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Firm has been answering condo questions for eight years

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Unless there is a lawyer in the family, free legal advice is hard to find. But at neighborhood meetings put on by Kaye Bender Rembaum Attorneys at Law, questions about condominiums and homeowner associations are answered for no charge.

Recently, about three dozen property owners brought their conundrums to barristers Robert Kaye and Michael Bender at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale.

The legal team has been host-

ing the Community Association Q&A Series in Broward and Palm Beach Counties for eight years. They also offer free seminars and certification courses for board members and licensed community association managers, known as CAMs.

Bender said that the town hall format of the Q&A sessions gives people an opportunity to bring in queries pertaining to any subject.

"Robert [Kaye] and I decided eight years ago to let you come

in and set your own agenda," Bender told the audience. "We'll address a lot of different topics, not as in-depth, but we'll hit a good amount of topics and some issues not in the set agenda."

The attorneys spent two hours hearing audience concerns ranging from foreclosure to mold in units and paying contractors. Several questions arose around meeting protocol and the duties and privileges of board membership.

Kaye responded to a concern about the role of directors. "The job of the director is to direct.

They don't have any special entitlement. I often see directors thinking they're in charge of everything, and they're getting involved in everybody's business."

To continue its outreach, the law firm will be part of the annual Broward County Condo & HOA Expo today at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. It's free for board members, active HOA members, property and association managers and other industry profes-

sionals.

"It's a full day of networking and an exhibit hall trade show," said Layne Knutson, event coordinator for L&L Exhibition Management, which organizes the expos.

Between 80 to 100 vendors with remodeling expertise, legal and financial services, and energy saving solutions will be on site. Educational seminars are ongoing during the event.

Registration for the expo is free. Visit BrowardCondoHOAExpo.com.