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Michael is originally from New York, where he initially practiced law and is still admitted to the New York Bar. He moved to Miami after his admission to the Florida Bar in 1974 and where he has practiced law since then, being recognized as a Fifty Year Member of the Florida Bar in 2024.

His practice encompasses all areas of Business Law, both transactional and litigation. He actively practices commercial and corporate litigation, including asset protection and debtor-creditor law as well as construction law, real estate litigation, business torts including interference with economic relations, trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, deceptive and unfair trade practices, intellectual property and unfair competition and professional negligence to include attorney, architect, engineer and accountant malpractice.

In his fifty years of practice, Michael has tried numerous cases to conclusion before juries, judges, and appellate and arbitration panels.

Prior to joining Vernis & Bowling Michael was the managing partner of the Miami office of a statewide firm and prior to then he managed his own firm for 27 years.

After law school Michael served on active duty with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant where he was detailed to the Judge Advocate General's Corps to assist an overworked office.

Michael has served as President of the Miami Beach Bar Association as well as being a Director of that Association. Previously he has served on committees of the Miami Dade County Bar Association presently serving on its corporate law committee.

After a long career in the law Michael still finds the practice to be exciting and rewarding and he has no plans of slowing down. He still enjoys learning about each client's business and how he can help his client keep their businesses successful.

Michael resides in the Brickell area of Miami with his wife Susan.

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His son Josh is a mortgage banker and his daughter Jessica is a lawyer in Atlanta. He has four grandchildren and hopes one of them will become a lawyer.

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Christina is a Toms River, New Jersey native, but has called Miami, Florida home since beginning law school at St. Thomas University College of Law. Prior to law school, she graduated *cum laude* from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

During law school, Christina was staff editor of the Intercultural Human Rights Law Review. Christina's article, *The Unseen Reality of Fast Fashion: Forced Labor, the Truth Behind the Cheap and Trending Clothes* was published in the Intercultural Human Rights Law Review Journal in Spring 2025. The article addressed issues within the labor industry in foreign countries as well as the global environmental impact by the fashion industry.

Christina's professional experience extends across several sectors of the law. Prior to joining Vernis & Bowling, she clerked with another firm in the First Party Property Department. She also volunteered with the Legal Services of North Florida assisting clients from disadvantaged backgrounds in Family Law disputes.

Today, Christina represents clients in matters concerning bodily injury, property damage, and general liability.

Outside of work, Christina enjoys Pilates, going to the beach, and spending time with her family and friends.

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Schuyler is a Nazareth, Pennsylvania native, but has called Miami, Florida home since graduating *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama. She went on to earn her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.

During law school, Schuyler worked in the Health Rights Clinic, a medical-legal partnership with the UM Miller School of Medicine, where she represented low-income patients from the Comprehensive AIDS Program, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Batchelor Children's Research Institute, Mailman Center for Child Development, and Jackson Hospital. In her two years with the clinic, she represented clients in a wide variety of

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matters, including successfully advocating for a minor who had been wrongfully denied Social Security disability benefits and the judge issued a fully favorable decision.

Schuyler's professional experience extends across several sectors of the law. Prior to joining Vernis & Bowling, she clerked with Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies in its workers' compensation department, where she gained extensive experience handling liens, bulk settlements, and matters involving the Special Investigations Unit. She also interned with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office in the Career Criminal Unit, where she assisted with motions, trial preparation, and court hearings. Additionally, she clerked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in its Office of General Counsel.

Today, Schuyler represents employers, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators in all aspects of workers' compensation matters. Her favorite part of practice is helping clients solve problems and making their lives easier.

Outside of work, Schuyler enjoys yoga, traveling, spending time with her dog, and cheering on the Alabama Crimson Tide and the New York Giants.



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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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Cristina J. Bianchi is a Department Managing Attorney at Vernis & Bowling of Miami, P.A. She practices and handles matters related to First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims.

Cristina was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management from Florida International University in 2011. She then went on to earn her *Juris Doctor* from St. Thomas University School of Law in 2017, graduating *magna cum laude*. While in law school, Cristina was a member of the Trial Team (Vice President of Communications and 2nd Place Finalist at the 2016 Honorable Earl E. Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition) and received the CALI Book Award for Legal Writing and Research and Advanced Legal Writing and Research. She was also a member of the *St. Thomas Law Review*, Student Bar Association, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Cristina began her legal career as an Assistant Public Defender at the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office where she represented indigent clients in juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony cases from client intake through disposition. Throughout her career as an Assistant Public Defender, Cristina litigated numerous bench trials, jury trials, and evidentiary motions in criminal court.

Subsequently, Cristina joined one of the top law firms in South Florida where she gained extensive experience litigating insurance defense claims. She has had several years of experience defending insurance carriers with their residential property claims.

One of the things that Cristina enjoys about being a lawyer is that she can positively impact people's lives by zealously advocating for her clients and achieving favorable outcomes.

Outside of work Cristina likes to travel, exercise, watch Miami sports, and spend time with her family. She is also a true crime enthusiast.

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