

# COUNTDOWN TO COLLABORATION: UNLOCKING 'THE POWER OF US' AT THE 2024 ANNUAL FLORIDA BAR CONVENTION!

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## COLLABORATING FOR TOMORROW

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Excitement is building as legal professionals from near and far gear up for The Florida Bar Annual Convention at Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek & Waldorf Astoria next week, where collaboration takes center stage under the theme, "The Power of US."

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Here's how:

- **Plan Your Schedule Wisely:** With a plethora of sessions, seminars, section meetings, receptions, and networking events, it's essential to plan ahead. Identify key events aligned with your interests and career goals, but also leave room for serendipitous connections. The entire daily schedule may be found **here**.



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- **Take Advantage of CLEs:** The convention offers a prime opportunity to earn Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. Make the most of these sessions to stay abreast of the latest legal developments and sharpen your professional skills. You can find a list of CLE opportunities **here**, which include the two **FREE** CLEs in the President's Showcase.
- **Network with a Purpose and Diversify Interactions:** Approach networking with intentionality. Seek out meaningful connections that align with your professional goals and interests. Engage in genuine conversations, actively listen, and look for opportunities to share your expertise while learning from others. It's important to expand your circle beyond familiar faces. Challenge yourself to engage with individuals from various circuits and legal specialties. By fostering purposeful connections with new contacts, you can cultivate a broader network that enhances your professional growth and opens doors to new opportunities.
- **Attend the Judicial Luncheon:** Thanks to our **Judicial Luncheon Sponsors**, you will not want to miss the chance to attend Thursday's Judicial Luncheon, where you will have the opportunity to honor Florida's judiciary and hear a special address by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos G. Muñiz. Note that this is an extra ticket cost, and you can register **here**.
- **Meet Your Florida Bar Board of Governors and Section Leadership:** Engage with your Bar leadership, including The Florida Bar



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Board of Governors and Executive Committees for several Bar sections, to gain a deeper understanding of the Bar's initiatives, uncover opportunities to engage in section work, and learn the direction of the legal profession in Florida.



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- **Watch the Swearing-In of The Florida Bar President and President-Elect:** Witness history in the making at Friday's General Assembly as Miami attorney Roland Sanchez-Medina, Jr., is sworn in as the Bar's 76th president, and West Palm Beach attorney Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes becomes president-elect. Their leadership will shape the future of the Bar, and being present for this momentous occasion is an opportunity not to be missed.
- **Have FUN!** Annual Convention is a family-friendly event, with plenty of opportunities for adult celebrations as well. Thanks to The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, children aged 4-12 can enjoy Kid's Night Out on Thursday evening, a "glow" party just for them (registration and additional ticket cost required). Then kids and adults alike can relax, enjoy delicious Florida cuisine, and dance the night away at the FREE Friday night President's Reception: "It's Electric" (RSVP required, but no additional cost).

By following these steps and harnessing "The Power of US," you'll not only make the most of your Florida Bar Annual Convention experience but also position yourself for success in your legal journey.

See you next week in Orlando!

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