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Adrian P. Thomas is the senior partner of a boutique law firm concentrating its practice in probate, estate, trust and guardianship litigation throughout the State of Florida. 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 25 years and his firm has represented more than 4,000 clients in estate-related disputes, both prosecuting and defending. Mr. Thomas is rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell, 10-Superb by Avvo, and has been recognized by *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite and *South Florida's* Top Rated Lawyers.



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OSVALDO F. TORRES, Esq.

Oswaldo F. Torres, Esq., a 1987 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, is nationally recognized as a prominent corporate and securities attorney with expertise in the EB-5 investment visa industry. 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 9 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 conferences on securities law and blockchain issues. 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 Leadership, Public Policy and Editorial Committees of Invest In the USA, the EB-5 leading trade organization. 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.

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.



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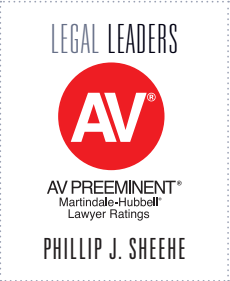
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When preparing for trial, attorney Phillip J. Sheehe—founding partner of Sheehe & Associates, P.A.—spares no expense with his time or his money. Sheehe will spend months poring over thousands of documents, interviewing scores of witnesses, and lining 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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Scott B. Smith, Esq. of Scott Smith Injury Law is an AV Rated Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney. Scott has been practicing exclusively in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death and product liability for more than twenty years. He has been listed in Best Lawyers since 2013 and was recognized as the Lawyer of the Year in Plaintiff’s Personal Injury Litigation in the greater West Palm Beach area in 2017. Scott has litigated personal injury and/or wrongful death matters in more than ½ of Florida’s 67 counties and has conducted jury trials in 8 of those counties. Further, he has litigated PI/WD matters in various other states. He has obtained multiple multi-million dollar verdicts and has resolved dozens of matters for one million dollars or more. Scott has also previously served as President of the Palm Beach County Justice Association and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Scott is the founding partner of Scott Smith Injury Law in Palm Beach Gardens. The firm handles personal injury, wrongful death and product liability matters throughout all of Florida. The firm can be visited at www.scottsmithinjurylaw.com and can be contacted at (561) 500 – 5555. Scott Smith Injury Law happily reviews and investigates matters referred by other attorneys and, in accordance with Florida Bar Rules, gladly pays referral fees in all matters referred by licensed attorneys.



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Late nights and weekends are when you can find attorney Bonnie Navin in her office as she prepares and litigates catastrophic medical malpractice cases throughout the state. Ms. Navin is rated by Martindale-Hubbel as "AV-Preeminent" - the highest rating for legal ability and professional ethics as well as honored with their "Client Champion Award", which recognizes those attorneys who excel at service affirmed by their clients. It has often been acknowledged that Ms. Navin leaves no stone unturned and no theory untested. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Navin worked in the fields of insurance and managed care companies. As a young attorney, Ms. Navin represented hospitals and doctors. After ten years of practicing, Ms. Navin realized that she would prefer to serve the injured and suffering and "switched sides". This prior work experience gives her an invaluable and rare insight into the opposing side's perspective. Ms. Navin is able to evaluate and understand both sides to a complex medical malpractice or wrongful death action. Ms. Navin knows her way around the courtroom, where she has secured large verdicts for her clients. In 2013 and 2016, Ms. Navin was named "Most Effective Medical Malpractice Lawyer" by the Daily Business Review. In 2013 and 2016, she was named in the "Top 100 Verdicts" by the National Law Journal. Ms. Navin was honored to recently be named to "The National Trial Lawyers Top 100- Civil Plaintiff", "The National Trial Lawyers Top 25 – Medical Malpractice", and "2019 Best Lawyers- Civil Plaintiff". While these recognitions are welcomed, Ms. Navin receives her biggest accolades directly from her clients who very often become friends for years after the close of their case. Ms. Navin makes a difference in the lives she impacts, and for that she feels truly honored and humbled.



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For over a decade, attorney Antonio G. Jimenez has been the managing partner at Jimenez Legal PA, a South Florida law firm devoted exclusively to the practice of divorce and family law. Mr. Jimenez handles a broad spectrum of Florida family law matters, including uncontested and contested divorce, collaborative divorce, child custody, child support, alimony, equitable distribution, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, paternity, and domestic violence protection. He is particularly sought after for his experience in complex and high-net-worth divorce cases, including those in which business interests are among the marital assets.

