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Condominium association law, Homeowners association law, Collections and litigation for community associations

Randall K. Roger is rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®. The Firm concentrates its practice in the area of community associations, representing homeowner, condominium and cooperative associations, throughout the State. Since 1986, Mr. Roger has worked in the area of community associations; originally working with developers of large homeowner and condominium associations. Subsequently, over the past 25 years, Mr. Roger has focused his practice on the issues and concerns faced by boards of directors for homeowner, condominium and cooperative associations in South Florida. The Firm represents hundreds of associations throughout the state of Florida. During such time, Mr. Roger has addressed a myriad of issues which confront community associations, including covenant enforcement, document interpretation and amendments, collections, foreclosure, bankruptcy, litigation, regulatory issues and corporate matters; providing concise, explicit responses to the issues and concerns of his clients. Mr. Roger graduated from George Washington University and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and served on the Honor Council and as an editor on the Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution. Mr. Roger is Florida Bar Board Certified in Condominium and Planned Development Law.



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Shannon McLin founded Florida Appeals, a boutique appellate firm with six appellate lawyers including two retired appellate judges. While Florida Appeals has physical offices in Fort Lauderdale and Orlando, remote video technology has enabled the firm to advise lawyers and their clients cost effectively across Florida – from Pensacola to the Florida Keys.

A significant part of Ms. McLin's practice takes place in trial courts, where she often serves as additional counsel of record for trial support purposes. When engaged to join a trial team, Ms. McLin assists lead counsel with strategic analysis and briefing, legal research, and potentially dispositive motions, all with a focus on preserving error and positioning cases for appellate review. She also testifies as an expert on appellate issues and attorneys' fees.

Ms. McLin is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Appellate Practice and is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell. She has consistently been named by Florida Trend magazine as a Florida Legal Elite in Appellate Practice and as a Florida Super Lawyer. She has also been recognized as one of Florida's Top 50 Women Lawyers. Ms. McLin is a Charter Member of the Appellate Practice Section, where she served on the Executive Council and as a section delegate to the Council of Sections. She is the former Chair of the section's Outreach Committee and served on the Fifth District Court of Appeal's Mediation Task Force. Ms. McLin also served on The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee, and is the current Chair of the Marital & Family Law Section's Appellate Committee where she also serves on the Executive Council. Ms. McLin was appointed by The Florida Bar's President to the Appellate Court Certification Committee where she has held the position of Vice Chair and Chair. She is also a member of the Florida Justice Association, where she served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Caucus, and on the Amicus Curiae Committee.

Ms. McLin and the Florida Appeals team look forward to the opportunity to assist trial lawyers and their clients throughout Florida's trial and appellate courts.

