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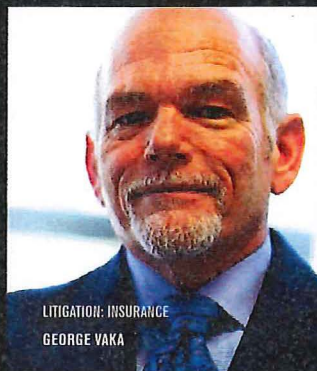
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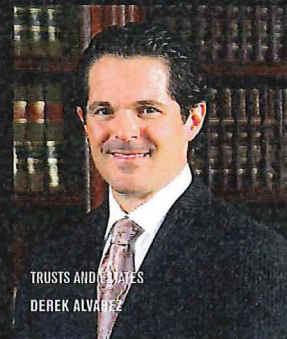
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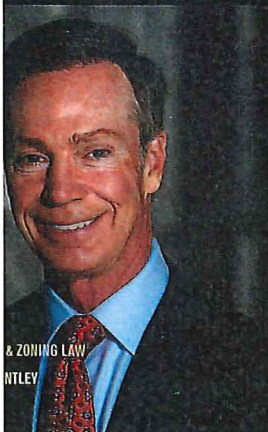


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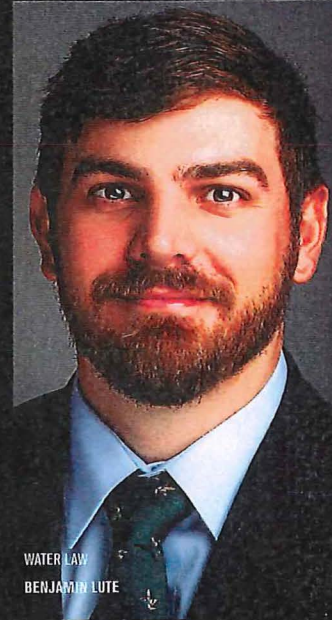
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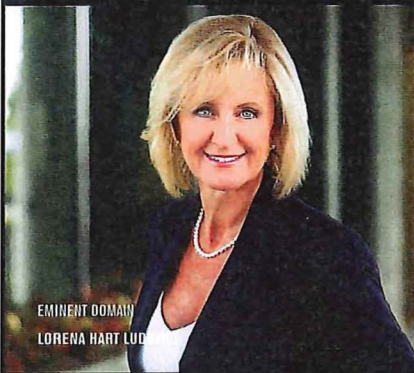
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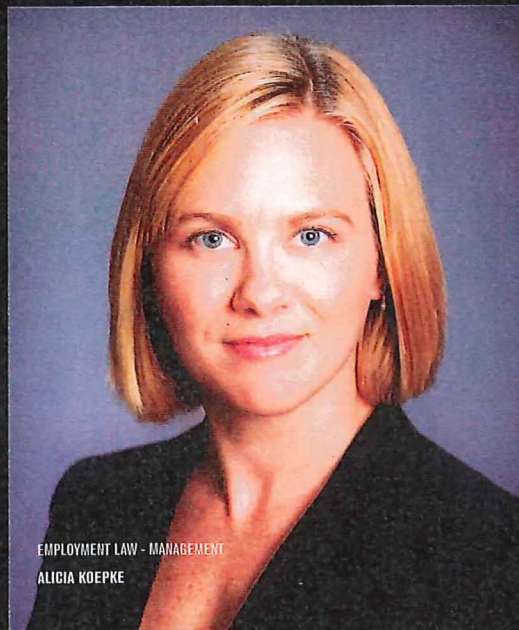
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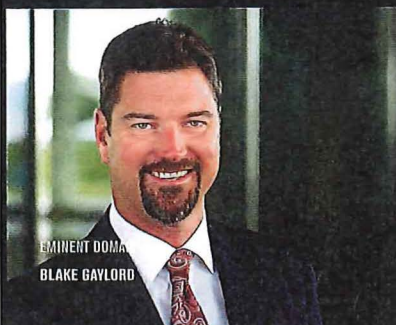
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January, we mailed over 11,000 surveys to active attorneys in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties registered with the Florida Bar.

We asked each one to nominate the peers they believe to be the best local lawyer in each of 77 practice areas then return the surveys in anonymous prepaid return envelopes or through our secure online process. We then tallied the votes from those surveys to compile this list. If there was no clear winner or runners-up in a particular practice area, we did not include it in this list.

