

38th Annual B'nai B'rith Justice Unit Installation Brunch

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Partner [Maritza I. Gomez](#) was recently appointed by the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida to serve as Secretary of the association.

Founded in 2003, the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida serves as a voice for the Puerto Rican population living in the state of Florida. By linking culture, heritage and a common interest on issues impacting the Puerto Rican community, the association looks to promote the advancement of Puerto Ricans in the legal profession. Through partnerships with other organizations, the association looks to increase awareness, cultivate and maintain strong relationships and open the channels of communication to promote the exchange of ideas and embark on common ventures.

Gomez concentrates her practice on Employment and Labor Law in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office. She represents national and local corporations in all areas of labor and employment law, including matters dealing with Title VII, Equal Pay Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, Florida Civil Rights Act, Florida Minimum Wage Act and the Florida Whistleblower Act. She is fluent in Spanish and conversational in French, and is admitted to practice law in Florida and Puerto Rico.

In addition to her involvement with the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida, Gomez is a member of the National Employment Law Council (NELC), the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the Miramar/Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce, and the Diversity Committee for the National Association of Women Lawyers.

Gomez earned her Juris Doctor Degree, *magna cum laude*, from Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Law School and her Master of Laws degree from Tulane University Law School on a Fullbright Scholarship.

Louis Reinstein, Jeffrey M. Wank and Denise D. Lehr Installed at 38th Annual Installation Brunch

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that firm Partners [Louis Reinstein](#) and [Jeffrey M. Wank](#), and Director of Professional Development and Compliance, [Denise D. Lehr](#), have been installed on the Board of the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207. Reinstein was installed as President, a role that rotates from a judge to a lawyer each year. Wank and Lehr will also serve as Board Members.

The installation ceremony was held at B'nai B'rith's 38th Annual Installation Brunch on February 11, 2018 at the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale – Planation Hotel. The brunch was attended by more than 200 judges, lawyers and members of the community. During the event, Broward County Commissioner Michael Udine presented Reinstein with a proclamation declaring that date as “Louis Reinstein Appreciation Day.”

“It is an honor and a privilege to represent B'nai B'rith Justice Unit in its 38th year in Broward,” said Reinstein. “It is especially meaningful to have two of my colleagues on the Board with me. I believe this shows Kelley Kronenberg's commitment to supporting their attorneys' involvement in community groups. Good work in the community translates into good work for our clients.”

Since 1843, B'nai B'rith has been devoted to providing disaster relief, and educating youth with lessons on community involvement and leadership. The mission of the Justice Unit is to provide support for various matters, including youth work, senior citizen housing, adult education and the State of Israel. One of the missions of B'nai B'rith is also *Tikkun olam*, a concept in Judaism which means to repair the world. Members of the group follow this mission by being active in, and giving back to, the community through various programs, events and donation drives.

Reinstein focuses his practice on Police Professional Litigation, Correctional Healthcare, Civil Rights Violations and Commercial Litigation. Prior to beginning his legal career, he was a Teacher and Coach at a Jewish Day School in Broward County. Reinstein is an active member of the community and is a frequent presenter at educational events. He is admitted to practice law in Florida, as well as the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida and the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit.

Wank focuses his practice on First Party Property Insurance Defense Litigation, including coverage and bad faith litigation. He also handles the defense of a wide array of Third Party Insurance Defense claims. In addition to his involvement with B'nai B'rith, Wank works with several community groups in Broward and currently serves as Vice Chair of Legal Aid Service of Broward County & Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida. He is admitted to practice law in Florida.

Lehr works with firm leadership to help partners and associates develop into the best practitioners, managers, and leaders they can be. Through coaching and training, Lehr strives to ensure that all of Kelley Kronenberg's attorneys are fully equipped with the skills, resources, and support they need to be as productive and effective as possible. Along with her membership in the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207, she is a member of the Broward County Bar Association and is actively involved in the South Florida legal community. Additionally, she is a member of the National Association for Legal Career Professionals, the Professional Development Consortium, and the National Association of Professional Women.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, has added [Barbara Repandis](#) and [Denise D. Lehr](#) to the firm's Administrative Team. Repandis will serve as Chief Human Resources Officer and Lehr has been named Director of Professional Development and Compliance, a newly added position at the firm.

