



# Delray Forum

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## FAST FACTS

■ Long-time Delray Beach resident Ron Siegel is a lawyer in Boca Raton by trade and heavily involved in the South Palm Beach County Jewish charities community. After just a year with the law firm Brinkley Morgan, Siegel worked with his peers to make a fundraiser to celebrate the firm's new office a success. He's also putting on his first seminar Jan. 17 on guardianship, the firm's annual Family Law Seminar for Mental Health Professionals.

How does the community benefit from Ron Siegel's efforts?



**DR. DEBRA HALLOW**  
JEWISH ASSOCIATION FOR  
RESIDENTIAL CARE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mark Twain said, "Kindness is the language which enables the deaf to hear and the blind to see." Ron's commitment as an advocate to people with disabilities both here at Jewish Association for Residential Care and with the Israel Elwyn program demonstrates his exemplary humanitarianism and compassion. We are fortunate to have him in our community.



**HARRIS SOLOMON**  
BRINKLEY MORGAN  
PARTNER

Ron is devoted to doing the best possible job for his clients. They need someone to listen to their concerns and to provide them with knowledgeable, timely advice and counsel. Ron is also actively involved in bettering the community through his charitable efforts and that is an important part of Brinkley Morgan's philosophy of engagement with every community in which our lawyers are located.

## ON THE SPOT

### RON SIEGEL LAWYER

#### What brought your family to Delray Beach?

We've lived here since Hurricane Wilma when we were between houses. It was very memorable. The downtown area is great because you can walk around after dinner instead of going to a destination restaurant and having nothing to do.

#### Tell me about the fundraiser you were involved with at your firm?

It was for Boca Helping Hands. We collected 1,000 pounds of food to celebrate the Dec. 31 grand opening of our new office in Boca. I'm certainly familiar with the organization, and they do great work. I helped encourage people to donate.

#### What organizations are you involved with locally?

My primary involvement is with JARC, the Jewish Association for Residential Care, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization that provides group homes and vocational training to adults with developmental disabilities. There are two homes in Delray and the rest are in Boca. I was the president for three years and now serve as the financial vice president. I initiated an exchange between JARC and Israel Elwyn, which serves more than 2,700 children and adults with disabilities in Israel. This award is especially meaningful to me because I was able to contribute to the advancement and connection of these two great organizations. I'm on the board for the American Friend of Magen David Adom, a blood center and emergency ambulatory service. I'm also on the advisory board for the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D. C. We help promote various events in South Florida that support the museum, such as the Jan. 27 luncheon at Boca West Country Club.

#### Being involved with organizations connected to your faith seems important to you.

I think it's very important to give back to society. I am Jewish, and I have been exposed to various organizations. That's important to me.

#### You're an estates and trusts attorney. What is your advice for people in this area?

Everybody needs to take a look at their estate situation. If they don't have a will, they should look at getting one because the state of Florida has one written for you. Most adults have estate plans, but they should look at it frequently because the laws constantly change.

