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Fort Lauderdale, Fla. –Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, was proud to serve as a sponsor for the recent Special Compass Inaugural Golf Tournament, held at Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL. The firm has long been a supporter of Special Compass, a 501 C (3) non-profit organization that provides life-changing experiences for the differently-abled by promoting inclusion in the community using athletic events, and building opportunities for independent living.

“Special Compass helps so many wonderful people in our community. Their work to enrich the lives of others inspired our firm to get involved with this important organization and provide support to further their mission,” said Heath Eskalyo, Principal Partner and Chief Financial Officer for Kelley Kronenberg.

This Inaugural Golf Tournament was one of the largest fundraising events for Special Compass and also served as an outlet to spread the word about the organization and its work.

In addition to sponsoring the Special Compass Inaugural Golf Tournament, Kelley Kronenberg held a recent fundraising initiative where the firm auctioned off its office furniture before moving to its new corporate headquarters. All proceeds from the auction were donated to Special Compass in an effort to help them reach their fundraising goal to attend the IRONMAN World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

This fundraiser is just one example of the many charitable activities organized by the firm as part of its Kelley Kronenberg Cares (KKC) initiatives, which provide opportunities for the firm’s attorneys and staff to personally commit to civic and charitable efforts in the cities where the firm’s offices are located. Previous KKC projects have included a statewide school supplies drive for students, as well as food drives and clothing donations.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FL— Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Lilli Balik and Brandon Esquenazi have joined the firm’s Fort Lauderdale office as Attorneys.



Balik assists in handling matters related to First Party Insurance Defense Litigation. Before joining Kelley Kronenberg, she represented clients in Fair Housing Act and ADA Title III claims, and worked for a general litigation practice. Additionally, she served as a Judicial Intern for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and as a Legal Intern for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Office:

Balik earned her Bachelors of Arts degree from Barnard College of Columbia University in Sociology and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law. During her time at UM, she was the recipient of the John F. Evans Memorial Scholarship for her excellence in trial advocacy. Balik is proficient in French and is admitted to The Florida Bar.



Esquenazi, assists in handling matters related to Third Party Insurance Defense and General Liability. Prior to joining the firm, Esquenazi was an Attorney for an insurance defense law firm in New York where he represented companies and their insureds in a wide range of legal matters including No-Fault Claims, Slip and Fall, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Property Damage, and Dram Shop cases. He has also served as a Legal Liaison with Settlement and Litigation departments where he negotiated with medical providers to procure reductions to further the ability to settle cases.

Esquenazi earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in Business and Accounting from the University of Central Florida and his Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. He is admitted to The Florida Bar and The New York Bar as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Eastern District of New York, and Southern District of New York.

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Fort Lauderdale -- Kelley Kronenberg,

a diverse business law firm, has completed construction on its new state-of-the-art corporate headquarters. Attorneys, staff, Town of Davie Mayor Judy Paul, the Town's public officials and invited guests recently celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new building, which is located at 10360 West State Road 84 in Davie, between Hiatus Road and Nob Hill Road. The new headquarters will accommodate the firm's continued growth and allow the team to better serve its clients.

As of July 1, more than 150 of the law firm's legal professionals and staff members in Broward County have begun working in the new 35,000-square-foot, two-story office building. Kelley Kronenberg has enjoyed steady growth for the last several years and outgrew its previous headquarters.

"Today marks a significant milestone for us and it's a reflection of the hard work, passion and sacrifice we have put into this firm," said Heath Eskalyo, CFO and principal partner who spearheaded the project for Kelley Kronenberg. "We have created a modern workspace that should be a great complement to our collaborative culture and position us for future success."

The new structure emphasizes an inspiring workspace thoughtfully curated to foster collaboration and client convenience. The facility features private office suites, as well as collaborative workstations, in a space with distinctive architecture and progressive design elements. The lobby boasts an architectural staircase that leads to a glass-panel balcony. And, two large conference areas that can transform into one great room for events, significant co-working common spaces, or smaller spaces to gather for informal brainstorming sessions in a relaxed atmosphere, as well as a dedicated education center for employee training.

The first floor also includes a mock courtroom, equipped with cameras and monitors that enable clients to participate in trial preparation remotely if they are not available to visit in person.

Perhaps most impressive, the building features a rooftop terrace that incorporates landscaping, canopy-covered kitchen and bathrooms. The rooftop provides an open-air venue for Kelley Kronenberg employees to gather, eat and conduct meetings, as well as host client and firm events.

Another popular addition for the firm's staff includes an employee café, complete with large TVs and modern, casual seating to serve as a common area for employees to take a break and share lunch with their co-workers.

