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As Past Presidents and leaders of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (FACDL), we are writing this letter in support of Scott Westheimer who is running to serve as our next Florida Bar President-Elect. This is not an official FACDL endorsement, as FACDL does not make such endorsements, but rather a personal endorsement from each of us in support of Scott. Scott is the best candidate in this election and someone who always has an open door to discuss, and support, issues that are pivotal to us as criminal defense attorneys. We hope many of you met Scott last year when he attended portions of the Annual meeting in Marco Island.

**We are asking you to vote for Scott for Florida Bar President-Elect. Your vote in this election really counts. Although there are over 110,000 Florida Bar members, only a fraction vote in these elections.**

Scott is an experienced trial lawyer and committed volunteer to our legal profession. With decades of experience, he's been endorsed by more than 1,000 active members of the Bar, including 23 past Florida Bar presidents, 24 past presidents of the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar, and 16 past FACDL presidents. For more than 25 years he's earned a living in our courts while practicing in a small firm. Scott knows the challenges facing our profession, challenges that require experienced leadership. Scott will draw from his experience chairing some of the Board of Governors' most important committees and leading the teams that created free resources for you, including rebuilding The Florida Bar website, creating the Legal Fuel website, and developing the free Tech Support Helpline. We strongly believe Scott is the right person to be our President-Elect and then President of The Florida Bar.

To learn more about Scott, visit [ElectWestheimer.com](http://ElectWestheimer.com). You can also share, like, or follow Scott's social media pages to keep up as he continues his campaign. [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#).

You will receive an electronic ballot on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** for the 2022 election for the office of President-Elect of The Florida Bar, and a paper ballot during the first week in March (if you did not opt to receive only the electronic ballot). Some of you may not realize the impact this vote has—whether you vote or not—but it does impact all that you've worked so hard to achieve. Your dedication, livelihood, and clients.

**Let's make our voices be heard. Vote for Scott Westheimer as Florida Bar President-Elect.** He has the skills, experience and tenacity to better our profession.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

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