

ZOOMING FORWARD

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A Salute to the Broward County Bar Association

Attorneys are slow to change. The tools used in practice today are in large part the same used at the founding of our Country over 244 Years ago. It comes as no surprise then that when COVID19 hit, we were dubious about utilizing “Zoom” and other video conferencing platforms to conduct hearings and complete CLEs.

William Arthur Ward once said “[t]he pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.” Broward County Bar Association Executive Director Braulio Rosa, a Navy Veteran, has adjusted the sails and righted our course through the uncharted waters of COVID19 by looking to our friends behind the Broward Bench and Broward County Section Chairs.

Every sitting Judge in Broward County is a member of the Broward County Bar Association (“BCBA”). With that bond, the BCBA and Broward Judiciary are working together harder than ever to support our Broward Attorneys. The BCBA conveys important information to our Broward Lawyers such as Court closures or new administrative orders. In turn, our Broward Judges participate in BCBA webinars aimed to inform and educate our Broward Attorneys.

Since the pandemic began, with the support of our Judicial allies, and BCBA Section Chairs, the BCBA has emerged as a leader throughout the State in virtual legal education. Within the last 5 months, the BCBA has

hosted more than 50 webinars (including 15 Judicial panels) for over 7,000 attendees.

When asked how the BCBA produces such strong seminars, Braulio Rosa was quick to credit his BCBA team: Lauren Riegler Capote, Debbie Rivero, Lyssette Bedon, Patricia Hernandez, and Andrea Salazar (the “Dream Team”).

As a Broward Attorney, I am grateful to have Chief Judge Jack Tuter, our Broward Judges, Braulio Rosa, and the Dream Team in my corner. To learn about future BCBA webinars, you can visit their website at www.browardbar.org or follow “Broward County Bar Association” on Facebook and Instagram.

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