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# LUCIUS SMEJDA

## PRINCIPAL

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**Admitted to Bar:** USA: New York, Florida and Illinois; Canada: Alberta; The Supreme Court of the United States; The United States Tax Court and numerous other courts.

**International Notary:** Florida (Equivalent to Civil Law Notary)

**Languages:** English, French, German, basic Spanish and basic Russian.

**Education:** Northwestern University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1968); Columbia University (J.D., 1972); New York University (LL.M. in Taxation, 1974); The Hague Academy of International Law (Netherlands); The Sorbonne (Paris, France); University of Strasbourg (France).

**Publications:** "The Supplemental Register: Does It Fulfill Its Functions Internationally and Domestically?", *Trademark Reporter* 1972; "The New United States-Canada Income Tax Treaty", *International Estate Planning - ABA* 1981; "The Proposed Canadian Tax Treaty; Trends and Policies", *International Tax Journal* 1981; "U.S. Tax Considerations for Foreign Investments in U.S. Portfolio Asset (Stocks, Bonds, Deposits, Commodities)", "Taxation of Foreign Investors", *Florida Bar* 1981; "Aperçu général des principaux impôts en matière d'Investissement Canadien dans la propriété foncière Américaine", *Canadian Bar Association, (Montreal)* 1983; "Notions élémentaires de planification commerciale et fiscale à l'usage d'entreprises françaises désirant s'établir aux Etats-Unis", *Chambre Nationale de la Restauration et de l'Hôtellerie* 1982; "Major Restrictions on Foreign Investment in Canada", *Current Legal Issues in U.S./Canada Trade & Investment, (Florida Bar CLE Manual)* 1985; "U.S. Taxation of Corporations, Fiscalité Canada – Etats-Unis", *Laval University, Canada* 1986; "Business Operations in Panama", *1987 BNA Tax Management Portfolio*; "Establishing and Managing a Canadian Business in Florida", "Planning Considerations for Canadians Doing Business or Residing in Florida", *Quebec Forum* 2000; "Structuring Repatriation of Profits, Interest and Dividends", *Florida Bar*, 2001; "Acquisition & Financing of Real Estate Investments" *French Notary Seminar* 2002; "Planning Future Repatriations", *France-Florida Forum (Paris, 2002)*; "International Tax Planning", *Russian Symposium (St Petersburg, 2003)*; "Major US Laws & Practices re: International Business & Investments", *Barcelona Symposium (Barcelona, 2004)*; "Estonia – New Europe Gateway?" *International Symposium (Miami, 2005)*; "Investing & Living in Florida: Tax & Legal Solutions", *Mondissimo convention (Paris, 2010)*; « Establishing and Managing a Canadian Business in Florida », *Quebec-Florida Forum (Quebec, 2010)*; « U.S. Non-resident Taxation and Estate Planning », *Quebec-Florida Forum (Quebec, 2010)*. "Acquiring and Managing Florida Real Estate", *Forum Florida – Québec, (Fort Lauderdale, 2011)*; "U.S. International Income and Estate Tax Planning for Canadians" *Forum Florida – (Fort Lauderdale, 2011)*; "Vivre, investir et entreprendre en Floride" *Forum Québec – Floride 2012 (Québec, 2012)*; "Tax Structuring of U.S. Business and Investment Structures for Canadians and Mexicans" -, "Acquiring and Managing Florida Real Estate for Canadians or Mexicans", *Symposium NAFTA, "Investment and Business Track", (Boca Raton, 2015)*; "Living, Investing or Doing Business in Florida" *Seminar NAFTA (Orlando, 2015)*.

**Member:** International Bar Association; The New York Bar; The Florida Bar (Chair, International Law Section, 2004-2005); Canadian and American Bar Associations; Alberta Law Society; Canadian Tax Foundation; International Fiscal Association; Phi Beta Kappa; James Kent Circle; Harlan Fiske Stone; U.S. National Association of Civil Law Notaries.



# WILLIAM H. NEWTON, III

## OF COUNSEL

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**Admitted to Bar:**

Florida; Texas; Mississippi; United States District Court, Southern District of Florida; United States District Court, Middle District of Florida; United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Tax Court; United States Court of Claims.

**Education:**

Mississippi State University (B.S., 1967); Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.S., 1968); Southern Methodist University (J.D., 1972).

