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BONNIE NAVIN

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.

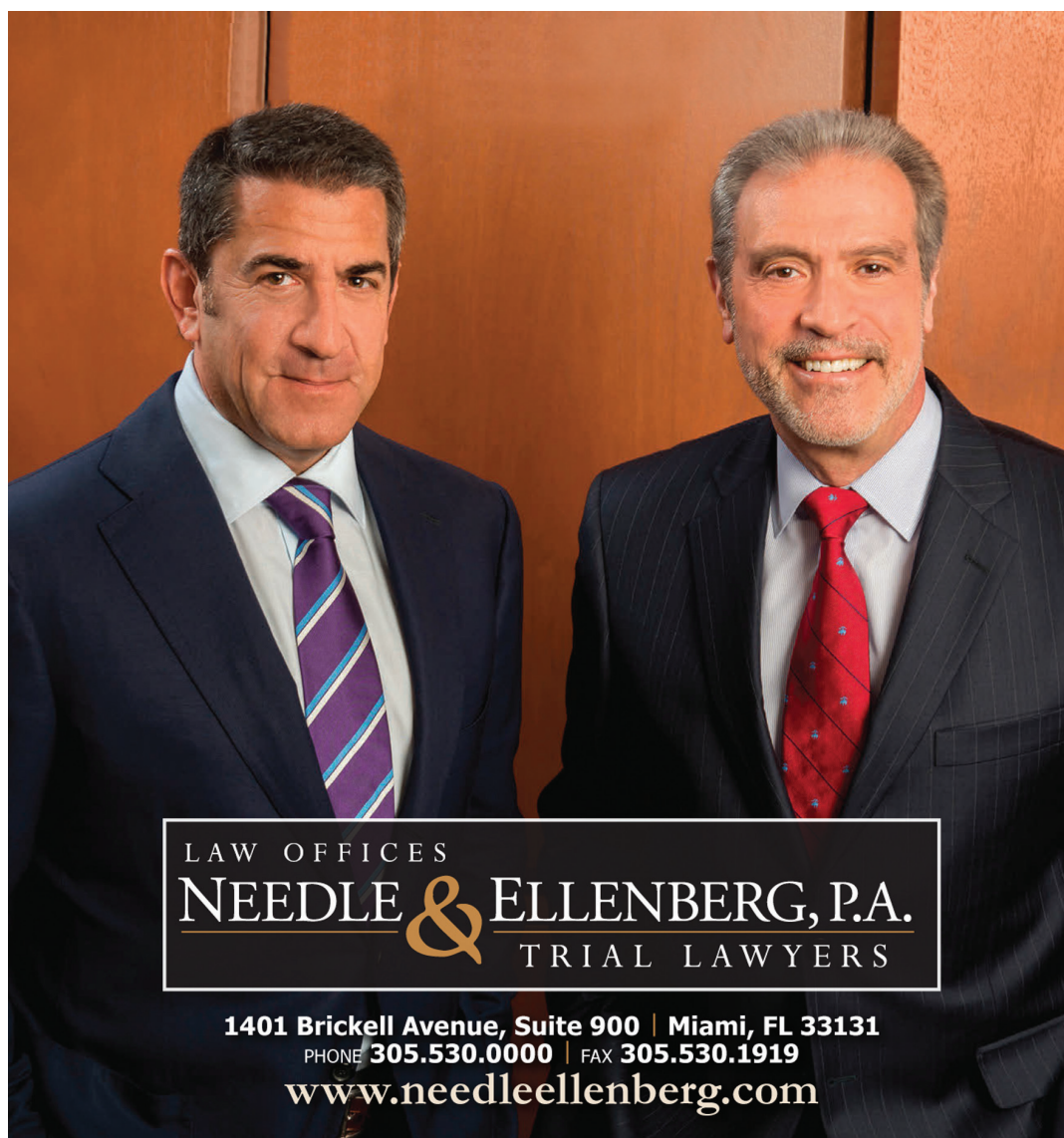
Ms. Navin knows her way around the courtroom, where she has secured large verdicts for her clients. Ms. Navin is Board Certified in Civil Trial by the Florida Bar. In 2020 Ms. Navin became Board Certified in Medical Malpractice by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys (ABPLA). In 2013 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 and 2020 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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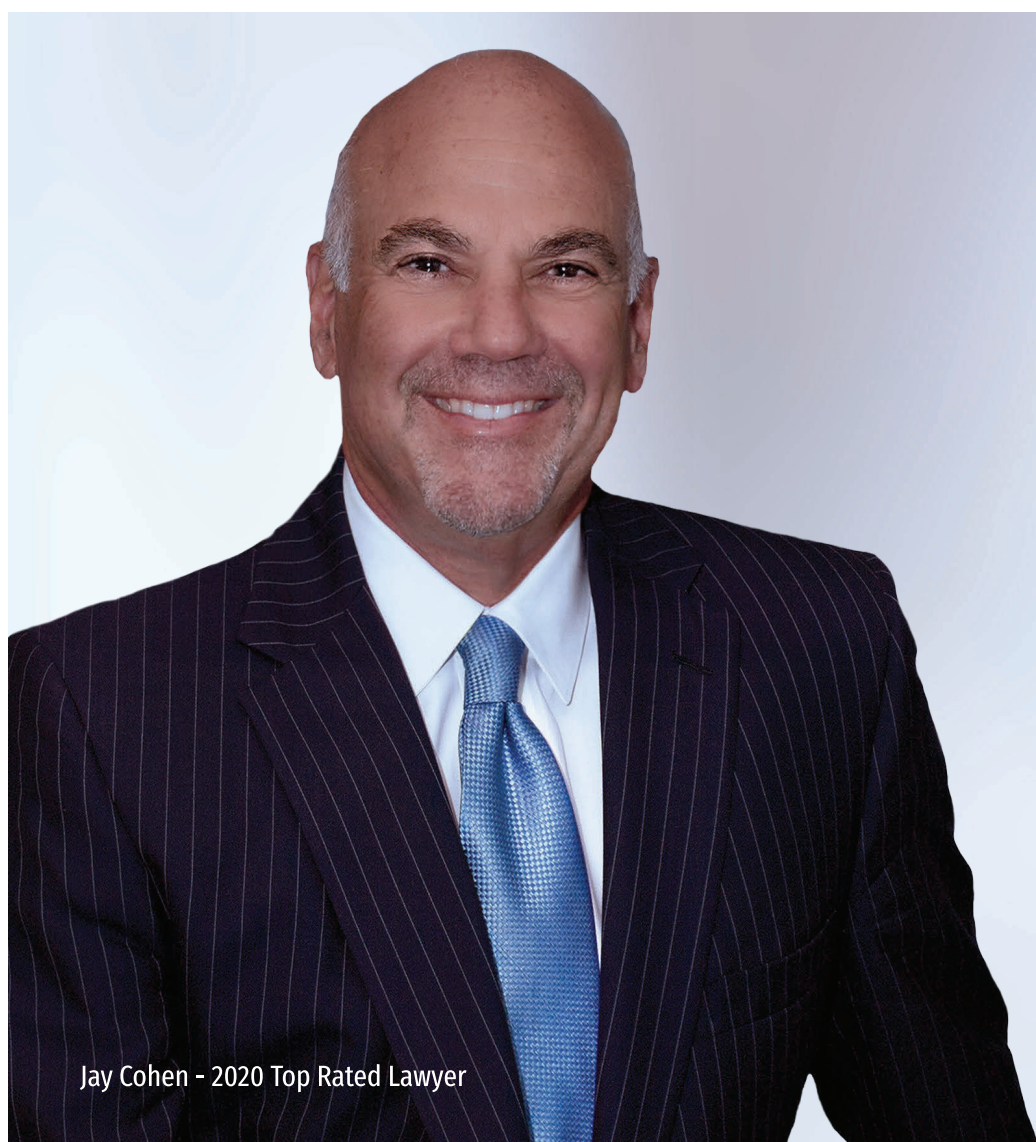
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Jay Cohen - 2020 Top Rated Lawyer



