

Jason Gonzalez Speaks at the 2021 Florida Chamber Annual Meeting

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Jason Gonzalez, Chairman of Shutts & Bowen's Appellate Practice Group and Managing Partner of the Tallahassee office, spoke during a panel presentation at the Florida Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on October 27, 2021.

Introducing the panel speakers, Jason moderated the session, entitled "Taking on the Trial Lawyers: Fixing Florida's Broken Legal Climate."

Jason and his fellow panel speakers, Marc Salm (Vice President, Risk Management - Publix) and Tye Darland (Senior Vice President and General Counsel - Georgia Pacific), discussed litigation and regulatory trends that have had an impact on Florida's civil justice system. The session touched on abusive tactics employed by trial lawyers which have increased the cost of litigation across the State. They also discussed recent legislative successes in support of businesses, amending Florida's Civil Rules of Procedure for the positive advancement of our State's growth.

Described as the premier Florida Chamber Foundation event of the year, the "2021 Florida Chamber Annual Meeting & Future of Florida Forum" gathered Florida's top business leaders, elected officials, community and education advocates to discuss education, workforce training needs, the state of the current and future economy, the future of transportation and infrastructure, trade and logistics, innovation, tourism, legislation, the brand of Florida and more.

About Jason Gonzalez

Jason Gonzalez is the Managing Partner of the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP and is Chairman of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group. Jason is an experienced appellate and litigation attorney and regularly consults on executive branch government affairs. He represents businesses and state agencies in state and federal courts in contracts, government procurements, insurance disputes, class actions, tort defense, banking, finance, professional licenses and elections matters. Over the course of his career, Jason has been at the forefront of emerging legal developments, helping to shape Florida's justice system. In 2019, *Florida Politics* reported that Jason was representing parties in more pending civil cases at the Florida Supreme Court than any other attorney in the State.

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