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Shutts & Bowen LLP

About Shutts & Bowen LLP

Shutts & Bowen LLP is a full-service law firm with a long-established history, a commitment to excellent service for our clients and community, and a focus on diversity in the workplace. For more than 100 years, Shutts has been opening doors to our clients across the state and the world with sophisticated, cutting-edge legal skills from Florida's top legal talent.

Our firm employs approximately 280 attorneys who focus on more than [30 distinct practice areas](#), including intellectual property, corporate, real estate, construction, litigation, appellate, hospitality, financial services, labor and employment, insurance, taxation and corporate. At Shutts, we are committed to offering sophisticated legal services efficiently and responsively. We work tirelessly with businesses and individual clients, as well as with referring national and international law firms and companies. We always strive to provide the highest degree of professionalism and passion for our work.

Shutts & Bowen's attorneys work in an environment where people are recognized for their value as individuals, giving them the autonomy and freedom to best serve their clients.

- [Approximately 280 Attorneys](#)
- [Am Law 200 Law Firm](#)
- [30+ Practice Areas](#)
- [115 Years](#)
- [8 Offices](#)



Because of our stake in the past, we have become the law firm of the future and take great pride in our long history of commitment to serving our clients' needs effectively, creatively and efficiently.

With approximately 280 attorneys, eight strategically-located offices and more than a century of experience, Shutts & Bowen has the capabilities and resources to represent its clients' needs across a myriad of industries - wherever their businesses may take them.

Providing sophisticated legal services locally, nationally and across the globe.



Recognitions & Awards

Among our renowned pool of legal talent are attorneys who have achieved the highest levels of recognition, honors and certification in their fields. Below is a list of some of our most recent achievements:

- The AmLaw 200
- Chambers & Partners, Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers
- The National Law Journal 500
- The Best Lawyers in America®
- Florida Trend Legal Elite
- Florida Super Lawyers & Rising Stars
- U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers

One of Florida's Oldest and Largest Statewide Law Firms

Shutts attorneys have deep connections in various branches of state and local government, as well as high-level contacts and relationships with civic, business, philanthropic, educational and social institutions. Additionally, our Tallahassee attorneys maintain key relationships with lawmakers and agencies, securing a critical position to advocate to the fullest for clients.



30+ PRACTICE AREAS

With more than 30 practice areas, Shutts & Bowen offers a complete range of legal services to our local, state, national and international clients. Experienced attorneys are available to provide counsel clients in a broad range of areas.

- Administrative Law & Licensing
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Antitrust
- Appellate
- Class Action
- Commercial Leasing
- Commercial Lending
- Community Associations
- Complex Loan Workouts
- Construction
- Corporate
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
- Cuba Task Force
- Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
- Eminent Domain
- Environmental
- Financial Services
- Government Contracts
- Government Law
- Health Law & Life Sciences
- Hospitality
- Immigration
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Dispute Resolution
- Labor & Employment
- Land Use & Zoning
- Latin America
- Litigation
- Private Client Services
- Private Funds
- Public Finance
- Real Estate
- Securities Fraud Litigation
- Taxation
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Governmental Investigations

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Creative ideas don't just manifest into tangible tools people can use without a lot of time and effort. Once someone makes a discovery, they must collaborate with others and work diligently to transform that innovative asset into a product or service. Our veteran attorneys help you protect your intellectual property, make the most of it, share it with the world, and profit from it. We understand and have experience in the complex but critical process that's key to successful innovation – from patent, trademark, and copyright registrations and proceedings before the Patent & Trademark Office to the latest issues involving the use of the Internet and e-commerce.

We also litigate IP cases to protect what's rightfully yours or defend you if your work is challenged. Our team of lawyers counsels clients in a wide range of IP disputes and litigation, including patent, trademark, and copyright litigation and related issues of unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, non-competition agreements, defamation claims, and the seizure of counterfeit goods. We also counsel clients in Internet and computer licensing and related antitrust litigation, particularly antitrust litigation related to patents and copyrights.

