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**Shawn E. Devendorf** of Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson in Miami presented the "2015-2016 Insurance Case Law Update" at the firm's annual Tampa seminar series.

**Louis La Cava** of La Cava & Jacobson in Tampa discussed "Risk Avoidance and Management" at the Annual Vit-Buckle Society Meeting of retinal surgeons in Miami.

**Gil O. Acevedo** of Fowler White Burnett in Miami has been appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Miami Aviation Association.

**Babette Bach** of Bach & Jacobs in Sarasota discussed "Removing Guardians and Trustees and Disqualifying Judges" at the Probate & Pumpnickel Sarasota Luncheon.

**Sharhonda Robinson-Edwards** of ROIG Lawyers in Miami has been admitted to practice in the U.S District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

**Lawrence Miller, Norman Fleisher, Sean Lebowitz, and Jacob Warren**, of Gutter Chaves Josepher Rubin Forman Fleisher Miller in Boca Raton, presented on creative settlements in probate, trust, and guardianship litigation matters to the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

**Beth Leahy** of Walton Lantaff Schroeder and Carson presented "Good Faith Claims Handling: Ethics" to adjusters with CNA insurance.

**Wendy Mara** of Mara Law, P.A., in Ormond Beach presented "Leadership: Nurture v. Nature" during the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

**William F. Trueba, Jr.**, of Espinosa, Trueba, Martinez in Miami discussed "Effectively Coordinating the Defense of a Patent Troll Case" at the Defense Research Institute's Intellectual Property Litigation Seminar in Nashville.

**Michael H. Galex** of Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson in Miami presented on both "Ethics: Understanding Privileges & How to Handle Investigations and Adjusting of Claims" and "Developments in Premises Liability/Slip & Fall Law" at the Annual WLSC Tampa Seminar in Tampa.

**Adam R. Seligman** of Ward Damon in West Palm Beach has been appointed to the facilities committee for Families First of Palm Beach County.

**Stacey A. Giulianti**, chief legal officer of Florida Peninsula Insurance Company in Boca Raton, has opened Lauderdale Comics, a

comics and toy lounge.

**Armando Hernandez** of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell received 11th Judicial Circuit Court Professionalism Committee's first "Excellence in Professionalism Award."

**James S. Savalli** of Shumaker of Loop & Kendrick in Sarasota moderated a symposium at Brooklyn Law School's Feil Hall on "means and method," a prevalent, yet undefined term standard in form construction contracts at a symposium jointly hosted by the school and New York City Department of Design and Construction.

**Robert D. Peltz** of The Peltz Law Firm in Miami presented a seminar on "Handling Admiralty and Cruise Line Cases" as part of the Miami-Dade Trial Lawyers Past Presidents' Seminar Series.

**Howard S. Krooks** of Boca Raton spoke at the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Annual Meeting in Denver on "Estate Planning Portability in a Mobile Society and Case Law Update."

**Kevin E. Vance** of Duane Morris in Miami has been named chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Human Resources Committee.

**Richard West** of West, Green & Associates in Orlando was elected to the board of managers of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

**Michelle McIntyre Wasielewski** of Riog Lawyers in Tampa completed and graduated from the Tampa Connection leadership program.

Miami-Dade State Attorney **Katherine Fernandez Rundle** received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Patricia D. Crauwels** of Matthews Eastmoore in Sarasota has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**Lelia M. Menendez** of Fowler White Burnett in Miami has been appointed an associate editor of the TYL Editorial Board of the ABA's Young Lawyers Division.

**Kara S. Nickel** of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami presented "EEO Monopoly: Can You Collect \$200 and Pass Go?" at the Human Resource Association of Broward County Annual Legal Seminar.

**Adam B. Cordover** of Family Diplomacy: A Collaborative Law Firm in Tampa co-conducted a two-day Introductory Collaborative Family Law Training for attorneys, psychologists, therapists, accountants, and financial planners in Manatee County.

**Howard M. Rosenblatt** of Bogin, Munns & Munns in Gainesville was the kickoff speaker for Florida Federation of Jewish Men's Club's Retreat on "Who Are Our Customers? The How's and Why's of Outreach."

Professor **H.T. Smith** of FIU College of Law participated in a seminar titled "Professionalism in the Justice Building: A Candid Discussion."

