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Julian Rodriguez was born in San Antonio, Texas and was raised in Orlando, Florida. He graduated from the Florida State University College of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Management and would later receive his *Juris Doctorate* from Stetson University College of Law.

Julian worked with Vernis & Bowling as a law clerk for two years while attending Stetson Law and became an associate attorney upon his admittance to the Florida Bar. He has also served his local community by participating in *pro-bono* family law work with Bay Area Legal Services in Tampa, Florida. Prior to joining Vernis & Bowling, he gained valuable experience in both personal injury and immigration law.

In his free time, Julian enjoys spending quality time with friends and family, listening to music, and exploring new places and activities within the community

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Virginia but knew he wanted to experience different parts of the country. An avid football fan, he chose to attend the University of Notre Dame. There, in addition to braving the frigid temperatures of northern Indiana, he obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Analytics with an additional Major in Philosophy. Jack has long enjoyed debating various subjects and has always been interested in strategy games such as chess and hearts, but it was not until his junior year at Notre Dame that he knew a legal career would be a good fit for him.

Jack then sought out warmer weather and attended the University of Georgia School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor. While there, he interned for a variety of different organizations and legal services providers, and served as an Executive Editor of the Georgia Criminal Law Review. Jack began his legal career clerking for state court judges in southern Georgia.

After a fulfilling year as a judicial law clerk, Jack made his way to the Sunshine State and began working for Vernis & Bowling. He currently focuses on automobile liability and premises liability cases.

In his free time, Jack enjoys working out, playing and watching various sports (especially his beloved Fighting Irish and Bulldogs), and relaxing outdoors.

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Brian is an associate attorney at Vernis & Bowling of North Florida, P.A., in Jacksonville, Florida. Born and raised in Gloucester City, New Jersey, and the grandson of a WWII Silver Star recipient, Brian attended Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine where he served as the Delta Company Commander and graduated in 1995 with a B.S. in Marine Engineering. Brian immediately put his degree to work and spent nearly two decades employed around the world in the offshore oil and gas sector, including the Gulf of Mexico, South America, Europe, and Asia. During that time, he developed proficiency analyzing and solving technical matters related to the complex mechanical, electronic, and hydraulic systems that are integral to the most modern dynamically positioned drilling vessels in the world. Keeping his certifications active, he remains licensed by

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the United States Coast Guard as an Unlimited Chief Engineer.

Brian graduated from law school and has focused his practice on handling general liability, including automobile liability, premises liability, civil litigation, business & commercial law, wrongful death, and negligent security matters. Brian's experience as a marine engineer brings strong analytical thinking skills that serve his clients when identifying, analyzing, and solving critical issues and strategies, which is what he enjoys most about the practice of law.

Outside of the office, Brian occasionally finds time for golf or motorcycle riding, and often dreams of returning to the gym one day so he can go back to spending time on the beach.

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Joseph (Joe) was born and raised in a small town outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Joe was born to Joseph S. Bellissimo Jr., Esq., and Edythe Bellissimo. He is the oldest of 5 children. In 2014, he moved to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and has called Central Florida home ever since. He graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School as a member of the engineering academy, where he held the state record for almost a decade in the Autodesk Inventor Certification Exam. He is a proud graduate of Florida State University, earning his B.S. in Computer Science. After graduating from FSU, Joe, a devout Roman Catholic, attended Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, acquiring his *Juris Doctorate*.

Following his passion for streetwear and limited-edition collectors' pieces, Joe created automation software for securing exclusive, hard-to-find items. With this precise and innovative software, Joe has been able to broker deals between high profile clients and retailers. Joe's proficiency with technology was apparent in his early childhood, when at just 4 years old, he was the IT technician for his elementary school. Joe's upbringing in

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the legal profession started with him playing action figures beside his father amid meetings and admiring the hard, but gratifying work his father did.

Since joining Vernis & Bowling, Joe handles claims involving general liability, automobile liability, property and casualty, and cyber security.

Outside of the office, you can spot Joe hiding in the crowd at a theme park or taking the spotlight announcing a basketball game. Joe is an avid supporter of both Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and the Florida State Seminoles. A lover of space and exploration, Joe is thrilled with the possibility of colonizing Mars and has personally volunteered himself and his family to be the first to go. He has gone as far as to name his dog after Saturn's smallest moon, Atlas. Joe advocates for renewable energy and has an unnatural affection for McDonald's Coca-Cola.

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DeSharné Carroll was born in Birmingham, Alabama. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Mississippi State University and earned her *Juris Doctor* from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University where she was recognized on the Chancellor's List and Dean's List for her academic achievements.

Since joining Vernis & Bowling, she concentrates her practice on civil litigation. DeSharné handles a wide range of matters including automobile liability, premises liability, trucking litigation, and products liability representing individuals, businesses, and insurers in complex disputes. DeSharné is admitted to practice law in all state courts in both Georgia and Alabama, including the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia; as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Alabama. She is a member of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association and Georgia Association for Women Lawyers.

Prior to joining the firm, DeSharné practiced in insurance defense, medical malpractice litigation, and transportation defense in both Alabama and Georgia. She has managed cases from inception through resolution, achieving favorable outcomes for her clients.

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DeSharné's favorite part of practicing law is working with clients. She is committed to ensuring that clients feel supported and informed through every stage of the legal process.

Beyond her work, she enjoys a well-rounded life and loves spending time with friends and family, working out, traveling and experiencing new cultures. You can also find her doing Pilates, hiking, cooking, and reading.