

Stearns Weaver Miller Names Three New Shareholders

MIAMI, FL — September 26, 2018 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that three attorneys from the Firm’s Miami office, Veronica De Zayas, Jason S. Koslowe and Elitsa V. Yotkova, have been promoted to Shareholders.

“Veronica, Jason and Elitsa have proven to be dedicated and skillful attorneys,” said Managing Director Rick Schatz. “We look forward to their continued success as shareholders.”

Veronica de Zayas handles complex commercial litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts throughout the country. She has represented corporations and individuals in a wide variety of substantive areas, including contract, securities, business torts, and class action litigation. Before joining the firm, Veronica served as a law clerk for the Honorable Federico A. Moreno, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Veronica earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Notre Dame Law School. View Veronica’s [full bio](#).

Jason S. Koslowe handles complex commercial and financial litigation, bankruptcy matters, and distressed debt/asset transactions. He represents a wide variety of clients, including real estate developers, financial institutions, international insurers, e-commerce retailers, international manufacturers, trustees in bankruptcy, and Florida municipalities as plaintiffs and defendants in actions in state court, federal court, and arbitration, and in structuring and drafting acquisition, financing, and corporate documents. Prior to joining the firm, Jason worked at an international law firm in New York, and clerked for the Honorable Beth Bloom, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Jason earned his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, his LLM in International Law from the University of Amsterdam Law School, completed ABD towards his PhD in Government from Georgetown University, earned his Masters in Politics from New York University, and received his B.A. from Yeshiva University. View Jason’s [full bio](#).

Elitsa V. Yotkova is an employer-defense litigator and compliance counselor. Her practice focuses strongly, but not exclusively, on restaurant and hospitality industry clients, and complex wage and hour issues under both Florida and New York law. Her work frequently involves minimum wage and overtime, tip credit, tip pooling, employee classifications, and other wage payment issues, including defense of class and collective actions. Her practice also covers the areas of discrimination and harassment, Title VII, FMLA, ADA, ADEA, WARN, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. She frequently defends equal employment opportunity (EEO) cases, and administrative actions before the EEOC. Elitsa counsels clients in the formation and dissolution of employment relationships, including negotiation of employment and separation agreements, as well as non-competition, non-solicitation and non-disclosure agreements. Elitsa earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Hofstra University School of Law. View Elitsa’s [full bio](#).

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