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Orange County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference 2016

Speakers and Moderators

The Honorable Martha C. Adams

Judge Martha C. Adams was elected by the voters of Orange County in 2006. She is currently serving in the misdemeanor and criminal traffic division at the downtown courthouse and has served eight years in this capacity. She served one year out at the Orange County Jail at the Booking and Release Center.

Judge Adams holds a Juris Doctorate of Law degree from Nova Southeastern University. She is a graduate of Rollins College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Australian Studies.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Adams was an Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit for almost seven years. She also taught legal courses at the Police Academy and provided block training for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. She served on the Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law committee and participated in both Orange and Osceola County's Teen Court programs.

Judge Adams is currently a member of the Orange County Bar Association. She is also an active member of the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers. Judge Adams has been a speaker at numerous events in the Central Florida community, including the University of Central Florida legal studies program.

Brice Aikens, Esq.

Brice Aikens is a Board Certified Criminal Trial Lawyer dedicated to representing those facing criminal accusations in the Greater Orlando area and surrounding Central Florida communities. Prior to joining The Umansky Law Firm, Brice was the former Division Chief for the Orange County Public Defender's Office in the Ninth Judicial Circuit where he litigated cases ranging from homicide and trafficking to possession and petit theft.

Brice received his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida and his Juris Doctor from Florida State University College of Law. In 2012, Brice became a Board Certified Criminal Trial Attorney, meaning his knowledge, skills, and proficiency in criminal law meets the highest standards set by The Florida Bar. With this Certification, he joins only a small percentage of attorneys who can call themselves legal experts or specialists.

Brice is active member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has also been recognized as one of Florida's Legal Elite by Florida Trend Magazine.

Outside of practicing law, Brice has published several scholarly articles and is actively involved in the community. In 2013, he created The Minnie Aikens Foundation with the mission to help eliminate the financial barrier that prevents aspiring students from going to college.

The Honorable Faye L. Allen

Judge Faye Allen has served on the bench since September 2005. Judge Allen received her undergraduate degree from Florida A&M University and her Juris Doctorate degree from Florida State University. She is dedicated to enhancing the legal profession through volunteerism and mentoring. Judge Allen was selected by the Orange County Bar Association in

2014 as the recipient of the James G. Glazebrook Memorial Bar Service Award. This award is presented to a state or federal judge who best demonstrates service to the legal profession, is dedicated to professionalism both within and outside of the courtroom, and is a leader in promoting professionalism, civility, integrity and respect for the legal system. She has volunteered extensively with the Justice Teaching Program as the 9th Judicial Circuit Liaison, and as the classroom volunteer. She served over ten (10) years with the OCBA Law Week Program and was a co-founder of Pathways-in-Law, a legal program targeting youth participants in community or afterschool programs such as the *Parramore Kidz Zone (PKZ)* and the Hope Community Center in Apopka, FL. Judge Allen mentors young attorneys and law students through her involvement in various bar organizations. She formerly served as a volunteer mentor in the Orange County School System AVID Program at Olympia High School. She is active in the community, having served on several Boards including the Orange County Bar Association Foundation Board. In 2015 Judge Allen moderated a community forum co-sponsored by the OCBA Foundation Board that addressed the Social Justice issues reflected in the inter-relationships of race and justice. She formerly served on the Orange County Alliance Board. Judge Allen has been recognized as Jurist of the Year by the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida and as Woman of the Year in the areas of Government and Law by the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council. Judge Allen has served in criminal and civil divisions of the County Court.

The Honorable Alan S. Apte

Christine E. Arendas, Esq.

Christine E. Arendas, Esquire was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2006, after a 14 year career as a Paralegal. She was admitted to the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida in 2008. She received Florida Bar board certification in Adoption in 2013 and became a Fellow of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys in 2014. Ms. Arendas received her certification as a Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator in 2009.

Ms. Arendas is a sole practitioner at the Adoption, Surrogacy and Family Law Firm, P.A. Her practice focuses on Adoption, Surrogacy, Family, Guardianship and Probate. Her primary focus is on adoption and surrogacy matters including domestic adoptions, DCF interventions, grandparent and stepparent adoptions, relative and non-relative adoptions, gestational surrogacy contracts and representation, as well as, egg and sperm donation contracts.

Ms. Arendas serves as the Executive Director of A Chosen Child, Inc., a licensed child-placing agency. She is the Vice Chair of the Legal Aid Society of Osceola, the Secretary for Dignity Osceola, Inc, and board member of the Central Florida Family Law Inns of Court. She served as the president for the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers in 2010-2011. She is a longstanding member of the Orange County Bar Association, Osceola County Bar Association, Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Florida Association for Women Lawyers and the Florida Adoption Council.

Ms. Arendas volunteers with the Osceola County Teen Court Program, Boy Scouts of America and is a Justice Teaching Volunteer. She also teaches as an adjunct professor at Barry University School of law.

Michael Bailey, Esq.

Michael K. Bailey received his undergraduate education at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, where he earned an A.B. Degree in 1978. He received his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law in 1981, and served as an Associate Editor of the Stetson Law Review.

He is a partner in the Winter Park firm of Bailey Fisher, PLLC, where his practice involves the handling of complex personal injury, medical malpractice and products liability cases. He is a charter member of the President's Club of the American Association for Justice and an Eagle Sponsor of the Florida Justice Association.

Mr. Bailey became the youngest Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer in the State at the time of his certification in June, 1987. He is also certified as a Civil Trial Advocate and Civil Pretrial Practice Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, all Florida State Courts, the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He previously served on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the Ninth Circuit, and chaired the committee for two years.

Mr. Bailey has received an "AV" rating in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory and has consistently been selected by his peers for inclusion in Super Lawyers, and as a Lawdragon finalist.

The Honorable David Baker

Judge David A. Baker was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District on December 13, 1991. Prior to joining the Court, he was a partner with Foley and Lardner, where he handled a wide variety of commercial litigation matters. He received his undergraduate education from the University of North Carolina, and his juris doctorate from University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and on the Editorial Board of the Virginia Law Review. He has served on various committees for state and local bar organizations and within the federal judiciary, including the Committee on Automation and Technology for the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Baker is the recipient of the Florida Bar's 2011 William M. Hoeveler Judicial Professionalism Award.

Michael Barber, Esq.

Mr. Michael Barber began his legal career at the State Attorney's Office in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court in Orange County, Florida. As an Assistant State Attorney, Mr. Barber practiced in both County and Circuit Courts handling misdemeanor and traffic offenses, all the way up to serious felonies. Having litigated numerous types of cases, including DUI's, traffic cases, drug cases, prostitution cases, cases involving violence or weapons, burglaries, thefts, and more, Mr. Barber is ready for the Court room on your case. Mr. Barber tried over 60 cases to trial during his time with the State Attorney's Office. At the time Mr. Barber left his position as an Assistant State he was prosecuting high level felony drug cases including trafficking, dealing, manufacturing, and cultivation of various types of narcotics.

Mr. Barber developed, while at the State Attorney's Office, important skills and abilities that allow him to provide clients with superior representation. Mr. Barber has a vast understanding of the prosecutorial process. He has seen many, many cases handled from their inception, at the decision to file charges, all the way through the plea negotiation process, and then to a conclusion with trial. Having the advantage of the inside knowledge of prosecutorial system, Mr. Barber will be able effectively and efficiently advocate on behalf of his clients. Mr. Barber will make it a priority to ensure that each of his clients know what is going on with their case and receive a fair treatment in the criminal justice system.

Mr. Barber graduated from the University of Central Florida. While accomplishing his undergraduate degree, Mr. Barber was a member of the National Scholar's Honor Society, Eta Sigma Delta International Honors Society, and Junior Achievers. Additionally, during his time at the University of Central Florida Mr. Barber was awarded a spot on the Dean's List and the National Bright Futures Academic Scholar Award. Mr. Barber graduated in 2011 from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Mr. Barber was recognized for his academic excellence as a Dean's Scholar and was awarded the Governor's Scholarship. Mr. Barber served two terms as the president of the University of Florida chapter of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society.

Matthews Bark, Esq.

Matthews Bark graduated cum laude from University of Baltimore School of Law in 2006. He created the first mediation program for probate court in Baltimore City prior to attending law school. Mr. Bark interned for the highest court in the

State of Maryland (The Court of Appeals). He formerly prosecuted in the 18th judicial circuit, at which time I was named MADD prosecutor of the year. He is a solo practitioner practicing in criminal defense, both in trial and appeals.

Brian Bellavia, Esq.

Brian T. Bellavia is a partner at Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. and practices from the Orlando office. Mr. Bellavia has extensive experience representing clients in civil litigation with a focus on the defense of health care providers in medical malpractice actions. His experience also includes the representation of other professionals in error and omission claims, insurance coverage disputes, premises liability defense, legal malpractice defense, personal injury, trucking, and product liability cases. Mr. Bellavia has tried cases, including medical malpractice matters, to defense verdict as lead trial counsel.

Mr. Bellavia received his undergraduate degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1990, where he graduated with honors. He earned a Juris Doctor from the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University in 1993.

Mr. Bellavia is licensed to practice law in Florida and New Jersey and is admitted in the state courts of Florida and New Jersey, as well as the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Bellavia lectures at seminars accredited by the department of insurance. He regularly provides in-house seminars to corporate leaders, risk managers, and insurance companies.

Matt Benefiel

Matt is currently the Court Administrator for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, which covers both Orange and Osceola Counties and has served in that capacity since 1996. Prior to serving for the Orlando-based Circuit, Matt served eight years as the Court Administrator for the Virginia Beach, Virginia Circuit Court. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Maryland and a Master's Degree in Judicial Administration from the University of Southern California.

The Honorable Wendy Berger

Judge Wendy W. Berger joined the Fifth District Court of Appeal in September 2012, after being appointed by Governor Rick Scott.

Judge Berger was raised in Jacksonville, Florida. She received her undergraduate degree from The Florida State University in 1990 and her law degree from The Florida State University College of Law in 1992, where she was a member of Law Review. Judge Berger served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit from 1993 – 2000. In January 2001, Judge Berger left the State Attorney's Office to serve as an Assistant General Counsel to Governor Jeb Bush. Judge Berger served in Governor Bush's administration from January 2001 until May 2005, when she was appointed by the governor to serve as a Circuit Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. During her service on the circuit court, Judge Berger presided over the civil and probate divisions (2005-2006) and adult felony division (2006-2012) in St. Augustine. She was also the presiding judge of the St. Johns County Adult Drug Court Program (2005-2012).

Judge Berger is currently a member of the St. Johns County Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, The Florida Supreme Court Committee on Civil Jury Instructions, the Florida Bar Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, the Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section's Executive Council, the Dunn Blount Inn of Court, and the Federalist Society. She has prior service on the Florida Bar's Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee (2008 – 2013), the Judicial Administration Selection and Tenure Committee (2001-2004), the Florida Supreme Court Subcommittee on Post-conviction Relief (2010-2011), the Statewide Diversity Team (2009-2012), and has been a member of both the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals.

David Bigney, Esq.

David Bigney has over 12 years of quality courtroom experience; more than a decade in the area of criminal defense. Mr. Bigney is a trial lawyer and has completed more than 50 trials. Prior to Becoming a criminal defense attorney, he was an Assistant State Attorney. Having worked on both sides of the courtroom, he has the experience to anticipate the prosecutor's strategy; a beneficial skill he utilizes in defending cases. As a prosecutor, Mr. Bigney handled all types of cases ranging from resisting an officer to first degree murder. As a criminal defense attorney, he has aggressively defended people accused/falsely accused of a wide variety of charges including, but not limited to drug trafficking, capital sexual battery, internet crimes, murder, attempted murder, resisting arrest, domestic battery and violations of probation. Mr. Bigney is an active member of the Orange Bar Association and the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is also the union representative to the Fraternal Order of Police for the Orlando Police Department.

Mr. Bigney is active in the community. He regularly participates in charitable events, including those hosted by the Make a Wish Foundation and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He also volunteers as a youth soccer and basketball coach. He is regularly a guest speaker at local high schools and local organizations where he lectures about the criminal justice system and illegal search and seizure. Mr. Bigney has also served as a spokesman for the Kesse family in their search for their missing daughter, Jennifer.

The Honorable Jeanette Dejuras Bigney

Jeanette Bigney was born and raised outside of Chicago. She attended the University of Illinois. She attend the Nova Southeastern Law School where she was a public interest law fellow. The impact of her fellowship and experiences outside a big city extended to her practice of law and ambition to be a judge. She is a former prosecutor, juvenile law practitioner, and currently presides in the civil division of the Orange County Courts.

The Honorable Alice L Blackwell

Judge Alice Blackwell has served as a Circuit Court Judge since her appointment in March 1991. She has previously served in the Criminal, Civil, Family, and Domestic Violence divisions of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and she currently sits in Business Court, a complex commercial division of the court. Judge Blackwell was the first female judge appointed to serve as Administrative Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Judge Blackwell graduated from Furman University and the University of South Carolina. Before going on the bench, she was a partner in Broad and Cassel, where she practiced commercial and construction litigation.

Since becoming a judge, Judge Blackwell has received the Trial Judge of the Year Award from the American Board of Trial Advocates, Central Florida Chapter, as well as The James G. Glazebrook Memorial Bar Service Award given by the Orange County Bar Association to a judge who exhibits outstanding professionalism. She has received a number of awards for her work in the area of domestic violence.

Judge Blackwell was elected by her peers to serve as Chair of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges in 2008, and she has served as the Chair of the Supreme Court Commission of Trial Court Performance and Accountability from 1999 to 2009. Each year, she serves as a faculty member in the Florida New Judges' College, as well as in the Florida Advanced Judicial College. Currently, Judge Blackwell also teaches as an adjunct professor at Barry University School of Law.

Anne-Marie Bowen, Esq.

Anne-Marie L. Bowen is a sole practitioner with Anne-Marie L. Bowen, P.A. in Orlando, where she has practiced consumer debtor bankruptcy law since 1994. She previously represented creditors, including large national banks and corporations, while working at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and at a small law firm in Orlando. Ms. Bowen is a member of the Florida Bar and is admitted to practice before all Florida Courts, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is the past president of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, and she is also

the past chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Orange County Bar Association. Ms. Bowen is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. She is the author of the book for consumers, *Bankruptcy ...Because Life Happens: Conquering Debt after the Bankruptcy Law Changed*. In 1984 Ms. Bowen received her B.S. degree in Finance from Florida State University, where she was a member the National Honor Society of Phi Sigma Phi, and received her J.D. degree with Honors from the Florida State University College of Law in 1987. She also studied law at Saint Edmund Hall, Oxford University, England.

Vanessa Braga, Esq.

