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**HONORABLE CORALI LOPEZ-CASTRO APPOINTED
MIAMI'S NEWEST
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

MIAMI-DADE, FLORIDA -- THE HONORABLE CORALI LOPEZ-CASTRO WAS SWORN IN AS A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, MIAMI DIVISION ON **MAY 30, 2023**, BY UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SENIOR JUDGE HON. PAUL C. HUCK. JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO WAS APPOINTED BY THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, WHICH APPOINTS ALL BANKRUPTCY JUDGES IN FLORIDA, GEORGIA, AND ALABAMA. JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO FILLS THE SEAT VACATED BY JUDGE A. JAY CRISTOL UPON HIS RETIREMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR.

PRIOR TO HER APPOINTMENT, JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO HANDLED MATTERS IN COMMERCIAL CHAPTER 11 CASES, BANKRUPTCY-RELATED LITIGATION, AND SERVED ON THE PANEL OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. SHE ALSO HANDLED

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION MATTERS IN STATE AND FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT. JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING AS A COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER, CUSTODIAN AND TRUSTEE. SHE HAS LECTURED AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES ABOUT BANKRUPTCY, RECEIVERSHIPS, AND TRIAL PRACTICE.

IN 2006, JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO WAS ELECTED THE SECOND WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE CUBAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LARGEST VOLUNTARY BAR ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. IN 2014, BASED UPON JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO'S RECORD OF LEADERSHIP, EXPERTISE, AND PROFESSIONALISM IN THE BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE AND COMMUNITY, SHE WAS NAMED A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY. IN 2018, JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO WAS NAMED A FELLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS BASED ON HER SKILL IN TRIAL PRACTICE, EFFECTIVENESS IN ADVOCACY, AND DEDICATION TO PROMOTING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION. THROUGHOUT MUCH OF HER LEGAL CAREER, JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO MENTORING YOUNG LAWYERS, ENCOURAGING DIVERSITY ON THE BENCH, AND PROMOTING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES.

JUDGE LOPEZ-CASTRO GRADUATED FROM BROWN UNIVERSITY, FROM WHICH SHE RECEIVED AN A.B. WITH A CONCENTRATION IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS IN 1987. SHE RECEIVED HER LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, SCHOOL OF LAW, CUM LAUDE IN 1990.

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