

Bilzin Sumberg Update

November 2005

What's new with us...

New Hire



We are excited to welcome associate **Ira Teicher**, who joined the Real Estate Group on November 1st. Previously, he was an associate at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel in New York. Ira holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

Bilzin Sumberg Basketball has Championship Season

The Bilzin Sumberg basketball team completed an undefeated, 11-0 season and won the Willy



Left to right: **Adam Lustig**, **Adrian Delancy** and **TerRance Woodard** proudly pose with their championship trophy.

Guardiola Summer 2005 Corporate A Basketball League Championship. They defeated Los Acres with a final score of 56-53. Team members included

Adrian Delancy, **Adam Lustig**, **TerRance Woodard**, **Eric Gilbert** (Summer Associate), **Jeremy Sahn** (Summer Associate), **Jeff Lodish** (**Alvin Lodish's** son) and **Matt Kaplan** (former associate and friend of Bilzin Sumberg). The season began in July and finished in late September with the Bilzin Sumberg victory. Over the course of the season, Bilzin Sumberg defeated Bayview Financial, Ernst & Young, Gibraltar Bank, KPMG, Kaufman Rossin and others. This is Bilzin Sumberg's first basketball championship. Congratulations on a great season!

Bilzin Sumberg November Birthdays

Marla Berman
Vicky Garcia-Toledo
Patrick Gonya

Antonio Martinez
Nikki Nedbor
Bob Siegel



Deep Thoughts...

By David Arizmendi



"The more laws we have, the more people will break them."

United Way Campaign



It's that time of year again! From

October 31 - November 11, Bilzin Sumberg will host a variety of fun

events and contests in an effort to support the United Way of Miami-Dade County. Scheduled activities include the annual employee cookbook sale, daily raffles, jeans day and a not-to-be-missed karaoke surprise!

We are pleased to announce that the following attorneys have been recognized in the 2006 edition of the *South Florida Legal Guide's* Top Lawyers:

Suzanne Amaducci	Al Dotson	Jim Shindell
Alan Axelrod	Michael Kreitzer	Carey Stiss
Scott Baena	Mindy Mora	John Sumberg
Brian Bilzin	Stan Price	Sam Ullman
Matt Coglianesse		Glen Waldman

South Florida Legal Guide's Top Up and Comers:

Michael Foster Carlos Gimenez

This Month's DealMakers

- **Robert Siegel** and **Antonio Martinez** represented BAC Florida Bank in the sale of a portfolio of over \$120 million of residential mortgage loans originated by BAC - the largest portfolio sale in the BAC's history.
- **Al Dotson** and **Alvin Lodish** represented GPA-Buffer, L.P. in a unique federal leasehold condemnation matter. The \$12.7 million case involved several rare Constitutional issues and will play a critical role in SouthCom's permanence in Miami.
- **Ruben Ravago** and **Martin Schwartz** were featured in the *Daily Business Review* for their representation of Fairfield, L.P. in the acquisition of property and \$95 million in financing for purchase of Marquesa Apartments, a 468-unit condo conversion in Pembroke Pines.
- **Glen Waldman** recently won a two week jury trial representing Alcides Acosta and Acosta Farms, one of South Miami-Dade county's largest growers and packers. The jury awarded Acosta Farms \$650,000 (which should balloon to over 1.2 million after attorneys fees and costs are assessed), \$200,000 more than its expert testified to and Glen asked the jury for. The verdict was on all four counts (three for fraud and one for breach of contract) against Brooks Tropicals' f/k/a J.R. Brooks and Sons, South Florida's largest packing house, and one of the largest and oldest growers.

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Upcoming Events

November

Allison Hift and **Steven Gruber** will lecture to attendees of the Alpha Kappa Psi Fall 2005 CPE Seminars on ongoing issues in technology and telecommunications law. Seminars will be held in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties throughout the month.

Bill Townsend will be conducting an internal seminar entitled "Rising to the Occasion: Prepare, Present and Promote" on Thursday, November 3rd. The presentation will instruct attorneys on how to start their own client development programs using PowerPoint and other applications.

An **associates-only** wine and cheese social will be held on Thursday, November 10th. No partners are allowed at this Mexican-themed fiesta!

William Hill and **Glen Waldman** will present an internal seminar, "The Pros & Cons of Arbitration," on Thursday, November 17th. Topics to be covered include arbitration scenarios, when to contract for arbitration and Florida vs. federal arbitration issues.

December

Believe it or not, the annual End of Year Party is just around the corner! This year's bash will be held at the Conrad Hotel on Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 pm. We hope you will join us! Please RSVP to Jessica Buchsbaum.



Trivial Pursuit Tournament Litigation: 39 Real Estate: 31

Congratulations to the Litigation Group for their victory over Real Estate in the firm's First Annual Trivial Pursuit Tournament! The Real Estate team took an early lead which they maintained until the final third of the contest when Litigation went on a run. The final score was 38 to 31. Litigation is now eager to face any group willing to take the challenge. The firm hopes to have each department go head to head and crown a trivia champion by the spring.

For more information on current firm news and events, visit our web site at www.bilzin.com.

If you are interested in attending any upcoming events, please contact Jessica Buchsbaum at 305.375.6151 or jbuchsbaum@bilzin.com.

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