One of the strengths of our group is the diverse background of our attorneys. We've had experience in accounting, engineering, business, and other areas that help us in our practice, and some of our lawyers were among the first to be designated by the Florida Bar as Board Certified in Business Litigation. Our practice is diverse too. We counsel clients in such intellectual property issues as patent, trademark and copyright licensing and royalties, non-disclosure agreements and computer software agreements, as well as antitrust concerns related to such agreements and licenses.

With our deep global experience and expertise, we prosecute and enforce worldwide patent and trademark rights for a number of U.S. and international corporations. For example, we maintain a worldwide portfolio of nearly 200 trademarks for one of our clients, a multi-million-dollar international company. Our attorneys have also developed, negotiated, and documented complex worldwide trademark, software, franchise, copyright, merchandise, and patent licensing programs.

Recognized for legal skills and client service by such prestigious groups as Chambers, *Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America*, we take pride in keeping current on IP issues. We stay abreast of constantly changing domestic and international regulations governing trademarks and advise clients of registered and pending trademarks which could constitute infringement.

We file copyright applications for literary and musical works, including the protection of website intellectual property as well as the protection of computer programs.

While we advise clients on how to avoid or resolve disputes and steer clear of litigation, we have trial lawyers skilled in obtaining results in the courtroom and don't back down from litigation when necessary. We know how to present a powerful case before a judge and jury and get the best results for our clients in

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patent, trademark and copyright litigation. We represent clients in federal and state court and Patent & Trademark Office proceedings, in arbitration, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. We regularly litigate complex trademark, unfair competition, patent, and copyright matters.

Clients regularly commend us for the thorough work we do, and they also appreciate that we deliver service efficiently, mindful of their tight legal budgets. To help with that, we have established an electronic account with the Patent & Trademark Office, which streamlines filing and registration procedures. Our legal assistants undertake the administrative responsibilities involved in the filing and registration process and are also able to perform computer searches that can provide cost-effective service to our clients. We also call on the network of effective international providers of local counsel that we've cultivated to help our clients with registrations in Europe in accordance with the Madrid Protocol, in many jurisdictions in Latin America, and in Asia.

INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION

As global trade and investment increases, the volume of international disputes across the globe also rises. Companies need experienced counsel to resolve these disputes. We assist our clients navigate the litigation, mediation and arbitration processes that stem from the various rules, regulations, customs and practices of international business disputes. Shutts has a robust International Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group that utilizes their knowledge, experience, and diverse language capabilities to best represent clients in complex business disputes throughout the world. Our attorneys help clients navigate and resolve litigation and arbitration disputes quickly and effectively.

Experience

Florida, and Miami in particular, has become a hub for international disputes, both as the designated place for international arbitration and as the venue for litigation. Our team is experienced in representing foreign clients in institutional and *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings in Florida and worldwide under various arbitration rules, including ICC, ICDR, UNCITRAL, AAA and FINRA. We also actively defend and prosecute claims in U.S. federal and state court systems and represent clients before numerous state and federal agencies, commissions, boards, and other regulatory and administrative authorities. In the complex international arena, we counsel foreign and U.S. clients doing business in many jurisdictions, including North, Central and South America, Asia and Europe.

GOVERNMENT LAW

Whether you're appearing before a public agency requesting approvals, lobbying for changes to the law or seeking a government contract, our experienced and well regarded attorneys can help you. We've been active participants in Florida's legal and political arenas for the past century. Many of our attorneys can offer an insider's perspective because they spent years as public servants with federal, regional, state, county, and municipal governments. We understand the ins-and-outs of how government functions and are proud of our experience appearing before governing bodies, federal agencies and the state legislature.

One of the highest compliments our lawyers can receive is when a government agency turns to us for outside counsel. In the past year, our team has been retained to handle high priority matters for the following government officials and agencies:

- Governor and Cabinet;
- Florida House of Representatives;
- Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration;
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection;
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity;
- Florida Department of Management Services; and,
- Local governments, including cities/counties, school boards, hospital boards, special districts, expressway/airport authorities, etc.

