

Jones Foster Shareholder Grasford W. Smith has been appointed vice chairman of The Florida Bar Grievance Committee 15E for a one-year term. The Florida Bar grievance committees are made up of volunteer members, at least one-third of whom are not lawyers. Grasford concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, and transactional matters. He is actively involved in various industry organizations, currently serving as a board member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, president-elect of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association, and vice - chairman of the Minority Partners in Majority Law Firms Division of the National Bar Association.

Mark Corlew, a partner with Florida-based real estate investment management group Grover Corlew, has been appointed to the NAIOP national board of directors, a commercial real estate development organization. Corlew also serves on NAIOP's South Florida board of directors. Grover Corlew has owned and managed shopping centers, office buildings and apartments throughout Palm Beach and Broward counties, Orlando, Tampa, Atlanta and Nashville.

NAI/Merin Hunter Codman, Inc. has announced that Managing Director Lesley Sheinberg has been named the company's 2018 Broker of the Year. This is the second Broker of the Year award for Sheinberg, who is also a multiple CoStar Group Power Broker Award winner. She has represented institutional and private equity commercial real estate clients for over 20 years and is one of Palm Beach County's leading medical office and health-care real estate specialists.

The Greater Boca Raton and the Greater Boynton Beach chambers of commerce have announced their plans to merge into one unified chamber that will serve both Palm Beach County cities. Operations and services of the Boynton Beach chamber will be combined with the Boca chamber, seeking to benefit members from both cities.

St. Lucie County is reestablishing Direct Connect, an after-hours public transportation program to provide transportation services for St. Lucie residents when the county's traditional fixed-route bus and para-transit services are not in operation. The program is operating now through June 30. Trips will be provided via third-party registered taxi, car service and ride-share operators. The program was designed to provide early morning, evening and weekend transportation services for qualified transportation-disadvantaged residents, providing access to and from employment and education/job training opportunities.

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PROFESSIONAL

Arden Freehold Community has added Amy Blackman for the role of community manager. She will be responsible for establishing positive relationships and supporting all homeowners with their HOA needs. Blackman brings extensive experience in recreation management, previously serving as recreation superintendent of the City of Boynton Beach and recreation supervisor for the City of West Palm Beach.

She is a licensed community association manager, a certified parks and recreation professional, an American Red Cross instructor trainer and certified in Lean Six Sigma, a business program that helps improve processes within an organization. She also founded the Treasure Coast Chapter of the National Drowning Prevention Coalition and currently volunteers for the YMCA of South Palm Beach County and Manatee Elementary School in Lake Worth.

Blackman previously served on the drowning prevention task force for WaterSmart Palm Beach County and on the covenant enforcement committee for the Lake Charleston HOA. She earned her bachelor's degree in recreation from Bowling Green State University.

BANKING

Professional Bank has added Kris Barnhart as executive vice President and Danielle Webel as senior vice president. Barnhart and Webel bring a combined 55 years of banking experience to the bank, with both joining after lengthy tenures with Stonegate, now Centennial Bank. They will be based in the bank's Palm Beach Gardens office. Barnhart has 25 years of industry experience and was a founding employee of Stonegate Bank. Webel spent 11 years at Stonegate/Centennial Bank and 19 years at Bank of America, handling all kinds of commercial lending for clients. She graduated from Regents College - now known as Excelsior College - in Albany, N.Y., with a bachelor's degree in finance.

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