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Civil and Commercial Litigator Ira Gonzalez Joins Hinshaw as a Partner in Miami

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The U.S. law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is pleased to announce the addition of civil and commercial litigator Ira Gonzalez as a Partner in the firm's Miami office. Also joining the firm is associate Daniel C. Fors.

"We're delighted to welcome Ira to Hinshaw. Our clients will greatly benefit from his deep litigation knowledge," said Barbara Fernandez, Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Miami office. "We look forward to supporting him and Daniel as they take their practices to the next level." According to Fernandez, Hinshaw's Miami office is continuing to grow as a result of new business as well as through the recruitment of lateral partners such as Gonzalez who have an existing client base and are attracted to the firm's full-service capabilities and national platform.

Gonzalez has wide-reaching experience and practices in the areas of Real Estate/Construction, Administrative/Local Government, Land Use, Product Liability/Toxic Torts, Transportation, Environmental and Premises Liability. Additionally, he helps clients on all aspects of both insurer-driven and insured-directed legal matters.

"My clients will benefit greatly from the synergies made possible by this move," added Gonzalez. "I look forward to working with Hinshaw's team of well-rounded attorneys, taking advantage of their national footprint and regional presence throughout Florida, and building on Hinshaw's proud legacy of client service."

Prior to joining Hinshaw, Gonzalez bolstered his litigation experience at law firms in Miami and New Orleans. Before entering into private practice, Ira served in several roles in Miami government, including working as the Chief of Operations for Code Enforcement, and an Assistant Policy Coordinator for the Mayor. During his tenure, he represented city interests at special master and code enforcement hearings. Ira was also a law clerk for the Office of the City Attorney where he analyzed zoning laws, local code applicability, lien foreclosure, and federal and state preemption issues.

Gonzalez is currently a Special Master for the Village of Palmetto Bay, a member of the Cuban American Bar Association and a member of The Florida Bar's Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy Committee. He has served on the Visit Tampa Bay Advisory Board; The Pro Bono Project, Board of Directors; the American Bar Association, Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee, Chemical and Toxic Torts Subcommittee Co-Chair; Consumer

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Products Subcommittee Co-Chair; Young Lawyers Subcommittee Co-Chair; and the Hispanic Lawyers' Association of Louisiana, as President, Vice President and Secretary. In 2018, he was named a Barry University Distinguished Alumni Honoree.

A frequent speaker and published author, Gonzalez is a thought leader on a variety of real estate and litigation topics including land use, transportation, expert witnesses and internal investigations. He is admitted in Florida, Louisiana, the Southern and Middle Districts of the U.S. District Court of Florida and the Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana. Gonzalez holds a J.D., *cum laude*, from Loyola University, New Orleans College of Law; a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Barry University in Miami Shores.

Daniel Fors practices in complex toxic tort, catastrophic personal injury and aviation litigation. His clients are Fortune 500 companies and insurance underwriters. Prior to joining Hinshaw, Daniel strengthened his litigation experience at law firms in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Fors holds a J.D. from Florida International University College of Law where he graduated *cum laude* and served as Articles Editor for the FIU Law Review. He also holds a B.S. in Education from Florida International University.