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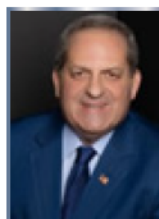
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Mark is board-certified in Workers' Compensation by The Florida Bar, a designation he achieved in 2000. He has served on The Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Board Certification Committee (2007-2013), including a term as chair, and is presently serving a three-year term, including serving as its chair for one year. He also served on The Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Rules Advisory Committee (2002-2012) and served as its chair (2011-2012). Last year, he was appointed to the Executive Council of the Workers' Compensation Section of The Florida Bar to serve through 2024. In his spare time, Mark is an avid runner, having completed over 75 marathons, including marathons in all 50 states, as well as marathons in Budapest, Paris, Dublin, Zurich, Athens, Antarctica, and Beirut. He has completed three Ironman competitions (in Florida, Germany, and Brazil), and several half-Ironman events.



Andrew, founder of Lannon Land Litigation Local Law, PLLC, is a sixth-generation lawyer. His practice focuses exclusively on matters involving business and commercial litigation; city, county and local government law; construction litigation; stormwater litigation; and zoning, planning and local use. Mr. Lannon is one of the go-to attorneys for clients seeking help in business and commercial law matters. He has received an AV Preeminent rating through Martindale-Hubbell.

Andrew is currently board certified in Business Litigation and City, County, and Local Government Law by The Florida Bar. He is one of only two lawyers statewide who holds a double board certification in business litigation and local government. He was also the vice-chair of The Florida Bar's Business Litigation Board of Certification Committee and secretary of The Florida Bar's City, County, and Local Government Law Section. Andrew has been selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers from 2021 to 2024. He is also listed in the Florida Trend magazine's Legal

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Carlos is a partner at Nelson & Fraenkel and an active mass torts trial attorney. His practice focuses on complex commercial vessel litigation against the world's largest cruise operators. Some of his notable representations include seafarers' rights and Jones Act cases, cruise ship passenger personal injury and wrongful death, recreational boating and jet-ski accidents, wage claims, limitation of liability action, shipboard sexual assaults, seaplane casualties, Rule B attachments, vessel arrests. U.S. Coast Guard negligence, and shipboard medical malpractice. In addition to his maritime practice, Carlos works with aviation in the prosecution of complex high-profile aviation cases, including matters against domestic and international airlines, and general aviation crash cases.

Carlos is board certified in Admiralty and Maritime Law by The Florida Bar. He is fluent in Spanish and assists with bilingual representations and court dealings. Carlos is also licensed to practice law in California, Florida, Washington State, and Washington D.C.



Collett is a founding Partner of Slater & Small PLLC with offices in Pembroke Pines and Coral Springs. She has a passion for legal education and serves as Chair of The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee. Collett takes this passion into the classroom as an Adjunct Professor of Law at St. Thomas University, School of Law in Miami, where she teaches Elder Law Clinic and Family Wealth Management. She writes articles that address Elder Law issues and frequently lectures on Elder Law, Estate Planning, Guardianship, and Probate. Collett is very active in her community and is the proud recipient of the 2022 Florida Bar Elder Law Section's Charlotte Brayer Public Service Award.

Collett is board certified in Elder Law by The Florida Bar. She has served as the Chair of the Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar (2017-2018) and is President-Elect for The Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. She is a member of the executive council of the Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar and currently chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. Collett is also a member of the Joint Public Policy Task Force of the Elder Law Section. She has been recognized as a Super Lawyer in Elder Law 2019 through 2024. When she is away from the office she enjoys traveling, competing in marathons, gardening, home renovation projects, and spending time with her family.