

PEOPLE**Hershman****Lee****McPharlin****Green****Bernheim****Henratty**

Daniel A. Hershman has joined Leslie Robert Evans & Associates as of counsel. He will continue to be president and chief executive officer of his own firm. Hershman has a law degree from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College. **Robert Q. Lee** has joined Foley & Lardner in Miami as a partner. He was a partner with Diaz Reus & Targ. Lee has a law degree from the University of Wyoming and a bachelor's degree from the George Washington University.

The Broward County Justice Association named its executive board:

Todd McPharlin of Kelley/Uustal, president
Anthony White of Lawlor Winston White & Murphey, president-elect

Nathaniel Green, solo practitioner, secretary

Jesse Bernheim of Bernheim & Dolinsky, treasurer

Ben Murphey of Lawlor Winston White & Murphey, case evaluator

Scott Henratty of Malove Henratty, newsletter editor

Linda Alley of Sheldon J. Schlesinger P.A., immediate past president

LEGAL EVENTS**Jan. 11**

Dade County Bar Association Labor & Employment Committee: "Recent Developments at the EEOC," with EEOC regional attorney Robert E. Welsberg and Sherill M. Colombo, partner of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, noon, Lawson Thomas Courthouse Center, 175 NW First Ave., 11th floor conference room, Miami. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers. Call (305) 371-2220.

Jan. 15

Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section: Lunch with Family Court Judges Scott M. Bernstein, Stanford Blake and Joseph I. Davis Jr. for members, noon, Bankers Club, 2 S. Biscayne Blvd., 14th floor, Miami. Cost: \$35. Call (305) 371-2220.
Dade County Bar Association Business Law Committee: "A Practical Guide to the Securities

Laws III," noon, Akerman Senterfitt, 1 SE Third Ave., 25th floor, Miami. Free. Call (305) 371-2220.

Jan. 25

Palm Beach County Bar Association: Seminar on "Closing real estate transactions in the year 2013 — from start to finish," 8 a.m., Bar office, 1507 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach. Cost: \$135 members/paralegals, \$175 nonmembers/paralegals, \$25 more at the door. Call (561) 687-2800.
Hispanic National Bar Association and the University of Miami School of Law: Discussion on "Human trafficking: Demand, legislation and prosecutions," with Catharine A. MacKinnon, attorney, professor and writer, 8:30 a.m., UM law school, 1311 Miller Drive, Coral Gables. Free event attendance, \$3.50 parking. Email: mvargas@armorcorrectional.com.

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quences back into the hands of gun users and anyone who deploys deadly force under stand your ground."

Existing law prohibits authorities from arresting stand-your-ground defendants unless there is probable cause to believe their actions were unlawful. Smith said the law is unclear on whether someone can invoke the stand-your-ground law when they pursue their assailant.

Smith's bill, which is likely to face an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Legislature, would require the state to set up a database to investigate the use of stand-your-ground defenses, which have come under increased scrutiny following Martin's death.

Neighborhood-watch volunteer George Zimmerman faces a second-degree murder charge despite his contention that he feared for his own safety. Zimmerman shot the Miami Gardens teen during a confrontation in a gated community in Sanford.

The death ignited a national firestorm of debate over issues of race, guns and self-defense.

Smith formed a task force after Martin's death. The panel is separate

from another set up by Governor Rick Scott to investigate possible changes in the stand-your-ground law, which allows people to use deadly force if they feel they are facing death or great bodily harm.

The law is an extension of the so-called castle doctrine, which allows residents to use deadly force to defend themselves in their homes and vehicles.

The Governor's Task Force on Citizens Safety and Protection released a draft report in November following multiple hearings around the state that included testimony from 140 citizens and thousands of emails and other correspondence. The final report has yet to be released.

The draft report listed a handful of recommendations that included better education efforts to inform members of the public of their rights, training for law enforcement on the parameters of the law and possible tweaking of language to determine the definition of "unlawful activity."

The draft did not include any significant changes to existing law but instead went out of its way to endorse the stand-your-ground statute.