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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER'S 12TH ANNUAL CLE CONFERENCE

Breakfast & Registration

After checking in at the Registration Desk, please enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast in the Exhibit Foyer from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

CLE Programming

All CLE presentations will take place in Grand Ballroom D, G and H. CLE programming will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Attendees will have the choice between three (3) presentation options during each of the five (5) sessions offered and luncheon will feature an ethics seminar. See Session Abstracts on Pages 6–9 for additional details. Attendees may earn a maximum of 7.0 CLE credits and must attend an entire presentation to receive credit. All presentations have been approved for CLE credit by the Florida Bar.

CLE Certificates

Use the CLE Tracker form to check off the seminars you attended and tally the number of CLE credits. At the conclusion of the conference, please come to the ACC South Florida table to receive the CLE Course Approval Code. All CLE credit is self-reported to the Florida Bar. The ACC South Florida table will remain open until the conclusion of the Cocktail Reception at 6:00 pm.

Shaken, Not Stirred Cocktail Reception

Our 12th Annual CLE Conference will conclude with a reception from 4:45 – 6:00 pm with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and more! Awards will also be handed out during celebration for Best Sponsor Swag and Exhibit Booth. We will have a raffle with **all proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade.** Visit bgcmia.org for more information.



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Give us your feedback and you could be a winner! We greatly appreciate you providing feedback on the CLE Conference, so that we may provide the best programming possible to our members at future events. Everyone completing an evaluation form is entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card! Evaluation forms have been provided in the registration packet. Please complete and drop them off at the ACC South Florida table in the exhibit hall.



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		Grand Ballroom D	Grand Ballroom G	Grand Ballroom H
	8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast & Check-In		
MORNING SESSION I	9:00 – 10:00 am (1 hour session)	Neither Shaken Nor Stirred: Don't Be Surprised by These Trends in Employment Litigation Fisher Phillips LLP (Gold Sponsor) Speaker(s): Michael Holt	Clean Breaks and Safe Bets: Bringing Public Style Exits to Privately Owned Companies Baker McKenzie (Silver Sponsor) Speaker(s): Tom May, Susan Keeler, Federico Cuadra Del	"Betting" on Collaboration Tools and Navigating the Discovery Challenges They Present TCDI (Silver Sponsor) Speaker(s): Dave Martyn, Timothy Opsitnick, Amy Furness,
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	10:00 – 10:15 am	Break		
MORNING SESSION II	10:15 – 11:15 am (1 hour session)	Wild Cards: Major New Litigation Areas Shuffling the Decks Bilzin Sumberg (Platinum Sponsor) Speaker(s): Philip Stein	The Spy Who Loved Me: Effective Workplace Investigations FordHarrison LLP (Gold Sponsor) Speaker(s): David Gobeo, Ari Hernandez	Wait, Don't Call MI6: International Investment Treaty Disputes in 2022 – Protecting Investments in an Age of Pandemic, Russia- Ukraine War, and Political Shifts in Latin America Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP (Gold Sponsor)
				Speaker(s): Ricardo Ampudia
	11:15 – 1:00 pm	Networking & Luncheon in Grand Ballroom E/F Luncheon Seminar Presented by Bilzin Sumberg The House Rules: Ethical Issues for In-House Counsel Speaker: Melissa Pallett-Vasquez		
	1:00 – 1:15 pm	Break		
AFTERNOON SESSION!	1:15 – 2:15 pm (1 hour session)	All Bets Are Off! The Approaching Wave of Accommodation Claims	Shaken Not Stirred: Surviving in Today's Class Action Climate	Acing It: Mastering the Nuances of Joint Ventures in Real Estate
		Jackson Lewis (Silver Sponsor)	Gunster (Gold Sponsor)	Bilzin Sumberg (Platinum Sponsor)
		Speaker(s): Jenna Rassif, Valerie Hooker	Speaker(s): Traci Rollins, Michael Green, Jonathan Osborne, Luke Kurtz	Speaker(s): Joshua Kaplan, David Resnick
2:15 - 2:30 pm Break				
AFTERNOON SESSION II	2:30 – 3:30 pm (1 hour session)	A Guide to Making Arbitration Your Modus Operandi	Immigration Law in 2022: Updates and the Road Ahead – Hedging Your Bets in a Post-Pandemic World	For Your Eyes Only: Dealing With Security Risks, New Privacy Laws, and Vendor Management
		Bowman and Brooke LLP (Silver Sponsor) Speaker(s): Christine Welstead,	Barnes & Thornburg LLP (Silver Sponsor)	Squire Patton Boggs (Silver Sponsor)
AFT		Carolina Piñero, Gisselle Watkins	Speaker(s): Sara Hawk	Speaker(s): Shea Leitch, Kyle Dull, Daniel McVay, Cecelia Dempsey
	3:30 - 3:45 pm Break			
AFTERNOON SESSION III	3:45 – 4:45 pm (1 hour session)	On Your Board's Service: The Latest in Corporate Governance DLA Piper (Silver Sponsor)	Robocalls in Florida: What Companies that Call Customers – or Potential Customers – Need to Know	Post-Roe Roulette: How the Dobbs Decision Impacts Employer-Sponsored Benefit Plans and Employment Policies
		Speaker(s): Josh Samek, Bradley Brodie, Gabriel de	Carlton Fields (Silver Sponsor)	Littler (Gold Sponsor) Speaker(s): Steven Friedman,
A		Corral, Meredith Longsworth	Speaker(s): Aaron Weiss	Rocio Blanco Garcia
	4:45 – 6:00 pm		Reception	



