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# RISING STARS

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## FROM THE EDITOR

The Daily Business Review is proud to announce our third class of Rising Stars—a selection of young South Florida lawyers who are making a difference in the community and will continue to do so in the future.

The people we chose came from a pool of dozens of lawyers nominated by colleagues, co-counsel, mentors and friends. Our judges faced the difficult task of selecting just 40. It wasn't easy. Those not chosen remain on our radar screen for future developments as their careers progress.

Our honorees have made significant impacts on behalf of their clients. Some are likely candidates to one day serve the judicial system as judges and justices. Some already have big verdicts under their belts. Others are dealmakers who never blinked at the obstacles and tight deadlines as they assembled complex multimillion-dollar transactions.

All told, the candidates were selected not only for what they've achieved thus far, but for what we believe they're likely to accomplish for the legal profession and for their respective communities in the future. Just as impressive is all the volunteer work the honorees are performing—whether it's starting a nonprofit, serving on boards or helping young people. Their devotion to community is impressive.

We greatly appreciate and are grateful for the time and thought devoted to this program by many readers who thought highly enough of the candidates to take the time to submit nominations.

As is always the case with all of our recognition programs, we'd appreciate your feedback about our selections—and please, keep those nominations coming.

**George Haj**  
Regional editor-in-chief  
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## 2015 RISING STARS: LEVERAGING THEIR UPBRINGING

**by Noreen Marcus**  
Special to the Review

Considering their accomplishments, it's hard to believe these lawyers are only in their 30s.

The 22 women and 18 men selected as Daily Business Review Rising Stars are mostly civil practitioners and law firm partners who've worked at more than one address since law school. They generally hold leadership or mentoring positions within their firms; if they're government lawyers, they shoulder supervisory duties.



### Jason Kellogg

Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman

The name Kellogg on the door stands for name partner Lawrence Kellogg.

But increasingly over the past five years, it has also come to represent his son and partner Jason Kellogg.

When five lawyers left Tew Cardenas in 2010 to form Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman, their first hire was Jason Kellogg. It wasn't because he needed a job—he'd been an associate in the Miami office of the international firm Hogan Lovells.

"I took my own path," Jason Kellogg said in an interview with Greater Miami Attorney at Law Magazine.

He focuses on complex commercial litigation in state, federal and appellate courts and before arbitration panels, chairs the firm's hiring and recruitment committee and heads its construction law practice.

One of his career highlights is also a pro

A few are Millennials. Leigh-Ann Buchanan, at 29 the youngest, is a fourth-year litigation associate with Berger Singerman. She already co-chairs the American Bar Association's National Task Force on Stand Your Ground laws.

Reflecting South Florida's position as an international commercial hub, several high-achievers have leveraged their foreign backgrounds. Born in Mumbai, Neha Dagley started an India practice group at Salazar Jackson. Brazilian native Daniela Fonseca, a Shutts & Bowen partner, helps keep her firm popular with her community. Jose Talavera, a licensed United Kingdom solicitor, fields multi-jurisdictional issues at Lipscomb, Eisenberg & Baker.

bono benchmark. Kellogg represented a former intelligence research specialist in an employment discrimination and disability lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security. After a five-day trial in federal court, the jury returned a \$2.5 million verdict that was the biggest ever obtained in a Volunteer Lawyers Project case.

In January, Kellogg jumped into a case two weeks before the start of trial in Palm Beach County. His client claimed there had been negligent repairs to a \$27 million schooner. The case settled favorably during the first week of a scheduled three-week trial.

Also in the past year, he secured a \$3.2 million judgment on behalf of the developer of Artcity in South Beach. Artcity had sued the project's original contractor, Soares da Costa of Portugal, alleging its delays and wrongful termination led to the project's failure.

Kellogg, who turned 40 in March, is on the board of Switchboard of Miami, the counseling and crisis-intervention charity.

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