



## 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NUTS & BOLTS OF FAMILY LAW SEMINAR

Miami, FL – On June 25, 2021, Dade Legal Aid/Put Something Back presented the *29<sup>th</sup> Annual Nuts and Bolts of Family Law Seminar*, a staple of Miami’s legal community for the past 29 years, in collaboration with the Dade Bar Association Family Courts Committee and Young Lawyers Section. The event featured talented and experienced family lawyers who presented on a variety of current family law topics and was sponsored by **Erik Alexander of Truist Wealth, Blank Rome LLP and The Joseph Law Firm, PA.** Featured speakers included the **Honorable Scott M. Bernstein, Administrative Judge, Family Division, Yesenia Arocha, Esq., Michelle M. Gervais, Esq., Marck Joseph, Esq., Amber B. Kornreich, Esq., Cynthia A. Stafford, Esq., and Jacqueline M. Valdespino, Esq.**

The seminar was moderated by **Marck Joseph** and featured the **Honorable Scott M. Bernstein** who provided Perspectives from the Bench, **Ms. Valdespino** who provided Technology Tips and Case Management for Working Remotely, **Ms. Gervais** who provided the Top 10 Tips for Drafting Prenuptial Agreements, Ms. Stafford and **Ms. Arocha** who discussed the increase in Domestic Violence During the Pandemic, **Mr. Joseph** who provided updates to the Mandatory Disclosures Requirements, and **Ms. Kornreich** who explained how to accept and represent pro bono clients through Put Something Back.

**Dade Legal Aid, the Dade Bar Association Family Courts Committee and The First Family Law American Inn of Court** surprised **Judge Bernstein** with a plaque recognizing his many years of dedicated service as Administrative Judge which he gratefully accepted. *“Teaching lawyers and participating in Put Something Back training is something I truly enjoy. Dade Legal Aid’s Put Something Back does such an incredible service by providing pro bono Guardians ad Litem,”* said **Bernstein**. *“I am humbled and honored to accept this heartfelt award.”* Ms. **Valdespino**, Board certified in Marital & Family Law, commented, *“I believe that standing on the shoulders of all the Judges that have served in the Family Division and fought for the rights of families and children, Dade County’s Family Court will continue to forge forward and continue to lead with integrity and authenticity.”*

The seminar, which was entirely free to attend, asks each attendee to accept a family law case from *“Put Something Back,”* the official provider of pro bono civil legal services to low-income residents of Miami-Dade County. Attendees received 4.0 continuing education credits, including 1.0 Technology, and materials, and will be provided mentorship upon acceptance of a pro bono case.