

Battles appointed to Bar commission

Hillsborough Circuit Judge Emmett Lamar Battles has been appointed to The Florida Bar Vision 2016 Commission by Bar president Eugene Pettis.

The commission will perform an in-depth review of the future practice of law, studying both current and long-term challenges the legal profession faces. The comprehensive study will provide the foundation to “prepare today’s lawyer for tomorrow’s practice,” focusing on legal education, technology, bar admissions and the delivery of legal services.

Battles will serve on a subgroup dealing with legal education. Its members include law school deans, individuals from academia, members of the Supreme Court or their designees and a representative from the American Bar Association. Among other things, the group will study curriculum, pipeline initiatives, accreditation standards, how to reduce the cost of legal education and the proliferation of law schools. The group begins its work in Tampa on Sept. 26.