SESSION ABSTRACTS

MORNING SESSION I (9:00 – 10:00 AM)

Neither Shaken Nor Stirred: Don't Be Surprised by These Trends in Employment Litigation

Presented by Fisher Phillips LLP (Grand Ballroom D)

As we look ahead, in-house lawyers face new and ongoing challenges. Congress, the courts, and several federal agencies have been making changes that all in-house lawyers should know about and that will affect employment litigation in the future. Before you bet it all on red, we will explore recent and upcoming trends in litigation, legislation, rulemaking, and enforcement, including issues like workplace discrimination, safety, wage and hour, and restrictive covenants. Shocking. Positively shocking.

This session is presented by Michael Holt from Fisher Phillips.

Clean Breaks and Safe Bets: Bringing Public Style Exits to Privately Owned Companies

Presented by Baker McKenzie (Grand Ballroom G)

In this session, our panel of tax, insurance and M&A practitioners will discuss the latest trends in the M&A market, as well as hear from the insurance experts on Representations & Warranties Insurance, which has brought public style exits to privately owned companies, enabling them to "cash out" quicker and get that clean break relationship they're looking for. We will also touch on new and developing tax planning tools and ways to structure for an acquisition, including pre-acquisition planning and post-acquisition integration.

This session is presented by Tom May, Susan Keeler and Federico Cuadra Del Carmen from Baker McKenzie and Aartie Manansingh from Willis Towers Watson.

"Betting" on Collaboration Tools and Navigating the Discovery Challenges they Present

Presented by TCDI (Grand Ballroom H)

This session will explore the challenges collaboration tools are creating for legal. Our expert panelists will share best practices for the preservation, collection, processing, review and production of business communication and collaboration tools (data from Microsoft, Teams, Slack, Zoom, Webex, etc).

This session is presented by Dave Martyn (TCDI), Timothy Opsitnick (TCDI), Amy Furness (Carlton Fields), Eric Sedwick (TIAA), Alicia Trinley (Office Depot).

MORNING SESSION II (10:15 – 11:15 AM)

Wild Cards: Major New Litigation Areas Shuffling the Decks

Presented by Bilzin Sumberg (Grand Ballroom D)

This session will focus on hot new areas of litigation activity and increased regulatory focus, namely cryptocurrency and digital assets, ESG (environmental, social, governance) disclosures, and SPAC (special purpose acquisition company) cases. Learn about recent developments inside and outside the courtroom, and what issues to keep abreast of to avoid being dealt a wild card.

