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Alpizar Law Wins \$2.4 Million Dollar Verdict for Merritt Island Man Injured in "Catastrophic Crash"



Attorneys John Alpizar and Scott Alpizar secured a \$2,426,951.88 verdict in Seminole County Circuit Court on June 13th, 2018, for a Merritt Island man who was seriously injured in what was described as a catastrophic crash.

Aurelio Cruz, 68, was driving a Ford Windstar minivan northbound on Chuluota Road on his way to work when suddenly and

without warning a white pick-up truck heading southbound came across traffic directly in front of Mr. Cruz. Mr. Cruz slammed on his breaks but could not avoid the horrific collision. Both Mr. Cruz and the at-fault party had to be extricated from the vehicles and Mr. Cruz was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center as a trauma alert. "Many of Mr. Cruz's treating physicians testified he was fortunate to survive this crash," said attorney Scott Alpizar.

Mr. Cruz spent five days in the hospital where he was diagnosed with post-traumatic vertigo, left scapular fracture, five fractured ribs on the left side of his body, a grade II lacerated spleen, severe right ankle sprain, chest wall injury, and abdomen injury. Mr. Cruz also injured his low back requiring surgery in the future, a left brachial plexus injury resulting in denervation and atrophy of his left shoulder muscles, carpal and cubital tunnel injuries requiring surgery, a frozen left shoulder with multiple rotator cuff tears requiring surgery in

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Meet Our Attorneys



Scott Alpizar



David M. Alpizar



O. John Alpizar



Alexa Moia



ALPIZAR LAW WELCOMES ALEXA A. MOIA, ESQ.

We are pleased to announce that Alexa A. Moia (formerly Alexa A. Filiberto) has joined Alpizar Law as an attorney where she will be practicing in the areas of Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Catastrophic Injury Claims and Trucking Litigation.

Alexa is a Brevard County native born to Dr. Frank and Christine Filiberto. Alexa attended Bayside High School where she spent all four years as a varsity student-athlete. While at Bayside, Alexa was awarded the Wendy's High School Heisman award and graduated with honors in 2008. After high school, Alexa received an academic scholarship to attend the University of Tampa and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management in 2012.



Alexa's competitive nature and desire to help people led her to pursue a law degree. During her time in law school, Alexa interned with The Honorable David E. Silverman in Brevard County, and also participated in the prosecution clinic for Alachua County. Alexa graduated cum laude from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2015 and has been advocating for people in the State of Florida ever since.

In 2015, Alexa was admitted to the Florida Bar and was appointed Assistant State Attorney by Bernie McCabe, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in Pinellas County. Because of her strong work ethic, confidence and success in the courtroom, Alexa was quickly promoted from the misdemeanor division to the felony division at one of the busiest state attorney's offices in the State of Florida. She spent three years advocating for victims of crimes and has handled thousands of cases, ranging from DUIs to attempted first-degree murder. In addition, Alexa has tried over 35 jury trials to verdict and has completed numerous motions and appeals. During her tenure at the state attorney's office, Alexa developed her passion as a trial attorney and found an even deeper sentiment for helping those who have been wronged.

Alexa's experiences both inside and outside the courtroom have molded her into the confident attorney she is today. Growing up, Alexa spent her summers working in her father's medical office where she witnessed firsthand those who were struggling with medical issues and injuries. This experience, coupled with her extensive trial success, has allowed Alexa to appreciate the need for helping accident victims who have been wronged, through no fault of their own, obtain justice.

Join us in welcoming Alexa back to Brevard and to the firm!

TRIAL CASES

Attorney David Alpizar Obtains \$1,543,509.09 Verdict Against State Farm

On June 6, 2012, Ms. Marquez was traveling northbound on I-95 in the right hand lane in the area of mile marker 185.5. At the same time, another northbound vehicle was traveling in the lane to her left. The driver of that vehicle failed to observe the automobile operated by Ms. Marquez and merged into her lane, sideswiping Ms. Marquez's vehicle. Both vehicles went off the east shoulder of the roadway and down an embankment. The Defendant was issued and paid a citation for improper lane change, a violation of Florida Statute, Section 316.085(2).

Ms. Marquez's injuries included a fractured pelvis, abrasions to her neck and contusions to her abdominal wall, thoracic spine and cervical spine.

