



Prosecutor of the year Dinner.

J.Scott Raft Nominated

Federal Judge James Cohn keynote speaker

Once again at the Orange Brook Country Club we celebrated with a room full of Broward State Attorney Police Officers, Judges, County Officials and Crime Commission Members.

Our Broward County Federal Judge, James Cohn spoke to our group. He gave a very moving and interesting story about Coach Bear Bryant that everyone enjoyed.

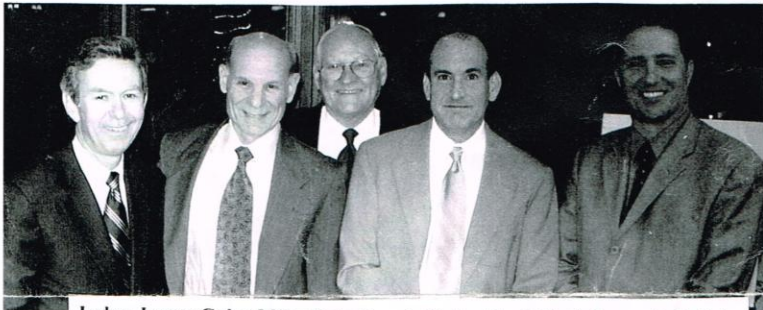
Judge Cohn is also a close friend of Scott Raft and told the audience the award was well deserved and the judge participated in the presentation.

State Attorney Mike Satz told the audience that Scott was a lawyers lawyer and gave 110% to every assignment and trial preparation he was involved in.

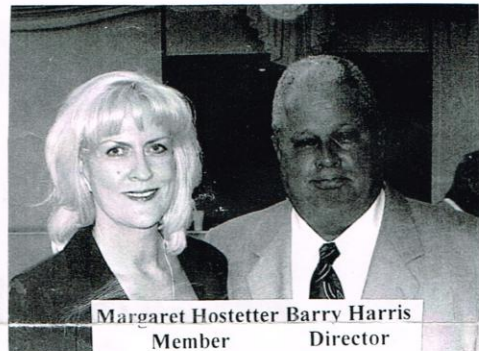
In Scotts 20 years with the State Attorneys Office, he has always been a mentor to his fellow prosecutors and was the guy to go to with a problem.

Scott has given of talents unselfishly and is an asset to our criminal justice system.

Congratulations J. Scott Raft!



Judge James Cohn, Mike Satz, Frank Pinter, Scott Raft, James DePelisi



Margaret Hostetter Barry Harris
Member Director



Crime Commission Officers
Peter Stevens, Al Ortenzo, Rick Wierzbicki, Frank Pinter, James DePelisi



Newest Member First Meeting
James Andrew DePelisi
Age one

**City of Lauderhill honors Civilian Observer Patrol
Broward Sheriffs Chief Andy Smalling officiates**

Keynote Speakers

Frank Pinter, Chairman; James DePelisi, President

Broward County Crime Commission

Chairman Frank Pinter gave a brief history of the Crime Commission's thirty year existence and its accomplishments and its mission. He explained that he founded the Crime Commission in 1967 because of a serious law enforcement problem facing Broward County at that time. Over 200 concerned citizens joined the Crime Commission and armed with the weight of public opinion, the threat to efficient and honest law enforcement was eliminated.

He explained about the recent "Criminal Justice Think Tank" that the Commission created in partnership with the Broward County Chiefs Of Police Association and how many of the local police agencies come together to discuss mutual problems and how to overcome them to better serve the community.

Chairman Pinter urged the COP members present to also form a "Think Tank" to discuss ideas on how to make Lauderhill a safer community.

President DePelisi spoke of the Crime Commission's Police Recruitment program wherein over 160 potential police candidates have been forwarded to all police agencies so far, using our website "www.browardcrime.com" and distribution of color posters.

He also advised of the Anti-terrorist Public Awareness Project that the Commission is planning in partnership with Chief Dan Giustino and the Pembroke Pines Police Department to have the public develop an awareness of the potential dangers we are now facing.

Another project in which the Crime Commission is involved is the recent Hurricane fraud that developed from unscrupulous contractors taking advantage of people with damaged property. Sunrise Lakes Condos were especially hit hard and suffered terrible damage and are still left with unrepaired damage even though millions have been paid to contractors.

Chief Smalling presented awards and promotions at this banquet in their honor to a number of COP members. Other notables in the community also spoke, praising the work that COP members perform. With a population of almost 60,000, Lauderhill boasts of a 75 member COP unit that patrols the City on a volunteer basis. The city has a land area of seven miles with 22,000 households. It also has the largest percentage of Jamaican-born officials outside of Jamaica as well as a high population of Canadians who mostly winter here. It contracts with the Broward Sheriffs Office for police services.



Welcome new Directors

Richard Peritz is a Coral Springs resident and is CEO of RCPT TV Productions. He is developing a TV program "Florida Finest" which highlights top law enforcement issues.



Tim Lucerno is an attorney with offices in Coral Springs and has assisted BCCC in several matters. He is a Former Lt. Col. in the US ARMY.

