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News and Notes

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Juan C. Martinez of GrayRobinson in Miami was elected chair of the Advisory Board of Best Buddies South Florida.

Christine Louissaint of ROIG Lawyers in Miami received the Certification Fraud Examiner Certificate from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Robert J. Harvey of Jenks & Harvey in West Palm Beach was a panelist at the Annual Alpha Hedge East Conference at the PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, addressing "Investment Opportunities in Latin America."

Lonnie Groot of Daytona Beach Shores and the Lake Mary law firm of Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert & Whigham lectured the graduate students of University of Central Florida Professor Staci M. Zavattaro's special topics in public affairs communications class.

Alan Fein, Kelly Melchiondo, Gisela Munoz, Patricia Redmond, and **Gene Stearns** of Stearns Weaver Miller participated in the Dade County Bar Association Bench & Bar Conference.

Elita McMillon of Tampa International Airport participated in a panel discussing "The Economic Benefits of Risk Mitigation" at the Tampa Bay Safety and Risk Mitigation Summit 2016.

Nicolette Vilmos of Broad and Cassel in Orlando was invited to participate in the Ninth Judicial Circuit's newly formed Business Court Commission.

Robert A. Shimberg of Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa was appointed by Tampa's Mayor Bob Buckhorn to serve on the Tampa Police Citizens Review Board.

Abigail Price-Williams of Miami was among 12 women who were honored at the 28th Annual "In the Company of Women" awards ceremony at the Coral Gables Country Club, winning in the government and law nonelected category.

Joseph Downing, an assistant state attorney in the 18th Circuit, spoke at the Brevard County Bar Association's "Salute to Our Military" program.

Melinda N. Coonrod of Tallahassee has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet as chair of the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

Judge **Thomas Patterson "Patt" Maney** of Ft. Walton Beach received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Kentucky.

Miami-Dade State Attorney **Katherine Fernandez Rundle** has been selected to receive the 2016 "Elected Official of the Year Award" by The Miami-Dade Unit of the National Association of Social Workers.

Veresa Jones Adams of Roig in Deerfield Beach has been accepted into the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity 2016 Fellows Program.

Lisa Berg, Kara Nickel, and **Andrew Rodman** of Stearns Weaver Miller presented at the 2016 FMLA Master Class: Florida — Advanced Skills for Employee Leave Management seminar.

Brian D. Elias of Fowler White Burnett in Miami has been appointed chair of the City of Miami Beach's Planning Board.

Vivian Chavez of Legal Services of Greater Miami served as a panelist at the Dade County Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference presenting "Renewing Your Commitment to Pro Bono Work."

Christopher O. Aird of Carlton Fields in Miami will serve as its 2016 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity fellow.

Laura Reich of Tenzer in Miami moderated a panel for the International Litigation, Arbitration & Transactions Conference in Miami.

David H. Pollack of Miami was featured in a CBS 4 Local Report on Internet defamation, titled, "Ruined By a Review: Be Careful What You Post Online."

Mindy A. Mora of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami was named a 2016 Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers.

Dennis G. Kainen of Weisberg Kainen Mark of Miami was a panelist at the Dade County Bar Association's Annual Bench & Bar Conference on Hot Topics in International Tax Law.

Barry M. Wax of Miami presented "Social Media and Lawyer Advertising" at the February meeting of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Law Council.

Ron Ravikoff of JAMS in Miami was honored by the *National Law Journal* for his work in antitrust mediation.

Leslie Lott and **Ury Fischer** of Lott & Fischer in Miami spoke at the Dade County Bar Association's Annual Bench & Bar Conference. Lott moderated a panel addressing critical issues facing Florida lawyers. Fischer spoke on intellectual property rights in today's digital economy.

Cynthia Henry Duval of NSU Shepard Broad College of Law has been appointed to the ABA Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice. She will be contributing to the coalition's Digital Justice Initiative.

Jed L. Frankel of Eisinger, Brown, Lewis, Frankel & Chaiet in Hollywood was certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a circuit mediator.

Hunter Chamberlin of Chamberlin Crowe in Tampa talked with small business owners about reasonable steps they can take to protect themselves and their businesses to avoid becoming the target of a lawsuit at the Federation of Internet Solution Providers of the Americas Convention in Tampa.

Elisha D. Roy of The Law Offices of Elisha D. Roy, P.A., in West Palm Beach has been named as a fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Adam Rabin of McCabe Rabin in Palm Beach County received the "Amigo" Award from the Cuban American Bar Association for his work with the association on improving lawyer civility in South Florida.

Jeniffer Viscarra of Viscarra Law in Miami was re-appointed chair of the city advisory committee for the City of Sunny Isles Beach.

Kari K. Jacobson of La Cava & Jacobson in Tampa spoke at the CLM SE Conference, Retail, Restaurant & Hospitality on Aquatic Accident Investigations: "What Can Be Done So You Are Not Up The Lazy River Without a Paddle" with a focus on resort pools and water park accidents.

Gregory C. Yadley of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Tampa was principal chair of the 34th Annual Federal Securities in Miami.

Ita Nymotin, the regional counsel of the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel of the Second District Court of Appeal, joined **Stephanie Bergen**, bureau chief for Children's Legal Services at the Office of the Attorney General, to present a professionalism seminar for regional counsel attorneys, Guardian ad Litem of Hillsborough County, and members of the private bar

who are members of the dependency contract list to improve practice and interoffice relations in the 13th Circuit. Other presenters included **David Silverstein**, assistant attorney general, and **Marisa Gonzalez**, assistant regional counsel.

Scott G. Hawkins of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs in West Palm Beach received the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award.

Amy J. Fanzlaw of Osborne & Osborne in Boca Raton presented "Special Needs Planning" to attorneys and parents of special needs children in conjunction with SunTrust Bank.

Darcee S. Siegel of Bal Harbour was nominated to serve on the ABA's Board of Governors as a section member at-large representing the Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division.

Dean T. Xenick of Zele Huber Trial Attorneys in Jupiter has been selected for membership into The National Trial Lawyers organization.

Ekecia Grayson Taylor of Daytona Beach was appointed by Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Steve Crisafulli to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

Christin M. Bucci of the Bucci Law Offices in Ft. Lauderdale presented "Responding to Adverse IRS Audit Assessments: Audit Reconsideration Requests, IRS Appeals, and Settlement Strategies" as part of a Strafford live webinar.

Jason W. Searl of GrayRobinson in Orlando was elected to the Central Florida Partnership Board of Directors. Florida Bar President-elect **Bill Schifino** of Burr & Forman in Tampa spoke at the Dade County Bar's Bench and Bar Conference in Miami.

M. Scott Kleiman of Kalis, Kleiman & Wolfe in Davie has been reappointed by the Cooper City Commission as the Cooper City special magistrate.

Maria D. Garcia of Zumpano Patricios & Winker in Coral Gables has been named vice president of the Cuban American Bar Association.

Andrew J. Doyle of the District of Columbia served as a panelist for the Washington Council of Lawyers' Government Pro Bono Roundtable.

Nicholas Grimaudo of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns has been named general counsel and member of the Executive Committee/Board of Directors for the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Ava J. Borrasso of Miami published "Considerations Regarding So-Called Boilerplate Clauses in Cross-Border Commercial Transactions" in the March 2016 issue of the *Business Visions* newsletter of the ABA Business Law Section.

Brian D. Burgoon of the Burgoon Law Firm in Atlanta was elected vice president of the University of Florida Alumni Association.

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