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Ali Rahnavard is a civil litigator who joined Vernis & Bowling, seeking new challenges and professional growth.

Prior to joining the firm, Ali's practice focused on general civil litigation, creditors' rights, compliance, and pre and post-judgment collections. In four years, Ali distinguished himself with a litigation-focused approach, initiating several thousand civil suits, advocating for the interest of his clients before courts in all 67 Florida counties on more than 2,000 occasions, and obtaining countless judgments on behalf of his clients. Ali's focus in the last two years of his collections practice was on litigious opposition from Consumer Attorneys and the defense of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act counterclaims.

Ali was sworn into the Florida Bar on his 28th birthday after obtaining his law degree from Stetson University College of Law. While at Stetson, Ali took advantage of their #1 ranked Trial Advocacy program and focused on practical experiences, completing two judicial internships. From his experience with Judge Pamala A.M. Campbell of the 6th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, he learned the importance of preparation and mastery of the rules of civil procedure and sharpened his research skills. His experience with Judge Catherine Peek McEwen of the United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida, allowed him to hone his legal writing and analysis and obtain valuable working knowledge of the Bankruptcy Code. Ali was also an active volunteer guardian ad litem advocating on behalf of the interest of children in dependency. In 2025, Ali was appointed by the incoming Florida Bar President to serve as a committee member on the Law Related Education Committee of the Florida Bar.

A lifelong student of history, Ali graduated from the University of Central Florida with his Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Political Science. His areas of study included European, Greek, and Roman history, but he particularly enjoyed his study of the classics.

Ali was born in Washington D.C. and has lived in the D.C. Metro, South Carolina, and Central and South Florida before settling in Tampa Bay after law school.

Outside the practice of law, Ali enjoys new adventures with his wife Scarlett and their children, connecting with his Persian

heritage, staring at a mountain of unread books, and telling himself that one day he really will get around to learning guitar.

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Erin K. Grossman is a Florida native who graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology and International Affairs. As an undergraduate, she volunteered her time to the community through the co-ed fraternity *Alpha Phi Omega*. Erin graduated from Florida State University College of Law *cum laude* with her *Juris Doctorate*.

After being admitted to the Florida Bar, Erin worked for several years in dependency law, assisting families in Florida both as a Children's Legal Services attorney for the Department of Children and Families and as a Best Interest attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Program. Erin has also worked as a consultant on personal injury litigation, including auto liability defense and premises liability. Her goal as a defense attorney is to provide excellent representation to clients by offering them responsive communications and creative solutions.

Erin resides in Tampa with her husband and their rabbit, Chaac. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending baseball games for the Tampa Bay Rays, and listening to music.



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Richard Morrow was born in Keene, New Hampshire but was raised and has lived in Florida nearly his entire life. Rick attended the University of South Florida where he graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. Rick received his *Juris Doctorate*, graduating *cum laude* from Stetson University College of Law. While at Stetson, he served as a Legislative Representative as well as Vice President of the Student Bar Association and served as a member of a faculty and student Advisory Council to improve the operations and policies at Stetson.

Rick spent his early career as an entrepreneur, owning various business entities including an independent auto dealership here in Florida. He has owned and managed apartment complexes as well as other varied real estate holdings. After finding success in these endeavors, Rick followed a lifelong dream and began his “second career” in the practice of law.

Rick is a member of the Florida Bar as well as being admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court in and for the Middle District of Florida. Rick utilizes his previous business experience when representing and advising clients on legal issues. His focus of practice includes all aspects of automotive negligence, business and commercial law, general civil litigation, premises liability, employment law, and litigation, as well as contract drafting.

Rick is a dedicated family man who married his high school sweetheart. Together, they have three sons and numerous grandchildren. He enjoys the “Florida” lifestyle as well as being an avid motorcyclist and Jeep enthusiast. You can find him in his spare time traveling, visiting beaches, theme parks, and Florida’s natural wonders.



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Michelle was born in Toronto, Canada but has called Florida home since she moved to South Florida in 2002. In 2005 she graduated from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Journalism and a minor in Political Science. She later attended Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and earned her *Juris Doctorate* in 2009. During law school, Michelle was recognized by the *Pro Bono* Honor Society for exemplary service within the legal community.

Since being admitted to the Bar in 2011, Michelle handled First Pary Plaintiff no-fault litigation cases representing multiple providers across South Florida. Since joining Vernis & Bowling of the Florida Keys, she represents insurance companies, governmental entities and individuals in areas of commercial litigation, family law, probate law and estate planning. Michelle is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil, County, and Family Mediator. Additionally, Michelle has also received her certification in Elder Law Mediation Training.



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Michelle LeGault was born and raised in Minnesota and moved to Atlanta in 1999. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in French and Anthropology from Luther College after spending her junior year in Montpellier, France. Michelle continued her pursuit of French language and literature by earning a Master of Arts in French at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In 1999, Michelle earned her J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, graduating *summa cum laude*. Michelle has litigated matters in juvenile, magistrate, superior, state and federal district courts throughout Georgia, as well as in the Georgia Court of Appeals. Her broad civil litigation experience includes child welfare and child custody, commercial real estate, construction defects, credit reporting and debt collection defense, labor and employment, municipal liability, personal injury defense, premises liability, professional negligence, restrictive covenant and trade secrets, and uninsured/underinsured motorist liability.

Michelle is authorized to practice law before all state courts in Georgia, as well as in the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia.

Michelle resides in Decatur with her husband, Michael, and their two dogs. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, working out, practicing yoga, hiking, cooking, reading and traveling.