“We welcome Barbara and Denise to our team. As our practice groups have grown, and with our continued expansion plans, we have strategically expanded our administrative team with skilled professionals who can help support our growing firm,” said Michael J. Fichtel, Kelley

Kronenberg's CEO and Firm-wide Managing Partner.



Barbara Repandis is an HR industry veteran with more than 20 years of experience overseeing human resources and administration, supporting organizational leadership and helping to achieve growth objectives. In her role, she oversees talent management and development, workforce planning, HR service delivery, and HR policies and initiatives. Prior to joining Kelley Kronenberg, her efforts to build and strengthen organizational culture successfully enabled her previous employer to be recognized as an "Employer of Choice" for two consecutive years.

With particular experience in the legal, financial, hospitality and fashion industries, Repandis has a deep understanding of organizational culture. She holds a strong belief that the most innovative cultures are those capable of continuous improvement, allowing them to remain relevant and vibrant.

Repandis earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Journalism from Baruch College - The City University of New York (CUNY), and then went on to earn her Master's of Business Administration, with a concentration in Management, from the New York Institute of Technology. Additionally, she earned a certification in Human Resources Management from Florida Atlantic University's School of Executive Education. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Association of Legal Administrators.



In her newly created position, **Denise D. Lehr** works with firm leadership to help partners and associates develop into the best practitioners, managers, and leaders they can be. Through coaching and training, she strives to ensure that all of Kelley Kronenberg's attorneys are fully equipped with the skills, resources, and support they need to be as productive and effective as possible.

Prior to joining the firm, Lehr practiced law in New York and Florida for nearly ten years, handling employment and appellate law cases. Most recently, she was an Associate Director of Career & Professional Development at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Shepard Broad College of Law, where she created and facilitated career-related programs, workshops, and assessments for law students and alumni. She attends numerous educational conferences and seminars aimed at fostering lawyer development and has spoken on such topics at multiple bar association and law school events.

Lehr earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Long Island University and a Juris Doctor Degree from Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. She earned a Certificate of Completion in Cognitive Coaching, and has completed several Master's level courses relating to Human Resource and Career Development at NSU's Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. She is a Board Member of the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207 and holds memberships with the Broward County Bar Association, the National Association for Legal Career Professionals, the Professional Development Consortium, and the National Association of Professional Women.

CHICAGO, Ill. – [Christopher T. Miller](#), Managing Partner of Kelley Kronenberg's Chicago law office, was selected to the *2018 Illinois Super Lawyers* list. *Super Lawyers®* is a prestigious rating service that recognizes outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained peer recognition and professional achievement. From 2010 to 2012, Miller was included on Super Lawyer's list of *Illinois Rising Stars*. He has been named to the *Illinois Super Lawyers* list every year since 2014, and was selected for inclusion on the *Top 100: 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers* list.

The annual selections are made using a multi-phased process, which includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates, and peer reviews by practice area. Only five percent of lawyers in Illinois receive this distinction.

Miller is an accomplished trial attorney who handles multi-million dollar Construction and Products Liability cases. Additionally, he handles matters involving Commercial Litigation and Workers' Compensation. His background includes significant experience defending injury claims involving traumatic brain injuries (TBI), wrongful death, burn injuries, cervical and lumbar spine injuries, and catastrophic property damages. Miller represents clients in a wide variety of industries, including retail companies, public service, construction and manufacturing.

A published author, Miller has contributed to numerous periodicals and bar association publications, including: the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, UR Chicago, Chicago Tribune Red Eye and the Associated Press. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA), and a member of The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) and the Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates (ASA). He is also a member of the Chicago Bar and Illinois State Bar Associations.

Before beginning his legal career, Miller was the host of "Local 101," a radio show on Q101. His on-air moniker was "Chris Payne." He has also served as a Grammy Committee Member for the Chicago Chapter of the Recording Academy.