This session is presented by Philip Stein from Bilzin Sumberg.





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The Spy Who Loved Me: Effective Workplace Investigations

Presented by FordHarrison (Grand Ballroom G)

The objective of this operation is to discuss when and how to conduct workplace investigations following an employee's complaint. We will debrief attendees on obtaining "classified information" relating to a complaint, interviewing witnesses, collecting and preserving electronic evidence, maintain operational security, and conducting any necessary follow up. We will also discuss how to properly document the investigation, concerns of employee privacy For Your Eyes Only, and what actions Companies can take following its conclusion.

This session is presented by David Gobeo and Ari Hernandez from FordHarrison.

Wait, Don't Call MI6: International Investment Treaty Disputes in 2022 – Protecting Investments in an Age of Pandemic, Russia-Ukraine War, and Political Shifts in Latin America

Presented by Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP (Grand Ballroom H)

If your company does business overseas, then this course will interest you. An overview of recent developments in international investment protection following the pandemic, global conflict, and political shifts in the region. Significant rules updates will also be discussed. Topics will include:

- Introduction to Investor-State Arbitration and why it is essential for South Florida Businesses
- Update on Disputes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia-Ukraine conflict, and regulatory changes in Latin America
- How to keep investments protected under international treaties
- Significant changes in arbitral rules, including the ICSID arbitration rules

This session is presented by Ricardo Ampudia from Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP.

LUNCHEON ETHICS SEMINAR (11:15 – 1:00 PM)

The House Rules: Ethical Issues for In-House Counsel

Presented by Bilzin Sumberg (Grand Ballroom E/F)

This keynote luncheon session will focus on the unique ethical issues that in-house counsel often face and discuss best practices to ensure in-house counsel knows when to hold 'em, when to fold 'em, when to walk away... and when to run.

This keynote is presented by Melissa Pallett-Vasquez from Bilzin Sumberg.

AFTERNOON SESSION I (1:15 – 2:15 PM)

All Bets Are Off! The Approaching Wave of Accommodation Claims

Presented by Jackson Lewis (Grand Ballroom D)

As businesses continue to digest the impacts of COVID-19, remote workers, and an ever-tightening labor market, a tidal wave of disability and religious discrimination claims looms on the horizon as more employees seek accommodations. We will address the legal and business issues companies encounter when seeking to accommodate disability claims, particularly those arising with greater frequency during the pandemic (e.g., "long COVID"; respiratory issues; anxiety; depression); the uptick in requests for religious accommodations (as well as the changing legal landscape in this area); and the ways in which accommodations claims play out in court. We will help you guide your organizations through the quagmire of leave requests, types of accommodations available, and managing claims for accommodation.

This session is presented by Jenna Rassif and Valerie Hooker from Jackson Lewis.



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AFTERNOON SESSION I (CONT'D)

AFTERNOON SESSION II (2:30 – 3:30 PM)



Shaken Not Stirred: Surviving in Today's Class Action Climate

Presented by Gunster (Grand Ballroom G)

Class actions are once again a serious threat to any business that interacts with the public. Cottage industry law firms have emerged in Florida which are wholly sustained by the class attorney fee award that funds their next attack. No company is too big, too small, to sophisticated, or too straightforward. Knowing how to fight, and when, and conversely, when a class settlement is prudent, is essential knowledge for any legal department.

This session is presented by Traci Rollins, Michael Green and Jonathan Osborne from Gunster, and Luke Kurtz from U.S. Sugar.



🗫 A Guide to Making Arbitration Your **Modus Operandi**

Presented by Bowman and Brooke LLP (Grand Ballroom D)

This presentation is for transactional attorneys, trial practitioners, and in-house counsel who are new to arbitration. Presenters will discuss the importance of incorporating an arbitration clause in written agreements and how to enforce the clause when facing litigation. Attendees will learn about the anatomy of an arbitration proceeding from start to finish. Presenters will also highlight important considerations when weighing the pros and cons of arbitration.

