

**Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo & Jones Adds New Legal Division To Represent Environmental Claims and Expand Professional Liability Team.**

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**Miami, FL** - Florida-based Lukas, Santaniello, Petrillo & Jones has added a new legal division spearheaded by Stuart L. Cohen, Senior Partner to represent environmental insurance claims. Cohen has twenty-three years of experience in environmental litigation, professional liability and product liability matters. The section will assist businesses and insurers with litigation involving bodily injury, death and/or property damage claims attributed to environmental exposures from Asbestos, Silica, Lead, Benzene, hazardous materials and toxic substance exposures. The new division also adds Attorneys Erik M. Vieira, Esq. and Dale J. Spurr, Esq. who are admitted in both Florida State and Federal Courts. Cohen, Vieira and Spurr are based out of the firm's Miami office. The division will serve manufacturers, distributors, contractors, transporters and insurers who face substantial risk from high-exposure Toxic Tort and Environmental litigation.

The new members add to the firm's professional liability practice handling directors and officers, professional errors and omissions, and employment practices liability claims. New members will expand the practice to assist insurance agents and brokers, real estate professionals, and securities brokers and broker-dealers on cases involving allegations of negligence, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, failure to procure insurance, failure to be licensed, and other common law and statutory claims. They will also assist broker-dealers in securities arbitration proceedings with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and representation of professionals in the securities field including defending against claims of account-churning, suitability, violations of "Blue-Sky Laws," and other state and federal claims arising from the relationship between securities brokers and their clients, as well as licensing issues.

Cohen is a 1991 graduate of Nova Southeastern University School of Law and a 1988 graduate of City University of New York, Queens College. Vieira is a 2007 graduate of Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law where he also earned a Masters of Social Work. He earned his Bachelor of Arts

degree in 2003 from St. John Vianney College Seminary. Spurr is a 2008 graduate of Florida International University Law School where he also earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001.

“The new legal division will allow us to broaden our services to clients in the areas of environmental litigation and professional liability,” says Daniel J. Santaniello, Managing Partner. “Our mission is to provide our clients with legal services that help them manage risk and reduce exposure. Our goal is to ensure that our clients obtain equal justice in the courtroom.”

### **About Luks and Santaniello LLC.**

Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo & Jones is a Florida Corporate & Insurance Defense Litigation firm. The Law Firm is Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Year in and year out, our members have been recognized by prominent organizations and professional directories. Our verdicts tell the story.™

Luks, Santaniello defends businesses and insurers in Liability, most insurance lines including A/GL, A&E, BAP, CGL, D&O, E&O, E&S, P&C, PL, PLL, JUA, XS, EC, PIP and Workers' Compensation matters. We have a strong reputation in defending complicated general liability bodily injury claims involving over treatment, high medicals, letter of protection(s) and questionable surgeries. Luks, Santaniello has a diversified team of upwards of 60 Insurance Defense Litigation attorneys across eight offices in Miami, Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Members have tried over 300 cases in Florida State and Federal Courts.

Managing Partner Dan Santaniello and Central and North Partners, Anthony Petrillo (Tampa) and Paul Jones (Orlando) are all Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Experts. The firm has a full service Appellate team in South, Central and Northern Florida to assist with summary judgments, motions in limine, discovery objectives, trial strategy and post trial positions. The Daily Business Review also selected Luks, Santaniello as finalists for the Most Effective Lawyers (2007) for its innovation in filing a Declaratory Judgment Action in a multiple Wrongful Death claim.