Ms. Marquez remained hospitalized until June 14, 2012, at which time she was discharged to Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital for physical therapy and rehabilitation until June 28th. At that time, she was released home for care with a

home therapist. In light of the type of injuries, Ms. Marquez's treating physicians testified that she will require ongoing medical care in the form of doctor visits, diagnostic images, physical therapy, and pain medications for the remainder of her life, as well as surgeries to her hip due to the intra-articular nature of her hip injury.

The Defendant only carried \$10,000.00 in bodily injury coverage; therefore, we looked to Ms. Marquez's policy for under insured motorist (UIM) coverage. Ms. Marquez's policy provided \$100,000.00 in (UIM) coverage. The pre-suit demand to State Farm for the \$100,000.00 available under Ms. Marquez's underinsured motorist coverage was rejected by State Farm. Additionally, State Farm rejected numerous additional opportunities to settle for the available limits. The case proceeded to trial in December 2017. After a week-long trial, the jury issued a verdict awarding Ms. Marquez \$1,543,509.09

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the future, and a neck injury resulting in a four-level fusion. Six months prior to the crash, Mr. Cruz had undergone a two-level neck fusion that was still in the healing phase when this crash happened. "Mr. Cruz was well on his way to recovering from the first neck surgery when this crash happened and the only people who didn't believe that was Mercury Insurance Company," said Alpizar. Mr. Cruz gave the Defendant, Mercury Insurance Company of Florida, the opportunity to settle his case for \$500,000.00 just two weeks before trial, and Mercury Insurance Company of Florida declined.

The trial of Aurelio Cruz v. Mercury Insurance Company of Florida began Monday, June 4th, and was heard before a six-member jury. The jurors deliberated two and a half hours before delivering the \$2,426,951.88 verdict. The award included \$297,520.88 for past medical expenses, \$538,566.00 for future medical expenses, \$229,954.00 for past lost wages, \$61,511.00 for future loss of earning capacity, \$499,500.00 for past pain and suffering and \$800,000.00 for future pain and suffering.

NOTABLE CASES

Settlement Reached for Burn Victim

Attorney David Alpizar was able to secure a \$1,515,650.00 settlement in a case involving serious burn injuries from a blowback fire from a built in propane gas grill in a common area of an apartment complex.

This incident occurred on October 29, 2011, at approximately 3:50 pm at the Plaintiff's apartment complex. The Plaintiff left his apartment and walked down to the community summer kitchen to utilize the community public propane grill. It was observed that the lid was closed and two (2) of the four (4) flame control knobs on the grill were missing. Upon pressing the ignite button, the Plaintiff experienced a blowback flash fire from the grill, coupled with hearing a whoosh noise. The Plaintiff felt the lower half of his body on fire, ran out of the summer kitchen and jumped in the pool. He was air transported to the burn unit of Orlando Regional Medical Center, where he was admitted for two weeks. The Plaintiff sustained significant and permanent injuries with first degree burns to his neck and second and third degree burns to his genitalia, both hands, thighs, shins and feet.

Under Florida law, a property owner has a duty to maintain their premises in a reasonably safe condition, to keep the premises free of dangerous conditions and to provide adequate warning or notice of potentially dangerous conditions. This is particularly the case for conditions that are inherently unsafe or dangerous that are not readily apparent to the tenant, such as a noxious gas like propane. Obviously, this duty and responsibility would extend to common areas that are in locations outside of a private apartment residence which are much more accessible to the

landlord and their agents.

The property owner failed to provide any sort of notice, instruction or warning about the grill or how to use it. Additionally, during the deposition of the apartment complex manager, it became clear that the manager did not know how to use the grill, did not give any instruction to residents on how to use it and had no knowledge on how to maintain or clean the grill. The maintenance employees testified that they had concerns about the grill, one expressing concern that the grill could hurt someone.

During an inspection of the grill, it also became clear that the contractor and installer failed to install the common area built in propane grill in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Further, the architect that designed the common area summer kitchen and built in grill unit did not review the manufacturer recommendations when it was designed, despite knowing the exact type of grill that was being installed.

A lawsuit was filed against the apartment complex, as well as all the parties involved in the design, construction and installation of the summer kitchen and built in grill. The case went through multiple mediations, whereby several of the Defendants recognized it was in their best interest to settle. Immediately after taking the deposition of the fire expert in Texas hired by the general contractor, the remaining Defendant finally conceded that the grill was not installed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and decided to settle.

Good Samaritan Loses Life - \$1,003,656.21

The tragic accident which took the life of 68 year old John Doe occurred the morning of November 16, 2015, after noticing debris that was left by an unknown person in the outside eastbound lane of S.R. 528. Being the "Good Samaritan" that he was, John Doe pulled over to remove the debris before someone was injured. Unfortunately, a dump truck that was also traveling on S.R. 528 tried to maneuver to avoid the debris and lost control of his vehicle. The dump truck crashed through the guard rail, striking Mr. Doe and finally striking a tree.

