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The Firm: This “undeniably brilliant trial and appellate boutique” has a slightly different focus than other firms in the market, excelling at mass torts and aviation plaintiff representation. Enjoying an illustrious national reputation for aviation litigation, the 14-strong firm houses some of Florida’s most readily recognizable and successful trial lawyers. Following

the departure of two established partners and an influx of young talent in the past year, some commentators see this – the 40th anniversary of the firm – as a period of transition. The increased recognition of the firm as an institutional brand name for boutique litigation, the promotion of two attorneys to partner, and the recent restructuring of the internal divisional framework affords clients an increased level of partner attention and generally a stronger and more recognizable representation. There are attorneys here with experience in general commercial litigation, white-collar crime and appellate law, and clients agree that the entrepreneurial ethos and flexible fee structure is a refreshing, and often beneficial, alternative to full-service firm representation. As one interviewee noted: “The lawyer you first meet handles the file throughout.” The firm has again attracted a glittering caseload in the past year, working on such cases as the HMO litigation and representing the Russian government in ongoing litigation involving tobacco companies.

The Lawyers: Lawyers feel privileged to work opposite “giant of the industry” **Robert Josefsberg**, while clients say they vie for his attention. A seasoned practitioner with a varied practice, he is able to turn his hand to most types of complex litigation, including white-collar criminal prosecutions and legal malpractice suits. His recent highlights include suing the

Palestine Liberation Organization on behalf of two people killed by terrorists in Israel, and acting in the trial of a sudden-acceleration case against Ford. “One of the finest trial lawyers in the USA,” **Aaron Podhurst** is a veteran of the Florida litigation Bar and one of its most distinguished members. “Routinely topping any ‘best of the best’ lists of trial lawyers,” Podhurst continues to try headline-grabbing cases and enjoys a reputation as one of the most respected plaintiff aviation lawyers in the country. He has recently been acting as co-lead counsel in a securities fraud class action against numerous banks. “Part of the next wave of talent coming up through the firm,” **Victor Diaz** garners respect for his “commitment and incredible ability” and is seen by many aspiring young attorneys as a real mentor. As well as serving as principal litigation counsel to both Codina Group and Alienware, Diaz has been busy in the securities class action arena, successfully acting in two large cases in the past year. Up-and-coming partner **Stephen Rosenthal** is another example of the firm’s next generation of attorneys. “A solid and very active young lawyer,” Rosenthal is a key figure here in terms of appellate work and is gaining recognition for his trial support and election law nous.

Clients/Work Highlights: Ryder System; Mellon United National Bank; Lennar; Florida East Coast Industries and the Russian government.

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