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NEXT MEETING
Friday, October 28 at 12 Noon
at Marina Jack

Welcome New Member

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October Speaker: The Honorable Erika Quartermain, County Court Judge

**Topic: The Sarasota County Judicial System
and the progress that has been achieved in specific areas of the law.**

Judge Quartermain currently serves as a Sarasota County Judge presiding over both county civil and criminal divisions. She was appointed to the bench in 2013 following her nomination by the Twelfth Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee. Quartermain was born and raised in Sarasota County and graduated from Pine View School for the Gifted.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Economics with concentrations in French and Philosophy from Stetson University. Her law degree was earned with honors from the University of Miami School of Law.

While in college, Judge Quartermain studied at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. During law school she interned for the United States Justice Department. After law school graduation, Judge Quartermain practiced creditor's rights in federal court in Tampa. She then returned to Sarasota where she worked as court counsel for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Judge Quartermain then joined the State's Attorney's office where she practiced as a prosecutor in both the misdemeanor and felony divisions.

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In 2015, Judge Quartermain was named in the 40 under 40 in the West Coast of Florida by the Business Observer. In 2016 she was the recipient of the Sarasota County NAACP Chapter's Freedom Award for Public Service and the West Coast Woman Magazine featured her as a "West Coast Woman". In 2017 she received the Unity Award from the 941 CEO Magazine and was a nominee for the Florida Supreme Court's Chief Justice Award.

Judge Quartermain is a proponent of problem-solving courts and has presided over several programs including the Comprehensive Treatment Court, Health Care Court and Turn Your Life Around Court. The Health Care Court is a mental health program designed for those who are experiencing mental illness which likely led to the commission of a crime.

Judge Quartermain is a proud wife and mother of two young men. She enjoys boating and traveling.

Because of the wealth of talent and interesting lives led by our very diverse membership, we continue our series of stories focusing on the lives of our members. It is our hope to eventually cover every member.

“Amicus Personae” – Carl Greenberg
Member of The Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota

Carl Greenberg was admitted to the NJ bar in 1960 graduating from Rutgers Law school in 1959. After Army service and getting married he started his 60 years of practice at a firm in Newark NJ in 1960; became a partner in Budd, Lerner (1968) in Short Hills NJ until he retired in 2020.

He spent his entire career in civil litigation and specialized in the fields of Products Liability and Medical Malpractice. Carl taught trial practice for 26 years at Rutgers Law School as well as teaching Medical Law at the UMDNJ. For 3 years he served as Chair of the NJ Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee.

He taught many specialized programs for the NJ State Bar and was a Master in the American Inns of Court. In 1977 Carl became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He resides in Chatham NJ and Long Beach Island, NJ and has been wintering in Long Boat Key for the past 14 years. He may be reached at carlgreenberg01@gmail.com or 973-809-4229.

Volunteers Wanted for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) at [Gulfcoast Legal Services](http://GulfcoastLegalServices.org) is seeking volunteer attorneys interested in providing pro bono tax assistance to low income individuals and families. Pro bono attorneys will work cases together with the LITC director and current law student volunteers, or if they so choose, they may accept one or more LITC clients as pro bono referrals. The LITC serves taxpayers in Charlotte, Lee, Manatee, Pinellas, Sarasota and DeSoto counties, but services may be provided remotely. Interested attorneys should contact justins@gulfcoastlegal.org

Book Club

Any members interested in joining a book club focused on history (maybe some legal history) to meet once a month at a place or places in Sarasota to be arranged, please send an indication of interest, suggestions for books, possible venues and other thoughts to Tom Dubbs at tdubbs@labaton.com.

It's Time to Pay 2023 Dues

The Board of Directors has been able to maintain the \$55 annual amount for the past 8 years. Please mail your 2023 dues payment of \$55 and/or your luncheon payment of \$28 payable to the Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota, Inc. (ARAS) to Benjamin Berman, Esq., 4223 MacKay Falls Terrace, Sarasota, Florida 34243. We are pleased to accept your payment by check or through our online payment option. Please get your luncheon payment in to Ben Berman prior to Wednesday of the luncheon week. After that Wednesday, no refunds can be given since the venue will have been notified of your intention to attend.

***Make payments on our website: \$28 for lunch and/or \$55 for 2023 dues using PayPal.
at www.retiredattorneyssarasota.org***

Please note the following luncheon dates for the next six months:

Monday November 14
Monday, December 12
Friday, January 27
Friday, February 24
Friday, March 24
Friday, April 28

We look forward to seeing you at Marina Jack at noon on the above dates.

Ideas for Future Programs?

The Program Committee is always receptive to ideas for future programs. If any member has a topic or a speaker to suggest, please contact Judith Starr at jrstarr@tampabay.rr.com. Any member interested in participating in the Program Committee should notify Judith Starr, Chair of the committee. Her contact information is in our Directory.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have items of interest to the members, please forward them to

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