



Martiza Alvarez-Shapiro

Of Counsel

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Martiza Alvarez-Shapiro is an of counsel attorney at PBY&A. Her practice focuses in the areas of criminal defense, commercial litigation, and health care law. She has 20 years of experience in defense counsel at both the private level and public level, having served as the Assistant Public Defender for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, in both State and Federal courts. In private practice, she has represented high profile clients facing charges of embezzlement, insurance fraud, and Medicare fraud. Additionally, Mrs. Alvarez-Shapiro provides counsel to

both corporate and individual clients in the area of Health and Administrative law regarding potential and actual criminal liability.

Mrs. Alvarez-Shapiro is currently a Special Magistrate for the City of Miami and presides over evidentiary hearings dealing with City of Miami Code Violations and a Guardian Ad Litem advocate representing and protecting interest of child witnesses in family cases.

PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal Defense
Litigation
Health Care

EDUCATION

St. Thomas University School of Law, J.D., 1997
Florida State University, B.A., Criminology, 1994

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Cuban American Bar Association
Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
Board Member, City of Miami Code Enforcement Board

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented high profile clients facing charges of embezzlement, insurance fraud, and Medicare fraud
Represented a National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star player facing aggravated battery charges
Represented a Major League Baseball (MLB) player facing a 3rd DUI charge

HONORS

“Best of the Bar”, *South Florida Business Journal*, 2006-2016

“Up and Comer”, *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2004-2009

“Top Layer”, *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2010-2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Kiwanis of Little Havana, Member

Abriendo Puertas Inc., Board Member

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Alvarez-Shapiro began her legal career as an Assistant Public Defender for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. During her tenure, she managed a 200+ caseload in the Felony, Juvenile, and County Courts. Extremely active, she led over 20 jury trials as lead counsel and 35 bench trials.

In subsequent private practice, Mrs. Alvarez-Shapiro continued to represent individuals, particularly high net-worth celebrities and C-Level executives, in matters of alleged criminal conduct. She also counseled clients in issues of regulatory compliance in the healthcare and corporate verticals.

LANGUAGES

Spanish