Experience

We offer the following government law services:

- Lobbying
- Legislative and Executive Branch Matters
- Land Use and Zoning
- Government Procurement Issues
- Construction Contracts
- Ad Valorem Tax Issues
- Civil Rights
- Affordable Housing
- School Boards
- Eminent Domain

GOVERNMENT LAW

- Telecommunications
- Public-Private Ventures
- Environmental
- Special Benefit Districts
- Health Law
- Relocation Incentives
- Transportation/Airports/Ports
- Public Finance



Attorney Biographies

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Joseph W. Bain is a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is Co-Chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

A Martindale Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Joe is part of the inaugural class of attorneys Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law. His counseling and IP portfolio management expertise is complemented by over 30 years of IP litigation experience in various district courts throughout the nation and several trials before the International Trade Commission.

Joe is well-versed in securing, enforcing and defending against patents, trademarks and copyrights. He has represented clients from a variety of industries and technologies, including medical devices, advertising, real estate development and construction, cameras, image processing equipment, solar powered lighting systems, fuel cells, power generation turbines, toys, musical equipment, art, books, jewelry, sculpture and software. Joe's mechanical engineering studies at Virginia Tech included a focus on bio-medical devices with Dr. Leon Arp—inventor of the Arp respirator.

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Litigation

Industry Focus

- Energy
- Health Care
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate

Accolades

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent Rated
- *Chambers & Partners*, Intellectual Property, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- *Managing IP Magazine*, "IP STAR," Patents, 2023, 2024
- *Florida Trend Legal Elite*, Intellectual Property - 2016, 2021
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Intellectual Property Litigation, Intellectual Property, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Patent Law, 2025
- "Top Lawyer," *Palm Beach Illustrated*, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- "Top Lawyer," *Jupiter Magazine*, 2022, 2023, 2024

Education

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D.
- Virginia Tech, B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Professional and Civic

- Past President, Palm Beach Chapter, Federal Bar Association
- International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI)
- International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- The Florida Bar



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Patricia M. Flanagan is a Partner in the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

As a highly regarded leader in the field of trademark and copyright law, Patricia focuses her practice on the protection, monetization, and enforcement of such intellectual property rights, both domestically and internationally. Widely acknowledged for the broad scope of her capabilities in the area of trademark and copyright law, Patricia is consistently recognized by such preeminent organizations as *World Trademark Review's* WTR 1000, *Managing Intellectual Property's* IP Stars, *Chambers USA*, and more.

Patricia also provides counsel related to strategic management and utilization of trademark portfolios, including procurement, maintenance, licensing and asserting and defending trademark and unfair competition litigation. From startups to established global companies, as well as emerging and industry-leading companies, Patricia's clients span a broad range of sectors, including luxury assets, art, retail, fashion, hospitality, automotive and powersports, superyachts, entertainment, technology and software, private equity, real estate and family offices.

Patricia helps to protect intellectual property assets through trademark and copyright registrations, trade secrets, licensing, publicity, digital media and internet-related content. She also regularly assists clients with clearance and registration of trademarks and service marks, worldwide brand management strategies, trademark oppositions and cancellation proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Office, and a range of policing and enforcement issues. She has substantial experience counseling clients on consumer advertising and marketing laws, including guidance on advertising reviews and compliance matters as well as on the Federal Trade Commission's truth-in-advertising rules.

Patricia leverages her depth of trial knowledge in the event of litigation to protect and defend her clients' businesses, brands and proprietary information. She has extensive experience litigating cases that center on trademark infringement, copyright infringement, unfair competition, false advertising and entertainment litigation in federal courts across the country, as well before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Patricia M. Flanagan

Patricia assists clients with a variety of transactional matters, including contracts and commercial exchanges related to intellectual property. She has helped formulate a range of agreements, from development and intellectual property ownership contracts for employees and consultants to licenses, manufacturing and distribution. She also assists clients by conducting intellectual property due diligence for acquisition/sale transactions and advises on intellectual property provisions in asset purchase agreements.

Additionally, in 2023, Patricia was appointed by Governor Ronald DeSantis to Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. Through this role, she assists in the selection of nominees to fill the state appellate court's judicial vacancies.