While attending Stetson University College of Law, Vanessa worked as an In-House Counsel Intern for HSN (the Home Shopping Network) and enjoyed the labor & employment and litigation portions of her internship. After graduating from law school, Vanessa worked as an Associate Attorney, primarily handling first-party insurance appeals. She now is working as an Attorney for Burruezo & Burruezo.

Joshua Brown, Esq.

Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law by the Florida Bar, Joshua R. Brown focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation. He has handled Patent Infringement cases in the Middle District of Florida, the Eastern District of Texas and other districts. He has handled Trademark Infringement cases before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, the Middle District of Florida, the Southern District of Florida and other districts. He has also handled cases related to copyrights, trade secrets, publicity rights, software development, and other intellectual property and technology. Josh also drafts and prosecutes patent applications in the fields of networking and mobile technologies and counsels clients and other attorneys on issues related to the preservation and discovery of electronically stored information.

Before attending law school, Josh was a Software Developer with BBN Technologies in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a Technology Consultant to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Michael Brownlee, Esq.

Mr. Brownlee handles civil and criminal appeals in Florida and in federal courts of appeal across the country. He is licensed to practice in each of Florida's appellate courts and most of the federal circuit courts of appeal. In addition to Florida's district courts of appeal, Mr. Brownlee has performed oral argument at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta. He is on the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the First Circuit. The Florida Supreme Court appointed him as lead appellate counsel in two cases in 2015. Mr. Brownlee is a member of the Appellate Practice section of the Florida Bar and the Orange County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee. In addition to his appellate practice, Mr. Brownlee handles various civil litigation matters at the trial level. Mr. Brownlee holds an "AV Preeminent" peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

The Hon. Paul Byron

Born in Queens, New York in 1959, between 1986 and 2014 Judge Byron served four years in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, twelve years in the Department of Justice, two years at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and Judge Byron spent 10 years in private practice as a civil trial lawyer. On June 27, 2014, Judge Byron was sworn in as a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Lori M. Caldwell Carr, Esq.

Lori Caldwell-Carr is a family law attorney practicing in Maitland Florida as InFocus Family Law Firm. She has a true passion for helping people work through family law matters with the goal of making positive, well-informed and future-focused decisions about their case. Lori is actively involved in the legal community locally, statewide and nationally. She

is AV rated from Martindale-Hubbell, a certified family law mediator and a certified trainer by the IACP (International Association of Collaborative Professions).

Amy J. Carter, Esq.

Amy J. Carter is an associate in the Orlando office of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. She focuses her practice in the areas of nursing home defense and general liability. Prior to joining QPWB, Ms. Carter was a litigation associate with a regional law firm where she managed personal injury and criminal defense caseloads through all stages of litigation. Her practice, emphasized in the areas of insurance coverage denials, also focused on wrongful death cases, motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, and product liability. Previously, she worked with the Office of the Public Defender in Orlando where she tried numerous jury trials including felony cases and successfully argued before the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

Ms. Carter received her Juris Doctor *magna cum laude* from Florida A&M University College of Law in December 2008 and a Bachelor of Arts, with honors, from Michigan State University in December 2003 graduating with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science, Law and Society. While in law school, she served as editor of the Law Review; she also earned a summer fellowship from the Florida Bar Foundation and worked with Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida.

Ms. Carter is licensed to practice law in Florida and is a member of The Florida Bar. She serves as president of the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Her professional affiliations also include the Orange County Bar Association, Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association, Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and Florida Justice Association. Ms. Carter serves as an Academy Fellow of the Florida Bar Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy. She is also a member of Kiwanis International.

The Honorable Keith A. Carsten

Keith Carsten is a fourth generation Floridian who was born and raised in Orlando. Prior to being appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the circuit bench, Judge Carsten was an assistant state attorney and later an attorney with the law firm of Carsten & Ladan, P.A. Judge Carsten is recognized by the Florida Bar as a board certified specialist in criminal trial law.

Judge Carsten has been involved in thousands of criminal and juvenile cases as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge. His current assignment is as the presiding judge of Division 10 in Orange County which handles adult felony cases.

The Honorable Jay P. Cohen

Judge Cohen is a graduate of the University of Florida as an undergraduate as well as law school. He was a trial court judge for almost 18 years, 8 years as appellate court Judge. Judge Cohen is the Chief Judge elect. He is the current chair of the Criminal Court Steering Committee.

Roberta Colton, Esq.

Roberta Colton received her J.D. from William and Mary Law School in 1982 and a B.A. with distinction from University of Virginia in 1979. She served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable James C. Hill, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from 1982-83.

Roberta joined Trenam Law in 1983 and has been a shareholder since 1988. She serves of the firm's Executive Board and is a member of the Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights & Insolvency practice group. She is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, is in the Legal Elite Hall of Fame, and she has been listed as a top ten Florida Super Lawyer since 2011.

Richard Connor, Esq.

Richard Connor is currently the President and Owner of LAPTOPS PLUS, INC. and ESI CONSULTING, INC. He is trained in Computer Forensics and has a Professional Development Certificate from Oregon State University in Computer Forensics. Richard is a member of: Consortium of Digital Forensic Specialists (CDFS), Digital Forensic Certification Board (DFCB), International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS), and the International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners (ISFCE). He is experienced in Forensic Imaging, including Chain of Custody and Authentication Documentation, locating and recovering ESI (Electronically Stored Information) that may appear to be inaccessible through computer forensic processes, including documents, emails, instant messages, chat records, internet usage, web sites visited, applications run, images, cookies, etc.

Richard was at his own firm Richard D. Connor, Jr., P.A. from October 1997 – 2006 where he practiced general civil litigation and appeals representing plaintiffs and defendants. He was at Adams & Spears, P.A. from May 1986-October 1997 where he practiced complex commercial litigation representing plaintiffs and defendants.

Richard graduated J.D. cum laude from Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, FL.

Stacie Conner, Probate/Guardianship/Mental Health Supervisor

Stacie began her career in the Probate and Guardianship Division at the Osceola County Clerk's Office in 1989. In 1992, she decided to venture out and explore different areas of the Civil Division. Stacie has worked as a Court Clerk for the Family Law Division, served as Supervisor over the Civil Division, and worked as the Foreclosure Sale Clerk. In August of 2011, she accepted the position of Probate Supervisor and returned to what she refers to as "home," after the retirement of her very first supervisor and dear friend.

Keshara Davis Cowens, Esq.

Keshara Davis Cowens received both her undergraduate degree (B.S. Criminology 2004) and her law degree (J.D. 2007) from Florida State University. She currently works as Bar Counsel for The Florida Bar in Orlando, Florida. As bar counsel, Ms. Cowans is responsible for the investigation of complaints against attorneys accused of violating the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar. She handles all phases of the disciplinary trial including filing appellate briefs with the Florida Supreme Court. Ms. Cowans currently serves on the board of directors for the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers and the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association. She is a Justice Teaching volunteer at Carver Middle School, and serves as a judge for the annual high school statewide Mock Trial and We the People competitions. In 2011, Ms. Cowans was recognized by the National Bar Association and Impact as one of the Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40. In 2013, Ms. Cowans was recognized by the Florida State University Alumni Association as one of the university's "Thirty Under 30" for her significant contributions to her profession and community.

Sally R. Culley, Esq.

The Honorable Dorian K. Damoorgian

Amber Davis, Esq.

Amber is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in the area of Intellectual Property and is rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell. Only 7% of eligible Florida Bar members are board certified in their respective practice areas and being Board Certified means that Amber has met the highest standards for special knowledge, skills and proficiency in the areas of intellectual property, professionalism and ethics in the practice of law.

Amber is a Shareholder at BWSM who specializes in IP litigation, complex commercial litigation, trademark prosecution, trademark, patent, copyright and trade secret transactional matters and matters before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (“TTAB”) and other administrative agencies. Amber’s extensive trademark practice includes prosecuting hundreds of trademark applications, conducting availability searches, providing infringement opinions and handling opposition and cancellation proceedings in front of the TTAB. She counsels business owners on better ways to protect their intellectual property and prevent others from infringing. Amber also handles ICANN proceedings in front of the National Arbitration Forum and WIPO. Her litigation experience typically involves claims such as patent infringement, trademark infringement, trade dress infringement, copyright infringement, anti-cybersquatting, theft of trade secrets, unfair competition, computer fraud and abuse act, deceptive and unfair trade practices, tortious interference, breach of contract and/or breach of restrictive covenants and other related claims. In addition to litigating such matters in federal and state court, Amber has also handled complex arbitration proceedings in the International Court of Arbitration (“ICC”).

Amber is currently the President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association and has been a Board Member for the past 5 years. She chaired the Orange County Bar Association's Intellectual Property Committee in previous years and was also on the Steering Committee for the Annual Florida Bar IP Symposium, 2013-2014. She is also an active member in the Federal Bar Association – Orlando Chapter.

Ryan Davis, Esq.

Ryan Davis is a shareholder and a member of the firm’s Bankruptcy and Creditor’s Rights department. His practice centers around Chapter 11 reorganizations and complex Chapter 7 liquidations. He has represented commercial lenders, landlords, corporate debtors, trade creditors, asset purchasers, and other interested parties in some of the largest bankruptcy cases throughout the State. With the growing number of complex liquidations in recent years, many involving ponzi schemes, Ryan has developed extensive experience representing individual and corporate defendants in preference and fraudulent transfer/clawback type proceedings. In addition to his bankruptcy practice, Ryan handles commercial litigation matters, typically involving creditor’s rights, including commercial foreclosures, construction lien foreclosures, and contract disputes.

Ryan is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, where he previously served as a board member and officer. He has lectured on a variety of bankruptcy topics and is admitted to practice in the state courts of Florida, and all districts of the federal courts in Florida.

He has been recognized by Super Lawyers, Florida Rising Stars 2009, and Orlando Home & Leisure, Orlando’s Top Lawyers, 2011. He is also A.V. Preeminent rated by his peers.

The Honorable Patricia A. Doherty

Judge Doherty was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge in May 2010. She has served in Osceola County – Unified Family Court, Orange County Civil Division and currently is assigned to Orange County Domestic Division where she serves as the Administrative Judge. Judge Doherty holds a Juris Doctorate of Law Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Florida.

Prior to becoming a Ninth Circuit Court Judge she was a partner with the law firm Wooten, Kimbrough, Gibson, Doherty & Normand P.A. She is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) which is a national honorary organization for trial attorneys and has been Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Florida Bar since 1992.

In addition to many community activities her professional Activities have included the following:

Florida Bar: Civil Rules Procedure Committee; Board of Legal Specialization; Civil Trial Board Certification Committee (Chair and Vice chair) and the Lawyer Referral Committee. Ninth Circuit Grievance Committee: (Chair); Orange County

Bar Association: Federal & State Trial Practice Committee; Law Week Committee; Law and Education Committee; Labor & Employment Committee; Osceola County Bar Association; Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers: (President and Treasurer); Florida Assoc. for Women Lawyers: (Treasurer).

Alexander Douglas II, Esq.

Alex Douglas earned his Juris Doctor degree from The Florida State University College of Law, where he graduated with honors in 1989. While there, he was a member and president of the F.S.U. law school moot court team and competed in national moot court competitions. He also served as an extern to then Justice Rosemary Barkett of the Florida Supreme Court. Alex holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Alex is admitted to the Florida Bar and is also admitted to practice in federal court before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the Southern District of Florida, and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Orange County Bar Association, and Co-Chair of the Estates, Trusts & Guardianship Committee.

Alex handles a wide variety of business litigation matters, probate and trust litigation, fiduciary litigation, and contested guardianship cases. Alex enjoys lecturing on probate and trust litigation topics, and is rated by Martindale-Hubbell as an "AV" Attorney, the highest rating. Alex has also been named a "Super Lawyer" by Thomas Reuters, a selection process that rates attorneys based upon a comprehensive three part review process and is limited to no more than 5% of Florida's attorneys.

The Honorable Jim Edwards

Judge James Edwards serves on the Fifth District Court of Appeal. He received his BA with high honors from Auburn University and his JD with high honors from the University of Florida College of Law, where he was a member of the moot court team and served as an Appellate Advocacy instructor.

During the 35 years before going on the bench, Jim was involved in a statewide civil litigation practice involving a wide range of case types, including: auto accidents, aviation, bail bonds, banking, class actions, condominium cases, construction claims, contract disputes, defamation (traditional and internet-based), employment disputes, franchise claims, insurance coverage and bad faith, landlord/tenant, product liability (cars, motorcycles, sporting goods, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, construction equipment and machinery, manufacturing equipment and toxic tort claims), railroad and trucking cases.

He handled product liability cases in Florida and Puerto Rico, and became a member of the U.S. Virgin Islands Bar to handle product liability and banking cases for his clients in the islands. While in private practice, he had an active state and federal appellate practice and was a certified mediator for circuit civil, appellate and federal mediations.

Judge Edwards was recently appointed to serve on the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. He received the William Trickett, Jr. Award for Professionalism in 2013 and was chair of the OCBA Professionalism Committee from 2010 to 2012. He was an original member of the OCBA's Appellate Practice Committee, is a member of the American Board of Trial Lawyers, and is Board Certified in Civil Trial Practice. Judge Edwards has spoken and written on a variety of topics including: professionalism and civility, the impact of social media on jury trials, obtaining and using social media evidence in trial, mediation strategies, expert witnesses, and appellate advocacy.

The Honorable Robert J. Egan

Judge Egan is currently a circuit judge presiding over the criminal division in Orange County, Florida. He was appointed to the circuit bench by Governor Charlie Crist in 2008, and has served in divisions related to Juvenile Delinquency, Adult Felony and Circuit Civil. Judge Egan graduated with honors from the University of Florida, College of Law in 1992 and

obtained his undergraduate degree from Mercer University in 1986. Before taking the bench, he practiced as an AV rated civil trial attorney handling cases related to insurance disputes and personal injury, both plaintiff and defense.

Judge Egan is an active member in the George C. Young First Central Florida Inn of Court. He has previously served as an adjunct professor at Barry University College of Law and is a frequent lecturer in the community.

Mary Ann Etzler, Esq.

Mary Ann is admitted to practice before all Florida State Courts, the United States Supreme Court, and the United States District Court for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida. Her firm Etzler Law, P.A. specializes in Commercial & General Civil Litigation, Banking, lender & Construction litigation, Real Estate Title claims, Environmental, Insurance Coverage, GAL, Appellate, Business Entity Formation, and Certified Circuit Civil Mediator.

Mary Ann served as an Assistant State Attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit prosecuting post-conviction appeals, and conducted about 90-100 felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile trials.

