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## SDSBS attorneys participate in Florida Justice Association elections

In June 2020, the Florida Justice Association held a virtual annual convention. Despite limited in-person activity, FJA kept its mission moving. During its annual elections, SDSBS attorneys stepped up to participate. **Brenda Fulmer** and **Carter Scott** were elected to the FJA Board of Directors. Ms. Fulmer was also elected FJA Representative to the AAJ Board of Governors. **Laurie Briggs** was appointed to the FJA Board and appointed to FJA’s Executive Committee. And **Lindsay Reinhart** was appointed to the FJA Women’s Caucus Board. ♦



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## Legendary racehorse trainer injured in vehicle collision

James Toner is a legend in the sport of horse racing. He was the youngest trainer in history to win a major race in New York state, and he went on to win the Breeders’ Cup in 1999. With over 800 career wins, James Toner has had a remarkably successful career and remains one of the most accomplished trainers in the industry. As a young man, Mr. Toner proudly served our country in the U. S. Army. Upon returning from service, he joined the National Guard and opened his own stable. Over the last 60 years, Mr. Toner has seen many successes and has remained very involved in the horse racing industry. He owns and operates J. J. Toner Racing Stable, Inc., and continues to train champion racehorses all over the country. In December 2019, Mr. Toner was driving eastbound on Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, when another driver lost control of his car and slammed head-on into Mr. Toner. The violent collision mangled Mr. Toner’s sedan, and both vehicles were declared a total loss. A passerby called for an ambulance, and Mr. Toner, in excruciating pain, was rushed to a nearby hospital’s emergency room. Mr. Toner sustained a complete rotator cuff tear and spinal herniations along with other injuries.

Following the collision and subsequent medical care, Mr. Toner contacted SDSBS attorney **Andrea Lewis** and asked for her help with his injury claims. Mrs. Lewis immediately identified the responsible parties and obtained all of the applicable insurance policies. Within only four months, Mrs. Lewis secured all of the available insurance proceeds for Mr. Toner – more than \$300,000. Mr. Toner continues to dominate horse racing. Although still plagued by injuries sustained in the collision, he went on to race seven horses at the Belmont in June 2020. The Lewis team wishes him the best and looks forward to cheering him on from the sidelines of the racetrack. ♦

**Right:** James Toner’s smashed car.  
**Below:** Mr. Toner prior to accident.

