

# Shutts Attorneys Obtain Approval for Client for a Major Renovation of Historic Miami Beach Hotel

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Shutts & Bowen LLP Miami partner [David Coviello](#) together with associate [Armando L "AJ" Hassun](#) represented The RMR Group and its affiliate, the owner of the Nautilus Sonesta Miami Beach, before the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board. They obtained approval for a major renovation of the indoor and outdoor common areas of this historic building. Working collaboratively with the City of Miami Beach, the owner and the operator of the hotel, Sonesta International Hotels, was able to redesign the spaces to complement the architectural and historical features of the hotel, while also elevating the guest experience and improving functionality.

The Nautilus Sonesta Miami Beach Hotel is a AAA 4 Diamond-rated hotel. Originally designed in the 1950s by famed "Miami Modern" architect Morris Lapidus, this South Beach oceanfront hotel is a nod to the Golden Age of midcentury design.

## About David J. Coviello

[David Coviello](#) is a partner in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale offices of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Land Use & Zoning Practice Group. David concentrates his practice on land use and zoning matters, and regularly assists developers and property owners in obtaining entitlements for their projects, including site plan and other zoning approvals, as well as handles subdivision and platting, and permitting and construction related matters. David also has significant experience representing not-for-profit organizations in securing approvals for affordable housing, workforce housing, and mixed-income housing developments throughout South Florida, and has a solid understanding of the unique requirements and incentives for such developments.

## About Armando L. "AJ" Hassun

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