Miller is licensed to practice law in Illinois' state and federal courts. He earned his Juris Doctor Degree from DePaul University College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Loyola University Chicago.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that Partner [Jeffrey M. Wank](#) has been named Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA), Legal Aid Service of Broward County (LAS) and Legal Aid Service of Collier County (LASCC) for the 2018 term.

The Legal Aid Program's purpose is to provide pro bono legal assistance to the disadvantaged, assist families in need and help improve the lives of lower income residents in the community. Those involved offer advice, representation and education regarding homelessness, child advocacy, immigration and more.

"These programs offer an important and invaluable service to individuals in need of legal assistance in our community. I'm honored to be a part of their efforts," said Wank.

In his legal practice, Wank focuses on First Party Property Insurance Defense Litigation, including coverage and bad faith litigation. He also handles the defense of a wide array of Third Party Insurance Defense claims, including personal injury, premises liability, medical malpractice, and nursing home liability claims. He also serves as coverage and bad faith counsel in these third party actions. Additionally, Wank has experience handling complex civil and commercial matters, employment discrimination, homeowner and condominium association claims, and construction defect cases.

Wank has received many accolades from the legal industry. He has been included in *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine's Rising Stars list every year since 2015.

In addition to his involvement with the Legal Aid programs, Wank is on the Board of Directors for the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit, and is currently involved in mentor/mentee programs to help assist younger lawyers in the community. He previously served as Chair of the Jewish Federation of Broward County's Horizons Leadership Program and is a Past President of the Broward County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors.

Wank earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Florida State University and went on to earn his Juris Doctor Degree from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. He is admitted to practice law in Florida.

There aren't enough words to express our most heartfelt sorrow regarding the loss of life and innocence during the senseless attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School - our hearts are with our friends, families, and everyone in our community who has been impacted. Stand together and be the change. There is currently a need for blood, if you are able to donate, we urge you to help – click here for details <http://bit.ly/1LBYvTC>. Also, [Broward County Public Schools](#) is providing grief counseling for anyone who has been affected by this tragedy.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that [Sonia Oliveri](#) and [Samuel F. Santiago](#) have joined the firm's Fort Lauderdale office as Partners, and [Aaron D. Neifeld](#), [Dorie L. Ortiz](#) and [Andrea M. Ramos](#) have joined as Attorneys.



Oliveri focuses her practice on Business Immigration, the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program process, and Commercial and Business Litigation. She represents clients with both domestic and international interests concerning international/cross-border transactions and international estate matters. She is also the strategic U.S. partner with a preeminent business advisory law firm based out of Rome, Italy.

Prior to joining Kelley Kronenberg, Oliveri worked for a major immigration investment firm where she gained vast experience in business immigration, employment-based applications, business and investor visas, business agreements, establishing corporations, employment and commercial lease agreements and contract negotiations. She also advised individuals, businesses and regional centers on EB-5 compliance issues and complex U.S. immigration and nationality issues.

Oliveri earned her Juris Doctor Degree, *summa cum laude*, from Roma Tre University in Rome, Italy before moving to the United States to earn her second Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Florida as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Oliveri is fluent in Italian, Farsi, Spanish, French, Portuguese and English.



Santiago focuses his practice on Real Property Litigation and assisting banks and other financial service providers with regulatory, enforcement, transactional and litigation matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Santiago worked as a Consumer Finance Litigation and Trial Attorney where he gained vast experience in collections, residential and commercial foreclosure, loan modifications and represented cases involving the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act. In addition, he has significant experience in Reverse Mortgage Litigation.

Santiago earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Puerto Rico and his Juris Doctor Degree from Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, School of Law. While in law school, he worked as a Legal Intern for the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Legal Clinic. He is admitted to practice law in Florida as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. He is fluent in Spanish.



Neifeld assists in handling matters related to Third Party Insurance Defense, Property and Casualty Claims, and Complex Commercial Construction Disputes. Prior to joining the firm, he worked for an insurance defense firm handling personal injury/wrongful death, general liability, auto/trucking negligence, premises liability, medical malpractice, property damage and construction disputes.

Neifeld earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Legal Studies from the University of Central Florida, Burnett Honors College, and his Juris Doctor Degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Board College of Law. While in law school, he served as a Certified Legal Intern for the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office in the Felony Trial Division. He is admitted to practice law in Florida as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.