As a Certified Circuit Civil Mediator Ms. Etzler also has extensive experience working with businessmen and businesswomen in their desire to resolve business disputes efficiently and effectively. Ms. Etzler is also the Moderator and Facilitator for the Orange County Bar's wildly successful, and award winning Leadership Law program.

Mary Ann is a mother of two boys and is also actively involved as an Executive Council member of the Orange County Bar, a director on the Florida Association of Women Lawyers, a member of The Florida Bar's Consumer Protection Committee, a Past President of the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, and is Past President of the Christian Service Center, is a member of the George C. Young, Central Florida Inns of Court, a member of Tiger Bay Orlando, a Leadership Orlando graduate, and a graduate of the Political Leadership Institute.

Ms. Etzler is dedicated to community education through her facilitation of the Orange County Bar Association's prestigious Leadership Law program, and she dedicates a substantial portion of her time to pro bono legal representation of children. For over 12 years Ms. Etzler has proudly served as a Guardian ad Litem for the Legal Aid Society and receiving numerous Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of her commitment to the GAL program. In 2012 Ms. Etzler also received the Legal Aid Society's Guardian ad Litem Award of Excellence in recognition of her exceptional involvement with children placed in foster care and in need of having their voices heard in dependency matters.

Andrew P. Felix, Esq.

Andrew ("Drew") Parker Felix has national litigation experience and a hands-on approach that benefits various clientele. Based in Orlando, where he is a member of the Litigation Practice Group, he handles disputes for individuals throughout Florida and California.

Mr. Felix is adept at handling a wide variety of matters. He is experienced in issues involving products liability, personal injury, white-collar criminal defense and internet gaming law. He has also participated in individual tobacco litigation cases and had extensive involvement in Fen-Phen pharmaceutical litigation.

Mr. Felix previously worked with a prestigious statewide law firm and was a founding member of that firm's Tampa office. While there, his practice concentrated on the areas of personal injury defense and complex commercial litigation. He also served as outside assistant general counsel for a large Florida-based automotive service provider and handled all of its litigation nationwide, including but not limited to "rollover" cases. Additionally, Mr. Felix represented a leading pharmaceutical care company in connection with criminal and civil investigations by multiple United States Attorneys Offices and state attorney generals concerning allegations of healthcare fraud. He is well-versed in the Florida Deceptive

Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUTPA) and was instrumental in negotiating an amicable settlement in a highly-publicized recent defamation case.

Aside from his litigation focus, Mr. Felix is also a certified athlete agent and handles matters for his clients in the entertainment arena.

The Honorable Karen A. Foxman

Circuit Judge Karen A. Foxman was elected to the bench in 2014. An attorney since 1996, she received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and her law degree from Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C. She spent much of her legal career with the Office of the State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, first as a prosecutor and later as director of operations. She also worked in private practice for 7 1/2 years, handling family law and criminal defense. She currently hears family law cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach.

The Honorable Howard Firedman

Edward M. Fitzgerald, Esq.

Edward M. Fitzgerald is an associate in Holland & Knight's Orlando office. Mr. Fitzgerald practices in the area of bankruptcy, creditors' rights and commercial litigation. He focuses on the representation of financial institutions and other creditors, including commercial banks, corporations and receivers. In his bankruptcy practice, Mr. Fitzgerald has experience representing creditors in complex Chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases. He also frequently represents creditors in state and federal court litigation, including suits to recover monies owed, real estate and personal property foreclosures, and injunction and replevin actions. Additionally, Mr. Fitzgerald often represents lenders in connection with the workout of problem loans and debt restructuring.

The Honorable John Galluzzo

Mr. Galluzzo is a 1982 graduate of Nova Southeastern School of Law and practiced law in Florida before being appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in 2006 to the 18th circuit court. In practice Mr. Galluzzo was an Assistant Public Defender, Assistant State Attorney, Associate in the Orlando law firm of Fishback, Davis, Dominick, Bennett Owens and Watts, was board certified in 1992 in criminal trial law, Past President of Seminole County Bar Association and chair of 18th Circuit B, grievance committee. Mr. Galluzzo HAS been the Administrative Judge of the criminal division and civil appeals in Seminole County, Administrative Judge of Seminole County, and currently is the Chief Judge of the 18th Circuit. Mr. Galluzzo has presided over family law, civil, criminal, probate, guardianship and mental health, dependency and delinquency cases in Seminole County. He and his wife have 4 adult sons and have been married for 33 years.

John Gibbs, Esq.

Jon is a shareholder at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. and chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Services Group. He represents clients in a broad spectrum of intellectual property matters including intellectual property protection, licensing, litigation, auditing, and due diligence. He has litigated and defended matters involving claims of patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement, trademark dilution, unfair competition, trade dress infringement, false advertising, copyright infringement, and cybersquatting. He has handled numerous matters before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and has significant experience in litigating domain name disputes under the UDRP.

In addition to numerous roles in federal, state, local, and intellectual property-related bar and industry associations, Jon is active with Orange County Bar Association Legal Aid Society's Guardian Ad Litem program and is the immediate past president of the Teen Court Advisory Board. He is also a Licensed Referee for the United States Rowing Association and a United States Coast Guard licensed Captain.

Suzanne E. Gilbert, Esq.

Suzanne E. Gilbert is a partner in Holland & Knight's Orlando office and practices in the areas of financial and real estate litigation, business litigation and creditors' rights. She is the Practice Group Leader for the Orlando litigation group.

Ms. Gilbert has experience representing clients in complex commercial disputes in federal, state and bankruptcy courts. Ms. Gilbert has substantial experience representing financial institutions and other lenders in a variety of matters, including complex commercial foreclosures, loan workouts, defense of lender liability claims, and in fraudulent transfer and preferential transfer actions. Additionally, a significant portion of her practice involves real estate litigation, including contract disputes, title issues, environmental issues and mortgage fraud. She also has significant experience in matters involving Article 3 and Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. In addition to her focus on financial and real estate litigation, Ms. Gilbert has also defended class actions involving Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Luis Gonzalez, Esq.

Luis Gonzalez is an attorney in the Litigation Practice and Alcohol Beverage Team in Holland & Knight's Orlando office. From providing representation in employment matters and contract disputes to advising how to obtain a distributor or restaurant liquor license and AB&T regulatory compliance, Mr. Gonzalez offers clients an in-depth understanding of a broad subject matter.

Mr. Gonzalez helps clients enforce restrictive covenants, protect trade secrets, conduct internal investigations, and resolve contract disputes and business torts. In addition, he represents employers in litigation involving a broad range of employment-related matters, including claims of discrimination, wage and hour violations, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), whistleblower/retaliation and sexual harassment. He represents clients before federal and state courts and in arbitration. Mr. Gonzalez counsels companies on handling performance evaluations and employee terminations, as well as other related issues such as implementing and enforcing effective policies and procedures to avoid litigation.

Previously, Mr. Gonzalez was in law enforcement as a uniformed and undercover investigator, SWAT team member and K-9 handler. He also served as a special agent and special agent supervisor with the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. This unique background offers clients a valuable perspective on navigating the heavily regulated alcohol beverage industry. Mr. Gonzalez counsels all segments of the alcohol industry - including brand owners, wholesale distributors, restaurants, hotels, bars, non-profits, and clubs - in regulatory compliance, liquor licenses, distribution, retail sales, promotions, marketing and administrative enforcement actions. Additionally, he assists with land use matters and mergers and acquisitions involving liquor licensing.

Elizabeth Green, Esq.

Elizabeth Green practices primarily in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights and has represented corporate debtors and secured creditors, unsecured creditors, committees, bondholders and trustees in bankruptcy cases of corporate and individual debtors. Elizabeth also has experience with out-of-court workouts, assignments for the benefit of creditors and in the representation of receivers.

Elizabeth is the leader of the firm's national Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights team and a member of the Policy Committee, the firm's governing body. She has been inducted as a Fellow in the prestigious American College of

Bankruptcy and is also an adjunct professor at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, where she teaches Advanced Bankruptcy.

Travis R. Hollifield, Esq.

Travis R. Hollifield is the founder of Hollifield Legal Centre in Winter Park, Florida which focuses on working women's legal rights including FMLA, sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, and retaliation claims. He earned his B.A. from the University of Central Florida in 1991 and his law degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1996. Mr. Hollifield is an active member of the National and Florida Employment Lawyers Associations, the Labor & Employment Law section of the Florida Bar, and the Federal Bar Association. He is currently the Chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law section for 2015-2016. Mr. Hollifield also litigates intellectual property matters including copyright, trademark, and patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation cases. He is a Florida Supreme Court certified Circuit Civil and Appellate Mediator and a Middle District of Florida certified Mediator, focusing on the mediation of employment and intellectual property claims. Hollifield has also served as an adjunct professor of law at Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando where he has taught employment law, intellectual property law, and entertainment law. Mr. Hollifield regularly lectures on advanced employment law topics to attorneys for continuing legal education credit and to other professional groups.

The Honorable Cynthia Carson Jackson

Cynthia C. Jackson was sworn in as a bankruptcy judge for the Middle District of Florida on March 5, 2013. Cyndi attended Tulane University and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University in 1981 and her Juris Doctor degree from University of Florida in 1984.

Prior to her appointment, Cyndi was a member of Smith Hulsey & Busey in Jacksonville, Florida. Cyndi limited her practice to bankruptcy and insolvency matters throughout the United States. She has represented debtors, creditors, committees and trustees in both commercial and consumer cases.

The Honorable Karen S. Jennemann

The Honorable Karen S. Jennemann was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, in November, 1993. Prior to her appointment, Judge Jennemann was a shareholder in the law firm of Mahoney Adams & Criser, P.A., Jacksonville, Florida, where she specialized in bankruptcy law, and an associate at Smith Hulsey & Busey, Jacksonville, Florida. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert Doumar, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division. Judge Jennemann was Chief Judge from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2015.

Judge Jennemann received her J.D. degree from the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, a Masters in Liberal Studies from Rollins College, and received her undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Amber Jade Johnson, Esq.

Amber Jade F. Johnson focuses her Central Florida practice on trust and estates, including: administration and/or probate for all sizes of estates, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, business succession planning, buy-sell agreements, land trusts, retirement account planning, family limited partnerships, dynasty trusts, and asset preservation. She is also of counsel to international law firm, Urban, Thier, Federer & Chinnery, P.A. and focusing on international trusts and estate for the global client.

Ms. Johnson has over 19 years experience as a practicing attorney, and, with her advanced understanding of the complex process of transferring ownership from a deceased individual to his or her living beneficiaries, she has successfully handled over 1,000 probate cases through Florida.

Jason Johnson, Esq.

A shareholder at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. and member of the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights practices, Jason represents secured institutional lenders, real estate investment trusts, and commercial lessors in complex Chapter 11 reorganizations and sophisticated Chapter 7 liquidations. He also represents vendors, Chapter 7 Trustees, creditors in preference and fraudulent transfer adversary proceedings, and other secured and unsecured creditors in such cases, as well. Jason, who began his career in law as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Arthur B. Briskman in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, litigates creditors' rights matters in state and federal courts, including suits to recover monies owed, commercial real estate foreclosures, and replevin, attachment and injunction actions. In addition, he often handles receiverships, workouts of problem loans, debt restructuring, defense of lender liability claims, residential mortgage foreclosures, timeshare foreclosures, deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure and friendly foreclosures, defense of fraudulent conveyance claims, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and commercial bank operation issues. As a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Mediator, Jason also mediates disputes in such matters.

He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbard, and is regularly listed in Florida Super Lawyers and The Best Lawyers in America. Jason serves or has served on the Boards of Directors for numerous community organizations, including the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, Special Olympics Florida and Orlando Ballet. In addition to serving on their boards, Jason is the Past President of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, the Central Florida Gator Club and the Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida.

Kevin D. Johnson, Esq.

Kevin D. Johnson is a Shareholder and is the current Managing Partner of the Firm. He defends employers against lawsuits involving claims of discrimination, unpaid wages, breach of contract, and other employment-related issues, as well as advising employers regarding compliance with a broad range of employment laws.

Kevin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida in 1991, and his law degree with honors from the University of Florida, College of Law in 1994. Kevin is a member of The Florida Bar, and currently serves as Chair of The Florida Bar's Special Committee on Technology/Office Tools and Resources. Kevin was also appointed by Florida Bar President Eugene Pettis to serve a three-year term on the Vision 2016 Commission, for which he is a member of the Technology Committee.

Kevin is also a member of the Federal Bar Association. He served as President of the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in 2013. Kevin is also a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Defense Research Institute. He has been a frequent speaker for The Florida Bar on labor & employment topics, and co-authored an article on forum-selection clauses that was published in the *Federal Lawyer* in 2011.

Kevin has been Board Certified in Labor & Employment Law by The Florida Bar since 2007 and has been recognized in that field by the publication *Best Lawyers in America* since 2009. He has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in Florida by *Super Lawyers*, and has also been recognized as one of Florida's "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine. He has achieved an AV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell legal directory.

The Honorable John E. Jordan

Prior to taking the bench Judge John E. Jordan practiced law in State and Federal courts with a focus on Personal Injury/Wrongful Death; Construction; Premises Liability; Products Liability; Motor Vehicle; Trucking; Insurance; Medical Malpractice and Sovereign Immunity litigation. During his 21 year law practice he represented both plaintiffs and defendants.

He has Lectured/Co-Authored Legal Seminars on Civil Litigation, Automobile Negligence, Premises Liability, Mediation, and Judicial Ethics/Professionalism. He is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator and was a Federal Court Mediator.

He is a member of the United States District Court – Middle District of Florida and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a Board Member/Past President of the George C. Young American Inns of Court. He serves on the Board of Visitors for Florida A&M College of Law. Judge Jordan has served as a County and Circuit Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit over the last 10 years. Among other honors, he is a two time recipient of the Jurist of the Year Award by the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida.

The Hon. Noberto Katz

Shannon L. Kelly, Esq.

Shannon Kelly is a Senior Associate with Allen Norton & Blue, practicing in the firm's Winter Park office. Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. has practiced exclusively in the areas of labor and employment law on behalf of management for more than forty years. Ms. Kelly has been with the firm for eight years, and has represented public and private employers before federal and state courts, winning summary judgment on a number of occasions. Ms. Kelly has also represented employers in the appeal phase of litigation, up to and including appeals to the Florida Supreme Court. Ms. Kelly also has extensive experience in handling administrative proceedings before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Florida Commission on Human Relations, the Public Employees Relations Commission, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Department of Administrative Hearings.

She attended law school at University of Florida, Levin College of Law where she earned her J.D. degree. Shannon has served on the ABA Liaison Subcommittee and Publications Subcommittee. Shannon is also a Valencia College mentor and Guardian Ad Litem.

Jill Kelso, Esq.

