

Defeat for Club

Chalk up a win for lawyers **Peter Russin & Mark Meland.**

Their firm recently won a motion to dismiss (with co-counsel from **Kelley Drye & Warren**) against the Bal Harbour Club, Inc. Seems the Club, at 102nd Street and Collins Avenue, filed bankruptcy in October to avoid selling some extremely valuable oceanfront and Intra-coastal Beach property to Russin and Meland's client, **AVA Developments, Inc.**

Visiting judge **Barry S. Schermer** agreed that the Club had acted in bad faith and granted a motion to dismiss, which means the Club can no longer avoid the sale. Russin and Meland, both 35, hope to close the \$34 million deal for AVA at the end of January. Word is that AVA will build high-end condos.