

MG+M Welcomes Three Partners in Miami

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MG+M The Law Firm is pleased to welcome <u>Susan Cole</u>, <u>Melanie Chung-Tims</u> and <u>Amanda Cachaldora</u> as partners in our Miami office. This group of seasoned trial lawyers brings decades of experience successfully defending clients in high-stakes litigation related to asbestos, products liability, toxic torts and more.

"The firm enthusiastically welcomes this group of exceptional trial lawyers to our partnership," says MG+M Chairperson and Partner <u>John B. Manning</u>. "Their practices complement many others within our firm, and their wealth of experience, industry knowledge and exceptional reputations as trial lawyers enhance MG+M's elite roster of toxic tort and products liability litigators in Florida and nationally."

Susan has been a trial lawyer for more than 40 years. She is a Supreme Court—certified circuit court mediator and a board-certified civil trial lawyer. Susan defends clients in products liability, construction defect, wrongful death, medical malpractice and asbestos trials. Having tried more than 100 asbestos cases, she is recognized as one of the leading asbestos defense counsel in the country and is often called upon on the eve of trial to assist defendants with the cross-examination of medical and scientific experts. Susan applies her educational background in the sciences to her practice. In addition to earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in organic chemistry, biology and biochemistry, Susan previously served as an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Miami.

Melanie Chung-Tims has a proven track record for handling high-risk litigation. She has successfully defended her clients in products liability, civil litigation and employment law cases for more than a decade, and tried several cases to verdict. Melanie is known for developing and executing innovative defense strategies for her clients, resulting in her successfully resolving hundreds of cases involving asbestos, silica, mold, benzene and employment law. Her clients include Fortune 200, Fortune 500, small companies and individuals across industries, and she serves as liaison counsel for asbestos litigation in Florida.

Amanda Cachaldora defends clients in products liability cases and civil litigation, with much of her practice focused on claims involving cosmetic talcum powder. She also has experience with employment law and benzene liability matters, and serves as liaison counsel for Florida asbestos litigation. Her clients include companies of all sizes—from family-run businesses to international Fortune 100 companies and their insurers. She has litigated approximately 100 trials and handled hundreds of motions and depositions. As a former state prosecutor, Amanda tried 45 criminal jury trials and more than 40 criminal bench trials, and was responsible for thousands of hearings involving criminal and civil matters.