

# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Nuts & Bolts of Family Law Seminar

## Speakers:

### **Yesenia Arocha, Esq.**



Yesenia Arocha, a Miami native, represents low-income clients, mainly domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in abuse prevention matters in Dade Legal Aid's Homestead Office. Mrs. Arocha earned her J.D. from St. Thomas University School of Law and her B.A. from Florida International University. She feels privileged to be representing clients in what is sometimes their darkest hour, stating that providing legal assistance to those in need is gratifying beyond measure.

### **Honorable Scott Bernstein**



The Honorable Scott M. Bernstein, a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the University of Florida College of Law, was elected to the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Florida in 1998, where he currently serves as the administrative judge of the Family Division. Judge Bernstein has held numerous leadership positions in Florida's courts, frequently teaches and lectures around the nation, and has received various recognitions and honors for his leadership and service.

### **Michelle M. Gervais, Esq.**



Michelle Gervais is a partner at Blank Rome in Tampa, Florida who counsels high-profile individuals, athletes, and celebrities, as well as businesses and financial institutions, in the areas of sports and entertainment, matrimonial and domestic relations, commercial and business litigation, and consumer finance. She has received numerous recognitions for her success as a litigator and her commitment to service. Michelle graduated cum laude with a B.S. from Central Michigan University and cum laude with a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.



**Marck Joseph, Esq.**

Marck Joseph, Esq. is the founder and owner of The Joseph Firm, a South Florida-based practice focusing on Marital and Family Law. The Joseph Firm has a record for resolving high conflict cases and high net worth litigation and has been trusted by celebrities. Marck serves on various committees and is devoted to giving back to his community through roles in multiple organizations. Marck received his B.A. and J.D. from the Florida International University and FIU College of Law, respectively, and is proud of his firm's reputation for service, integrity, and results.



**Amber B. Kornreich, Esq.**

Amber Kornreich, a graduate of Brandeis University, the Florida International University College of Law, and the National Family Law Trial Institute, is a Partner at Kornreich & Associates practicing Family Law. She is a passionate lawyer and leader in the Miami-Dade Bar and in local philanthropy. Amber represents high-profile clients in marital and family law cases. Amber leads her firm's adoption of new technologies to more effectively represent clients and has spoken and written about using technology to advocate for clients.



**Cynthia A. Stafford, Esq.**

Cynthia Stafford is a Domestic Violence Staff Attorney for Dade Legal Aid. She served as a State Representative in the Florida House of Representatives from 2010 to 2018. She has been honored for her efforts to serve Florida's families and domestic violence victims with multiple awards and recognitions. Ms. Stafford was born and raised in Liberty City and earned her J.D. from St. Thomas University School of Law, where she became an Adjunct Professor.



**Jacqueline M. Valdespino, Esq.**

Jacqueline Valdespino is the founding partner at Valdespino & Associates, P.A., specializing in marital and family law, an area in which she is board certified. Ms. Valdespino has been a dedicated advocate for children throughout her career, beginning with volunteering as a guardian ad litem in college. Ms. Valdespino's commitment to children and the disadvantaged has resulted in several awards. She earned her B.A. from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.

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