After battling for a week, Mr. Doe sadly lost his life as a result of the traumatic injuries he sustained. Mr. Doe leaves behind a loving wife and family. After investigating the crash, verifying what happened and verifying certain facts with experts, attorney John Alpizar and a his paralegal, Cynthia Scott, were able to successfully reach a settlement of \$1,003,653.21 for the estate and survivors.

Settlement Reached in Daughter Personal Injury and Mother Wrongful Death Claim

A mother and daughter were injured in a motor vehicle crash that occurred on December 10, 2013. The Defendant was on the job and driving a Ford F150 owned by his employer when he crashed into the rear of Plaintiffs' vehicle just west of Tuscan Way on Wickham Road. The force of the impact caused the Plaintiffs' vehicle to hit the vehicle in front of them.

The daughter suffered serious injuries. She sustained multiple herniated discs to her neck with radicular pain down her arms for which she underwent conservative treatment and ultimately required a CT myelogram and cervical fusion from C3-C6. In addition, the daughter suffered herniated discs in her low back which resulted in revision surgery of a previous lumbar fusion. The force of the impact ruptured a breast implant that required multiple surgeries to correct.

Additionally, her elderly mother suffered injuries to her neck requiring extensive treatment. During the course of her treatment she underwent a nerve ablation procedure to her neck. On September 13, 2014, the elderly mother died due to complications of ischemic/anoxic encephalopathy that developed from an allergy to the anesthesia during the procedure. The allergy was overlooked by the treating doctor.

Under well-established Florida law, the original tortfeasor is liable for all damages resulting from his or her original negligence, as well as those damages arising out of any medical negligence for treatment, including complications resulting from treatment rendered to care for injuries caused by a motor vehicle crash. As such, the Defendant and his employer were responsible for any potential negligence of the doctor resulting in her death.

After filing suit, Alpizar Law was able to secure a combined settlement of \$1,300,000.00 to resolve both cases.

Alpizar Law Secures \$997,000 Settlement for Rockledge Woman

On May 8, 2013, Elizabeth Eason was driving home from work traveling eastbound on Nasa Boulevard when she came to a complete stop at a red light at the intersection of Nasa Blvd. & US Hwy 1. After the light turned green, Ms. Eason began to accelerate with the flow of traffic. Suddenly and without warning, the Defendant slammed into the rear of Ms. Eason's vehicle.

As a result of the crash, Ms. Eason sustained injuries to her neck including a disk herniation and disc bulges. Ms. Eason received pain management injections and ultimately underwent surgery to address her injuries. The driver of the car that crashed into Ms. Eason only maintained \$100,000.00 in bodily injury liability coverage which was offered quickly. It became clear very early that Ms. Eason's injuries were very serious, and the available liability insurance would not be sufficient to cover the full extent of her injuries. Fortunately, Ms. Eason carried uninsured/underinsured motorist (UM/UIM) coverage with her own insurance company, USAA.

Because of USAA's lack of interest, Ms. Eason was forced to file a lawsuit and the case went through years of litigation. Three weeks before trial, USAA finally recognized that the trial would not likely turn out well for them and paid an additional \$897,000.00 to settle the case, giving Ms. Eason's total settlement of \$997,000.00.



ALPIZAR LAW GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WITH *700 Thanksgiving Turkeys*

On November 17, 2018, Alpizar Law hosted its 6th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway at its office located at 1528 Palm Bay Rd. NE, Palm Bay, Florida. Charitable support and a spirit of giving has always been an important and rewarding part of our business at Alpizar Law. During this event, Alpizar Law gave away 700 turkeys on a first come, first serve basis. Being able to help people in need of a little extra assistance this year was truly a special feeling. We were thrilled to be able to positively touch so many people in such a big way in the community we call home.

Hundreds of families lined up starting as early as 1:00 AM to receive their free Thanksgiving turkey. We had free cold bottled water, hot dogs, snow cones and face painting available for everyone. The Palm Bay High cheer squad was present to cheer on the crowd. Music was provided by guest DJ Timmy Vee, and the Palm Bay Fire Department brought a fire truck for the public to explore. Palm Bay Mayor William Capote, Deputy Mayor Brian Anderson, Councilman Kenny Johnson and the Palm Bay Police Department were also present and helped give out the turkeys.

