

Daily Business Review's 12th Annual Most Effective Lawyers

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The 12th annual Most Effective Lawyers special report recognizes the impressive work performed by South Florida lawyers in the past year.

More than 90 nominations for Most Effective Lawyers were evaluated by the editorial staff of the DBR based on tangible results and impact. The lawyers were judged on one critical benchmark: client results. Only South Florida lawyers qualified.

This year we recognize more than 60 lawyers in 15 practice areas: appellate, bankruptcy, class action, complex and business litigation, corporate securities, criminal, government relations and regulation, intellectual property, international, medical malpractice, personal injury, pro bono, products liability, public interest and real estate.

To mention a few accomplishments, honorees succeeded before the U.S. Supreme Court, forced the state to perform medically necessary hernia surgery on prison inmates, arranged \$2.3 billion in financing for Colombian infrastructure and negotiated a \$350 million deal for Hard Rock Stadium upgrades.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Appellate

Miami attorney Howard Srebnick, associate Joshua Shore and brother Scott Srebnick combined for a U.S. Supreme Court win on money used to hire defense attorneys. [Read more](#)

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Bankruptcy

Fort Lauderdale attorney Charles Tatelbaum is the Most Effective Lawyers winner in the bankruptcy category.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Class Action

Greenberg Traurig shareholders David Coulson and Adam Foslid won a federal court order rejecting class certification on defective product claims against Rheem.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers — Complex/Business Litigation

A team of Carlton Fields attorneys represented Sprint in the pursuit of cell phone thieves, producing 72 lawsuits against 263 alleged handset traffickers.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Corporate Securities

Bilzin Sumberg attorneys Steven Lear and R. Stephen Sandiford represented Lennar Corp. in closing commitments totaling \$2.2 billion for its long-term multifamily development fund.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Criminal

High-profile murder cases distinguish Assistant State Attorney Gail Levine's decades-long career.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Government Relations and Regulation

Greenberg Traurig Miami shareholders Iris Escarra and Carlos Lago helped developer Moishe Mana gain unanimous approval from the Miami City Commission for the transformative Mana Wynwood Special Area Plan.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: International

Holland & Knight Partner Norberto Quintana advised Colombia's infrastructure development bank on more than \$2.3 billion of financing in five transactions that helped create or improve toll roads, bridges and tunnels in Colombia.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: IP

When B/E Aerospace was accused of infringing on three aircraft toilet patents, general counsel Ryan Patch and his team fought the claim and delivered a royal flush.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Medical Malpractice

Attorneys Bonnie Navin, Robert Kelley and Kimberly Wald made a risky move in choosing arbitration over trial in a case that likely would have tugged at jurors' heartstrings.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Personal Injury

Todd Michaels and Alan Goldfarb reached a settlement in the shooting death of a man in a fight outside a nightclub.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Pro Bono

Akerman partner Richard Milstein helps secure a favorable order for his pro bono client, a transgender Broward County teen trying to change the gender marker on his birth certificate.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Products Liability

Carlton Fields helped Union Carbide get dismissals or settlements in hundreds of Miami-Dade asbestos cases in under two years.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Public Interest

Attorneys from the nonprofit Florida Justice Institute teamed with Kozyak Tropin Throckmorton lawyers for a high-profile class-action against the Florida Department of Corrections and its former medical contractor, Corizon LLC.

2016 Most Effective Lawyers: Real Estate

Bilzin Sumberg's Albert Dotson Jr. and Eric Singer represented the Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock Stadium in negotiations with Miami-Dade County for a \$350 million revamp.