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(Miami) is a University of Florida undergraduate and law school alumni. She is an attorney at Sequor Law and focuses her practice on asset recovery, federal and state court fraud-based litigation, defending and prosecuting actions to collect evidence for use in foreign proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 1782, bankruptcy and creditors' rights litigation and cross-border insolvency. She represents individuals and companies in domestic and international matters. Prior to joining Sequor Law, Amanda served for four years as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond B. Ray, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Prior to that she served as an intern to the Honorable Paul M. Glenn, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida.



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Originally from Toronto, Canada, Lauren moved to Tampa in 2004. She presently lives in St. Petersburg with her husband, Mark, and her three stepsons, Adam (11), Jack (11), and Liam (10). Lauren and her family are avid travelers with upcoming trips to Chicago, Toronto, Hawaii, London, and Paris.



Patricia R. McConnell (Orlando) [PMcconnell@lseblaw.com](mailto:PMcconnell@lseblaw.com) is an associate at Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, LLP where she focuses her practice on commercial and construction litigation. Patricia represents local, national, and international businesses and individuals in complex civil and commercial litigation, arbitration, and contract negotiation and review. Patricia is actively involved in her local business law community and in the statewide business law community. She serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Orange County Bar Association Business Law Committee, and she is a member of the Florida Bar Business Law Section's Business Court Task Force. Patricia graduated cum laude from the University of Florida, Frederic G. Levin College of Law. While in law school, Patricia was a Senior Managing Editor for Florida Law Review and a competition team member and coach for Florida Moot Court. Patricia spent a summer abroad studying business law in Paris and Montpellier, France. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Davidson College. While in college, Patricia was President of Davidson's Mock Trial Team. Patricia spent a summer abroad studying British Literature and History at the University of Cambridge.



When she is not working, Patricia enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, their two dogs (Ruby and Vera), friends, and family.



Tamara Van Heel is an attorney at Agentis PLLC, a business litigation and restructuring firm in Coral Gables, Florida. Tamara practices primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency, and restructuring. She regularly represents and advises creditors, creditors' committees, debtors, trustees, landlords, and purchasers of assets in bankruptcy proceedings. Prior to joining Agentis, Tamara worked at the Miami office of White & Case, LLP as part of its financial restructuring and insolvency group, where she was involved in large corporate chapter 11 cases pending in Delaware and New York, and in cross-border Chapter 15 proceedings involving Brazilian companies. Tamara received her J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, and received her B.A. from Emory University.



Kelly Roberts ([kelly@kellyrobertslaw.com](mailto:kelly@kellyrobertslaw.com)) (Sarasota) is the principal of Roberts Law, PLLC. Her practice focuses on consumer bankruptcy, business law, and commercial land use. Kelly earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law and practiced complex consumer bankruptcy in Miami, Florida for over seven years. While in Miami, Kelly was actively involved in the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, Dade Legal Aid, and the Eleanor R. Cristol and Judge A. Jay Cristol Bankruptcy Pro Bono Assistance Clinic. Kelly still serves on the steering committee for the University of Miami Bankruptcy Skills Workshop, an annual continuing legal education program benefiting the Louis Phillips Scholarship Fund. After moving to Sarasota, Kelly practiced with a premier real estate firm, handling the firm's land use matters, condo development projects, and commercial real estate transactions before forming Roberts Law, PLLC.

	<p>Kelly enjoys traveling with her family, fishing, playing golf (poorly), and attending Canes football games.</p>
	<p>April focuses her practice on Bankruptcy and Secured Creditors' Rights. She recently argued an appeal before the Florida Second District Court of Appeals, to extend the ruling in <i>Failla v. Citibank, N.A.</i>, to permit trial courts to find that a Debtor constructively surrendered real property in cases where they state an intention to reaffirm or redeem but failed to perform their stated intention. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California, where she graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Classical Studies and Political Science. Thereafter, she received her J.D. from the University of Florida, also graduating Cum Laude. During her time at the University of Florida, April completed a judicial internship with Judge Glenn while he served as Chief Judge of the Middle District of Florida.</p> <p>April has also served on the Sober Task Force Committee in West Palm Beach, which aims to combat the illegal activity occurring in the treatment industry through proposed amendments to legislation and establishing ethical business protocols and standards for entities providing drug and alcohol treatment in South Florida. In her free time, April enjoys mentoring young women and spending time with her husband, son and daughter.</p>
	<p>Robert Ibarra is an associate attorney at Marin, Eljaiek, Lopez, and Martinez PL, and works in the civil litigation department focusing on first-party insurance litigation. Mr. Ibarra assists policyholders with insurance claims that have been denied or underpaid by their insurance carriers. In 2017, Mr. Ibarra obtained his Juris Doctor from St. Thomas University School of Law where he was a student attorney for the University's Tax Clinic advocating on behalf of his clients. Prior to law school, Mr. Ibarra attended Florida International University where he received his bachelor's degree specializing in the study of international business. Before joining Marin, Eljaiek, Lopez &amp; Martinez, Robert worked for a boutique firm located in Coral Gables specializing in real-estate and corporate transactions.</p> <p>Mr. Ibarra's passion drives him to provide zealous advocacy for his clients and arrive at results-oriented legal representation in all phase of litigation.</p>