Notable Experience:

- Served as lead plaintiff's lawyer in a series of trials that ended with a final judgment of more than \$19 million for client and a motion for permanent injunction, in relation to a trademark infringement case involving digital marketing on a third-party marketplace.
- Represented an international clothing, fashion, cosmetics and beauty company that includes a portfolio of brands distributed through multiple channels worldwide, focusing primarily on the sportswear and casual clothing for niche markets. She assisted with the drafting and negotiation of numerous licensing and distribution agreements worldwide.
- Represented a privately held, national footwear retailer with more than 1,150 stores, providing trademark consulting and clearance legal services and advice for footwear, bags and accessories.
- Represented a private equity and investment firm in the strategic acquisition and launching of new brands and product lines, focusing on the athletic and sportswear market.
- Represented a Los Angeles-based contemporary global lifestyle brand in management and global expansion of its trademark and copyright portfolio.
- Represented an internationally renowned music festival in managing and significant global expansion of its trademark and copyright portfolios and in the multi-jurisdictional defense of infringement claims and oppositions filed by a global athletic brand.
- Represented a consumer products company in negotiating various complex worldwide trademark licenses and manufacturing and distribution agreements.
- Represented an online content aggregator in the defense of copyright infringement claims, including as trial counsel during a jury trial.
- Represented a Grammy award-winning musical artist in trademark suit brought against his record company.
- Represented various brand owners in favorably stopping a variety of trademark and copyright enforcements by third parties.
- Represented a major hospitality management company in defending federal trademark infringement and unfair competition claims.

- Represented a client in federal trademark suit on behalf of an entertainment startup enforcing trademark rights against infringer. Case settled favorably for client.
- Represented a client in enforcement of its trade dress in culinary products.
- Represented a production company in negotiating various talent and related agreements.
- Represented a resort and spa in negotiating various licenses and operational agreements.

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Litigation

Accolades

- Supreme Court of Florida Certified Circuit Mediator
- Selected to the "WTR 1000" list in Florida by *World Trademark Review* (2022-2024)
- Selected to the "IP Stars" list by *Managing Intellectual Property* (2022, 2023)
- Selected to the list of attorneys ranked by *Chambers & Partners USA* for Intellectual Property in Florida (2023, 2024)
- Selected to the "Influential Business Women" list by the *South Florida Business Journal* (2023)
- Selected as a "Legal Innovators" honoree by *South Florida Business & Wealth* (2022)
- Selected to the "40 Under 40" list by *South Florida Business Journal* (2022)
- Selected to the "On the Rise" list by the *Daily Business Review* (2020)

Education

- University of Central Florida, B.S., 2005
- Stetson University, M.B.A., 2008
- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2008
- Fordham University School of Law, 2016
 - Certificate, Fashion Law Institute, Summer Intensive Program (Fashion Law Bootcamp)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Palm Beach County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Member, since 2008
 - President and Director for 2023-2024
 - Vice President and Director for 2022-2023
 - National Delegate Officer and Director for 2021-2022
- The Federal Bar Association, Member, since 2008
 - Intellectual Property Committee, since 2024
 - Community Service and Outreach Committee for 2021-2022
- The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Member, 2001-present
- International Trademark Association (INTA), Member
- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, Member
- American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA), Brand Protection Council Committee, Member (2016-2024)



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Ben Gibson is Managing Partner of the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Governmental Law practice group. Ben represents clients facing high-stakes legal issues at the intersection of business, politics, and government. His statewide practice focuses on representing corporate, political, and government clients in appellate, litigation, and administrative matters as well as government affairs.

Political Law

Ben regularly counsels political candidates, party committees, political committees, corporate, and nonprofit entities on navigating and complying with the complex federal, state, and local laws that govern their political activity. He represents clients in administrative and enforcement matters before the Federal Election Commission, Florida Elections Commission, and the Florida Commission on Ethics.

For the past four election cycles, Ben has served as Chief Counsel to the Republican Party of Florida, leading all of the party's legal and litigation efforts. Ben has served as legal counsel to numerous political committees and presidential and statewide campaigns, including as Florida counsel for Donald J. Trump for President in 2020 and lead counsel to Ron DeSantis for Governor in 2022. He has represented the Republican National Committee, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, and the National Republican Congressional Committee all in various high-profile state and federal litigation.

In 2024, Ben was selected to serve as one of Florida's 30 presidential electors and cast a vote for President and Vice President in the Electoral College. Ben also serves as a member of the Board of Governors and General Counsel to the Republican National Lawyers Association.

