

Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Named Among Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List" 2016

MIAMI, FL — August 16, 2016 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Rene F. Ruiz and Bridget Smitha were named among *Benchmark Litigation's* 2016 "[Under 40 Hot List](#)."

The publication honors the achievements of the nation's most accomplished lawyers age forty or younger. Rene and Bridget were 2 of only 9 Florida lawyers listed. *Benchmark Litigation* compiled the list through a process of peer review and case examination.

[Rene F. Ruiz](#) helps his numerous national and international clients navigate through thorny labor issues, including collective bargaining, administering union grievances, arbitrations, managing union certifications and elections, and defending unfair labor practice disputes. Rene is a Co-Founder of the Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter School in Miami, and serves as its Chairman. Rene is also the President of the SLAM Foundation, where he directs the school's rapid expansion across the United States and internationally.

[Bridget Smitha](#) focuses her practice on corporate defense and complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts in Florida and across the nation. She has also built a niche practice in business and professional licensing. She volunteers as a guardian ad litem for Florida's 2nd Judicial Circuit, advocating on behalf of the best interests of abused, abandoned, or neglected children in Florida.

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