

## Retired Judge Dresnick Joins Kluger Kaplan

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After being aged out from the Miami-Dade Circuit Court, Ronald Dresnick has joined Miami boutique litigation law firm Kluger, Kaplan, Silverman, Katzen & Levine.

Dresnick spent nearly two decades on the bench, presiding over such significant cases as the Major League Baseball steroid controversy tied to New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez, a \$100 million claim against Cuba tied to the Bay of Pigs and a victim's attempt to enforce a wrongful death judgment against the Miccosukee tribe.

He retired from the bench when his term ended this month due to the state's mandatory judicial retirement age of 70.

In his new role at Kluger Kaplan, Dresnick will work on a wide range of complex commercial litigation, in-

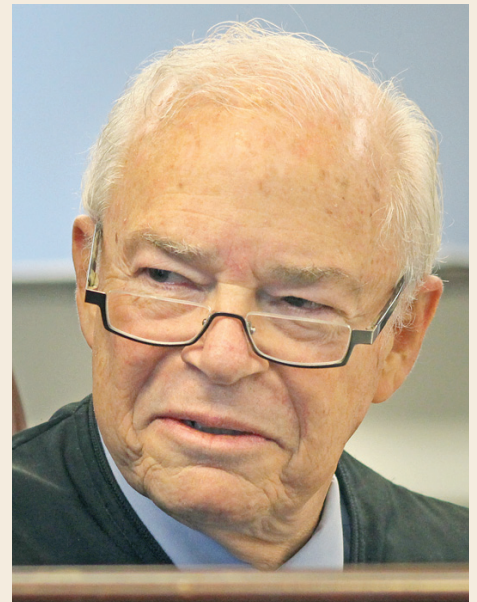
cluding white-collar defense, securities litigation and internal investigations.

Dresnick said he chose Kluger Kaplan because "I wanted to go with a great litigation boutique. I didn't want to go quietly into the night and become a mediator. Kluger Kaplan is a great firm with a great reputation."

He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and previously taught at St. Thomas University School of Law as well as Boston University School of Law.

Dresnick began his legal career in 1971 as an assistant public defender and was a trial lawyer for 25 years before taking the bench in 1996. His former law partners included F. Lee Bailey and former State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein.

His high-profile clients included Paul Reubens, better known as Pee Wee Herman,



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defending him against charges of lewd conduct in Sarasota. In Iran-Contra fallout, Dresnick represented a drug defendant in Detroit, where he subpoenaed former Col. Oliver North, resulting in the first instance where he took the Fifth Amendment.

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