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## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, December 14  
at 12 Noon via Zoom.

**Please note early date.**

## Welcome New Members

Steven Berry  
Chris Heckman

*2022 \$55 dues payments  
may be made at the bottom of our website  
at [www.retiredattorneyssarasota.org](http://www.retiredattorneyssarasota.org)*

## December Program: Violin Soloist, Max Tan, Alumnus of the Perlman Music Program Suncoast Topic: The Perlman Music Program, a Sarasota Gem



**Max Tan** is an alumnus of the Perlman Music Program Suncoast, participating in it since he was a young boy and still continues his involvement in the program. The Perlman Music Program annually brings to Sarasota Itzhak Perlman as well as a full faculty from Julliard to work with the most talented young musicians from Asia, Africa, the Middle East as well as from across the United States. Because of covid, this year the programs will be offered virtually at no charge through Perlman Music Suncoast.Org.

Perlman Music Suncoast reaches directly into the Sarasota and Manatee Public Schools to introduce our students to classical music performed by young musicians they can relate to and who might enhance their awareness of the beauty of music and the potential careers and opportunities in music that they are not usually exposed to. In addition, the Program has created "Super Strings" to provide an opportunity for young musicians from throughout Florida to participate in a Super Strings Orchestra and train in the Program directly with Itzhak Perlman and the Julliard Faculty.

The Perlman Music Program presents this extensive music program to Sarasota/Manatee residents as a gift each year and offers us world class talent right here in Sarasota/Manatee.

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Taiwanese American violinist Max Tan, a recipient of the Robert F. French Fund and the Foote Prize from the Harvard Musical Association, has been featured on WNYC/WQXR and Belgian radio Musiq3 and Canvas as a semifinalist in the 2019 Queen Elisabeth International Violin Competition. Appearing as soloist with many orchestras such as the Juilliard Orchestra, Orchestre Royal de Chambre de Wallonie, and the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, he has also performed on prominent stages in the United States, Europe, and Asia as recitalist and chamber musician. With diverse interests including arts advocacy and global citizenship, Mr. Tan is on the roster for the Si-Yo Music Foundation and recently joined the board of MuseConnect. He is also a co-founder of the Versoi Ensemble, which explores arts diplomacy through chamber music performances. During the pandemic, Mr. Tan is supporting organizations connecting musicians with people and recovering COVID-19 patients in isolation, such as DOROT, Project Music Heals Us, and Virtual Bedside Concerts. He also regularly livestreams for various series, including his curated program "Max Tan and Friends" on Groupmuse.

A Harvard graduate with a major in Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology and a minor in Music, Mr. Tan is faculty assistant to Catherine Cho at The Juilliard School where he received both his Masters of Music and Artist Diploma degrees, and is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Music as a Celia Ascher Doctoral Fellow. An educator with a private studio class, he also lectures and writes about his research and projects. His writing has been published by L'éducation musicale in France as well as The Juilliard Journal. Mr. Tan was invited to give the opening Doctoral Forum lecture at Juilliard in November 2020 titled The Evolving Score of Chausson's Poème, and in conjunction with his dissertation work, has guest lectured at the Tianjin-Juilliard School and Sunset Chamberfest in Los Angeles. He will be releasing his debut CD of previously unpublished and never-before-recorded violin, piano, and organ works in 2022.

### ***Repertoire:***

J.S. Bach: Solo Violin Sonata No. 1 in G minor, BWV 1001

Adagio \* Fuga \* Siciliana \* Presto

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” – John E. Kidd**

**Member of The Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota**

**John E. Kidd** retired from Clifford Chance US, a global law firm, in 2005. When Rogers & Wells merged with Clifford Chance in 2000, he became the Global Leader of the firm's 130-attorney Intellectual Property International Network. From 1984 to 2000, he was the managing partner of the IP Groups at the firms Anderson Kill, Shea & Gould and Rogers & Wells. Kidd began his litigation career as a trial attorney for five years with the US Department of Justice, and later returned for an assignment as Special Counsel. For the next 40 years, he was in private practice concentrating on representing plaintiffs or defendants in intellectual property trials. He is admitted to practice before many Federal Courts in the US, is a member of most patent bar organizations, including the Sarasota County Bar, as well as the Law Society of England and Wales, and a member of the European Patent Lawyer Association.

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Over the years Kidd has participated in over 120 patent lawsuits for clients such as Adventis, Baseball Hall of Fame, E.I. du Pont, Genentech, Honda, Harvey Kurtzman (Mad Magazine), ITT, McDonalds, Nokia, NTT DoCoMo, and Pfizer.

In the 1990s, Mr. Kidd began to concentrate on alternate dispute resolution and since retirement has concentrated on being a neutral and court expert on patent-related matters in both domestic and international proceedings. To date he has participated in over 80 ADR proceedings, first as counsel to his client, and now as a neutral. He has completed hundreds of hours of basic and advanced training as a neutral in mediation and arbitration, as a student, instructor, and counsel. Since 2000 he has acted as chairman of ADR committees for several bar associations, and he is currently a member of the Federal Circuit Mediation Panel. He is also registered with CPR, the Federal Circuit, IBA, ICC, JAMS (Atlanta) and WIPO as an IP arbitrator and mediator. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Kidd is listed in the *International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers*, and his peers in the past have rated him as "one of the very best trial lawyers at the patent bar." He was formerly the co-chairman of the New York Chapter of the Licensing Executive Society (LES). He graduated with a BS in Physics in 1957 from LeMoyne College and in 1961 from Georgetown University Law School.

John Kidd and his wife Elaine met in Washington, DC in 1961 when she was working at the White House. They have been married 58 years and are parents of two sons, John M. and David, and a daughter, Cynthia. They now have a grandson, John M. Jr.

### **IT'S TIME TO PAY 2022 DUES**

It's that time of year again. 2022 annual dues are due. We have been able to maintain the same \$55 amount for the past 7 years.

Please mail your dues payment of \$55 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.

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**Please disregard this notice if you have already remitted your dues.**

### **ARAS Board Terms Expiring**

The terms of the following Board members expire in January: Ben Berman, Dick Bruning, Jim Case and Karen Mason. Karen Mason has announced she does not seek re-election. A nominating committee consisting of Millie Collins and Joel Helmrich has been appointed.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

We will return to meeting on the last Friday of each month beginning in January, 2022. Hopefully, favorable covid data will allow us to return to Marina Jack early in 2022.

## **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](mailto: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 Michael Krasnow at [mekraz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mekraz@sbcglobal.net).