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PRESIDENT-ELECT



A. DAX BELLO

Dax Bello is a shareholder with the law firm of Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain, P.A. He represents plaintiffs in catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims including medical malpractice, liquor liability, products liability, birth injury, aviation, motor vehicle accidents, class action and other complex civil litigation matters.

Dax has served on CABA's Board of Directors since 2012 and on its Executive Board since 2017, having served as Vice President in 2018 and 2019.

CABA's mission is far from over. Under Dax's leadership in 2021, CABA will continue to promote access to justice and increased diversity in the practice of law. It will hold the Cuban regime accountable for its daily human rights violations, encourage freedom of thought and speech on the island, and it will work to promote a peaceful transition to democracy in Cuba. Dax is hopeful that one day, soon, CABA's membership will celebrate a CUBA LIBRE.

DIRECTORS



ADRIAN ACOSTA

Hailing from Little Havana, Adrian is a born and bred Miamian who centers his practice on criminal law, title services, and family law. Prior to co-founding Acosta & Lichter, P.A., Adrian gained a wealth of experience working at one of Miami's premier law firms. He spent ten years working as a paralegal, honing his legal research skills under the supervision of some of Miami's most skilled attorneys. After graduating law school, he then joined the same firm as associate attorney where he focused on Family Law.

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DIANA ARTEAGA

Diana Arteaga has been involved in CABA for many years. She is an active member of the CABA on Cuba Committee and worked on the most recent report to the OAS on behalf of Oscar Elias Biscet and 75 other Cuban dissidents. In September 2019, she was recognized as CABA's member of the year. While at FIU Law, she participated in the mentorship program and was awarded CABA's Mario P. Goderich scholarship. Diana is the VP of Government Relations for Broward Health. Previously, she was the Director of Government Relations for the City of Miami and also worked for Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and former congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart. Diana serves as Board Secretary for the San Carlos Institute in Key West. She has served on the Florida Bar's Consumer Protection Law Committee and in the Municipal Ethics Officers Program with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust.



DANIEL BUIGAS

I humbly seek your support and vote for a seat on the CABA Board of Directors. I have been an active member of CABA since 2012, primarily through the CABA on Cuba Committee, the CABA Pro Bono Project, and the Night with the Marlins Committee. In recognition of my commitment, dedication, and unwavering support of CABA's mission, I received the 2019 "Member of the Year Award." If elected to the CABA Board, my three main goals will be to (1) further expand the visibility of the CABA on Cuba Committee's educational efforts to inform the public about the plight of the Cuban people on the island and the Cuban-American experience; (2) identify and create more opportunities for members to participate in CABA, and (3) encourage members and non-members to contribute and take on cases on behalf of the CABA Pro Bono Project. Thank you for considering me.



AMANDA FERNANDEZ

Since 2017, I have had the privilege of serving on the CABA Board of Directors. As a Board member, I have chaired CABA's CLE Committee, Young Lawyers Committee, and Mentoring Committee. This past year, I also co-chaired the AIT: Uncorked event, raising over \$60,000 for CABA's Pro Bono Project, which provides legal services for indigent members of our community. And, for the past three years, I have organized the Desayuno con CABA CLE series, which provides innovative and informative CLE presentations for CABA's members. If reelected to the Board, I would continue to advance CABA's mission by promoting equality of our members, diversity on the bench, and effective representation of minorities. I would be honored to continue to serve our membership and carry on CABA's legacy as a member of the 2020 CABA Board of Directors. Vote Amanda ¡Está aCABando!

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ALEXANDER FUMAGALI

Alex Fumagali is a native of Miami, and the son of two Cuban parents who fled Cuba in the late 1950s. Raised in a traditional Cuban family, he was taught to work hard and help others from a very young age. Alex graduated from FSU College of Law in 2012, and joined CABA shortly thereafter. He is currently a Senior Associate Attorney at Lewis Brisbois in Coral Gables, where his practice focuses on products liability defense and general commercial litigation. Alex devotes much of his time to giving back to the community. He has served on the Board of Directors for his alma mater since 2016, and co-founded the group known as “Friends of Miami Freedom Park” earlier this year. With respect to his involvement in CABA, Alex has served on the committees for the CABA 5K and annual “Night with the Marlins,” and coordinated a sponsorship relationship between CABA & Inter Miami CF for a Young Lawyers Networking event.



JAVIER A. LEY-SOTO

As a dedicated 2-term CABA Board Member, current Vice-President of CABA Pro Bono Board and Board Member for over 7 years, I ask for your vote allowing me to continue providing service, talent, and leadership to CABA. I co-chaired the past 2 highly successful Judicial Luncheons, and previously co-chaired the CABA on Cuba committee, while also chairing CABA’s 5k and Young Lawyer’s committees. In addition to chairing these great events over the years, I have also volunteered on CABA’s numerous fundraisers, luncheons, and events. CABA continues to be at the forefront of South Florida’s legal community actively promoting respect, diversity, and equality in the practice of law, while providing a voice to those silenced in Cuba. The son of parents who arrived through Peter Pan and the Freedom Flights, my passion for public service is reflected by my commitment to our community.



AUGUSTO PERERA

I am running for a seat on the CABA Board of Directors. I humbly ask for your support. Since becoming a member, I have worked tirelessly to support CABA’s mission and the important role our organization has within our community. I did not join CABA, so I could simply network and meet fellow attorneys. I joined, and supported this organization, because of the work CABA does for our community. I’ve volunteered with CABA Pro Bono and served on several Committees such as the Annual Marlins Nights, CABA’s Annual AIT, and the CABA on Cuba Committee. It is my vision to continue to empower our members to volunteer in making a difference in our community. I will continue to work to make this the organization we are all proud to say we are a part of. I ask for both your support and your vote for CABA Board of Directors.

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS

Miriam Soler Ramos is City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables and is Board Certified in City, County, and Local Government Law. Ms. Ramos earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Miami in Communications and Political Science in 1999 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami in 2002. She has served on the CABA Board since 2015, served as a Vice President in 2019 and has been an involved and committed member of CABA for over a decade. She has co-chaired the Mentoring Committee, Judicial Luncheon Committee, and CABA on Cuba Committee. In addition, she has been very involved with the 5K, Marlins Night, and AIT: Uncorked Committees, all benefitting the CABA Pro-bono program. Ms. Ramos has received the "40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers of Miami-Dade County" Award, the UM Law Alumni Leadership Award, and named Legal Elite-Government & Non-Profit Attorneys for 2018 and 2019.



TAMARA PALLAS

Tamara Pallas has been an active member in CABA since 2009 when she was a 1L. However, her involvement and the importance of the organization was impressed on her much earlier by her mother who served as an Officer and Board Member from 1998 to 2000. In accompanying her mother to CABA events, she learned of and was inspired by the passion and advocacy of the organization for the Cuban-American legal community. In the past few years, Tamara has demonstrated her commitment to CABA by serving on the Marlins Night committee, Art in the Tropics committee, and the Judicial Luncheon committee. If elected, Tamara will serve with integrity, respecting the organization's history, and will shepherd the organization to meet the future needs of the legal field and community. Tamara is currently an Associate at Fowler White Burnett, P.A. practicing in the areas of probate, guardianship, and trusts and estates.