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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
-Personal Injury Law Since 1927-

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Professional Summary

Managing Partner, Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC

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Managing Partner of a 94-year-old personal injury law firm that handles cases across the State of Florida. Leading a team of 10 attorneys focusing on client service and communication, combined with strong advocacy and significant litigation experience to get superior results for our clients. Working only on referral, no formal advertising, the firm has handled thousands of cases with a proven track record of excellent results. Lectures across Florida on personal injury law and legal ethics. Long term service to the legal profession and the community.

Legal Community Involvement

The Florida Bar, Admitted 1992

- President Elect, June 2021 - present
- Board of Governors, June 2011 – June 2021
- Member of Executive Committee for five years
- Legislation Committee Chair for three years
- Florida Bar Advertising Committee, Chair for 2010 – 2011 and Vice Chair for 2009 – 2010
- Professional Ethics Committee, Joined Committee in 1998, Vice Chair for 2001 – 2003 and Chair for 2003 – 2004
- Served on the: Communications Committee, Disciplinary Review Committee, Review Committee on Professional Ethics, Constitutional Review Commission Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee
- The 4th DCA Judicial Nominating Commission Screening Committee Chair
- Designated Reviewer, 15th Judicial Circuit Grievance Comm "E"
- Chair, 15th Circuit Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Committee
- Chair, 4th DCA JNCV Selection Committee
- Board Liaison, Health Law Section
- Board Liaison, Constitutional Judiciary Committee
- Board Liaison, Unlicensed Practice of Law Standing Committee

Palm Beach County Bar Association, November 1992 – present

- Professionalism Committee (Chair for 1999 – 2002 and Co-Chair for 1998 – 1999)
- Medical Legal Committee (Chair for 2005 – 2008 and 2010 – 2011)

Florida Bar Foundation, Fellow

- Board Member and served on Investment Committee (2005 - 2008)



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Florida Justice Association, Member since 1993

- Eagle Patron
- Former Member of the CLE Committee

University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association

- Former Vice President
- Board member for many years

American Bar Association

- Longtime member, ABA Fellow (2016 – present)

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

- The Attorneys Division Chair

Martin County Bar Association

- Professionalism Committee

Professional Memberships and Involvement

- Member of Florida Association for Women Lawyers (Palm Beach County Chapter)
- Member of Florida Association for Women Lawyers (South Palm Beach County Chapter)
- Member of Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court
- Chair Attorneys Division, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
- Martin County Bar Association, Professionalism Committee
- Member of Jacksonville Bar Association
- Member of Broward County Bar Association
- Member of B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207
- Member of Federal Bar Association, Palm Beach Chapter
- Member of Palm Beach County Justice Association



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- Member of American Association for Justice

Community Leadership and Involvement

- Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Board Member (2010 – present) and former PAC Chair and Executive Committee
- Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, Board Member (1995-2021), Former Campaign Outreach Chair, Former Business & Professional Division Chair, Former President of the Young Leadership Division, Former Attorneys Division Chair
- Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce, Board Member (2018 - present)
- Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Board of Directors (2015 - present)
- Parent Television Council, National Board Member (2014 - 2021)
- Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Board Member (2014 - present)
- Palm Beach Medical Society, Medical Services Board (2018 - present)
- American Heart Association, Executives with Heart Chair (2019 - 2021)
- Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Board Member and served on Investment and Fundraising Committees (2011 - 2017)
- Hillel of Palm Beach and Broward Counties, Board Member (2012 - 2015), Honorary Board (2015 - present)
- Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Business & Professionals (B&P) Cabinet (2012 - 2014), Co-Chair, Breakfast Networking Series Co-Chair (2017-2021)
- Trustee Member of Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
- President's Council Member of Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce
- Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Preparatory School, former Fundraising Vice President, former Legal Vice President, and Board Member for over 20 years



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- Trustee Member of the Stuart Martin County Chamber of Commerce
- Anti-Defamation League, Jurisprudence Award Winner and multiple Jurisprudence Event Chair
- Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Former Trustee
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Member
- Former Board Member of the Mandel Jewish Community Center Board of Directors
- Former Member of the Temple Beth David Board of Trustees
- Former Member of Challenging the Future, benefitting UB Kinsey Palmview Elementary School of the Arts.

