

Emilia A. Quesada of SMGQ Law is Recipient of the Peter Perlman Service Award



MIAMI, FL – SMGQ Law partner **Emilia A. Quesada** is a recipient of the Peter Perlman Service Award. The award was presented to Ms. Quesada by 2017 LCA President **Rusty Hardin** of Rusty Hardin & Associates LLP in Houston, Texas, at the 2017 Fall Conference & Celebration of Fellows held at the St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort in Miami Beach, Florida.

The award recognizes LCA Fellows who contribute in meaningful ways to society by giving back their time and resources in an effort to improve the lives of others. The award is named after 2013 President of the LCA **Peter Perlman** of Peter Perlman Law Offices, P.S.C., in Lexington, Kentucky. In the words of Peter Perlman, “The profession of law not only allows us to advocate on behalf of those whose rights need to be protected, but gives us a platform to improve the quality of life for those not engaged in the legal system. The betterment of society, the environment, and our way of life, improvement of the positions of people who have faced challenges outside their control, and effecting change on behalf of those without a strong voice are all causes we should take on as professionals as we work within one of the very pillars of our government. The practice of law is what we do, but our opportunities to protect and defend transcend the profession.”

Ms. Quesada is a founding partner of her firm and Chair of the Insurance Practice Group where she focuses her practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation, with specialized knowledge in the financial services industry, insurance disputes including life, health, disability and ERISA claims, insurance coverage defense, banking litigation, construction and real estate litigation including owners, contractors, design professionals, products liability, and class actions.

Ms. Quesada and her family created the non-profit organization, Friends for Fosters, Inc., to support and benefit the disenfranchised children of South Florida who end up in foster care. She runs the organization with her teenage daughters for the past four years. They have donated duffel bags to foster organizations in order for the kids to replace the trash bags they carry from home to home with something substantial they can call their own and take pride in, and she has donated hundreds of toys through a Christmas toy drive where they partner with corporations to gather and distribute toys. Her latest initiative is The Good Gift, where she is fundraising to donate necessities, supplies and gift cards to teens aging out of the foster system. She is an avid

supporter of 4Kids of South Florida and His House Children's Home, two foster agencies dedicated to providing love and stable families to the foster children of South Florida. In addition, Ms. Quesada provides pro bono legal services to individuals who are having financial difficulties and losing their homes to foreclosure, as well as other legal hardships they may be facing.

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About SMGQ Law

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