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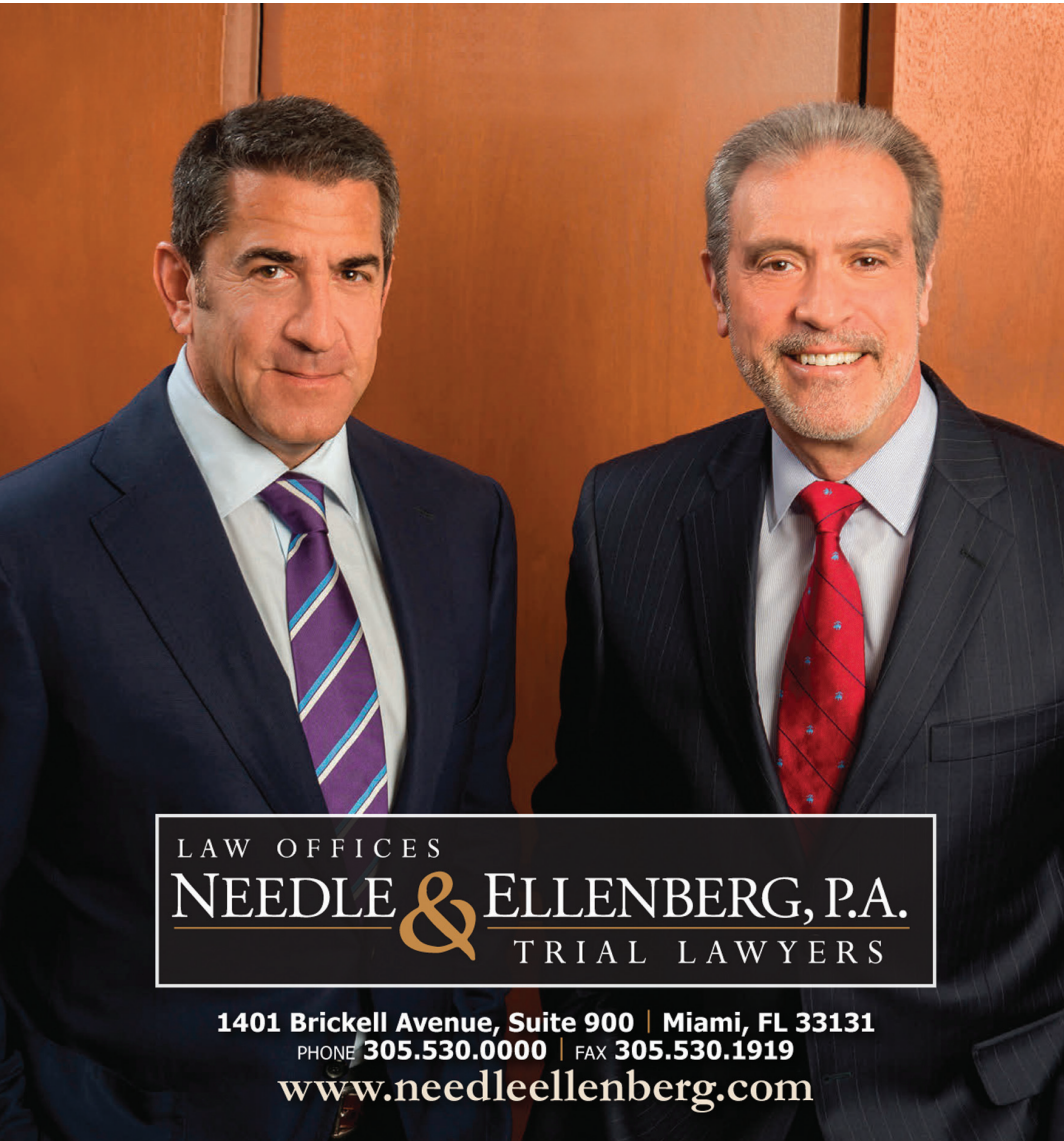
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Led by Principals Peter L. Gladstone and Jeffrey A. Weissman, the attorneys at Gladstone & Weissman, P.A. represent their clients with exceptionally high levels of compassion and integrity. Dedicated to first-class client service and legal counsel, the firm provides discreet, sensitive counsel on a full range of complex Marital and Family Law matters from prenuptial agreements, post nuptial agreements, property distribution, business valuations, to alimony and parenting plans.

Representing high-net-worth clients that include entrepreneurs, business executives, professional athletes and celebrities, Gladstone & Weissman P.A. strives to resolve legal matters amicably to protect client privacy and reduce the emotional and financial strain of protracted litigation. However, when litigation is inevitable, the firm’s attorneys are highly skilled, successful trial lawyers. Providing more than just legal counsel, they offer life advice designed to empower their clients.

Gladstone & Weissman, P.A. was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a “2021 Best Law Firm”. With 4 of their 7 attorneys Board Certified in Marital and Family Law, and AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, both Peter Gladstone and Jeffrey Weissman have received high legal honors for excellence in their practice; Gladstone as a Past President of the prestigious AAML Florida Chapter as well as 2020 Family Law Lawyer of the Year and Weissman as 2021 Family Law Lawyer of the Year. In addition to being widely respected by clients and peers alike for their expert approach to Family Law, the firm’s attorneys bring extensive expertise and high quality legal representation to every case and each client. “No one will care more or give more thought to achieving the most favorable outcome for their client”, says Principal Peter Gladstone.



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**FLORIDA** FORT LAUDERDALE**HUNKER APPEALS: THE NEXT LEVEL OF DIVERSITY AND VERSATILITY**

Appellate veteran Tom Hunker and partner Ashley Paxton founded the AV Rated appellate firm Hunker Appeals earlier this year and immediately began to build on their successful track record. Born nine days apart in November of 1979, the partners followed very different career paths before originally joining forces at their prior firm.

