

# McGlinchey Stafford's Florida Commercial Litigation Practice Adds Three Attorneys

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McGlinchey News Release

McGlinchey Stafford PLLC is pleased to announce the addition of three attorneys to its Commercial Litigation practice group in Florida:

- **Allen S. Katz**, Of Counsel, Fort Lauderdale
- **Shannon M. Arsenault**, Associate, Fort Lauderdale
- **Gina L. Bulecza**, Associate, Jacksonville

"We are pleased to welcome Allen, Shannon, and Gina to the firm," said **Mark New**, head of McGlinchey Stafford's Florida operations. "These three attorneys strengthen our presence in Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale, adding depth and an expanded range of skills to our commercial litigation practice. Our firm's continued expansion allows us to better serve clients doing business in Florida."

Katz is an experienced litigation attorney with an extensive background in complex litigation, commercial litigation, consumer financial services litigation, creditors' rights, real estate litigation, insurance disputes, taxation, licensing, and regulatory issues. His experience in accounting, business, and regulatory matters assists in his representation of clients in all phases of the litigation process. Katz has extensive jury trial experience in cases involving complex consumer and commercial finance litigation, including those involving counterclaims or non-routine matters, such as Quiet Title claims, alleged violations of consumer protection statutes, and state

and federal claims. Additionally, he has acted as arbitrator in more than 75 alternative dispute proceedings on behalf of the National Arbitration Forum. Katz received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law in 1996. He has completed masters-level accounting courses at Long Island University, and earned his B.B.A. from The George Washington University in 1990.

Arsenault represents clients in commercial litigation matters, focusing on contested residential mortgage foreclosures. Prior to entering private practice, she served as Assistant Attorney General in the Fort Lauderdale Office of the Attorney General. Arsenault received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the St. Thomas University School of Law in 2007, and served as the Managing Editor of the *St. Thomas University Intercultural Human Rights Law Review*. She is also a 2010 graduate of The George Washington University, where she received her M.A. in Education Policy, and a 2000 graduate of Florida State University, where she received her B.S. in Mathematics Education.

Bulecza represents clients in commercial and consumer financial services litigation. She has more than seven years of experience representing financial institutions and servicing companies in litigation involving contested mortgage foreclosures, real estate transactions, title issues, and bankruptcy. Bulecza earned her J.D. from the Florida Coastal School of Law in 2008, and her B.S. in Criminology and Sociology, *cum laude*, from Florida State University in 2002.

McGlinchey Stafford's Florida offices were established to more effectively and efficiently serve valued clients in the Southeast United States. Attorneys in these offices bring experience working in-house for some of the largest financial services companies in the world, as well as seasoned trial experience handling complex commercial litigation; bankruptcy, reorganization, and creditors' rights; consumer financial services; and real estate. Since opening its first office in Florida in 2010, the firm has grown to 28 attorneys in the state, with 15 attorneys in its Fort Lauderdale office and 13 attorneys in its Jacksonville office.

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