



Sia Baker-Barnes, on right, and members of the Palm Beach County Bar board of directors during the celebration of their election.

PBC Bar Association elects Sia Baker-Barnes to board of directors

SDSBS attorney **Sia Baker-Barnes** was elected to the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Ms. Baker-Barnes has been active in the PBC Bar for several years, most recently co-chairing the subcommittee responsible for launching a website on the diversity of the legal community and publishing a brochure highlighting the benefits of practicing law in Palm Beach County. ♦



National Bar Association and IMPACT select Sia Baker-Barnes as one of 'The Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40'

The National Bar Association and IMPACT announced selection of "The Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40," recognizing talented individuals within the African-American legal community who have achieved prominence and distinction. Awardees represent a cross-section of legal professionals. Included in the selection of the "2011 Nation's Best Advocates" is SDSBS attorney **Sia Baker-Barnes**. IMPACT is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 for the purpose of building a network of young professionals of color. ♦

Sia Baker-Barnes one of '2011 South Florida Women Extraordinaire'

SDSBS attorney **Sia Baker-Barnes** was selected by *Business Leader Media* as one of their "2011 South Florida Women Extraordinaire." Honorees were featured in the March 2011 edition of *Business Leader Magazine*. The award recognizes women who are influential leaders within their business or profession and who have an extraordinary impact on the economic success and strategies within their organizations. These women are active in professional organizations related to their profession and active in their communities. There were 48 women chosen for the honor, out of over 2,000 nominees. ♦



Renee Govig, (on left,) Human Resources Director and Lindsey Radziwon, her assistant. Their award shown above.

SDSBS HR department selected as 'Department of the Year' by HR Association of Palm Beach County

The Human Resources Association of Palm Beach County announced the selection of the SDSBS Human Resources Department as the "HR Department of the Year." The HRPBC's "Best in HR Professional Awards" were announced at its annual conference held in May 2011 at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. The award recognizes an HR department with a commitment to excellence in client service, alignment of HR programs to strategic business goals, and a commitment to strategic talent management and workforce development. Congratulations are in order for SDSBS Human Resources Director **Renee Govig** and HR Assistant **Lindsey Radziwon**. ♦



Laurie Briggs becomes chair-elect of Florida Justice Association's Women's Caucus

Laurie Briggs recently became chair-elect of the Florida Justice

Association's Women's Caucus. As chair-elect of the Women's Caucus, Ms. Briggs will also serve as a member of the board of directors of the FJA. The Women's Caucus Section works to identify and promote diversity and minority participation in both the Caucus and the Association while raising the profile of women trial attorneys. Among the Section's many activities are membership building, continuing legal education, mentoring, and community service. ♦