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## Grace Anne Glavin, Esquire

In a time of worldwide Internet communication, only a few keystrokes from a Sarasota real estate law firm informed Tuskawilla Road attorney **Grace Anne Glavin** of her opportunity to accompany the Sarasota Association of Realtors to Paris, France, to address French realtors and investors about Florida real estate investment and immigration and tax laws.

Having studied French in high school and college, and having spent some time at the Leysin American School in Switzerland, Grace jumped at the chance to give formal presentations in French and bring her daughter, Winter Springs High School senior **Elizabeth Getz**, an advanced placement French student, along as her assistant. "The best part," Grace says, "was that Elizabeth could translate the whole speech and prepare the PowerPoint presentation for a visual accompaniment."

The night before their plane left for Paris, Grace and Elizabeth participated in the Winter Springs' inaugural Mardi Gras weekend March 13 and 14 at the city Town Center. Elizabeth had been selected by the Winter Springs Rotary Club and the parade committee to be the First Lady in Waiting, a position of high honor. Grace, an enthusiastic Rotarian for 13 years, sponsored a corporate float for her Morgan Title Company and Law Offices of Grace Anne Glavin, P.A., to entertain clients and staff. The float was decorated in a pirate theme with lights and ornaments. Grace rode in the mast, tossing beads with all of her fellow revelers dressed in costumes.

Elizabeth rode on the royal float with a purple sash and her waist-long black tresses pinned up with orchids. Elizabeth is a ballet dancer of international recognition from the Austrian Ballet of Tokyo, Japan, the Bournonville Seminar of Copenhagen, Denmark, and the Orlando City Ballet, Central Florida Ballet, and Russian Ballet of Orlando.

Paris was a delightful educational experience for Grace

and Elizabeth. Grace nimbly answered questions in French concerning the Florida economy, as well as tax and immigration law at Le Salon National de L'Immobilier at Porte de Versailles in Paris. Elizabeth assisted Grace and the American realtors with translation.

Through the Central Florida Real Estate Council, a not-for-profit educational organization of real estate attorneys sponsored by Attorneys Title Insurance Fund, Inc., Grace Anne Glavin, Esquire, as a founding Board member, is very involved with the Orlando Regional Realtor Association (ORRA), hosting and participating in their annual Law Symposium. This year, the Law Symposium, where realtors earn their continuing education credits, will be held on September 16. Grace will be presenting a discussion on "Closing Table Diaries" regarding short sales, real estate investment and mortgages. Information for ORRA's Law Symposium can be obtained from Dan Higdon, vice president of education services at 407-253-3580.

Grace has been educating the public in Florida laws regarding mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and general real estate law since 1985 when she began lecturing at National Mortgage Banker Association Mortgage Servicing conferences all over the country. She was a two-term president of Central Florida Title Association in the 1990s and in the 1970s in Syracuse, was the president of the Central New York Title Association. Her outreach in the Professional Mortgage Women and the local Mortgage Brokers' organizations helped to create a broad base for her practice.

Believing in education and sharing knowledge is the foundation of Grace's law practice, which specializes in estate planning, probate, divorce, general business, immigration, and of course, real estate closing and foreclosures. "With the average family facing an inability to make a monthly mortgage payment or the inability to sell their home to downsize or otherwise move," says Grace, "I feel it is my duty to share a lifetime of legal expertise in the areas of default and delinquency to help as many financially struggling people as possible."

This fall Elizabeth will be attending Smith College (where Grace attended) in Northampton, Massachusetts, to major in Latin and Classical Greek, followed by law school. "My hope is that my daughter learns the obligation to public service and education which was stressed to me when I studied law." ♦ *OWSL*



*Grace Anne Glavin in her Winter Springs law offices*



*Grace's daughter, Elizabeth Getz, is presented with the Royal Court of the Mardi Gras celebration. Right: Grace holds a bouquet on the bow of the parade float sponsored by Morgan Title Company and Grace Anne Glavin, P.A.*