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Alissa Del Riego



Eric B. Funt



Pedro Gassant



Sepedeh Tofigh

► Four new associates join **Holland & Knight** in Miami. Alissa Del Riego, Eric B. Funt and Pedro Gassant have joined the firm's litigation section. Sepedeh "Sepi" Tofigh has joined the firm's business law section and focuses on public companies and securities law.



Georgia A. Buckhalter

► Attorney **Georgia A. Buckhalter** has joined **Richman Greer** as an associate. Prior to joining Richman Greer, Buckhalter was an intern with General Dynamics Corporation and a summer associate with Wicker, Smith O'Hara, McCoy, & Ford in Orlando.



Steven Wernick

► **Akerman Senterfitt** lawyer **Steven Wernick** recently was appointed to the board of directors of the Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS), Southeastern Division, one of Florida's oldest organizations focused on child welfare. Wernick will be responsible for raising awareness of CHS and its work in the community, and assist in raising funds for the various programs that the non-profit organization runs.



A. Abidemi Oladipo

► Former Assistant State Attorney **A. Abidemi Oladipo** has joined **Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky, Abate & Webb**.

► **John Leighton** has been elected to the board of trustees for the **National College of Advocacy of the American Association for Justice**, an organization with the mission of promoting a fair and effective justice system throughout the country.



John Leighton



Steven J. Solomon

► **Steven J. Solomon**, a shareholder in the Miami office of **GrayRobinson, P.A.**, has been appointed to the board of directors at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. As a member

of the board of directors, Solomon will provide leadership and support to the organization – the oldest and largest private agency of its kind in Florida.



Matthew S. Ellish

► **Carlton Fields** attorney **Matthew S. Ellish** has been appointed vice chair of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Southeast Florida/Caribbean Young Leaders Group. ULI is a nonprofit research and education organization that has members in 95 countries worldwide, representing the entire spectrum of land use and real estate development disciplines working in private enterprise and public service.



Owen S. Freed

► **Owen S. Freed** has founded **Owen S. Freed, P.A.**, a law firm focusing on international law and the representation of foreign clients and high net worth individuals with investments in the U.S., offshore holding companies, foreign trusts and foundations. Freed's international practice spans more than 50 years in Miami/South Florida. Freed currently serves as honorary consul of Honduras, a position he has held for decades.



Gavin N.L. White



Barbara Viniegra

► **Gavin N.L. White** and **Barbara Viniegra** have been promoted to partner at **Concepción, Martínez & Bellido**. As a partner of the firm Mr. White will focus on expanding the firm's practice in the areas of banking litigation, commercial litigation and insurance based matters. Ms. Viniegra will focus on expanding the firm's practice in the areas of commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, and appellate practice.



Jeffrey B. Shapiro



Roland Sanchez-Medina

► **Jeffrey B. Shapiro** and **Roland Sanchez-Medina Jr.** have been elected as chair and vice chair, respectively, of the audit and budget advisory committee of the Miami-Dade County School Board. Mr. Shapiro is a partner with **Arnstein & Lehr LLP** specializing in commercial litigation, and Mr. Sanchez-Medina is a founding partner of **Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez, Quesada, Lage, Crespo, Gomez & Machado, LLP** where he specializes in the areas of corporate, real estate and tax law.