

## Shutts & Bowen Welcomes New Partners; Launches Alcohol and Regulated Industries Practice Group

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Shutts & Bowen, a full-service business law firm, is pleased to announce that [Robert F. "Rob" Lewis](#) and [Marbet Lewis](#) have joined the Miami office as partners in the firm's newly formed Alcohol and Regulated Industries Practice Group.

Robert and Marbet hail from Spiritus Law, an entrepreneurial regulatory and business law firm focused on the representation of highly regulated industries and transactions. The boutique firm, which was founded by Robert and Marbet, had a particular experience in alcohol licensing as well as federal, state, and local regulatory and business licensing, and hospitality law. Robert and Marbet will serve as Co-Chairs of the Alcohol and Regulated Industries Practice Group.

"Robert and Marbet, with their combined experience of nearly 50 years, will add great value to our firm," said [Jack C. McElroy](#), Shutts' Firmwide Managing Partner. "We are excited to welcome such high-quality attorneys to our team who are poised to open new avenues of opportunity for our clients."

[Francis E. "Frank" Rodriguez](#), Chair of the firm's Executive Committee, added that the hires are indicative of the firm's overall business strategy.

"Shutts is committed to strategic expansion and developing practice areas that benefit our clients and help us to attract new clients," said Rodriguez. "Our firm is particularly well positioned to serve in the hospitality and food and beverage sectors, both of which are integral components of Florida's economy. The addition of Robert and Marbet is accretive to our existing practices, while at the same time giving them the opportunity to expand the scope of services that they provide. We are thrilled to welcome them to Shutts."

Robert has a demonstrated history of representing members of the alcohol and hospitality industries, including retailers, wholesalers, and producers of alcoholic beverages. He is skilled in alcohol law and regulated industries, alcohol licensing, alcohol regulatory and compliance issues, business licensing and permitting, and regulatory mergers and acquisitions.

Marbet focuses on the representation of hospitality, restaurant, entertainment and alcohol industry clients. Her experience includes representation of alcohol manufacturers, suppliers, importers, distributors and retailers including hotels, restaurants, pharmacies, package stores, nightclubs, bars, movie theaters and other entertainment venues/arenas. She is also an active member of Women of

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the Vine & Spirits since 2013 and a member of the Cuban American Bar Association.

"We are excited to be joining a firm with a statewide platform like Shutts and Bowen as we continue to leverage our extensive experience in the alcohol industry," added Robert and Marbet. "Navigating the alcohol regulatory industry requires a deep understanding of its nuances and complexities and we remain dedicated to guiding our clients through this dynamic landscape."

Robert and Marbet are joined by attorney [Dominic "Nico" Romano](#), who focuses his practice on the laws governing the hospitality industry.

### About Shutts & Bowen LLP

Shutts & Bowen LLP, established in 1910, is a full-service business law firm with approximately 270 lawyers in offices in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach. Learn more about Shutts & Bowen at [www.shutts.com](http://www.shutts.com).

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### Professionals

Marbet Lewis

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