Litigation and Government Law

Ben routinely represents state agencies and private entities in high-profile litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts involving statutory and constitutional issues. Ben advises public officials, government

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agencies, and corporate entities on compliance with Florida's complex Ethics Code and gift laws, financial disclosure, public records, and sunshine law requirements, and Florida Attorney General investigations. Ben has also served as outside counsel to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, Florida's leading economic development organization, and state venture capital and investment funds.

Executive and Legislative Branch Experience

Ben's approach to a client's legal needs is informed by his deep understanding of Florida government and politics. In 2018, he was named general counsel to Florida Governor-elect Ron DeSantis' Transition Team, advising the new administration on legal issues and Governor-elect DeSantis on his appointment of three Florida Supreme Court Justices.

Before joining Shutts, Ben served as the Deputy General Counsel and an Assistant General Counsel to Florida Governor Rick Scott for nearly five years. In those roles, he provided legal counsel to the Executive Office of the Governor and oversaw high-profile litigation at numerous executive branch agencies. He also helped draft and negotiate on behalf of the State of Florida a \$3 billion-dollar gaming compact with the Seminole Tribe of Florida that was ultimately signed by the Governor. In addition, Ben personally advised the Governor on more than 120 judicial appointments to Florida's trial courts, District Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court.

Ben's legislative experience includes serving as an attorney with the Florida House of Representatives in the Office of the General Counsel advising the Speaker of the House and with the House Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee. As a House staff attorney in 2011, Ben helped draft the largest rewrite of Florida's growth management laws in 25 years, chapter 2011-139, Laws of Florida.

Public Service

Ben is actively involved in public service having been appointed by two governors to Florida's seven-member State Board of Education where he currently serves as Chairman of the Board overseeing VPK-12th grade public education and Florida's State College System. He also serves as a Commissioner on Florida's First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission and previously served as Chairman.

Before joining Shutts, Ben founded his own law firm focusing on election and government law. He is a frequent speaker on topics of political law and state policy issues.

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Government Law
- Litigation
- Constitutional Law
- Land Use & Zoning

- Political Law

Accolades

- *The News Service of Florida* - "40 Under 40: Rising Stars," 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Government Relations Practice, 2024, 2025
- *INFLUENCE Magazine's* INFLUENCE 150 List - "The 150 Most Influential People in Florida Politics", 2022
- *INFLUENCE Magazine's* INFLUENCE 100 List - "The 100 Most Influential People in Florida Politics", 2020
- *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite NOTABLE Managing Partners, 2024
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, Top Government Attorneys, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017
- Florida State University Alumni Association, "Thirty Under 30" Award, 2013

Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2008
 - Member, *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, 2006-2008
- University of Florida, B.A., in Political Science, *cum laude*, 2005

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission, appointed by Governor, 2018-present
 - Chair 2020-2021; Vice Chair 2019-2020

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- State Board of Education, appointed by Governor and confirmed by State Senate, 2017-present
 - Chairman, 2023-present
 - Vice Chairman, 2021-2023
- Florida Virtual School, Board of Trustees, 2019-2020
- Florida Bar Standing Committee on Mental Health & Wellness of Florida Lawyers, 2018-present
- Florida Bar Special Committee on Mental Health & Wellness of Florida Lawyers, 2017-2018
- Florida Bar Annual Convention Committee, 2017-present
- Board of Governors, The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division elected from Second Circuit, June 2012-June 2020
 - Executive Committee, 2019-2020; Co-Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee, 2019-2020; Chair, Co-Chair, Health & Wellness Committee, 2015-2019; Chair, Communications Committee, 2014-2015
- Leadership Florida, Connect Florida Class VII, 2016-2017
- Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice, appointed by Chief Justice, 2015-2016
- Tallahassee Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, 2010-2014
- James Madison Institute, Tallahassee Board of Advisors, 2016-17; Leaders Fellowship Class I, 2014-2015
- American Enterprise Institute, Leadership Network, Spring 2016
- Republican National Lawyers Association
 - Florida Chapter Chair, 2021-present
 - General Counsel, 2025-present
 - Board of Governors, 2022-present
 - National Secretary, 2022-2024
- Federalist Society, Member
- University of Florida Alumni Association, Member



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Aliette DelPozo Rodz is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is Co-Chair of the International Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group, and Chair of the Cuba Task Force. Aliette serves as lead trial counsel for companies involved in disputes in state and federal courts, in arbitration and before administrative agencies. She handles all aspects of litigation including preliminary and permanent injunction hearings, evidentiary hearings, bench trials, arbitrations and jury trials.

