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Jay has been elected to serve as a member of The Florida Bar's Board of Governors and the Board of the Urban League of Broward County. He has taught law at Nova Southeastern University Law School and St. Thomas University School of Law. Jay was an undergraduate at the University of Florida and received his J.D. at South Texas College of Law.



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Oswaldo F. Torres, Esq. is 1987 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Penn Law Forum. For the entirety of his professional career Mr. Torres has focused on assisting clients negotiate and effect complex corporate transactions, including securities offerings (both public and private), mergers and acquisitions and cross border joint ventures.

Mr. Torres has nearly 30 years of broad-based experience in corporate transactions, the private placement of equity and debt securities, licensing, distribution and production of entertainment content, and general corporate, limited liability company, and general business matters. He has represented companies, large and small, in their day-to-day operations.

A significant portion of Mr. Torres' practice includes preparing offering documents for real estate investment clients and others. For the past 6 years, Mr. Torres has been immersed in the EB-5 industry, where his rich experience in complex legal matters has allowed him to successfully represent regional centers and projects with their corporate structuring and securities offerings matters. Mr. Torres has worked on numerous EB-5 offerings, including those involving hotel development, multi-family residential construction, senior independent living complexes, healthcare companies, restaurants, franchise concepts and others.

Mr. Torres frequently speaks at EB-5 conferences on securities issues and other aspects of the EB-5 practice. Mr. Torres is a member of the EB-5 SEC Roundtable, a group of distinguished securities law practitioners in the EB-5 space. He also serves on IIUSA's President's Advisory Council and on its Compliance, Public Policy and Editorial Committees. In addition, he also serves on the Steering Committee for the EB-5 Investment Coalition. Mr. Torres is rated AV® Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, ranked a Top 15 EB-5 Securities Attorney by EB-5 Investors Magazine and was selected as a Medallion Partner by NES Financial. Mr. Torres is also rated by Avvo as a "Superb" attorney, the highest available rating offered by Avvo, which uses a completely objective model to evaluate attorneys.

In the past, Mr. Torres worked as a corporate and securities attorney at several large and prestigious firms, including Schulte Roth & Zabel in New York City and Greenberg Traurig in Miami. He has also served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Telemundo Group, the Spanish-language television network, and for HBO Latin America, the premiere cable programmer in Latin America.

Mr. Torres considers himself, above all, a deal lawyer and his principal goal is to see deals successfully close, especially in the seemingly ever-evolving EB-5 space. For that reason, one of the most rewarding aspects of being an EB-5 securities attorney for Mr. Torres is helping clients through the often confusing and complex EB-5 regulatory maze. To date, Mr. Torres has counseled on EB-5 and other offerings for projects valued over \$5 billion.



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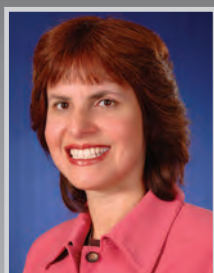


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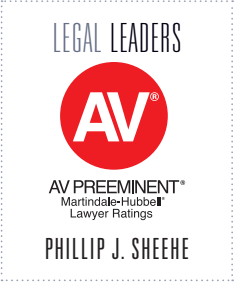
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When preparing for trial, attorney Phillip J. Sheehe—founding partner of Sheehe & Associates, P.A.—spares no expense with his time or his money. Sheehe will spend months poring over thousands of documents, interviewing scores of witnesses, and lining up experts from across the country. As the trial date approaches, Sheehe has been known to work 15 hours a day, seven days a week.

“We don’t cut corners,” Sheehe says. “Our theory is that when we go into a courtroom we want to give our client the best opportunity to win, which means leaving no stone unturned.”

Sheehe is AV® Preeminent™ rated by Martindale-Hubbell®—the organization’s highest rating for legal ability and professional ethics—and has handled complex litigation for more than three decades. He focuses his practice on commercial, products liability, and insurance cases that often require several weeks, if not months, to try. Indeed, one of Sheehe’s cases involved a six-month jury trial in Miami that resulted in a favorable outcome against a national products company.

With offices in Miami, Lake Mary and Pensacola, Sheehe is able to represent major corporations and individuals throughout the state of Florida. He also handles cases in federal court, and makes a point of taking on a range of cases so that he can remain skilled in multiple areas. “Being in the courtroom and fighting for my clients brings me a lot of pleasure,” he says. “I enjoy winning, and I’m good at it.”



