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Diamela del Castillo-Payet is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, where she is a member of the Tax & International Law practice group. Her practice focuses on employment-based (temporary and permanent) and family-based immigration petitions and applications. She represents the firm's clients before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service as well as consular and other government authorities in the processing of E-2 Treaty visas for investors and managers, O-2 visas for extraordinary ability and L-1 intracompany transferee for executives, managers and specialized knowledge visas.

Diamela's career has included service as in-house counsel to a multinational insurance corporation in New York City, where she oversaw the legal conduct and compliance of the entity's corporate subsidiaries with the mandates of domestic and foreign regulatory bodies. Previously, she served as Assistant County Attorney at the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office, representing the Miami-Dade County in actions involving civil rights, code enforcement, construction disputes, workers' compensation, bid protests and torts.

Diamela has taught business law courses as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami focusing on employment law, bankruptcy law, contract law and corporate compliance with immigration laws and regulations.

Practice Areas

Taxation

Immigration

Accolades

- *Miami Herald* Silver Knight Award, Journalism, 1991

Diamela del Castillo-Payet

Education

- University of Miami, J.D., *cum laude*, 1997
- University of Miami, B.A., Economics and Literature, *magna cum laude*, 1994
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Stanford Scholar

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Languages

Spanish

Professional and Civic

- The Florida Bar Association

Presentations

- Panelist, "Central Florida Commercial Real Estate from a Global Perspective," Florida Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) Chapter Central District (April 7, 2021)