**Publications:**

International Income Tax and Estate Planning, Thomson-West Publishing(Updated Annually); "Transferee Liability Under Section 6901 of the Code", 12 Houston L.R. 820 (1975); "Collection of Federal Taxes by Transferee Liability: How it works: Who Can Be Caught", 43 J. Taxation 112 (1975); "Procedural Due Process and Prejudgment Creditor Remedies: A Proposal for Reform of the Balancing Test", 33 Wash. U Lee L.R. 65 (1977); "What is a Security: A Critical Analysis", 48 Miss. L.J. 167 (1977); "The Limits of Liability: Recent Judicial Restrictions on Rule 10b-5", 6 Fla. St. L.R. 63 (1978); "Points to Remember – Transferee Liability and its Relation to the Statutory Notice", 31 Tax Law 458 (1978); "The United States Tax Court – Should Discovery be Expanded?", 33 Miami L. Rev. 611 (1979), reprinted in 30 Monthly Dig of Tax Articles 1 (May 1980); "Foreign Investment in United States Real Estate", 10 Australian Tax Review 181 (1981) reprinted in 11 Ga. J. Int. & Comp. L. 1 (1981) and 34 Tax Exec. 12 (1981); "Selecting a Situs for a Foreign Trust, the Key Factors; How and When to Change It", 59 J. Taxation 220 (1983); "Transfer Tax Treaties", 37 SW L. J. 563 (1983) reprinted in Monthly Dig. of Tax Articles (1984); "Trust Situs – Choice and Change", 35 U. Fla. L. Rev. 798 (1983); "Taxation of Trust Beneficiaries", 12 Australian Tax Rev. 239 (1983); "Foreign Gross Income Exclusion: Section 911", 16 U. Miami Inter-Am L. Rev. 373 (1984); "Foreign Gross Income Inclusion: Section 911", 13 Austl. Tax Rev. 266 (1984); "The 1984 Amendments to the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act", 31 Prac. Law. 61 (1985); "The Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980: The New Changes", 14 Real Est. L.J. 42 (1985); "Structuring Foreign Investment in United States Real Estate", 50 U. Miami L. Rev. 517 (1996); "Estate Administration and Postmortem Planning Considerations for the International Client", A Guide to International Estate Planning, American Bar Association (2000); "Structuring Inbound Investments – U.S. Tax Considerations" (Florida Bar, 2005), ); "Restructuring Investment Arrangements", STEP Journal, 57 (January 2010); "Divergent Objectives", Step Journal, 39, (October 2010); "Pre-Immigration Tax and Estate Planning—Utilization of Code §121 Exclusion" 85 Fla. Bar J. 55 (July -August 2011); "Situs Shift" STEP Journal, 50, (August 2011); "Use of Disclaimers by U.S. Persons in the International Context", 86 Fla. Bar J. 45 (December 2012); International Income Tax and Estate Planning (Second edition, revised), reviewed, STEP Journal, 82 (June 2015); "Trust Domestication Tactics", STEP Journal, 63 (February 2014); "Personal Use of Florida Residential Realty by a Nonresident Alien Shareholder of a Foreign Corporate-related Structure", 88 Fla. Bar J. 42 (May 2015)

**Experience:**

Adjunct Professor of Law (1979 – Present), University of Miami Masters of Tax Program.

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**Practice Areas:**

International Tax and Tax Planning; International Trust and Estate Planning.



# JOSEPH B. McFARLAND

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**Publications:** "The Case Management Conference: Tune-Up Needed?" Florida Bar Journal (October 2001); "The Innocent Spouse Rule: Variation on a Theme," Florida Bar Journal (February 1999); "The Medicaid Disability Trust" Co-author with Roger Bernstein, Florida Bar Journal (December 1995); "The U.S. - Canada Income Tax Treaty: The Revised Protocol," Florida Bar Journal (August 1995); "The Qualified Domestic Trust," 7 Florida Journal of International Law 119 (Spring 1992); "Tax Reform Comes to the U.S. Virgin Islands," The International Business Lawyer, (July/August 1988); "Counseling the International Client on Alternative Countries of Residence: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico," International Law Quarterly, Florida Bar publication(October 1987).

**Member:** Chairman, Unlicensed Practice of Law (UPL) Committee (Orlando-9B), Florida Bar (2006 - 2010); Vice-President, German-American Business Council of Tampa Bay (1997-2000); Board Member, French-American Business Council of West Florida (1999-2000); Adjunct Professor. of Law (International Taxation), Stetson University College of Law (1994); Chairman, European Union Subcom., Tampa Bay Int'l Business Council (1994-95); Executive Committee Member, Tampa Bay Int'l Business Council (1987-89), American Immigration Lawyers Association.

**Practice areas:** International business transactions; tax law; immigration law; pre-immigration corporate and tax structuring; general corporate and contract law.



