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Maritime Foundation appoints top maritime attorney

The American Caribbean Maritime Foundation (ACMF), a New York based organization focused on providing opportunity for Caribbean students, recently appointed one of Florida's top maritime attorneys to its board of directors.

Michelle Otero Valdes, Esq is expected to expand the ACMF footprint into Florida, a major U.S. cruise and cargo shipping hub, where the ACMF has a growing set of important strategic partners.

Ms. Otero Valdes is a Partner in the law firm Chalos & Co, P.C., in Coral Gables, FL. She is board certified in Admiralty and Maritime Law by The Florida Bar since 2007 and previous Chair and Vice Chair of the Admiralty and Maritime Law Certification Committee. She brings to the ACMF major connections and expertise she has garnered from a successful career representing a wide variety of clients, including major marine insurers, protection and indemnity associations, ship owners and operators, marine product manufacturers and dealers, maritime lenders, marine business owners, freight forwarders, NVOCCs, in-house counsel and insurance claims executives.

Ms. Otero Valdes is a regular guest lecturer and writer on topics such as admiralty law, marine insurance law, marine pollution and regulatory issues facing the marine and insurance industries, and blogger and acknowledged expert on all facets of admiralty and maritime law.

“Michelle's experience as a maritime lecturer brings something new to our board and I am opening the door to exploring her sharing her knowledge with our beneficiary organization, the Caribbean Maritime University, through presentations and even lectures, if it can be worked out”, says ACMF President Dr. Geneive Brown Metzger.

“The Seatrade Conference is among the most important events in the industry and I was honored to represent the ACMF at the April 2019 event in Miami”, says Ms Otero Valdes. “We participated in the event for the first time, and having Michelle represent us there was an example of how important her role will be in ACMF outreach”, continued Brown Metzger.

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