

Brendan Barry Oversees Delivery of Post-Panamax Cranes to Port Everglades

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On November 17, Broward County's Port Everglades received three Super Post-Panamax container gantry cranes, the largest of their kind worldwide. Brendan Aloysius Barry, a Fort Lauderdale partner with Shutts & Bowen and a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Port Everglades Association (PEA), served as an observer aboard the cargo ship, ZHEN HUA25, that delivered the cranes to the port.

"The arrival of these cranes is a crucial step in ensuring Port Everglades will be able to handle everincreasing containerized cargo volumes," said Lori Baer, Executive Director of the Port Everglades Association. "Broward County's greater business community was integral in securing support and financial resources to be able to order, construct and deliver these magnificent, state-of-the-industry low profile cranes. We are gratified PEA members like Shutts were at the forefront of making this happen."

According to Port Everglades, the three 175-foot (53 meters) high Super Post-Panamax container gantry cranes, valued at \$13.8 million each and manufactured in China, have the ability to handle containers stacked eight high from a ship's deck and reach 22 containers across the deck. Port Everglades' existing seven gantry cranes in the Southport area, where most of the containerized cargo operations takes place, are limited to containers stacked six high and can only reach 16 across. The new cranes are part of the largest expansion project in the Port's history, the \$437 million improvement and expansion of Southport. The cranes are the largest **low-profile** container gantry cranes ever designed and built since they will sit about one mile from the runways at Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport.

"Port Everglades is one of the main economic engines in South Florida with over \$32 billion of economic impact each year," said Brendan. "These cranes will add to that number."

Brendan regularly provides counsel to port-related businesses and business owners in commercial matters. Shutts & Bowen regularly represents a number of port users in commercial transactions in and around the port. Brendan has traveled to Washington, D.C. with the Broward Workshop and the Port Everglades Association to speak on matters important to the local economy. Through his work, Brendan has also led a business delegation to the Panamax construction project of the Panama Canal.

About Brendan Aloysius Barry



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Brendan Aloysius Barry is a partner in the Ft. Lauderdale office of Shutts. He is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney and has been recognized by Florida Super Lawyers in Mergers and Acquisitions and is Florida Bar Board Certified in Real Estate. He represents owners, developers and lenders in the acquisition, development, finance, leasing and disposition of corporate assets and commercial real estate and has extensive experience in securitized finance, syndications, workouts, restructures, and foreclosures.

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