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### News and Notes

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**Robert B. Lamm** of Gunster in Ft. Lauderdale has been elected to the board of directors of Junior Achievement of South Florida.

**Summer Ayers LePree** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami spoke on "Preimmigration Tax Planning," at the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Florida Tax Institute in Tampa.

**Barry M. Wax** of Miami presented "When Postconviction Counsel Comes Knocking: How to Handle an Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claim" at the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' 22nd Annual Death Is Different, Death Penalty Seminar.

Miami-Dade State Attorney **Katherine Fernandez Rundle** was recognized by Florida's Children First for her office's work implementing the Safe Harbor Act to help abused and neglected children in Florida.

**Marilyn Mullen Healy** of Adams and Reese in Tampa has been appointed legal counsel for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

**Kevin E. Vance** of Duane Morris in Miami has been elected interim chair of the Board of Directors of Sunrise Community, Inc.

**Alvin Marshall Foreman** of Suncoast Law Office in Clearwater presented "Consumer Bankruptcy Basics in Florida" at the March meeting of the Fred G. Minnis, Sr., Bar.

**Murray B. Silverstein** of Greenberg Traurig in Tampa spoke at the American Conference Institute's Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation Conference in Los Angeles.

**Maria Gralia** and **Gisela Munoz** of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami were co-panelists at CREW-Miami's "Mindfulness: Tapping Into Its Power to Achieve Professional and Personal Success and Wellness."

**Laird A. Lile** of Lile & Hayes in Naples has been re-elected to the Board of Regents of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

**Brian McDonough** of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami has joined the board of directors of Camillus House.

**Johnny Devine** of Tallahassee gave a speech at the Florida State Capitol about professionalism and qualities of a good leader to students from TeenPact Leadership School, which is comprised of teenagers from over 41 different states.

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

**Jason Haselkorn** of Ciklin Lubitz & O'Connell has become mayor of Juno Beach.

**Sheri L. Hazeltine** of Sheri L. Hazeltine & Associates in Delray Beach presented "Social Security Benefits: SSI, SSDI – How to Qualify and Preserve Benefits" to the PULSE transition conference in Orlando.

**Scharome R. Wolfe** of ROIG Lawyers in Orlando presented "Comparative Negligence" hosted by the CEU Institute at the office of Allstate.

**Scott Plankey** and **Michael Scanio** of Hightower, Stratton, Novigrod in Tampa Bay discussed claim evaluation and risk analysis assessment methods best used to determine settlement values for Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., at its Mechanicsburg, PA, office.

**Austin Turner** of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt in Ft. Myers was a panelist from the Urban Land Institute Young Leaders Group discussing a "Day in the Life" to real estate students at the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University.

**Jason S. Lichtstein** of Akerman in Tallahassee presented at a Urban Land Institute North Florida Chapter luncheon titled "Show Me the Money: How the Florida Brownfields Program Can Create a Win-Win for Your Next Project."

**Michael A. Weiss** of Blaut Weiss Law Group in Miami has become a Supreme Court certified circuit civil mediator.

**Nelson C. Bellido** of ROIG Lawyers in Miami has been re-elected to the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Board of Directors and was elected incoming chair of the Dade County Fair & Exposition.

**Howard S. Grossman** of Grossman Attorneys at Law in Boca Raton spoke at the Workers Injury Law & Advocacy Group in New Orleans on "Debunking, Destroying, and Defeating the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor."

**Brian L. Bilzin** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami received the Silver Medallion Award for his leadership in the Miami community at the Annual MCCJ Humanitarian Dinner and Awards Gala.

**Seth Joseph** and **Matthew Kohen** of Carlton Fields in Miami spoke on "Incorporating Your Startup: A Primer on Early-Stage Legal Considerations for the Entrepreneur," as part of the StartUP FIU Speaker Series at the Faculty Club at Florida International University in Miami.

**Howard M. Talenfeld** of Miami received the University of Miami Law Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award at its annual Broward County Judicial Reception for his work on children's issues.

**Louise B. Zeuli** of Louise B. Zeuli, P.A., in Lake Mary was elected to the board of directors of Community Health Centers, Inc.

**Marc Sarnoff** of Shutts & Bowen in Miami has been appointed to the Florida International University Board of Trustees.

**Deborah K. Madden** of Gunster in West Palm Beach has been elected to the leadership team of the 2016 Board of Directors for the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals.

**Laurie Hannan Anton** of The Law Office of Laurie H. Anton in Cape Coral was sworn in and admitted to the Tennessee Bar.

**James L. Nulman** of Ft. Myers spoke as part of a panel to a group of 150 lawyers at the Annual Construction Law Institute on the topic of "Mediations, Managing Expectations to Success."

**Gregory C. Yadley** of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Tampa moderated the panel "Be Smart in Financing Your Innovation – All Dollars Are Not the Same," addressing the legal and practical aspects of funding biotech and health-care companies at the Business of Biotech Conference.

**Jeff Deutch** of Broad and Cassel in Boca Raton has been appointed to the board of directors for the Eda and Cliff Viner Community Scholars Foundation, Inc.

**Leonard H. Johnson** of Barnett, Bolt, Kirkwood, Long & Koche in Dade City recently was appointed to the University of Florida's Board of Trustees.

**Shaun M. Ertischek**, general counsel of TRAKAmerica in Naples, had an article titled "From Debtors' Prisons to the CFPB: A Historical Perspective on the Debt Collection Industry" published in the Spring/Summer 2016 edition of the *Florida Supreme Court Historical Magazine*. He also spoke on "Eliminating Litigation Blind Spots: Identifying and Mitigating Hidden Risk" at Consero's Financial Services & Insurance Litigation Forum in Coral Gables.

**Kayla Hathaway** of Rice & Rose in Daytona Beach has been selected to participate in Leadership Daytona Class 36.

**Steven D. Lear** of 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.

**Karen Asher-Cohen** of Radey Law Firm in Tallahassee received the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award" from the Jewish Museum of Florida – Florida International University.

**Melinda S. Gentile** of Peckar & Abramson in Miami discussed "What Every Advocate Can Learn From Walking in the Shoes of an Arbitrator" on a panel at the American Arbitration Association Construction Conference: Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget in Miami.

**Jerry P. Brodsky** of Peckar & Abramson in Miami discussed "Don't Get Burned —Effectively 'Hot-Tubbing' Experts" on a panel at the American Arbitration Association Construction Conference: Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget in Miami.

**Yasmin Fernandez-Acuña** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami spoke on "An Update on U.S.-Cuba Sanction Relations," at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, in New York.

**Beth Finizio** of Finizio & Finizio in Ft. Lauderdale served as co-chair of the American Association for Justice Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition for the South Florida region.

**Robert M. Siegel** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami presented "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.

**Cassandra Zayne** of Roig Lawyers in West Palm Beach has been accepted into the Boca Chamber's Leadership Boca 2016.

**Nicole Goetz** of Nicole L. Goetz, P.L., in Naples has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Wendy Loquasto** and **Richard W. Ervin III** of Fox & Loquasto in Tallahassee spoke on "Reply Briefs" for the Appellate Practice Section's Tallahassee Outreach CLEs and the section's statewide telephonic CLE program.

**Jeffrey L. Rubinger** of Bilzin Sumberg in Miami spoke on "U.S. Income and Estate Tax Planning for Resident Aliens," at the University of Florida Levin College of Law's Florida Tax Institute in Tampa.

**Rebecca M. Vaccariello** of Salvatori, Wood, Buckel, Carmichael & Lottes received a FAWL "Leader in the Law Award."

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