Jill Ellen Kelso is a Trial Attorney and the Appellate Coordinator for the United States Trustee, Region 21, in Orlando, Florida. Jill graduated *cum laude* from the University of Florida, College of Law in May 2002. She then served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Steven H. Friedman in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. After completing her bankruptcy clerkship in 2003, Jill joined the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group at a national law firm, where she represented secured creditors, creditors' committees, corporate debtors, receivers, trustees, and assignees for the benefit of creditors, in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases and related adversary proceedings, receiverships, state law assignments, and other state and federal court matters. In 2009, Jill began working in her current position as a Trial Attorney with the Office of the United States Trustee. In such capacity, Jill represents the United States Trustee in supervising the administration of bankruptcy cases and trustees in cases filed under Chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in both the Orlando and Jacksonville Divisions of the Middle District of Florida. In 2014, Jill was selected to be the Appellate Coordinator for Region 21 and a member of the United States Trustee's Peer Evaluation Team. She is the president of the Bankruptcy Law Educational Series Foundation, Inc. and the immediate past president of The Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, and she serves on the Board of Directors for both the Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Middle District of Florida *Pro Se* Bankruptcy Legal Assistance Clinic, Inc. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Middle District of

Florida Bankruptcy Court, the George C. Young First Central Florida American Inn of Court, the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association, and the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation.

Kristyne Kennedy, Esq.

Kristyne Kennedy is an accomplished civil litigation attorney with over thirteen years of experience practicing employment law, including litigation, trial experience and providing clients with legal advice and counseling.

Ms. Kennedy's primary area of practice is employment litigation, with experience litigating issues such as employment discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, benefits, whistleblower, overtime and unpaid wages, leave and disability issues, employment contracts, workplace torts, and other employment law claims under various state and federal laws.

Her background also includes general civil litigation, including claims of negligence, personal injury, commercial litigation, business torts, premises liability and other civil matters. Her practice is primarily devoted to employment litigation, representing clients in federal and state courts, as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), Florida Commission on Human Relations ("FCHR") and other administrative agencies investigating employer practices. She also provides clients with legal advice and counseling regarding employer policies and various workplace law issues as they arise, with an emphasis on preventive practices. She has been a member of the Florida Bar since 2000.

The Honorable John M. Kest

Judge Kest has been a Circuit Judge since 2003, serving in the Juvenile, Felony and Circuit Civil Divisions in Orange and Osceola Counties. Before taking the bench, he had a distinguished legal career for thirty years as a *Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer*, handling complex personal injury, medical malpractice and products liability litigation, representing primarily plaintiffs. He has served as *President of the American Board of Trial Advocates* and he served for 5 years on *The Florida Bar Board of Governors*.

Since being elected to the Bench, Judge Kest has served as *Co-Chair of the Education Committee of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges (FCCJ)*. He has attended and completed the faculty training program enabling him to teach at judicial conferences throughout the country. Judge Kest has served on the faculty at each of the Circuit Judges= conference since taking the Bench in 2003, has taught at the Advanced Judicial Studies Colleges (AJS), and regularly teaches at the New Judges= College. He also served as the *Director of the Statewide Judicial Mentoring Program* charged with mentoring all newly elected or appointed judges during their first year on the Bench from 2009-2012. Judge Kest has also developed and presents a monthly Brown Bag series of seminars for young lawyers on topics that appear to be problematic for lawyers commencing their practice.

More recently in 2010 he was named the "Trial Judge of the Year" by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Judge Kest was also named as the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus by the Florida State University College of Law. In 2011 he was presented with "The James G. Glazebrook Memorial Bar Service Award" for professionalism on the Bench by the Orange County Bar Association. Also, on June 9, 2011, Judge Kest received the highest award given by the George C. Young First Central Florida American Inns of Court Award for "fostering Professionalism, Ethics and Civility in the practice of law." At the Annual Florida Bar Convention in Orlando in late June, he was named the Outstanding Jurist of the Year for 2011 by the Young Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar.

Kristopher Kest, Esq.

Kest Family Law, P.A. provides clients with guidance, support, and legal advice during their most trying times. Kristopher's broad litigation background gives him the breadth and depth of knowledge and experience needed to deal with the wide variety of legal issues that can arise in a family law case. Drawing on his 10 years of law practice,

Kristopher strives to reduce conflict whenever possible, while providing sound legal advice to shepherd clients through the often complicated legal system. Negotiated settlements are the goal, but Kristopher stands ready and able to represent his clients' interests in court if necessary. Kristopher listens carefully to each client's individual objectives and goals and formulates a strategy to best accomplish those goals while reducing the anxiety, conflict, and stress associated with family law matters.

Kristopher is a member of the Executive Council of the Orange County Bar Association, and for five years was a member of the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association. During that time Kristopher founded and chaired the YLS-Law School Mentoring Program. He participates in the Florida Supreme Court's "Justice Teaching" program, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the George C. Young First Central Florida American Inn of Court.

Also active in the community, Kristopher is the 2014 Chair of the WMFE (90.7 News) Community Advisory Board, was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Winter Park Public Library, and is the former president of the Tulane Alumni Association (Orlando Chapter). He is also a committee member for the Orlando Health Foundation's Level One Trauma Center "One Night" event.

The Honorable Sally D.M. Kest

The Honorable Sally D.M. Kest is a native Floridian. She serves as a judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Juvenile Delinquency Division in Orange County. She received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from Florida State University in 1970 and 1972, respectively. She later taught at Rollins College, Valencia Community College and Barry University College of Law. She began her career in 1972 as a judicial aide to Judge Gerald Mager on the Fourth District Court of Appeal. The following year, she became an Assistant State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. She worked in that capacity until 1976, when she joined the law firm of Marlowe & Appleton to practice juvenile defense and family law. In 1979, she became a sole practitioner, with an emphasis on marital and family law. She has been Board Certified in Family and Marital Law since 1990. She was elected to the Circuit Court in 2006 and has served in the Domestic Relations, Juvenile Delinquency, and Domestic Violence Divisions. She is married to the Honorable John Kest. They have three children (two lawyers and a teacher) and seven grandchildren.

Elena Ketchum, Esq.

Elena Paras Ketchum, named by SuperLawyers as one of the top fifty women attorneys in the State of Florida, joined the firm in 2001 and became a shareholder in 2007. Ms. Ketchum is heavily involved in the firm's transactional, commercial litigation, and insolvency practices.

On the transactional side, she has represented numerous buyers and sellers in connection with complex stock and asset sales and borrowers and guarantors in commercial loan transactions. Ms. Ketchum has been lead counsel in successful out-of-court workouts of loans totaling in the hundreds of millions of dollars and regularly represents clients in negotiating and documenting complicated transactions such as workout and loan modification agreements and agreements related to asset sales. In the insolvency arena, Ms. Ketchum brings a solid knowledge of bankruptcy law and substantial courtroom experience to her cases. She is chiefly noted for her representation of debtors in possession in Chapter 11 cases – successfully reorganizing debtors involved in industries as diverse as manufacturing, retail, restaurant, healthcare, printing, grocery and construction.

She has served as President and Chair of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, serves as Chair of the District-Wide Steering Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, has lectured on bankruptcy topics, and has served as a guest instructor in advanced bankruptcy classes at the University of Florida, College of Law

and at the Stetson University College of Law. Ms. Ketchum also heads up the firm's practice under Chapter 727 of the Florida Statutes dealing with "Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors" or "ABCs". ABCs occasionally offer a quicker and less expensive alternative to Chapter 11 cases for business borrowers.

Finally, Ms. Ketchum defends borrowers in state court litigation, bringing with her the courtroom experience she gained as an Assistant State Attorney with the State Attorney's Office for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, where she was assigned to the Felony division.

Amie Kozan, Esq.

Margaret "Amie" Kozan: licensed in Florida since 1999 and Louisiana since 1995 (inactive); Admitted to the United States District Courts for the Middle District of Florida and the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts of Louisiana; the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; the United States Supreme Court; Chair (2015-2016) and former Vice Chair (2014-2015) of the Appellate Practice; Served as a federal judicial clerk (United States District Court Judge Frank Polozola, Middle District of Louisiana); Served as Senior Editor of the Louisiana Law Review; Admitted to the *Order of the Coif*; Member of the Florida Bar's Statewide Advertising Grievance Committee; Owner of Margaret E. Kozan, P.A.; Background includes commercial litigation, including appeals (Phelps Dunbar) and media law, including appeals (Holland & Knight); Focus of current practice is appeals, legal writing, and strategic trial support; has served as a contract attorney and "of counsel" to several small firms in Central Florida; regularly hired by litigators to draft state and federal court pleadings, dispositive motions and oppositions thereto, *Daubert* motions, and motions in limine; handles civil appeals in both state and federal courts.

The Honorable Brian Lambert

Prior to his appointment to the 5th DCA, Judge Lambert was a circuit judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit (Marion county) for a little over 14 years during which he was on the Circuit Appellate Panel for 11 years. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced law for approximately 19 years. Judge Lambert was a board certified civil trial lawyer primarily practicing insurance defense. He graduated from Univ. of Florida School of Law in 1981 and received his B.S. in 1978 from Eastern Michigan Univ. in Ypsilanti, MI.

Mark Lang, Esq.

Mark Lang was born in Iowa in 1952 and grew up in farm states. He earned his B.A. at Drew University in New Jersey completing his junior year abroad at Oxford. He earned his J.D. at the University of Florida College of Law in Gainesville. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1977 and has been practicing law in the greater Orlando area ever since. In addition to Florida, Mark is a member of the bar in Colorado and in the District of Columbia.

Known for his intensity on the case and in the courtroom, Mark lives life as fervently as he practices law. A devoted husband of 35 years, Mark and his wife, Ellen, have lived in the Central Florida area since 1977 where they have raised their two children, Noah and Briana. Mark is an Ironman, triathlete, and avid marathoner with twenty-two marathons under his belt. He has faced and succeeded in challenges ranging from escaping Alcatraz and swimming the San Francisco Bay to climbing the glaciers of Mount Baker.

The Honorable Frederick J. Lauten

Judge Lauten is the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Judge Lauten has also presided over the Complex Commercial Litigation Division and previously served as Administrative Judge for Circuit Civil and Circuit Criminal. He has presided over the Violation of Probation Division, Circuit Criminal Division 17, a Circuit Criminal Division in Osceola County and served in every division in the Orange County Court. Judge Lauten has been on the bench for 23 years. Prior to being a judge, Judge Lauten worked in the Ninth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's office for 11 years. He also practiced

law in Washington D.C. and in Longwood Florida. Judge Lauten received his Juris Doctorate from Villanova University in 1979. He received an M.B.A. from Rollins College in 1976 and a B. A. from Rollins College in 1975. Judge Lauten graduated from Bishop Moore High School in Orlando. He attended St. Mary Magdalen grade school in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Judge Lauten moved to Florida in 1967. He was born in Chicago Illinois.

Judge Lauten resides in Orlando with his wife Shelley and has two children, Chris Lauten, 31 and Victoria Bennett, 28.

The Honorable Bob LeBlanc

The Honorable Bob LeBlanc graduated with honors from St. John's Preparatory School in Boston in 1975, a catholic boarding school. He graduated with honors with a BA in Political Philosophy from Bradford College outside Boston, 1980. He studied junior year abroad at American College of Paris in 1979, then graduated from University of Miami School of Law in 1989.

He interned with the Public Defender Office in Orlando (1987) and the legal department at the American Stock Exchange in New York (1988) during summers of law school. After passing the bar exam in September 1989, he came to Orlando to work at the Public Defender Office. Judge LeBlanc worked at Bogin, Munns & Munns practicing Criminal Defense while learning Personal Injury. He started his own law firm in 1996 as general partner until elected Circuit Judge in September 2006.

Judge LeBlanc gives back to the community by being a founding member of the Teen Court fundraising arm, Teen Alternatives, Inc. and has volunteered for Teen Court for years. He is a member of various bar groups including Chair of the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee; President for three terms of the Lake Eola Heights Neighborhood Association; founding member of the bi-annual Historic Gardens of Lake Eola Heights Garden Tour. Currently he is a member of the Friends Board and Executive Committee of the Mennello Museum of American Art, and on the Advisory Board for Barry University School of Law in Orlando.

Judge LeBlanc married Joanie Schuler, a Winter Park native, at Rollins Chapel in September 1984.

Assignments: 2007-2012 Circuit Criminal, 2013 Circuit Domestic Violence Division.

Andrick Lewis, Esq.

Andrick Lewis attended the University of Central Florida where he developed a passion for public service. After serving as Student Body Vice President at the University of Central Florida Andrick sought a Juris Doctorate at the University of Florida. While at UF he served the law school in a number of capacities, most notably as the Vice President of the UF Law Trial Team. Today Andrick serves the Ninth Judicial Circuit as a Circuit Court Public Defender.

Cynthia Lewis, Esq.

Cynthia Lewis is a bankruptcy attorney in Orlando, Florida with the law firm of James H. Monroe, P.A. Ms. Lewis is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. Ms. Lewis represents individuals in Chapters 7 and 13, businesses in Chapter 7 liquidations, as well as, Chapter 7 Trustees and creditors. In addition, Ms. Lewis is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ms. Lewis is an active participant in organizations supporting the bankruptcy practice area. She is the Vice-President of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association and former Chair of the Orange County Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee. Ms. Lewis has been recognized for her participation with the Orlando Bankruptcy Pro Se Clinic assisting pro se debtors and training attorney volunteers. She most recently was appointed Treasurer for the newly formed district wide pro se clinic, Middle District of Florida Pro Se Bankruptcy Legal Assistance Clinic. Ms. Lewis has participated as an invitee with the Orlando Judicial Liaison Committee and the Third Annual Bench Bar Conference held in Tampa, Florida.

Ms. Lewis is a member of the Florida Bar, Orange County Bar Association, Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and the American Bar Association. She is certified to appear in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Ms. Lewis graduated from the Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, College of Law located in Orlando, Florida and *cum laude* with a Bachelors of Science degree from Florida Southern College majoring in accounting.

Adriana Linares

Adriana Linares is a legal technology trainer and consultant with LawTech Partners, a professional services firm specializing in the legal industry. The firm's services include legal technology consulting and law office software training. Using her practical and personal approach to learning she helps legal professionals maximize their technology skills and investments.

Having spent her formidable career-years at two of Florida's largest law firms, Adriana went on the open LawTech Partners in 2004 and has recently launched "Help Desk for Lawyers" – a remote training and support service focused on solo and small firms. She is a frequent speaker at national technology conferences and a regular contributor to legal blogs and publications. She spent four years on the Planning Board of the ABA TECHSHOW, two years as an editor for Technolawyer's Blawgworld and in 2013 was named as one of the Fastcase Top 50 Global Legal Innovators.

