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LEFT TO RIGHT:
STUART Z. GROSSMAN, ALEX ARTEAGA-GOMEZ,
RACHEL FURST, AND WILLIAM MULLIGAN

The trial lawyers of Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen, P.A. (GRYC) have recovered more than \$1 billion in verdicts and settlements for clients in need of strong advocacy for matters involving medical and legal malpractice, catastrophic injury, product liability, and wrongful death. The firm has also successfully represented individual clients in mass torts and class actions. In 2020, the firm continued to build upon its 32-year legacy of excellence through its achievements in and out of the courtroom, by representing plaintiffs in some of the most recognizable cases in Florida and the United States.

For example, co-founder Stuart Z. Grossman leads a GRYC team representing claimants in wrongful death and personal injury suits against Miami's

Florida International University (FIU) as a result of the horrific pedestrian bridge collapse in 2018. That tragedy caused the loss of six lives, permanent disability for one, and multiple injuries in others.

"It was a shocking event on several levels, starting with the loss of life and injury," Grossman said. "The engineers who built it were trying to make history, which made it risky from the start. It was a ceremonial structure that should have never been approved by anyone involved—from industry experts to the State of Florida. We are negotiating some of the settlements and have one case that may go to trial."

The firm is also at the forefront of a diverse range of liability matters. GRYC has brought two separate high-profile class-action auto cases

against General Motors and Ford Motor Company for dangerous and faulty performance issues their on high-end cars.

And GRYC further stands out from its peers for deep experience and knowledge in emerging areas of injury litigation. Name partner Andrew B. Yaffa is recognized as a trailblazer in stem-cell matters, representing patients who have been injured while in treatment.

In the past year, the legal community publicly acknowledged the impact of the firm's leadership on the injury and malpractice landscapes. In its 2021 Edition, South Florida's Best Lawyers named Yaffa as Lawyer of the Year in Miami for Medical Malpractice – Plaintiffs for the third time. Name partner Gary Cohen received the honor for

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Medical Malpractice – Plaintiffs for the third time in Fort Lauderdale and was previously honored once in Miami, as well.

Grossman is also consistently named among the area's leading trial lawyers. The Daily Business Review named him a 2020 Distinguished Leaders honoree. He has also received two major awards from the Florida Justice Association: the Al J. Cone Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019 for exemplifying a career of leadership, devotion and courage; and in 2014, he received the Perry Nichols Award, its most prestigious honor, recognizing that "perseverance, commitment, and unmatched dedication to the civil justice system is at the forefront of [his life]."

GRYC is equally proud of its philanthropic work

with local organizations, which strengthened the morale of South Florida neighborhoods during lockdown periods caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2020, GRYC contributed \$25,000 to Feeding South Florida, a nonprofit food bank helping those in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. GRYC's donation generated an estimated 175,000 meals. Further, GRYC has also donated meals to more than 30 fire stations, police departments, and ER departments throughout the region, and 2,000 face masks to Baptist Health and Cleveland Clinic Florida hospitals for their frontline workers.

"We have always proudly given back to our local communities and essential workers in the aftermath of a disaster or tragedy," Grossman said. "This

was the time to show our gratitude for everyone working around the clock to keep us all safe."

Grossman added that the firm quickly adapted to the disruption caused by the pandemic. "We seamlessly transitioned to virtual and remote capabilities and even promoted new partners in an effort to better serve our clients," he said.

Grossman also notes, "We have always been a generational firm and we feel positive about the firm's future. Our newest partners are outstanding and knowledgeable lawyers who have been with us for years and truly care for their clients. We are confident they will uphold our tradition of excellence." Those new partners are Rachel Furst, Eric Halsey, Alex Arteaga- Gomez, and William Mulligan.

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