Aliette has been recognized by *South Florida Business Leaders*, is a recipient of the *In the Company of Women* Government & Law Award, the *Women Extraordinaire* award and a finalist of *Businesswomen of the Year*, and has received recognition from Outstanding Lawyers of Miami-Dade County, Chambers & Partners (2023 and 2024 years) Best Lawyers in America, South Florida Business & Wealth Prestigious Women Awards, Take a Walk in Her Shoes Honoree, Miami Today's 2017 The Book of Leaders, Lawyers of Distinction, Businesswoman of the Year, Women Extraordinaire, South Florida Business Leaders, Outstanding Lawyers of Miami-Dade County, and Florida Super Lawyers. Aliette has built a reputation as a tenacious commercial trial lawyer who advocates for U.S. and foreign companies, institutions in national and international disputes, and individuals in court, arbitration or through alternative resolutions.

Aliette has experience litigating across numerous industries, including real estate, banking, creditors' rights, power generation, aviation, election litigation, construction, insurance, gaming, equine law, and professional services. She has represented oil companies, aviation companies, energy companies, banks, casinos, brokerage firms, realtor firms, hedge funds, manufacturers/distributors, family offices, hospitals, polo associations, large land proprietors, developers and hoteliers in complex business disputes, commercial and residential foreclosures, bank and creditors' rights litigation, consumer credit, contract disputes, ERISA, landlord-tenant litigation, libel and negligence.

She also represents international businesses with claims in the U.S. as well as American clients with claims abroad. She has handled all forms of international discovery and Hague Convention procedures and has worked on International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), International Commercial Dispute Resolution

Aliette DelPozo Rodz

(ICDR), FINRA, JAMS and American Arbitration Association (AAA) arbitrations, as well as National Association of Realtors Arbitrations (NARS). Aliette is a member of the Cuban-American Bar Association, the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS), heads the firm's Cuba Task Force and assists clients with their business prospects in Cuba based on the constant changes in U.S./Cuba regulations. In the energy sector, she has represented power generation clients and service providers in multi-million-dollar international litigation and arbitration matters.

Aliette is the Interlaw ambassador for the firm. Interlaw is a long-established elite global network of pre-eminent independent law firms comprising of over 8,000 lawyers based in over 150 cities around the world. She is also a part of the Shutts & Bowen LLP team leading the firm's LLM clerkship program where law students participate in the firm as part of an externship program for credit. Candidates originate from a wide range of countries, including, Ukraine, Brazil, Italy, Estonia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Germany, Bhutan, Argentina, Greece, United Kingdom, Nigeria and India. The program contributes to the firm's commitment to the international community by ensuring that the program attracts and supports candidates from a wide array of backgrounds, which is aligned with the firms' ability to serve diverse clientele and address complex legal issues with a broad range of insights.

Outside of her practice, Aliette is dedicated to supporting women in business and numerous nonprofit organizations. She is a longtime supporter of The Commonwealth Institute for Women and Casa Valentina, as well as organizations such as Educate Tomorrow, which serves foster youth. She is a board member of the Ladies Empowerment and Action Program, Inc. (L.E.A.P.), a non-profit organization that empowers and educates women to make positive life changes transcending into the business community after prison. She served on the Executive Leadership Team of the American Heart Association for more than seven years and was nominated in 2024 as a "Woman of Impact". Aliette served as Chair of the 11th Judicial Circuit's Florida Bar Grievance Committee, and was reengaged to continue her service on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee. Aliette also served over 17 years as a board member of the Zoological Society of South Florida for the benefit of ZooMiami.

While at the University of Florida, she was on the executive board of the John Marshall Bar Association and was an active member of the University of Florida's trial team.

