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Kayla Green was born in Augusta, Georgia and raised in Orlando, Florida. She attended Florida State University where she graduated *Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in International Affairs with a concentration in political science. While obtaining her undergraduate degree, she acquired a diverse background in lobbying, environmental non-profit work, political communications and public relations, giving her experience working in and around the capital of Florida, in both the private and public sectors, and in navigating complex political landscapes. She then attended Stetson University College of Law, earning her *Juris Doctorate* with a Certificate of Concentration in International Law.

Prior to working at Vernis & Bowling, Kayla worked in various fields of law including work in the Corrections Litigation Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Florida, pro bono work in immigration law, work in bankruptcy law, estate planning, family law, and real estate law. Since being admitted to the Florida Bar (on her 27th birthday!!), she has focused her practice in the areas of personal injury litigation, including auto liability defense. Kayla originally joined Vernis & Bowling as a law clerk, becoming an associate attorney upon her admittance to the Florida Bar. In her free time, Kayla enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

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David A. Reinblatt is a native of Montreal, Canada, where he completed his undergraduate degree at McGill University before moving to Miami for law school. He has called Miami home ever since. While in law school, David was the founder and president of the Business Law Society and was on the Dean's List. Prior to joining Vernis & Bowling, David practiced at several firms focusing on insurance defense, coverage and declaratory judgment actions, construction, and commercial litigation and brings a breadth of knowledge to the firm.

At Vernis & Bowling, David is a Department Managing Attorney where he manages a team of lawyers and staff dedicated to representing their clients in matters concerning bodily injury, property damage, construction, and general liability. He brings his years of experience and dedication to advocate for his clients at all stages of litigation. David strives to provide his clients with innovative legal advice in order to obtain the best results possible.

Outside of work, David enjoys spending his time travelling, exploring South Florida's dining scene, and being active, including playing hockey.

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James Parman was born and raised in Orange City, Florida. He graduated from Stetson University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with Minors in American Studies and Music. After college, James attended Stetson University College of Law, becoming a "Double Hatter" and earning his *Juris Doctorate*.

James began working with Vernis and Bowling as a law clerk while still attending Stetson Law, and then became an associate attorney upon his admittance to the Florida Bar. He primarily works on personal injury and automobile accident cases.

When not practicing, James enjoys reading, music, games, and spending time with family and friends.

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Jacob O. Malatesta is the Managing Attorney of the Jackson, MS and Memphis, TN offices. He is a native of the Mississippi Delta where he began his legal career practicing in Clarksdale, then Greenville, and settling with his family in Jackson.

After obtaining an undergraduate degree in Spanish and English at the University of Mississippi, Jacob graduated *cum laude* from the University of Mississippi Law School. While in law school, Jacob was a member of *Phi Delta Phi*, an honorary legal fraternity. He was selected by his peers as a member of the Moot Court Board and later elected as a member of the Executive Board where he served as Appellate Advocacy Chairman. Jacob was also selected by his professors to participate in the Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition. He was later named Moot Court Member of the Year by the Moot Court Executive Board and inducted into the Order of Barristers.

Jacob has successfully litigated general liability claims (including property damage, automobile liability, dram shop, and premises liability), professional liability (including medical malpractice and employment discrimination), and extra-contractual liability claims. Jacob's appellate practice includes numerous victories based on both procedural and substantive law.

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Jacob has experience litigating cases in both state and federal courts in Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama, at both the trial and appellate levels and holds the AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, its highest rating for ethical standards and legal ability. Jacob has also twice been named a Rising Star by the SuperLawyers publication, making him only one of three Rising Star SuperLawyers in medical malpractice litigation in Mississippi. In 2018, he was selected as an official member of the Lawyers of Distinction, a national organization that recognizes excellence in the legal field, and as one of the top 40 legal professionals in the state when named a Leadership in Law honoree by the Mississippi Business Journal.

Jacob went to law school because he loved language and rhetoric. While there, he grew to love trial and appellate advocacy and the ability to solve problems by presenting compelling stories.

Jacob lives in Jackson, Mississippi, with his wife, Christy, their sons, Peter and Andrew, and their dog, Yazoo. He is a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. In his free time, Jacob enjoys hunting, fishing, and serving as a beleaguered Ole Miss fan by spending warm fall Saturdays in The Grove.

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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.

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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.