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## Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Named Among Benchmark Litigation's 2018 "Under 40 Hot List"

**MIAMI, FL** — July 24, 2018 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that 7 Firm lawyers were named among *Benchmark Litigation*'s 2018 "<u>Under 40 Hot List</u>."

The publication honors the achievements of the nation's most accomplished lawyers age forty or younger. *Benchmark Litigation* compiled the list through a process of peer review and case examination.

<u>Bayardo E. Alemán</u> is a Labor & Employment Shareholder in the Firm's Miami office. He represents employers and management in all areas of labor & employment law, including defending employment discrimination, retaliation, whistleblower lawsuits, and sexual harassment lawsuits. Bayardo has extensive experience litigating non-solicitation and non-competition agreements, and defending wage and hour lawsuits for employers in a wide range of industries.

<u>Julie Fishman Berkowitz</u> is a Litigation Shareholder in the Firm's Miami office. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in the state and federal courts, at the trial and appellate levels, with an emphasis on commercial real estate disputes, banking, creditors' rights and lender liability claims.

<u>Abigail Corbett</u> is a Litigation Shareholder in the Firm's Miami office. Her national legal practice encompasses a wide variety of commercial litigation matters, including defending and prosecuting class actions in both federal and state court. She also regularly advises municipalities and other public entities on constitutional law and other government affairs issues, including legal considerations and policy options associated with adaptation to the effects of climate change.

<u>Maria Arhancet Fehretdinov</u> is a Litigation Shareholder in the Firm's Miami office. Her practice focuses on complex litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels in both federal and state courts nationwide, including counseling foreign parties on U.S. matters.

<u>Jenea M. Reed</u> is a Litigation Shareholder in the Firm's Miami office. She focuses on high-profile business disputes in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the country.

Rene F. Ruiz is a Labor & Employment Shareholder in the Firm's Miami office. He 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.



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<u>Bridget Smitha</u> is a Litigation Shareholder in the Firm's Tallahassee office. She focuses her practice on corporate defense and complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts in Florida and across the nation, as well as trademarks, licensure, Public Records Act, and election law.

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