

Community's failure to heed warnings about boardwalk guardrails results in \$9.4 million settlement for injuries

Woman falls six feet from unprotected boardwalk, suffering permanent injury

Our clients, Lisa and Dan Smith (names changed for confidentiality) asked SDSBS attorneys **Chris Searcy**, **Cameron Kennedy**, and **Carter Scott**, along with Dana Matthews of the law firm Matthews and Jones, to represent them after Lisa was paralyzed from the waist down when she fell from an elevated boardwalk along a beach community in Florida.

In October 2014, Lisa was visiting friends who owned a home in an upscale, gated beach community. Because the community was situated on a parcel of land that abutted one of Florida's many environmentally protected beaches, the developer constructed a boardwalk system which traversed miles of beach dunes and provided owners and guests access to and from the beach, pool, and common areas. As the



only means of accessing the protected areas of the community, the boardwalk was open to foot traffic, bicycles, and golf carts. Bicycling along the elevated boardwalk, Lisa suddenly lost her balance and fell to the ground six feet below. The fall caused a burst fracture of a thoracic vertebra, damaging her spinal cord and causing paralysis. Lisa now faced a lifetime of expensive medical care caused by the injury. The parties who created the circumstances that caused her injuries needed to be held responsible. Her attorneys filed a lawsuit against the developer of the community and the homeowner association charged with maintaining the property.

The facts uncovered during the case told a familiar story of cost-cutting and safety violations in an effort to save money and maximize profits. Construction plans for the boardwalk *(Continued on page two.)*

Over \$3.2 million in settlement for drunk driver's damaging crash

After two years of investigating, SDSBS obtained a settlement for the injured plaintiff just before the trial began

On New Year's Eve 2014, John Elliott (not his real name) was driving his car to pick up takeout food for him and his girlfriend. They had planned on spending a quiet evening at home and off the streets. Unfortunately, John did not make it to the restaurant that evening. He had stopped at a red light when, all of a sudden, he heard the roar of a Lamborghini racing down the street at a high rate of speed. The Lamborghini slammed into the back of John's car with such force that his car was

propelled into the air. Despite being properly secured in his seatbelt, John hit his head on the roof of the car, injuring his neck, back, and shoulder.

John was whisked away in an ambulance to a local hospital where tests were done to evaluate his injuries. The tests revealed that his injuries were severe and would require a three-level lumbar fusion. Suffering from daily pain after the crash, John would never be able to live a normal life.

The police determined that the defendant who caused the crash had a blood alcohol level of .33 – more than four times the legal limit. Although the defendant had two prior convictions for driving under the influence, the court only sentenced the defendant to a few months of house arrest, three years of probation, and alcohol treatment. *(Continued on page two.)*

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originally specified guardrails in areas where the height of the boardwalk exceeded 30 inches above the ground to prevent serious injury caused by falls from greater heights. The developer, however, cut corners and cut costs by building the boardwalk system without the necessary safety guardrails. Several years later, the community began transitioning from developer-control to homeowner-control under the Florida laws that govern these communities. As part of this transition, an engineering firm was hired to inspect the boardwalk and identify issues that would require repairs or maintenance on the system. The engineers reported back to the developer and to the board of directors of the homeowner association that the boardwalk was unsafe because it lacked guardrails to protect users and that the lack of guardrails constituted a violation of the Florida Building Code. Instead of accepting the report from the engineering firm, the developer and the association elected to ignore the warnings. The parties continued to allow homeowners and guests to freely use the boardwalk despite the dangers posed by having no guardrails. A few short years later, Lisa fell from the boardwalk and suffered catastrophic injuries.

After several years of litigation and on the eve of trial, the attorneys obtained a settlement of \$9.4 million for their clients. Mr. Kennedy said, "Our clients are amazing people who love each other dearly. Lisa suffered a devastating injury that could have and should have been prevented. They would give anything to have Lisa walk again instead of being confined to a wheelchair. But that isn't going to happen. Nevertheless, they take comfort knowing that because of their lawsuit no one will be injured on the boardwalk again because the guardrails were added after her fall." SDSBS is honored and grateful for the privilege of representing these remarkable individuals. ♦

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The defendant was prohibited from drinking while on probation.



John asked SDSBS to help him prosecute the civil case. Attorneys **Chris Searcy, Karen Terry, and Andrea Lewis** filed suit in Palm Beach County, Florida. The case was particularly challenging considering that John Elliott had significant preexisting back problems.

