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Young Lawyers Division 2021-2022 Best Joint Event Award Application Statement

On August 12, 2021, the Miami Dade Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section ("MDB YLS"), together with the Russian American Bar Association ("RABA"), the Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA"), and the Florida Association for Women Lawyers ("FAWL") held a Joint VBA Young Lawyers Social in-person at Bay 13 Brewery in Miami, FL. The event was very well-attended, with over 75 attendees checking in. The venue space had both outdoor and indoor areas for individuals' varying comfort levels due to COVID-19. Each attendee was asked to bring with them at least one food donation item. While the MDB YLS planned the event and provided the funding for each attendee to receive one drink ticket and appetizers, RABA, HNBA, and FAWL provided invaluable assistance in executing the event through their marketing efforts, attendance, and support.

As a result of the event, the organizations were able to collect 122 food items for donation, which were dropped off by a MDB YLS member at a local community fridge in Miami-Dade through [Buddy Systems MIA](#). Buddy Systems MIA has established ten Community Fridges in Miami-Dade County (each painted by a local artist) to support individuals in under-represented communities with free, healthy food. Due to the number of donations, the donations were dropped off at the fridge on two different dates two weeks apart. We were thrilled to see that on the second visit to the community fridge all of the donation items left during the first visit had been removed from the fridge and used.

The MDB Joint VBA Young Lawyers Social was a successful event for various reasons: it brought young lawyers together after a long period without in-person events due to COVID-19, involved the collaboration of four local voluntary bar associations, and provided an opportunity for young lawyers to donate to combat local food insecurity. Furthermore, the event

advanced diversity and inclusion efforts by bringing together affiliates from a broad spectrum of backgrounds represented in their individual organizations. It provided young lawyers with an opportunity to network amongst diverse ranks while promoting inclusion.

For the above reasons, we respectfully ask that the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division select the August 12, 2021, Joint VBA Young Lawyers Social at Bay 13 Brewery for the Best Joint Event Award.