For hours music filled the air, the cheerleaders cheered, faces were painted, and everyone had a wonderful day with the Alpizar Law family. We all had a great time from beginning to end. There were so many people and every-

one was in the festive spirit of giving during the time of year when giving means the most.

In the end, all 700 turkeys were given away by Alpizar Law, along with 20 Publix gift certificates, thanks to the generosity of Neuroskeletal Imaging Institute. In addition, Lucas Delgado of Reaper Special Services, Inc. donated four Pioneer Woman Cook Sets and two roasting pans that were raffled off during the event. The lucky winners were excited at the prospect of cooking Thanksgiving dinner in the new cookware. After all the turkeys were given away, a flat screen television was raffled off.

This was a special event and would not have been a success without all the wonderful staff at Alpizar Law, the volunteers who spent the day at the office helping pass out water, give out candy, bag up the turkeys and our community supporters who helped spread the word. Alpizar Law was thrilled to have spent the day with so many people. We were truly blessed with the opportunity to help so many people this year and were humbled by the genuine thanks and gratitude expressed by so many people. While the expressions of thanks were received by so many, we at Alpizar Law also want to thank each person who showed up for providing inspiration, touching our lives and leaving a lasting memory in our hearts.



NOTABLE CASES

T-Bone Collision After Defendant Runs Red Light

This accident occurred at approximately 11:29 a.m. on March 2, 2010, at the intersection of US Hwy 1 and Post Road, in Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida. Leading up to the crash, our client was stopped at a red light on Post Road in the left turn lane facing east. A witness to the accident was also stopped at the same red light on Post Road that our client was at. According to both individuals, the light for east bound traffic turned green and they proceeded into the intersection. At the same time, the Defendant was traveling south on U.S. Highway 1 and failed to stop for the red light. The Defendant's vehicle crashed into the front left side of our client's vehicle. During the Defendant's deposition, she admitted that she became distracted, looked away from the road and when she turned back around she noticed her light was red. It was also discovered that she was on the job at the time of her crash, therefore placing liability on her employer under Florida law. Despite the statement from the independent witness and this admission by the Defendant, her insurance company, GEICO, continued to refuse to admit she was at fault in causing the crash. The Plaintiff amended the Complaint to add the Defendant's employer as an additional party to the lawsuit.

Our Client suffered injuries to her neck and back pain with headaches and suspected loss of consciousness in the crash. An MRI of her neck was positive for a multiple disc bulges and herniations from C4-T1. She received extensive conservative treatment which provided some temporary relief, but did not fix the pain and symptoms. Ultimately, the Defendant and her employer decided trial was not the best option and attorney David Alpizar reached a settlement in the amount of \$287,500.00.

Richard & Sharon Steffe

On November 6, 2016, Richard and Sharon Steffe decided to go see a movie. They left their house and drove their 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche northbound on I95 to State Road 192 in West Melbourne, Florida. While at the stoplight to turn eastbound onto State Road 192, suddenly and without warning, their vehicle was rear ended by a 2011 Suzuki sedan. They never made the movie that night because Mr. and Mrs. Steffe drove from the scene of the crash to Palm Bay Hospital.

At Palm Bay Hospital, Mr. Steffe complained of headaches, neck pain that radiated across both shoulders and into his left hand, back pain and hip pain. He was eventually diagnosed with multiple herniated discs in his cervical spine and a partial interstitial tendon tear in his left shoulder. After failed conservative care, Mr. Steffe was recommended a multi-level cervical fusion and a shoulder surgery. The tortfeasor's insurance company, Travelers Insurance Company, initially offered \$15,000.00 to settle Mr. Steffe's claims. On the eve of filing suit, Travelers offered the policy limits of \$100,000.00 to avoid litigation.

Mrs. Steffe's injuries included headaches, neck pain that radiated into both shoulders and across her chest, and back pain with spasms, numbness, and tingling into her left leg and foot. She was eventually diagnosed with a herniated disc in her lumbar spine; however, conservative treatment including injections helped moderate her symptoms. Travelers' initial offer to settle was \$42,500.00. After several rounds of negotiations, attorney Scott Alpizar was able to negotiate a \$60,000.00 offer, which Mrs. Steffe accepted.

