

Peckar & Abramson Sponsors the 2018 Annual Kozyak Minority Mentoring Picnic

MIAMI, FL- February 20, 2018 – For the fifth consecutive year, the Miami office of national construction law firm Peckar & Abramson served as Supporting Sponsor of the Kozyak Minority Mentoring Picnic (MMP). Described as “the Ultimate Networking event for Minority Law Students, Lawyers and Judges,” this annual event was held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Zoo Miami with more than 300 people in attendance.

“It is our responsibility to bring more diversity into the legal profession by acting as mentors and providing access and opportunities to minority law students,” said Miami Partner Melinda “Mindy” S. Gentile, P&A’s National Diversity Chair and Executive Committee Liaison. “Strong diversity efforts impact businesses in a powerful way, and as a result, those who incorporate meaningful diversity incentives and inclusion initiatives as part of their regular business practices benefit greatly.”



Lawyers and staff from P&A attended the MMP to meet minority students and identify mentorship opportunities, following an open invitation to all employees. P&A’s Miami-based Vice-Chairman Stephen H. Reisman noted that “P&A is proud to support organizations like Kozyak through events like the Annual Picnic. The commitment to diversity and inclusion at our firm is reflected in Mindy’s efforts and those of our team, with the full support of our Chairman and Executive Committee.”

About the Annual Minority Mentoring Picnic and The Kozyak Minority Mentoring Foundation

The annual MMP has been the premier annual event of the Kozyak Minority Mentoring Foundation since 2004. The MMP has grown exponentially each year and is well attended by many judges, established lawyers and law students from every school in Florida. Every student, lawyer and judge who attends the MMP will have an opportunity to find a mentor or mentee in a fun and informal setting.

The Foundation was formed to strengthen and grow Lawyer John Kozyak’s efforts to use mentoring

as a platform to increase diversity in the legal profession. Although much of John’s early efforts were





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dedicated to providing mentors for black law students, the Foundation's Annual Minority Mentoring Picnic provides opportunities for all minority law students. The Foundation has close ties to the Cuban-American Bar Association ("CABA"), the Florida Association of Women Lawyers ("FAWL"), Haitian Lawyers, Caribbean Lawyers Association, the Gay & Lesbian Lawyers Association, Florida Muslim Lawyers, the National Hispanic Bar Association and many other voluntary bar associations.

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