While the case was pending, the SDSBS attorneys hired a private investigator to follow the defendant to ensure that he was abiding by the conditions of his probation. Not surprisingly, the investigator captured video footage of the defendant drinking alcohol almost immediately. The evidence was provided to the county prosecutor and the defendant was charged with violating his probation.

SDSBS attorneys worked on the case for over two years. During jury selection, the insurance carrier covering the Lamborghini finally paid a settlement of \$3,250,000. It was a long road, but justice was finally served. ♦



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University student suffers brain injury from car-pedestrian accident

Concussion caused seizures and coma, requiring long-term, intense therapy

SDSBS attorneys **Chris Searcy** and **Matt Schwencke** recently obtained a \$1.6 million settlement on behalf of a college student seriously injured in a vehicle-pedestrian accident that occurred at Clemson University in South Carolina. Purdue University graduate student, Carla Peters (not her real name) and her crew teammates had traveled to Clemson for a spring training crew meet. One morning, Carla and two of her teammates were walking to crew practice. As they approached an intersection and then proceeded to cross the street, a car driven by a Clemson student suddenly struck the group. All three of the women were injured, but Carla was injured the worst. She sustained direct trauma to her head and was promptly transported to a hospital by ambulance. She required staples to close a laceration to her head. After treatment, Carla was placed on a concussion protocol by her coaches and the team returned to Purdue a few days later. Upon return, Carla began to feel lethargic and sleepy, and suffered headaches and nausea. She visited a clinic at Purdue to seek treatment and was later transferred to a local hospital. There, she was diagnosed with post-concussion syndrome and given instructions to follow up with a neurologist.

Carla's husband, George (not his real name), also a Purdue graduate student, took her home from the hospital and watched over her for about an hour. He then left to turn in a homework assignment. When George returned home, he found Carla lying on the floor at the foot of their bed. She was gesturing wildly and unable to control her body. She mumbled incoherently. There was vomit and blood on the



carpet and on her face. Her nose was bleeding and her lip was very swollen. George tried to wake her up but she did not respond. He called 911. Paramedics arrived and took Carla back to the hospital. At the hospital, lab tests revealed that Carla had significant hyponatremia (a sodium deficiency in her blood) resulting from the concussion she had



suffered. Respiratory failure followed, and she had to be intubated. She went into a coma and the doctors moved her to the intensive care unit. CT scans of her brain showed cerebral edema with loss of details in the sulci.

Carla remained in a coma for a week as her sodium levels were gradually raised. She developed seizures caused by the severe diffuse encephalopathy. Due to the brain injury, and corresponding mental and physical impairments, Carla required extensive and long-term physical, occupational, speech, and psychiatric therapy. She will require such therapy for many years.

A pre-suit demand was made on behalf of the Peters family. It was rejected by the defense, which contested liability as well as causation. The defense claimed that a concussion could not cause hyponatremia. SDSBS filed suit and the case was vigorously litigated for three years. Over 60 depositions were taken at locations in ten different states. A week before trial, the case was settled. ♦

Below, left: Carla and George on their wedding day.



No case is too big or too small for SDSBS attorney Matt Schwencke.

Over the course of a recent six-month period, SDSBS attorney **Matt Schwencke** obtained over \$2 million in settlements by resolving nine automobile cases (settlements ranged from \$20,000 to \$675,000, for a combined total of \$1.6 million), and two cases involving nursing homes for a combined total of \$500,000. ♦



Standing (l-r): Chris Speed, Jack Hill, Jack Scarola, Brian Denney, Chris Searcy, Greg Barnhart, John Shipley, Darryl Lewis, Ed Ricci, Cal Warriner, Mariano Garcia.
Seated (l-r): Andrea Lewis, Sia Baker-Barnes, Brenda Fulmer, Jim Gustafson, Karen Terry.

16 SDSBS attorneys, plus firm, listed as ‘Best in 2018’

Best Lawyers recently published its listing of 2018 Best Lawyers and Law Firms. Included in the listing were 16 SDSBS lawyers recognized for their success in representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice, professional malpractice, product liability, mass tort litigation, commercial litigation, and personal injury litigation – **Chris Searcy, Jack Scarola, Greg Barnhart, John Shipley, Sia Baker-Barnes, Brian Denney, Brenda Fulmer, Mariano Garcia, James Gustafson, Jack Hill, Andrea Lewis, Darryl Lewis, Ed Ricci, Chris Speed, Karen Terry, and Cal Warriner.**

Particularly significant was the selection of West Palm Beach, Florida, “Lawyer of the Year” **Jack Scarola** (2018 Mass

Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs), and “Lawyer of the Year” **Greg Barnhart** (2018 Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs). Only a single lawyer in each practice and metropolitan area is honored as “Lawyer of the Year.” Since it was first published in 1993, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Its selection process is based upon an exhaustive peer-review survey designed to capture the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues in the same geographical and legal practice areas.

