

## Amy Furness Named Chair of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

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MIAMI, FL - Amy Furness was installed as chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. She will serve a one-year term, ending in June 2024. 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 number 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. Furness outlined her vision for her year as chair at the Chamber's 2023 Goals Conference and Annual Meeting of the Members, stating that she has selected three goals from the Chamber's strategic plan: improving engagement with members; collaborating with education and innovation communities; and providing practical resources for small businesses. "We need to not only engage with current members but we need to connect with new ones, which must include attracting small businesses and entrepreneurs. I intend to develop and foster a culture of collaboration and inclusion. Each of us plays a part in moving this organization forward," Furness stated. 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. 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.

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