Ortiz assists in handling matters related to Commercial and Business Litigation. Prior to joining Kelley Kronenberg, she owned and operated a boutique law firm where she primarily handled immigration matters. She also has extensive experience representing financial institutions and mortgage servicers in foreclosure and bankruptcy matters.

Ortiz earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Florida and her Juris Doctor Degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. While in law school, she served as the President and Vice-President of the Hispanic American Law Student Association. She is admitted to practice law in Florida as well as the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.



Ramos assists in handling matters related to First Party Insurance Defense. Prior to joining the firm, she handled insurance defense litigation and insurance claims with a focus on fraudulent homeowners' insurance claims.

Ramos earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Geography, Environmental Science and Urban Planning, *magna cum laude*, from the University of South Florida. She then went on to earn her Juris Doctor Degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Board College of Law. While in Law school, she served as a Certified Legal Intern for the Fort Lauderdale City Attorney's office. She is admitted to practice law in Florida and is fluent in Spanish.

TAMPA, Fla. — Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that [Adam J. Hardman](#) and [Travis A. Harvey](#) have been elevated from Attorneys to Partners in the firm's Tampa office.

Hardman focuses his practice on Mortgage Banking and Lending Services, primarily involving mortgage foreclosure litigation. Additionally, he defends claims arising under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act, lien priority actions and quiet title actions. He has extensive trial experience handling contested Foreclosure Litigation matters and previously handled Real Estate and Lender Defense matters for a Tampa law firm. His background also includes experience in residential real estate transactions and the formation of condominium and homeowners' associations.

He received his Bachelor of Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, from Malone University and his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. He is admitted to practice in Florida and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida .

Harvey focuses his practice on Mortgage Banking and Lending Services. For nearly 10 years, both currently and before joining the firm, his focus has been on litigation. He represents lenders during litigation of disputes concerning residential foreclosures, creditor's rights, and title issues. In addition to his time in the courtroom, he assists corporate clients with legal analysis of decisions and trends in Florida law which may impact both their legal rights and business practices.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from High Point University and his Juris Doctor Degree from Stetson University College of Law, where he served as a Law Ambassador and received the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award. He earned his Master of Laws in Intellectual Property from The John Marshall Law School, graduating with honors. He is admitted to practice in Florida.

MIAMI, Fla. — Kelley Kronenberg, a diverse business law firm, announced that [Donald S. Lavigne](#) has been elevated from Attorney to Partner in the firm's Miami office.

Lavigne focuses his practice on First Party Property defense and Third Party Casualty claims. He is also a Certified Water Damage Restoration Technician, accredited by the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC).

Prior to becoming an attorney with Kelley Kronenberg, Lavigne worked as a Law Clerk for the firm where he learned the intricacies of First Party Property defense, Third-Party Liability, General Liability, and Insurance Fraud Investigations. He also previously worked for a boutique law firm that covered a variety of areas, such as General Liability, Medical Malpractice, Wrongful Death, Negligent Security, Slip, Trip and Fall Liability, Automobile Liability, Construction Defects, Products Liability, and Workers' Compensation.

Lavigne earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Florida, focusing on American Political History and his Juris Doctor Degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Miami, School of Law. During law school, he was a Legal Assistant and Judicial Intern to the Honorable Miguel de la O of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, and he worked with the University of Miami Health Rights Clinic as well as the University of Miami Innocence Clinic.

He is admitted to practice law in Florida.

Kelley Kronenberg is excited to be a gold sponsor of the [38th Annual B'nai B'rith Justice Unit Installation Brunch](#). The event will take place on Sunday, February 11th at the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale - Plantation Hotel. Coffee reception and registration will begin at 9:30 AM with brunch starting promptly at 10:00 AM. A huge congratulations to firm Partner [Louis Reinstein](#), on his installation as President, and to Partner [Jeff Wank](#) and Director of Professional Development and Compliance [Denise Lehr](#), on their installation as board members. Firm CFO/Principal Partner [Heath Eskalvo](#) and Partner [Steve Osber](#) will also be in attendance. We are very proud of all of you. See you there!