# CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT CHRIS LIGORI

CHRISTOPHER LIGORI & ASSOCIATES
TAMPA

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 8/5/2002
- Current Treasurer FJA Board of Directors
- Executive Committee Member
- FJA Board of Director Since 2010
- Board Meeting Attendance: 4 of 4
- AFTL Fellow

### **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Benefactor (\$10,000)
- Silver EAGLE Award 2024

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Trustee
- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Bad Faith; Legislative; Products Liability; Property Insurance; Proposal for Settlement; Sovereign Immunity; Vanguard; Workgroup on Amendments to Rules of Civil Procedure
- Section Member: Minority Caucus; Property Insurance

# **EAGLE/MEMBER RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 3 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 1 Member Recruited

# LOBBYING IN TALLAHASSEE/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

- 52 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 sessions)
- Legislative Key Contact



# CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER MATTHEW POSGAY

COKER LAW

JACKSONVILLE

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 1/29/2009
- Current Secretary FJA Board of Directors
- Executive Committee Member
- FJA Board of Director Since 2010
- Board Meeting Attendance: 4 of 4
- AFTL Fellow

### **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)
- Gold EAGLE Award 2025
- Silver EAGLE Award 2024

### FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Trustee
- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

### **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

 Committee Member: Auto Insurance; Legislative; Medical Damages; Premises Liability; Sovereign Immunity; Vanguard; Workgroup on Amendments to Rules of Civil Procedure

# **EAGLE/MEMBER RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 7 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 13 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 43 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor
- Legislative Key Contact

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

Speaker: 2025 Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute



# CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY PETER HUNT

RUBENSTEIN LAW, P.A. WEST PALM BEACH

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 7/18/2012
- Executive Committee Member
- FJA Board of Director Since 2018
- Board Meeting Attendance: 4 of 4
- AFTL Fellow

### **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)
- EAGLE Committee Region 1
- Gold EAGLE Award 2024 & 2025

# **FJ PAC:**

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Chair: EAGLE Committee and Business Friends of EAGLE Committee
- Committee Member: Auto Insurance; Legislative Medical Damages; Premises Liability; Sovereign Immunity; Vanguard; Workgroup on Amendments to Rules of Civil Procedure

# **EAGLE/MEMBER RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 3 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 4 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor
- Legislative Key Contact

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

• Speaker: 2025 Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute



# CANDIDATES FOR THE FJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2026 TERM

It is an honor and a privilege to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Justice Association®. A director has responsibilities to the Board and to the Association's members to make a meaningful contribution to the work of the Association. Such contribution involves setting an example of leadership, committing time and energy to the Association's activities and providing personal and financial support as required.

In order to encourage and guide both existing and new members, the Board has established the following minimum standards expected of Board members. Current board members who are running for re-election had the following responsibilities:

1. **Recruit 3 New EAGLEs**: EAGLE® members provide funding over and above membership dues to help support FJA's legislative advocacy program.

Note: All Board members must be current EAGLE members of the FJA®.

- 2. **Recruit 2 New or Lapsed Members:** Board members are required to bring in 2 new FJA members each year. These can be either new members or members whose membership has lapsed.
- 3. <u>Legislative Service Requirement</u>: During legislative sessions or legislative committee weeks, each Board member shall be responsible for lobbying 3 days per year, or provide other legislative resources, research, key contact, etc. for an equivalent time commitment.
- 4. **Legislator Relationship Building:** Each Board member is encouraged to develop a relationship with his or her Representative and/or Senator. This is a critical component of FJA's Key Contact Program.
- 5. Write or Raise Funds (\$10,000) for FJ PAC® per Election Cycle: These funds help support justice friendly candidates and political operations during the election cycle and are critical to our legislative success.
- 6. Attending all Board Meetings unless excused in accordance with current attendance policy: Every Board member shall attend each annual and special membership meeting and each regular and special Board meeting. If a Board member misses 3 meetings in one year without furnishing valid written reasons or the Board disapproves the reason(s) then the Board member is removed from office.
- 7. **AAJ Membership:** All Board members shall be members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ). Additionally, contributing to AAJ-PAC is encouraged.
- 8. **Business Friend Introductions**: Board members are to sign-up and participate in two (2) virtual Business Friends of EAGLE introductions.

