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Paul R. DeMuro of Broad and Cassel in Ft. Lauderdale has been reappointed chair of the American Medical Informatics Association Finance and Investment Committee.

Robert M. Siegel was a keynote interviewer at the "A Renewed Look at Specialty Finance for 2016" program at the iGlobal Forum's Specialty Finance Summit in New York.

Brenna Durden of Lewis, Longman & Walker in Jacksonville was appointed to serve on the city's Downtown Investment Authority.

Nicholas J. Grimaudo of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns has been selected as general counsel for the Clearwater/Upper Pinellas Chamber of Commerce.

John S. Leinicke of Roig Lawyers in Miami has obtained his Florida health care risk management license and has been approved as a health care risk manager by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

Dennis P. Dore of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin in Jacksonville presented at a nationwide teleconference seminar on "Spinal Cord Injury Cases 101: Doctor and Attorney Perspectives" through the National Business Institute.

Howard S. Krooks of Elder Law Associates in Boca Raton spoke at the AICPA National Financial Planning Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on "Representing the Client With Diminished Capacity." Krooks also presented the "Elder Law Update" for the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar in New York City.

Michael Hooker of Phelps Dunbar in Tampa received the Hillsborough County Bar Association's 2015 Outstanding Lawyer Award.

Brandon DeGel of Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman in Orlando joined the Key Initiative Young Professional Committee of the Ronald McDonald House of Orlando.

Jim Vickaryous of the Vickaryous Law Firm in Lake Mary has become president-elect of the Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association.

Maria Gralia of Stearns Weaver Miller spoke on the Dade County Bar Association Real Property Committee Panel "A Birds Eye View of Real Estate Development."

Kelly Swartz of Widerman Malek in Melbourne was appointed to the board of the Brevard Schools Foundation.

Peter D. Lopez of Stearns Weaver Miller was appointed to the Miami Children's Health Foundation Board of Directors.

Judge Rand Hoch received the Palm Beach State College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Leadership award in recognition of Judge

Hoch's efforts, which resulted in the enactment of more than 100 local civil rights laws and policies throughout Florida.

E. John Wagner II of Williams Parker in Sarasota was a panelist at the ABA Tax Section Midyear meeting in Los Angeles discussing commercial real estate lease income tax planning opportunities.

Douglas A. Cherry of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Sarasota presented "Avoiding the Pitfalls of the Digital Era of Law: E-discovery, Preservation and Other Technological Issues" to the Manatee Bar.

Michael P. Carolan of Winderweede, Haines, Ward & Woodman in Orlando has been appointed to the board of directors of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce.

Giselle Gutierrez Madrigal of Stearns Weaver Miller in Miami was elected to the Cuban American Bar Association Board of Directors.

Lonnie Groot of Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert & Whigham in Daytona Beach Shores and Lake Mary participated in the first round of judging in the National Finals of the ABA's Law Student Negotiation Competition in San Diego.

Christopher D. Brown of Beasley, Demos & Brown in Miami served as an instructor at the International Association of Defense Counsel's 2016 Trial Academy in Palo Alto, California.

John A. Greco of the City of Miami Office of the City Attorney spoke at the Richard E. Nelson Symposium at the University of Florida Levin College of Law on "*Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.*"

Seth Traub of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Tampa was a panelist at a Manatee Bar seminar regarding e-discovery, best practices, developing technology, attorneys' obligations in regard to technology, and what the rules of procedure and professional conduct require.

Linda Suzanne Griffin of Clearwater spoke at the Clearwater/St. Petersburg Bar Probate Update Seminar at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium on "Planning With Retirement Plan Assets."

Jerry M. Markowitz of Markowitz, Ringel, Trusty + Hartog in Miami moderated and spoke at a seminar about "Cross Border Mediations in the Caribbean" at the American Bankruptcy Institute's Caribbean Insolvency Symposium in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Steven B. Lesser of Becker & Poliakoff in Ft. Lauderdale has been re-elected vice president of the Southeast Florida chapter of the International Concrete Repair Institute.

Valerie Barnhart of Kelley Kronenberg in Ft. Lauderdale spoke on "Best Practices on Cyber Risk Assessment, Management and Remediation" at the Claims and Litigation Management Southeast Conference in Tampa.

Nelson C. Bellido of Roig Lawyers in Miami was a visiting professor and speaker at Duke University in Durham, NC. He presented "Diversity & Ethics in the Legal Profession: The Changing Cultural Landscape and Role of Higher Education."

Glen J. Torcivia of Torcivia, Donlon, Goddeau & Ansay was selected to serve as town attorney for the Town of Ocean Ridge, a seaside community in Palm Beach County.

Walter "Skip" Campbell and **Brent Reitman** of Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock & Liberman in Ft. Lauderdale have been inducted into Trial Masters as members.

Alison Smith of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman was installed as chair of the board of directors of Legal Aid Service of Broward County and Coast to Coast Legal Aid.

Orlando I. Martinez-Garcia of Abogados de America Law Offices in Puerto Rico co-wrote "Does the Prisoner's Dilemma Refute the Coase Theorem?" published in volume 47 of *The John Marshall Law Review* (Chicago), essay that was awarded an honorable mention for juridical monography of the year 2015 by the Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico — established in 1840 and one of the oldest bar associations in continuous existence in the Americas.

Mason Williams of Widerman Malek in Melbourne has been appointed to the Barry Law School Alumni Chapter Executive Board as the secretary.

Ira E. Hoffman of Butzel Long in Washington, D.C., delivered a lecture on "The Current Legal Landscape: Major Legal and Policy Issues, and Emerging Issues" at the Law and Policy of Cybersecurity Symposium sponsored by the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law and its Center for Health and Homeland Security.

Duane L. Pinnock of Boyes, Farina & Matwiczuk in Palm Beach Gardens has been selected by the University of Florida Association of Black Alumni as an honoree for its annual "Gator Greats" networking and recognition reception in Ft. Lauderdale.

Mark Warzecha of Widerman Malek in Melbourne presented at the 2016 Primerus Young Lawyers Client Service Boot Camp in Orlando. The seminar focused on improving relationships with clients.

Michelle R. Suskauer of the Suskauer Law Firm in West Palm Beach presented "The Florida Bar Disciplinary Process: Your Survival Guide" to the Aventura Marketing Council's Law Committee.

Burr & Forman's **Denise Dell-Powell** of Orlando and **Ronald Cohn** of Tampa participated in Information Management Network's Annual Bank & Financial Institutions Special Assets Forum.

Nicolette Vilmos of Broad and Cassel in Orlando has been elected to the board for International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation Florida Network.

Mike Ryan, mayor of Sunrise and partner at Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock Liberman, was named "Honorary Scotsman of the Day" by the Scottish American Society of South Florida during the annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games.

Dawn Siler-Nixon of FordHarrison in Tampa received a 2016 Lexology Client Choice award in London for the employment and benefits category in Florida.

Randy Briggs of The Briggs Law Firm in Ocala completed his second term as president of the Florida State Golf Association, the country's largest state golf association with over 240,000 members.

Frank Orlando of Ft. Lauderdale has been selected as a 2016 University of Florida College of Health and Human Performance Alumni Hall of Fame recipient.

Erin Smith Aebel of Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick in Tampa was awarded a 2016 Lexology Client Choice award in London for exemplary client service.

Gregory C. Yadley of Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick in Tampa has been reappointed to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies.

Angelina "Angel" Colonnese, Manatee County clerk, received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award.

Jodi B. Laurence of the Florida Health Law Center in Davie has joined the board of directors of Nicklaus Children's Hospital, part of Miami Children's Health System.

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