Cabrera Ramos Architects of Doral designed the new headquarters. Alvarez Studios in Miami designed the interiors. The general contractor was Miller Construction based in Fort Lauderdale. Michael and Tyler Harrison of Equistone Partners served as development advisors, and SunTrust provided the construction loan.

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Tampa, Fla. – Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Partner Alison Verges Walters was named a Top Women Leader in Accounts Receivable by *Receivables Advisor*. In 2017, she was also named one of the 25 Most Influential Women in Collections by the magazine.

Founded in 2000, *Receivables Advisor* magazine (formerly *Collection Advisor*) caters exclusively to the collection profession. Their mission is to connect, protect and educate the industry with operation tips and technology reviews.

Walters has more than a decade of experience in collection matters. She focuses her practice on Creditor's Rights, Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy and Insurance Subrogation. As a leader in her field, she serves as a board member for NCBA (National Creditors Bar Association formerly NARCA), past Chair of The Florida Bar Small Claims Rules Committee, and is a past President of the Florida Creditors Bar Association. She is also a member of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. Additionally, she has presented seminars on creditors rights issues to the National Creditors Bar Association as well as the Florida Creditors Bar Association.

Active in the Tampa legal community, she is a member of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. She is also very active on committee's at Nativity Catholic Church & School.

Walters earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University of New Orleans and her Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Florida and the United States District Court for the Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Florida.

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MIAMI, FL — Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Cristina J. Bianchi and Julianne Valdes have joined the firm's Miami office as Attorneys.



Bianchi assists in handling all aspects of liability and casualty defense. Prior to joining Kelley Kronenberg, she worked as an Assistant Public Defender at the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office where she represented indigent clients in juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony cases from client intake to disposition. In this role, she gained extensive experience litigating bench trials, jury trials, and arguing evidentiary motions.

Bianchi earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management from Florida International University and her Juris Doctor, graduating magna cum laude, from St. Thomas University School of Law, where she received the CALI Book Award for Legal Writing and Research and Advanced Legal Writing and Research. She is admitted to The Florida Bar.



Valdes assists in handling matters related to Property and Casualty claims, including First Party Insurance Defense, Employment Law, Construction Defect Litigation and complex General Liability matters involving wrongful death and catastrophic injuries.

Prior to joining the firm, Valdes worked as a law clerk under the Deputy General Counsel at a large Florida university, researching and preparing memoranda pertaining to compliance issues in higher education. She also assisted in identifying related legal risks and reducing or eliminating undue exposure for the university.

Valdes earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology, cum laude, from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania and her Juris Doctor degree from Florida International University College of Law, where she served as Vice President of the Women's Law Society. She is admitted to The Florida Bar.

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Kelley Kronenberg is excited to announce the grand opening of our brand new 35,000 sq. ft. Corporate Headquarters building in Broward County! The two-story structure, which will house more than 150 employees, emphasizes an authentic and inspiring workplace, thoughtfully curated to foster collaboration and client convenience. The building features a rooftop terrace, lounge areas, large co-working common spaces, huddle rooms, a shared cafe, and a mock courtroom for trial preparation.

Our new address will be, 10360 West State Road 84, Davie, Florida, 33324. All phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

We are looking forward to being in our new space. If you are ever in the area, please come stop in and see us!

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Fort Lauderdale, FL- Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Jessica M. Marra, an Attorney in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office, has been appointed to the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association Board as a Director.

The Broward County Hispanic Bar Association works to be a prominent voice to the Hispanic population, expand diversity within the legal profession, and provide financial assistance to Hispanic law students. Marra will assist in serving her legal community alongside other Broward County lawyers, law students, business leaders and educators who make up the organization.

Marra focuses her legal practice on Worker's compensation, Criminal Law, Contract Disputes, Administrative Matters and General Litigation. She earned her law degree from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law and is admitted to practice law in Florida.

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Fort Lauderdale, FL- Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Natalie S. Kay, partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office, has received a fellowship in the National Association of Distinguished Counsel Nation's Top One Percent.

The National Association of Distinguished Counsel (NADC) prides itself on promoting the highest standards of legal excellence. This fellowship recognizes the nation's top attorneys who raise standards to a new level and have a positive influence on fellow attorneys. Members are vetted by a research team, selected by a blue ribbon panel of attorneys with podium status from independently neutral organizations, and approved by a judicial review board.

Kay handles all areas of Family and Marital Law, including representing parties in family appellate matters and having published opinions in the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Florida. She also practices Commercial Litigation and serves as general counsel for franchise owners and corporations. Recognized for her outstanding legal work, she is a recipient of the Avvo Client's Choice Award for receiving excellent reviews from satisfied clients.

