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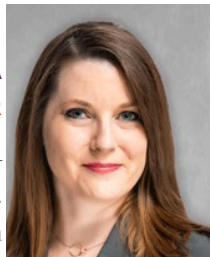
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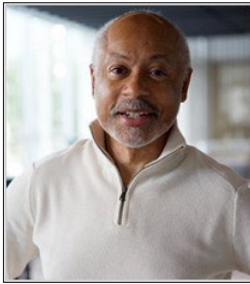
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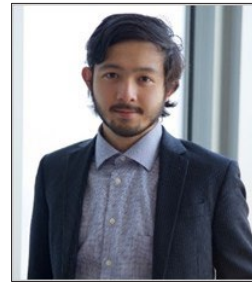
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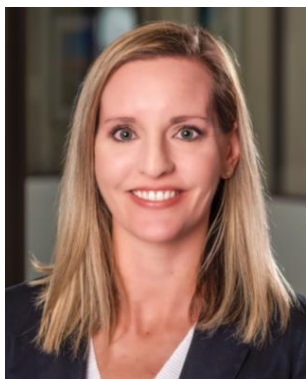
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In September 2015, Jennifer Yu Sacro and John Walker founded Sacro & Walker LLP with the goal of providing exceptional legal services at sensible rates. Drawing on forty years of combined experience practicing law in Los Angeles, Ms. Sacro and Mr. Walker have uncompromising dedication to achieving outstanding litigation results for their clients through vigorous advocacy and careful adherence to the profession's ethical standards. Immediately prior to forming Sacro & Walker, Ms. Sacro and Mr. Walker were litigation partners at prestigious downtown Los Angeles law firms.

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Sacro & Walker attorneys are also counsel to national insurers in connection with life, accident and disability insurance claims. John Walker provides coverage advice to insurers in these areas, and represents insurers in first party litigation challenging claims determinations.

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- Grown from two to more than 35 attorneys; all solid, experienced professionals;
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- Become one of the largest minority-owned and controlled law firms in the United States;
- Gone to verdict in over 150 cases in State and Federal court;
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Ms. Quesada has represented numerous Fortune 500 companies throughout her career including healthcare organizations, life and disability insurance companies, supplemental and accident insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, financial institutions, banking entities and numerous other companies, as well as publicly-traded entities and privately owned businesses in the prosecution and defense of life, health, disability and ERISA matters, insurance coverage disputes, healthcare claims, agent claims, interpleaders, structured settlement disputes, vicarious liability issues, reinsurance matters, bad faith litigation, general commercial claims, business disputes, business torts, fraud and RICO claims, consumer claims including FDUTPA, FCRA and TCPA claims, officer/director liability claims, product liability matters and a panoply of civil claims in state and federal courts throughout Florida and Georgia, as well as before arbitration tribunals throughout the country.

Ms. Quesada is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings, the highest rating possible, and an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association (Commercial, Consumer and Healthcare rosters).

Prior to forming SMGQ, Ms. Quesada was a partner at a national law firm and senior associate at Hunton & Williams LLP (n/k/a Hunton Andrews Kurth), one of the largest U.S. based international law firms. Ms. Quesada commenced her legal career in private practice at Steel Hector & Davis LLP (n/k/a Squire Patton Boggs) after completing a federal clerkship as an Honors Attorney through the Attorney General Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was selected from over 2,500 applicants for one of eight positions.

Ms. Quesada is admitted to practice in Florida, including the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida; in Georgia, including the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia; in New York; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

#### NOTABLE RECOGNITION

Ms. Quesada served as one of 12 commissioners appointed to the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession by the president of the ABA and was the first Hispanic appointed from Florida. Ms. Quesada has been featured in Attorney at Law magazine's Women in Law edition, Law360's series Minority Powerbrokers Q&A, the MCCA's Diversity & the Bar magazine, and Diversity Inc. magazine. She has also been highlighted as a Hispanic leader by Miami Today and South Florida CEO magazine, and honored as a Super Lawyer for Insurance, Top Lawyer in Insurance by the South Florida Legal Guide and Best Lawyer in America for Insurance Litigation. Ms. Quesada is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a prestigious association where less than one-half of one percent of American trial lawyers have been invited to join.



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## Our History

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Kim Howard has practiced as a highly skilled defense trial lawyer in Indiana for over 20 years. Ms Howard practices in general defense litigation, including construction, products liability, and transportation law. She also practices in the area of bad faith litigation. Additionally, she devotes a portion of her practice to her small business clients in the areas of contract negotiation, Request for Proposal Responses and general business development. Ms. Howard was the recipient of the 2014 Indiana State Bar Association Civility Award. Ms. Howard attended Indiana University and graduated from Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis in 1991. E-mail: khoward@smithfisher.com



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Becky Maas has been in practice over 25 years and has tried more cases than anyone in the firm, and has obtained favorable verdicts in all of her trials, including numerous defense verdicts. Her current practice includes the defense of catastrophic injuries and large personal injury claims on construction sites as well as construction defect claims. She is the firm's resident authority on confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) litigation and is currently defending several Indiana farmers against claims for nuisance and bodily injury. Mrs. Maas is a graduate of Indiana's Taylor University and of the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis in 1988. E-mail: rmaas@smithfisher.com



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# Insurance



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## Who We Work With

Handling a variety of insurance matters from the straightforward to the complex, Walsh has litigated insurance matters spanning a multitude of industries and professional services. We also have substantial experience with respect to bad faith claims asserted in first party insurance coverage actions. Subject matters include:

- Product liability
- Professional malpractice and negligence
- Construction defect litigation
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- Subrogation recovery
- Environmental
- Errors & omissions
- Fraudulent claims
- Personal injury
- All forms of general liability

In addition to the diverse experiences of the attorneys in the practice area, the chair of the department is the former Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance for the state of New Jersey. This enables us to provide clients with regulatory, compliance, transactional and litigation services.

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- Environmental
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- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
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- Secured a defense verdict in a case involving an accident between a small car and a tractor-trailer. It was suspected that this was a fraudulent lawsuit, and, during trial, we proved that two of the plaintiffs had lied under oath about critical aspects of the case.
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- Benefits Coverage
- Insurance Coverage
- Business Losses
- Wrongful Death
- Employment Litigation
- Catastrophic Claims
- Personal Injury Defense
- Property Damage Claims
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Professional Liability
- Products Liability

Our representative clients include:

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