Arthur Furia Speaks about the Assassination of Gianni Versace

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Barbie Latza Nadeau, an investigative reporter for London's The Times, recently visited the Miami office to interview partner Arthur Furia regarding the assassination of Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace for an article in its Sunday Times Magazine.

The article described Art's role as a "confidante" to the late designer and particularly as a critical liaison for the Versace family in Miami after the murder. According to the article, Art arranged a private landing at Miami International Airport for the family, arranged for the state attorney to be at the villa to explain to Donatella and Santo – Gianni's siblings – details of the case, and even the memorial services held at St. Patrick's church on Miami Beach. He also arranged with authorities for an expedited release of the body so the remains could return with the Versace family to Italy.

To read the full article, please click here.

About Arthur J. Furia

Arthur J. Furia is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Corporate Practice Group. Art is active for decades in the Italian and Italian-American community. Often labeled “Mr. Italy” for his work in building business, cultural and educational bridges between Florida and Italy. He has served as the official lawyer for the Italian Consulate in Southeast USA, the executive committee and board of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF); the State of Florida representative for the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy (AMCHAM); and past president of the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce. He has led a number of trade and economic development missions to Italy. In 2008, he was designated as “Cavaliere Ufficiale” by the President of the Republic of Italy for this work.

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