**Alvin Marshall Foreman** of Suncoast Law Office in Clearwater presented "Bankruptcy & Credit Issues" at the Ask-A-Lawyer program sponsored by the Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program-NW.

**Richard P. Morris** of Fowler White Burnett in Miami presented "Inflight Loss of Control Prevention in Commercial and General Aviation" at the Aviation Insurance Association's Annual Conference in Miami.

**Nancy Harris** of Harris & Hunt and **Wendy Aikin** of The Aikin Law Group in Tampa presented "Legal Alchemy: Advocating for Consensus," a presentation designed to help lawyers understand and adopt new methods to practice successfully within a collaborative team, at the FACP Annual Conference in Tampa.

**Leslie José Zigel** of Greenspoon Marder in Miami has been appointed to lead the diversity committee for the ABA's Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries.

**Kit Van Pelt** of Linda Suzzanne Griffin, P.A., in Clearwater has been elected to the Clearwater Bar Association Foundation Board of Trustees. She also has become treasurer of the Pinellas County Estate Planning Council.

**Karen Skyers** of Becker & Poliakoff in Tampa has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Law.

**Bruce Berman** and **Peter Webster** of Carlton Fields co-wrote a new edition of *Berman's Florida Civil Procedure 2016 ed.* (Vol. 4. West's Florida Practice Series) (Thomson Reuters).

**Harsh Arora** of Spiegel & Utrera in Miami was elected as the vice president of The India-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

**Floyd R. Self** of Berger Singerman in Miami has been named president of the Southern Chapter of the Energy Bar Association.

**Mya M. Hatchette** of Winderweede, Haines, Ward & Woodman in Orlando was named a Florida Supreme Court certified civil mediator.

**Samuel S. Goren** and **Jacob G. Horowitz** of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol in Ft. Lauderdale were presenters at the Elected Officials Boot Camp and Ethics Training sponsored by the Broward League of Cities in Ft. Lauderdale.

**John M. Hament** of Williams Parker in Sarasota discussed the latest labor law developments affecting professional employer organizations and their clients at the Professional Administrative Co-Employers Conference in St. Augustine.

**C. Douglas McDonald, Jr.**, of Carlton Fields in Tampa was elected to serve as president for the Ferguson-White Inn of Court.

**Carlos E. Sardi** of Sardi Law in Miami has been named director of the Venezuelan American National Bar Association.

**Forrest J. Bass** of the Farr Law Firm in Punta Gorda graduated from the Florida Fellows Institute's inaugural class.

**Kelly Melchiondo** of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler in Miami was panelist for "Jump on Board for Attorneys," a networking event put on by Arts Board Match, Arts & Business Council of Miami, and Dade Legal Aid Put Something Back.

**Keisha Bell** of the Law Firm of Travis McConnell in St. Petersburg has received an appointment by Concerned Organization for Quality Education for Black Students to serve on the Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee established by the Pinellas County School Board.

**Robert Meyer** of Miami had three articles published in the Spring *Consumer Bankruptcy Journal* published by the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. The articles are titled, "ABC Assignee Banned From Filing a Voluntary Bankruptcy Petition," "Illegality of Marijuana Growing Prohibits Bankruptcy Plan Confirmation," and "Will a Surrender in Bankruptcy Terminate Defenses in Florida Foreclosure?"

**Brian D. Burgoon** of the Burgoon Law Firm in Atlanta was elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

**Cindy A. Crawford** of Greenspoon Marder was sworn in as president of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers Palm Beach Chapter's Board of Directors.

**Libby Ridley** and **Wesley Jones** of Bush Ross in Tampa are recent graduates of the 2016 Tampa Connection class.

**Jamie W. Karpman** of Jacksonville spoke in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Closing School on master leases for residential care facilities under Section 232 of the National Housing Act.

**Andre D. Pierre** of the Law Office of Andre D. Pierre, P.A., in North Miami was the keynote speaker for the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at MAST @ FIU.

**Evelt L. Simmons** of Greenspoon Marder in Port St. Lucie was appointed representative of the Rules Committee for the Hillary Clinton Campaign. Simmons was certified to the Florida Democratic Party as an official member of Florida's Democratic National Convention Delegation.

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