# SHEBA ABRAHAM

GOLDBERG NOONE ABRAHAM, LLC FORT MYERS

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

• Member Since 10/31/2013

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Sponsor (\$3,000)



# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

• Section Member: Women's Caucus

<sup>\*\*</sup>Not a current board member

# **ADRIAN BRIDGES**

MICHLES & BOOTH, P.A. **PENSACOLA** 

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 8/31/2009
- FJA Board of Director Since 2024
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 3

# **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Sponsor (\$3,000)
- EAGLE Committee Region 4

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Medical Damages; Legislative
  Section Member: Solo/Small Firm

# MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:

- EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

• 0 Days Lobbying (2024 Sessions)



# **CHRISTA CARPENTER**

THE PATIENTS LAW FIRM, P.A. PALM HARBOR

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

• Member Since 10/15/2008

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Benefactor (\$10,000)

# FJ PAC:

- PAC Contribution Paid
- 2026 PAC Pledge Made

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Medical Malpractice
- Section Member: Solo/Small Firm; Women's Caucus

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 1 EAGLE Recruited
- FJA Membership: 5 Members Recruited

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

• EAGLE: 1 EAGLE Recruited



# JORDAN DULCIE

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. WEST PALM BEACH

### **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 5/19/2017
- FJA Board of Director Since 2022
- District Director At Large 2024
- Board Meeting Attendance: 2 of 4 (2 excused)

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Sponsor (\$3,000)

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Medical Malpractice; Rules and Statutes on Evidence and Procedures
- Section Member: Immediate Past-Chair, Young Lawyers Section

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 8 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Lobby Team Lunch Sponsor Yes
- Wrongful Death Legislation Key Member



# **BETH FINIZIO**

THE FINIZIO LAW GROUP FORT LAUDERDALE

### **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 6/29/2009
- FJA Board of Director Since 2013
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 4 (1 excused)

### **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Associate (\$1,500)

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Premises Liability
- Section Member: Solo/Small Firm; Women's Caucus

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 9 Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

• Legislative Key Contact

# **RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION:**

- Foundation Board Member
- Leadership Academy Committee



# **MARYANN FURMAN**

THE NURSE LAWYER, P.A. PALM HARBOR

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 11/26/2008
- FJA Board of Director Since 2023
- Executive Committee Member Since 2023
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 4 (1 excused)
- AFTL Fellow



- Level: EAGLE Legacy (\$50,000)
- EAGLE Committee Region 2
- Gold EAGLE Award 2024



- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Auto/Bad Faith; Awards; Legislative; Medical Damages; Trucking
- Section Member: Solo/Small Firm; Women's Caucus

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 3 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 16 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Key Contact

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

- Chair: 2025 Advanced Trial Skills Seminar at Annual Convention
- Speaker: 2025 John Romano Workhorse Seminar



<sup>\*\*</sup>Current board member

# **ANDREW HARRIS**

HARRIS APPEALS, P.A.
PALM BEACH GARDENS

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 5/31/2007
- FJA Board of Director Since 2019
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 4

### **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Sponsor (\$3,000)

### FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Vice-Chair: Amicus
- Committee Member: 837 Committee; Auto/Bad Faith; Medical Malpractice; Rules and Statutes on Evidence and Procedure;
- Section Member: Appellate Practice; Solo/Small Firm; Women's Caucus

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

• 0 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

- Chair and Speaker: 2024 Proposals for Settlement Webinar
- Speaker: 2025 Steve Yerrid Ski Seminar
- Speaker: 2024 Appellate Practice for Trial Lawyers Seminar