Today she serves as a technology consultant to the Florida Bar Communications Committee. She is Chair of the Research & Technology Subcommittee of the Law Practice Division of the ABA, and serves on the advisory board for the Center for Law Practice Technology. Adriana has a Bachelors in Geography from Stetson University, a Masters in Corporate Communication and Technology from Rollins, and speaks fluent Spanish.

Ralph Losey, Esq.

Ralph C. Losey is a Shareholder in the Orlando, Florida, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. He serves as the firm's National e-Discovery Counsel.

Mr. Losey has served for years as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Florida's College of Law, teaching e-discovery. He is also the co-founder of the IT-Lex foundation and the Electronic Discovery Best Practices group (EDBP.com).

Mr. Losey entered private practice in Orlando in 1980. Prior to becoming a Partner at Jackson Lewis in 2010, Mr. Losey was the founder and chair of Akerman Senterfitt's e-discovery practice group from 2006 to April 2010. Prior to that, he was a shareholder with Katz Kutter and Subin, Shams, Rosenbluth, Moran, Losey and Brennan, P.A. At Subin Shams, he was in charge of the firm's computer systems for more than 15 years.

Mr. Losey has a long history in commercial and employment litigation in both state and federal court, with an emphasis on technology-related issues, ERISA disputes, and Qui Tam government fraud cases. Mr. Losey has over 70 published opinions to his credit. His experience includes some of the largest e-discovery cases in the country. Mr. Losey has unique practical experience as a computer user and amateur programmer going back to 1978. He has worked with mainframes, minicomputers, Macs and PCs, utilizing all applications imaginable, and creating and designing software in the 1980s and Internet websites in the 1990s.

The Honorable Marc Lubet

Circuit Judge Marc Lubet is a graduate of HB Plant High School in Tampa and has a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Florida. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi and practiced Criminal and Family Law for 32 years prior to commencing his first elected term in the office of Circuit Judge in January

of 2007. Judge Lubet, during the course of his career as a Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney represented Judges and their family members as well as numerous Police Officers from around the State in various litigation matters. During the course of his career as a Criminal Defense Lawyer he was lead counsel in over 20 first and second degree murder cases. He is one of the original members of the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Judge Lubet was an Adjunct Professor and taught Family Law and Trial Advocacy at the University of Central Florida. He also taught Law Enforcement Re-certification Classes at Valencia Community College's Criminal Justice Institute from 1997-2006. Judge Lubet has been an AV Rated Attorney by Martindale Hubble since 1990. In 2006 Judge Lubet was elected unopposed to the Circuit Court Bench. From 2007 through 2012 he was assigned to a felony division. Then in January 2013 until April 2014 Judge Lubet was assigned to and presided over a domestic violence division. In April of 2014 Judge Lubet returned to the criminal bench where he remains presiding over a circuit felony division.

Justin M. Luna, Esq.

Justin M. Luna is an equity partner in the firm's bankruptcy and business reorganization department. Mr. Luna's concentrates his practice on complex commercial reorganizations, loan workouts as well as banking and commercial litigation. Although Mr. Luna's primary representation focuses on representing debtors in complex reorganization case, he also has represented and represents secured creditors, purchasers, trustees as well as individual in all aspects of Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings, bankruptcy related litigation, assignment for the benefit of creditors proceedings, foreclosure and receivership actions as well as loan workouts.

Mr. Luna has represented a wide size range of entities, from single member and single asset companies to publically traded entities. He has represented clients in the hospitality, retail, manufacturing, healthcare, timeshare, real estate development and construction industries. Notable representations includes: The Vue at Lake Eola, Furniture Country Gallery, Gooding's Supermarkets, Rigo Tile Gallery as well as a number of hoteliers. Justin also has experience handling international litigation and cross border arbitration proceedings as well as representing business owners in international business transactions. Mr. Luna has represented a number of clients in commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, LLP, Justin was an associate in the Orlando office of GrayRobinson, P.A.

Brendan Lynch, Esq.

Brendan is a shareholder at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. He represents both commercial and residential property land owners, as well as tenant business owners, in issues of eminent domain/condemnation – typically involving a government entity or private utility. Brendan also represents property owners in all levels of property tax appeals throughout the state of Florida. This not only includes valuation (assessment) challenges, but also issues of property tax exemptions.

Brendan is equally committed to the community, serving on the Board of Directors of United Arts of Central Florida, the Heart of Florida United Way Education Cabinet, as President of the Teen Court Advisory Board, and as past president of the Board of Directors for the Adult Literacy League.

Melody Lynch, Esq.

Melody Lynch is a litigator and founding member of the firm's privacy & eDiscovery practice. Lynch focuses her legal practice on complex business litigation, commercial litigation, privacy & eDiscovery, and labor & employment litigation. She has worked on matters involving a wide variety of business disputes, employment contracts, non-competition agreements, non-disclosure agreements and trade secrets. She represents businesses and individuals before state and federal courts. Melody has also worked on matters involving the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, Title VII, Fair Labor Standards Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, and whistleblower laws.

A frequent author and lecturer on the topics of employment law, eDiscovery, workplace privacy, and technology, Melody assists clients in preparing document retention and destruction policies. She has litigated complex cases involving voluminous amounts of electronically stored information (ESI), designing review platforms and managing document preservation, collection, and production efforts through settlement or trial.

The court room isn't the only stage on which Melody has appeared. Before pursuing her career in law, Melody attended college on a ballet scholarship and danced with a professional ballet company as an apprentice dancer. Lynch received her bachelor's degree from Butler University, is a graduate of Stetson University College of Law and holds an M.B.A from Stetson University. She often calls on her educational background, augmented by experience, to counsel clients on complex business and employment matters. She has represented clients in the health care, environmental and hospitality industries, among others.

Additionally, Lynch is committed to the Central Florida community and has been awarded with the Legal Aid Society New Attorney Award of Excellence and the Orange County Bar Association Young Lawyer Pro Bono Award of Excellence. She holds positions on boards of several organizations, including the Frederick Leadership Initiative, which provides unique forums and leadership opportunities for young professionals in Orlando. She also serves as treasurer of the Orange County Bar Association Legal Aid Society Board of Directors and serves as a member of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Board of Directors and the Children's Home Society Board of Directors. She is a Guardian ad Litem for the Legal Aid Society where she represents the interests of abused and neglected children.

Jeremy K. Markman, Esq.

Mr. Markman is the Managing Partner with King & Markman. He has served as lead counsel in over seventy-five trials and represented clients successfully in appellate courts resulting in a number of published decisions from state and Federal courts. He has been rated high to very high in both legal ability and ethical standards by his peers. He is admitted to practice in all state courts in Florida as well as the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, U.S. District Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Markman is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Georgia Bar Association, admitted to practice in all state courts of New York and Georgia.

Mr. Markman is an honors graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, where he served as a member of the law review. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and history with a minor in sociology from Miami University. He specializes in the areas of medical malpractice, negligent security, nursing home abuse and neglect, insurance litigation, health law, hospital law, state medical licensure, automobile and products liability, personal injury, wrongful death, municipal and governmental law, employment law, civil rights, criminal law, appellate advocacy and professional malpractice.

He started his professional legal career in a small private practice before joining the Office of the Public Defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit where he represented criminal defendants. He then joined a local civil defense firm where he represented the interests of physicians, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and other health care professionals. He also represented municipalities, police officers, insurance companies, and others before opening The Markman Law Firm, P.A. When the opportunity to join forces with Tyrone A. King presented itself, King & Markman, P.A. was born. Since that time Mr. Markman has been representing individuals and professionals, defending their rights and protecting them to ensure that justice is serviced.

Lyle B. Mazin, Esq.

Lyle B. Mazin has earned a resounding reputation in the legal community. Known for defending both high profile cases and often violent felony charges, his career has recently been distinguished by achieving an acquittal in a Lewd and Lascivious Battery case filed against an Orange County Sheriff's Deputy. Additionally, Mr. Mazin is steadfast and unyielding in his defense of his clients. He is noted as having been the attorney at the forefront of exposing corruption in the pre-trial monitoring of Orange County defendants. Mr. Mazin regularly provides legal analysis to the media and is a frequent lecturer on trial advocacy skills at the University of Central Florida.

Bruce McKenna, Esq.

Heather Meglino, Esq.

Heather M. Meglino's is an associate at Koeller Nebeker Carlson Halluck LLP. Her practice focuses on construction defect claims arising from both residential and commercial projects. She also handles employment litigation in areas including employment discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, overtime and unpaid wages, FMLA leave and disability issues, employment contracts, whistleblower and other employment law claims under various state and federal laws. Ms. Meglino was selected as a "Rising Star" by the Super Lawyers in the area of employment law. Ms. Meglino is admitted to practice in all Florida State Courts, as well as the Southern, Middle, and Northern District Courts in Florida.

Ms. Meglino earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the Barry University School of Law, where she was actively involved as Vice Justice of the Moot Court Honors Board and received the award for Most Valuable Advocate, as well as Runner up in a National First Amendment Competition. She also received one of two awards given to Barry Law graduates, the ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award. During her time at Barry, she clerked for the Honorable Thomas W. Sculco at the Office of the Judge of Compensation Claims and she traveled to New Orleans, completing 40 pro bono hours of legal service and helping to rebuild the Ninth Ward.

Ms. Meglino received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of South Florida, where she was a scholarship recipient and co-founder of the USF Bowling Team. She was a member of the National Order of Omega Honor Society, Rho Lambda Honor Society, and the Pre-Law Society. She served as Vice-President of the Panhellenic Council, Chi Omega Sorority Chapter Secretary and Housing Manager, Campus Resident Assistant, Greek Week Executive Director of Programming, USF Homecoming Court Member, and USF Women's Bowling Team Captain. Currently, Ms. Meglino is a trustee on the Legal Aid Society Board, Board Member of the OCBA Young Lawyers Section, and outgoing President of the USF Alumni Association. She also volunteers as a Wish Granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In her free time, Heather enjoys going to the gym, traveling, and spending time with her friends, family, and her adopted dog, Autumn.

The Honorable Steven D. Merryday

Steven Douglas Merryday (born 1950) is an American lawyer and judge. He currently serves on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Merryday was born in Palatka, Florida. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree as valedictorian from the University of Florida in 1972 and with a J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law in 1975. As a law student, Merryday served as student body president of the University of Florida.

Merryday was in private practice in Tampa, Florida from 1975 to 1992. President George H. W. Bush nominated Merryday to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida on September 23, 1991, to a new seat created by 104 Stat. 5089. Confirmed by the Senate on February 6, 1992, and received his commission on February 10, 1992.

Deborah Mitchell, Esq.

Deborah obtained her Juris Doctorate from the Univ. of New Hampshire School of Law, *cum laude*. While attending there, she competed in the Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition, which focuses on U.S. trademark and unfair competition law. She also served as a member of the Moot Court Advisory Board.

Deborah completed an internship with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau, protecting consumers from unfair trade practices. She went on to receive an, LL.M., from Univ.of New Hampshire Law School, focusing on intellectual property, commerce and technology issues. During this LL.M. training, she interned with Burns & Levinson, in their Intellectual Property Litigation Department.

Deborah is a former Assistant State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit where she prosecuted misdemeanor, traffic and felony offenses, with over fifty jury trials. Her practice includes civil litigation, insurance defense and civil rights litigation. She is experienced in both state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. Deborah is licensed before all Florida state courts; the U.S. Supreme Court, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; and the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

C. Ryan Morgan, Esq.

Ryan serves as the co-chair of Morgan & Morgan's labor and employment division, which handles cases across the United States. He works out of the firm's Orlando office and focuses his practice on labor and employment litigation, including wage and hour violations, with matters ranging from single plaintiff actions to class and collective actions including thousands of employees. Ryan has served as class counsel in numerous class and collective actions in Florida and around the country.

Ryan is admitted to both the Florida and Georgia bars, as well as numerous federal court jurisdictions around the country. He attended the University of Florida for both his undergraduate degree and law degree, graduating from both with honors. Ryan was also recently named a Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2013 – 2015.

Jamie Billotte Moses, Esq.

Jamie Billotte Moses is a shareholder with Fisher, Rushmer. She is a board certified appellate specialist and has a broad appellate practice in both state and federal courts. Ms. Moses also defends real estate professionals such as sales agents and brokers, appraisers and title companies in litigation and licensing complaints. Ms. Moses has been very active in The Florida Bar, serving as President of the Young Lawyers Division, on the Executive Council of The Florida Bar Board of Governors, as Chair of the Statewide Advertising Grievance Committee, as Chair of the Appellate Court Rules Committee and a member of the Attorney-Realtor Joint Committee. Locally, Ms. Moses has been President of the Young Lawyers Section, President of the Legal Aid Society Board of Trustees, Founding Chair of the Appellate Practice Committee and Chair of the Judicial Relations Committee. Ms. Moses has served twice as Secretary and Treasurer of the OCBA. She is currently the President of the OCBA. Ms. Moses is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been honored as Florida's Legal Elite and Orlando's Top Lawyers. In her spare time, she competes in triathlons and running races.

The Honorable Lisa T. Munyon

Lisa T. Munyon has been a Circuit Judge serving in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida comprising Orange and Osceola counties since 2003. She was assigned to circuit criminal division from 2003 through 2008. She served as the Associate Administrative Judge of the criminal division in 2006 and as the Administrative Judge from 2007 through 2008. She was assigned to the domestic division from 2009 to 2010 and served as Administrative Judge of the domestic division in

2010. Judge Munyon moved to the general civil division in 2011 where she served as Associate Administrative Judge of the civil division. Beginning in 2012, Judge Munyon presided over a Complex Business Litigation Court and serves as Administrative Judge of the civil division.

Judge Munyon has served as the chair of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Technology Committee since 2008. She was appointed by the Supreme Court to the Florida Courts Technology Commission in 2010 and was appointed chair of the commission in 2012. The Commission oversees statewide technology policy and implementation for the judicial branch. She served on the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases from 2005 through 2010 and served as chair of the committee in 2009 and 2010. In 2014, she was appointed to the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions – Contract and Business Cases. Judge Munyon is on the faculty of “Handling Capital Cases,” a mandatory education program for all Florida judges presiding over capital cases. Judge Munyon is co-author of *Florida Criminal Practice and Procedure, Third Edition*, a Matthew Bender/LexisNexis publication.

The Honorable Michael Murphy

The Honorable Donald A. Myers

Judge Myers has served as a Circuit Judge since January 2011 following his election to the bench. He was initially assigned to the Unified Family Court Division in Osceola County where he handled Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Delinquency cases. Judge Myers was subsequently assigned to a Felony Criminal Division in Orange County, and currently serves in the Civil Division in Orange County. He is also the Administrative Judge for Appeals to the Circuit Court.