The publication also named **SDSBS** a “2018 Best Law Firm.” ♦

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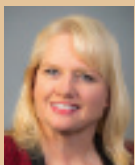
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Speaking Opportunities



Chris Searcy spoke at the Florida Justice Association's inaugural meeting of the Christian D. Searcy Voir Dire Institute held in August 2017. He participated in several different workshops on the topics of Plaintiff Liability Issues; Methodology and Strategy of Responding to Difficult and Sometimes Accusatory Statements or Comments by Jurors; "Philosophy" and Developing Challenges for Cause; Physical Pain and Suffering, Mental Pain and Anguish, Loss of Enjoyment of Life, Big Verdicts, and Tort Reform; Anticipating Defense Steps and Moves; and Voir Dire Methodology and Strategy to Seek and Identify Harmful, Problematic, and Case Destruction-Oriented Jurors. In October 2017, Mr. Searcy spoke at the FJA's Medical Malpractice Seminar which was held in conjunction with the "Masters of Justice Seminar." His topic was "Closing Argument: When You Sit Down, They Say Yes." The event was held at the Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota, Florida. ♦



Brenda Fulmer spoke at the American Association for Justice's Annual Convention held in July 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts. She participated in a panel discussion on "Settlement Strategies," and wrapped up an AAJ Education program on "Gaining a Deeper Understanding of Mass Torts." ♦



In August 2017, **Matt Schwencke** spoke to the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Paralegal Association of Florida. His presentation was "Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect." ♦



In October 2017, SDSBS was a sponsor of the Annual Judicial Reception and Installation of Officers for the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. SDSBS attorney **Kelly Hyman** was sworn in as chapter president.

The event was held at the Kravis Center-Cohen Pavilion in West Palm Beach, Florida. Also in October 2017, Kelly Hyman spoke at The Workers' Compensation CLE Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's seminar entitled "How to Reach the Iron Throne – A Workers' Compensation Claim from Start to Finish!" Her presentation addressed professionalism. The seminar was held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport in West Palm Beach, Florida. ♦

Ignored nursing home patient falls, later dies

Patient was designated to be at risk of falling and proper precautions were not practiced

In 2017, John Smith (not his real name), a 91-year-old man suffering from dementia and pneumonia, was admitted to a nursing home in south Florida. During admission, an evaluation of John's condition revealed him to be at risk of falling and proper precautions were put into place.

Sometime later during his stay at the nursing home, John was being bathed in the shower by a nursing home attendant. He sat on a stool as the attendant bathed him. As the shower was completed, the attendant turned her attention away from her patient. John then stood up, lost his balance, and fell in the shower, fracturing his hip. Fractures of this nature are critical for elderly patients, and a short time later John died from the injury.

John's wife contacted SDSBS attorney **Adam Hecht** and asked for his help in holding the nursing home accountable for their negligence in the care of her husband. Following several efforts to reach agreement, Mr. Hecht was able to obtain a favorable settlement for a confidential amount. ♦

Bus runs stop sign, hitting bicyclist, causing severe damages

Bus ran over the cyclist, trapping him beneath and crushing his lungs, damaging ribs and spleen

In 2016, 37-year-old Tom Scott (not his real name) was riding his bicycle down a street in Boynton Beach, Florida. As he approached an intersection and proceeded to cross it, a local bus ran a stop sign and crashed into Tom, driving right over him. He was trapped under the front tire of the vehicle, unable to breathe because his lungs were crushed. He blacked out due to the injuries. Fortunately, several passersby helped rescue him and called for an ambulance. Tom was transported to a hospital where an examination revealed he had pulmonary contusions, a lacerated spleen, several fractured ribs, and severe burns on his back. Following weeks of medical treatment and therapy, Tom and his family contacted SDSBS attorney **Adam Hecht** and asked for his help in an effort to hold the bus company accountable for the injuries. Mr. Hecht was successful in reaching a settlement before trial for an undisclosed amount. ♦

