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POWER LEADERS IN LAW & ACCOUNTING

Power Leaders live beyond laws and figures

hen it comes to the region's top lawyers and accountants, what lives behind the laws and figures?

Renowned for their legal and financial acumen, they are award-winning and trusted counselors who advise and guide their firms, clients and – in a new addition to this year's list – professional associations.

That they are leaders in their fields should come as no surprise. Yet, behind the scenes are the lives these professionals live. On the list are pilots and snow skiers, world travelers, chefs and those who take special pride in being native Floridians. Many list among their greatest accomplishments the time, effort, resources and professional skill they've invested helping guide area schools, charities and nonprofits. Each also gives credit to their clients, partners and team members for helping them excel in their careers. As no attorney or accountant works alone, these top professionals are trusted counselors who trust others to help them achieve excellence.





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Greatest professional accomplishment: Becoming the CEO and managing partner of Kelley Kronenberg, and helping the firm to grow and diversify into what it has become today.

Key to career success: Surrounding myself with a core group of people who have a similar work ethic and the same professional aspirations that I do.

What drives me: The desire to continually make myself, and the firm, better, stronger and more efficient.

Personal note: I have a difficult time saying "no."