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Attorney **R. Craig Harrison** has been selected as a Super Lawyer for inclusion in the 2016 edition of Florida Super Lawyers in estate and trust litigation.

Harrison is board certified by the Florida Bar as an expert in wills, trusts and estates and has achieved the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest recognition possible in the legal industry for his professionalism and ethics.

Attorney **Morgan R. Bentley**, a partner in the Sarasota-based law firm Bentley & Bruning PA, has once again been named to Florida Trend magazine's prestigious Legal Elite list.

Those named to the Legal Elite list are selected by their peers, who are invited to name attorneys for whom they have the highest regard or whom they would recommend to others. Only 1,144 lawyers in Florida were named to the 2016 list, which represents fewer than 2 percent of the active Florida Bar members who practice in Florida.

Bentley, a Florida Super Lawyer, is the chairman of the Florida Commission on Ethics, having been twice appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives. He concentrates his practice in the area of litigation involving business and real estate disputes.

Coral Pleas, founder and owner of Cutting Loose Salon, recently took part in a panel at Premiere Orlando. She and other salon owners shared the business practices that have made them successful.

Pleas provided an in-depth look at her effective marketing ventures. Pleas owns salons in Sarasota, University Park and Lakewood Ranch.

Forty Carrots Family Center announced the election of new members and officers to its 2016-2017 board of trustees, effective June 1.

Forty Carrots welcomed new trustees **Tomeika Hunter-Koski**, former teacher and owner of Queen Bee Real Estate and Hunter Kinder Schools, and **Heather Williams**, CPA/CFP, shareholder with Kerkering, Barberio & Co.

The newly elected officers are chairman **Rick Gomez**, managing director of wealth management at Northern Trust; secretary **Chris Jarmul**, Americas sales manager at International Data Corp.; and treasurer **Robert Stroud**, attorney, Blalock Walters, P.A.

Remaining trustees are **Jane Bennett; Ariane Dart; Liz Diaz; Caroline Ellerson; Renee Farmer; Lesley France; Betsy Kane-Hartnett; Ashley Kozel; Manav Malik, DMD; Anna Nekoranec; Justin Powell; Nicholas Roberts; Jena Wilson**; ex-officio executive director **Michelle Kapreilian; Kim Githler; Stanley Kane**; and **Jeff Steinwachs**, trustee emeriti.

Forty Carrots is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families in Sarasota and Manatee counties through educational programs for parents, children and professionals in the field. Trustees further the mission by supporting, guiding and raising funds.

Waterscapes Pools & Spas, one of Florida's largest residential pool builders and a subsidiary of Neal Communities, recently hired **Rob LaGasse** and **Kari Osnes** as pool designers.

In their new roles, LaGasse and Osnes will work with clients to design their new custom pools or spas. LaGasse will be based in the Lakewood Ranch office while Osnes will service Lee and Collier counties.

A third generation pool contractor, LaGasse has 30 years of experience in the pool business. He worked for his family's pool company as a teenager and began his own pool cleaning business at age 16.

Osnes has over 20 years of experience in the construction and design industry and has consulted on and completed numerous new construction and remodeling projects. Prior to joining Waterscapes, she was a design associate for a licensed interior designer and worked in sales for high-end remodeled homes in Naples.

PGT Inc. has appointed **Dan Plotnick**, of PGT Custom Windows & Doors, as director of Southeast Florida and international sales.

Plotnick has over 20 years of experience growing sales divisions, delivering sales results and implementing corporate strategy, with experience in the U.S., Asia Pacific and India. Before joining PGT, he served as director of sales and marketing for Guardian Industries. He also held sales leadership roles with Pilkington Group Limited and Stanley Tool & Hardware Corp.

He has a bachelor's in history and political science from Occidental College and a Master of Business Administration from Smith School of Business, University of Maryland. Plotnick also completed the post-graduate program from Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College for Executive Education and Management Training Program for Marketing and Leadership.

PGT, based in North Venice, is the nation's leading manufacturer and supplier of residential impact-resistant windows and doors.

The Adams and Reese law firm had eight attorneys statewide named to the 2016 list of Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, which appeared in the July 2016 issue of Florida Super Lawyers magazine. Only 5 percent of attorneys in Florida receive this honor.

The two Sarasota attorneys honored are Super Lawyer **Robert J. Gill**, a partner who specializes in eminent domain; and Rising Star **Ryan W. Owen**, a partner who specializes in construction litigation.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area.

Rising Stars are attorneys 40 or younger or who have been practicing 10 years or less. No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state receive the Rising Star honor.

Appellate specialist **Duane A. Daiker**, of the law firm Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP, was recently elected chairman of the Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar. Daiker was installed for a one-year term during the bar's annual meeting June 16 at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek.

With 10 years of service within the organization, he has served in numerous leadership positions, including vice chairman, secretary-treasurer and continuing legal education coordinator.

The Appellate Practice Section is a 1,700-member organization made up of Florida lawyers and judges. The organization is devoted to promoting excellence in state and federal appellate practice through study, continued legal education, increased public awareness and exchange of ideas.

Daiker has been board certified by the Florida Bar as an appellate practice specialist since 2007. His practice extends to all state and federal appellate courts in Florida, including the Florida Supreme Court. He previously served as chairman of the Appellate Law Section of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Ellen Sackett, of Keller Williams Realty, was selected as the June Woman of the Month at Bradenton Chapter of Successful Women Aligning Together. Her SWAT peers recognized her dedication, hard work, positive spirit and outstanding and invaluable service to her business and community.

SWAT is an all-women business networking organization that currently has seven chapters that each meet once a month, with locations in Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch, Manasota, Anna Maria Island, Parrish, Venice and Brandon. For more information go to Swatnetworking.com.

Laura Detwiler was recently hired as the new catering sales director at the Meadows Country Club, in Sarasota. Detwiler will oversee the catering and banquet operations at the Meadows, as well as acquire new business by expanding the corporate market and the regional wedding/social market.

Detwiler brings exceptional organizational and communications skills and a track record of orchestrating creative and memorable social and corporate events for over 15 years.

For the third year in a row, 14 physicians in the Intercoastal Medical Group have been named among the country's leading physicians in the annual America's Top Doctors compilation produced by publisher Castle Connolly.

This year, the following physicians were named: Internal Medicine specialists **Charles Hollen** and **David Daiello**; family practice specialists **Harold Johnson**, **Joe Larkin** and **Krista Toomre**; dermatologist **Joseph Yohn**; gynecologist **Jon Yenari**; neurologists **Julio Cantero** and **Mauricio Concha**; endocrinologists **Wende M. Kozlow** and **Jesus Perez**; and surgeons **Richard Golub**, colorectal, **Scott Stevens**, general, and **Matthew Byers**, otolaryngology.

IMG is a professional association of more than 85 physicians serving Sarasota and Manatee counties with seven locations.

The Top Doctors listing is compiled from a physician-led team of researchers following a rigorous screening process to select the top physicians on both national and regional levels.