



INSIGHTS & SOLUTIONS

Welcome to the summer 2017 issue of Ward Damon's quarterly e-newsletter. Since 1987, Ward Damon has represented savvy businesses, business owners and individuals on a full spectrum of legal needs.

HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY!

Ward Damon Launches New Website



In line with celebrating our 30th anniversary, we are excited to unveil a new, updated website for the firm. The new design brings a sleek and modern look to our website and also provides users with an easy mobile-friendly experience. Be sure to stay up to date with our attorneys and Ward Damon news, as well as legal insights on current topics and cases in our firm blog. Check out our new website and let us know what you think:

<http://www.warddamon.com/>

Message From Our Partners



To celebrate Ward Damon's 30th anniversary, our seven partners are sharing what the firm means to them and what continues to distinguish us three decades later.

"As we enter our 31st year, I could not be more proud of the men and women of Ward Damon. There is a tremendous spirit of comradery in the work we do. We take our job seriously but maintain a sense of humor and perspective as we address the needs of our clients. This climate, even after thirty years, makes it a joy to come to work every day."

- Philip H. Ward, III

"I remember when we were just 4 guys working hard, together, to grow our practice and succeed by doing great work for our clients, while taking good care of our employees and each other. I have always been proud of the culture we have created at our firm and the esprit de corps that exists. Ward Damon truly is a team where we have each other's backs, and what is good for any one of us is good for all of us. We have thrived by being diligent and professional, while also being practical and reasonable. We strive to put ourselves in our client's shoes to see issues from their perspective. We genuinely care about and take care of our staff, who help us to take care of our clients. It is rewarding to see what we have become after thirty years of dedication to doing it right."

- Conrad Damon

"I have had the honor and privilege to work with Phil and Conrad for the last 28 years, seeing the firm grow and expand with the addition of many wonderful and quality lawyers. I am proud of what we have and will achieve. Even though they say past performance does not predict future success, with the lawyers and staff we have today, I see nothing but continued success at Ward Damon."

- Michael J Posner

"Growing this firm has been a pleasure and a privilege. We are entrepreneurial,

and hands on, looking at our clients' problems from a 360 degree perspective. It has been gratifying to see that, over time, the firm has evolved to enhance that perspective. I am proud to see how well we have grown the team, and its skill sets, to better serve our clients over the years."

- I. Jeffrey Pheterson

"Day in and day out, we work together to provide quality personal service to our clients. This is why I am proud to play a part in the continued growth and stability of the Ward Damon law firm family."

- Denise J. Bleau

"What an honor to work alongside so many talented attorneys and professionals who constantly strive each day to provide an unparalleled client experience. Our reputation is everything, and I'm proud to be part of a firm that embraces a collaborative environment, that puts both clients and our staff first, and that continues to support the community."

- Adam R. Seligman

"Ward Damon is a special place. I realized that when I first joined the firm. There is a true spirit of cooperation and desire to help each other succeed within the firm. In addition, for thirty years Ward Damon has been a steward of our community. I am proud to be a part of this family."

- Eddie E. Stephens III

FIRM UPDATES

2017 Super Lawyers

Attorneys **I. Jeffrey Pheterson**, **Michael J Posner** and **Sally Still** have been named Super Lawyers for 2017.

Super Lawyers also selected Ward Damon associate **Dane Leitner** as a 2017 Rising Star. [Super Lawyers](#) rates outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have obtained high degrees of peer recognition and professional achievement. This selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations. Only five percent of attorneys in Florida are recognized with this distinction and only 2.5 percent of attorneys are selected to Rising Stars.



Eddie Stephens Wins Prestigious FL Bar Award

Eddie E. Stephens III was awarded [The Florida Bar](#)'s prestigious **Alberto Romero Jr. Making a Difference Award** for his dedication to making a difference for Florida's children and families through tireless service to the disadvantaged and underserved members of our community. Stephens also received the **Family Law Section Unsung Hero Award** in honor of his selfless willingness to provide his help and expertise whenever needed, and the **Family Law Section Above and Beyond Award** for exceeding all expectations during service to the Family Law Section. The awards were presented at the 67th Annual Florida Bar Convention that took place June 21-24, 2017 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.



Philip Ward Re-elected HCDPBC Board Chair

At its annual meeting last month, the [Health Care District of Palm Beach County](#)'s Board of Commissioners unanimously re-elected its Board Chair and officers: **Philip H. Ward, III**, as Chair of the Health Care District Board, Brian R. Lohmann as Vice Chair, and Nancy C. Banner, Esq. as Secretary. Mr. Ward was appointed to the Health Care District Board by Florida Governor Rick Scott in October 2011 and was re-appointed in May 2016. He also serves on the District's Quality Patient Safety and Compliance Committee.



Sally Still Joins LPBC Class of 2017

Congratulations to **Sally Still**! Sally graduated in June from the [Leadership Palm Beach County](#) Class of 2017. Sally joins fellow Ward Damon alumni **Eddie Stephens, Denise Bleau, and Adam Seligman** with a commitment to serving our community. Ward Damon is proud to be a community partner with



this wonderful organization uniting and educating our area's most promising leaders.

Ward Damon Presents Leadership Grow Scholarship

Eddie Stephens recently presented a \$1000 college scholarship to Leadership Grow graduate **Rueben Garcia-Navarro**. Rueben, an 11th grade student at [John I. Leonard Community High School](#), received one of the nine scholarships from the student program by [Leadership Palm Beach County](#) and was selected by Ward Damon because of his interest to become a lawyer. Maybe we'll see Rueben at Ward Damon in a few more years!



Eddie Stephens joins Center for Child Counseling Board



Our partner **Eddie Stephens** was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the [Center for Child Counseling](#), a nonprofit organization to serve young, vulnerable children in Palm Beach County. Eddie spoke in April at a wonderful event presented by the Center for Child Counseling, Inc. and Leadership Palm Beach County - **Lead the Fight: Exploring the Economic Impact of Childhood Adversity and Trauma on Palm Beach County**. Eddie spoke about the importance of a trauma informed community and his personal experiences with ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences). Ward Damon was proud to sponsor such an important event for the community and **Denise Bleau** attended showing support for her fellow partner!

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