

Carlton Fields' Amy E. Furness Named 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 installed as vice chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC). She will serve a one-year term, with the intention of becoming 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 2022-2023 board will be led by Board Chair Roberto Munoz, president, COO, and founder of ELITE Family office. Hector J. Ponte, region bank president for Wells Fargo's South Florida region will serve as first vice chair and Alex Rhodes, national managing partner at Grant Thornton, will serve as treasurer. Rick Beasley, executive director of CareerSource South Florida, will serve as immediate past chair. "We are excited to welcome this dynamic group of professionals whose background and extensive experience will definitely make a positive impact in our community," said Alfred Sanchez, president and CEO of GMCC, in a statement. "As our economy continues to recover from these challenges times, we remain optimistic and look forward to our new board members business contributions in helping us achieve our goal." 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. Currently, Furness is defending a leading children's toy manufacturer in more than 40 wrongful death and personal injury claims. 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 city. Founded in 1907 as the Miami Board of Trade, today's Chamber represents 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.

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