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NEXT MEETING

Friday, May 31

12 Noon
At Marina Jack

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May Program:

"Protecting The Quill"

Our May speaker is the Hon. Diana L. Moreland, Chief Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Florida serving DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. She will address the response of the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Bar Association to the public's growing loss of confidence in lawyers. She will discuss the oversight of lawyers now in place in Florida including the grievance process and the role of the Bar Referee.

About Our Speaker – The Hon. Diana Moreland

Diana L. Moreland is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and Stetson University College of Law. She has been a Circuit Judge in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit since January 2005. Prior to her election to the bench, she was a Partner/Shareholder in the law firm of Reinhart & Moreland. Since taking the bench she has been active in judicial education. She has taught at Judicial Colleges Phase I and II, Advanced Judicial Studies, County Judges Conference and Circuit Judges Conference. In 2022 she was appointed by the Supreme Court of Florida to serve as Chair of the Judicial Needs Assessment Committee. In February 2023 she was honored by being unanimously elected by her peers to serve them as Chief Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit commencing 1 July 2023.

Luncheon Payments

You may make payments on our website at the bottom of the page:
\$28 for lunch and/or \$55 for dues using PayPal at
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Or you may mail a check for the luncheon payment of \$28 payable to the
Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota, Inc.

Please send to: Ben Berman, 4223 MacKay Falls Terrace, Sarasota, FL 34243
We are pleased to accept your payment by check or through our online payment option. Please get your luncheon payment to Ben 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.

Please note the following dates for the next luncheons:

Friday, May 31
Friday, June 28
Friday, September 27

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

Amicus Personae – Karimu F. Hill-Harvey

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Karimu F. Hill-Harvey's journey from her upbringing in Orange, New Jersey, to her impactful career as a Judge reflects a lifelong commitment to social justice and community empowerment, particularly within African American communities.

Growing up in a culturally diverse environment, Judge Hill-Harvey was keenly aware of the disparities and injustices faced by marginalized groups. This awareness fueled her determination to pursue a career in law, where she could affect positive change and advocate for those who had been marginalized or overlooked by society.

Her academic achievements, including her Bachelor of Arts degree from Seton Hall University and her Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall School of Law, laid the foundation for her legal career. However, Judge Hill-Harvey's commitment to excellence didn't end with her formal education. She continued to hone her skills and expertise, earning an L.L.M. Masters in Trial Advocacy from Temple University, Beasley School of Law, further solidifying her position as a formidable legal practitioner.

As a Municipal Court Judge, Judge Hill-Harvey presided over cases in Essex County, more particularly East Orange, Irvington, and Newark, where she demonstrated a steadfast commitment to fairness and justice. Despite the demands of her judicial responsibilities, she maintained a private practice, providing legal representation and counsel to clients in need.



Karimu F. Hill-Harvey

Beyond her work in the courtroom, Judge Hill-Harvey sought to empower future generations through education. She served as an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers Business School and Essex County College, sharing her knowledge and expertise with aspiring legal professionals.

Judge Hill-Harvey's dedication to her community and her profession has not gone unnoticed. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, recognizing her outstanding contributions to the legal field and her advocacy efforts. Notably, her landmark achievement in Grant v. LaResca, where she secured a \$3.25 million settlement, solidified her reputation as a formidable advocate for justice.

Even in retirement, Judge Hill-Harvey remains actively engaged in her pursuit of social justice and community development. Her involvement in various organizations and boards underscores her commitment to creating a more equitable and just society for all. She has been acknowledged for various case laws, and publications and has numerous industry membership affiliations such as the American Arbitration Association (AAA), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), New Jersey Bar, Sarasota County Bar Association Council for Diversity, and Inclusion (former Chair), George Edgecomb Bar Association, Fred G. Minnis, Sr. Bar Association and Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota. She is a Board member of The Haven Board of Directors, Forty Carrots, Board of Trustees, Masala Giving Circle, ASALH Manasota, NAACP, Multicultural Health Institute Board Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the LINKS, Inc. and participates in Sarasota Teen Court.

Through her tireless efforts and unwavering dedication, Judge Karimu F. Hill-Harvey has left an indelible mark on the legal profession and the communities she has served, embodying the values of integrity, compassion, and justice. Her legacy serves as an inspiration to future generations of legal professionals and advocates for social change.

Future Programs

June 28, 2024. Tom Shults, Attorney and member of the Retired Lawyers of Sarasota who represented the Sarasota Alliance For Fair Elections: "The History of Elections in America."

What Do Retired Attorneys Do?

We hope you enjoyed the inaugural column by Ben Berman about his trip on Route 66. Now it's your turn! We are soliciting items, which can be as short as one paragraph if you like, talking about a past-time of yours that may be of interest to our membership. Please send your idea to retiredattorneysofsarasota@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

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 Harold Zabin at hpzabin@aol.com or Jim Case at JamesWCase1968@gmail.com .

Any member interested in participating in the Program Committee should contact Harold Zabin or Jim Case at the addresses above.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

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