

# Paley Rothman Adds Three Partners, Three Associates, and Opens Office in Northern Virginia

BETHESDA, MD (March 6, 2019) – Paley Rothman announces the addition of three new principals, three associates, and the opening of a Northern Virginia office. Eva Juncker and Lynette Kleiza join the Family Law Practice, and Scott Mirsky joins the Employment Law Practice. With their experience, the firm gains deeper capabilities in legal representation for LGBTQ individuals and families, as well as in advising and litigating employment, business and construction disputes.

"This expansion is exciting because we are broadening our services to clients and widening our geographic reach," says Co-President Robert Maclay. "As we welcome new principals Eva, Lynette, and Scott, attorneys of such deep experience and diversity, our clients gain an advantage, our communities thrive, and Paley Rothman grows even stronger."

Chaired by Carlos Lastra and Tracey Coates, the Family Law practice covers the full spectrum of family law and domestic relations issues, from the most complex cases to relatively simple uncontested matters. The firm recently welcomed former Prince George's County Assistant State's Attorney Geonard Butler II and former Maryland Public Defender Robert Goodis to the Family Law and Litigation practice groups as associates.

The Employment Law practice, chaired by firm Co-President James Hammerschmidt, helps employers in managing personnel and employment matters, complying with labor and employment laws, and preempting employment-related legal problems so that they can avoid or minimize costly disputes, litigation or liability. Hayes Edwards is joining the Employment and Litigation practices as an associate.

"We recognize that everyone wins when our workplaces are diverse and inclusive," says Hammerschmidt. "We innovate and prosper when we draw on a greater number of perspectives and ideas and have a better understanding of the people in our communities."

## Attorney Biographies

Eva Juncker was a founding partner at Zavos Juncker Law Group, PLLC and head of the litigation team. Her practice focuses on all areas of family law, including divorce, juvenile law, custody, support, equitable distribution, post-divorce modification, partition actions, transgender issues, prenuptial agreements, postnuptial agreements, marital settlement agreements, and property settlement agreements. Juncker served as lead counsel on a case of nationwide first impression and successfully argued for recognition of a same-sex common law marriage in the District of Columbia over the opposing party's objection. The court found that the parties were indeed common law married as of March 2010. Recognized as a Virginia Rising Star by Super Lawyers and one of the best divorce lawyers in Montgomery County by Bethesda magazine, Juncker has served on the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association and as its affiliate member to the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association. She is also a member of the National Center for Lesbian Rights' National Family Law Advisory Council. Juncker is very involved in Virginia State Bar work, presently serving on several committees, as well as representing the Commonwealth as an at-large Member of Bar Council. Juncker graduated cum laude from George Mason University School of Law and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia. She practices in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

Lynette Kleiza was a partner at Zavos Juncker Law Group where she represented clients in domestic relations law, including marital agreements, adoption, complex equitable distribution, LGBTQ matters, custody and visitation, relocation, child support, and spousal support. Recognized as a Super Lawyers

Rising Star, Kleiza is also trained in collaborative law. Kleiza serves as Co-Coordinator of Family Fun Night for CAUSE (Comfort for America's Uniformed Services) at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and as a volunteer with Shepherd's Table, a local organization fighting hunger. Kleiza graduated from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law and received her undergraduate degree from James Madison University. Kleiza is licensed to practice law in D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey.

Scott Mirsky, who was the founder of Mirsky Law Group, LLC, focuses on advising and litigating employment, business, and construction disputes. He has experience in handling non-compete and trade secret disagreements, employment claims, issues concerning independent contractors, intellectual property infringement cases, complex construction issues, wage and overtime disputes, and breach of contract claims. Mirsky has more than 20 years experience representing individuals and businesses in diverse civil matters throughout the Washington, DC region. He also represents numerous language services companies in issues arising out of the independent contractor relationship. Mirsky's practice covers the full spectrum of litigation services including pre-litigation counseling risk and litigation management trials, hearings, arbitrations, and appeals before federal and state courts. He has provided successful representation to small, midsize, and national clients. Mirsky graduated magna cum laude, from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where he served as the Casenotes Editor of the University of Baltimore Law Review. He obtained his undergraduate degree from American University.

### **About Paley Rothman**

*Founded nearly 50 years ago, Paley Rothman is one of the leading law firms in the Washington, DC-area and is known for its outstanding client service and sophisticated practices. Paley Rothman has developed a loyal base of clients who appreciate its competitive pricing, efficiency, collegiality and knowledge.*

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