



# Rising Star - Kira B. Doyle

Kira Doyle is one of the three honorees selected by the St. Petersburg Bar Foundation for its upcoming Heroes Among Us dinner, which will be held on January 24, 2015 at the Club at Treasure Island. Kira has been named by the Foundation as its Rising Star for 2015 based on her extensive volunteer work and service to various charitable organizations in the Tampa Bay area.

Kira moved to Florida from New York at the age of 12. She is a graduate of the University of Florida, with honors; Phi Beta Kappa; Stetson University School of Business Administration, M.B.A.; and Stetson University College of Law, J.D.

Before opening her own firm, Kira Doyle Law, in 2010, Kira was an associate at several local law firms including Owens Law Group and Baskin Fleece, and she was a partner/shareholder at Harris Barrett Mann & Dew. Kira focuses her law practice on helping individuals and businesses protect their assets and preserve their wealth by providing legal services in the areas of wills, trusts and estates, including estate and gift tax planning as well as probate and trust administration; business law, including the formation and maintenance of small business entities, business transactions and contracts, and exit strategy and succession planning; and real estate transactions, including sales and purchases of real property and preparation of deeds and leases for residential or commercial properties.

Over the years, this remarkable young attorney has volunteered for more than a dozen area organizations, and she has served on the boards of multiple non-profit organizations. Following her mother's passing from leukemia in 2003, Kira joined the Board of Trustees of the Suncoast Chapter

of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) in 2004, where she was active for eight years as a board member, Secretary, Vice President, and later in an advisory role for planned giving. She was heavily involved in lobbying and advocacy for LLS in Washington, D.C. and Tallahassee for FDA approval of new prescription drugs and insurance coverage for cancer patients. Kira was also very active in fundraising and organizing various events for LLS, including her participation in races and walks, such as running the Rock 'n' Roll San Diego ½ Marathon in 2011. This coming year, she plans to participate in America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride, a 100 mile race in Lake Tahoe, CA, on June 7, 2015, to raise funds in support of LLS's mission.

Kira is also a current member of the Planned Gifts Advisory Committee for the Children's Dream Fund, a member of the Professional Partners for Moffitt Cancer Center and a member of the Council of Excellence for Bayfront Health Foundation. Recently, Kira joined the Board of Directors for the Children's Home Society of Florida, which is affiliated with Joshua House and serves nearly one-third of all children in the State of Florida's child protective system. She is also on the Fund Development Committee and volunteers in their fundraising and donor development efforts.

Her previous board positions include the Suncoast Estate Planning Council, where Kira was a board member for six years and served as president for 2011 through 2012. Kira was also a member of the All Children's Hospital Development Council from 2005 to 2009, where she volunteered in fundraising and planning events. Kira also volunteers for the Wills for Veterans program sponsored by Community Law Program and Stetson Law School as well as Cure on Wheels, a local not-for-profit organization that raises money to help individuals and families cope with a diagnosis of cancer through annual bike-a-thons.

Additionally, Kira has been an active member of and has held leadership positions with several local civic and bar associations. She served as Chair of the Probate and Guardianship Section of the St. Petersburg Bar Association for three years and has served on the Bench & Bar Committee. Kira

also previously co-chaired the Tax Section of the Hillsborough Bar Association for several years. Ms. Doyle was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Pinellas County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (PFAWL) and serves as the sub-chair of the CLE Programs and Speakers Committee.

Kira was also a founding co-chair of the mentoring program for Emerge Tampa Bay (the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals) and is a current member of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce as well as the National Association of Professional Women.

In 2013, the Tampa Bay Business Journal recognized Kira as one of its Up & Comers under 40. Somehow, Kira also finds the time to publish articles related to her areas of practice. She is the co-author of Sale and Purchase of a Business, Florida Small Business Practice Manual, Chapter 10, The Florida Bar, Sixth Edition 2009, and she has written numerous articles. Her most recent publication appears in the Florida Business Woman, Spring 2014 Edition.

Kira is also a strong advocate for community education and awareness through speaking engagements and workshops on probate, estate planning, business entities and formation, and business succession planning. She has truly taken to heart every attorney and professional's responsibility of civic engagement through volunteer and pro bono work.

Kira lives in St. Petersburg, and in her free time she enjoys running, biking, yoga, watching the Florida Gators win, and spending time at the beach and with her family and friends. Kira's commitment to volunteerism and public service is best exemplified in a favorite quote of hers by Eleanor Roosevelt: "Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give."

It is for these reasons, together with her innate sense of professionalism and work ethic, that Kira has earned the distinction of a Rising Star in the St. Petersburg legal community.