

Shutts & Bowen Celebrates Christine Valls

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Art Furia, Julie Greiner, Dr. Lenore Rodicio, Carmen Betancourt Lewis, Christine Valls, Peter Vittori and Maria Alonso

[Arthur J. Furia](#), an international business partner in Shutts & Bowen's Miami office, recently hosted a private luncheon on behalf of the firm to welcome American Airlines' Christine Valls and celebrate her promotion at American.

Valls, a Miami native, was recently named Managing Director of Sales for Florida, Latin America, the Caribbean and the U.S. She previously served as the airline's Regional Sales Director of Mexico, Central and South America. In her new role as Managing Director, Valls is responsible for leading the airline's passenger sales revenue and corporate relationships in these markets.

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Pamela Fuertes, Judge Migna Sanchez-Llorens, Christine Valls, Peter Vittori, Art Furia, Maria Alonso and Mercy Gelpi

More than 30 business, cultural and community leaders attended the luncheon, held in Shutts' Miami office on Tuesday, June 4. Community

leaders in attendance included Maria Alonso, President of the United Way; Wendy Kallergis, President of the Greater Miami & The Beaches Hotel Association; Dr. Lenore Rodicio, Vice President & Provost of Miami Dade College; Judge Migna Sanchez-Llorens, Circuit Court Judge; Pamela Fuertes, Economic Development Director for the City of Coral Gables; and Mark Cole, Executive Director of the Miami Dade College Foundation. Other attendees included current and former American Airlines representatives, including Peter Vittori, retiring Managing Director of Sales for Florida, Latin America, the Caribbean and the U.S. who Ms. Valls replaced; Domenico Matinata, Regional Sales Director; and Lina Santiago, Manager of Customer Engagement & Planning for Florida, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Art was joined by Shutts' partners [Aliette Rodz](#), [Rene Gonzalez-Llorens](#) and [Danny Benavides](#).

About Arthur J. Furia

[Arthur J. Furia](#) is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Corporate Practice Group. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Art has been named to the Best Lawyers in America® since 2008, Florida Super Lawyers since 2006 and recognized by Florida Trend among its “Must Know Contacts in Miami.” Art has over 40 years of experience serving as outside counsel to a number of prominent Florida-based corporations. He represents clients in corporate and business law; domestic and international business planning; mergers and acquisitions; partnership formation and joint ventures; venture and mezzanine equity raising, distribution and licensing agreements and corporate governance for not-for-profit organizations. Among other participations, Art serves on the board of directors of Miami Dade College Foundation and co-chairs its Development Committee.