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MARATHON MOM MAKES A RUN FOR JUDGE

By Kevin Gale

CURRENT ROLES: Mom, Lawyer at Greenspoon Marder, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge

LEGAL SPECIALTY: Commercial Litigator

BACKGROUND: “I’m a Broward County native that is committed to serving this community. After graduating in the top 10% of my class at Cornell University, I came back to Florida to thaw out at the University of Miami School of Law, where I graduated 1st in my class. After graduation, I got to serve Broward as an Assistant State Attorney prosecuting a variety of cases. After almost nine years with the State, I left to broaden my legal experience and I’ve spent the last few years handling civil litigation at both the state and federal level.”

SECRETS TO HER SUCCESS: “Hard work, not always a lot of sleep, a strong desire to make my lifelong dream of becoming a judge a reality, and a wonderful family and support network.”

ACCOLADES: Among her many accolades are the 2014 Law Alumni Leadership Award from the University of Miami School of Law, the 2014 Leaders in Law Finalist for Lifestyle magazine, and the “Unsung Hero” award from the Jewish Family Services of Broward County in 2010.

THE ACTRESS BEST ABLE TO PORTRAY ME: “Some days it would be Reese Witherspoon (a la “Legally Blonde”) because people often see a little blonde girl and underestimate me; and sometimes I am more like Julia Roberts (a la “Erin Brockovich”) as I try to be a good mom to my boys while juggling my work obligations and doing the “right” thing.”

FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT: Her favorite restaurant is a three-way-tie between Mustard Seed Bistro in Plantation, Market 17 in Fort Lauderdale, and any Menchie’s location.

FAMILY LIFE: Stacey has been married to

Matthew for over nine years. They have two sons: Brandon (7) and Sammy (5).

HOBBIES: Her hobbies include spending time with her family, watching movies and running. “I’ve run nine full marathons – including NYC five times. Running is a family affair for me... I did my first marathon with my dad as we finished holding hands and in 2012 my dad and I pushed my mom, who has Multiple Sclerosis for 13.1 miles in the Miami half-marathon.”

PETS: “Sixx (almost 4 years old) – a mutt but predominantly boxer; We recently lost Sixx’s older “sister,” Seven, who was 14 years old, a two-time cancer survivor, and a rescue – a true mutt’s mutt.”

PHILOSOPHICAL QUOTE: “Sometimes you have to make short-term sacrifices in order to achieve long-term gains... And often the hardest things we do in life yield the best or most important results.”