



# NOVEMBER 1, 2025, NEWS AND NOTES

📅 Oct 27, 2025

**Harold E. Kaplan** was a Pisgah Legal Services volunteer attorney at the Rutherford County Recovery Resource Fair Gerton Volunteer Fire Department in North Carolina.

**Gregory D. White** of HR Law presented on a variety of Florida workers' compensation issues at Vensure Employer Solutions' Annual Risk Summit in Chandler, AZ.

**Elizabeth Ricci** of Rambana and Ricci appeared on Fox Live Now, Scripps News, among other outlets, regarding recent changes in immigration policies.

**David Hamilton Roos** of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt in Ft. Myers served as a panelist at the 79th Annual Workers' Compensation Institute Educational Conference in Orlando.

**Nehemiah Jefferson** of America's Tax Attorney LLC, published, "Tax Relief Now," a book which discusses tax controversy practice and procedure. It is available on Amazon.

**Arielle Capuano** of Levinson & Capuano in Ft. Lauderdale and **Beth Feder** of Winston Law Firm in Davie have been reappointed co-chairs of the Broward County Bar Association Mental Health & Wellness Committee.

**Scott Atwood** was the featured speaker at the Southwest Florida Air Conditioning Contractors Association's September meeting.

**Erin L. Deady** of Delray Beach spoke at, and sponsored, the American Water Resources Association Florida Annual Meeting in Key West.

**Gary A. Forster** of ForsterBoughman presented his 2025 Asset Protection and SCOTUS Update for the FICPA's Summer Vacation Conference in Orlando. He also hosted, "Tax & Tonic," at Butcher & Banker inside The New Yorker Hotel in NYC where he discussed the latest trends in tax law with New York-based CPAs.

**Bryan N. Vega** of Meland Budwick presented, "Miami's Position as a Global Investment Hub: Tax Advantages, Foreign Investment Trends, and Economic Growth," at the 2025 America Property Expo in Miami Beach.

**Eric C. Boughman** of ForsterBoughman presented, "Command and Influence: Strategies for Leading Difficult Negotiations," for the Celesq AttorneysEd Center.

**Lian de la Riva** of Markowitz Ringel Trusty + Hartog has been elected 2025 vice president of programs of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

**Peter J. Guala** of Guala Law Firm has been appointed chair of the Solo and Small Firm Section of the Broward County Bar Association.

**Michael G. Dyer** has been elected treasurer of the Florida Association of County Attorneys.

**Shira Baratz** of Meland Budwick spoke on the panel, “Bot or Not: Code, Courts, and Creditors,” at the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation’s 32nd Annual Fall Conference in Chicago.

**Langdon Lile** of Laird A. Lile, PLLC, has been accepted into Class VII of the Florida Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

**Anna Long** of Dean Meads served as a panelist for, “Breaking Brownfields: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities,” at the Florida Brownfields Association Annual Conference.

**Alan R. Rosenberg** of Markowitz Ringel Trusty + Hartog was a panel speaker at The Asset Recovery Conference Series discussing, “Information overload: Information-gathering tools in insolvency procedures,” in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**Mary Rebekah** released, “Checkered Love,” a romantic novel blending the high-stakes world of Formula 1 with the heart of a modern love story.

**Christopher Hopkins** of Hopkins, P.A., presented, “How to Use ChatGPT and Perplexity in Your Mediation Practice,” at the Dispute Resolution Conference.

**Kimberly Carpel Damessous** debuted her poetry collection, “A Quiet Voice Growing Loud: Poetic Reflections on Healing, Identity, and Loss,” released with Resource Publications.

**Justin B. Shapiro** of Leesfield & Partners was admitted to the Melvin M. Belli Society.

**Lonn Weissblum**, clerk of the Fourth DCA, was elected treasurer of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks at the organization’s recent annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Adam B. Cordover** of Family Diplomacy: A Collaborative Law Firm launched the LawyerFI Podcast, which is dedicated to equipping lawyers and other professionals with the tools to reach financial independence.

**Miranda Weiss** of Dean Mead has been selected to join Leadership Collier as a member of the Class of 2026.

**Monica Armster Rainge** served as the keynote speaker at the 10th Anniversary Food Law Student Leadership Summit at Harvard Law School.

**Steven M. Harris** wrote his 52nd monthly feature article, “Self-Defence Denied Down Under Defendant Who Provoked but Didn’t Retreat Before Using Deadly Force,” in the October 2025 issue of Forum 8, the online newsletter of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association.

**Justin B. Shapiro** Leesfield & Partners was elected chair of the American Association for Justice’s Premises Liability Section.

**Ira H. Leesfield** and his charitable organization, The Leesfield Family Foundation, were the Special Awards Sponsor at the Live Like Bella Cancer Foundation’s annual fundraiser, Bella’s Ball.

**Tasha Dickinson** of Day Pitney in West Palm Beach wrote, “When the music stops: estate planning lessons from Ozzy Osbourne’s death,” published by *Financial Times’ Professional Wealth Management*.

**Mark Romance** of Day Pitney in Miami wrote, “Ten Trial-Tested Tips for Young Litigators,” published by the *Daily Business Review*.

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