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Attorney Michael K. Grife, Esq., has been representing seriously injured victims of negligence in South Florida for over a decade. Mr. Grife founded The Grife Law Firm in 2014 with the mission of providing his clients with the very best legal representation possible in a luxurious setting in order to maximize their financial recovery and their comfort. His representative cases include: wrongful death auto negligence for the survivors of a 6-year-old girl killed in a car wreck; medical malpractice for a young Baker Acted gentleman who was allowed to elope and throw himself in front of a truck causing catastrophic injuries; wrongful death premises liability for the family of an adult landscaper who drowned to death when he fell into a dangerous country club pool; automobile negligence and errors and omissions case for a Boca Raton gentleman who suffered traumatic brain injury in a hit-and-run automobile crash.

The hard work and tenacity that Mr. Grife has put into representing injury victims has been recognized by several legal organization and his peers. He is AV-Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Among some of his other honors, Mr. Grife has been named a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers, a Top Attorney in America by Rue Ratings, 10 out of 10 “Superb” rating and Clients’ Choice Award from AVO and America’s Most Honored Professionals by American Registry. While Mr. Grife is honored and humbled by this recognition, it is the positive feedback from his clients that provides him with the most satisfaction.



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Mr. Davell received his B.S. *Summa Cum Laude* and his M.B.A. from Wright State University and his J.D. *Cum Laude* from Stetson College of Law. He is AV Preeminent rated, admitted to practice before the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been actively involved in the Florida Bar serving on various committees and in the community serving on the board of 4Kids of South Florida, the Mayor's Prayer breakfast committee and as a graduate and coach in Lifework Leadership.




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Mr. Graham has 30 years of experience exclusively related to civil trial law and has extensive experience in the areas of consumer law, personal injury and insurance law. Mr. Graham is the founder of Graham Legal, P.A., and has dedicated his career to protecting consumers against those that have caused them harm due to their wrongful behavior including foreclosure defense, and personal injury. Mr. Graham’s philosophy is that good people deserve to be protected.

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Mr. Thomas received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida, his law degree from Nova Southeastern University, and his Masters of Law from the University of Miami. Mr. Thomas has been practicing in South Florida for 20 years and his firm has represented

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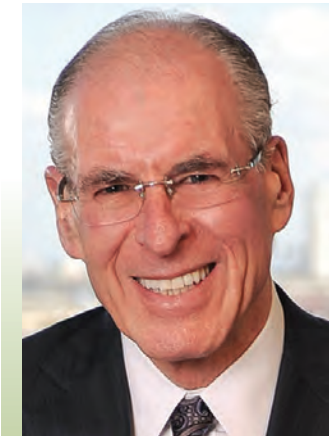
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Harry was appointed to serve on the Supreme Court of Florida's Committee on Professionalism for the 11th Judicial Circuit, and serves on The Florida Bar's Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee. In the ABA, he is a member of the Corporate Counsel Committee, Section of Litigation. Harry is a member of the International Network of Boutique Law Firms (INBLF) and IR Global, a leading international advisory network.



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Mr. Skatoff started his career in 1991 as a trial attorney in the Honors Program of the Tax Division at the Department of Justice in Washington DC. He litigated cases on behalf of the federal government and was awarded the Outstanding Attorney Award for Superior Performance during his tenure at the Department of Justice. Mr. Skatoff left government service in 1995 and has been a practicing attorney since that time. He is a member of the Tax Court and the Court of Federal Claims Bar. Mr. Skatoff received his undergraduate degree from Duke University, his law degree from Washington University School, and his Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University.

Mr. Skatoff, who is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbard, is a regular speaker and author on the topics of tax, estate planning, and probate and a frequent on-air legal commentator for CNN. Given his extensive experience as a Florida probate lawyer, Mr. Skatoff also serves as a mediator in contested Florida probate and trust matters.



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With more than 37 years of trial experience, Dennis M. Campbell is Board Certified in Business Litigation and Creditor’s Rights. In 2011, he founded the Campbell Law Firm with a dedicated group of professionals.