MASS TORT PROJECTS OF INTEREST

Abilify

Pathological Gambling

Bair Hugger Warming Blankets

Infections

DePuy Attune Knee Implants

Premature Device Failure
Tibial Baseplate Loosening

Essure

Organ Perforation

Hernia Mesh

Bowel Obstruction
Mesh Migration

Invokana and Farxiga

Amputations
Kidney Failure
Ketoacidosis

IVC Filter

Device Fracture
Heart and Lung Perforation
Migration

Januvia, Janumet, Byetta, and Victoza

Pancreatic Cancer
Thyroid Cancer

Laparoscopic Power Morcellator

Uterine Cancer

Lipitor

Diabetes

Metal-on-Metal Hip Implants (DePuy, Smith & Nephew, Wright Medical, and Zimmer)

Device Failure and Loosening
Inflammatory Response
Metallosis

Mirena IUD

Pseudotumor Cerebri
Intracranial Hypertension

Proton Pump Inhibitors (Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, Aciphex, Protonix, Zegerid, and Dexilant)

Renal/Kidney Failure

Propecia and Proscar

Sexual Dysfunction
Male Breast Cancer

Risperdal

Gynecomastia

Roundup Weed Killer

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
Leukemia
Multiple Myeloma
Soft Tissue Carcinoma
Bone Cancer

Stöckert 3T Heater-Cooler System

Non-Tuberculous
Mycobacteria Infection

Stryker Rejuvenate, ABG II, LFTT V40, and Accolade Hip Implants

Premature Device Failure
Metallosis
Inflammatory Response

Talcum Powder

Ovarian Cancer

Taxotere

Permanent Hair Loss

Testosterone

Blood Clots
Heart Attacks
Stroke

Viagra and Cialis

Melanoma

Xarelto and Pradaxa

Uncontrollable Bleeding
Death

Zimmer Biomet Shoulder

Device Fracture

Zofran and Depakote

Birth Defects

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USE: Modular, metal-on-metal hip implant.

HARM: Dissociation of femoral head resulting in catastrophic injuries; metallosis; elevated cobalt and chromium; pseudotumors; bone and tissue damage; and need for revision surgery.



Xarelto, Eliquis, and Pradaxa

USE: Treatment for atrial fibrillation, and post-operative blood clot prevention.

HARM: Inability to reverse impairment of blood clotting, which causes uncontrollable GI bleeding, intracranial hemorrhaging, and death.



DePuy Attune Knee Implants

USE: Knee implant device

HARM: Premature device failure; tibial baseplate loosening; pain; painful revision; bone or muscle damage.



Stöckert 3T Heater-Cooler System

USE: Control a patient's body temperature during surgery.

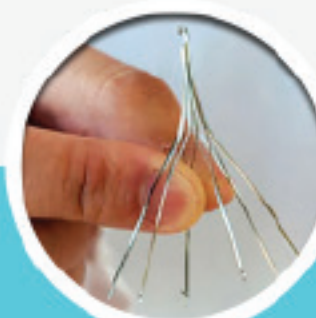
HARM: Non-tuberculous mycobacteria infection



Metal-On-Metal Hip Implants

USE: Hip implant devices with metal head and liner.

HARM: Breakdown of metallic surfaces; abnormal wear; premature device failure; elevated cobalt and chromium; metallosis and pseudotumor formation.



IVC Filters

USE: Temporary use to prevent blood clots.

HARM: Hemorrhage; migration; pulmonary embolism; stroke; and death

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Accolades



In June 2017, **Chris Searcy** was selected by *Law Dragon Magazine* for the "2017 Law Dragon 500," an annual listing of the top 500 lawyers in America. ♦



Florida Trend recently published its selection of the 2017 Florida Legal Elite, a prestigious roster of attorneys chosen for recognition by their peers. Included in this year's selection were **Chris Searcy, Jim Gustafson, and Karen Terry,**



each recognized for their civil trial practice. *Florida Trend* invited all in-state members of the Florida Bar to participate by naming attorneys whom they hold in highest regard or would recommend to others. Following balloting, top vote-getters were further reviewed by a panel of previous Legal Elite winners. ♦

Jim Gustafson was recently inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. IATL limits membership to 500 Fellows from the United States. The Academy honors those who have achieved a career of excellence through demonstrated skill and ability in jury trials, trials before the court, and appellate practice. In October 2017, Mr. Gustafson was appointed to serve a three-year term by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, Jorge Labarga, on the Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases. The Committee provides recommendations to the Court for amendments and revisions in standard jury instructions that may prove beneficial. ♦

Karen Terry was accepted for membership in the International Society of Barristers. Her nomination was unanimously accepted at the Board of Governors meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Membership is by invitation only and is extended to advocates of exceptional talent whose qualities include integrity, honor, and collegiality. ISOB is dedicated to preserving trial by jury, the adversary system, and an independent judiciary. ♦



In September 2017, the *Daily Business Review* published its list of 2016 Top Verdicts and Settlements. Ranked Number 11 in overall verdicts, and Number 1 in verdicts in the Civil Rights category, was the \$23.1 million jury award for the victim of a police shooting.



