

## Newsmakers: people in palm beach County business, nonprofits

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation** is pleased to announce that **Stacy Ostrau** is the new executive director for the Melanoma Foundation headquartered in West Palm Beach. As executive director, Ostrau will oversee all aspects of the foundation including the "RAY" Project, which involves the distribution of sunscreen dispensers in parks, beaches, schools, and outdoor areas where sun exposure is excessive. She will also lead the fundraising efforts for the foundation, which includes the fashion show and luncheon in Palm Beach, and the golf classic. Ostrau's previous experience includes the position of manager of marketing and youth programs with the Florida Marlins Baseball Club. Ostrau has a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a master's degree from Florida State University. She is a graduate of both Leadership Ft. Lauderdale and Leadership Broward.

### LEGAL

**Kelley Kronenberg**, a diverse, full-service business law firm, announced two attorneys have joined the firm's West Palm Beach office. **Lauren K. Einhorn** focuses her practice on financial services litigation. She assists banks and other financial service providers with regulatory, enforcement, transactional and litigation matters. Prior to joining Kelley Kronenberg, she worked as a litigation attorney at various firms throughout Florida. She has represented major loan servicers in both state and federal court, and is experienced handling claims involving the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act, Fair Debt Collections Practice Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and Fair Credit Reporting Act. Einhorn earned her Bachelor of Science in marketing and management from the University of South Florida, and her

Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Florida; the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; and the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle and Northern districts of Florida.

**Brandon J. Weitzman** focuses his practice on general liability, first party property insurance defense, commercial litigation and criminal defense. He has extensive experience in representing privately-held businesses in corporate matters including contract formation and drafting, and filing necessary business documents, such as articles of incorporation, partnership agreements, lease agreements, joint venture agreements, independent contractor agreements, demand letters, waivers and releases, settlement agreements, non-competes, non-disclosure agreements, non-solicitation agreements and confidentiality agreements. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Lynn University. Weitzman earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from Lynn University. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law. He is admitted to practice law in Florida and New Jersey.

Two attorneys have joined the growing Palm Beach Gardens law firm of **Mathison Whittles, LLP**. **David J. Miller Jr.**'s practice areas include commercial and business disputes, construction claims and liens, catastrophic personal injury claims, premises liability matters, class actions, general liability claims, medical malpractice claims, probate matters, landlord-tenant issues, and a wide variety of transactional matters. Miller holds a Bachelor of Science from Florida State University and a Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center.

**J. Paige Salib** works with clients on residential and commercial real estate transactions, land use, business formation and corporate law. Salib holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Central Florida and graduated from Barry University School of Law.

## NONPROFIT

Honda Classic tournament director **Andrew George** has been named to the **Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation** board of directors. George will fill the unexpired term of Kenneth R. Kennerly, which runs through January 2019. George was named the Honda Classic's tournament director in February 2016. He has held several positions with the Honda Classic since his days as an intern back in 2009. George holds a master's degree in sports management from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## RECOGNITION

**The Northern Palm Beach Chapter of the American Business Women's Association** announced **Loretta Remy** as the 2017 Chapter Woman of the Year. The Woman of the Year program was designed so every chapter can annually recognize a member who has made notable contributions and outstanding achievements to the chapter and community. Remy has been a member of the Northern Palm Beach Chapter of ABWA since 2014. She is the current treasurer, and is the former fundraising chair and social event chair. Remy has also participated in the veterans' gift bag assembly and distribution, the school supply drive, and the annual fashion show ticket and raffle sales. She is also an independent representative for BeautiControl. Remy is active in the community having participated in the AIDS Walk for Life, the AHA Heart Walk, the Relay for Life and the Race for the Cure. She both ran and fund-raised for the Rainbow Fund, an in-house charity at PGA National for its employees.

