

Manuel Negron and Hillary Thompson Nominated to Represent Shutts in LCLD

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Shutts & Bowen is pleased to announce that attorneys [Manuel Negron](#) and [Hillary J. Thompson](#) have been selected for the [Leadership Council on Legal Diversity \(LCLD\)](#) 2020 class of Fellows and Pathfinders, respectively.

Miami partner Manuel Negron will be a member of the 2020 class of Fellows, participating in a landmark program created by LCLD to identify, train, and advance the next generation of leaders in the legal profession. The Fellows Program, which has trained more than a 1,600 mid-career attorneys since 2011, is one of LCLD's most important initiatives. It is designed to connect high-potential attorneys from preeminent organizations for a year-long professional development series that focuses on leadership and relationship building, providing participants extensive contact with LCLD's top leadership and leaders in the legal field. Shutts' Fellows Alumni include [Aliette D. Rodz](#), Chair of the firm's Diversity Committee and Focus on Women group, and [Meredith A. Freeman](#).

Orlando associate Hillary Thompson will represent the firm as a member of the 2020 class of Pathfinders. The Pathfinder Program has trained nearly 700 early-career attorneys since 2015, catering to junior lawyers in law firms and corporate legal departments who have demonstrated potential to become future leaders in the legal profession. This program is designed to connect high-potential attorneys from preeminent organizations for a six- to seven-month professional development series that focuses on foundational leadership skills, professional networks and relationship building skills, and career development strategies.

Founded in 2009, LCLD is a growing organization of more than 320 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners who are personally committed to creating a more diverse and inclusive legal profession. For information, visit www.lclldnet.org.

About Manuel Negron

[Manuel Negron](#) is a Partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, where he is a member of the Class Action and Mass Litigation Practice Group. Manuel has extensive experience defending personal injury protection lawsuits for numerous insurance carriers in Florida, as well as assisting insurers with pre-suit investigation/handling of claims and conducting examinations under oath. Manuel has successfully defended suits based on lack of coverage, material misrepresentation, fraud, payment, and failure to comply with applicable Small Claims Rules or the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.



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About Hillary J. Thompson

[Hillary J. Thompson](#) is an Associate in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. Hillary represents developers and lenders in a broad range of business and real estate matters. Her practice includes all aspects of commercial real estate transactions.

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