# MARA HATFIELD

SEARCY DENNEY SCAROLA BARNHART & SHIPLEY, P.A. WEST PALM BEACH

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

• Member Since 9/20/2012

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Associate (\$1,500)

# FJ PAC:

• FJ PAC Pledge: Yes

• Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

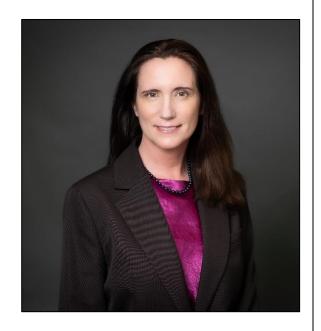
# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

• Committee Member: Environmental Law

• Section Member: Women's Caucus

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 3 Days Lobbying (2024 Session)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor





THE MAIN LAW FIRM WINTER PARK

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 12/12/2014
- FJA Board of Director since 2024
- Board Meeting Attendance: 4 of 4

# **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Sponsor (\$3,000)
- EAGLE Committee Region 3
- Silver EAGLE Award 2025



- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Auto/Bad Faith, Legislative; Medical Damages; Membership
- Section Member: Solo/Small Firm

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 2 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 7 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

4 Days Lobbying (2025 Session)

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

• Speaker: 2024 Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute



# DAMIAN MALLARD

MALLARD PEREZ, PLLC SARASOTA

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 11/8/2001
- FJA Board of Director Since 2014
- Board Meeting Attendance: 1 of 4
- AFTL Fellow



Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)

### FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

### **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Legislative; Medical Damages (Vice-Chair); Sovereign Immunity (Vice-Chair)
  • Section Member: Solo/Small Firm

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 1 EAGLE Recruited
- FJA Membership: 2 Members Recruited

# LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

- 0 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor
- Legislative Key Contact

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

Speaker: 2025 John Romano Workhorse Seminar



# JOHN "JAY" MANUEL

MANUEL & THOMPSON, P.A. PANAMA CITY

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

• Member Since 11/1/1987

# **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Advocate (\$15,000)
- EAGLE Committee Region 4
- EAGLE Legend Award Recipient (\$100,000)



# **FJ PAC:**

• FJ PAC Pledge: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Auto Insurance; TruckingSection Member: Solo/Small Firm

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

• FJA Membership: 1 Member Recruited

# **CAREY MELDON**

**MELDON LAW** GAINESVILLE

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 8/1/2001
- FJA Board of Director Since 2023
- Board Meeting Attendance: 2 of 4 (1 excused)



# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)

• Silver EAGLE Award - 2025

# FJ PAC:

• FJ PAC Pledge: Yes

Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

• Committee Member: Auto Insurance; Bad Faith; Medical Damages; Products Liability; Rules and Statutes on Evidence and Procedure

Section Member: Solo/Small Firm

# MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:

EAGLE: 1 EAGLEs Recruited

• FJA Membership: 3 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 2 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Session)
- Legislative Key Contact

<sup>\*\*</sup>Current board member

# **DAVID SHINER**

SHINER LAW GROUP, P.A. BOCA RATON

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 10/28/2002
- FJA Board of Director Since 2024
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 3

# **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Advocate (\$15,000)
- Bronze EAGLE Award 2025



- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- FJ PAC Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes
- 2026 PAC Pledge Made

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

• Committee Member: Auto Insurance; Premises Liability

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 5 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 4 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

• 0 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

• Chair: 2024 Civil Remedies Webinar



<sup>\*\*</sup>Current board member

# **BARRY SNYDER**

THE LAW OFFICE OF BARRY SNYDER, P.A. NORTH MIAMI BEACH

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 1/1/1977
- FJA Board of Director Since 2020
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 7



# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Auto Insurance; Rules and Statutes on Evidence and Procedure; TruckingSection Member: Solo/Small Firm

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 1 EAGLE Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