Mr. Jimenez is deeply and personally involved in every case his firm handles, and he is focused on achieving an optimal resolution in each case. Colleagues respect Mr. Jimenez’ ability to effectively negotiate favorable agreements for his clients and his skill in litigating on their behalf when a settlement is not in their best interests. No stranger to the courtroom, he has litigated dozens of jury trials and hundreds of contested court hearings. Mr. Jimenez believes that meticulous preparation of every case is essential to ensuring a good outcome.

Prior to establishing Jimenez Legal PA, Mr. Jimenez served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office. He earned his Master of Laws in Trial Advocacy from Temple University School of Law and his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law. Mr. Jimenez is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar Family Law Section and serves as a member of the Florida Bar Family Law Rules Committee. He has received an “AV Preeminent®” Rating from Martindale-Hubbell® in recognition of his legal skills and ethics.



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Jay served on The Florida Bar’s Board of Governors for nine years. He has also taught law as an adjunct professor at Nova Law School and St. Thomas University. He completed his own undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, graduating *cum laude* and received his J.D. at South Texas College of Law.

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Ms. Diaz has been certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a circuit civil and family mediator. She mediates cases in the areas of employment law, business disputes, and family law.

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Beth M. Lazar has been in active practice for the past 25 years specializing in Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning, Probate, Guardianship and Trust Administration and various aspects of Elder Law Planning. Beth handles a wide range of estate planning matters including estate and gift tax planning, business succession and charitable planning, and issues involving premarital and post marital agreements.

She holds a Masters of Law (LLM) in Taxation and is admitted to practice law in Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, and before the United States Tax Court. Beth is very active in the South Florida community and serves as a member of the University of Miami Planned Giving Advisory Board, the Miami Children’s Hospital Ambassador Legacy Board, Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options- South Dade Chapter; and the Professional Advisory Committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

Her professional affiliations are with the Florida Bar; Illinois State Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association; American Bar Association; South Dade Estate Planning Council, Estate Planning Council of Greater Miami; and the Dade County Bar Association, Probate and Guardianship Court Committee.

Beth has been recognized for her professional accomplishments in the 2012-2018 Martindale Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers and the 2010-2018 South Florida Top Legal Leaders.



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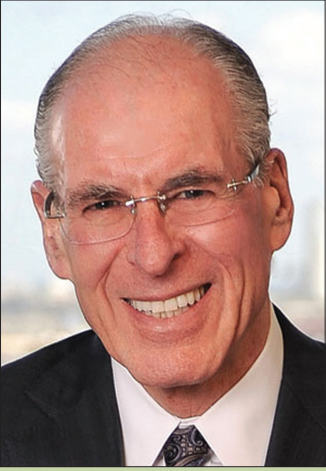
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Hillary B. Cassel, partner and co-founder of Cassel & Cassel, P.A., is a dedicated advocate for residential and commercial property policyholders throughout the State of Florida.

Mrs. Cassel began her legal career practicing as an Assistant State Attorney in Broward County, Florida, trying over 40 cases to verdict. Upon entering private practice, she represented insurance carriers with a focus on multimillion-dollar commercial property claims in both State and Federal Court obtaining favorable opinions from the Southern District of Florida and 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Cassel then shifted her practice solely to the representation policyholders against their property insurance carriers. Her passion for helping those in need is evident through her litigation as she has time and time again obtained favorable resolutions for her clients alleviating otherwise disastrous circumstances.

Mrs. Cassel is an advocate for consumers inside and outside of the Courtroom. Mrs. Cassel is the founder of Florida Policyholders Cooperative, a Political Action Committee dedicated to ensuring consumers’ access to the Courts and maintaining a level playing field against multi-billion-dollar insurance companies.

Mrs. Cassel has been named a Florida Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine (2015-2019) and has received the highest possible ratings of AV Preeminent and Client Champion Platinum from her peers and clients, respectively, through Martindale-Hubbell.



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Alan E. Krinzman represents individuals and companies in acquiring and developing all types of commercial, residential and condominium properties and in negotiating related financing documents. Mr. Krinzman also helps clients navigate the governmental permitting process including site plan approval, platting and zoning variances as well as negotiating construction documents and budgets with contractors and architects, and representing the owner's interests during the construction process.

In addition to representing clients in all types of real estate transactions, a portion of Mr. Krinzman's practice is also devoted to debt and equity structuring in order to help clients raise capital for their ventures, and representing many of the institutional and private commercial real estate lenders active in South Florida. Because he has practiced real estate law in South Florida for more than 30 years he can quickly analyze situations, evaluate the costs and benefits to the client, and recommend the most appropriate and cost effective course of action.

Mr. Krinzman is the partner in charge of Assouline & Berlowe, P.A.'s real estate practice. Assouline & Berlowe, P.A. is a multi-office South Florida business litigation and transaction focused law firm serving the business, real estate and intellectual property needs of local, national and international clients.



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