# ANTONIO R. ZAMORA

## OF COUNSEL

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- Admitted to Bar:** Florida, 1973.
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- Education:** University of Florida (B.A., Political Science, 1965); Certificate of Latin America Studies, 1965); University of Miami M.A., 1996 (International Studies); University of Florida, J.D., 1973.
- Publications:** “Andean Pact: Regulation of Foreign Investments”, Vol. 10, No. 1, International Lawyer, 1976; “Joint Real Estate Developments between Foreign Persons and U.S. Persons”, Real Estate Digest, 1980; “Cuba’s New Foreign Investment Law: Better, Worse or the Same as Before?”, Focus Americas, February 1996; “Real Estate Investments in Cuba: Back to the Future”, Florida Journal of International Law, Fall 1997 (Published in 1999); “Foreign Investment in Cuba: A U.S. Perspective”, Probate & Property Magazine (ABA), November/December 2000; “Cuba’s Business Enterprises: How Business is Conducted on the Island”, Florida Journal of International Law, Spring 2003; “The Political Evolution of the Cuban-American Community of South Florida: 1959-2005”, The Wisconsin Symposium on Cuba, March 3-5, 2005; “How Cuba’s Legal System Will Adapt to a business Opening”, Latin Lawyer, July 2006; Cuba’s Real Estate Under Succession”, International Law Quarterly, The Florida Bar, Summer/Fall 2008; “Real Estate development in Cuba: Present and Future”, published by Nova Southeastern University, ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law, Summer 2009; “What I Learned About Cuba by Going to Cuba” a Cuba Libre Publication, 2013.
- Experience:** Vice-Chairman, City of Miami International Trade Board, 1985-1993; President, Miami Friends of Caribbean/Latin American Action, 1985-1987; Director and Legal Counsel, Cuban-American National Foundation, 1982-1992; Vice-President, Official Chamber of Commerce and Venezuelan-American Industries, 1988-1990; trustee, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, 1984; President, Hispanic American Voters Education, Inc., 1983-1984; Secretary, Bay of Pig’s Veteran’s Association, 1983-1984; Founder and First Vice-President, Cuban American Bar Association, 1975; President, US/Cuba Legal Forum, Inc., 2000 to date; International Advisor, University of Florida College of Law, 2002 to date; President, Foundation of the Normalization of US/Cuba Relations, 2006-2008.
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**Member:** The Florida Bar; The International Law Section of the Florida Bar (Chair, Russia-Eurasian Committees of the International Law Section).

**Practice Areas:** International, Corporate, Commercial & Notarial Law, Governmental Relations.

**Speaker:** Florida Bar Seminars 2002-2004; Russian Investment Symposium, 2003; International Symposium, 2005.



## ALEKSANDR SMIRNOV OF COUNSEL

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**Education:** St. Petersburg State University Law School, Russia (2002)

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**Member:** Organizer of annual Business Association Seminar dealing with issues of mediation.

**Practice areas:** Corporate law, international and Russian tax law, international commercial law, domestic and international arbitration, legal regulation of Russian state-owned enterprises.



**ERIC J.P. CITREY  
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**Experience:** Legal Counsel at Price Waterhouse, Paris (1987-1989), General Counsel at COFIREM Holding (1989-1990), In-house counsel at GEC ASLTHOM TRANSPORT S.A. (1990-1996).

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- Member:** Florida Bar – International Law Section (secretary); Board of Directors, British-American Chamber of Commerce; Florida Bar International Law Section 2005 Chair of International Law Certification and Update Seminar; 2006 Chair of International Transactions Overview Seminar; American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); 2007 International Transaction Overview Seminar (Chair); 2008 First Annual International Business Transactions Conference (Co-Chair).
- Practice areas:** International business transactions and foreign investments; immigration law; pre-immigration corporate and tax structuring; general corporate and contract law





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- Experience:** Legal adviser and chief of law department of production and trade companies, CFO of holding company. Lawyer for City Invest Bank JSC in Saint-Petersburg, Russia (1999-2000). Head of legal department of City Invest Bank JSC in Saint-Petersburg, Russia, specialized in banking and corporate law, finance, taxation and investment law (2000-2001). Head of legal department of Universal-Contact Nets JSC. Saint-Petersburg, Russia, specialized in Corporate law, Intellectual property law, Patent law, International private law (2001-2002). Vice president of legal department and international relations of Universal-Contact Nets JSC. Saint-Petersburg, Russia, specialized in international relations. (2002-2003). Chief Financial Officer for UNI Oy. Helsinki, Finland, specialized in furniture design promotion, investments, patents and taxation (2003-2004). Vice president of Autocenter Pulkovo Ltd., specialized in external control, finance and tax law (2004-2006). CEO of Pulkovo-Auto Ltd., responsible for general management duties, development and finance (2004-2006). Senior partner of RichWise consulting group (2006-present). Professor of international private and public law, and law of international organizations at Saint-Petersburg State University.
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- Practice areas:** International law, international and Russian taxation, commercial law and arbitration of Russia and CIS countries, technical regulations, banking regulations.