Kay is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law and is admitted to practice law in Florida and in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced partner Louis Reinstein will be honored with the Joseph J. Carter Professionalism Award presented by the Broward County Bar Association (BCBA).

The Joseph J. Carter Professionalism Award honors current and active members of the BCBA who exhibit the highest degree of professionalism in accordance with BCBA Standards of Professional Conduct and Florida Rules of Professional conduct. They must also demonstrate respect for the law and legal system, and enhance the image of the profession.

The award will be presented at the BCBA 2019 Annual Installation Dinner and Gala at the Ritz-Carlton in Fort Lauderdale on June 22, 2019.

Reinstein focuses his legal practice on Police Professional Litigation, Correctional Healthcare, Civil Rights Violations and Commercial Litigation both at the trial and appellate levels. He is the immediate past President of the Board of Directors for the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207, and has served on several Boards of Directors for various South Florida secular agencies and religious affiliated organizations. For the BCBA, he previously held roles on the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors and was Vice Chair of the Appellate Section.

Reinstein earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Florida and his Master's degree from Emory University. He then went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. He is admitted to practice law in Florida, the United States District Court for the Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit.

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Fort Lauderdale – Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, was selected by the *South Florida Legal Guide* as a "Top Law Firm" in the publication's 2019 edition. Principal Partners Michael J. Fichtel, Howard L. Wander, Heath S. Eskalyo and Karen M. Gilmartin, along with firm Partners Gary L. Brown, Amy Siegel Oran and Dominick V. Tamarazzo were named to the "Top Lawyers" list in their respective areas of practice. All of the firm's selected lawyers have also been peer review rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

The *South Florida Legal Guide* is a peer-nominated publication. Lawyers selected must be well-regarded in the legal profession, have several years of experience, and possess a distinguished track record.

Attorney Biographies:



Michael J. Fichtel serves as firm-wide Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer. In addition to his litigation practice, he initiated and orchestrated an overhaul of the firm's business practices and philosophies, resulting in the firm's unprecedented diversification, economic growth, and emergence as a technological leader in the legal realm. Under his leadership, the firm transformed from a statewide firm with limited scope to a comprehensive industry leader. He was selected in the Workers' Compensation - Defense category.



Howard L. Wander serves as Principal Partner, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Partner of the firm's West Palm Beach office. He has been directly involved in the firm's strategic consultation and growth. Mr. Wander maintains an active Insurance Defense Litigation and trial caseload, focusing on the representation of employers, third-party administrators and insurance carriers. While he oversees the firm's Property and Casualty Department, he was selected in the Workers' Compensation category for his more than 30 years of experience and commitment to the Workers' Compensation industry.



Heath S. Eskalyo is a Principal Partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office and serves as the firm's Chief Financial Officer. A Civil Trial Litigator, he focuses his practice on Workers' Compensation and OSHA defense. Mr. Eskalyo has also been a driving force in the growth of the firm and oversees its philanthropic efforts, such as the firm-wide Kelley Kronenberg Cares initiative. He was selected in the Workers' Compensation - Defense category.



Karen M. Gilmartin is a Principal Partner, Chief Legal Officer and leads the firm's Miami Lakes office. She focuses her practice on the defense of employers, carriers and self-insureds in the field of Workers' Compensation and Subrogation. She has practiced in this area more than 30 years. In 2015, she was inducted into the Workers' Compensation Hall of Fame, a select group of industry professionals who have substantially impacted the Workers' Compensation field. Additionally, Mrs. Gilmartin is certified by the state of Florida to provide continuing education courses for insurance carriers and regularly presents seminars on a wide variety of general legal matters. She was selected in the Workers' Compensation - Defense category.



Gary L. Brown, a Partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office, is head of the Construction Practice Group. In this role, he assists clients in both complex and routine commercial matters with substantial experience and expertise in construction-related issues. He practices in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout Florida. Brown is also Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Construction Law and is a published author on the subject. In 2015, he published *Florida Construction Defect Litigation*, which is now in its 4th edition. He was selected in the Construction Litigation category.



Amy Siegel Oran is a Partner in the firm's West Palm Beach office.

She focuses her practice exclusively on Workers' Compensation defense, representing employers, insurance carriers, self-insured corporations, third party administrators, and claims servicing agencies. Her background includes extensive experience with all aspects of Litigation and Appellate law and a significant amount of catastrophic claim management. She was selected in the Workers' Compensation category.



Dominick V. Tamarazzo is a Partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale

office. He is highly experienced in handling a variety of complex Commercial, Construction, Insurance Defense and general Civil Litigation matters in both federal and state courts. He was selected in the Insurance Litigation – Defense category.