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# Litigation Department of the Year (Bankruptcy) Finalist: Meland Budwick

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Meland Budwick is a 2025 Florida Legal Awards Litigation Department (Bankruptcy) of the Year finalist.

## What are some of the department's most satisfying successes of 2024, and why?

The firm's most satisfying successes in 2024 include securing full payment for all unsecured creditors in the Eiger BioPharmaceuticals bankruptcy case, recovering over $100 million in the E.D. California Ponzi scheme case, and securing a significant $20 million recovery from Nixon Peabody. Additionally, the firm's representation of victims in the Petters Ponzi scheme resulted in over $220 million in recoveries. These achievements highlight the firm's ability to handle complex, high-stakes litigation matters and achieve significant results for clients.

## What was your biggest challenge in 2024 and how did you adapt?

The biggest challenge for Meland Budwick in 2024 was managing the sheer scale and intricacy of the DC Solar fraud including multiple contentious adversary proceedings simultaneously. However, the firm's deep bench of talented attorneys and collaborative, multidisciplinary approach allowed it to adapt and streamline case strategies. By implementing advanced litigation techniques and ensuring seamless communication across teams, the firm advanced the litigations and achieved significant wins for its clients. These victories reflect the firm's exceptional abilities.

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## The market for legal services has been changing. What does success require in this climate?

Success in today's evolving legal market hinges on adaptability, innovation, and a client-first approach. Meland Budwick has set itself apart by focusing on niche areas such as high stakes bankruptcy litigation and insolvency law while prioritizing cost-effective solutions and fostering strong client relationships. The firm's commitment to innovation—leveraging technology for efficient case management and employing creative litigation strategies—has solidified its leadership position. By fostering trust through transparent communication and consistently meeting client expectations, Meland Budwick continues to thrive in a competitive legal landscape.

## Litigators are extraordinarily busy people. What does the firm do to ensure that they remain engaged with pro bono work, their communities, and their families?

The firm is dedicated to promoting work-life balance for its litigators through flexible work arrangements, robust support for pro bono initiatives, and opportunities for professional growth. These measures enable attorneys to stay engaged with their communities, excel in their careers, and maintain meaningful connections with their families. By fostering a supportive and balanced environment, the firm ensures its attorneys can achieve long term success and fulfillment, both personally and professionally.

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