After graduating with high honors from Florida State University College of Law, Tom invested his first two years as an attorney clerking for the Florida Supreme Court. He then served as in-house appellate counsel for an auto insurer and later as a partner at a large defense firm leading a successful team of appellate attorneys. Tom is currently serving a second three-year term on the Florida Bar Appellate Practice Board Certification Committee, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Claims Defense Network (FCDN), and as General Counsel for an international manufacturing and production company. Throughout his career, clients and other attorneys have relied on Tom as a trusted advisor to formulate winning litigation strategies.

Meanwhile, Ashley earned her master's degree and developed superior writing skills in her first career as a university professor. She later worked her way through law school at the University of Miami while raising two young children and interning for a federal judge. After law school, Ashley worked for an insurance defense firm and served on the trial team for one of the largest Medicare fraud cases to date. Ashley began working with Tom in January 2020, and the two consistently obtained favorable results for their clients in a diverse range of practice areas.

Continually pushing beyond their comfort zones, the partners expanded the scope of their collective knowledge and skills to include appeals, trials, mediations, administrative proceedings, and complex civil litigation at the state and federal levels. Their diverse practice includes: civil rights; condominium/homeowners' associations; construction; contracts; civil RICO; defamation; family law; insurance and bad faith claims; medical, legal, and other professional malpractice; and many others. In September, the partners received back-to-back favorable appellate rulings including a DCA reversal in favor of an insurance carrier client and a landmark decision from the Florida Supreme Court on proposals for settlement.

Associate Althea Bryan Farr and paralegal Tamara Mihajlovic also recently joined the team. In addition to her superior research and analytical skills, Althea adds a wealth of knowledge and experience in healthcare and administration that she acquired in her previous career in nursing. Tamara previously worked with Tom and Ashley and keeps the firm operating efficiently. As the alternative to routine large volume practice, Hunker Appeals concentrates on appeals, high-stakes, and high-complexity cases that require intensive research, analysis, legal writing, and oral advocacy. The team leverages the diverse backgrounds and skills of its members to create effective and innovative solutions for its clients.

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The **RUSSO APPELLATE FIRM, P.A.** has specialized in civil appeals and trial support since 1990. Founder Elizabeth K. Russo is board-certified in appellate practice by the Florida Bar and has over 35 years’ experience handling appeals in state and federal courts throughout Florida and beyond. Partner Paulo R. Lima, also board-certified in appellate practice by the Florida Bar, practiced almost 10 years with a large international firm in New York and Miami and two years handling appeals for a successful plaintiffs’ personal injury firm before joining the Russo Appellate Firm in 2017. Both attorneys are experienced handling appeals involving a diverse range of substantive legal issues on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants before all levels of trial and appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Michael Pike is the Managing Partner of Pike and Lustig, LLP located in West Palm Beach and Miami. The Firm has 8 lawyers and several support staff, and a sophisticated corporate and business litigation department involved in high-stakes litigation through Florida Federal and State Courts. Pike is known for aggressively and methodically trying several cases, including arbitration, jury and bench trials. For many years, Pike and Lustig has represented notable law firms in connection with employment and partnership disputes, Florida Bar Complaints and other business related matters. Pike is known as the “lawyer’s lawyer.”

The Firm also represents several medical practices throughout the State of Florida in connection with employment disputes, drafting of corporate documents, physician practice management and employment agreements along with billing guidance regarding CPT codes. This area of law often involves the representation and counseling of orthopedic surgeons, spine surgeons, neurologists and other medical professionals.

Over the years, Pike and Lustig’s trial experience, combined with its corporate knowledge, has assisted businesses in taking preventative measures to avoid litigation altogether because, as Pike says, “we have seen how it unfolds at trial.” Pike and Lustig is no stranger to the courtroom. Pike has been lead counsel in several trials, and achieved one of the largest jury verdicts in the Southern District of Florida involving willful-copyright infringement for \$2.5 million.

Pike and Lustig handles derivative actions, shareholder disputes, partner disputes, non-compete disputes, contract disputes, real estate disputes, trademark and copyright disputes, appeals in both State and Federal Courts, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) – State and Federal, and Federal overtime cases. Pike was also selected as a Top 100 High Stakes Litigator and is AV Rated.

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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). She is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and proud member of ABOTA. 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 is honored to be named to "The National Trial Lawyers Top 100- Civil Plaintiff and The National Trial Lawyers Top 25 - Medical Malpractice" 2019-2021, and "2019-2022 Best Lawyers- Civil Plaintiff and 2022 Best Lawyers Medical Malpractice". 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.

