



**Jim Gustafson awarded
'2010 Trial Lawyer of the
Year' by the
American Board of Trial
Advocates**

The Tallahassee, Florida, Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates recently recognized SDSBS attorney **Jim Gustafson** as their "2010 Trial Lawyer of the Year." The award recognizes a lawyer for a particularly successful year, and who embodies the ABOTA spirit of professionalism. ABOTA is dedicated to preserving the right to trial by jury, "justice by the people." ♦



**Brenda Fulmer appointed
delegate to the American
Association for Justice,
and elected secretary of
the Women's Caucus by
Florida Justice Association**

SDSBS attorney **Brenda Fulmer** was recently appointed by the Florida Justice Association as one of its provisional state delegates to the American Association for Justice. She was also elected secretary of the Women's Caucus of the FJA. Ms. Fulmer was appointed by the president of the American Association for Justice to serve three-year terms on the AAJ's Membership Oversight and Marketing Committee and Client Services Committee. ♦



**Hardee Bass appointed
member of board of di-
rectors of Young Lawyers
Section of Florida Justice
Association**

Hardee Bass was recently appointed an at-large member of the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Section of the Florida Justice Association. The appointment was made during FJA's Annual Convention held at The Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. Bass will serve a one-year term. FJA is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Florida's civil justice system and protecting the rights of Florida's citizens and consumers. Its Young Lawyers Section provides statewide networking opportunities for lawyers under 36 years of age or who have less than 11 years in practice. ♦

Accolades



**Chris Searcy named Fellow
of the American College of
Trial Lawyers, one of the
premier legal associations
in North America**

SDSBS attorney **Chris Searcy** recently became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America. The College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years' trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship. The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice, and ethics of the trial profession. ♦

**Chris Searcy elected president of
Florida Supreme Court Historical Society**

Chris Searcy became president of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society following the Society's annual meeting in June 2011. The Society, established in 1977, is a non-profit organization committed to ensuring people understand the importance of a strong, independent judiciary in the governmental balance of power. Their mission includes educating the public about the critically important work of the courts in protecting personal rights and freedoms, resolving disputes arising within the state, and preserving the rich history of Florida's judicial system from the early 1800's to the present. ♦



**Cal Warriner appointed
to the Rules of Judicial
Administration Committee
of The Florida Bar**

SDSBS attorney **Cal Warriner** has been appointed to the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee of The Florida Bar for a three-year term. The Committee proposes new rules of procedure, and reviews and evaluates existing rules, to advance the orderly and cost-effective administration of justice. Mr. Warriner's areas of practice include mass tort and complex litigation arising from institutional wrongdoing in the pharmaceutical, medical device, healthcare, and insurance industries. ♦