

Bilzin Sumberg Update

What's new with us...

February 2006

 **Bilzin Sumberg**
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Enjoy the enclosed Bilzin Sumberg goodies! We hope you find them useful as you plow through the semester.

Attorneys and Students Mingle at Annual Firm Night

First-year students from the University of Miami College of Law visited Bilzin Sumberg's offices on Monday, January 30th for the firm's annual "UM Firm Night." Students mingled with attorneys to learn more about life at Bilzin Sumberg while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.



Bilzin Sumberg Names First-Year Summer Class

We are proud to introduce this summer's 1L class! You can get in touch with them at the email addresses below. We look forward to another exciting summer program!

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happy
valentines day!

Firm Employees Raise Funds to Fight ALS and Crohn's Disease

On Friday, January 20th, Bilzin Sumberg attorneys and staff strutted their best jeans in an effort to find a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Employees donated funds to wear denim, raising over \$600 to support the ALS Recovery Fund. Firm attorneys and staff also participated in the ALS Recovery Fund 5th Annual Walk/Run in Coconut Grove the next day.

Litigation partner **Alvin Lodish** who was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the organization, initiated the firm fundraiser. Alvin's determination to fight ALS was inspired by the remarkable courage of his brother, Dr. Jules Lodish, who was diagnosed with the paralyzing disease ten years ago.



This month, employees will do their part to support another important cause. On Friday, February 17th, attorneys and staff will wear their best jeans and donate funds to support the Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) - a non-profit organization dedicated to finding a cure for Crohns disease and ulcerative colitis. Many will also participate in the 2006 "Heel to Heal" Walk on February 15th to support the CCFA's continuing research efforts.

Litigation partner **Mitch Widom** is a Board Member of the CCFA. He first became involved with fundraising for the Foundation in 1998 when his family discovered his nephew suffered from the disease. In 2004, Mitch's daughter was also diagnosed with Crohn's, and he became even more active in generating awareness about the disease.

This Month's DealMakers

- **Stan Price** and **Bob Krawcheck** were successful in supporting the development of Lincoln Pointe Condominiums at a recent City of Aventura moratorium waiver hearing. This significant and hard-fought victory is worth nearly \$90 million to the client.
- **William Hill** successfully argued an appeal to the Third District Circuit Court, seeking reversal of an order certifying a class of insureds seeking interest on overdue PIP payments allegedly owed by our client, United Automobile Insurance Company. The Court reserved the trial court's order certifying the class and ordered that the case be dismissed. The appeal was won with the help of **Raquel Fernandez** and **Melissa Pallett-Vasquez**.

In the News

- **Carter McDowell** was quoted in *Miami Today* on the construction of the \$1 billion St. Regis - Bal Harbour Hotel and Residences. The property will consist of 511 condo-hotel and residential units at the current site of the Sheraton-Bal Harbour. Carter told reporters that the project "will absolutely be the highest-class hotel in Florida."
- **Adam Lustig** was mentioned in the *Florida Real Estate Journal* for his representation of 10800 Biscayne, LLC in the purchase of Bayshore Executive Plaza.
- **Michelle Kahn's** photo appeared in *The Bulletin*, which is circulated with the *Daily Business Review*. The photos are from the Dade County Bar Association's fundraiser "Bids for Kids."
- **Al Dotson** is featured in a Black History Month booklet, *Profiles in Pride, the Power of Volunteerism - Organizations that Lend a Hand, Recipes Shared in the Community Spirit* sponsored by Wal-Mart and Kraft Foods. The booklet is being distributed in Wal-Mart stores across the U.S.

Bilzin Sumberg Birthdays

Happy Birthday to two of our 2005 Summer Associates!

Jordan Taylor

Kaara Martinez

Cristin Burke

Carlos Junco

Carlos Gimenez

Marjie Nealon

Congratulations to our Marathon Runners

Kudos to the following attorneys and staff who completed the ING Miami Marathon and Half Marathon held on Sunday, January 29th!

Marla Berman, Half Marathon
Ana Calvar, Half Marathon
Marty Kaczmarek, Half Marathon
Jerry Proctor, Full Marathon
Lori Schumacher, Half Marathon
Melissa Spencer, Half Marathon



Upcoming Events

- The Litigation Group will host a department happy hour on Thursday, February 9th at 5:30 pm in the 25th floor conference room.
- The firm's softball team will participate in the Dade County Bar Association - Young Lawyers Section 5th Annual Co-ed Softball Tournament, on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Tropical Park. This one-day tournament will benefit the Children's Services Committees of the DCBA/YLS. If you would like to be part of the Bilzin team, contact Jessica Buchsbaum.
- **Al Dotson** and **Marshall Pasternack** will conduct a lunch seminar on "The Basics of Marketing" on Wednesday, February 14th. The seminar will outline some basic marketing tips and will include a discussion on how to become effectively involved in community and charitable organizations.
- The Corporate & Securities Group will hold a group Happy Hour on Friday, February 17th at 5:30 pm in the 25th floor conference room.
- **William Hill** and **Glen Waldman** will present a lunch seminar entitled "The Pros & Cons of Arbitration" on Wednesday, February 22nd. The seminar will cover topics including the selection of arbitration settings, advantages and disadvantages of arbitration and Florida vs. Federal Arbitration Issues. Attendees will be eligible for CLE credit.
- **Allison Hift** will host a client breakfast seminar entitled "Technology & Telecommunications Law for Real Estate Developers" on Friday, February 24th. Allison will present on technology and telecommunications legal issues that real estate developers need to understand. She will be assisted by technology engineering consultant Jim Sinopoli who will provide insight on critical design and business aspects of developing a "smart building."

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.

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