Two Merrill Lynch financial advisors were recognized in **Forbes** magazine's inaugural America's top women advisors list. **Christina Cleveland**, senior vice president and wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch in Boca Raton. Cleveland is a Certified Financial Planner™ certificant, a designation awarded by the certified financial planner board of standards. She focuses on building a custom designed wealth management practice to assist her financially complicated and high net worth clients with their overall personal financial strategies. She assists firm specialists in converting complicated planning strategies to concepts that clients can understand and implement in their personal lives. Cleveland and her team assist clients with coordination of wills, trusts and deeds, estate planning services, income tax minimization, insurance, risk and liability management, tax and retirement income planning, college funding, cash flow analysis and philanthropic planning. Her focus on retirement planning and cash flow management for the affluent retiree has provided her the opportunity to serve as panelists for the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association on retirement. Cleveland has been a nominee and invitee to the Barron's Top Advisor Summit since 2005. She has been a keynote speaker for the Merrill Lynch State of Florida Women's Symposium and has served on the National Diversity and Inclusion Council for Merrill Lynch. She is currently the president of the South Florida Women's Exchange for Merrill Lynch.

**Diane Bain Ridley** is senior vice president and wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch in Palm Beach Gardens. Ridley provides wealth management and investment consulting services to wealthy family groups, high net worth individuals and corporate executives. In 2008, Ridley earned the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor<sup>SM</sup> designation. She is a graduate of the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science in accounting. Ridley has been with Merrill Lynch since 1985.

**Barbara Abernathy** has been selected as a finalist by **Palm Beach County Medical Society** for the 2017 Heroes in Medicine Award, health care provider heroes. Abernathy is CEO of Pediatric Oncology Support Team (POST), a local nonprofit which provides financial and emotional support to local families coping with the devastating impact of their child's cancer diagnosis. Abernathy has been with POST for 19 years and is on faculty at University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

**Karen Gilbert**, vice president of education and quality assurance for Alzheimer's Community Care, has been named one of **Palm Beach County Medical Society Services'** 2017 Heroes in Medicine Award recipients. Gilbert was recognized with a Health Care Educator Heroes Award at the

14th annual Heroes in Medicine luncheon on April 21. Gilbert is a registered nurse and has worked in health care administration in Palm Beach County for more than 35 years. For the past six years, she has worked with patients experiencing various stages of Alzheimer’s disease and related neurocognitive disorders. Gilbert holds certification in Alzheimer’s disease training, and is recognized as a certified dementia practitioner by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. She presents educational programs for health care professionals, law enforcement and first responders, community groups, as well as medical, nursing, social work and health administration students. Gilbert received her bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, and holds a Master of Science in health and human services from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. Gilbert begins study in Palm Beach Atlantic University’s Doctor of Nursing Practice program this summer.

Cohen Milstein is proud to announce that attorney **Michael Dolce** received the Special Acknowledgement Award for his dedicated service and commitment to promoting independence for people with disabilities through advocacy and victim support services. The Special Acknowledgement Award was presented on April 7 by the organization, **Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.** at the 37th Annual Palm Beach Victims’ Rights Coalition awards luncheon. Earlier this year, Dolce partnered with CILO to speak at Palm Beach State College on the subject of “Male Survivors of Child Sex Abuse.” Dolce is a highly regarded trial lawyer and political activist who is dedicated to seeking justice for the victims of abuse. His practice focuses specifically on the victims of sexual abuse, sex crimes and domestic violence.

**Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Inc.** has been selected as one of the best nonprofit organizations to work for 2017 by **TheNonProfit Times and Best Companies Group**. This nationwide survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in the nonprofit industry, benefiting the industry’s economy, its workforce and businesses. The best nonprofit organizations to work for 2017 list is comprised of 50 organizations.

**BUSINESS OPENINGS**

**Greenspoon Marder** recently celebrated the opening of its new office at 525 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, on the 9th floor of CityPlace Tower. Greenspoon Marder’s West Palm Beach office houses shareholders from several of the firm’s practice groups, including its bankruptcy practice group; marital and family law; and wills, trusts and estate planning. Greenspoon Marder is a national, full-service business law firm practicing in more than 60 areas of law. The firm serves Fortune 500, middle-market public and private companies, startups, emerging businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs across Florida and the United States. For more than 35 years, Greenspoon Marder has called Florida home, with more than nine locations across the state. Its footprint has grown throughout the U.S. with offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, New York, Las Vegas, Nashville, Portland, Denver and San Diego.

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