

Shutts & Bowen Partners Kristin Drecktrah Paz and Diana C. Mendez Elected as Officers of Miami-Dade Chapter of Florida Association for Women Lawyers

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Kristin Drecktrah Paz and Diana C. Mendez, partners with the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, have been elected as Officers of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (MDFAWL). Paz has been elected President and Mendez has been elected President-Elect. They will assume their positions this summer.

MDFAWL is a volunteer bar association dedicated to actively promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession, expanding the leadership role of its members in the community at large, and promoting women's rights. The organization is also committed to promoting diversity and inclusion and providing equal opportunities for participation and support to people of any gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability and socioeconomic background.

Paz is a member of Shutts' International Arbitration and Litigation Practice Group where she focuses her practice in international and complex dispute resolution, including commercial arbitration, investment arbitration, international litigation, and complex commercial litigation.

In addition to her MDFAWL involvement, she serves on the Executive Council of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar and was recently appointed to serve on the International Litigation and Arbitration Certification Committee beginning in June. Paz received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree from Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara and her law degree from Florida International University College of Law.

Mendez focuses her practice on administrative, procurement and transactional law. She advises clients across multiple industries during the government procurement process and represents clients in contract negotiation, dispute settlement and administrative hearings regarding code enforcement, zoning and bid protest matters.

She earned her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Florida International University, her Master of International Affairs, International Economics from American University School of International Service and her law degree, *cum laude*, from American University Washington College of Law.

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