



# KRISTIN DRECKTRAH PAZ

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Kristin Drecktrah Paz is a Partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, where she is a member of the International Arbitration and Litigation Practice Group.

Kristin specializes in international and complex dispute resolution, including commercial arbitration, investment arbitration, and international litigation. Her language proficiency in Portuguese and Spanish enables her to work with clients and on matters in those languages. She has counseled private parties in investment arbitration proceedings and Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) litigation involving energy projects and other commercial activities, and she has participated in the defense of sovereign states in investor-state arbitration. Her litigation experience includes petitions for U.S. discovery related to foreign proceedings; judicial enforcement and annulment of arbitral awards; disputes involving statutes and judicially developed doctrines applicable to proceedings involving foreign states; recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments; anti-suit injunctions; disputes in energy and natural resources, construction, healthcare, financial services and technology sectors; and business litigation, including contracts, business torts, shareholder disputes, trade secrets, and computer fraud.

Kristin is incoming President-Elect of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, serves on the Executive Council of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar, and is a past Chair of the International Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the American Bar Association Section of International Law.

## Practice Areas

International Dispute Resolution

Litigation

## Industry Focus

Construction

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Energy

Financial Services

### Accolades

- Florida Bar Board Certified in International Litigation and Arbitration
- *Daily Business Review*, On The Rise Honoree, 2020
- *Daily Business Review*, Most Effective Lawyers - Arbitration, 2019
- *Daily Business Review*, Most Effective Lawyers - Business/Complex Litigation, 2017
- "Leader in the Law," Florida Association for Women Lawyers, 2018
- Super Lawyers, "Rising Star," International Law, 2016- 2020

### Education

- Florida International University College of Law, J.D., 2011
  - Comments Editor, *FIU Law Review*
  - Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and Foreign Direct Investment Moot Competitor
- Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Master's in Translation and Interpretation, 2005
- University of Minnesota, B.A., Spanish and Portuguese Studies, 2002

### Bar Admissions

Florida

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

### Languages

Portuguese

Spanish

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### Professional and Civic

- American Bar Association Section of International Law
  - Past co-chair, International Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Miami-Dade Chapter (MDFAWL)
  - President-Elect (2020-2021)
  - Secretary (2019-2020)
- International Law Section of The Florida Bar
  - Executive Council member
  - Co-chair, iLaw Annual Conference, 2018 & 2019
- Institute for Transnational Arbitration, Young ITA
- Young ICCA

### Presentations

- Panelist, "Hot Topics in International Litigation," iLaw2020: The ILS Global Forum on International Law, February 2020
- Panelist, "Gaining the Edge in Arbitration & International Law," Spellman-Hoeveler Chapter of the American Inns of Court's View from the Bench & Bar Conference, March 2019
- Panelist, "Model Law in Action – Jurisprudence and Impact," New York Convention 60th Anniversary Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, June 2018
- Moderator, "The Procurement of Emergency Power in Sub-Saharan Africa," American Bar Association Section of International Law Annual Conference, New York, April 2018
- Panelist, "The New Surge of Energy in the Americas: Renewable Developments, Deals and Disputes," American Bar Association Section of International Law 2017 Fall Conference, October 2017
- Panelist, "Discovery in Arbitration: How to Avoid an Accident," Broward County Bar Association, March 2017
- Moderator, "Discovery in Arbitration: How to Avoid an Accident," JAMS Miami, June 2015
- Panelist, "The Bahamas: The Role of Young Professionals in Creating an International Arbitration Community," Nassau, Bahamas, April 2014

### Publications

- Editor of the ABA Section of International Law International Energy and Natural Committee's Year in Review, 2015