

Alexander Tachmes Provides Update Regarding Miami Beach Alcohol Rollback

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The South Florida Business Journal recently reported that the Miami Beach City Commission will soon take its first official steps toward rolling back the city's alcohol serving hours from 5 a.m. to 2 a.m., however it remains to be seen if certain areas of the municipality will be exempted from the new ordinance.

Alexander Tachmes, a Partner in Shutts & Bowen's Miami office and Chair of the firm's Land Use and Government Relations Practice Group, has been a strong opponent of the roll-back, saying it will only hurt law-abiding businesses in South Beach, which has become one of the world's most popular nightlife destinations.

On November 2, 56.5% of Miami Beach voters approved a non-binding straw ballot asking city officials to make last call for alcohol at 2 a.m. citywide, "with exceptions". However, Alex told the *Journal* that the city's elected leaders need to proceed carefully and keep their businessowner constituents in mind as they seek a more "family-friendly" cultural district.

"All I am saying is that whatever is going to be done, it needs to be surgical and careful," Alex said. "What is at stake is the tourism and global brand. It can't be done with a sledgehammer, but done surgically. Eliminate the bad businesses, but not the brand.

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Alexander I. Tachmes is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is Chair of the Land Use and Government Relations Practice Group and a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. Alex also is firm-wide Chair of Shutts & Bowen's Covid-19 Response Team, which is comprised of lawyers from each major practice area affected by the pandemic, including real estate, tax, labor and employment, financial services and creditor's rights. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Alex concentrates his practice on governmental matters, including land use and zoning, public-private transactions, competitive bidding and lobbying, and commercial real estate transactions, including hospitality matters.

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