

Speaking Opportunities



Chris Searcy speaks at FJA Annual Convention in June 2009

Chris Searcy spoke at the Florida Justice Association's seminar on "Perfecting Your Competitive Edge: Advanced Trial Skills for Top Litigators." The seminar was part of FJA's Annual Convention – the premier member event of the year – held in June 2009 at the Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort and Club in Aventura, Florida. Mr. Searcy's subject was "Getting Their Minds Right – Opening Statements." ■



David Sales and Laurie Briggs speak at seminar for project to help victims of domestic violence

On September 17, 2009, **David Sales** and **Laurie Briggs** spoke at a seminar hosted by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence on behalf of the Coalition's Clearinghouse Project. The Project provides legal representation, advice, and consultation to victims of domestic violence. The Project began in 1997 as a pilot program, the first in the country. The legal seminars provide training for attorneys and advocates dealing with the victims and their legal needs. Mr. Sales spoke about utilizing the evidence code to successfully admit evidence. Ms. Briggs spoke on preparing witnesses for trial testimony. ■



While attending an International Academy of Trial Lawyers seminar in Istanbul, Chris Searcy visited with former President Bill Clinton and Terry McAuliffe.



Jack Scarola Appointed Chairman of the Board of The Lord's Place

Jack Scarola was appointed chairman of the board of directors of The Lord's Place, a leading advocate for changing the lives of the homeless in West Palm Beach, Florida, through providing innovative, compassionate, and effective services to men, women, and children in need. What began as a simple soup kitchen has evolved into a program offering a wide array of programs and services to families. Mr. Scarola was one of the community leaders who helped in the creation of The Lord's Place in 1979, and has served on the board since its inception. His service to this organization was the basis of his selection as recipient of the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award and the Legal Aid Society's Community Service Award. Mr. Scarola's vision for The Lord's Place includes "promoting an increased awareness of how much the quality of life for each of us depends on the quantity of our compassion for the less fortunate members of our community." Significant concerns and commitments for these economic times. ■

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