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Aventura Marketing Council/Chamber of Commerce’s powerhouse legal luncheon features Chief Judge and Chief Deputy Judges

Community-Police Relations Foundation, Grove Bank & Trust and Haber Law sponsor full-house event

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The Aventura Marketing Council/Chamber of Commerce (AMC) is known far and wide for their top-tier Breakfast Meetings, Chairman’s Roundtable luncheons and special events. These special events run the gamut from elegant ribbon-cutting ceremonies to family-oriented programs such as their City of Aventura YOUNG STARS SHOWCASE to their famous Law Committee Luncheons. Recently, the Law Committee held another superb event at Morton’s The Steakhouse in North Miami featuring Miami-Dade Chief Judge Ariana Fajardo Orshan, Deputy Chief Judge Gina Beovides and Deputy Chief Judges Ivonne Cuesta... all introduced by State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle.

Open only to attorneys and Judges, the AMC saw a quick influx of Judges and attorneys from throughout South Florida confirming their attendance – most of whom had attended the November, 2025 AMC Law Luncheon with Florida Bar President Sia Baker Barnes, resulting in an overflow audience. AMC Law Committee Chairperson Kristina E. Wilson, KEW Legal, said ‘It’s been a great pleasure to chair this very successful committee and hear the many positive comments from the Judges, attorneys, elected officials and sponsors who appreciate the exceptional opportunity this committee provides to



(L to R) Aventura Vice Mayor Clifford B. Ain; Kristina E. Wilson, KEW Legal; Aventura Comm. Paul Kruss; Darrin Gursky, Haber Law; Dean Drew Dawson, UMLaw School; State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle; Russell Jacobs, The Jacobs Law Group; David Zarco, Community-Police Relations Foundation; Dean Michelle Mason, FIU Law School; Sunny Isles Beach Mayor Larisa Svechin; Kevin Morris, Grove Bank & Trust

connect with so many professionals in the legal arena.”
The first half-hour of the most recent luncheon was devoted to networking with the Chief Judges, 20 other Judges, State Attorney Rundle, Deans from three law schools, attorneys representing every different facet of the law, sponsors and elected officials. Miami-Dade Comm. Micky Steinberg was there, as well as Sunny Isles Beach Mayor Larisa Svechin, Aventura Vice Mayor Clifford B. Ain and Aventura Commissioners Rachel Friedland, Gustavo Blachman and Paul Kruss joining former Aventura Mayor Enid Weisman and former Commissioners Dr. Linda Marks and Dr. Billy Joel.

Wilson thanked the meeting sponsors, and invited each one to the podium to recognize and thank them and ask them each to share information about their company. David Zarco, VP of Community-Police Relations Foundation; Jose Cueto,

President & CEO of Grove Bank & Trust; Darrin Gursky, Partner, Haber Law. State Attorney Rundle introduced the panel of three Judges, recognizing them for their outstanding dedication to the law and the judiciary. Chief Judge Orshan began by thanking all the Judges in the room, citing astounding numbers of caseloads in every courthouse. She spoke about the different divisions of the court system and how trends and workloads have increased over the years, before introducing her two Deputy Chief Judges Beovides and Cuesta. Each Deputy Chief Judge covered their responsibilities in the court system, and how things have changed in the courthouses over the years...including increased use of digital evidence and courtroom technology to electronic workflows replacing paper processes.

Morton’s General Manager Olga Birilo and her team were thanked as the door prizes of Morton’s dining gift certificates

were given to four lucky winners. And another successful AMC Law Committee concluded with everyone saying, “Please be sure to invite me to the next one!”



(L to R) Miami-Dade 11th Judicial District: Deputy Chief Judge Gina Beovides; Chief Judge Ariana Fajardo Orshan; Deputy Chief Judge Ivonne Cuesta

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