

# Eric Adams Discusses Law Firm Adaptation to the COVID-19 Era with the Business Observer

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[Eric S. Adams](#), a partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP's Tampa office, recently spoke with the *Business Observer* about how business attorneys have adapted to challenges presented by COVID-19.

In the *Business Observer* article, titled "Legal Zoom: Law firms make big changes to please the virtual court," Eric provides insight on how attorneys and the Court have responded to the pandemic, including moving legal proceedings to virtual platforms and overcoming challenges in scheduling and conducting jury trials. "There's some real upsides and real downsides to the technology piece of this equation," says Eric. He breaks down the importance of the Florida Supreme Court's jury trial pilot program, as well as recent ground-breaking jury selection by Zoom conducted in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. The article also focuses on the legal industry's upping of service standards for clients as the pandemic wears on.

In further discussion about maintaining professionalism during Zoom hearings, Eric notes measures taken by Shutts & Bowen in order to provide a sense of normalcy and formality, such as turning a conference room into a makeshift virtual courtroom, complete with podium and webcam.

To read the article, click [here](#).

## About Eric S. Adams

[Eric S. Adams](#) is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group and the Construction Practice Group. He is also Chair of the firm's E-Discovery Committee. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated commercial litigation attorney, Eric has been recognized as one of the *Best Lawyers in America*® and named by *Florida Super Lawyers* since 2008. His accounting experience helps him speak the language of his business clients. He focuses his practice on litigation involving business disputes, construction, trusts and estates, real estate, and intellectual property.

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