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A. Courtney Cox of WellCare Health Plans in Tampa co-chaired "A Day in the Life of In-House Counsel in 2016: The Ever Expanding Wheelhouse of Today's In-House Litigator" at American Conference Institute's Managed Care Disputes and Litigation in Chicago.

Robert J. Harvey of Jenks & Harvey in West Palm Beach chaired the Palm Beach County Securities Law CLE Committee's annual CLE program that covered the Revised Florida Arbitration Code and hot topics in securities arbitration and litigation.

Rafael Suarez –Rivas of the Miami City Attorney's Office spoke about the law as a career at Comstock Elementary School.

Jason B. Blank of Haber Blank in Ft. Lauderdale was installed as the treasurer of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Pablo Velez and **Rafael Suarez-Rivas** of the Miami City Attorney's Office spoke on general procurement matters before the Downtown Development Authority in Miami.

Rebecca "Becky" Wilson of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed in Orlando was the commencement speaker at the Hamilton Holt School at Rollins College.

Roy M. Hartman of Sacher, Zelman, Hartman in Miami presented "Some Ways to Avoid Potential Professional Malpractice Claims in Audit Engagements" at a meeting of the North Dade/South Broward Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Isabel Cissy Boza Sevelin of Tampa was the recipient of The Charlie Houchell Community Advocate Award that recognizes dedication and compassion for supporting survivors through advocacy in Hillsborough County.

Linda Worton Jackson of Salazar Jackson in Miami has been named "Professional in Residence Attorney" at the Center for Social Change, South Florida's first community space and co-working environment for nonprofits, social enterprises, and for-profits.

Anthony P. Vernace of Greenberg Traurig in West Palm Beach was honored by the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County at its Pro Bono Recognition Awards banquet.

Miami-Dade State Attorney **Katherine Fernandez Rundle** has been selected by the *Daily Business Review* to receive their prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 for her outstanding service to the Florida legal community.

Chad Van Horn of Van Horn Law Group in Ft. Lauderdale has been named Big Brother of the Year for 2016 by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County.

Michael Traficante of Grant Fridkin Pearson in Naples has been elected to the 2016-17 Collier County Bar Association Board of

Directors.

Benjamin Robinson of Broad and Cassel in Orlando has been appointed to the discovery committee for Lawyers for Civil Justice.

Alan Landman of Melbourne has become a trustee for the UF Law Center Association Board of Trustees.

Brett Schneider of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman discussed "Labor Negotiations No Spin Zone" at the Palm Beach County League of Cities' Elected Officials' Workshop.

Adam D. Lustig of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami moderated Bisnow's Miami 2016 Retail Renaissance.

Alessandra Stivelman of Eisinger, Brown, Lewis, Frankel & Chalet in Hollywood was selected to serve on the Hollywood Police Department Athletic League's board of directors.

Ellen Hirsch de Haan of Wetherington Hamilton in Tampa was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award by the National Community Associations Institute.

Berny V. Jacques of the State Attorney's Office for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in Clearwater was recently appointed to the City of Seminole Developmental Review Board.

Fred A. Cunningham of Domnick Cunningham & Whalen in Palm Beach Gardens lectured on "Winning the Powell Bad Faith Case" at Florida Justice Association Workhorse Seminar.

Scott L. Baena of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami spoke on "How Florida Protects the Legal Profession and the Public," at Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Dade County Bar Association's Lawyer Appreciation Event.

Stefanie C. Moon of S.C. Moon Law in Ft. Lauderdale spoke on *Miranda v. Arizona* as part of the Law Day celebration for the Southern District of Florida at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., Federal Courthouse in Miami.

Patrick W. Krechowski of GrayRobinson in Jacksonville has been selected as a member of Leadership Jacksonville.

Steven D. Lear of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami discussed "Case Study-Led Best Practices for Homebuilder, Land Developer, and Private Equity JVs" at the Real Estate Private Equity Forum on Land, Homebuilding, and Condo Development in Miami.