Judge Myers graduated from Emory University with a B.A. degree in Psychology and a M.M.Sc. in Communicative Disorders. He attended the University of Florida Law School and graduated with honors in 1989. Judge Myers was a civil trial lawyer for more than 20 years handling cases throughout the State of Florida. He practiced with the firms of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., Parrish, Bailey & Myers, P.A. and Bailey & Myers, P.A.

The Honorable Dawn D. Nichols

Judge Dawn Nichols is board certified in marital and family law and currently presides over one of the family divisions in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. She is a member of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, the Central Florida Family Law Inns of Court, the Dunn Blount Inns of Court and the Collaborative Law Group of Central Florida.

The Honorable Heather O’Brien

Judge Heather K. O’Brien is an Osceola County Court Judge currently serving in the misdemeanor and criminal traffic division.

Judge O’Brien received her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from the Colorado College where she was both the school’s top political science student and top female athlete. Judge O’Brien is a three time Academic All-American and a member of the national academic honor society (Phi Beta Kappa). An amazing athlete, Judge O’Brien is the 1999 NCAA National Champion in the heptathlon (a seven event track and field competition), 1999 NCAA Woman of the Year (Colorado), 1999 Colorado Sports Hall of Fame citation winner, and 2005 inductee of the Colorado College Sports Hall of Fame. Judge O’Brien was also a collegiate level track and field coach.

Professionally, Judge O’Brien served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Alex J. Martinez of the Colorado Supreme Court, an Assistant Public Defender and as a Staff Attorney to the judges of the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Immediately prior to serving as a county judge, she represented the citizens of Osceola County as an Assistant County Attorney. Judge O’Brien also loves to teach and is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Barry University in Orlando.

The Honorable Julie H. O’Kane

Judge Julie O’Kane was appointed as Circuit Judge in 2003 by former Governor Jeb Bush. She was re-elected without opposition in 2004 and 2010. Judge O’Kane presently serves as the Administrative Judge for the Criminal Division of the Ninth Judicial Circuit where she handles all aspects of felony cases. Judge O’Kane previously served in the Civil Division and as Administrative Judge for the Appellate Division.

Prior to her appointment in 2003, Judge O’Kane was a partner at deBeaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, a local Orlando law firm, where she worked for over 12 years. Her practice was concentrated in the areas of commercial and insurance litigation. Judge O’Kane was the first female partner at her former law firm.

Judge O’Kane is a member of the Orange County Bar Association and serves on the Board of the Orange County Bar Foundation. She previously served as President of the Young Lawyers Section and as a member of the Executive Council. For many years, Judge O’Kane has been active in judicial education. She currently serves as a faculty member of the Florida Judicial College and has previously served on the faculty of the College of Advanced Judicial Studies. Judge O’Kane has lectured on various civil and criminal law issues. In recent years, she has spoken to the state’s newest judges on the topic of judicial immunity.

Judge O’Kane received her law degree from Stetson University College of Law in 1991 and her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University in 1987.

Mark O’Mara, Esq.

Mark M. O’Mara has been a fixture in the Central Florida legal community since 1983. While he started his career as a prosecutor for the State Attorney’s office in Seminole County, he quickly crossed to the other side of the courtroom and has served as a defense attorney ever since. Mark is one of the very few lawyers in Florida who is Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law and Marital and Family Law, he is certified in Collaborative Law and he is a Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator and Circuit Civil Mediator. He has practiced in both state and federal courts throughout the southeast and has co-counseled on matters throughout the nation. As a trial consultant, Mr. O’Mara helps other lawyers perform at their peak in trials with complicated legal issues and intense media scrutiny.

After leading the high-profile defense of George Zimmerman, Mr. O’Mara received acclaim for his even-handed management of the controversial case. His on-camera experience during the trial won him a spot as a CNN legal analyst. Since the verdict, Mr. O’Mara has decided to use his voice to contribute to the national conversation about race, guns, self-defense, the media, and the criminal justice system – and he speaks frequently on these topics.

Moreover, he started a non-profit organization called Justice Outreach, designed to identify and fix problems with the justice system, and he is an advocate for change in state and national laws that lead to the over-prosecution of American citizens, whether it be by unbridled prosecutors or inappropriately applied minimum mandatory sentencing schemes.

The Honorable Richard B. Orfinger

Richard B. Orfinger has been a Judge of the Fifth District Court of Appeal since 2000, and served as the Court’s Chief Judge from 2011 to 2013. While a Circuit Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida from 1991-2000, he served as Chief Judge from 1996-1999. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Orfinger was a shareholder in the firm of Monaco, Smith, Hood, Perkins, Orfinger and Stout, P.A. from 1990-1991, and a shareholder in Orfinger and Stout, P.A. from 1979-1990. His public service includes working as an Assistant State Attorney in the Seventh Judicial Circuit from 1976-1978. Judge Orfinger has served on numerous court committees and workgroups including the District Court Budget Commission from 2009-2013, serving as its Chair from 2011-2013; the State Court Administrator Selection Committee in 2013; the

Court System/Clerk of Court Revenue Stabilization Workgroup in 2011 and the Judicial Branch Governance Study Group from 2009-2011. Judge Orfinger received a B.A. from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1974. He was awarded his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida College of Law in 1976. Judge Orfinger was instrumental in organizing the Seventh Circuit's Committee on Professionalism in 1997. He was a founder and has been a member of the Dunn-Blount Chapter, American Inns of Court, Volusia-Flagler Counties since 2001 and was its president from 2002-2004. He also served on the Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism from 2001-2006, and the Florida Bar's Professionalism Committee. Judge Orfinger has been an instructor at the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies and has been a frequent lecturer on ethics and professionalism topics. He is a member of the Florida Bar Association, Volusia County Bar Association, and is admitted to practice before all Florida Courts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Judge Orfinger was born in Daytona Beach, Florida, is married and the father of two children.

David Paul, Esq.

David Paul is a Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney by The Florida Bar and The National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is also Board Certified in medical malpractice by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys. Mr. Paul is the incoming president of the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Mr. Paul began his legal career defending health care providers and insurance carriers. For the past 18 years, he has focused on representing individuals and families in claims involving medical malpractice, roadway construction, trucking accidents, significant personal injury, and nursing home neglect claims. Mr. Paul has handled litigation and trials throughout Florida, ranging from the Florida Keys to the Panhandle.

Mr. Paul actively serves as a guardian ad litem, as well as performing pro bono adoptions for Central Florida families. He also leads a weekly church service of almost 200 men at a local prison.

The Honorable Terence R. Perkins

Judge Perkins was a civil trial lawyer for 30 years before being appointed to the Circuit bench. He handled cases all over the state but, at the same time, hired employees, made payroll and managed a 20 member law firm. He achieved a "Preeminent" ranking for professional ability and legal ethics from his peers with Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating of AV, maintaining that rating for over 15 years. He also devoted many hours to bar service, locally and on a statewide basis.

After his appointment to the Circuit Court in 2010, Judge Perkins was assigned to a civil division and handled all variety of civil matters. He also regularly assisted his colleagues with hearings and trials in all divisions. In 2013, he was elected by his colleagues on the circuit and county bench as the Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. In 2015, he was assigned a criminal felony division. Since that time he has not only continued to hear a full criminal docket in Daytona Beach but has assumed responsibility for the administration of justice across the 4 counties of the Seventh Circuit.

William R. Ponall, Esq.

William R. Ponall is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Criminal Appellate Law. Mr. Ponall is one of fewer than 30 private attorneys in the State of Florida who holds that designation. He has over 13 years of experience handling State and Federal criminal appeals, post conviction matters, and complex criminal cases throughout the State of Florida. Prior to entering private practice, he was a Staff Attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Mr. Ponall has had articles, addressing both substantive criminal law and criminal appeals, published in The Florida Defender, a magazine published by the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and The Briefs, a magazine

published by the Orange County Bar Association. He graduated with honors from the University of Florida and the University Of Florida College of Law.

Mr. Ponall is a Past President of the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Co-Chair of the Committee on Proposed Criminal Jury Instructions and Rules for the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and a member of the Orange Country Bar Appellate Practice Committee. He was selected by his peers as a Rising Star in 2012 and a Super Lawyer in 2013 and 2015.

Morey Raiskin, Esq.

Morey Raiskin is a shareholder of the law firm of Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A. Morey received his undergraduate and law degrees from Tulane University. Prior to joining ZKS in 2015, Morey served as Lead Labor and Employment Counsel for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. and Administrative Vice President of Sea World and then chaired the labor and employment practice group of an Orlando firm for 22 years before joining a regional firm spread throughout the Southeastern United States. Before relocating to Florida, Morey also practiced management labor law in Las Vegas, Nevada where he represented several major hotels and casinos, as well as the Nevada Resorts Association.

Morey provides consultation, analysis and litigation representation to numerous local, national and international employers concerning all facets of labor and employment law, including development of personnel policies, procedures and handbooks, wage and hour issues, employee discipline and discharge, and drafting employment and noncompetition agreements. Morey also regularly litigates these same issues, as well as employment discrimination, whistle-blower or retaliation claims before administrative agencies and the state or federal judiciary, and advises clients on union avoidance planning, union elections, collective bargaining and unfair labor practice proceedings.

Morey is a member of the Labor and Employment Sections of the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar, and was 1991-1992 Co-Chairman of the Florida Commission on Human Rights Liaison Committee of the Florida Bar. Morey maintains an "A-V" rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, was recognized in 2003 in "Outstanding Lawyers in America," has been included within "Best Lawyers of America" in 2008-2015 and Florida's "Super Lawyers" in 2009 and 2010 and 2012-2015.

The Honorable Jessica Recksiedler

Judge Jessica Recksiedler - Education: Florida State University, B.S. in Accounting, 199, Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 1997, Member, Phil Alpha Delta Honor Society, Member of Stetson Trial Team. Professional History: Admitted to Florida Bar Association, 1997, Admitted to U. S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 1998, Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, Member of Board Certification Civil Trial Committee, July 2008 until July 2014, Vice Chairman of Board Certification Civil Trial Committee, July 2012 to July 2013, Chairman of Board Certification Civil Trial Committee, July 2013 to July 2014. Judicial History: Circuit Judge 18th Judicial Circuit, January 2011 to present, Felony Criminal Bench, January 2011 to July 2014, Civil/Family Bench, July 2014 to present, Technology Judge, January 2011 to present, Drug Court Judge, January 2012 to present, Civil Administrative Judge, January 2015 to present, Education Committee, Florida Conference of Circuit Judges January 2015 to present, Florida Bar Referee, December 2011, Associate Judge for 5th DCA, March 2012.

Eric Reed, Esq.

Eric C. Reed is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. Eric combines his trial experience and communications skills in disputes involving commercial litigation, commercial landlord/tenant litigation, commercial and consumer collections and replevins, mortgage and lien foreclosures and general lender representation. Eric helps prosecute and defend banks, creditors and other companies in financially-related cases. He also represents plaintiffs or defendants in disputes involving the automotive industry.

Prior to joining Shutts, Eric gained trial experience as an Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orange County, Florida. Before attending law school, he was a Territory Manager for a national consumer product company. This post helped him gain an understanding of corporate management and sales as he directed operations in the State of Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, while hiring and supervising a team of 30 merchandisers.

Currently, Eric is a board member for the Executive Council of the Orange County Bar Association. He previously served as a board member of the Orange County Bar Association Legal Aid Society, the Orange County Bar Foundation and he chaired the Orange County Bar Association Judicial Relations Committee.

Kim Reynolds

Kim Reynolds is the Lien Resolution Manager at Synergy Lien Resolution Service and Multi Claimant Solutions. This pair of plaintiff only national lien resolution companies work to eliminate or reduce repayment obligations to Medicare, ERISA, Medicare Advantage, Disability, FEHBA, Military (Tricare/VA), hospitals/providers and all 50 state Medicaid agencies. Prior to managing the daily operations of Synergy's lien resolution group she was a Paralegal/Case Manager/Legal Assistant in the Central Florida area for 19 years. She has a Master's degree in Business Administration and manages a team of experienced subrogation professionals including non-practicing attorneys and paralegals. Under Kim's management Synergy and Multi Claimant Solutions have saved their clients over \$30,000,000 and obtained nearly \$3,000,000 in refunds from Medicare.

The Honorable Heather Pinder Rodriguez

Heather Pinder Rodriguez, a Central Florida native, was appointed by the governor as a Circuit Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit on January 29, 2012. In 2014, the voters of Orange and Osceola County elected Judge Rodriguez by an overwhelming majority. During the campaign, Judge Rodriguez was endorsed by the Orlando Sentinel, as well as every other organization that interviewed both candidates. Moreover, her diverse community, civic and bar involvement directly resulted in one of the highest number of individual contributors, contributions, and endorsements for an incumbent judicial candidate seeking elected office in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Rodriguez is currently serving her second year on the family law bench, and has previously served in the criminal division. Judge Rodriguez also served as an Associate Judge for the Fifth District Court of Appeal in July, 2013, and authored the opinion in *Chandler v. City of Sanford*, 121 So.3d 657 (Fla. 5th DCA 2013). Judge Rodriguez is an active member of the Central Florida Family Inns of Court and serves on its executive board. She is also a frequent speaker on family law issues in the Central Florida area.

At the time of her appointment, Judge Rodriguez was a senior counsel with Holland & Knight's construction industry practice group since 1998. She routinely represented national construction and commercial leasing clients in all stages of litigation and trial. In 2005, Judge Rodriguez became one of the youngest lawyers in Florida to become a Board Certified Construction Attorney – The Florida Bar's highest level of recognition of competency and experience for attorneys in the area of construction law. Judge Rodriguez has been nationally recognized among America's leading business lawyers in Construction Law by *Chambers USA - America's Leading Business Lawyers* (2009-2011). In Florida, Judge Rodriguez was identified by Florida *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star (2009-2011) and was one of 39 lawyers in Florida named by their peers as a "Top Lawyer in Construction Law," according to *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite (2010).

Judge Rodriguez is a proud graduate of Florida State University and obtained her B.A. in Russian and B.S. in International Affairs *magna cum laude* in 1995, and her J.D. *with honors* in 1998. She is the third generation of her family to graduate from Winter Park High School, where she received her International Baccalaureate diploma in 1991.

The Honorable Jose R. Rodriguez

The Honorable Michael Rudisill

Judge Rudisill is a Circuit Judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit, serving Seminole and Brevard Counties. He was appointed to the bench in 2009 and was then elected to retain his seat in 2010. For the past seven years, he has been assigned to the Civil/Family Division in Sanford. He is also the Administrative Judge for Civil Appeals and presides over Juvenile Drug Court.