Mr. Campbell has substantial experience in representing financial institutions, insurance carriers, engineers, developers and manufacturers in state, federal and bankruptcy courts throughout Florida. He has been AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell for 27 years and has been consistently recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers*, as among “Florida’s Legal Elite” by *Florida Trend Magazine* and as a “Top Lawyer in South Florida” by the *South Florida Legal Guide*. He has lectured nationally and throughout the state of Florida on a variety of topics concerning commercial litigation, construction and creditor’s rights.



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Mr. Elias is actively engaged in a variety of charitable and civic endeavors. He is past Chairman of the Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida, past President of the Miami Lakes Bar Association, former founding member of the Jr. Board of Directors of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and was honored by Ronald McDonald House Charities as one of their “12 Good Men” for community involvement, civic service and commitment in and to South Florida.

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MARIO A. IGLESIAS FORMS MAI LAW FIRM IN MIAMI

MIAMI, FL. – November 2, 2016 – Mario A. Iglesias recently returned his law practice to Miami by establishing the sole proprietorship of MAI Law Firm. Iglesias brings over 30 years of legal experience representing national and international banks and companies, commercial developers and individuals in matters involving commercial transactions (domestic and international), banking, finance, real estate dispositions, development and title services.

He is a member of the Dade County Bar Association, The Florida Bar, the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) and the American Bar Association. Iglesias has been published in the *Florida Business Journal*, the *Daily Business Review* and on *GlobeSt.com* – a commercial real estate trade web site. Iglesias has also lectured for the National Business Institute (NBI) on title insurance and real estate topics, as well as various industry groups on development and LEEDS certification issues.

Iglesias was recognized in *Who’s Who in American Law* and named to the “Florida Legal Elite” list by *Florida Trend Magazine*, which represents approximately 2% of active Florida Bar members practicing in Florida.

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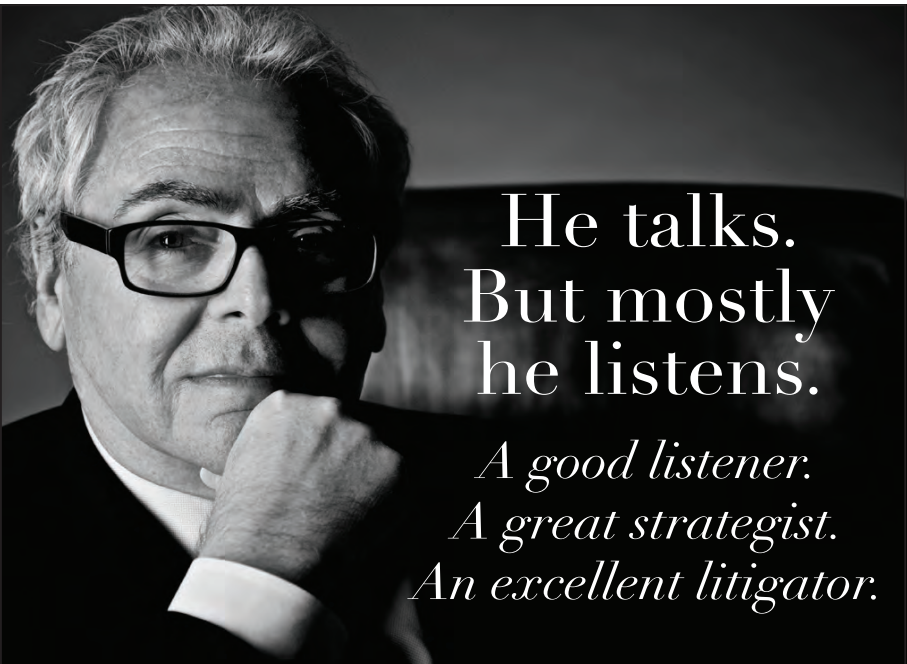


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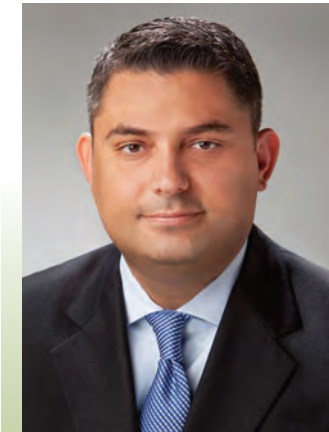
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