Jason S. Lambert of Zinzow Law in Palm Harbor has become president-elect of the Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Valerie B. Barnhart of Kelley Kronenberg in Ft. Lauderdale was named Nova Southeastern University's "Alumni of the Year" at the annual Student Life Achievement Awards.

Mark A. Sessums of Sessums Law Group in Lakeland spoke on "Evidence: A View From the Bench and the Trench" at a Florida Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers event in St. Petersburg.

Mark Eigarsh of Miami moderated the Annual Project Nuremberg Lawyers Luncheon in Boca Raton.

Robert M. Siegel of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami moderated "Homebuilding and Land Development: Assessing the Debt Financing Options in the Current Market," at the Real Estate Private Equity Forum on Land, Homebuilding, and Condo Development in Miami.

Professor **H. T. Smith** of FIU College of Law was presented the Legacy Award for his lifelong commitment to and achievements in the struggle for equal justice, equal rights, and equal opportunity by the Legacy Magazine Group.

Trudy E. Innes Richardson of Guilday, Simpson, West, Hatch, Lowe & Roane in Tallahassee discussed "Mediation Do's and Don'ts — Tips From a Mediator" at a Paralegal Association of the Big Bend meeting. She also served as a lecturer and judge for Florida Gateway College students who participated in the Spring Mock Trial held at the VA Medical Center in Lake City.

Marcus B. Griggs of ROIG Lawyers in Miami was recognized by Dade Legal Aid for his pro bono work at the DCBA's 26th Annual Recognition Luncheon.

Drew A. Stoller of ROIG Lawyers in West Palm Beach spoke at the South Intensive Transition School in Lake Worth as part of Law Day activities.

Simone Marstiller of The Marstiller Firm, P.A., in Tampa gave a presentation to the City of Tallahassee Independent Ethics Board titled, "Ethical Considerations for a Quasi-Judicial Board," and was the keynote speaker at the Annual Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Steven J. Chase of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Sarasota was made an honorary member of the Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court.

Scharome R. Wolfe of ROIG Lawyers in Orlando has been invited to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

Scott G. Hawkins of Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs in West Palm Beach has joined the Council of Advisors at the University of Florida's Bob Graham Center.

John Gihon with Shorstein, Lasnetski and Gihon in Orlando provided a training presentation to the Ninth Circuit Public Defender's Office on the immigration consequences of criminal prosecutions. He also was a panelist at the Friday Forum of Marion County event titled, "Immigration: Has Liberty's Light Gone Dark? Who Are We, Where Are We Going, What Is the Law, What Is Our Moral Responsibility?"

William Boshnick of Greenblum & Bernstein in Reston, Virginia, lectured before the Japan Patent Attorneys Association in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. He discussed ways to more effectively communicate with U.S. patent counsel.

Thomas P. Fabricio of Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson in Ft. Lauderdale presented a caselaw update regarding recent property damage cases in Florida on a webinar to insurance adjusters nationally.

Wendy Sartory Link of Ackerman, Link & Sartory in West Palm Beach received the Community Leader of the Year Award from the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Stermer of Development Specialists, Inc., and mayor of Weston, took part in a debate on the future of mass transportation in Broward County.

Jeffrey Hearne of Legal Services of Greater Miami discussed "Everything You Wanted to Know About Florida Residential Landlord Tenant Law" at a Dade County Bar event.

JJ Dahl of Dahl Family Law Group in Clermont has become a fellow with the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Matthew Fornaro of Matthew Fornaro, P.A., in Coral Springs has been appointed to the Broward County Consumer Protection Board.

M. Travis Hayes of Lile & Hayes in Naples presented "Estate Administration v.2.0: Probating Digital Assets Under the FFADAA" at the Collier County Bar's Estate Planning Symposium.

Danielle N. Garno of Greenberg Traurig in Miami has been named the Woman of Valor by the Children's Home Society of Florida.

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