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## Gov. Ron DeSantis Just Gave This Jurist a New Role

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Gov. Ron DeSantis has elevated a South Florida judge to a higher bench.

From county to circuit court, the move was made official Tuesday with the announcement of Miami native Ch istine P. Bandín's appointment.

Bandín said that she knew she wanted to be an atto ney as a fifth-grader and said the public-service realm was always at the forefront.

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"I am extraordinarily humbled and hono ed, and truly grateful that Gov. DeSantis has appointed me to the circuit court," Bandín told the Daily Business Review. "I am thankful to everyone who has helped me along the way, and to all of those who have placed their trust in me. I pledge to continue to se ve my community each and every day."

Bandín takes the circuit court bench in a move that eplaces longtime Miami-Dade Judge Alan Fine, who retired to start his own private practice as a "concierge Judge."

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Bandín has se ved in the Domestic Violence Division as a county court judge since 2019, when then-Gov. Rick Scott appointed her to the ole.

## **'An Outstanding Judge'**

Bandín's appointment to the Miami-Dade Circuit Court is the culmination of a successful legal career.

After earning her law degree from the University of Miami, Bandín began in private practice as an associate at Adams & Diaco.

In 2014, she became a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, where she was a member of the class action and mass litigation practice group, concentrating on insurance defense matters and coverage disputes, both trying and defending cases, according to the firm's managing partner John E. Meagher.

Meagher said the staff is pleased and excited to hear of Bandín's appointment.

"During her years at the firm, she proved herself to be an excellent litigator with a strong ethical center," Meagher said. "As she has shown during her tenure in county court, her respect for the law as well as the parties appearing before her make her just the type of jurist the community needs. The citizens of Miami-Dade County will be well-served by this appointment."

The Cuban American Bar Association also commented on the new appointment, congratulating Bandín on her new role.

"Judge Bandín has been an active member of CABA since 2010, and has served with distinction on the county court since her appointment in 2018," said Giselle Gutierrez, of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson. "Judge Bandín is highly qualified and a dedicated public servant who is committed to justice and fairness. We are confident that she will continue to be an outstanding judge in her new role."

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