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Daniel N. Gonzalez Honored by the Daily Business Review as a 2014 ’40 Under 40′ Rising Star

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If ever creditors needed a lawyer, it was in the bankruptcy cases of Claudio Osorio and his company, InnoVida Holdings LLC. Osorio rose to the top of Miami’s business community before his swift fall for stealing tens of millions of dollars from investors.

Daniel Gonzalez, a partner at Meland Budwick, P. A., in Miami, was among those who stepped forward. Last year he filed 45 lawsuits to recover assets; he has since settled all but one, securing more than $2 million.

Gonzalez, 37, focuses his practice on financial restructuring and reorganization, creditors’ rights, bankruptcy litigation, bankruptcy trustee representation and asset sales and purchases in liquidation proceedings. He also handles federal and state court receiverships and complex commercial litigation.

In June he completed his term as president of the Southern District’s Bankruptcy Bar Association. He spearheaded a fundraising drive that raised more than $135,000 to support the Bankruptcy Bar Foundation’s pro bono initiatives and law school clinical programs.

Gonzalez is a big believer in pro bono. He mentors for the pro bono clinic at the University of Miami School of Law. He was awarded the Dade County Bar Association’s pro bono award for bankruptcy in 2008.

He also has served for five years on the steering committee of UM’s bankruptcy skills workshop, which provides scholarship funding.