

Bilzin Sumberg Update

December 2005

What's new with us...

Karaoke, Anyone?

Bilzin Sumberg attorneys will do anything for a good cause! Last month, **Matt Coglianese**, **Mike Foster** and **David Arizmendi** showcased their musical talents in a short video for a United Way Fundraiser. Employees bought tickets to three screenings of the show, which included



Coglianese's rendition of "Strawberry Fields," **Foster's** ode to "Just a Gigolo" and **Arizmendi's** soul-bearing performance of "Mack the Knife."

Attorneys Take to the Kitchen for the United Way

In the spirit of the firm's United Way campaign, firm attorneys and staff contributed their best recipes for the creation of the "2005 Bilzin Sumberg Employee Cookbook." A few of this year's recipes include:

Jay Sakalo's "Potato Latkes"

Kendall Sparkman's "Boiled Water"

Allyn Danzeisen's "Puppy Chow for People"

Bill Townsend's "Hangar One Martini"

Books are on sale for \$10 and all proceeds will benefit the United Way. To buy your copy, contact Jessica Buchsbaum.

People News

Bon voyage to Real Estate associate **Ruben Ravago**, who leaves the firm on December 9th to join Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel in New York. We wish Ruben all the best as he begins this new chapter in his life!

On January 1st, **Alvin Lodish** will turn over the reins as Chair of the Litigation Group to **Michael Kreitzer**. Alvin plans to focus on his responsibilities as Hiring Partner, Chair of the Professional Development Committee and Chair of the Summer Associate Committee. Alvin is also very active in the community. Earlier this year, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the ALS Recovery Fund - an organization dedicated to fighting Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.



A New Look...

Last spring we hired a design firm to create a new corporate identity for Bilzin Sumberg. After interviewing some of the partners about the firm and our culture, the designer found a theme that consistently encompassed a mixture of traditional and modern. She created a logo that would graphically represent the two concepts by using a traditional font with a modern color palette and icon. The icon represents unison and balance, both within the team and with the client.



The new stationery, brochure, website, and business cards will be available by the end of December. We are very excited about our new look, and we hope that you will be too.

Firm Honors Land Use Partners

On November 29th, the firm hosted a special champagne toast in honor of **Stan Price** and **Carter McDowell** for being recognized by the Builders Association of South Florida for their dedication to the industry. Stan was inducted into the BASF Hall of Fame and Carter received the President's Award. Both were honored at the BASF Annual Gala in November.



Carter McDowell, John Sumberg and Stan Price



Stan Price celebrating with his son Jaime



Real Estate Chair Jim Shindell with Carter McDowell

This Month's DealMakers

- **Stan Price, Carter McDowell** and **Bob Krawcheck** successfully obtained approval on a Carrfour transitional housing facility in Miami Beach. This 6-0 victory was the end result of several extremely controversial hearings over many months.
- **Howard Nelson** and **Tom Gould** successfully argued for the unanimous approval of a zoning request that had been denied before the client hired Howard to handle it. The request was for the rezoning of an old vehicle inspection station from Neighborhood Commercial B-3 to Heavy Commercial B-4. The client's prior counsel was denied 5 - 1. Turning around the five no votes was no small task.
- Hats off to **Bill Riley**, who successfully completed his first hearing before the Board of County Commissioners. Bill requested the expansion of the Urban Development Boundary on behalf of his client, and the BCC voted 11-2 to transmit the client's request. The client is very satisfied with the hard work Bill has poured into this matter.

In the News

- Resident hipster **Carlos Gimenez** was quoted in a *Miami Herald* story on iPod etiquette in today's workplace.
- **Al Dotson** and **Tom Gould** wrote an article on eminent domain that was published in *The Legal Times*. The article focused on the impact of the Supreme Court's ruling in the controversial case *Kelo v. New London*.
- **John Sumberg** and MIS Director **Juan Torres** were featured in a *Daily Business Review* article on the firm's computer data backup plans and successes in the wake of Hurricane Wilma.
- **Allison Hift** was referenced several times in an article on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*. The article described high-profile telecom negotiations she is handling between the City of Tampa and Verizon Communications, Inc.

Bilzin Sumberg December Birthdays

Allyn Danzeisen	Jerry Proctor
Adrian Delancy	Bill Riley
Alan Kazan	Barry Stein
Steven Lear	Carey Stiss
Javier Lizarazu	Ira Teicher
Alvin Lodish	Mitch Widom
Jim Moon	

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Bilzin Sumberg Associates' Tips for Surviving Finals



"Study hard, but when you get into the exam room, let out all the tension and be creative and insightful in your answers. And then live it up after the tests are over!"

- Hal Lucas



"If you've received this newsletter, you already have a job or summer position locked in. Relax!"

- Melissa Pallett-Vasquez

December Events

Bill Townsend will speak at the "Update on Significant State Tax Litigation" at the Council on State Taxation (COST) Southeast Regional Tax Seminar on December 13-16 at the Miami Hotel InterContinental.



The **2005 Firm Potluck** will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. Attorneys and staff will bring in their best homemade goodies for a huge feast! Not much of a cook? Pay \$5 and enjoy the food without bringing in a dish.

Please join us for the **2005 Bilzin Sumberg End of the Year Party!**

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!



The **Corporate & Securities Group** will be participating in a luncheon/CLE course entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley: Ensuring Client Compliance" on Tuesday, December 20th in the firm's offices.



Congratulations to **Adrian & Michelle Delancy** on the birth of their fourth child, **Adrian Delancy, Jr!**

8lbs. 4 oz. 20 in. September 18, 2005

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 or would like to request copies of news articles, please contact Jessica Buchsbaum at 305.375.6151 or jbuchsbaum@bilzin.com.