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### News and Notes

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**Richard J. Plotkin** of GrayRobinson in Jacksonville has been selected for the inaugural class of JAX MVP.

**John J. Heber** of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami was a panelist at 2016 Orlando Fiduciary Summit.

**Leonardo Gomez** of ROIG Lawyers in Deerfield Beach was appointed vice chair of the North Broward Section of the Broward County Bar Association.

**John A. Boudet** of GrayRobinson in Orlando has been named to the Florida Hospital Foundation Cardiovascular Institute Board.

**Erica Smith** of Fisher & Sauls was installed as the president of the St. Petersburg Bar Association.

**Jamie Schwingamer** and **Allison B. Christensen** of Hahn Loeser & Parks have been reappointed to the board of directors for the Collier County Women's Bar Association.

**Fred A. Cunningham** of Domnick Cunningham & Whalen in Palm Beach Gardens lectured on "Recognizing and Preserving the Insurance Bad Faith Claim in Trucking Litigation" at the National Interstate Trucking Super Summit hosted by the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America.

**Mychal Katz** of Roetzel in Orlando has been elected to the Southwest Orlando Jewish Community Center's Board of Directors.

**Judge Renee Goldenberg** of the 17th Circuit received the FAWL Women Lawyers Jurist of the Year Award.

**Juliet M. Roulhac** of Florida Power & Light Company in Ft. Lauderdale was honored as a person of "Style and Substance" by South Florida's Symphony of the Americas Society.

**Patricia Green** of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami was the moderator for a CREW-Miami Workforce Housing Panel.

**Lauren Capriotti Guerin**, corporate counsel for The iCan Group in Boca Raton, has been appointed vice chair of the ABA's Corporate Counsel Committee.

**Thomas P. Fabricio** of Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson in Ft. Lauderdale became a member and precinct committeeman of the Broward Republican Executive Committee.

**Sarah Spector** of Becker & Poliakoff in Ft. Myers, who serves as president of the Lee County Association for Women Lawyers, led the chapter to win the Florida Association for Women Lawyers' 2016 "Outstanding Chapter" Award.

**Jack Hickey** of the Hickey Law Firm in Miami discussed efficient discovery strategies, depositions, and imputed income with staff attorneys and summer associates at the Dade Legal Aid Offices.

**Roy B. Gonas** of Coral Gables gave lectures on international commercial arbitration at the University of Szeged law faculty, led a discussion on arbitration at the Institute for Legal Studies (Budapest), gave a guest lecture at Central European University titled "Ethics and Management of the Arbitration Case: An Insider's Perspective," and presented "The Settlement of Investment Disputes Through the Lenses of an Arbitrator" at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

**David Seifer** of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami was appointed to the board of directors of United Way of Miami-Dade.

**Robert S. Turk** of Stearns Weaver in Miami has been elected a fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

**Zachary N. James** of Meland Russin & Budwick received the 2016 Dade County Bar Association/Dade Legal Aid Outstanding Child Advocacy Attorney of the Year Award.

**James Jones, Jr.**, of the Jones Firm in Miami is the co-founder of Court Buddy and the recipient of the American Entrepreneurship Award.

**Dennis Wall** of Winter Springs updated the claims handling and exclusions chapters in his co-authored book, *Catastrophe Claims: Insurance Coverage for Natural and Man-Made Disasters*, published by Thomson Reuters West. He also had the articles "Made Secret by Stipulations With No Basis, Approved by Court Orders With No Authority: A Case Study in the Abuse of Protective Orders in Coverage Litigation," published in the May edition of *Insurance Litigation Reporter* and "The Lender's Risk of Not Being Repaid" in May's *The Florida Public Interest Journal*.

**Gilbert K. Squires** of Miami Beach took the Oath of Attorney in Albany, New York. He's a board certified specialist in international law and focuses on domestic and cross-border matters including arbitration, litigation, business, and probate.

**Kara Nickel** of Stearns Weaver Miller Labor & Employment in Miami presented "Understanding the FLSA to Maximize Compliance and Minimize Exposure" to the Children's Services Council of Broward County.

**Thomas Newcomb Hyde** of Tampa, on behalf of the 13th Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee, presented "Professionalism: the Key to Litigation at Any Level" to the Appellate Law Section of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

**Sara Bernard** of Broad and Cassel in Orlando was named chair-elect of the University of Central Florida Alumni Association Executive Board of Directors.

**Christopher J. Smith** of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz in Ft. Myers has become a member of the Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Stella Chu** of Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell in Miami has been elected to the Dade County Bar Board of Directors.

