

Judges and Lawyers Have Candid Conversations about Civil Discourse and the Constitution With More Than 550 Students With Help From Attorney Stephanie Turk

MIAMI, FL — September 28, 2021 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that members of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and of the Federal Bar Association (“FBA”) facilitated a highly interactive civics program, [Civil Discourse and the Constitution: Candid Conversations](#), for over 550 high school students in South Florida as part of a month-long national celebration to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools programs were coordinated by Stearns Weaver Miller Attorney, Stephanie Turk.

High school students from five different Miami schools gathered both virtually and in a Miami federal courtroom to have candid conversations with federal judges and attorneys about the Constitution, civil discourse, and the importance of civility when discussing controversial life and legal issues. Stephanie Turk lead the coordination efforts with judges and volunteer FBA attorneys needed to facilitate the all-day civics program as well as the recruitment of the five participating schools and the orientation of the associated teachers. The in-person program with students from Law Enforcement Officers’ Memorial High School was presided over by United States District Judge Beth Bloom with Stephanie Turk facilitating virtually via Zoom.

“It’s exciting to see the next generation of leaders engaged and motivated to openly discuss these critical life and legal topics. I know with each program, we are positively impacting our local students, and it’s incredibly moving,” said Turk.

The event was one of many Constitution Day-related programs led by the FBA President, W. West Allen, to kick off the 2021 FBA Annual Meeting & Convention. For the first time, the Annual Convention was hosted this year by the South Florida Chapter of the FBA in Miami, Florida.

Stephanie, a Labor & Employment attorney experienced in both Employment Litigation and Employment Counseling, has served on the FBA South Florida Chapter Board of Directors since 2017, including as the [current Secretary](#) and Civics Liaison. She was instrumental in establishing the Civil Discourse and Difficult Decisions Program (“CD3”) in Miami and has helped coordinate and facilitate various in-person and virtual events throughout the pandemic including in [August 2020](#) and [May 2021](#).

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