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Miami Attorney Ramon A. Abadin Elected To the Florida Bar Board of Governors Eleventh Circuit Court, Seat One

Ramon A. Abadin, a past president of the Cuban American Bar Association, was elected to a two year term to serve on the 52-member Board of Governors of The Florida Bar for the Eleventh Circuit Court, Seat 1. Ray fills the Eleventh Circuit seat vacated by another past president of CABA, Francisco Angones, Jr., who was recently elected President of The Florida Bar.

The 52- member Board of Governors has exclusive authority to formulate and adopt matters of policy concerning the activities of the Bar, subject to limitations imposed by the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. The Board selects the executive director of the Bar, who devotes full-time to directing the overall administration of The Florida Bar. Committees and sections or members of the Bar may submit topics to the president for inclusion on the agenda for Board meetings which are held bimonthly. All Board members serve without pay.

Ramon Abadin is a managing partner at the law firm of **ABADIN JARAMILLO COOK & HEFFERNAN**, a litigation firm specializing in medical malpractice, general liability litigation, and corporate litigation. Mr. Abadin was appointed by Chief Justice Pariente for the Supreme Court of Florida District Court of Appeal Workload & Jurisdiction Assessment Committee in 2006. In February 2006 Mr. Abadin was honored with an award at the Haitian Lawyers Association 6th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala for his significant contribution to their Association as well as to the South Florida community at large. He was nominated in 2005 for the South Florida Business Journal's Diversity Works Award, given to individuals that demonstrate a commitment to promoting diversity in South Florida. In June of 2005, Mr. Abadin was given the G. Kirk Hass award by the President of the Florida Bar, Kelly Overstreet-Johnson, for his meritorious service to the legal profession in the State of Florida.

About Ramon A. Abadin

Please see his attached bio.

BIO

RAMON A. ABADIN

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Ramón A. Abadin is the managing partner of the law firm. He is a graduate of Tulane University (B.A., 1981) and Loyola University of New Orleans School of Law (J.D., 1985). He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1986, the Florida Bar in 1987, and the Federal Bar for the Southern District of Florida in 1988.

Mr. Abadin served as a Director of the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) from 1997 through 2003, when he was elected President-elect. He was President of CABA in 2004 and served as Immediate Past President in 2005. He was President of the Cuban-American Bar Foundation in 2005. Mr. Abadin has a long history with The Florida Bar. He has served on a Grievance Committee of the Florida Bar from June 1996 through June of 1999 (Vice-Chairman June 1998-1999), and presently is a member of the Florida Bar Member Outreach Committee. He was elected in 2005 to the Executive Council of the Equal Opportunity Law Section of the Florida Bar. Mr. Abadin is a lifetime Florida Bar Foundation Fellow. In May 2005, he was Chairman of The Florida Bar's 2005 Annual Diversity Symposium. Mr. Abadin was elected in March 2006 to a two year term to the Florida Bar Board of Governors, Seat 1 of the Eleventh Circuit. He is a member of the Florida Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity in the Court and a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism; both appointments were made by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara J. Pariente. Mr. Abadin was also appointed by Chief Justice Pariente for the Supreme Court of Florida District Court of Appeal Workload & Jurisdiction Assessment Committee in 2006. Governor Jeb Bush appointed Mr. Abadin to the Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for 2004-2008: he has been elected as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission for 2005-2006. He also serves on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Florida International University School of Law. He is a member of the Board of Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company (FLMIC), serving on the Investment, Nominating and Claims Committees.

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Mr. Abadin has an AV rating from Martindale Hubble. Mr. Abadin has extensive trial experience in all areas of general civil litigation, including medical malpractice, insurance litigation, premises liability, automobile negligence, and corporate litigation. Mr. Abadin is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.