clerk of Courts*



*Honorable Jennifer M. Mooney  
Chair of the  
Florida Board  
of Bar Examiners*



*Ms. Alicia L. Guerra  
Managing Attorney  
Guardian ad Litem  
Program's  
20th Judicial Circuit*



*Ms. Suzanne Ederr  
General Counsel,  
Administrative Office of  
the Courts  
20th Judicial Circuit*

## Honored Guests:





## Circuit Chiefs & Managers Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel Second District Court of Appeal :



**Ms. Daphney Branham**  
Managing Attorney Dependency Division  
12th Judicial Circuit



**Mr. Clay Oberhausen**  
I.T. Chief  
12th Judicial Circuit



**Ms. Eve Greenberg**  
Managing Attorney  
10th Judicial Circuit



**Ms. Pamela J. Montgomery**  
Dependency Training Supervisor  
20th Judicial Circuit



**Ms. Pavlina Petrova**  
Training Supervisor Attorney  
13th Judicial Circuit



**Mr. Mark Brewer**  
Circuit Chief  
12th Judicial Circuit



**Mr. Johnathan Jenkins**  
Circuit Chief Dependency  
Division  
13th Judicial Circuit



**Ms. Adriannette Williams**  
Managing Attorney  
Dependency Division  
13th Judicial Circuit



**Mr. Richard Smith**  
Managing Attorney  
Criminal Division  
13th Judicial Circuit



**Mr. Scott Swartz**  
Circuit Chief Criminal  
Division  
13th Judicial Circuit



**Mr. Erik Ehrhardt**  
Managing Attorney  
10th Judicial Circuit



**Ms. Laguerra Champagne**  
Managing Attorney  
6th Judicial Circuit

**The seminar was very informative and had close to 150 attendees from different agencies which include:**

- Florida Board of Bar Examiners
- Assistant Regional Counsels, Second District Court of Appeal
- Assistant Public Defenders, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Assistant State Attorneys, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Clerk of Courts, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida
- Administrative Offices of the Courts, Magistrates, Staff Attorney's, Court Administrator, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Guardian Ad Litem, 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Florida Department of Transportation
- State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Many Private Attorneys