This session is presented by Christine Welstead, Carolina Piñero and Gisselle Watkins from Bowman and Brooke LLP.



Acing It: Mastering the Nuances of **Joint Ventures in Real Estate**

Presented by Bilzin Sumberg (Grand Ballroom H)

Joint ventures are a vehicle of choice for investors and developers pursuing new developments or acquiring existing assets, but despite their commonality, JV's in the real estate sector do have some unique issues related to the project development life cycle, capital stack and deal structuring, and exit strategies. Learn about these issues and walk away with the information to pull off a royal flush.

This session is presented by Joshua Kaplan and David Resnick from Bilzin Sumberg.



Immigration Law in 2022: Updates and the Road Ahead - Hedging Your Bets in a **Post-Pandemic World**

Presented by Barnes & Thornburg (Grand Ballroom G)

Immigration changes during COVID-19 impacted employers with foreign national employees and are expected to continue to impact processing times at consulates abroad and in the US. As US employers seek global talent, issues related to mobility and remote worker issues are now a priority for companies to handle a diverse workforce. We will discuss post-pandemic best practices and talent acquisition strategies for employers as well as I-9 flexibility rules for employment verification compliance.

This session is presented by Sarah Hawk from Barnes & Thornburg.







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For Your Eyes Only: Dealing With Security Risks, New Privacy Laws, and Vendor Management

Presented by Squire Patton Boggs (Grand Ballroom H)

During this session, we will discuss the current threat landscape and the development of cybersecurity programs to meet and respond to those threats, analyze new state privacy laws and requirements for businesses, and provide an overview of vendor management practices, including data protection agreements. Finally, in-house counsels will opine on the steps their companies are taking to meet the changing risk environment, as well as the evolving legal and regulatory landscape.

This session is presented by Shea Leitch and Kyle Dull from Squire Patton Boggs, Daniel McVay from Intuit, and Cecelia Dempsey from Del Monte Fresh Produce Company.

AFTERNOON SESSION III (3:45 - 4:45 PM)



On Your Board's Service: The Latest in Corporate Governance

Presented by DLA Piper (Grand Ballroom D)

This presentation will provide in-house counsel with an update on the latest topics and trends in corporate governance, including:

- Protecting the Company from Dr. No Institutional Investors, Activists and Proxy Advisors
- You Only Live Once Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance
- Minding M SEC Rules and Enforcement Updates
- Avoiding Austin Powers DE&I, Culture and Human Capital Management
- Don't Bet the House The Board's Role in Risk Management

This session is presented by Josh Samek, Bradley Brodie and Gabriel de Corral from DLA Piper and Meredith Longsworth from CareMax.

Robocalls in Florida: What Companies that Call Customers-or Potential Customers-Need to Know

Presented by Carlton Fields (Grand Ballroom G)

Over the last decade, the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act (the TCPA) has led to more lawsuits being filed against businesses than any other single lawsuit. With a strict liability penalty of \$500 per phone call or text message in violation of the statute, the TCPA presents significant risk to businesses. To compound the problem, in 2021, Florida enacted its own-even stricter call ban, which has come to be known as the "Florida Mini-TCPA" and which has already led to hundreds of lawsuits.

In our program, we will provide guidance on compliance and risk reduction strategies that general counsel can implement right away to reduce TCPA and Florida Mini-TCPA risk.

This session is presented by Aaron Weiss from Carlton Fields.

Post-Roe Roulette: How the Dobbs Decision Impacts Employer-Sponsored Benefit Plans and Employment Policies

Presented by Littler (Grand Ballroom H)

The Supreme Court's recent decision to overturn Roe v. Wade has wide-reaching impacts on employersponsored benefits plans. In this session, we will review the relevant state laws that now apply to employers who wish to cover pregnancy terminations through their medical plans and reimburse their associated travel costs. We will also review the existing federal laws that shape how these design features can be implemented in a compliant manner. In addition, we will address how employers should reevaluate their leaves of absence and time off policies for interstate travel.

