

## BERGER SINGERMAN CONTINUES GROWTH WITH TWO NEW HIRES AND CREATION OF INNOVATION ADVISOR POSITION

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**MIAMI – August 27, 2018** – Continuing its firmwide growth, Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, is pleased to announce that Stephanie M. Chaissan and Andrew Zelman have joined the firm's Dispute Resolution Team as Of Counsel and Associate, respectively, and Alejandro Miyar, an Associate on the Dispute Resolution Team, has been named Berger Singerman's first Innovation Advisor.

Expanding the firm's notable Dispute Resolution Team and joining as an Of Counsel based in its Miami office, Chaissan will continue her practice in complex commercial litigation, with a focus on business, condominium and construction cases. Her extensive experience includes litigating claims arising out of shareholder disputes, breach of contract, breach of warranty, breach of fiduciary duty, officer and director liability, corporate governance, and landlord and tenant disputes. Chaissan also has a background in civil appeals, matters involving condominium and homeowners' associations, and representing real estate developers in a wide range of matters, including contractual disputes, statutory violations, and construction defects.

Prior to joining Berger Singerman, Chaissan was a Shareholder at Fowler White Burnett, P.A., where she represented corporations and individuals in complex commercial litigation cases in both state and federal court, as well as alternative dispute resolution proceedings. She has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a top-rated litigation attorney for three consecutive years. Chaissan earned her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and her B.A. in Criminal Justice from University of Delaware.

Zelman bolsters the firm's Dispute Resolution Team following many years handling a wide range of complex commercial disputes at a full-service AmLaw 100 firm. His practice will continue to focus on a variety of matters, including intellectual property, class action, and general liability cases in both state and federal court. Andrew also has an established practice devoted to counseling and defending employers in employment related litigation. He currently serves as the Chair of the Grievance Committee of The Florida Bar and is a Member of the Federal Court Practice Committee, a standing committee of The Florida Bar. Zelman received his B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and obtained his law degree from Florida International University's College of Law.

"Both Stephanie and Andrew have years of experience dealing with a broad range of commercial litigation matters and both are great additions to our firm's already deep and talented Dispute Resolution Team. They will advance our mission of providing our clients with the best expertise and service," said Marc Stephen Shuster, Hiring Partner at Berger Singerman.

With 78 percent of attorneys who participated in a ABA's Technology Survey saying they believe firmwide technology training is important, Berger Singerman is investing in its future with the addition of the Innovation Advisor role. Miyar will implement new technologies and resources to efficiently serve the firm's clients and attorneys. Initiatives he is currently overseeing include launching a pilot group to test AI software, developing portals for employees to communicate more efficiently with clients, upgrading the firm's technology suite and conducting in-house technology trainings.

"In order to stay competitive and to optimize our efficiency, we strive to keep our finger on the pulse of the latest innovations in the industry," said Paul Steven Singerman, Co-Chair of Berger Singerman. "Alejandro's

background and interest in cutting-edge technology made him the perfect choice for the Innovation Advisor role.”

In addition to his role as Innovation Advisor, Miyar will continue to serve on the firm’s Dispute Resolution Team, where he focuses his practice on complex civil litigation in federal and state court and serves as a trusted adviser to his clients. He has been recognized by *Daily Business Review* as a “Young Lawyer on the Rise” and as one of *Miami Law Magazine’s* “10 to Watch”.

## **Related Practice Teams**

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Dispute Resolution

## **Related Team Member(s)**

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Stephanie M. Chaissan

Andrew B. Zelman

Alejandro Miyar