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BLACK SREBNICK KORNSPAN & STUMPF, PA ADDS BENJAMIN “BENJI” WAXMAN AS A PARTNER IN THEIR APPELLATE PRACTICE, AND ADDS ALYSSA SILVAGGI AND ALICE FERÓT AS NEW ASSOCIATES

Miami, FL – September 5, 2017 – Black Srebnick Kornspan & Stumpf, PA, is pleased to announce that Benjamin “Benji” Waxman has joined the Firm’s appellate practice as a partner, and the Firm has added two new associates, Alyssa Silvaggi and Alice Férot.

Benji Waxman, in his 33-year career, has handled a multitude of federal and state appeals and other post-conviction matters, as well as trial court motion practice and developing legal strategy in defending criminal cases. He has been certified as a Criminal Appellate Specialist by the Florida Bar since 1990. He was a partner for more than 20 years with the former Miami criminal defense firm Robbins, Tunkey, Ross, Amsel, Raben & Waxman, P.A., before establishing his sole practice which emphasized federal and state appeals and post-conviction remedies.

His most recent significant victories include a reversal in *United States v. Louis*, 861 F.3d 1330 (11th Cir. 2017), a cocaine trafficking conviction based on insufficient evidence where the defendant had 111 kilograms of cocaine in the back seat of his car driving away from a ship containing another 227 kilos of cocaine, and a reversal of his client’s death sentence and triple-murder conviction in *Ibar v. State*, 190 So.3d 1012 (Fla. 2016), based on ineffective defense counsel. Other highlights of Waxman’s career include winning the U.S. Supreme Court case *Williamson v. United States*, 512 U.S. 594 (1994), a rare review of a federal appellate court’s decision entered without written opinion, which vacated his client’s narcotics trafficking conviction and limited the scope of 804(b)(3)’s “statement against penal interest” hearsay exception.

Alyssa Silvaggi joined the Firm’s criminal division from the Broward County Public Defender’s Office, where she tried numerous cases, ranging from capital sexual battery, armed burglary and manslaughter to possession of cannabis. Ms. Silvaggi also successfully argued many pretrial motions that resulted in dismissal of serious felony cases, including a Stand Your Ground motion, which resulted in dismissal of an aggravated battery. She was given the “Double Hat Trick Award” by the Broward Association of Criminal Lawyers (BACDL), for six consecutive not guilty verdicts.

Alice Férot joined the Firm’s civil litigation division, bringing experience litigating multi-million dollar lawsuits and alternative dispute resolution proceedings related to complex business disputes, securities class actions, banking practices, real estate development deals, and corporate governance. Ms. Férot served as a federal law clerk to U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke, and interned for U.S. Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres, both of the Southern District of Florida.

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