

# In Memoriam

June, 2016

## The Honorable Marcia Beach, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Passes Away

**Marcia Beach**, (JD 1988) former Broward County Commissioner and Circuit Judge passed away on June 4, 2016 at her Lakeland, FL home. She was a tireless advocate for the disabled especially those with intellectual disabilities. As an attorney, she founded the organization now known as [Disability Rights Florida](#) and went on to establish Broward's first drug court. Read more at: [Miami Herald](#) and [Sun-Sentinel](#).

### 1984

**Andrea L. Kessler** (JD 1984), of Fort Lauderdale, FL, passed away on March 31, 2016. She was a partner at [Catri Holton, Kessler & Kessler, PA](#) in Fort Lauderdale. Andrea was very active in the south Florida legal community and served on many bar committees. Last year, she received the Broward County Bar Association President's Award and was Chairperson of the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Co-Chair of the Probate Committee. In addition to her sisters Edwina and Paula, who were her law partners, she is survived by her husband, Thomas Jordan, and her mother, Eleanor Kessler. | [Obituary](#)

### 1998

**Laura L. Mall**, of Palm Beach County, FL, passed away on April 12, 2016. She was an employment and labor lawyer at [FordHarrison, LLP](#) in West Palm Beach. Laura's first-career in Public Television (which she concluded in 1993 as Director of TV Programming and Promotions) was marked by her leadership and by her volunteerism in the community for which Laura received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Adult and Community Education Department of the Palm Beach County School Board. Academic excellence soon followed; Laura received her Juris Doctor Magna Cum Laude from Nova Southeastern University and her Master of Laws with Distinction from Georgetown University Law Center. She is survived by brothers, James Carl Mall and Howie Mall; her nephew Christopher James Mall; her nieces Myranda Lee Mall and Haley Mary Mall; and her cousins.

### 2008

**Marcie Nolan**, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, passed away April 2016. She was a partner and certified land planner at [Becker & Poliakoff](#) in Fort Lauderdale. Marcie's legal experience included working as a certified planner for the Town of Davie, City of Sunrise and City of Greenacres. She also taught at Florida Atlantic University as an Associate Professor. Marcie is survived by her husband and two children. | [Obituary](#)