Jay Cohen has been named a 2020 Top Rated Lawyer by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell™. Jay's other accolades include “Lawyer of the Year” for Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs, Fort Lauderdale by Best Lawyers®, Super Lawyers (2007-2020), America's Top 100 Attorneys® Lifetime Achievement Award, Broward County Bar Association's Professionalism Award, and he has twice been named a finalist in Daily Business Review's Most Effective Trial Lawyer in the Medical Malpractice category. Jay is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and is also AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®.

Jay served on The Florida Bar's Board of Governors for nine years, and most recently served on the Florida Supreme Court's Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After Covid-19. He has taught law as an adjunct professor at Nova Law School and St. Thomas University, completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, graduating *cum laude*, and received his own J.D. at South Texas College of Law.

Jay is a senior partner at Cohen, Blostein & Ayala, P.A., a South Florida law firm which obtains significant verdicts and settlements for personal injury and medical malpractice clients who have suffered catastrophic losses.

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James (Jim) L. Magazine is a Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer by the Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Mr. Magazine has been licensed to practice law in the State of Florida since 1990 and has a national practice. He is admitted to practice before the United States Middle and Southern District Courts in Florida, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Jim is a board member of the Florida Justice Association with nearly 30 years of personal injury litigation experience. He specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and insurance bad faith claims nationwide. Mr. Magazine is passionate about helping fight the epidemic against the manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies. He is member of one of the national opiate teams, as well as litigates individual prescription opioid overdose cases.

As a Martindale Hubbell AV Rated attorney, he is often called upon by his peers to litigate claims because of his experience inside the courtroom. Jim is a member of the Million Dollar and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Distinguished Counsel, Clearwater Bar Association, West Pasco Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Board of Regents 2014 and 2015 Litigator Award recipient, and 2010 – 2020 named Florida Super Lawyer. Jim was also selected in Trends Legal Elite and recognized as one of the TOP 100 Trial Lawyers in the State of Florida. In August 2017 Jim was awarded the Lifetime Achievement selection to America's Top 100 Attorneys®.