This session is presented by Steven Friedman and Rocio Blanco Garcia from Littler.





Ricardo Ampudia is an Of Counsel at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP. He is a registered international arbitrator and a board-certified specialist in international litigation and arbitration, the highest level of evaluation of professional competency and experience

by The Florida Bar in this field. He is also a Fellow in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London. Ricardo represents clients in high-profile international and cross-border disputes, including investor-state, commercial and state-state arbitration. He also represents clients in litigation matters pertaining to securities, international trade, international human rights and international proceedings before INTERPOL. Ricardo also counsels clients in compliance matters, including FCPA, OFAC and reporting requirements before US government agencies.



Brad Brodie is an Of Counsel at DLA Piper. He focuses his practice on capital markets and financing transactions, and general corporate and securities matters. He advises issuers, underwriters and other market participants on a broad range of domestic and international

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Federico Cuadra Del Carmen is a Partner at Baker McKenzie and a member of Baker McKenzie's Corporate and Securities Practice Group. He routinely represents a broad range of clients from the US, Latin America, Europe and Asia Pacific, strategically deploying

Baker McKenzie's global resources to deliver seamless and practical solutions. Federico guides clients through complex, domestic and cross-border acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and other transactional events. His practice also includes advising on venture capital investments, corporate reorganizations, and general corporate matters.



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Kyle Dull is a Senior Associate in the Data Privacy, Cybersecurity & Digital Assets Practice and a Certified Information Privacy Professional (IAPP CIPP/US) at Squire Patton Boggs. A former Assistant Attorney General, he advises industry-leading companies on domestic

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Steven Friedman is a Shareholder at Littler. He advises employers on a variety of aspects of employee benefits law, including: the structuring and implementation of qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, welfare and fringe benefits programs, early retirement

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Amy Furness is a Shareholder at Carlton Fields. She 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, Amy is defending a leading children's toy manufacturer in over 40 wrongful death and personal injury cases. 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.



Rocio Blanco Garcia is an Associate at Littler. She counsels and represents clients in a broad range of labor and employment matters. She has handled cases before state and federal courts and before administrative agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission and the Florida Commission on Human Relations. Before joining Littler, Rocio was a senior assistant county attorney with the Broward County Office of the County Attorney, where she gained considerable experience representing Florida's second largest county. Rocio also has extensive experience handling appeals, including before the Fourth District Court of Appeal and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.



David Gobeo is a Partner at FordHarrison. He represents employers in an array of employment matters including against claims of discrimination, harassment, and wage and hour violations. He routinely handles lawsuits involving the FLSA, the

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Michael Green is a Shareholder at Gunster who joined the firm in 2011. He is a member of Gunster's Business Litigation, Creditor Rights & Bankruptcy, and Intellectual Property Litigation practice groups. Michael is also a member of the firm's Associate Mentoring Committee.

Michael practices in state and federal court and has experience in an array of civil litigation matters including brokerage commission disputes, commercial landlord/tenant disputes, creditor representation in bankruptcy proceedings (including adversary proceedings and bankruptcy appeals), homeowners' and condominium association disputes, non-compete and restrictive covenant disputes, and property rights litigation.



Sarah Hawk is a Partner at Barnes & Thornburg and brings nearly 20 years of experience helping companies develop and implement immigration policies to secure visas and permanent residence status for executives, managers and critical employees. She also assists

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Michael Holt is a Partner at Fisher Phillips, Fort Lauderdale office. He is a skilled advocate, litigator, and counselor who is devoted to reaching efficient solutions to real-world problems. Mike uses a team-oriented, results-focused approach to avoid and resolve

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Joshua Kaplan is a Partner in Bilzin Sumberg's Corporate and Tax Groups. As a licensed CPA with a Master's degree (LL.M.) in Tax Law, Josh offers a wide range of skills for structuring, negotiating, documenting, and closing sophisticated transactions. His

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Susan Keeler is an Associate in Baker McKenzie's Tax Practice Group in Los Angeles. She previously was tax counsel and coordinator for tax planning at a multinational energy corporation. Susan practices in domestic and international tax law, with an emphasis on international

