

Florida Plaintiff's Attorneys Gathered for the Manasota Trial Lawyers Board Dinner and Seminar in Lakewood Ranch, FL

LAKWOOD RANCH, Fla., Aug. 26, 2016 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The Manasota Trial Lawyers Board held their August Dinner and Seminar, featuring several guest speakers and notable attorneys from around the State. The seminar hosted by Manasota Trial Lawyers Board founder, attorney Bernard F. Walsh of Shapiro Goldman Babboni & Walsh, drew attorneys and members of the southwest and central Florida legal communities.



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Guest speakers at the event included Lee D. Gunn, IV., Esq. of the Gunn Law Group in Tampa, and Steven T. Wittmer Esq., of Wittmer | Linehan based in Sarasota, Florida. Also in attendance from Shapiro Goldman Babboni & Walsh were Attorneys M. David Shapiro and Stephen Fernandez of Sarasota, Attorney Michael Babboni of St. Petersburg, and Attorney Daniel Murphy of Bradenton.

After the guest speakers concluded their seminars, an open forum style discussion panel was held. The discussion focused on changes to Florida law including updates to current first & third party bad faith rules, and how plaintiff's attorneys should adjust their approaches for the current laws. During the forum, attendees asked guest speakers questions on the updated

Florida bad faith insurance laws, and how to best prepare for a case representing policy holders under the new rules.

Notable attendees included Ed Brodsky, Florida State Attorney of the 12th Judicial District, Art Jackman, Felony Division Chief, Florida State Attorney Office in the 12th Judicial District, Florida Justice Association's Paul Jess, Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel and Jeff Porter, Legislative & Political Director.

Attendees of the event earned Continuing Legal Education Credits or CLEs. The Florida Bar Association requires Bar members to earn additional CLE credits each year in an effort to ensure excellence and high professional standards within the legal community.

Founder of the Manasota Trial Lawyers Board and Florida Justice Association Board of Governors member Attorney Bernard F. Walsh had this to say about the MTLB's latest event, "Insurers acting in bad faith can have a devastating effect on the lives of families in Florida and across the country. The topic of tonight's seminar is extremely important for all of us who dedicate ourselves to protecting the rights of consumers from big corporations and fraudulent companies. All too often policy holders pay hundreds of dollars each month for years and even decades without ever making a claim, only to find that when they need them most, their insurance provider acts in bad faith and refuses to cover the policy holder's costs. By coming together and sharing our knowledge and experiences of such cases, we are working to improve the legal community's ability to successfully represent those of have been harmed by insurers who acted in bad faith."

About Attorney Bernard Walsh:

A highly experienced AV rated attorney and founder of the Manasota Trial Lawyers Board, Bernard Walsh is an active member in multiple legal organizations including the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA), the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, member of the Florida Justice Association Board Of Governors, the National Trial Lawyers Association and the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.

Bernard Walsh is an active member of the Manatee and Sarasota Sheriff's Advisory Boards, the Florida Highway Patrol Advisory Council and the One Hundred Club for Law Enforcement in Manatee.

Partner at the Personal Injury and Civil Trial Law firm of Shapiro, Goldman, Babboni and Walsh, Bernard Walsh has helped hundreds of Floridians get fair compensation for injuries. Additionally, Bernard Walsh has won one of Florida's largest motorcycle accident recoveries and has an AV Preeminent® rating on Martindale-Hubbell®, a doctors and attorneys ratings website and is a Superb rated attorney with Avvo.com.

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