



## News

### Barbara Fernandez Appointed for Third Term as Dade County Defense Bar Association President

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**CORAL GABLES, FL** – [Barbara Fernandez](#), a Coral Gables-based Partner in the Consumer & Class Action Litigation Group of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, has been appointed for a third term as President of the Dade County Defense Bar Association (DCDBA). She has served in the position since 2011.

The DCDBA has served civil defense attorneys in the Miami area since it was founded in 1965. The association provides CLE seminars, judicial receptions and networking opportunities for attorneys who practice primarily in the fields of insurance, personal injury and commercial defense litigation. Its bi-monthly CLE luncheons feature presentations by attorneys, prominent judges, and expert witnesses from the community.

Ms. Fernandez focuses her litigation practice in the areas of consumer and class action litigation. She has extensive experience in the defense of individual and class action claims involving the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. Her clients include lending institutions, debt collection agencies, debt buyers and lawyers. Ms. Fernandez also has experience in handling Magnusson-Moss warranty claims; Florida Lemon Law matters; actions involving vicarious liability of rental and leasing companies; and defends claims involving catastrophic personal injuries, motor vehicle accidents, construction site accidents, defamation and civil theft.

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