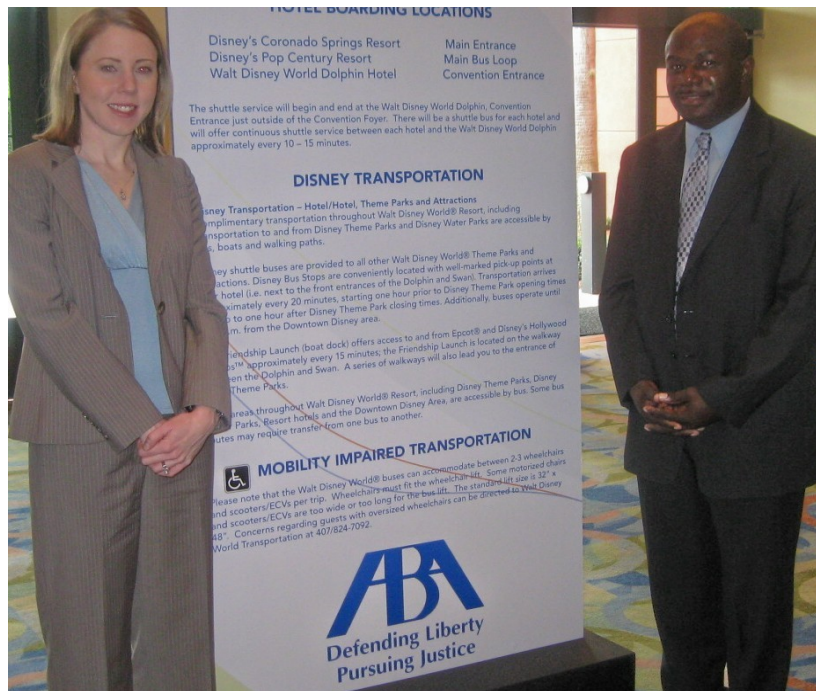


## **FLORIDA CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT GUEST SPEAKER AT THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MIDYEAR NATIONAL MEETING AT WALT DISNEY WORLD**



ABA Speakers: Attorney Kathleen Liever and FCRA President J Willie David, III

(ORLANDO, Fla. The American Bar Association (ABA) held its 71<sup>st</sup> Mid-year meeting at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel in Orlando, Florida, from February 3rd to 9th.

On February 5, 2010, Florida Civil Rights Association President was a guest speaker at this prestigious event for our nation's legal community, which had over 500 attendees from all over the United States with representatives from over 33 affiliated and other legal organizations.



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**"The Changing Face of Discrimination: From Where We've Been to Where We're Going in Civil Rights Law"**, was the topic addressed by the panel which consisted of Gerald S. Hartman, Partner at Drinker & Biddle in Washington, D.C., Kathleen Liever, Associate at Fowler White Boggs in Tampa, Florida, and FCRA President, J. Willie David III,

The American Bar Association was interested in FCRA's view point and impact in the community as it relates to civil rights and discrimination, specifically as non lawyers. David who is a private investigator shared how his experience and expertise aided in successful litigation for victims as well as procedural and policy changes.

He provided a brief analysis of three (3) high profile cases investigated by the organization, which garnered significant media attention, community participation and policy changes. FCRA State Secretary Marsha Watson provided the history of the organization and FCRA Transportation Chairperson Henry Stowe presentation focused on the civil rights violations of the Red Light Ticket Cameras, which detailed statistical information from all over the United States and abroad and FCRA "Did you know" educational campaign. FCRA presentation focused on the increase in civil rights and discrimination as a result of policy, procedural and law violation by business and governmental agencies.



FCRA Transportation Chairman Henry Stowe, FCRA Marsha Watson, Attorney Kenneth Pratt

The presentation sparked interest from several attorneys addressing similar issues in Texas and Florida.

The Mid year meeting is known to match the volume of business transactions as the Annual Meeting and has established policy recommendation regarding the insanity defense, federal product liability legislation, Internal Revenue Code, judicial salaries, the United Nations Genocide Convention, Standards for Lawyer Discipline and Disability Proceedings, and the Model Code of Judicial Conduct.

"This was a great opportunity to have such a young civil rights organization to be recognized. We are a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization with a new vision. It was great to be selected as one of their key note speakers on this topic however we were honored to have other members of FCRA participate in the presentation, David said."