Attorneys **Jack Scarola, Darryl Lewis,** and Patrick Quinlan obtained the verdict on behalf of their client, Dontrell Stephens. The 20-year-old black man was riding a bicycle and talking on a cellphone when a Palm Beach County sheriff's deputy called to him. Within two seconds, the deputy pulled his gun out and shot the unarmed young man four times. Mr. Stephens was permanently paralyzed from the waist down. ♦



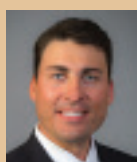
Brenda Fulmer received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association for Justice. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes members of AAJ's Board of Governors who, during the past year, have been of special assistance to the

president of AAJ. Ms. Fulmer also received AAJ's 2017 Above and Beyond Award recognizing members who have made exceptional contributions to sustain and strengthen the organization. AAJ's Evergreen Advisory Board presented SDSBS an award as one of its Lifetime Contributors for donations to support efforts to hold big business accountable for delaying claims, producing unsafe products, and polluting the environment. Ms. Fulmer accepted the award on behalf of the firm. ♦



Brian Denney, Florida Board Certified in Civil Trial Law since 2012, recently received his recertification as Florida Bar Board Certified in Civil Trial Law. Certification is The Florida Bar's highest level of evaluation of the competency

and experience of attorneys in the 26 areas of law approved for certification by the Florida Supreme Court. Only seven percent of eligible Florida Bar members are board certified. Other members of SDSBS who are also board certified are: **Chris Searcy, Jack Scarola, Greg Barnhart, Mariano Garcia, Jim Gustafson, Jack Hill, Karen Terry, and Cal Warriner.** ♦



Matt Schwencke was appointed chair of the Florida Justice Association's Medical Malpractice Committee by FJA's president, Dale Swope. FJA is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Florida's civil justice system and protecting the rights of Florida's citizens and consumers. ♦



Hardee Bass was inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates at the 2017 meeting of its Palm Beach Chapter, held in Palm Beach, Florida. ABOTA is dedicated to defending the American civil justice system. Its members represent both plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases and are uniquely qualified to address the value of the constitutionally mandated jury system. ♦



Kelly Hyman was sworn in as president of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association on October 5, 2017, at the Chapter's meeting held at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. FBA's mission is to strengthen the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and needs of the federal practitioner, the federal judiciary, and the public they serve. ♦



Adam Hecht and **Carter Scott** were both selected by the National Trial Lawyers for membership in its "Top 40 Under 40" professional organization. Membership is by invitation only and extended exclusively to trial lawyers practicing civil plaintiff and/or criminal defense law. It recognizes the select few of the most qualified attorneys who demonstrate superior qualifications of leadership, reputation, influence, stature, and public profile. Carter Scott was nominated and has accepted the position of secretary on the board of directors of the Florida Justice Association's Young Lawyers Section. ♦



Above: Chris Searcy and Greg Barnhart. Right: Chris Searcy, and Greg Barnhart and his family.



Greg Barnhart received the Florida Justice Association's "2017 Al J. Cone Lifetime Achievement Award," presented during FJA's Founders Luncheon (part of the 2017 Masters of Justice Seminar) held in October 2017 at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota, Florida. The award honors Al J. Cone whose career included leadership, setting examples for others, devotion, and courage. FJA is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Florida's civil justice system. ♦



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Attorney Brian Denney and his band are winners at American Heart Association's fundraiser, "Battle of the Bands"

