

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



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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**

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 Ed Brodsky
President of the Florida
Prosecuting Attorneys
Association*



Honored Guests:



***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
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General Counsel,
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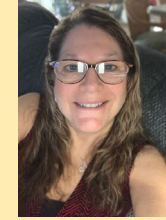
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Mr. Scott Swartz
Circuit Chief Criminal
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Mr. Erik Ehrhardt
Managing Attorney
10th Judicial Circuit



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, 6th, 10th, 12th, and 13th Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Assistant State Attorneys, 10th, 12th, 13th, and 20th Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Clerk of Courts, 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida
- Administrative Offices of the Courts, Magistrates, Staff Attorney's, Court Administrator, 10th, 12th, 13th, and 20th Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Guardian Ad Litem, 12th and 20th Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Florida Department of Transportation
- State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Many Private Attorneys