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## Two Broward lawyers spend decade helping condo owners

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If anybody knows condo law, it's Robert Kaye and Michael Bender.

The legal pair strives to keep community association board members and property managers, homeowner's and cooperative associations informed through regular question and answer meetings.

They organize roughly four to six sessions in various Broward cities to help provide a forum to discuss industry topics. The town hall format programs address many concerns, including changes in the statutes adopted

by the Legislature. Now in its eighth year, these events attract hundreds of attendees annually.

"We donate our time because we consider community association education to be important," Kaye said. "Serving on a board of directors is a large responsibility because these volunteers from the community are running a business, very often with budgets into hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, and it is vital for board members to understand legal nuisances and the laws that govern their community to best protect their com-

munities and themselves."

The pair also offers condominium, homeowner and co-op association board member certification courses, plus operations and insurance issues courses for condo and homeowner board members.

Bender said no two seminars are the same, as topics primarily come from those in attendance. Common material covered in the past included foreclosure, maintenance and election issues.

"Our expectation remains that all attendees leave with a lot

more community association education than when they arrived," Bender said. "While the program is scheduled for two hours, we typically run longer as we make sure that all questions from those in attendance are addressed."

The representatives from the Kaye Bender Rembaum law firm have seen the seminars resonate with attendees.

Dmitry Levin has attended roughly 20 of these workshops over the past two years. As a member of a local condo association board, Levin said he ini-

tially had no knowledge of Florida regulations. He would read the documents, but found it hard to decipher.

"When I went to the first seminar, I saw how good it was," he said. "It was in plain language ... [and] they are great teachers. I saw how well they delivered the message, which was not easy to understand."

*The next seminar is set for 10 a.m. on Jan. 21 at the Nob Hill Hall Clubhouse, 10200 Sunset Strip in Sunrise. To register, call 954-776-1999 ext. 242.*