

MEN AT WORK

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Ronald Siegel's Work With JARC Florida A Perfect Match

For the parents of developmentally disabled children, estate planning is one of the most important things they can do to ensure their children's future care.

Ronald Siegel, a partner with Brinkley Morgan in Boca Raton, knows that firsthand. In fact, it's how he first became involved with JARC Florida, a nonprofit organization that provides programs and services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Siegel, who is board certified in wills, trusts and estates, learned about JARC Florida about 15 years ago while trying to help a client find a charity in Israel that served developmentally disabled adults. He identified Israel Elwyn.

"I ended up creating an exchange program between

Israel Elwyn and JARC," says Siegel, who not only serves on JARC's board of directors but also is on Israel Elwyn's board.

A past president at JARC and a current member of the finance committee, Siegel is deeply committed to the organization.

"It's a wonderful organization that does wonderful things for people in need," he says. "Developmentally disabled persons don't get the attention and support they deserve."

JARC was created in the mid-1980s to respond to the needs of families with adult children who have developmental disabilities. Its programs include residential

homes and apartments, community case management and employment training.

Siegel's work in trust and estates dovetails nicely with his work with JARC. When clients are setting up their estate plans, they often ask where best to leave their assets.

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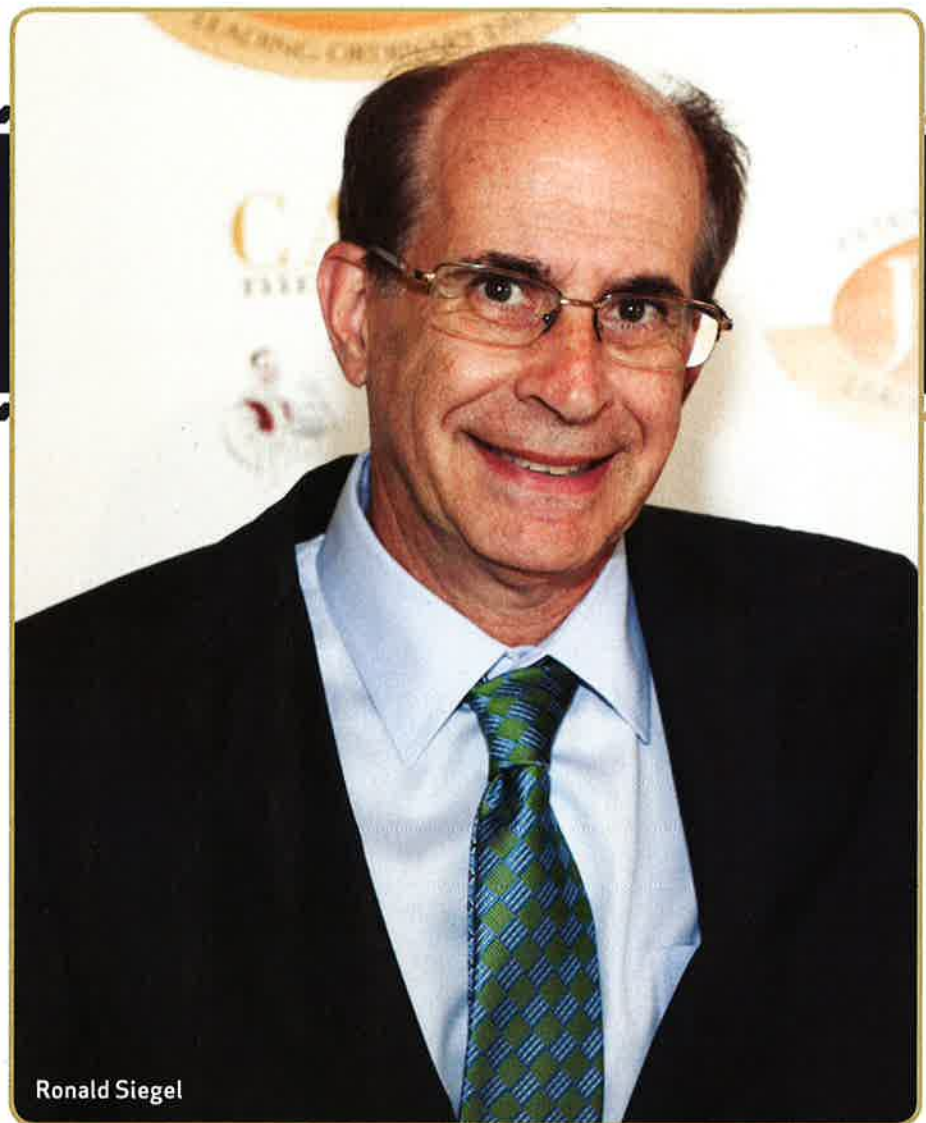
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merous charities, and, depending on a client's interest, I am able to recommend charities like JARC to them," he says.

By the same token, if a client has a developmentally disabled child, he helps them set up trusts to ensure for the child's care and often has recommended JARC.

JARC is preparing for its gala on March 18 at Boca West Country Club, where Siegel is sure to be found organizing clipboards.

"We have a silent auction, and I am the one who figured out a way to, in a smooth manner, get all of the clipboards in the right place with the right items," he quipped.



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