

FisherBroyles Opens Office in Miami with Four New Partners

FisherBroyles, LLP, has opened an office in Miami. This marks the firm's second Florida location among its 22 offices nationwide.

The Miami office is anchored by new partners Robert T. Wright Jr., Irene Oria, Janet Moreira, and Casey H. Cusick, who join existing FisherBroyles partners Wayne Alder, Robert B. Graziano and Susan V. Warner, who previously worked from the firm's other Florida office in Naples.

"We are very excited to continue our strategic growth nationwide with the opening of our second Florida office and our first presence in the vibrant city of Miami," said FisherBroyles Co-Founder and Managing Partner Kevin E. Broyles. "As a firm, we are always working to make sure we are positioned wherever our clients need us, and that we are hiring top legal talent. Our move into Miami and the additions of Robert, Irene, Janet and Casey help us to achieve both goals.

"Our Miami attorneys possess deep knowledge and experience in areas of litigation, intellectual property, and corporate law that are critical to our clients' interests," Mr. Broyles continued. "Through our firm's unique broad-based partnership and cost-effective solutions, we are looking forward to helping our clients achieve their business goals in the growing Miami and South Florida business communities."

The new FisherBroyles Miami office is located at 1221 Brickell Avenue, Suite 900.

In a release, the firm said the Miami-based partners practice in diverse areas of the law, including complex business litigation covering a broad array of corporate matters, as

well as employment, healthcare, real estate and intellectual property (IP).

The release continues:

New Miami Partners

Since 1974, Wright has been engaged in high-stakes business litigation in Florida and in federal trial and appellate courts. He has defended numerous business entities, including Fortune 500 companies, in putative class actions and multi-district litigation alleging employment discrimination, securities fraud, and consumer protection law violations. He also has experience with administrative proceedings before state and federal agencies, including Florida's Attorney General and Office of Insurance Regulation.

Wright previously practiced at the law firms Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Dunwody & Cole; Shutts & Bowen LLP; Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand; and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. He received his J.D. from Columbia Law School and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Oria has more than 18 years of experience in complex commercial business litigation in federal and state courts and arbitration tribunals. Her focus areas in recent years have included financial services, insurance and securities litigation, including nationwide class and multi-district litigation. As Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida, Oria defended the interests of the United States in civil suits filed in U.S. District Courts, alleging statutory torts, constitutional torts, violations of civil rights and employment discrimination/harassment/retaliation laws, medical malpractice, and a myriad of other claims.

Previously, Oria practiced at the law firms Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP; Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP (formerly Hunton &

Williams LLP); Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; and Lowenstein Sandler LLP. She received her J.D. from Cornell Law School and her Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College of Columbia University.

Moreira focuses her practice on the protection, licensing and enforcement of IP. In particular, her practice involves international trademark portfolio counseling and management, trademark clearance, trademark and copyright prosecution, and maintenance and enforcement of IP. She has experience assisting clients with the creation of trademark and branding strategies and developing action plans to maximize value and protection of IP, domestically and internationally. She negotiates and prepares IP licenses, releases, contractor agreements, marketing agreements, vendor agreements, assignments, and other agreements relating to IP issues. In addition, her practice includes significant work litigating trademark, copyright, unfair competition, and domain name disputes in federal court, before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and through Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy proceedings.

Previously, Moreira practiced with the firm Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson. She received her J.D. from Franklin Pierce Law Center and her Bachelor of Science from the University of New Hampshire.

Cusick represents businesses and individuals in a diverse array of complex commercial disputes. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in high stakes, bet-the-company litigation involving ownership and control of closely-held businesses, shareholder disputes, and allegations of wrongdoing by corporate officers, partners and fiduciaries. He has experience litigating complex real estate-related disputes, particularly commercial and residential landlord-tenant disputes throughout Florida. Mr. Cusick also has represented institutional clients and individuals in a variety of

financial fraud related matters, including investors who suffered significant losses in Ponzi schemes. He also maintains an active general commercial litigation practice.

Cusick most recently was a partner in charge of the commercial litigation practice at a Miami-area boutique firm. He also practiced for several years at the mid-size litigation boutique now known as Kluger, Kaplan, Silverman, Katzen & Levine, P.L. Cusick received his J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of Miami School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude) from the University of Miami.

FisherBroyles Partners Relocating to the Miami Office

Alder concentrates his practice on litigation matters and represents companies, individuals and municipalities. He has experience in the litigation of claims related to professionals' business and international transactions. He also handles the defense of directors and officers against trustees in bankruptcy, as well as matters related to marine and shipyard liability, product liability, environmental claims, personal injury, construction defects and claims, cyber risks and claims, architects and engineers, and insurance coverage disputes. In addition, Alder has experience in condominium law, including the Florida Condominium Act, homeowners' association issues, general liability, and property claims and defense.

Graziano focuses his practice on healthcare and business litigation. He has tried more than 50 cases to verdict in federal and state courts. He has represented public corporations, private entities, and individuals from a broad range of industries, including healthcare, life sciences, manufacturing, and finance. He has litigated disputes involving the False Claims Act, products liability, antitrust, shareholder disputes, corporate dissolutions, and non-competition agreements. Additionally, he has knowledge of clinical medicine and is experienced in the defense of

healthcare providers.

Warner represents corporations, small businesses and individuals before federal and state courts at both the trial and appellate level in a broad range of employment and business disputes. She has successfully represented employers and management on a wide variety of employment litigation claims, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Family Medical Leave Act. Warner also has experience representing businesses against ADA Title III claims, including particular expertise in the area of ADA website compliance, defending against the first ADA website compliance lawsuit to go to trial in the country. Ms. Warner also has defended against claims of defamation, negligent retention, breach of non-compete and employment agreements, and theft of trade secrets.