Judge Rudisill grew up in Central Florida and attended the University of Florida for both undergraduate studies and law school. Upon graduation, he worked as a prosecutor for the Office of the State Attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit. During his years as an Assistant State Attorney, he realized that the courtroom was the only place he wanted to be. He later joined a criminal defense firm and represented clients throughout Central Florida.

In 2012, Judge Rudisill was selected as Judge of the Year by the Seminole County Bar Association. He is a past officer and current director for both the Seminole County Bar Association and Inn of Court. Judge Rudisill is also a member of the Brevard County Bar Association, Brevard County Civilian/Military Council, and Community Leaders and Elected Officials (CLEO) of Seminole County. He enjoys discussing current issues regarding the legal profession and has participated as a panelist in many judicial forums.

The Honorable Samuel J. Salario, Jr.

Samuel J. Salario, Jr. is a judge on Florida's Second District Court of Appeal. He is a native of Tampa and received his B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science from The American University and his J.D. with high honors from the University of Florida College of Law. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Wm. Terrell Hodges on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. He then spent several years with large law firms in Washington, D.C. before returning to Tampa and joining the Carlton Fields firm. He became a shareholder with Carlton Fields in 2004 and practiced in the area of securities litigation and enforcement, focusing on representing primarily public companies, public company directors and officers, and financial services firms in securities cases, SEC investigations, and internal investigations. He was appointed to the Second District by Governor Rick Scott on December 23, 2014 and joined the court on February 5, 2015.

Ryan T. Santurri, Esq.

Ryan Santurri is a Florida Board Certified Intellectual Property Law Attorney. He advises clients in the areas of intellectual property and related litigation involving patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and right of publicity. He also provides trademark and copyright acquisition and counseling services. Ryan has also been involved in successful appeals to the Federal Circuit, including favorable appellate decisions on rulings from trial and from the United States Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Ryan is currently an adjunct professor of I.P. Litigation at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Ryan is also currently a board member for the Lake Eola Charter School in downtown Orlando.

Ryan attended law school at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, where he graduated with honors. While in law school, Ryan was a member and chairman of the Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court and competed in the team's final four competition. Ryan was also a member of the Journal of Technology Law and Policy and was a teaching assistant for Legal Research and Writing and Appellate Advocacy courses.

While in graduate school at the University of Georgia, Ryan was a microbiologist in labs studying *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* and *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Ryan received his undergraduate degree with honors from Rollins College in Biology.

Patricia Savitz, Esq.

Patricia Ann Toro Savitz received both her undergraduate degree (B.B.A. 1982) and her law degree (J.D. 1985) from the University of Miami. She was as Assistant Public Defender in the 20th Judicial Circuit in Fort Myers. Ms. Savitz subsequently handled cases involving abandoned, abused and neglected children as a Senior Attorney with the Department of Children and Families. Ms. Savitz is Bar Counsel with Orlando Branch of The Florida Bar where she handles all aspects of the bar disciplinary proceedings, including review and investigation of complaints filed against attorneys as well as working with three grievance committees. She has done extensive appellate work including oral argument before the Fifth District Court of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court. Ms. Savitz is a past recipient of the Pro Bono Award for Government Attorneys from the Legal Aid Society and the Orange County Bar Association and has received the Judge Thomas S. Kirk Founder's Award from the Orange County Teen Court Program. Ms. Savitz is actively involved in voluntary bar associations and civic programs.

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Chrissie Scelsi, Esq.

Chrissie Scelsi is the principal of Scelsi Entertainment and New Media Law with offices in Orlando and Port Charlotte, Florida, where she focuses her practice on entertainment, intellectual property, internet, technology, and business law. She is also Associate Course Director for Music Copyright and Publishing at Full Sail University. Ms. Scelsi has served as in house counsel for an international game based-simulations company, where she was responsible for advising on software licensing matters, trademarks, copyright, and corporate issues.

Ms. Scelsi began her practice in 2009, working with a punk music festival, and in years since has worked with clients ranging from software companies and independent filmmakers to professional daredevils and reality television participants. She has served as an editor of the book *Computer Games and Virtual Worlds: A New Frontier in Intellectual Property Law*, which was published by the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, is a chapter contributor to *The American Bar Association's Legal Guide to Video Game Development*, and is the author of the PunkLawyer Blog. Ms. Scelsi has been named as one of the top eight Central Florida attorneys with Twitterati status by the Orlando Business Journal based on number of followers for her @punklawyer handle. Ms. Scelsi received her B.B.A. in marketing from Loyola University New Orleans, a J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law, and a LL.M. in entertainment and media law from Southwestern School of Law.

The Honorable Frederick Schott

Judge Fred Schott is a graduate of University of Florida and UF Law School. In private practice, he handled litigation of contract, employment, family, personal injury, real estate, social security, unemployment and workers' compensation law cases, serving as lead counsel in more than 70 trials and on more than 30 appeals. He currently serves as the Administrative Judge for the County Civil Division in Seminole County.

Judge Schott has been active in both the legal community and Central Florida community, having served as a member of the Governor's Statewide Workers' Compensation Fraud Task Force, Vice Chair of The Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Rules Committee, Vice Chair of the 9th Circuit Juvenile Justice Board, President of The Christian Sharing Center, and President of Orlando's Festival of Orchestras. He has also taught in the Justice Teaching Program at more than one dozen schools throughout Central Florida, and has volunteered in Orange County's Teen Court program, Seminole County's Teen Court program, for Barry Law School's Trial Advocacy Class Finals, and for the Southeastern Regional Round of the National Student Trial Advocacy Competition. He currently serves on the Board of Legal Advisors for the Legal Studies program at Seminole State College and the Board of Directors for Seminole County's Young Lawyers' Association.

Judge Schott is very happily married to Deana and, together, they have four daughters and eight grandchildren.

The Honorable Margaret H. Schreiber

When Margaret H. Schreiber was appointed to the circuit bench by Governor Rick Scott on August 2, 2011, the Governor noted: "Throughout her legal career, Margaret has demonstrated an ability to analyze complex legal issues while managing business responsibilities and remaining active in her community. I believe she will make a fine circuit judge, and will bring a strong business and legal background to the circuit bench." Judge Schreiber is currently assigned to the Civil Division of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Orange County, Florida, having previously served in the Criminal Division.

Judge Schreiber received her A.B. degree in Political Science, *cum laude*, from Duke University. While there, she attended the Washington Semester Program at American University in Washington, D.C. as part of the Duke Foreign Policy Honors Program.

After graduating from Duke, Judge Schreiber attended Vanderbilt Law School, where she served as the Managing Editor of the *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*. While at Vanderbilt, Judge Schreiber studied at The Hague Academy of International Law in The Hague, Netherlands and attended the Law and Institutions of the European Communities Program in Brussels, Belgium.

Following her law school graduation, Judge Schreiber clerked for Chief Judge Phillip A. Hubbart at the Florida Third District Court of Appeal in Miami, Florida. She joined the law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Dostor, Kantor and Reed, P.A., in 1988, becoming a shareholder in 1990. At Lowndes, Judge Schreiber maintained an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell while practicing in the area of complex civil litigation, mediation and arbitration with an emphasis on contract and construction law.

Judge Schreiber has served as President of the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers ("CFAWL"), and received the inaugural CFAWL Legacy Award for Integrity, Selflessness, Leadership and Service in May 2015. She is a former Chair of the Professional Women's Exchange. She has also served on and chaired The Florida Bar Grievance Committee 9-E and on the Orange County Citizens Dispute Resolution Board. She is also a former Editor of the Orange County Bar Association's publication *The Briefs*.

Judge Schreiber has been active in the Central Florida community, having participated in Leadership Orlando (Class 33) and in Leadership Central Florida (Class 5). She has served as President of Community Coordinated Care for Children and was an active Girl Scout Leader for more than fifteen years. She has served as the President of the Arts League at her childrens' school, and on the Alumni Admissions Advisory Councils for both Duke University and Vanderbilt Law School.

Judge Schreiber has been married to her husband David (a retired commercial airline Captain) for almost 30 years and together they have 3 children, all of whom are active in their schools and their communities.

Jill S. Schwartz, Esq.

Jill S. Schwartz is managing partner of Jill S. Schwartz & Associates, P.A., an AV rated Labor and Employment law firm. She has extensive experience representing both management and employees. The firm is active in the litigation of all employment matters, including discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, wage and hour disputes, employment contracts, whistleblower and False Claims Act cases, in federal and state courts. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers University and the University of Maryland School of Law, Ms. Schwartz is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator and Arbitrator. HONORS: In 2005, Ms. Schwartz became the first female attorney from Florida to be inducted into the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She is AV (top) rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review and has been included in the "Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers" since 1999. Ms. Schwartz has been listed in *Florida Trend's*

“Legal Elite” and in *Florida Super Lawyers* (named one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers) since 2007. She has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2006, and has been honored as *Orlando Magazine’s* “Lawyer of the Year” in Labor and Employment for the past several years. LEADERSHIP: Ms. Schwartz has served as President of the Federal Bar Association, Orlando Chapter; Chair of the Florida Bar Labor and Employment Section; President of the National Employment Lawyers Association, Florida; Chair of the Orlando Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section; and Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fifth District Court of Appeals. COMMUNITY SERVICE: Ms. Schwartz is a recipient of the Women’s Resource Center’s “Summit Award” for outstanding philanthropic contributions. Our attorneys and staff devote significant time and resources to over a dozen charitable and non-profit organizations each year, including the American Heart Association, United Way, Boys and Girls Town USA and Ronald McDonald House. Additionally, the firm has been honored with the *Orlando Sentinel’s* “Top 100 Companies for Working Families Community Service Award”, as “Corporate Champion,” and as the first ever Hall of Fame inductee.

The Honorable Thomas Sculco

Thomas Sculco was appointed as a Judge of Compensation Claims by Governor Bush in March of 2005. Before that he was in-house defense counsel for The Hartford in Lake Mary, FL., and practiced workers’ compensation defense for Zimmerman, Kiser, & Sutcliffe in Orlando. He earned an A.B. degree in Political Science from Brown University in 1990, and graduated with high honors from Boston College Law School in 1993. Judge Sculco co- authored Chapter 6, “Workers’ Compensation Appellate Practice and Procedure”, of the Florida Bar’s workers’ compensation practice guide, and has lectured at several seminars on workers’ compensation issues. He is Chairman of the Orange County Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Committee, and is an adjunct professor at the FAMU School of Law in Orlando. Judge Sculco currently serves on the Florida Bar’s workers’ compensation board certification committee, and before that served on the bar’s workers’ compensation rules committee. He is board-certified in both appellate practice and workers’ compensation law.

Nyasha Seale, Esq.

Nyasha S. Seale is an associate in the Orlando office of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. She focuses her practice on construction defect litigation, all aspects of medical malpractice defense, and civil litigation.

Prior to joining QPWB, she was an attorney with a Maitland, Florida law firm specialized in insurance defense, first party commercial and personal lines, property claims, insurance coverage disputes, casualty claims and insurance fraud claims.

Ms. Seale is a Professional Civil Engineer licensed in Florida since 2006. Prior to becoming an attorney, she was a project manager and branch manager of an industry-leading civil engineering, consulting and testing firm for over eight years focusing on projects in engineering design, forensic analysis, and project management. She served as an expert witness on all insurance sinkhole cases and produced engineering reports providing geotechnical recommendations for site development.

Ms. Seale received her Juris Doctor and Certificate in Transactional Law from Emory University School of Law in May 2011 and Bachelor of Science from the University of Miami in May 2000 graduating with a major in civil and architectural engineering. Ms. Seale is licensed to practice law in Florida and Georgia. She is a member of The Florida Bar and the State Bar of Georgia.

Michelle Shepard – Civil Division Director

Michelle began her career at the Osceola County Clerk of Courts’ Office in 1990. Since then, she has served in every position in the civil department, consistently enhancing her knowledge, skills and abilities in all aspects of the Clerk’s

Office. As the current Civil Division Director, Michelle is responsible for the overall office planning and the organizational structure of the Civil Division. She establishes court-related service goals and objectives and evaluates staffing levels for effective work performances and efficient resource allocation. Michelle ensures that existing statutorily proscribed duties of the Clerk are followed and the new legislative proscriptions are implemented timely. A happily married mother of two children, two stepchildren and two grandchildren, Michelle enjoys spending time with her family.

Kathleen M. Skambis, Esq.

Kathleen Maloney Skambis is a commercial trial and appellate lawyer with The Skambis Law Firm in Orlando, Florida. She has practiced law in Florida for more than 20 years and has handled a wide variety of civil litigation in state and federal courts. Kathleen grew up in Melbourne, Florida, and graduated in 1978 from the University of Florida with a degree in Broadcasting. After moving to Dallas, she worked for KERA-TV and GTE Service Corporation before returning to school to study law and business. She graduated with her JD, *magna cum laude*, and MBA degrees from Southern Methodist University in 1987. Following graduation, Kathleen clerked for the Hon. Robert M. Hill on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Hon. Barefoot Sanders on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas before beginning her legal practice with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld. In 1991, she returned to Florida and joined the Foley & Lardner firm in Orlando, where she was elected partner in 1996. She joined her husband Christopher Skambis in 2000 to establish The Skambis Law Firm. Kathleen enjoys the variety of her practice, but loves the analytical and persuasive writing and arguing aspects of the job above all others. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of the Southeast and is an active advocate for more awareness about lung cancer and more funding for research to improve diagnosis and treatment of the disease she survived, but that has killed several of her friends.

Richard W. Smith, Esq.

Rick Smith is a shareholder with the firm. Since 1999 he has practiced general civil litigation with a concentration in the areas of employment law litigation in both state and federal courts, including sexual harassment, gender discrimination, race and color discrimination, disability discrimination, Family and Medical Leave Act violations, overtime/wage and hour claims, and national origin discrimination.

The Honorable Thomas B. Smith

The Honorable Thomas B. Smith became a United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Florida on July 25, 2011, and is presently resident in the Orlando Division.

Judge Smith attended the University of Florida, College of Law, graduating in 1977. His past employment includes three years as an Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida before joining Maguire, Voorhis & Wells, P.A., where he began as an associate and later became a shareholder. In 1998, the Maguire firm sold its practice to Holland & Knight at which time Judge Smith became a partner in the amalgamated firm. In December 2001, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Judge Smith to the Circuit Court bench, Ninth Judicial District of Florida. Judge Smith assumed this position in January, 2002, where he served four years in a felony division, three years in domestic relations, and was sitting in the complex business litigation court when he was selected as a Magistrate Judge.

