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WELCOME TO A GREAT NEW YEAR OF THE BAR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Bar Leadership Institute

Chairs: Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez – Imler Law; Haneen Kantar – Ferrentino + Brotz; Zane W. Katz – Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill & Mullis, P.A.; & Kimberly Lopater – Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP



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We, the new BLI Co-Chairs Zane Katz, Kimberly Lopater, Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez, and Haneen Kantar, are extremely excited to announce that the Hillsborough County Bar Association Bar Leadership Institute (BLI) is underway for the 2024-2025 year! The BLI program begun with a Welcome Reception on September 26, 2024 and runs through May 2025.

We are excited and honored to serve the HCBA and this year's BLI Class and are eager to offer incredible opportunities that will inspire the next generation of

HCBA leadership. We would like to introduce ourselves.

Zane Katz is a Commercial Litigation Associate with Trenam, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye, O'Neill & Mullis, P.A. Outside of work, Zane is a member of the HCBA Young Lawyer Division Pro Bono Committee and is an active member of the Florida Bar Business Law Section, serving on its Chapter 48 Taskforce.

Kimberly Lopater is a Litigation Associate with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur. In addition to serving as BLI Co-Chair, Kim is

the HAWL Leadership Academy Co-Chair and Vice President of the Journey to Esquire Scholarship and Leadership Program.

Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez is a Labor and Employment Associate with Imler Law and has previously served as the Co-Chair of the Social Events Committee for the HCBA Young Lawyers Division.

Last, but certainly not least, Haneen Kantar is an Associate at Ferrentino + Brotz where she practices civil litigation with a

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Last year's Bar Leadership Institute class at the BLI Closing Reception in May 2024.

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specialty in medical malpractice. During law school, Haneen served as President of the Pro Bono Service Initiative and Co-Founder of the Middle Eastern North African Law Students Association.

We look forward to a great BLI year!

The BLI program aims to identify and develop those attorneys who demonstrate ambition to grow into future HCBA and community leaders. Those who are selected for the Class of 2025 will gain access to unique opportunities to engage with HCBA leadership, develop

professional relationships with leaders across Tampa Bay, and give back to the community through service projects.

Each month, members of the BLI program will attend a “module” hosted by a local business or government entity. We start in Ybor with a tour of the renowned J.C. Newman Cigar Company, and will continue around the city visiting places like the Tampa Fire Rescue and Tampa Police Department training facility, MacDill Air Force Base, and the Port of Tampa. By the end of each module, members will gain a uniquely valuable understanding of the community and the leaders who

have made our city a nationally acclaimed place to live and work.

In addition to the modules, the BLI Class will attend HCBA events and board meetings to elevate their involvement in the organization and learn about the various ways they can serve the HCBA. Members will also coordinate and lead a community service project to support a local non-profit organization. ■

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HCBA Events



Sept. 19, 2024

HCBA Welcome Back Reception
The Vault

Oct. 25, 2024

YLD Golf Tournament
Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club

Nov. 14, 2024

27th Annual Bench Bar Conference
& Membership Luncheon
Hilton Downtown Tampa

Dec. 5, 2024

HCBA Holiday Open House
Chester Ferguson Law Center

Mar. 29, 2025

16th Annual 5K Pro Bono River Run &
21st Annual Judicial Food Festival
Stetson Law Tampa Campus and Riverwalk

Learn more about HCBA events at
www.hillsbar.com. **STAY CONNECTED.**