NOTABLE CASES

Christopher Arcand v. Phoenix Ins. Co. – \$525,000.00

On April 19, 2013, the Plaintiff was driving westbound on Malabar Road. At the same time, the Defendant was stopped at a stop sign on Krassner Drive. As the Plaintiff's vehicle approached the intersection, the Defendant negligently failed to observe or otherwise ignored the traffic conditions and pulled out to make a left turn onto Malabar Road. The Plaintiff, left with no escape route, crashed into the left side of the Defendant's vehicle.

The Plaintiff suffered an annular tear with protrusion/extrusion into the left lateral recess and lumbosacral radiculopathy on the left at the L5-S1 disc level. The evidence showed that the Plaintiff would continue to require supportive medical care in the form of doctor visits, medications, diagnostic testing, physical therapy and pain management over the course of his life due to the accident related injuries. His treating neurosurgeon assigned an 8% permanent disability rating.

A lawsuit was filed in 2016 and attorney John Alpizar was able to successfully settle the case for \$525,000.00.

Jane Doe

Our client and her husband of three months had just finished a night out and were on their way home. They stopped at a Sunoco gas station on the north side of State Road 520. While her husband was fueling their vehicle, our client exited the vehicle and subsequently crossed multiple lanes of traffic on State Road 520 when suddenly she was struck and killed by a 2002 Cadillac Escalade driven by the Defendant. There were some extremely tough facts relating to liability in this crash. However, after an extensive investigation, Alpizar Law was able to determine that the lighting in the area was sufficient enough that another car traveling westbound in the center lane ahead of the Defendant saw our client crossing the street, slowed down and avoided hitting her. While the Defendant admitted he observed our client as a pedestrian crossing State Road 520, he failed to take appropriate evasive action to avoid hitting her. Our client was able to cross four lanes of traffic and was almost across the road before being struck by the Defendant's vehicle.

The photographs of the Defendant's vehicle taken at the scene of the crash clearly document the damage to his vehicle on the driver's side front bumper, grill and hood. Since he was traveling westbound, that means our client would have had to cross almost entirely in front of his car before she was struck.

Our client was survived by her husband and three children who lived on the West Coast of the United States, who were each statutory survivors under the Wrongful Death Statute. Attorney David Alpizar was able to secure a settlement in the amount of \$320,000.00.

Monica Ogren

On October 21, 2016, Monica Ogren was driving westbound on 21st Street in Vero Beach, Florida. While stopped and attempting to merge onto US-1, she was suddenly and violently rear-ended by a 2008 Ford Edge. Ms. Ogren's vehicle was declared a total loss. The driver, who was operating his grandparents' vehicle with their knowledge and consent, was cited with careless driving.

At the scene of the crash, Ms. Ogren reported to the responding paramedics that she lost consciousness briefly after hitting her head on the headrest and that she was experiencing pain and a popping sensation in her neck. Ms. Ogren would eventually be diagnosed with four herniated discs in her cervical spine that required a two level cervical discectomy and fusion to treat. The tortfeasor had a total of \$260,000.00 in liability coverage through Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois and Progressive American Insurance Company, both of which tendered their policy limits in less than thirty days from Ms. Ogren's offer to settle.

COMMUNITY *Support*

John Alpizar was honored to be one of seven Hispanic leaders awarded the Congressional Medal of Recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the community. The award was presented by Rep. Bill Posey of Florida's District 8 at the 2018 Viva Brevard Gala. Javier Molinares, President of the Brevard Hispanic Center, applauded John's support of the center since its inception. Mr. Molinares further applauded John's "dedication to those in need and the center's mission of encouraging and promoting multicultural integration in areas including education, employment, immigration and health".



Left to right: Rep. Bill Posey, John Alpizar, Javier Molinares



David Alpizar & Brigadier General Wayne Monteith

2nd Annual DeLaura Dash 5K Run – February 2018

DeLaura PTO hosted their 2nd Annual DeLaura Dash 5K, presented by Alpizar Law, as the community raced to raise funds for a new digital marquee at DeLaura Middle School. This year's "Celebrity Race Leader," was Brigadier General Wayne Monteith, from Patrick Air Force Base. It was a gorgeous day as participants were treated to food, fun and music.

Children's Home Society 16th Annual Caribbean Island Party



Memorializing Florida Department of Children and Families caseworker Tracey Bagwell, the Caribbean Island Party raises funds to support young women exiting foster care and beginning their lives as independent adults, along with providing early-intervention and preventative support to children and families. In Brevard, Children's Home Society helps more than 2,500 children through their programs and services. The event features live music, island food, tropical drinks, casino games and a silent auction. This year's event raised over \$28,000. David Alpizar's wife, Rebecca, serves on the Board of Directors for the Space Coast Chapter.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Operation Hope Collects Aid for Puerto Rico

Operation Hope board members David Alpizar, Michael Carey, Julie Decker, David Patterson, Jann Zermeno and Jesse Zermeno received donations from the Brevard Hispanic Center to assist the people from Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Operation Hope collected food, clothing, first aid supplies, batteries and towels; those donated supplies were then sent to Miami for transportation to the island.