Ms. Navin recognizes the Pandemic has frustrated litigation but was pleased to be back in the courtroom conducting a live 3 week medical malpractice trial to verdict in Brevard County. She notes "It is amazing how the court systems have acclimated to keeping litigation in the forefront in such trying times."





FLORIDA Oakland Park

GAVIN ELLIOT

An experienced business lawyer, Gavin Tudor Elliot founded The Elliot Legal Group P.A.; a boutique law firm focused on business litigation and transactions. Elliot uses decades of business law experience, in and out of the courtroom and across the globe, to ensure that his clients are positioned for success. He is licensed in Florida and Washington, D.C., and a solicitor for England and Wales.

Elliot has always been fascinated by the written word, meticulously crafting business contracts to protect his clients’ rights. “I have always had a strong grasp of the English language and its interpretation. Whether a legal brief or poetry, I love the use and manipulation of the language.” Elliot has negotiated and drafted agreements for the acquisition of financial institutions and software developers in Europe and distributor relationships between Asia and the Middle East, assisted in the formation of online boutiques in the United States, and otherwise contributed to his clients’ success by negotiating and drafting contracts, corporate formative and operational documents, and policies and procedures.

Elliot’s passion for the written word is only matched by his love for the courtroom. And this love has resulted in numerous awards and accolades, including recognition as a Martindale-Hubbell A-V rated preeminent attorney for the last two years. “I love it when a plan comes together. When the hours of analysis, preparation, and strategy development come together in a win for my client.”

For Elliot, it’s all about the clients. “At the end of the day, I love finding solutions, making my clients’ lives better, and watching them grow and succeed. That’s what I love about being a lawyer.”



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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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MARIO A. IGLESIAS FORMS MAI LAW FIRM IN MIAMI

Mario A. Iglesias celebrated the fifth anniversary of his sole proprietorship of MAI Law Firm. Iglesias continues to concentrate his practice on representing national and international banks and companies, investors, commercial developers and individuals in matters involving commercial transactions (domestic and international), corporate, banking, finance, real estate dispositions, development and title insurance services. He is a member of the Miami-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*. 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 received a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV+ for 26 years, which is every year he was eligible for a rating. 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. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.



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Ena T. Diaz is an employment lawyer who offers bilingual, personal, and professional legal services to businesses and individuals, particularly, high-level executives.

Ms. Diaz assists employers in understanding employment law issues and recommends solutions for the business that advance their business objectives. Ms. Diaz also has extensive experience with ADA compliance and litigation matters.

Her solid employer-side background is an asset when Ms. Diaz represents an individual employee as she may quickly assess the strengths and weaknesses of potential cases.

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.

Ms. Diaz is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell. She earned her law degree with honors from Southern Methodist University and received her undergraduate degree from Duke University.



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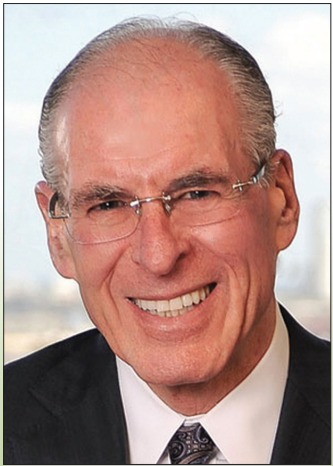
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Harry A. Payton is an experienced civil trial attorney who knows how to untangle even the most complex commercial litigation matters. He represents businesses, professional firms and individuals in commercial real estate, corporate, probate, fine art and other types of civil litigation.

A seasoned advocate with a deep personal commitment to his clients, Payton is board certified in both civil trial and business litigation. Payton is recognized for his high standards of professionalism, including the highest "AV Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell for more than 30 years.

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BRENDA S. FULMER

BRENDA S. FULMER is a shareholder with the law firm of Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, one of the largest personal injury law firms in Florida. For the past 27 years, her practice has focused on the areas of plaintiffs' pharmaceutical and medical device mass tort litigation. Ms. Fulmer graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.S. in Finance and received her Juris Doctor degree cum laude from Stetson College of Law.

