

# Carlton Fields' Amy E. Furness Named First Vice Chair of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

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Miami, Fla. – Carlton Fields is pleased to announce that Miami Office Co-Managing Shareholder Amy E. Furness was [named first vice chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce \(GMCC\)](#). She will serve a one-year term, with the intention of becoming chair-elect in June 2022 and serving as chair of the board starting in June 2023. The board officers within the Executive Committee lead the Chamber's Board of Directors, who are volunteer members representing businesses of all sizes from a myriad of industries that oversee the Chamber's work areas and at-large members. Furness has served on the Board of Directors since 2016. She co-chaired the Chamber's Senior Executive Orientation Program from 2016 until 2020, when she joined the Executive Committee. In addition to Furness' new role, GMCC announced the 2021-2022 board will be led by Chair Rick Beasley, executive director of CareerSource South Florida, and Chair-Elect Roberto Muñoz, president of The Global Financial Group. Irene White with Florida Power & Light Co. will serve as immediate past chair and as a board officer. "As we begin to get past one of the most challenging times in history, we remain optimistic as our economy is set to come back faster than other parts of the state and the country. Our new board members come from a myriad of companies bringing positive change to our communities and leaving a lasting impact through their exemplary leadership and innovative solutions," said Alfred Sanchez, President and CEO of GMCC, in a statement. "We are excited to see what our new leadership will accomplish as the Chamber year ahead looks exceptionally positive." At Carlton Fields, Furness is a trial lawyer who has dedicated her career to defending diverse clients, including both domestic and foreign corporations, in complex civil litigation, particularly product liability and commercial litigation. She defends product manufacturers in all forms of cases in the pharmaceutical, aviation, chemical, tobacco, and consumer product industries. In addition to her extensive pharmaceutical and medical device litigation defense experience, she has defended manufacturers of cigarettes, yacht engines, automobile and aircraft engines, and propane tanks. She

also currently serves as vice president – sustaining of the board of directors of PLAC, formerly the Product Liability Advisory Council. **About the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce:** The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is the proud champion for the Greater Miami business community and a civic engine that fuels the advancement of The Magic City. Founded in 1907 as the Miami Board of Trade, today's Chamber boasts representing more than 400,000-member company employees and is heralded for its legacy of leadership in economic development, and its unwavering commitment to improving the Miami-Dade community. For more information, please visit [www.MiamiChamber.com](http://www.MiamiChamber.com).

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