CABA NAMES ITS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FELLOWS

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The Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) has selected 11 fellows for its new leadership training program, "L.E.A.D. with CABA." The Leadership, Education, And, Development (L.E.A.D.) program is designed to provide CABA fellows with the knowledge, skills, and tools to be effective leaders within CABA, The Florida Bar, and their communities.

"Leadership is not just about guiding others, but about self-discovery and continuous growth," CABA President Giselle Gutierrez said. "We designed L.E.A.D. with CABA to empower our fellows with the knowledge, skills, and experience to become effective leaders while challenging them to explore their values and strengths. By raising awareness and engaging in ethical and public service matters, participants can use their leadership skills to make a positive impact on their communities and the world."



Giselle Gutierrez

The L.E.A.D. with CABA Committee, led by Gutierrez and Co-Chair Gustavo J. Ceballos, announced 11 inductees to Class I, including:

- Ian Michael Corp, of Agentis PLLC. Corp.
- **Kyle Forges**, an assistant public defender in the 11th Circuit.
- Alani L. Fraga, an associate at Bilzin Sumberg in the Real Estate Group.
- Andy Hernández, an associate at Martínez-Cid Law.
- Juliette Hernandez, an associate at Stearns Weaver Miller.
- Yoe Lopez, a senior assistant city attorney for Miami Beach.

- Joshua P. Padron, an associate at the Haggard Law Firm.
- Fabian A. Ruiz, a shareholder at GrayRobinson.
- Magbis Sanchez, of counsel at R+C Litigators.
- Isis Pacheco Velasco, a vice president at Interamerican Bank.
- Jonathan Vita, an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

The fellows are in the company of a diverse professional cohort working in the public and private sectors, large and small law firms, different practice areas, backgrounds, and geographical areas of the state. The class shares a commitment to elevating awareness and fostering engagement among legal practitioners, according to CABA. Their active participation in the program's four training sessions through the fall of 2023 will serve as a catalyst for their professional growth and development, according to CABA.

The first program session, "Exploring the Opportunities of Servant Leadership," includes Bar President Gary Lesser; Jorge Piedra, managing partner at Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton and a member of the Bar Board of Governors; 11th Circuit Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie; and 11th Circuit Judge Bertila Soto, among others.