

KD Expands, Opens Orlando Office and Adds Litigation Partner and Two Associates

(October 16, 2019) — We are pleased to announce that we are expanding in Florida with the opening of an Orlando office and adding litigation Partner Abbye E. Alexander and Associates Andrew L. Burnstine and Christopher J. Perini. The firm opened its first Florida office in 2011 in Boca Raton before moving it to Ft. Lauderdale in 2018.

Alexander is the third Partner to join KD in Florida this year. Perry F. Sofferman, chair of the firm's new Corporate and Intellectual Property Practice, and Maritza I. Gomez, a labor and employment Partner, joined the Ft. Lauderdale office in July. Alexander, Burnstine and Perini join KD from the Orlando offices of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. All three will be located in the KD Orlando office.

"The firm's growth in Florida has accelerated over the past two years and now has two offices in South and Central Florida with 17 lawyers including eight partners in the state," said Bruce Liebman, KD Co-Managing Partner of the Florida offices. "This team has a strong private client base which complements KD's hallmark insurance carrier practice. We continue to be on the lookout for top quality lawyers to join us as we grow in the sunshine state."

Ms. Alexander's practice includes civil litigation and complex business litigation. She represents local and national businesses, associations, and individuals in various business-related matters. She also handles insurance defense to include premises and general liability. In addition, she handles intentional and negligent torts, construction litigation, landlord-tenant disputes and labor and employment matters, including claims of retaliation and discrimination in state and federal court as well as before the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC). She has also defended business related matters for a wide range of medical specialties involving nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care facilities. Alexander earned her B.A. from Arcadia University and her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. She is on the Board of Directors of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida.

"Being a part of a firm that not only has a strong Florida presence but a strong platform from coast to coast is very attractive for my clients," said Alexander. "Joining KD is a great opportunity to be a part of a firm that has a great reputation, great clients and a strategic plan to continue to strengthen client service."

Mr. Burnstine's practice focuses on civil litigation and includes a broad range of general liability matters involving premises liability, construction related claims concerning job site accidents and injuries and construction defects, professional malpractice defense and commercial real property and landlord-tenant disputes. He also handles employment practices defense litigation. He earned his B.S. cum laude from Florida State University and his J.D. cum laude from Florida State University College of Law.

Mr. Perini focuses his practice on general civil litigation, complex business litigation and insurance defense disputes, including premises liability, automobile negligence, products liability, construction defect disputes and negligent security. He earned his B.A. from the University of Richmond and his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.

"Having been the first KD Attorney in Florida eight years ago, it is very gratifying to watch us grow to be a firm with numerous practice areas serving Florida's distinct markets," said Gregg Breitbart, KD Co-Managing Partner of the Florida offices.

The new KD Orlando office is located at 301 E. Pine St., Suite 840.