# EVGENY V. GOLOVANOV

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**Publications:** Few aspects of totalitarian regimes in XXI century. Law School magazine (2002); Public science – Teaching guide (2007). The UN Security Council: the place and importance in the XXI century. POLITEKS political expertise. Vol.8. Number 2. St. Petersburg., 2011., Crisis in the approaches to reforming the UN Security Council. // Political institutions in the world today. Materials of the Scientific Conference with International Participation 10 - December 11, 2010, St. Petersburg., 2010., Approaches to the UN Security Council reform: political and legal aspects. // United Nations: Challenges and mechanisms. Collection of scientific papers. St. Petersburg., 2011, The problem of Kosovo in the context of the concept of universal security. // Politics in texts - texts in politics: science is the history of ideas and doctrines. Materials of the International scientific conference, the 40th Anniversary of the Department of Social and Political History of the exercise of political science faculty of Moscow State University. MV University. 28-29 October 2011, Moscow, 2011., The crisis of universal security system: history, theory and practice. // Politics in texts - texts in politics: science is the history of ideas and doctrines. Materials of the International scientific conference, the 40th Anniversary of the Department of Social and Political History of the exercise of political science faculty of Moscow State University. MV University. 28-29 October 2011, Moscow, 2011.

**Experience:** Executive secretary, United Nations Association Russia (from 2003), Professor of International law and Public science (from 2005), Dean assistant School of Political science St. Petersburg State University (from 2009), President of IBC group Russian Office (2007 - current).

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**CARLOS AUD SOBRINHO  
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University Candido Mendes, Rio de Janeiro, Doctorate in International Law.

**Experience:**

Current President at CAS Oil Visas. A leader in the area of immigration, CAS prepares a strategic and effective recruitment and transfer of skilled foreign labor in Brazil, regulating the foreign collaborators who are uncertain about the legislation and laws. CAS has 38 years of experience and knowledge to meet the needs of our clients. Dr. Carlos Aud Sobrinho, the C.E.O. of CAS and a professional with the most years of experience in the immigration area, shows that CAS does what it promises, with complete quality and guaranteed deadlines.

**Practice areas:**

International Law, Immigration Law.



**OLIVIER HANCE  
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Belgium, Luxembourg (Practices in Belgium & Luxembourg)

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Olivier holds a Master in Laws (UCL, Belgium), a Ph.D. in Law (Aix-Marseille, France), a two-year Executive MBA from Louvain School of Management (Belgium), Antai (Shanghai, China), Fundacao Getulio Vargas (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and Corvinus (Budapest, Hungary). Dr. Hance also graduated from numerous executive masters and programmes (INSEAD, Solvay, HEC Brussels, Tulane, etc.) in finance, real estate, wealth management, corporate governance and entrepreneurship.

**Member:**

Belgian Bar Association; Bar of Luxembourg (list IV).

**Experience**

He has launched and managed various companies, sat in boards, been partner with Deloitte & Touche (with offices at Brussels, New York & Johannesburg) and served EU institutions. He has been teaching management and law in many universities over the past 20 years, notably the courses of "International Business Law" and an international seminar on "Private Equity as an Asset Class"

**Publications**

Olivier is the author of three books translated in many languages and the author of numerous papers. Olivier speaks French, English and Italian

**Practice areas:**

International Law, Business Law, Real Estate Law, Corporate Law.



# ERIC VIGNERON

## OF COUNSEL

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- Admitted to Bar:** French ; Dominican Republic (Bar of Santo Domingo) Bar of Quebec (Canada)
- Languages:** French, English, Spanish
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# SUSANNE LEONE

## JURIST

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Germany; Florida (expected 2017)

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St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida,  
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**Lex International Law Firm, P.A., Miami, Florida** 12/8/14 - present  
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**HammersenS, Munich, Germany** 09/01/14 – 11/07/14  
Lawyer  
(Business, corporate, employment law, bank and finance, compliance)

**Coane and Associates, PLLC, Miami Beach, Florida** Summer 2014  
Intern  
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International Law, Business Law, Contractual and Corporate Law



# JASMIN WELKER

## JURIST

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Germany

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**University of Erlangen-Nurnberg**

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**Miami, Florida, USA,**

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Jurist + German Attorney (Contracts and Corporate Law, Immigration, real estate)

**Sixt Rent a Car, LLC**

**Fort Lauderdale, USA**

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Contract and Concession Manager (business, compliance, contracts, corporate)

**Drager & Kollegen Law Firm,**

**Bamberg, Germany**

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**Attorney at Law**

(family, employment, inheritance, corporate law and litigation)

**Cenanovic Law Firm,**

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**Attorney at Law**

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**Lex International Law Firm, P.A.**

**Miami, Florida, USA,**

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