**Dennis J. Eisinger** of Eisinger, Brown, Lewis, Frankel & Chaiet in Hollywood was elected to the board of directors for the American Lung Association, Inc.

**A. Courtney Cox** of WellCare Health Plans, Inc., in Tampa was a panelist on "A Focus on Government-Sponsored Managed Care Plans: Emerging Areas of Enterprise Risk and Liability for Medicare and Medicaid Plans" at the 2016 American Health Lawyers Association Annual Meeting in Denver.

**Jay A. Yagoda** of Greenberg Traurig in Miami was elected to the Board of Directors for the Third District Court of Appeal Historical Society.

**Lauren Fallick** of Haber Slade in Miami discussed "Insurance Agent Liability" at the annual convention of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents in Orlando.

**Raychelle Tasher**, law clerk to Chief Bankruptcy Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, moderated the ABA Business Law Section program titled "Bankruptcy Basics: What Every Business Lawyer Needs to Know About the Bankruptcy Process." She has also been appointed chair of the ABA Young Lawyers Division Bankruptcy Law Committee.

**John Farina** of Boyes, Farina & Matwiczuk in Palm Beach Gardens has been recertified with the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a board certified trial advocate.

**Sandy Chiu** of Greenberg Traurig in Miami spoke as part of the Miami Media and Film Market, an international financing and co-production forum with an intensive industry business training and creative development initiative, presented by the Latin Chamber of Commerce of U.S.

**Leslie Lott** of Lott & Fischer in Coral Gables spoke at the State Bar of Michigan's "Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute" on Mackinac Island, Michigan. The presentation included developments in trademark law, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Supreme Court and appellate court decisions, and European Union registrations in the light of the Brexit vote.

**Patricia D. Crauwels** of Matthews Eastmoore in Sarasota is now a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**W. Jay Hunston, Jr.**, of W. Jay Hunston, Jr., P.A., in Stuart has been appointed to the Florida Supreme Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee.

**Barnaby L. Min**, deputy city attorney for the City of Miami City Attorney's Office, has been elected to the board of directors of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida.

**Elizabeth Somerstein Adler** of Greenspoon Marder has been appointed by the City Commission to the City of Ft. Lauderdale's Sustainability Advisory Board.

**Kit Van Pelt** of Linda Suzanne Griffin, P.A., in Clearwater has been named chair of the Probate Section for the Clearwater Bar.

**Ava Borrasso** and **Kendall Coffey** co-wrote a chapter on "Lender Liability Issues Arising From Construction Loan Agreements" in the *Florida Real Property Litigation* manual, 8th Edition released in 2016.

**Marlene Quintana** of GrayRobinson in Miami was elected president of the board of directors of Miami Bridge Youth + Family Services, Inc.

**Mark Shalloway** of Shalloway & Shalloway in West Palm Beach explained the Federal-State Medicaid program that provides long-term care benefits to U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) officers at the Redstone Arsenal, AL.

**Suzanne M. Amaducci-Adams** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami was a panelist at "Bisnow's Evolution of Brickell and Downtown Miami."

**Nikeisha Williams Pryor** of Broad and Cassel in Ft. Lauderdale has been elected to the Broward County Bar Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors.

**Mark A. Hanley** of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in Tampa has been elected as a fellow in the American College of Labor & Employment Lawyers.

**Joseph Serota** and **Mitch Bierman** of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman have been appointed to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. He will chair the Transportation and Infrastructure Division.

**A. Daniel Vazquez** of Fine, Farkash & Parlapiano in Gainesville co-chaired the Young Lawyer Section CLE programming for the Florida Justice Association's convention.

**Hal J. Webb** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami discussed "Structuring Foreign Investment in U.S. Real Estate" for the Ft. Lauderdale Tax Council.

**Stephen K. Tilbrook** of GrayRobinson in Ft. Lauderdale was appointed to Nova Southeastern University's Ambassador's Board.

**James W. Shindell** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami moderated the "Bisnow's Evolution of Brickell and Downtown Miami" program.

**Scott R. MacLeod** of Greenberg Traurig in Orlando was elected to the Junior Achievement of Central Florida Board of Directors.

**Jason A. McGrath** of McGrath & Spielberger in Charlotte, NC, was published in the ABA's *GPSolo Magazine*. The article, co-written by North Carolina attorney Kelly J. Brown, was titled "Foreclosures When Missing the Loan Note: Yes, No, or Maybe?"

**Mildred Gomez** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami was a panelist at "Integrate y Empoderate," U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Inter-American Chapter in Miami.

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