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Jeff Schneider

Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman LLP



Jeff Schneider is helping to lead Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman to a new era in Miami. He's the managing partner and a co-founder of the firm, with offices in the penthouse of the Miami Center in downtown Miami, which has been growing steadily on its record of successfully representing clients in complex issues of commercial law, bankruptcy and receiverships, to name just a few.

Under Schneider's leadership, the firm has grown from five attorneys to 15 in less than two years, a testament of the firm's tenacity and a sign that 2012 is looking to be another great year for Schneider and the firm.

As a federal equity receiver for the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Schneider tirelessly pursues those who took advantage of struggling Americans during the recession. He has recovered millions for victims of investment fraud - a part of his job that inspires him on a daily basis to keep fighting. He has helped secure significant wins while simultaneously guiding his firm through a period of rock solid growth during tough economic times.

A sought-after attorney for high profile clients in headline-making cases, the seasoned attorney enjoys a long track record of successful results. Among his recent and notable clients include Fannie Mae, for which he secured an injunction against the Ben-Ezra & Katz firm, which was recently affirmed on appeal. He also represents Jerome Fisher, the co-founder of the popular Nine West shoe chain, for whom he secured an eight-figure victory.

Schneider is currently serving as the federal equity receiver for Trade LLC - a \$27 million investment fraud based in Palm Beach Gardens, involving more than 800 investors worldwide.

"In most of the fraud cases I deal with, victims are elderly people living on a fixed income. They are least able to sustain the loss and the most likely to be preyed upon. For them to be victimized is even more of a tragedy because they need that money to pay their bills and buy essential items like food and medicine," says Schneider.

While he is highly motivated and passionate about uncovering and returning money to fraud victims, his inspiration for a career as a trial lawyer resulted from the opportunity to be mentored by Bob Shevin, a former attorney general for the state of Florida. "He was probably one of the best trial lawyers in the state at that time. You can't work with a person like that and not fall in love with trial work. His passion was contagious and fostered my desire to succeed."

While the firm was just formed in 2010, the Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman founding partners have worked together for several decades, earning a reputation as the kind of practitioners clients go to with a "bet-the-company" case.

It was a busy 2011 for Schneider and it looks like 2012 is going to be another banner year for the firm.

"I am pleased with the growth of our firm and the culture that we have created here," Schneider said. "It has been intelligent growth. We've been highly selective, bringing on only outstanding lawyers and it is paying off. If we can continue on this trajectory, I will be thrilled."

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