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Michael "Mickey" Smith Named American Board of Trial Advocates President

Firm partner Mickey Smith was named 2011 President of the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), after serving on its Executive Committee for two years. The Palm Beach Chapter runs from Vero Beach to Boca Raton.



ABOTA is a national, invitation only organization comprised of experienced lawyers with significant jury trial experience. As part of its mission, ABOTA seeks to preserve the right to trial by jury and comes to the defense of Judges who are attacked unfairly. ABOTA also seeks to elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession.

Mr. Smith's presidency had just begun when the *Palm Beach Post's* editorial page attacked a respected local Judge. "The attack was outrageous and unfounded," Mickey said. "Generally, Judges are ethically prohibited from responding to attacks against them. Our Chapter mobilized to set the record straight. In fairness to *The Post*, at least they published our response."

After twenty-five years of practice, Mickey is excited to serve as President of the Palm Beach Chapter. In 2010, the Chapter won "Chapter of the Year," nationally. Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith applauds the mission of ABOTA and wishes it continued success. To learn more about ABOTA please [click here](#)



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Managing Partner Gary Lesser Runs for Board of Governors



Managing Partner Gary Lesser is among three attorneys running for The Florida Bar Board of Governors' seat in Palm Beach County, 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4 this March. Gary started campaigning just a few months ago and already has well over 500 attorney supporters.

During the more than 18 years Gary has been practicing law, he has been committed to educating and promoting ethics and professionalism within the Bar, and has professionally served both the local and statewide

Bar associations. He is a four time Palm Beach County Bar Professionalism Committee Chair. He has also chaired The Florida Bar's Ethics Committee and is the current chair of the Advertising Committee. As a big believer in charitable involvement, Gary has also served on the Florida Bar Foundation Board, among the many other nonprofit boards in our community. "I've been involved with The Florida Bar for a long time ... and I wanted to do more for the profession," Gary said.

The 52-member Florida Bar Board of Governors has exclusive authority to formulate and adopt matters of policy concerning the activities of the Bar, subject to limitations imposed by the rules regulating The Florida Bar. Committees and sections or members of the Bar may submit topics to the president for inclusion on the agenda for Board meetings which are held bimonthly. The Florida Bar currently has more than 90,000 members.

Please [click here](#) if you are an attorney and would like to support Gary and or to view the list of his supporters.

Firm Opens New Office Building in Boca Raton

A sense of community commitment resonated throughout West Palm Beach-based Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC's recent grand opening of its new 12,188-square-foot office building located at Corporate Plaza in Boca Raton. From the official ribbon-cutting that included representatives from the various nonprofit, business and industry organizations LLL&S supports to the performance by a quartet ensemble of the Boca Raton Symphonia for which the Firm is the newest Circle of Excellence Sponsor, it was clear that the law firm values community and the community values its relationship with the Firm.

Firm Opens New Office Building in Boca Raton Photo Gallery



**Sarah Pearson, Boca Raton Council Member
Mike Mullaugh, City of Boca Raton Mayor Susan
Whelchel, Gary Lesser, Joe Landy, Merryl Haber
and Monica Russell**



**The Boca Raton Symphonia Chamber
Players: Jeanne Tarrant, flute, Jeff Kaye, trumpet,
Mei Mei Luo, violin, Johan Kim, cello.**



**Troy McLellan, Gary Lesser, Palm Beach
County Commissioner Steve Abrams, Jeff Kaye
and Ryan Dillon.**



**Marty Cass, Gary Lesser, Monte Resnick, Michael
Freeling.**



Guy Fronstin, Jeff Klein, Randy Fine, and Jon Kaye.



Guests enjoying the evening.



Michael Jones (Economic Council of Palm Beach County), Marty Schner (Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center), Larry Gorfine (Medical Society of Palm Beach County), Gary Lesser (LLL&S), Troy McLellan (Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce), Joe Landy (LLL&S), Steve Pomeranz (Boca Raton Symphonia) and Mickey Smith (LLL&S).

Joining LLL&S partners Gary Lesser, Joseph Landy, and Mickey Smith and their associates and staff were City and County officials, including Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel, Boca Raton City Council Member Mike Mullaugh, Palm Beach County Commissioner Steve Abrams; business leaders including Economic Development Council of Palm Beach County President Mike Jones, Greater Boca Raton Chamber President Troy McLellan, and Palm Beach Medical Society President Lawrence Gorfine; legal and medical industry colleagues, and community leaders representing the Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Stand Among Friends, and Boca Raton Symphonia.

"We are pleased to expand our presence and reach in Boca Raton with our solid investments in both real estate and community commitment," said Gary Lesser, Managing Partner of LLL&S, the third oldest law firm in Palm Beach County that is headquartered in West Palm Beach, with offices in Stuart and Boca Raton. "While we have long had an office in Boca Raton, we look forward to growing and branching out even more from our new building at Corporate Plaza that now proudly bears our firm name."

Please see more photos, left column.

Firm Honored with Walk Now for Autism Speaks Top Corporate Team of 2010 Trophy



Vigorous Litigation Wins the Case

When Maritsa Yzaguirre got into her car to make a bank deposit on October 3, 2007, she had no idea that her life was about to forever change. As she was safely driving on the main thoroughfare, the Defendant, without warning, entered the roadway from a side street and drove directly in front of her vehicle. Although she slammed on her brakes, it was too late to avoid this tragic collision.



Maritsa was pregnant at the time of the accident and, therefore, her sole concern was her unborn baby. Although, fortunately, her baby was not injured, she began to suffer from severe, chronic neck pain. Since she was pregnant, she could only undergo conservative treatment. After the baby was born, her condition continued to worsen. In her unrelenting struggle to move forward with her life, she underwent a myriad of treatment - chiropractic care, therapy, medications, scans, orthopedic treatment, injections and, ultimately, surgery.

The harder Maritsa worked to get better, the harder the Defendant, and his insurance company, worked to avoid liability. Every aspect of her claim was disputed. The Defendant, and his counsel, claimed Maritsa caused the accident, that she was not hurt in the accident, and even if she was hurt, her injuries pre-existed the accident. After vigorous litigation, Joe Landy and Mickey Smith took the case to trial to obtain justice on Maritsa's behalf and force the insurance company to pay what they owed to our client. At the end of the battle, the jury found in favor of our client and entered a gross verdict totaling \$708,824.55. To read about other LLL&S cases, please [click here](#).

LLL&S Walks for Autism Speaks



On December 9, 2010, partner Joe Landy was a featured speaker at the Palm Beach County Walk for Autism Kickoff Dinner. Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith is a lead sponsor of the walk and, for the second year in a row, Joe is the corporate chairperson. Under his tenure, the corporate sponsorships have more than doubled two years in a row. Moreover, the Firm was honored to receive a trophy as the Walk Now for Autism Speaks Top Corporate Team of 2010.

Autism is a neurological disease affecting

children at a staggering rate. In the 1980's, the rate of autism was 1 in 10,000. By the year 2000, autism affected 1 in 500 children. In 2010, 1 in every 100 children was diagnosed with autism. Autism is clearly a tragedy of epidemic proportions. Autism Speaks is the largest non-profit entity in the world devoted to finding the cause, and cure, of this dreaded disease. Lesser, Lesser, Landy and Smith is proud to support Autism Speaks in its efforts. To learn more, please visit www.autismspeaks.org. See photo of trophy, left column.