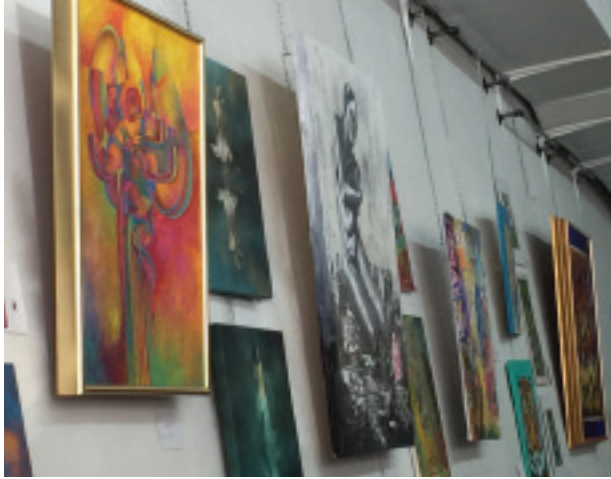
Attorney Brian Denney and his band participated in the American Heart Association's fundraiser, "Lawyers Have Heart Battle of the Bands – Cocktails for a Cause." The event was held in October 2017 at Copper Blues, City Place, West Palm Beach, Florida. Judges named the team a rocking winner of the Battle of the Bands. ♦



Ed Ricci part of 'Champion of the Year' team in fundraising contest for "Best Buddies Florida"

SDSBS participated in the Best Buddies Florida "Champion of the Year Competition" in November 2017. The organization recognized the 2017 Champion of the Year, Christina Birch, and her campaign manager, attorney Ed Ricci, for winning the fundraising contest. The team raised more than \$24,000 in donations. The organization is dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. ♦

Left: Ed Ricci, mother Jacquelyn Birch with her daughter, Christina, and Chris Searcy.



SDSBS a sponsor of the “Guatemalan Tomorrow” fundraising luncheon to help indigenous people

In November 2017, the Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund held its 25th Anniversary Luncheon at the Box Gallery in West Palm Beach, Florida. SDSBS was a sponsor of the event. The organization provides funds to enable the indigenous people of Guatemala to become self-sustaining with projects to improve health care, reduce illiteracy, promote environmentally sound agriculture, promote enterprise development, and increase awareness and participation in civic affairs. ♦

Taking... *Time to Care*

Below: SDSBS helps 65 Palm Beach County families enjoy a real Thanksgiving meal

Over 200,000 Palm Beach County residents do not know where their next meal is coming from, and do not have the money to buy food. For weeks prior to Thanksgiving 2017, SDSBS employees raised funds and gathered food donations to provide complete Thanksgiving meals for 65 families in need. From turkey, mashed potatoes, and pie, to love, laughter, and blessings, it was a joyous holiday for all. ♦



SDSBS was a title sponsor for the North Palm Beach Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association’s 2017 Annual Banquet and Auction

SDSBS was a title sponsor for the 2017 Annual Banquet and Auction held by the North Palm Beach Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association Florida. The event was held in November 2017 at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Jack Scarola accepted an award for the firm’s support of the organization’s goals. With chapters throughout the United States, CCA advises and educates the public on conservation of marine resources. ♦

Attorney Jordan Dulcie participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Annual ‘Lock-Up’ fundraiser event

In October 2017, Attorney Jordan Dulcie participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s Annual “Lock-Up” Fund-raiser held at Ruth’s Chris Steak House in West Palm Beach, Florida. Jordan raised over \$3,000 for MDA. The fundraisers support over 150 projects worldwide in an effort to advance treatment options and find cures for neurological diseases. ♦



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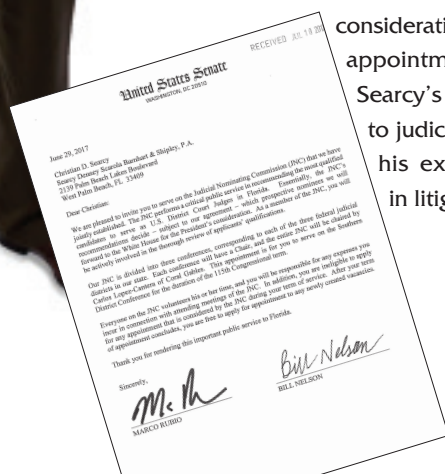
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Chris Searcy appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission

**Selection made by
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In June 2017, U.S. Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson invited **Chris Searcy** to serve on their Judicial Nominating Commission's Southern District Conference for the duration of the 115th Congressional term. The JNC performs a critical public service in recommending the most qualified candidates to serve as U.S. District Court judges in Florida. The JNC's recommendations – subject to the senators' agreement – decide which prospective nominees will be forwarded to the White House for the president's consideration. This prestigious appointment recognizes Mr. Searcy's considerable insight to judicial qualifications and his extensive experience in litigation. ♦



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