

# Update



## Save the Date

Firm Holiday Party

December 12, 2006

6 - 9 pm

Bongos Cuban Cafe

Please RSVP to Jessica Buchsbaum at 305.375.6151



## South Florida Legal Guide Lists 15 Bilzin Sumberg Attorneys as "Top Lawyers"

Congratulations to the 15 Bilzin Sumberg attorneys recognized by the 2007 edition of the *South Florida Legal Guide*. The *South Florida Legal Guide* is an annual glossy magazine founded in 1999. As a division of CEO Publishing Group in Miami, Florida, it is the authoritative source for the names of South Florida's top attorneys. The Guide is the leading resource tool for those whose business and personal matters require the top legal talent in the region. Attorneys are selected through a voting system where licensed lawyers who practice in South Florida nominate the peers they most respect. The list of over 1,200 nominated attorneys was narrowed to include only those who received the most votes in each practice area.

Suzanne Amaducci	Al Dotson	Jim Shindell	Glen H. Waldman
Alan Axelrod	Michael N. Kreitzer	Carey Stiss	<b>Top Up &amp; Comers</b>
Scott Baena	Mindy A. Mora	John Sumberg	Michael Foster
Brian Bilzin	Stan Price	Sam Ullman	Carlos Gimenez

## Q & A with New Associates

**Question:** Describe a project you are currently working on.

**Eric Gilbert:** I am drafting a private offering for a fund that is purchasing close to \$100 million worth of real estate investments.

**Kaara Martinez:** I am working on a case with Glen Waldman where we represent the defendant in a lawsuit brought by the purchaser of a boat on breach of contract and breach of implied warranty claims.

**Jackie O'Reilly:** I'm currently working on a toxic tort case. Our client bought land that originally had high levels of a contaminant. Some nearby residents, as well as former construction workers claim that they were exposed to toxins during development of the site.

**Jeremy Sahn:** I've been working on a trade secrets case, researching for motions and attending court hearings and depositions.

**Jeremy Segal:** I am working on the purchase of two office buildings in Tampa for roughly \$28 million.

**Jordan Taylor:** I am developing a business plan for a company. The client's proposed business plan would not allow it to take advantage of a lucrative Florida statute, so



A couple months on the job and the new associates take a few minutes to let loose on Halloween. Clockwise from left: Jeremy Segal, Eric Gilbert, Kaara Martinez, Jordan Taylor and Jackie O'Reilly. Jeremy Sahn was unable to tear himself away from his desk.

I am revising the plan and also drafting letters to the Office of Financial Regulation to obtain a binding declaratory statement that our client is in compliance with the statute.

**Question:** What has surprised you the most about life as a full-fledged attorney?

**Eric:** When you talk to clients, they simply say "advise." It is amazing that we are considered experts so quickly.

**Kaara:** Two things - How people take you more seriously overnight, and not being able to control my schedule.

**Jackie:** The fact that law school prepared me for so little.

**Jeremy Sahn:** I feel less like an employee, and instead I feel more like part of a cohesive team.

**Jeremy Segal:** The amount of different things I do in one day.

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**Question: Describe Bilzin Sumberg in one to three words.**

**Eric:** Learning experience.

**Kaara:** Unpredictable.

**Jackie:** Rollercoaster.

**Jeremy Sahn:** Talented business advocates.

**Jeremy Segal:** Great.

**Jordan:** Enjoyable.

**Question: What advice do you have for law school students?**

**Eric:** You learn more in one week on the job than in three years of law school, so just enjoy school.

**Kaara:** Take advantage of the flexibility being a student allows, while gaining as much practical experience as possible to help prepare you for the working world.

**Jackie:** Try to get practical experience as much as you can, so you will know more about what type of job will fit you best after law school.

**Jeremy Sahn:** Work hard, play hard, and enjoy the last years in academia. Learn as much as you can, not only from your professors, but also from each other.

**Jeremy Segal:** Take as many workshops as you can where you get to draft documents and learn other practical skills.

**Jordan:** Take classes that prepare you for the area of law in which you want to practice.

## November Birthday Greetings



Marla Berman  
Vicky Garcia-Toledo  
Patrick Gonya  
Antonio Martinez  
Nikki Nedbor  
Robert Siegel

## In the News

- **Michael Kreitzer** was quoted in a *Daily Business Review* article about arbitration and mediation.
- **Patrick Gonya** was quoted in a *Miami Herald* article regarding a trademark issue with the Miami Heat.
- **Vicky Garcia-Toledo** was quoted in a *Daily Business Review* article regarding proposed rezoning.
- **Howard Nelson** was featured in a *South Florida Business Journal* story about his remarks to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on behalf of the Builders Association of South Florida.
- **William Hill** was quoted in both the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Sun-Sentinel* regarding the Justice Department's suit against the City of Boca Raton for a zoning rule that restricts the sober living facilities to specified areas.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 3	United Way Campaign - Breakfast
November 6	United Way Campaign - Pizza Lunch
November 7	United Way Campaign - AttorneyWed Gameshow
November 8	United Way Campaign - Desk Match Game
November 8	Real Estate Tax Seminar
November 9	United Way Campaign - Bake Sale
November 10	Time Management Seminar
November 15	Al Dotson will participate in a panel discussion at the University of Miami
November 15	Natacha Seijas, District 13 Commissioner Fundraising Reception
November 17	Revisions to Ethics Rules
	CLE Seminar by David Trench. On May 26, 2006, 39 revisions to the rules regulating the Florida Bar became effective. David will be advising our attorneys of these changes as they relate to our practice.
November 28	The firm will be showing a taped "pitch" that Scott Baena and Matt Kramer prepared for the Unsecured Creditors Committee of a prominent home building in New Jersey. Scott Baena will be available after the viewing for a Q & A session.

For more information on current firm news and events, visit our web site at [www.bilzin.com](http://www.bilzin.com). If you are interested in attending any upcoming events or would like to request copies of news articles, please contact Jessica Buchsbaum at 305.375.6151 or [jbuchsbaum@bilzin.com](mailto:jbuchsbaum@bilzin.com).