


MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Michael Budwick  
*Meland, Russin, Hellinger, & Budwick, P.A.*

**FR:** Jessica Gehm   
*Becker Consulting Services, Inc.*

**RE:** Michael Budwick Merges with Firm to Form Meland, Russin, Hellinger & Budwick, P.A.

**DT:** February 10, 2003

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Following is a media report regarding coverage regarding the above:

**American Bankruptcy Institute Journal** – A brief will run in the March issue.

**Bankruptcy Court Decisions, Weekly News and Comment** – A brief ran January 28.

**Florida Bar News** – A brief ran February 1.

**Florida Newspaper** – A story ran January 22.

**Miami Daily Business Review** – A brief will run as space allows.

**Miami Herald Professions** – A brief ran December 23.

**Miami Herald Neighbors** - A brief will run as space allows.

**Miami Today** – A brief ran January 16.

**South Florida Business Journal** – A brief ran January 10.

**Sun-Sentinel** – A brief ran January 13.

**University of Florida Lawyer** – A brief will run in the Spring issue.

Thank you for your attention regarding this report. We will continue to follow up on pending items. Please contact me if you should have any questions.

cc: Andy Hellinger  
Mark Meland  
Peter Russin

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# The Florida Bar News

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February 1, 2003

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## On the Move

Michael S. Budwick has become a partner with Meland, Russin, Hellinger & Budwick, P.A., with offices at 3000 Wachovia Financial Center, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Miami 33131. He practices in real estate, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation.

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# FLORIDA

Newspaper

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January 22, 2003

## Bankruptcy attorney Michael Budwick merges practice with Meland Russin & Hellinger

The law firm of Meland, Russin & Hellinger, P.A. has announced that Bankruptcy Attorney Michael S. Budwick, has merged his successful practice with the firm and has joined as a partner. The new law firm is now called Meland, Russin, Hellinger & Budwick, P.A. A new generation of bankruptcy, litigation and real estate attorneys, Meland, Russin, Hellinger, & Budwick, P.A. will practice in real estate and bankruptcy as well as commercial litigation, probate and agricultural law.

"In Michael Budwick, we have found an extremely talented bankruptcy attorney and another kindred spirit," said Peter D. Russin, Managing Partner. "He shares our entrepreneurial attitude about the law, is known for delivering outstanding results and he is someone we have tremendous mutual respect for. Together, Meland, Russin, Hellinger & Budwick, P.A. will now have seven (7) attorneys and a total staff of 23. Collectively, the firm and its four well known partners, Mark S. Meland, Peter D. Russin, Andrew Hellinger and now



Michael Budwick

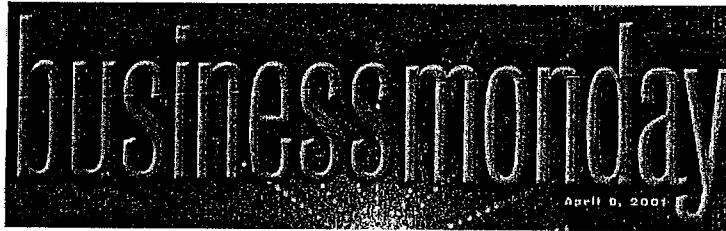
Michael S. Budwick, have been involved in some of south Florida's most high profile ponzi scheme investigations, corporate bankruptcies, commercial litigation and real estate transactions.

Michael S. Budwick, a resident of Coconut Grove, was previously the principal shareholder of Michael S. Budwick, P.A., a bankruptcy practice he founded in 2000 after spending eight years with the law firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A. in Miami.

His practice focuses on representing secured creditors, trustees and debtors in Chapters 7 and 11 bankruptcy filings. Mr. Budwick is currently representing some of

south Florida's largest bankruptcies including Supra Telecom and International Air Leases, Inc. (whose former principal shareholder was aviator George Batchelor). In addition, he was appointed receiver in 2002 by the U.S. District Court for Phoenix Financial Groups, Inc., a \$19 million ponzi scheme. From 1993 to 1999, Mr. Budwick represented the Ch. 11 Trustee for Premium Sales Corporation, a \$250 million ponzi scheme where he successfully prosecuted millions of dollars in fraudulent transfer actions and claim objections.

An active community leader, Mr. Budwick is currently First Vice-President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida where he has been involved for the past four years as Treasurer (2001-2002) and a Director (1998-2001). He is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida and is a member of the Florida Bar Association. Mr. Budwick is a frequent lecturer on the subject of offshore trusts and various pre-bankruptcy planning matters.



BY CINDY KRISHER GOODMAN

### BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEY FINDS A PARTNER, OR 3

Miami bankruptcy attorney **Michael Budwick** has a new firm and a big case.



**BUDWICK**

Formerly on his own, Budwick has joined **Meland Russin Hellinger** as a shareholder. The seven-lawyer firm is now called **Meland Russin Hellinger & Budwick**.

The change came as Budwick landed some major clients, including **Supra Telecom** and **Mucio Athayde**, owner of the **Blue and Green Diamond Condo Development** in Miami Beach. He and the firm also represent **International Air Leases**, the late **George Batchelor's** aviation company, in its bankruptcy reorganization.

In addition, a U.S. District Court judge in Fort Lauderdale has appointed Budwick receiver for **Pheonix Financial Groups**, a \$19 million Palm Beach ponzi scheme.

# MIAMI TODAY

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January 16, 2003

## TODAY'S NEWS

### PEOPLE



**Michael S. Budwick**

#### **Law firm announces merger, new partner**

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## **PEOPLE ON THE MOVE**

Miami-based **Meland-Russin & Hellinger** named **Michael S. Budwick** a partner.

# **Sun-Sentinel**

## **YOUR BUSINESS**

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**January 13, 2002**

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### **BUSINESS LEADS**

Two Miami law firms merged recently when bankruptcy attorney Michael S. Budwick joined Meland, Russin & Hellinger PA. The law firm is now Meland, Russin, Hellinger & Budwick PA. The firm will have seven attorneys and a staff of 23.

# Weekly News & Comment

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January 28, 2003



## **Budwick joins Miami's Meland, Russin & Hellinger**

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