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New Florida Bar President Sia Baker-Barnes keynotes Law Committee meeting

State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle introduces her friend

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What a proud moment for the Aventura Marketing Council/Chamber of Commerce (AMC) as the huge dining room at Morton's Steak House filled to capacity with Judges, attorneys, elected officials and sponsors of their revitalized Law Committee that featured Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes, new President of the Florida Bar. History was made this past June when Sia was installed as the 77th President of The Florida Bar. As the first Black woman to lead the Florida Bar, she was also the first Black woman to lead the Palm Beach Bar Association. Everyone was there to congratulate Sia on her history of accomplishment and deep respect for the profession of Law, as well as to meet with their longtime friend, State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, who would be introducing her amazing friend, Sia.

AMC Chairman Gary Pyott proudly introduced Kristina E. Wilson, KEW Legal, as the new Chairperson of the AMC's Law Committee, and turned the meeting over to her. Kristina welcomed the many Judges



(L TO R) KRISTINA WILSON; RAPHAEL GARCIA, CHRIS TUCCITTO, RUSS LAZEGA, RITA REGEV, KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, SIA BAKER-BARNES, ROGER SLADE, NICOLE CHAMPAGNE, KEVIN MORRIS, EMMA PACETTI, CHELSEA LUNN, JULIET ROULHAC, GARY PYOTT



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and asked each of the seven meeting sponsors to introduce themselves: Florida Advocates, F P L, Grove Bank and Trust, Haber Law, Linqq HMP, Rita Regev Luxury Real Estate, and U.S. Century Bank. Kristina said, "I am extremely honored to have this opportunity to not only lead the AMC's Law Committee, but to have such an incredibly successful meeting with everyone here."

As Sia took the podium, she spoke from the heart about her grandmothers who despite having no formal education, shaped generations through their values, as did her parents. Their legacy gave rise to six first-generation college graduates in her family

and ultimately to her own success in law. Her vision for the Florida Bar is to create a profession where all attorneys feel seen, supported and heard. "As I begin this role, I carry with me a spirit of gratitude, a deep sense of legacy, and a clear purpose. And now, it's my turn — it's our turn — not just to preserve that legacy, but to build on it. We're not just opening doors... we're saving a seat at the table for all of us. From the new lawyer unsure of where they belong to the seasoned professional with ideas still to share."

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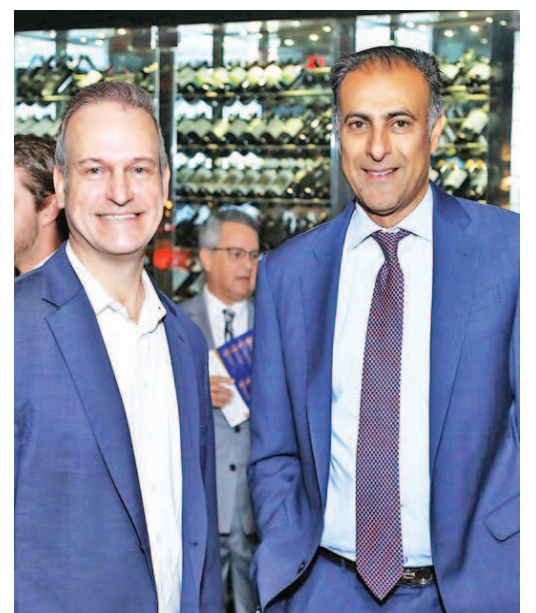
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