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**MARKOWITZ, DAVIS, RINGEL & TRUSTY, P.A.  
AND ITS ATTORNEYS RECEIVE HIGH HONORS FROM  
THE 2004 SOUTH FLORIDA LEGAL GUIDE**

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**Miami, FL – October 19, 2004** – The 2004 South Florida Legal Guide, an annual publication listing the Top Lawyers and Law Firms in South Florida, both in private and governmental practice, has bestowed numerous honors upon the civil practice law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A.

Bringing positive recognition to attorneys deemed noteworthy by their peers, the 2004 South Florida Legal Guide named two of the firm's four shareholders, Jerry Markowitz and Thomas Ringel among the *Top 250 Attorneys*; and Associates Gerald Pierre, Ross Hartog and Rachel Lopate Rubio received recognition as *Up and Comers*. Lawyers and law firms were chosen among 23,000 members of the Florida Bar in South Florida.

Founding shareholder Jerry Markowitz concentrates his practice in the areas of creditors and debtor rights, including workouts, bankruptcy, asset recovery, insolvency, receiverships, reorganizations, restructuring and mediation. A resident of South Miami,

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he is one of South Florida's leading business and bankruptcy reorganization law practitioners and is listed in the directory of the Best Lawyers of America. An active community leader, Mr. Markowitz is a Director of the University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association; a former president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida; a founding member and treasurer of the Florida Receiver's Forum, a former Vice Chair of the Florida Bar Association Grievance Committee and a founding sponsor of the Bankruptcy Bar Foundation of the Southern District of Florida.

Founding shareholder Tom Ringel, a resident of Palmetto Bay, is one of Miami's foremost real estate attorneys, having performed countless residential and commercial real estate closings in the Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Kendall, South Miami and Coral Gables areas over the last 25 years. He is a Director of the University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association, former Vice Chairperson of the newly formed Palmetto Bay Charter Commission and a member of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association.

Ross Hartog and Rachel Lopate Rubio are members of the firm's bankruptcy practice group where they concentrate on bankruptcy, business reorganization, insolvency, creditor's rights, receiverships, liquidations and complex commercial litigation. Gerald Pierre focuses his practice on commercial litigation, probate, guardianship and elder law. He is the recipient of numerous pro-bono service awards assisting the elderly and the indigent. The *Up and Comers Award* is given to attorneys who are highly regarded by their peers, genuinely love the law and are passionate about it.

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The law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A., focuses on the representation of businesses, institutions and individuals in appeals, bankruptcy and workouts, receiverships, creditors rights, mediation-arbitration services, commercial litigation, probate and guardianship, elder law, civil litigation, family and real estate law.

The firm is the proud recipient of the 2003 Business of the Year Award (Professional Services Category) from the South Florida Business Journal and the 2002 Law Firm Commendation Award for pro bono service from the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. For more information on Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty P.A. and their services, please visit [www.mdrtlaw.com](http://www.mdrtlaw.com).

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