



As we embark on the promising year of 2024, Almazan Law is delighted to highlight our significant accomplishments within the firm and the broader legal sphere. This month, we celebrated the arrival of new team members, the enhancement of our technology systems and cloud-based services, and the acquisition of new client cases spanning various Federal and State jurisdictions and practice areas.

FIRM NEWS

Double Victory: Triumph in Funeral Home Negligence Case



Ric Asfar



Hunter Daniel

Senior Partner Ric Asfar, assisted by associate attorney Hunter Daniel, successfully defeated a Plaintiff Motion to Seek Punitive Damages in a funeral home negligence case in the month before trial. In addition, Ric and Hunter prevailed on a Defendant Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint in the same matter providing a 2 for 2 victory at the special set hearing. A great beginning to the year for our client and the firm.



Securing Justice in High Stakes: Advocating for Fair Compensation in a \$57M Miami Beach Real Estate Commission Dispute

Firm was retained to represent client in a Miami Beach based real estate commission dispute involving the sale of a \$57M residential property and an unpaid commission to our client. Our firm strives to achieve just compensation for real estate agents and the proper payment of owed commissions and representing them when they are wronged.



Landmark Appeals Court Victory:
Florida Gulf Coast Builders vs. St. Petersburg

Appellate practice director Ric Asfar obtained a win and published opinion for his client from Florida's Second District Court of Appeals in Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Association of Builders & Contractors, Inc. v. City of St. Petersburg, Case No. 2D22-0953. The opinion clarifies an important point of procedure which will impact a wide range of civil cases.

**Welcome Aboard: Introducing Our Newest Team Members
at Almazan Law!**



We're proud to spotlight the exceptional new people in our firm:

Rene Hidalgo, Esq. – Senior Attorney, Miami Office

Rene joined our Workers' Compensation Department, bringing with him a seasoned background of over eighteen years in workers' compensation. Rene understands the intricate details of workers' compensation law and is sure to enrich our Workers' Compensation team's capabilities.

Cameron Perkins, Esq. – Associate Attorney, Tampa Office

Cameron joined our Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Department, assisting the firm's efforts in providing innovative legal strategies when representing our clients in Federal and State Civil Litigation matters, including real estate, commercial litigation, and general liability defense.

Natalia Yidi, Esq. – Associate Attorney, Miami Office

Natalia's joined our Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Department and is poised to enhance

our team as she embarks on her legal career with the firm. She, undoubtedly, will be a valuable asset to the firm.

Heather Leigh - Administrative Assistant, Miami Office

Heather joined our administrative team bringing extensive experience in executive administrative support, and business management. She enjoys working in a results-driven environment where she can apply her organizational skills and commitment to excellence to any project in order to deliver results.

Join us in celebrating our new team members and commitment to excellence in serving our clients.

Community Involvement & Legal Events

As a Florida law firm, we are committed to supporting our local communities through pro bono work and hosting family events.

Tampa Office Shines in Community Support through Pro Bono Services

Put Decades of Experience On Your Side

In 2023, our Tampa office proudly dedicated over 35 hours to pro bono services, making a significant impact in the lives of those in need within our community. Our dedicated team lent their expertise in several challenging and high-profile cases. Highlights of our pro bono efforts include:

- ***Personal Counsel for Special Needs Family:*** In a sensitive, high-profile matter, our attorneys provided invaluable personal legal counsel to a family with special needs, navigating them through complex legal landscapes with compassion and professionalism.
- ***Debt Collection Resolution for a Veteran:*** Understanding the unique challenges faced by veterans, our team successfully resolved a debt collection issue for a veteran, offering them much-needed relief and a fresh start.
- ***Supporting Non-Profit Veteran Services:*** Collaborating with a non-profit organization dedicated to serving veterans, we provided legal assistance in a landlord-tenant case, helping another veteran secure their housing rights.
- ***Diverse Legal Counsel:*** Extending our reach, we also offered legal counsel in a landlord-tenant dispute and a criminal matter, helping two individuals navigate through their legal challenges.

Through these efforts, the Tampa office has not only demonstrated a commitment to legal excellence but also a deep-rooted dedication to social responsibility and community support. We are proud of our team's contributions and look forward to continuing this vital work in the years to come.



Almazan Law Co-Sponsored Fundraiser for Circuit Court Judge Valerie Manno-Schurr

Edson Briggs and Natalia Yidi attended the judicial fundraiser for the Honorable Judge Valerie Manno-Schurr, which was co-sponsored by Almazan Law, on Tuesday, January 23rd, and hosted at the law office of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton in Coral Gables.

In addition to greeting and supporting the Honorable Judge Valerie Manno-Schurr, Edson introduced Natalia to several lawyers who were in attendance, including Edson's former law partner Alan Fertel, who is now a partner at Weiss Serota, and Joe Serota, who is a founding partner of the same firm, as

well as the host partners and associates. Our firm was invited by Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton's team to attend a weekly networking event held at its firm, among other events. It was a pleasure to support a good judge on behalf of the firm and at the same time renew valuable professional connections while creating new ones.

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