Brenda Fulmer has been named one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the American Trial Lawyers Association, selected as a Super Lawyer from Florida, listed as one of Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite, included in The Best Lawyers in America and selected as a Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer by Lawdragon. She is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Ms. Fulmer serves on the Board of Governors for the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and the Florida Justice Association (FJA) and is also active in the Palm Beach County Bar Association, Palm Beach County Justice Association, and The Florida Bar. She currently co-leads several litigation groups, serves in leadership positions with multiple MDLs, and is a frequent lecturer on drug and medical device litigation and consumer drug safety issues. She has received numerous awards from the FJA and AAJ for her efforts in membership, political fundraising, and lobbying. She is a graduate of AAJ's Leadership Academy and received the prestigious Marie Lambert Award for her exemplary leadership to the profession, her community, to AAJ and to the Women's Trial Lawyer Caucus. Brenda is active in many charities dedicated to serving the community.



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With over 25 years of knowledge and experience, Dana M. Gallup of Gallup Auerbach has handled virtually every type of labor and employment law matter. The firm represents employees, particularly management and human resources professionals, as well as small to medium-sized businesses. For business clients, the firm prepares and litigates employment, confidentiality, non-compete, and separation agreements; drafts employee handbooks; offers training and counseling to human resources and management; reviews and advises on personnel decisions; conducts internal investigations and audits; and provides representation for employment claims at the administrative and judicial level. The firm also litigates employment claims under numerous federal, state, and local laws. Mr. Gallup received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Florida. He is AV-Preeminent peer rated by Martindale Hubbell, has been selected 11 times by Super Lawyers (2009, 2010, 2013-2021), rated Top 3 Employment Lawyer in Hollywood by Three Best Rated, rated Best Employment Lawyer in Hollywood by Expertise.com. and received a 10.0 Superior rating from Avvo. Mr. Gallup has also been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a civil county and circuit court mediator and arbitrator.



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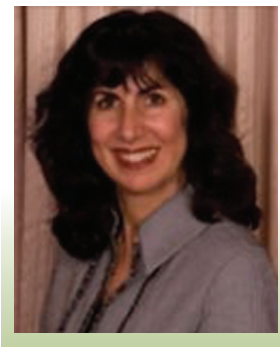
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LAURA DOLIN

Laura Dolin founded DolinLaw P.A. (Davie, Florida) in 2019. Laura has practiced Plaintiff's Personal Injury Law for over 35 years. She holds a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating and has dedicated her practice to personal injury, wrongful death cases, and representing persons injured as a result of the negligence of others.

From 2010 to 2016, Laura was on the Board of Directors for Monarch Care, a non-for-profit local organization that provides life sustaining services for vulnerable individuals, and in 2014 was awarded the "Transforming Lives Award".

From March 2019 through March 2020, Laura served as President for the South Broward Bar Association and currently sits on the Board for this organization. Laura recently joined the Board of Directors for The Healing Arts Institute of South Florida, a non-for-profit organization that removes barriers for children in minority and underserved communities in obtaining mental health services.



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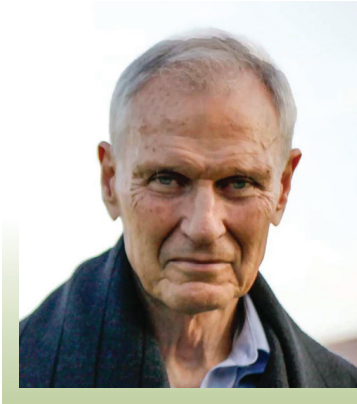
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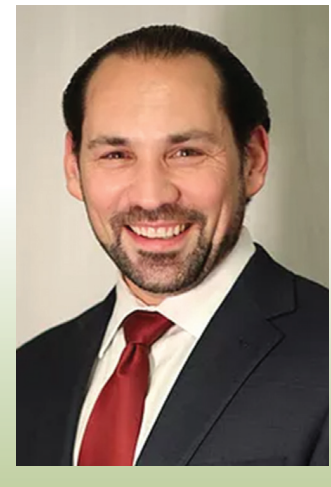


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Daniel is the immediate Past President of the First Family Law Inns of Court and currently serves on the Board of Directors. When he’s not practicing family law, Daniel enjoys boxing, martial arts, and plays keyboards in Chillable Hours, a rock band of 5 seasoned attorneys from the University of Miami School of Law. Go Canes!



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In 2020, Elliot served as President of both the Third District Court of Appeal Historical Society and the Miami-Dade Trial Lawyers Association.

Prior to forming Kula & Associates, P.A., Elliot was the administrative department head of the appellate practice group in a multi-national law firm. He has his B.A. from the University of Minnesota and his J.D. From Hamline University School of Law.

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