- 2 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

Speaker: 2024 Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute

<sup>\*\*</sup>Current board member

# **BRENT STEINBERG**

SWOPE RODANTE, P.A. TAMPA

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 9/21/2009
- FJA Board of Director Since 2021
- Board Meeting Attendance: 4 of 4

# **EAGLE:**

- Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)
- EAGLE Committee Region 2
- Gold EAGLE Award 2024

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

### **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Chair: Auto/Bad Faith
- Committee Co-Chair: HB 837 Appellate Review
- Committee Member: Awards; First Party Insurance; Legislative; Trucking
- Section Member: Appellate Practice

# MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:

- EAGLE: 3 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 2 Members Recruited

# LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

- 3 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Key Contact
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

- Chair & Speaker: 2024 HB 837 Webinar Series; 2024 Workhorse Seminar
- Speaker: 2024 Annual Convention, 2024 Masters of Justice, 2024 Civil Remedies Notice Webinar, 2025 Annual Convention



# **TRENT SWIFT**

LYTAL, REITER, SMITH, IVEY & FRONRATH, LLP WEST PALM BEACH

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 1/1/2020
- FJA Board of Director Since 2024

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Associate (\$1,500)

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

• Committee Member: Auto/Bad Faith; Legislative; Medical Malpractice

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 1 Member Recruited

# LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

- 2 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

- Chair: 2025 Advanced Trial Skills Seminar at Annual Convention
- Speaker: 2025 Steve Yerrid Ski Seminar



# **DEWAYNE TERRY**

RUBENSTEIN LAW, P.A. CUTLER BAY

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 7/3/1996
- FJA Board of Director Since 2021
- Board Meeting Attendance: 4 of 4

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Trustee
- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

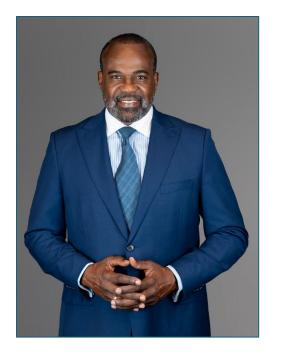
- Committee Member: Human Trafficking; Premises Liability; Property Insurance
- Section Member: Minority Caucus (Secretary)

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 5 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor
- Legislative Key Contact



# **DANE ULLIAN**

GOULD COOKSEY FENNELL, PLLC VERO BEACH

FJA MEMBERSHIP:

- Member Since 9/14/2016
- FJA Board of Director Since 2024
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 4 (1 excused)



• Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)

**FJ PAC:** 

FJ PAC Pledge: Yes

• Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes



• Committee Member: Medical Damages; Medical Malpractice; Rules and Statutes on Evidence and Procedure

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

• EAGLE: 0 EAGLEs Recruited

FJA Membership: 0 Members Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

• 3 Days Lobbying (2025 Session)

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

• Speaker: 2025 John Romano Workhorse Seminar

• Speaker: 2024 Medical Malpractice Seminar



# **GREG YAFFA**

RAFFERTY DOMNICK CUNNINGHAM & YAFFA PALM BEACH GARDENS

# **FJA MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member Since 11/14/2002
- FJA Board of Director Since 2011
- Board Meeting Attendance: 3 of 4

# **EAGLE:**

• Level: EAGLE Patron (\$5,000)

# FJ PAC:

- FJ PAC Pledge: Yes
- Fundraising Requirement Met: Yes

# **FJA COMMITTEES/SECTIONS:**

- Committee Member: Auto/Bad Faith; Legislative
  Section Member: Solo/Small Firm

# **MEMBER/EAGLE RECRUITMENT:**

- EAGLE: 2 EAGLEs Recruited
- FJA Membership: 1 Member Recruited

# **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING/LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:**

- 0 Days Lobbying (2024 & 2025 Sessions)
- Legislative Lunch Sponsor

# **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:**

• Speaker: 2025 Steve Yerrid Ski Seminar

