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News and Notes

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Susan Latham of Feldman Gale in Miami moderated a roundtable for the International Trademark Association in Miami where participants discussed recent cases and decisions in the intellectual property field and their significance.

Joel H. Feldman of Boca Raton gave his second annual presentation of "Keys to Success for an Interfaith Marriage: A Family Law Perspective" at Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C.

Vicky Garcia-Toledo of Bilzin Sumberg was a presenter at "The Power of Nature: Reducing Climate Risk and Building Resilience," at The Nature Conservancy and Norwegian Embassy's Environmental Seminar in Miami.

Jeffrey Feldman of Feldman Gale in Miami has been elected to the board of directors of the Beacon Council.

Dennis M. McClelland of Phelps Dunbar in Tampa is editor-in-chief of the newly published Third Edition of *The Fair Labor Standards Act*, a nationally recognized legal treatise published by the ABA's Section of Labor and Employment Law and Bloomberg BNA. **Reed L. Russell** of Phelps Dunbar in Tampa serves on the treatise's board of editors.

Troy Finnegan, general counsel of Dr. Phillips Charities, was elected president of The University Club of Orlando.

St. Thomas Law Professor **Keith Rizzardi** testified to the Florida House of Representatives Government Operations Subcommittee about proposed legislation to amend the Florida public records laws.

Laura G. Murray of Bilzin Sumberg served as a panelist in "The Business of Being a Lawyer" seminar at the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Spring 2016 Boot Camp in Gainesville.

Jennifer Diaz of Diaz Trade Law, P.A., in North Miami was elected executive vice president of the Organization of Women in International Trade.

Jeffrey L. Rubinger of Bilzin Sumberg served as a panelist in the "Inbound Tax Planning with Intellectual Property" program at the ABA Tax Section Midyear Meeting in Los Angeles.

Cary L. Moss of Sawyer & Sawyer in Orlando has been named president of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys.

Philip R. Stein of Bilzin Sumberg served as a speaker at "The CFPB's Far Reaching Impact on the Residential Mortgage Industry" program at the American Conference Institute's National Forum on Residential Mortgage Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement in San Francisco.

Kimberly B. Rezanka of Dean Mead in Viera was appointed to the Florida Commission on Ethics by Gov. Rick Scott.

Gloria Seidule of Stuart participated in a panel on an ABA-sponsored webinar, "Healthy People 2020 Law and Policy Project: A Focus on Healthcare Associated Infections."

Donna Poole of Tallahassee was appointed chair of the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission by Gov. Scott.

Ken Swartz of the Swartz Law Firm in Miami has been appointed to the Miami Beach Human Rights Committee by Mayor Phillip Levine.

Kareem Spratling of Bryant Miller Olive in Tampa was appointed chair of the National Association of Bond Lawyers' Diversity Committee.

Stephen G. Mellor of Roig Lawyers in Deerfield Beach spoke at Nova Southeastern University Law Center's Plus Seminar Series: "The Balancing Act: Managing Work & Life in a 24/7/365 World."

Patricia A. Leonard of Shutts & Bowen in West Palm Beach served on a panel discussing "What Do ADR Consumers Want?" at the Palm Beach County Bar Association's seminar "ADR in 2016 – Challenging Old Paradigms."

Michelle R. Suskauer of Suskauer Law Firm in West Palm Beach presented "How to Get Involved and the Benefits of Being Involved" at the FAWL Mentoring Luncheon.

John S. Leinicke of Roig Lawyers in Miami has been re-elected president of the Dade County Defense Bar Association.

Erika G. Litvak of Greenberg Traurig in Miami has been appointed chair of the Miami Branch of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Bob Fitzsimmons of Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell in Miami has been invited to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

Kenneth Dante Murena of Damian & Valori in Miami moderated a panel discussion for the American Bankruptcy Institute's Commercial Fraud Committee.

Scott Knapp of Broad and Cassel in Ft. Lauderdale received the Sigmund Steinberg Award for Alumni Service from Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Wendy Mara of Mara Law, P.A., in Ormond Beach presented a seminar on guardianship on behalf of Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida at Ormond Beach City Hall. Mara was also sworn in for her third term as a director of the board at the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

Keisha Bell of the Law Firm of Travis McConnell in St. Petersburg has received a mayoral appointment to serve on the Community Planning & Preservation Commission.

Sharon R. Bock, clerk & comptroller, Palm Beach County, was recognized at Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse's Annual Heart of a Woman Luncheon celebrating "30 Years 30 Faces – The Survivors, the Champions and Those Who Serve and Protect."

Shannon Del Prado of Pita Weber Del Prado, has been elected president of the Miami Dade Trial Lawyers Association.

Joel Levine of Miami published a feature article in the ABA's *Litigation Journal* (Winter 2016 edition) titled "The Seven Deadly Sins of Mediation," an article explaining how to avoid self-inflicted wounds and achieve better results at mediation.

Professor **H.T. Smith** of FIU College of Law was presented one of the inaugural 2016 Pa'lante Awards for his commitment to moving the South Florida community forward.

Ronald H. Kauffman of Miami spoke on a panel about the "Constitutional issues and Florida Supreme Court's review of the expert witness statutes" at the American Inns of Court.

V. Lynn Whitfield, city attorney of Hallandale Beach, presented on "Make Law Your Profession, Not Your Life — Dealing With the Stress of Being a Lawyer," during the recent Local Government Legal Summit.

Ben Solomon of Association Law Group, in Miami has become president of the Builders Association of South Florida.

David Steinfeld of Palm Beach Gardens presented "Social Media: Use and Benefits to Law Firms and Applications in Litigation" for the

Palm Beach County Bar's Technology Practice Committee.

Trent Cotney of Trent Cotney, P.A., in Tampa has been elected treasurer of the West Coast Roofing Contractors' Association.

Heather Miller of Broad and Cassel in Miami has been appointed vice chair of the board for TrustBridge Health, the appellation that combines former organizations known as Hospice by the Sea, Hospice of Broward County, Hospice of Palm Beach County, Focus Care Home Health, and Harbor Palliative Care.

Sally McArthur, a guardian ad litem program staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, was re-elected chair of the Children's Cabinet of Orange County.

Jennifer Shoaf Richardson of Boyd & Jenerette in Jacksonville presented on "Professionalism and Networking in the Real World" during orientation at Florida Coastal School of Law.

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