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Next Zoom Meeting:

Friday, May 28 at
12 Noon.

**Zoom meetings have been
extended through June 2021.**

May Speaker: Judge Kevin Richard Bruning

TOPIC: "On Losing my First Name"

Judge Bruning was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, and moved to Florida in 1977. He grew up in Orlando. Bruning graduated from University of Florida in 1994 with a degree in Journalism. He then graduated from Rollins College with an MBA in 1996. He graduated from Stetson College of Law, Cum Laude, in 2000. He clerked at Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz and Getzen and then went to work for them after graduation from law School. He became a partner there around 2008. Morgan Bentley and Kevin left Williams Parker in 2011 and founded their own firm. They grew that firm to 10 attorneys by the time he left to become a judge in 2020.

Judge Bruning was the managing member of the Bentley and Bruning law firm. He focused his practice in the area of complex commercial litigation involving real estate and business-related disputes. While practicing law, he was primarily a trial attorney.

The Judge was President of the Sarasota County Bar Association from 2013 to 2014. He was a Guardian Ad Litem for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and Chair of the Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the 12th Judicial Circuit. He was Chairman of the Board for the American Red Cross, Southwest Florida. Prior to that, he was Chairman of the Board for the Sarasota County Historic Preservation Board.

As an Attorney, he was awarded Martindale Hubbell's AV rating, and was also recognized by Florida Trend Magazine in 2019 as a "Legal Elite".

He is an Eagle Scout, and is married to Nicole and they have 2 sons. His father is our Vice President, Richard Bruning. Currently, the Judge spends most of his time on the Family Law Bench – Division 3 – 12th Judicial Circuit in and for Manatee County. When not there, he is a baseball coach for his son.

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” – David Snyder
Member of The Association of Retired Attorneys of Sarasota

In David’s last position before retirement 15 years ago he headed the real estate practice section of Sullivan Ward Asher and Patton, a mid-size full practice law firm in the Detroit, Michigan metropolitan area

David was born in Detroit in 1930. He graduated high school in 1948 and went on to the University of Michigan to study architecture. He soon realized that was a mistake. He then transferred to the School of Business Administration at Wayne State University graduating with high honors in 1952. Then on to law school where he again graduated with high honors in 1956. While in Law school David served as an associate editor of the Wayne Law Review

On to the world of business, he joined the legal department of Bert L Smokler & Company, a national land development and building company. He became head of the legal department and was involved in land acquisition, land development, zoning and construction financing resulting in the creation of residential and commercial communities.

In 1961 David entered private practice specializing in real property law. In Michigan membership in the State Bar of Michigan is mandatory. The Bar Association is divided into various practice Sections. Membership in a practice Section is optional. David joined with several of the leading real estate lawyers in the area in the creation of the Real Property Law Section which became one of the largest and most active Sections. David served on the governing council of the Section and served two terms as chairman. David took part in many seminars conducted by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, a joint venture of the State Bar of Michigan, the University of Michigan Law School and the Wayne State University Law School. He lectured and wrote articles concerning real property law.

David is married to Cyvia for 66 years, has three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. He collects vintage cars, loves golf, theater, symphonies and operas and above all, family activities.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Board of Directors has canceled all in person meetings through the end of June, 2021. Membership meetings will be held via Zoom through the end of June, 2021.

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 Dick Bruning at kayanddick66@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have items of interest to the members, please forward them to Michael Krasnow at mekraz@sbcglobal.net.