

# Amicus Curiae

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**Welcome New Member**  
John M. Alexander

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Friday, September 30 at 12 Noon**  
**at Marina Jack**

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**September Speaker: George Peirce**

**Topic:**

**The Powers of War and Peace: The President, Congress and the Courts**

George will discuss national security legal questions focused on the powers of war and peace constitutionally vested in the President and Congress, together with the role of the federal courts in the national security arena. His presentation will include the application of pertinent constitutional and statutory provisions to actual scenarios in assessing the roles of the three branches and their separate but sometimes overlapping powers.

**About George Peirce:** Before migrating to the Sunshine State in 2016, George served for over twelve years at the Pentagon as the Defense Intelligence Agency's General Counsel during ongoing counterterrorism and combat operations. More recently, he taught at Stetson College of Law as the Culverhouse Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, and is now a Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Prior to DIA, George served for eight years in the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division, and for an additional year of active duty in the Army after 9/11 at the headquarters of the NATO Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

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Earlier in his career, George was in private practice in Washington, D.C., after beginning his legal labors as an Army judge advocate. He had a variety of assignments in the United States and overseas, including with the 1st Infantry Division – the Big Red One – and in the Office of the Secretary of the Army and at NATO headquarters in Belgium.

George is a graduate of West Point, Harvard Law School, the U.S Army War College, and holds an M.S. in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University. He has published articles on international law and given presentations at Oxford, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, the National Defense University, and at the St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs. George has been a proud member and participant in our Association for several years.

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” – Dan Lundy**  
**Member of The Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota**

Dan was born in the Bronx and grew up in its Highbridge section, and then in 1944 moved with his family to New Jersey, attended high school in Englewood, where Vince Lombardi was the football coach and teacher. Needless to say, Vince’s students were always fully prepared for home work and other assignments. He commuted to Fordham University, again in the Bronx, and was drafted into the Army by President Truman to participate in the Korean War. After basic training in Augusta, GA, he married Janet Taylor, spent nine months at the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, NJ, and was sent to Germany where he was joined by Janet, who became an illegal alien there because her presence was not sanctioned by the US Army of Occupation. Returning to NJ in late 1954, their four children started to arrive. Dan commuted to Manhattan where he worked for Arthur Anderson preparing tax returns for a prestigious array of clients, while he attended St. John’s Law School nights. Graduating in 1958 he was admitted to the New York bar and also became a CPA. He moved back to New York (Rockland County) to qualify for admission there. He became a tax advisor for The Anaconda Company and handled a number of fascinating cases involving international tax law. He became chairman of Tax Executive’s Institute’s Federal Tax Committee. After three years at Anaconda he became Assistant Treasurer and Tax Director of Merck and Company in New Jersey where he and family moved to Westfield and raised their family.

In 1970 Dan accepted the nomination of the Democratic Party to run for Congress in the 12th District. After a gerrymander that caused the district to lose the three Democratic cities (Elizabeth, Linden and Rahway), Dan lost the race, but his campaign, the principal issue for which was to end the Vietnam War, had done so well that he was made the chairman of the state party’s National Affairs Committee which dealt with all major issues for Democratic incumbents. During the three years following the election Dan worked half time for Shanley and Fisher law firm in Newark. He had taken the NJ bar exam and was admitted there in 1971. When he was asked to run again, Janet demanded that he decline and become more gainfully employed to finance the kids’ education, etc. Reluctantly, Dan left active politics.

In 1973, Dan became Partner-in-Charge of the newly formed Coopers & Lybrand International Tax and Consulting Office in New York. He travelled extensively to establish that office and became the president of the International Fiscal Association, USA Branch, which worked to harmonize tax affairs for international investment and operations. A most enjoyable occupation.

In 1976 he was offered the tax leadership of ITT Corporation, where he became Senior Vice President. He was responsible for their worldwide tax compliance, planning, litigation and legislative advocacy. Over the next 20 years, he led them to conclude many of the largest tax controversies of the two decades.

Following retirement from paying practice, Dan devoted full time to pro bono work assisting Catholic Charities of Trenton, Catholic Relief Services, Legal Services of New Jersey, Legal Services of Manasota, and numerous other agencies that advocate for folks suffering in poverty. The psychic income from such activities was most rewarding.

Dan had earlier served in many capacities in the civil rights initiatives of the 1960's, among other things helping to organize New York's participation in the Martin Luther King's March on Washington. He was founder and president of Westfield's Community Development Corporation which built low income housing, and founder of Family Promise of Southern Ocean County which continues to house homeless families in New Jersey. He was also instrumental in the founding of El Centro in Trenton, still one of the major social service agencies in New Jersey.

### **Volunteers Wanted for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic**

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) at [Gulfcoast Legal Services](#) 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](mailto: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](mailto:tdubbs@labaton.com).

Please mail your 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 using PayPal or your credit/debit card at [www.retiredattorneyssarasota.org](http://www.retiredattorneyssarasota.org)***

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

Friday, September 30  
Friday, October 28  
Monday November 14  
Monday, December 12  
Friday, January 27  
Friday, February 24

We look forward to seeing you at Marina Jack at noon on the above dates, subject, of course, to Covid data.

### **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

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