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hi my name is Geralyn Passaro and I am a partner  
in the law firm of Litchfield Cavo here in the

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Fort Lauderdale office um I've opened this office  
in 2009 after practicing law for over 20 years and

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an other insurance defense related firms um at  
that time we were the ninth office to open up

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for the firm of Litchfield Cavo and the second  
office in the State of Florida um now we have

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over 23 offices uh nationwide so we have grown  
a lot since I joined in 2009 having practiced all

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these years now going into my 37th year it is  
a very hectic challenging and exciting process

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opening our office was also equally challenging  
and hectic as well uh we literally were down to

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the point of coming in and rolling up our sleeves  
and having to you know assemble things and put

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together uh furniture and other things so  
that we could function and practice law at

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the same time so it was a very interesting time  
for us the Fort Lauderdale office was a product

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of our named partner Rick Cavo uh our founder  
who um had a vision uh Rick uh always believed

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in the philosophy build it and they will come  
and so that's exactly what we did when we opened

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up the Fort Lauderdale office and within a few

months we were inundated with work and have

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continued to grow over the years uh to have dozens  
of attorneys uh here in Fort Lauderdale Rick Cavo

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also believe that uh if you have a good set  
of trial skills uh you can essentially learn

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every topic and that's one of the things that I  
love about practicing law because um one of the

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things as a trial lawyer is that you get to learn  
your client's business understand the issues

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not only involved from a legal perspective  
but just you know how things are built how

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things are put together what are the processes  
and procedures and uh which has helped me in

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real life as well obviously helped me to uh help  
navigate my clients cases through the system uh

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and put the best strategy uh forward um so there  
is always that concept of learning new things and

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and learning new things is what keeps us uh young  
and moving forward I've been here since 2009 and

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uh enjoying the practice and the growth  
and all the experiences that come with it.