

Yvette Ostolaza Named Chair-Elect of Sidley's Management Committee

Sidley is pleased to announce that Yvette Ostolaza has been elected to chair the Firm's Management Committee, effective April 2022. Ostolaza will succeed Larry Barden, who has served as chair since 2014 and is slated to step down from the position next year when his term concludes. The Management Committee oversees the firm's day-to-day operations and serves as one of Sidley's principal governing bodies, along with the Executive Committee.

As chair of the nine-member Management Committee, Ostolaza will work closely with Michael Schmidtberger, who will continue as chair of the 34-member Executive Committee. Ostolaza and Messrs. Barden and Schmidtberger currently serve on both committees.

Ostolaza litigates matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts on behalf of global clients and has significant experience in multidistrict litigation, bankruptcy, arbitration, and securities litigation. She regularly leads complex internal investigations on behalf of companies, board committees, and individual directors and defends companies and directors in shareholder and securities class actions. She will continue practicing law and serving clients while chairing the Management Committee.

Among her many accolades, Ostolaza has been ranked as a leading General Commercial Litigator by Chambers USA every year since 2009. Most recently, she has been named to the 2020 "Texas Trailblazers" list by Texas Lawyer, received the "Thought Leadership" award from Corporate Counsel as well as Inside Counsel's 2019 Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards.

She appeared in Latino Leaders Magazine 2018 and 2020 as a Top Latino Lawyer and is listed as one of the Most Powerful Latinas in Law. Ostolaza's bio includes additional recognitions. She earned her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Miami.