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New Englewood office, new Miss Universe client

Former mayor Wildes' law firm opens NJ branch

ENGLEWOOD - Wildes & Weinberg, P.C., a New York law firm specializing in immigration law, has expanded with the opening of a New Jersey office at 90 West Palisades Avenue, here.

The office is located in the heart of downtown Englewood, where a Managing Partner of the firm, Michael Wildes, recently retired as Mayor.

And one of the first new clients for the new firm, who has retained Mr. Wildes as legal counsel is Dayana Mendoza, Miss Universe 2008.

Mr. Wildes will be assisting Ms. Mendoza, born in Venezuela, in securing a green card to reside in the United States. Despite having traveled the world for the past eight years as a fashion model, Ms. Mendoza feels at home in the U.S. and believes there are many opportunities for her here. She will be studying at the New York Film Academy and plans on pursuing several

avenues including acting, small business ownership, and continued support of HIV/AIDS awareness.

Although she was crowned Miss Universe in 2008, she says her life had never been as glamorous. "I have been modeling since I was 15 year old in Venezuela and it has been a rough eight years since then, with times when I was very hungry and very lonely.

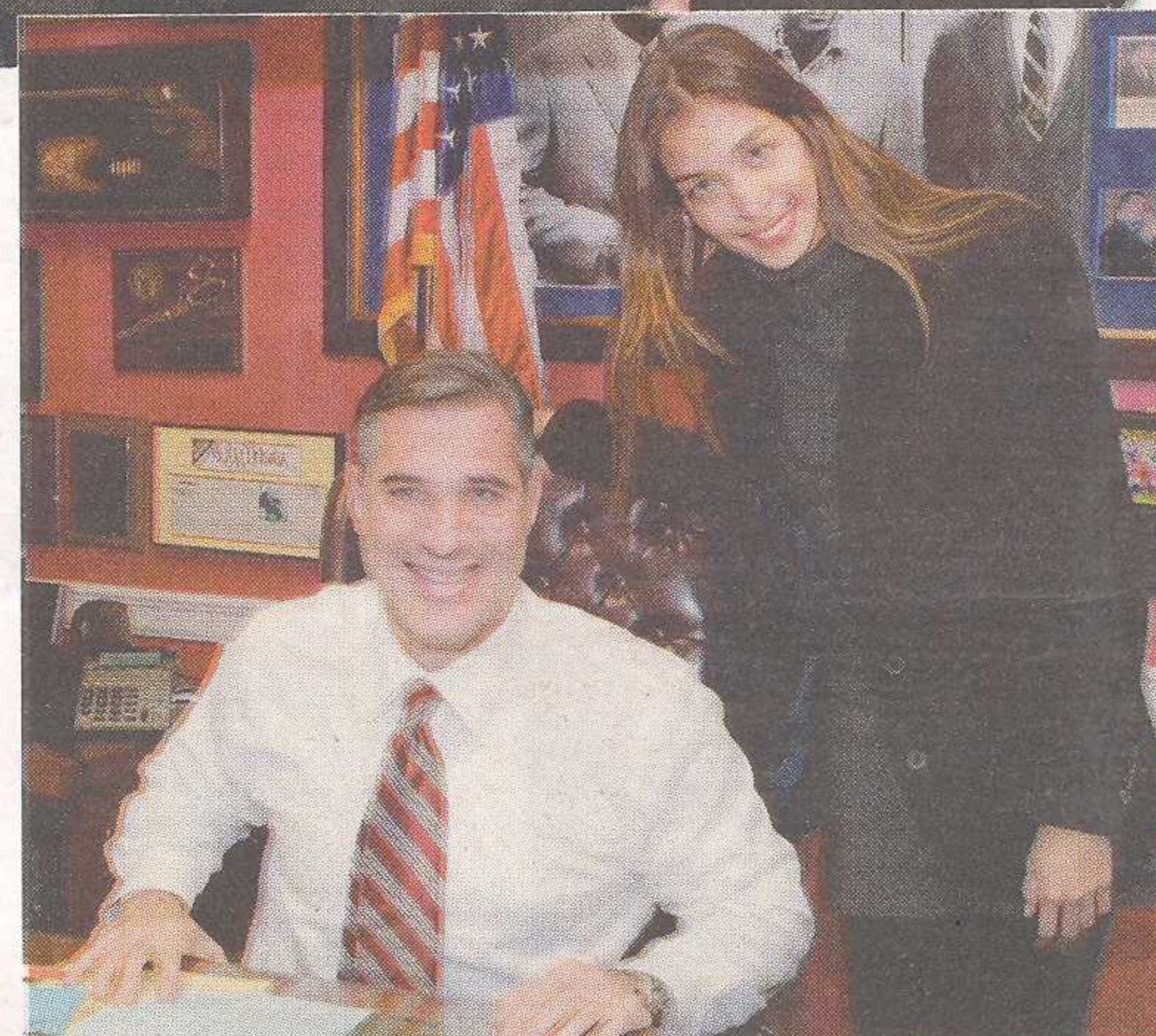
Since winning Miss Universe, however, she has had the opportunity to represent the organization around the world and decided to create a new home abroad. "I always loved being in the United States," said Mendoza. "I enjoy the way of living, the people, the culture, the patriotism, and how much the government cares."

As partner of NYC-based pre-eminent immigration law firm Wildes & Weinberg, established in 1960 by his father, Leon Wildes, in 1960, the former mayor has become internationally renowned for hav-



Former Mayor Michael Wildes holds the ribbon as his father attorney Leon Wildes cut the ribbon to open the new law office in Englewood. From left are: Mrs. Amy Wildes, wife of Michael Wildes, law partner Roxanne Levine, Messrs. Wildes and Wildes and law partner Steve Weinberg.

ing represented the United States Government in immigration proceedings, for the successful representation of several defectors who have provided hard-to-obtain national security information to the United States and, most recently, for obtaining an injunction to prevent Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi from residing in New Jersey during the 2009 UN Summit.



Attorney Michael Wildes, seated in his new Englewood office, confers with new client Dayana Mendoza, Miss Universe 2008.

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The firm grew out of the practice of Leon Wildes, Esq., a distinguished immigration practitioner in New York City.

Its original clientele consisted of individuals, rather than corporations, who had been

placed in deportation or exclusion proceedings or were otherwise in jeopardy.

The practice expanded steadily as word of its outstanding achievements in individual cases spread in the international community (including the firm's representation of former Beatle John Lennon in deportation proceedings), attracting clients from around the world. Today the firm consists of thirteen attorneys, all experts in the field of U.S. immigration and nationality law, with two dozen staff members handling the work of a distinguished and ever-growing clientele. The firm is known for its prompt and efficient service. Despite its steady growth over the past 50 years, the hallmark of the law practice remains the individualized attention to its clients' needs.



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