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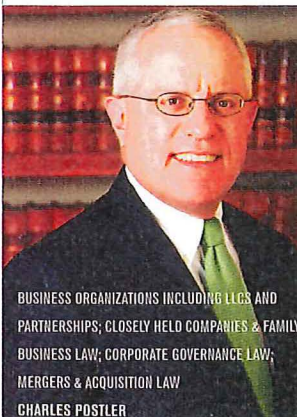
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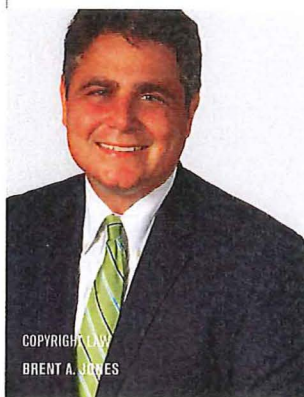
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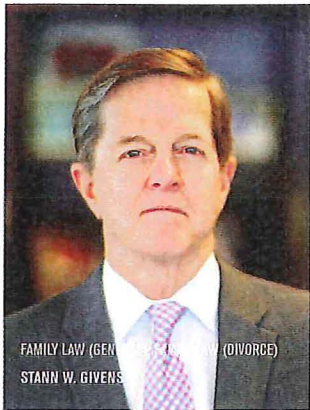
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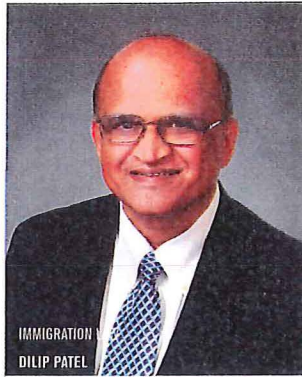
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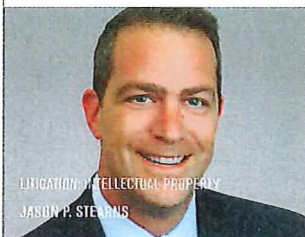
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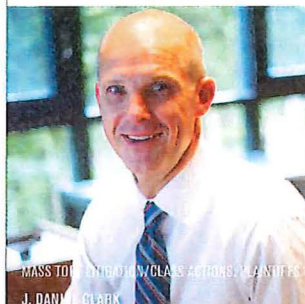
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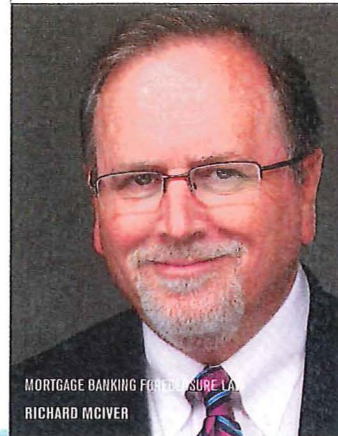
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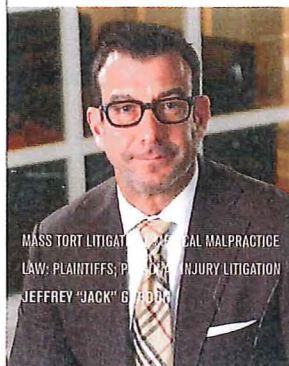
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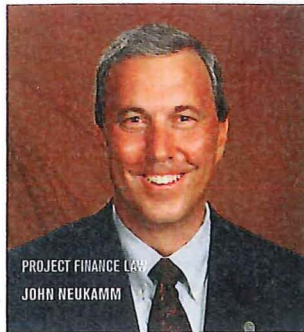
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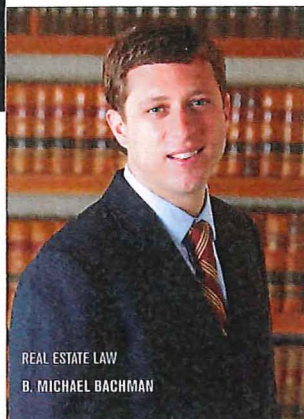
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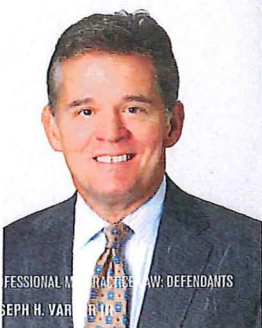
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