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Luke Kurtz is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for U.S. Sugar. He is responsible for managing the company's legal risks and opportunities and assisting other members of the organization execute on strategic objectives. Prior to joining U.S. Sugar, Luke worked

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Shea Leitch is an Of Counsel at Squire Patton Boggs. A Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US, E), Shea's in-depth knowledge of privacy and data security issues makes her a soughtafter counselor to companies in various sectors, including the social

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provides targeted guidance on privacy compliance for clients using cutting-edge technologies, such as biometrics, artificial intelligence and advertising technology. As a strategic advisor, Shea helps clients bring products to market, by identifying practical solutions that facilitate business growth and innovation, while mitigating legal and regulatory risk.



Meredith Longsworth is the General Counsel, Senior Vice President, and Secretary at CareMax. She comes to CareMax after 12 years with nationwide healthcare company Mednax Services, Inc. While at Mednax, she served as in-house counsel, garnering substantial

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5 years, including Allied World and Ironshore, and most recently held the position of the 'Head of M&A – Americas' with Hamilton Insurance Group. Aartie also worked as a senior broker for WTW for two years prior to re-joining the firm in 2021. Aartie graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University where she earned a Bachelor of Science. She also holds a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center. Aartie is a member of the New York State Bar.



Dave Martyn currently serves as a Solutions Architect at TCDI supported by nearly 20 years of diverse experiences in eDiscovery and technical problem-solving opportunities. His combination of Lean Six Sigma black belt training and backgrounds in engineering,

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Thomas May is a Partner at Baker McKenzie and has been advising multinationals on complex US and foreign tax issues for almost 30 years. He has a broad range of experience but has focused his practice primarily on the taxefficient structuring of international

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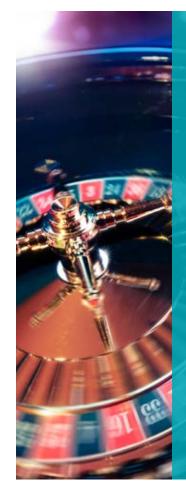
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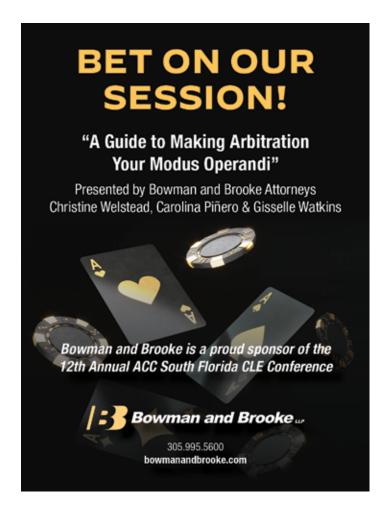
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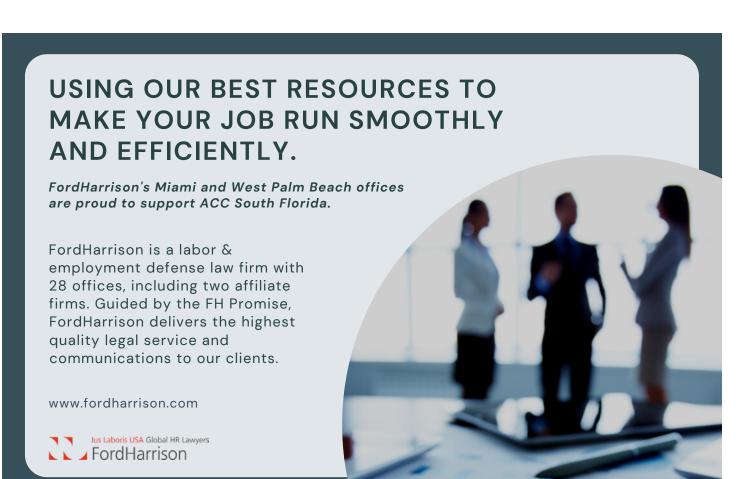


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