Honors and Awards

- "AV" Preeminent Rating (2004 – present)
- Best Lawyers; Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs (2013 - present)
- LawDragon 500; Leading Plaintiffs Lawyers in America (2019 - present)
- Florida Legal Elite "Hall of Fame" by Florida Trend magazine (2006 - present)
- Florida Super Lawyers; Personal Injury Law (2006 – present)
- Palm Beach Illustrated; Top 100 West Palm Beach (2019 – present)
- U.S. News & World Report; Best Law Firm (2013 - present)
- "I Am Hillel" Award from Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach (2018)
- Recipient of the "Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award" from the Palm Beach County Bar Association (2017)
- Recipient of Florida Bar President "Kitchen Cabinet" Award (2017)
- Recipient of the "Jurisprudence Award" from the Anti-Defamation League (2015)
- Recipient of the Families First of Palm Beach County "Harriet Goldstein Award" (2014)
- Recipient of the AJC Global Jewish Advocacy "Judge Learned Hand Award" (2014)



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- Recipient of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches "Small Business Person of the Year Award" (2014)
- Recipient of the United Way of Martin County Character Counts "Business of the Year" Award (2013)
- Recipient of the University of Miami School of Law "Alumni Leadership Award" (2012)
- Recipient of the Healthy Mothers Coalition Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County "Supporter of The Year" Award (2010)
- Recipient of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year Award" (2009 - 2010)
- Recipient of Jewish Federation Annual "Young Leadership Award" (2001)
- Recipient of "Israel Unity Award" State of Israel Bonds (1996)

Notable Verdicts and Settlements

- Confidential Settlement - High School Student Killed by Tractor Trailer
- Significant Confidential Settlement – Minor Sexual Abuse Case
- Confidential Settlement – Pedestrian Death Case
- \$6.3 Million Verdict – Motorcycle Accident Death Case
- \$5 Million Verdict – Wrongful Death Motor Vehicle Accident
- Confidential Settlement – Shooting Death of Minor Child
- Confidential Settlement - Drunk Driving Wrongful Death Case
- \$3.1 Million Car Accident case with partial paralysis.
- \$2.1 Million – Policy Limits Recovery/Motor Vehicle Accident
- \$1.2 Million – Golf Cart Negligence



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Education

University of Miami School of Law
1992, Juris Doctorate

The George Washington University
1989 B.A., International Affairs

Academic Honors and Activities

University of Miami School of Law

- Editor in Chief, *Res Ipsa Loquitur* 1991 - 1992
- Associate Editor, *Yearbook of International Law* 1991 - 1992
- Bar & Gavel Society, 1990 - 1992
- Phi Alpha Delta 1989 - 1992
- Roger Cerino Award Finalist 1992
- Summer Honors Program/Florida Bar Iota Fellowship 1990

The George Washington University

- Associate Editor, *George Washington Hatchet* 1988 - 1999
- Editor-in-Chief, *George Washington Journal* 1987 - 1988
- Senate President Pro Tempore 1988 - 1989
- Contributor WRGW Radio Station 1987 - 1988

Experience

Managing Partner, May 1992 – present

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Managing Partner of 10 lawyer firm focusing on personal injury cases with an emphasis on aggressively moving cases forward and providing good client service and communication. The firm's practice areas include motor vehicle accidents, wrongful death, medical malpractice, nursing home neglect/abuse, product liability, and premises liability. Oversees the firm's daily operations, directs the firm's community involvement, and handles an active caseload.

Law Clerk, Aronovitz Trial Lawyers, 1990 - 1992

Worked directly with Managing Partner Tod Aronovitz, one of Florida's leading trial lawyers and a former President of the Florida Bar, on all aspects of legal research preparation of correspondence and pleadings and assisting with all aspects of trial preparation.

Miami Dade County Homeless Legal Project, 1990



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As part of the Summer Honors Program, I was placed at the Miami Dade County Homeless Legal Project, now known as the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. Conducted legal research and drafted Memos of Law on the issues of overbroad city ordinances affecting the homeless population.

Intern, Senator Lawton Chiles, 1986 - 1987

Handled mail, conducted research and drafted correspondence and position met with visiting constituents and community leader's papers at the direction of Senate staff

Personal

Born in West Palm Beach, Florida; Married to Jennifer since 1994; Three children: Lillian, Josie, and Rebecca