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Mr. Krinzman's practice focuses on all aspects of real estate including representing individuals and companies in acquiring and developing commercial, residential and condominium properties and in negotiating related financing documents. He 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 devoted to representing investors and developers as well as institutional and private lenders in work-outs, foreclosure litigation and in bankruptcy proceedings. Because Mr. Krinzman has practiced real estate law in South Florida for more than 35 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 rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale and Hubbell and is among a select group of Florida attorneys designated as a Leadership in Energy and Design (LEED) Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council's Green Building Certification Institute. This designation qualifies him to assist building owners and managers with the LEED certification process and making buildings more energy efficient.



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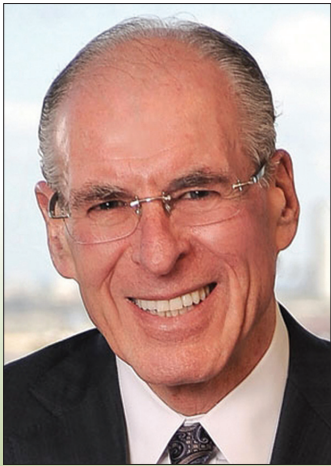
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He is a member of the Dade County Bar Association, The Florida Bar, the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) and the American Bar Association. Iglesias has been published in the *Florida Business Journal*, the *Daily Business Review* and on *GlobeSt.com* – 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.

Iglesias received his juris doctorate from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, in 1984 *cum laude*, where he was also a member of the law review, and his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. 25 years of Martindale Hubbell's AV+ rating.



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Since entering private practice, Ms. McKinnon has focused her career entirely on Florida personal injury and family law. Her experience, tenacity, and incredible work ethic have earned her the respect and recognition from both the legal and business communities.

In addition to her work in the courtroom, Ms. McKinnon regularly volunteers with a number of organizations in South Florida. Her Pro Bono work has resulted in a number of honors and awards, including a volunteer award from the Community Partnership for the Homeless (now known as Chapman Partnership) and a Pro Bono award from Dade Legal Aid for her work with the "Put Something Back" program for indigent litigants. From 2017-2020, Ms. McKinnon served on the 17th Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, where she is past Chair. In 2017 she was listed as a South Florida Super Star by Attorney at Law magazine.



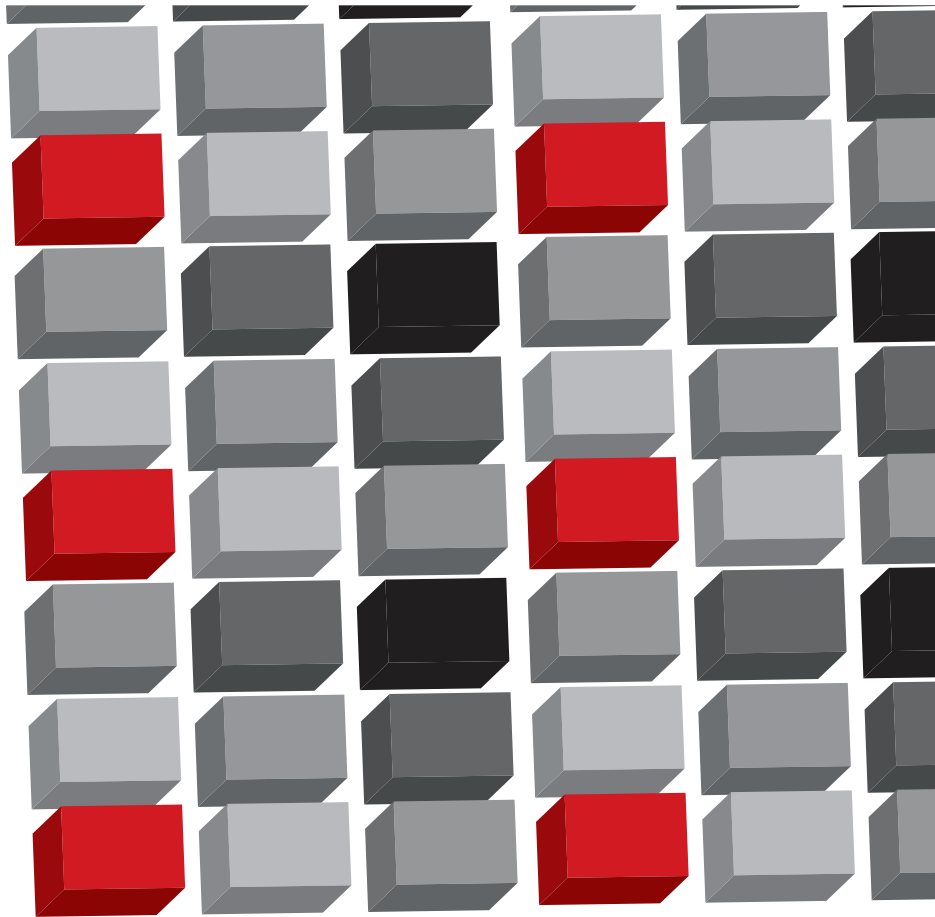


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