

# Shutts Attorneys to Speak at Palm Beach County Bar Association's 2021 Bench Bar Conference

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The Palm Beach County Bar Association's upcoming Bench Bar Conference will feature participating attorneys from Shutts & Bowen LLP's West Palm Beach office, including Sean M. Smith, Moderator and Co-Chair of the Conference's Commercial Litigation Session, and Matthew R. Chait, featured Panelist during the Commercial Litigation Session.

The Palm Beach County Bar Association will be hosting the 2021 Bench Bar Conference on Friday, April 9, 2021, with the Commercial Litigation Session (webinar series) taking place from 1 PM – 3 PM. "Commercial Litigation Part 1" of the session will focus on the new summary judgment standard in Florida, Do's and Dont's from the bench in commercial litigation cases (a view from the bench), tips for non-jury trials, and the use of *Daubert* motions in commercial litigation. Matt Chait and multiple Judges from the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit will serve as panelists during "Commercial Litigation Part 2" of the session, focusing on the lasting legacy of COVID-19 in complex commercial cases in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, including discussion of "courtroom" technology, what judges find effective during Zoom presentations, and what attorneys should expect to see in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit going forward. In addition to serving as session Co-Chair, Sean will also act as a moderator during the 2-hour session.

### About Sean M. Smith

Sean Smith is a senior associate in the West Palm Beach Office of Shutts & Bowen, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. Sean focuses his practice on the areas of business, real estate, and construction litigation. Sean has experience handling a variety of litigation matters in both state and federal court, including matters concerning the areas of real estate, commercial landlord/tenant, construction, and other complex business disputes.

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## About Matthew R. Chait

Matt Chait is a partner in the Business Litigation Practice Group. His statewide practice focuses on commercial real estate and land use litigation, commercial foreclosure and loan guaranty matters, and general business litigation, including partnership and LLC disputes, healthcare, fraud, deceptive trade practices, and complex judgment domestication issues. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated commercial litigator, Matt has been recognized by the Daily Business Review as a top 40 attorney under 40 and as a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers.

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