Announcing Two New Named Partners!

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We are excited and proud to announce that two dedicated partners have recently been recognized for an addition to our law firm's name.

Moving forward, our law firm name will be known as: Hightower, Stratton, Novigrod, Costello, Uzzi & Kantor!

This addition recognizes the significant contributions, leadership, and professional accomplishments of **Michael Costello,** Esq. (Managing Partner – Orlando) and **Herb Uzzi,** Esq. (Partner – West Palm Beach), both of whom have played an integral role in the firm's continued growth and success. Each has demonstrated a sustained record of excellence in insurance defense, earning the trust of clients through strategic advocacy, effective case management, and consistent results across complex matters.

Michael practices in various areas including automobile negligence, general liability, premises liability, products liability, property damage, representation of public entities, subrogation insurance coverage issues, and transportation & trucking. He is widely respected for his trial experience, speaking engagements, as well as having been recognized as a **Florida Trend Legal Elite NOTABLE** – Managing Partner (2023-present), named as a ***Best Lawyers in America®*** for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants (2024-present) and named a **Super Lawyers©** (2024-present), for his exceptional work in Insurance Coverage.

Herb is also recognized for defending insurers, large Florida and foreign corporations in high-exposure bodily injury and property damage, litigation, specializing in motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, and insurance matters. Herb was named a **Top Lawyer by *Palm Beach Illustrated*** (2000-Present) and was named to ***Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*** *(*2024-Present) for Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation -Defendants.

Their inclusion in the firm's name reflects not only their individual achievements, but also our collective commitment to depth of experience, continuity of leadership, and long-term client service.

We are grateful for the confidence you place in our firm and look forward to continuing to serve you, strengthened by the leadership and accomplishments of Michael and Herb.

Sincerely,

The Partners

Hightower, Stratton, Novigrod, Costello, Uzzi & Kantor