Operation Hope, based in Fellsmere, also serves more than 14,000 people in our community through its volunteer efforts. They not only participate in Thanksgiving and Christmas Day events, but also on other important dates such as Mother's Day, Father's Day and "Back to School" events in which children in the community receive basic materials such as backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and glue necessary for their educational experience, Alpizar Law is proud to be a long-term supporter of Operation Hope.

Satellite Beach High School Spanish Honor Club – March 2018

Alpizar Law was proud to sponsor the Satellite Beach High School Spanish Honor Club to compete at the Florida State Spanish Conference at the Wyndham International Hotel in Orlando. The team worked extremely hard fundraising through car washes and garage sales but were still in need of financial support from businesses in the community for this event. Six participants received outstanding scores in the drama Los Fantoques. (Isabella Delzingaro, Johan Rodriguez, Sam Nafadi, Ivan Carruyo, Elizabeth Cummins, & Aseel Nafadi) Congratulations!

52nd Annual Grant Seafood Festival - March 2018

The Grant Seafood Festival is one of the longest running seafood festivals on the East coast and is a 100% volunteer effort. All proceeds from the festival are put back into the community of Grant. Projects include the Grant Seafood Festival scholarship fund, Grant Community Library, Grant Historical House and The Grant Community Center. We hope to see you there in 2019!

6th Annual Grant BBQ Fest - April 2018

This fundraiser supports Toys for Kids, an all volunteer nonprofit organization in Brevard County dedicated to providing holiday gifts to underprivileged children in our community. Since 1995, Toys for Kids has distributed toys to over 100,000 children.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Yellow Rose Sponsor of Candlelighters 16th Annual Have-a-Heart Valentine's Extravaganza



Scott & Jaime Alpizar



John & Janna Alpizar



David & Rebecca Alpizar

Alpizar Law was proud to be a yellow rose sponsor for the Candlelighters 16th Annual Have-a-Heart Valentine's Day Extravaganza held on February 10, 2018, at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto. The event raised over \$232,000.00, which will provide support to Brevard and Indian River County families whose children have been diagnosed with Cancer. David and his wife, Rebecca, and Scott and his wife, Jaime all attended the Gala while John and his wife Janna were guests at the sponsor reception hosted by Gary and Kelly Stein at their Lansing Island home.

31st Annual Pro Bono Awards and Recognition Gala

Alpizar Law was honored to be a sponsor of the Brevard County Legal Aid's 31st Annual Pro Bono Awards and Recognition Gala. Approximately 130 invited guests from the legal and business community attended the gala on Friday, March 16, 2018, at Rockledge Country Club. The annual dinner and awards event is a tribute to Brevard's attorneys who contribute free legal assistance to help persons who are unable to afford private counsel.

Florida Bar President Michael J. Higer was the special guest speaker and he also presented awards to recognize the efforts of Brevard's most outstanding pro bono attorneys.



John Alpizar & Michael Higer

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA FL 20-1) 1st Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser – May 2018

Several employees of the firm participated in this event, none of whom will be mistaken for professional bowlers. This extremely fun event was organized by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc. FL 20-1 which provides needy veteran families with food, housing essentials, toys for kids, rent, and household bills after being vetted for legitimacy. They also provide scholarships, donate to the Patrick Air Force Base 1st SGT Counsel, and sponsor one guardian per flight for Space Coast Honor Flight which sends a WWII, Korean or terminally ill Vietnam Veteran to Washington DC for a day. All proceeds are used to help veterans locally in Brevard County.



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Accolades



David Alpizar serves on three professional boards; the Brevard County Bar Association, Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association and as the immediate past president of the Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court. David Alpizar was recently accepted for membership in the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements. There are over 4,000 members throughout the country and less than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members.

John Alpizar has served on the Brevard County Bar Foundation, is past-president of the American Board of Trial Advocacy, Central Florida Division, and just finished his sixth and final year as the representative of the Florida Bar Board of Governors for the 18th Circuit, representing Seminole and Brevard counties



Scott Alpizar currently serves as Secretary of the Young Lawyers Division Board of the Brevard County Bar Association