Practice Areas

- International Litigation and Arbitration
- Litigation
- Political Law
- Cuba Task Force

Industry Focus

- Energy

- Aerospace and Defense
- Manufacturing
- Financial Services

Accolades

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Litigation: General Commercial, 2023, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America®*
 - Arbitration, 2025
 - International Arbitration - Commercial, 2025
 - Litigation - Real Estate, 2024, 2025
 - Litigation - Construction, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - Construction Law, 2024
- *South Florida Business & Wealth Prestigious Women Awards*, 2020
- *Take a Walk in Her Shoes* Honoree, Chapman Partnership, 2020
- Recipient, *In the Company of Women Awards*, Government & Law Award, 2018
- Recognized in *Miami Today's 2017 The Book of Leaders*, recognizing 52 leaders in the Miami Community
- *Featured Attorney*, Lawyers of Distinction, 2017
- *Businesswomen of the Year*, Finalist, 2012
- *Women Extraordinaire*, Recipient, 2011
- *South Florida Business Leaders*, Movers & Shakers, 2011
- *Outstanding Lawyers of Miami-Dade County*, Top 40 Under 40, 2010
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2009

Education

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1999
- Florida International University, B.A., Business Administration, 1996
 - Major in Marketing and International Business
 - Minor in Psychology

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Languages

- Spanish

Professional and Civic

- Chair, Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit
- American Bar Association, International Litigation & Arbitration Committee
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- Executive Leadership Team, American Heart and American Stroke Association
- The Commonwealth Institute of South Florida
- Cuban American Bar Association
- Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS)
- Interlaw
- Dade County Bar Association
- Board of Directors, Zoological Society of South Florida
- Executive Council, United Way Women's Leadership Group
- Ladies Empowerment and Action Program (L.E.A.P.)
- 2018 Fellow, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)



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Jodi concentrates her practice in the areas of copyright and trademark transactional work; trademark counseling and strategy, clearance, prosecution and enforcement; and the management of multi-national trademark portfolios in a wide range of industries. In addition, she represents clients in intellectual property disputes before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, in domain name disputes, and in federal court litigation. Prior to and throughout law school, Jodi worked as a legal assistant and paralegal in intellectual property, and has over 10 years' experience in Intellectual Property.

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property

Accolades

- *Chambers & Partners*, Intellectual Property, 2024

Education

- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2019
 - ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law, Articles Editor
 - Federal Bar Association NSU Chapter, Chair
 - Research Assistant for Professor Areto Imoukhuede, Constitutional Law
- Nova Southeastern University, Huizenga College of Business & Entrepreneurship, M.B.A., 2013

- Graduate Student Government Association, Business Program Senator
- Nova Southeastern University, B.S., Legal Studies, 2011
 - Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit



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Camila advises emerging and industry-leading companies on a broad range of trademark and copyright matters, including the clearance, prosecution and enforcement of intellectual property assets, as well as licensing and other transactional work. She also regularly assists clients in trademark oppositions and cancellation proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, in domain name disputes, and in federal court litigations. Additionally, Camila advises clients on consumer advertising and marketing laws, including guidance on advertising reviews and compliance matters, as well as on the Federal Trade Commission's truth-in-advertising rules. Her experience extends to a wide range of industries, including fashion, automotive, entertainment, sports and retail.

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2022
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – IP for Business Lawyers
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Transactional Drafting & Practice
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Negotiation Skill for Client
- University of Miami, B.S., *cum laude*, 2018

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Florida

Languages

- Spanish

Judicial Involvements

- Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, judicial intern, 2020-2021

Professional and Civic

- International Trademark Association (INTA), Member, since 2024
- Palm Beach County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Member, since 2022
- The Federal Bar Association, Member, since 2022
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Member, since 2020
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Julia focuses her practice on transactions and commercial real estate matters involving the financing, acquisition and disposition of real property.

Prior to joining Shutts & Bowen as an Associate, Julia served as a Summer Associate at the firm.

Practice Areas

- Commercial Leasing
- Real Estate

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2024
 - Honors and Awards: Dean's Merit Scholarship; CALI Excellence for the Future Awards (Property, Legal Communication & Research); Dean's Certificate of Achievement Award (Legal Communication & Research I, II)
- University of Tampa, B.S., Economics, *magna cum laude*, 2020
 - Honors and Awards: UT Presidential Merit Scholarship

Bar Admissions

- Florida