Judge Smith was the first Chairman of the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions-Contract and Business Cases. He serves on the Executive Council of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and prior to becoming a federal judge he was a director of the American College of Business Court Judges, a director of the George C. Young First Central Florida American Inn of Court, and a director of the Central Florida Family Law Inn of Court. He also served on the Orange County Bar Association Professionalism Committee and the Orange County Bar Judicial Relations Committee.

The Honorable Margaret E. Sojourner

Judge Margaret E. Sojourner received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law. After admission to the bar, she was employed as a Research Assistant to Judge Winifred Sharp at the Fifth District Court of Appeal. She practiced primarily in the area of insurance law defending insureds and employer/carriers. She has been Board Certified in Workers Compensation since 1992. She was first appointed as a Judge of Compensation Claims in October 2010 and was recently appointed to a second term.

Drew Sorrell, Esq.

Drew is a shareholder and chair of the multi-discipline Privacy & eDiscovery Group at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. He focuses on complex commercial issues, particularly those related to technology, intellectual property, and privacy/data breach - both litigation and contractual. Admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, Drew is admitted to practice before all of the Florida state and federal courts, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the Southern District of New York, the state courts of New York and the District of Columbia courts.

Drew is a leader in several Bar Association activities, including serving as past president of the Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and as the former chair of the Orange County Bar Association's 300+ member Business Law Committee. Drew is also a member of the Association's Intellectual Property Law and Labor and Employment Law committees and previously co-chaired the Orange County Bar Association's Technology Committee.

Wayne Spivak, Esq.

Wayne Spivak joined Laurie Weatherford's office in October 2013 as a staff attorney. Prior to working for the Chapter 13 Trustee, Wayne worked for several years as a creditor rights attorney with both Albertelli Law and Ronald R. Wolfe and Associates, P.L. He earned a Bachelor of Arts for Public Administration in 1998 from San Diego State University, and a J.D. from Stetson Law in 2005. Before attending law school, Wayne spent 9 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy, and then 7 years as a Claims Representative for the Social Security Administration.

The Honorable Susan W. Stacy

The Honorable Elizabeth J. Starr

John M. Stewart, Esq.

John M. Stewart is a shareholder at Stewart, Evans, Stewart & Emmons, P.A. in Vero Beach, Florida and a third generation Florida lawyer. Mr. Stewart received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1992 from the College of William and Mary. He attended Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center where he obtained his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1997. Mr. Stewart served on the Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors of the Florida Bar representing the 19th Judicial Circuit beginning in 1999 and was elected President for the June 2006-2007 Bar Year. Then, in June 2007, Mr. Stewart was sworn in as the 19th Circuit's Representative on The Florida Bar's Board of Governors in which capacity he continues to serve as a member of the Board's Executive Committee. In 2013 Mr. Stewart received the President's Award of Merit from the then President of The Florida Bar Gwynne A. Young. Mr. Stewart was selected by Bar President Gene Pettis as Chair of the Technology Subcommittee for the Bar's 3 year study on the future of the practice of law known as Vision 2016. Mr. Stewart was appointed by Chief Justice Jorge Labarga on July 1, 2014 to serve on the Supreme Court of Florida's Florida Courts Technology Commission Mr. Stewart also currently serves on the Executive Committee of The Florida Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and focuses his practice on litigation involving commercial disputes with an emphasis on real estate construction defect, probate and contract matters together with a growing mediation practice.

The Hon. Diana Tennis

Ninth Circuit Judge Diana Tennis was elected in 2014 and is currently seated in Osceola county handling Family law and Delinquency cases. Prior to her candidacy she ran a solo law firm for 22 years, focusing on criminal and family law. Judge Tennis started her courtroom career at the Public Defender's office and tried more than 75 jury trials– including more than a dozen murder and death penalty trials. In her life as a litigator she wrote many of her own domestic appeals and has assisted in shaping the law around §57.105 fees in the appellate arena. As an attorney she was involved many high-profile cases and her commentary and victories were regularly featured on media outlets such as In Session, 48 Hours, Greta VanSusteren, MSNBC, Nancy Grace and others. Diana is a double Gator and lives in Orlando with her software developer husband, Michael.

James A. Timko, Esq.

James A. Timko is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen, where he is a member of the Creditors' Rights/Bankruptcy Practice Group.

James has received Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating as an attorney whose practice involves distressed assets, bankruptcy and commercial litigation and is a certified circuit civil mediator. He represents local and national creditors, debtors, secured, lenders, mortgage companies, landlords, franchisors, bankruptcy trustees and other business enterprises in chapter 7 and chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and in assignment for the benefit of creditors cases. He has represented creditors in bankruptcy cases across the country, including Florida, California, Texas, Delaware, New York, and Pennsylvania.

James also is experienced in resolving general commercial disputes, including matters involving copyright disputes. He has also represented institutional lenders in connection with asset based lending transactions and real estate transactions.

James served as the president of the Florida chapter of the Turnaround Management Association, the premier international professional organization dedicated to corporate renewal and turnaround management. He also speaks and writes nationally on creditors' rights and bankruptcy law. Prior to entering private practice, James was a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge Leslie Tchaikovsky of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of California.

The Honorable Dan Traver

Dan Traver is a Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit serving in the Domestic Violence section of the Family Law Division in Orange County. He grew up outside Chicago and graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He received his law degree from Loyola University Chicago with honors. Following graduation, Dan served as a judicial law clerk to The Honorable G. Kendall Sharp, a Senior United States District Court Judge in Orlando. For nearly a decade before his own judicial appointment, Dan practiced complex commercial litigation at GrayRobinson, an 11-office Florida law firm headquartered in Orlando.

The Honorable Greg A. Tynan

Judge Tynan was appointed to the Circuit Court bench by the Governor and began serving the citizens of Orange and Osceola Counties in January of 2014. Since his appointment, he has been assigned to the Circuit Criminal division handling felony cases. Judge Tynan also served as an Orange County Judge for two years preceding his appointment where he was assigned to the County Criminal division handling misdemeanor and traffic cases.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Tynan had a distinguished career of public service as an Assistant State Attorney with the Ninth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office where he rose to one of the top prosecutors and managers in that organization.

During his fifteen year tenure, he prosecuted a wide variety of criminal offenses from misdemeanor and traffic crimes to felonies. For more than three years, Judge Tynan prosecuted homicide and violent crime cases before finishing the last five years of his career as the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Intake Bureau. Along the way Judge Tynan gained invaluable courtroom and trial experience.

Judge Tynan also served for five years as General Counsel to a law enforcement task force. In addition to providing legal advice, he handled civil forfeiture litigation, defended civil claims and injunctions filed against the task force and its members, and assisted local governments in drafting and defending the constitutionality of various county and municipal ordinances.

During a break in his years of public service as an Assistant State Attorney, Judge Tynan spent two and a half years in private practice as a civil litigator doing plaintiff's personal injury cases and defense work for an insurance company.

The Honorable Christi Underwood

Melinda Velilla, Guardianship Auditor in Probate/Mental Health Division

Melinda began her work with the Clerk's office in 2013 as a Temp Clerk in the Criminal Division. She began working in her current role in 2014 and enjoys it very much. Since her time in her current position she has discovered three guardians stealing funds from their wards and subsequently they were removed by the Judge. She has also implemented new strategies to keep case files current while cleaning up old and delinquent files. Her passion for Guardianship has motivated her to return to school and pursue her Juris Doctor degree in Elder Law.

Derrick M. Valkenburg, Esq.

Derrick M. Valkenburg is a Partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP's Orlando office, where he practices in the firm's Construction and Business Litigation practice groups. He has experience representing a variety of clients including individuals, small business owners, closely held corporations, national corporations, and local governments. Mr. Valkenburg has experience in the areas of construction litigation, complex commercial litigation, e-discovery, civil litigation, general business, corporate and real estate transactions, probate and trust litigation, real property litigation, insurance litigation (first party claims, fraud investigation, bodily injury, uninsured motorist, and personal injury protection), insurance coverage issues, employment law, structured settlement transfers, tax controversy, eminent domain proceedings, foreclosure, landlord-tenant disputes, personal injury, and criminal defense. He has represented clients through trial in both state and federal court actions. Derrick also is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of Florida.

Sylvia Walbolt, Esq.

Sylvia Walbolt has practiced law with Carlton Fields for over 50 years, and is the former chair of its Board of Directors and its Appellate Practice Group. Besides election as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Mrs. Walbolt is a past President of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and was a member of the inaugural Appellate Certification Committee of The Florida Bar. She is Board Certified in Appellate Law. She frequently publishes and lectures on appellate practice, procedure and advocacy.

The Honorable F. Rand Wallis

F. Rand Wallis, District Judge is born and bred in Orlando, Florida. He graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Furman University and received a J.D. from Stetson University College of Law in 1992.

Presently he is a Judge with the Fifth District Court of Appeal and has been since 2013; from 2008-2013 he was a Circuit Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit and previously he was a partner with Cabaniss, Smith, Toole & Wiggins, P.L., Maitland, Florida.

ACTIVITIES: Education Committee of the District Court of Appeal Conference, 2014-present; Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Criminal Cases, 2014-present; Florida Bar Association, 1993-present.

James Walson, Esq.

Jamie is a Shareholder with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. whose practice encompasses both transactional and litigation matters. He represents buyers, sellers and lenders throughout Florida, with significant focus on title insurance, landlord / tenant and real property rights litigation. Jamie has extensive experience litigating matters involving contracts, title insurance liability, commercial landlord / tenant matters, easements, fraud, deed warranties, boundary disputes, adverse possession, lien priority and access rights. In addition, he has conducted appeals before the Second District Court of Appeal and the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Jamie routinely represents title insurance companies, commercial landlords, property owners, buyers and lenders.

Jamie currently serves as Chair-Elect of the Title Insurance Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association, and on the Board of Directors of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida.

The Honorable Kevin B. Weiss

Kevin B. Weiss attended the University of Florida, College of Law where he was a recipient of the Judge J. Cullen Ganey Criminal Procedure Award. Previously, Judge Weiss attended the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL where he received a B.A. in History and a Certificate in Religious Studies.

He is currently on the bench in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida assigned to Osceola County Div. 22; Civil, Probate & Guardianship, Mental Health. Mr. Weiss was the Founder and Managing Attorney of Weiss Legal Group, P.A. from 1999 to 2014. The law practice of 4 attorneys focused on appeals, first party insurance claims, personal injury, family law, corporate and business law, collections and commercial.

Community Activities and Volunteer Work: President, Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of Orlando (JCC) (2007-2009); JCC Executive Board (2009-2014)

Community Leadership Award 2009, Orlando Jewish Community Federation; Board of Directors, Jewish Academy of Orlando, Maitland, FL (2013-2014).

Daniel D. Whitehouse, Esq.

Daniel D. Whitehouse entered the legal profession with more than a decade of experience in the information technology (IT) industry. He has had the privilege of managing the IT infrastructures of some of the world's largest companies while working for one of the largest international IT service providers. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), both from Webster University. His unique blend of technology and business experience is an invaluable asset to the clients he represents.

Mr. Whitehouse attended Stetson University College of Law and graduated Co-Valedictorian of his class in 2011. While in law school, he served as Editor in Chief of the Stetson Law Review and received two distinguished Stetson Law Review awards: The Darby Award and The Outstanding New Associate Award. He participated in Stetson Law's Honors Program and studied interdisciplinary relationships between the law and other convergent areas. Mr. Whitehouse had the privilege of interning for The Honorable Susan C. Bucklew of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Upon graduation, Mr. Whitehouse received the Walter Mann Award for outstanding leadership, the William F.

Blews Pro Bono Service Award, the Leadership Development Certificate, and was included in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges listing.

Sancha Whynot, Esq.

Sancha Brennan Whynot is a partner in The Brennan Law Firm in Orlando. Mrs. Whynot's practice is concentrated in the areas of commercial and residential real property, probate, guardianship, and small business transactions.

Mrs. Whynot received her Bachelor of Arts from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida and her Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Whynot is admitted to practice before all Florida state courts and the United States District Courts in the middle district of Florida and is a member of both the Orange County and Florida Bars.

She is on the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section's of The Florida Bar. Mrs. Whynot is currently serving as Chair of the Section CLE Committee and is past chair of its Legislative and Case Law Update Seminar Steering Committee. She sits as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Real Estate Council (CFREC), serves as Vice President of Programs and is past Chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Real Property Committee and past Director of CFSGA, the Central Florida Chapter of the Florida State Guardianship Association. Also as a member of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, Mrs. Whynot has lectured to attorneys, guardians, real estate agents and brokers on a variety of real property, guardianship and business related topics.

Mallory R. Widgren, Esq.

Mallory Widgren counsels individuals who have been injured or wronged in the areas of premises liability, wrongful death, automobile negligence, and negligent security with the firm of King & Markman in Baldwin Park. She received her undergraduate education in legal studies from the University of Central Florida and Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. She graduated Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law cum laude in 2012 among the top 10 students of her class. Ms. Widgren served as a Senior Editor for the Law Review and earned five book awards while attending law school.

In the three years Ms. Widgren has been admitted to practice in Florida, she has conducted jury trials in both state and federal court including wrongful death negligent security, civil rights violations, and automobile accident litigation. She has been admitted in the Million Dollar and Multi-Million dollar advocates forums. She is actively involved in the Orange County Bar Association, Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, and the Florida Justice Association.

Andrew Windle, Esq.

Andrew T. Windle practices exclusively in the areas of family and appellate law. In 2013, Andrew opened The Windle Family Law Firm, which is located in Baldwin Park. Andrew is highly involved in the legal community, particularly as it relates to family law matters. He is a member of the Central Florida Family Law American Inn of Court. He is presently serving as a Director performing the duties of Counselor; additionally, he has served on the Executive Committee since 2011 and as the Chair of the Ethics Committee in 2012. He has been involved in the Florida Bar Family Law Section and has past and present service on various committees. Andrew is a member and active participant in the Collaborative Family Law Group of Central Florida and the International Academy of Collaborative Law Professionals. Additionally, he serves as a mentor for young lawyers through the Orange County Bar Association. Amongst other community services and accolades, he has been recognized as a Harbor House Man of Honor and regularly engages in speaking engagements.

The Honorable Wayne Wooten

Judicial Assignment 2016: 2016 Circuit Judge, Orange County Domestic, 2012-2015 Circuit Judge, Orange County Criminal, Education: Bachelor of Arts: The University of Florida, 1990, Juris Doctor: The University of Florida, 1995; Professional Activities: Assistant State Attorney in the Ninth Judicial Circuit from August of 1995-2012, Instructor for Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Training (MCTFT), Was co-chairman of the Orange County Bar Association Criminal Law Committee for 4, Completed a 3 year term as a member of a Florida Bar Grievance Committee, Faculty member on the DUI Trial.

Carrie Ann Wozniak, Esq

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