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CHIEF JUDGE BERTILA SOTO RECEIVES U.S. CENTURY BANK MIAMI PILLARS AWARD

Miami, Florida – November 9, 2021 – U.S. Century Bank (NASDAQ: USCB), one of the largest community banks in Florida, proudly presented its second Miami Pillars Award to Chief Judge Bertila Soto this past Thursday evening, November 4. The bank's Chairperson of the Board, Aida Levitan, Ph.D., joined by distinguished board members, Ramon Abadin, Esq., Partner at Ramon A. Abadin P.A. and Howard Feinglass, Managing Director at Priam Capital, hosted the event at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille in Coral Gables.

U.S. Century Bank created the award and dinner series to honor diverse Miami leaders who have contributed significantly to our community.

"The U.S. Century Bank Miami Pillars Award dinners recognize, in an intimate setting, those leaders who are making a vital difference in our community. Judge Soto has been a stalwart and visionary professional who has championed numerous initiatives to enhance public access to the courts and improve court processes through technological advancements," said Dr. Levitan.

She added: "As a leading Hispanic community commercial bank, U.S. Century Bank is deeply rooted in South Florida, and we are committed to partnering with our customers and local leaders for the betterment of our region."

Judge Soto has been a judge in Miami-Dade County since 1997 and is currently in her fourth and last term as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. She is the first woman and first Hispanic Chief Judge.

"We are very proud to recognize Judge Bertila Soto, one of Florida's most respected judges, with the U.S. Century Bank Miami Pillars Award," said Mr. Abadin.

"Judge Soto established the paperless systems in the Civil, Family and Probate Divisions, with the Criminal and Unified Children's Court Divisions next on the horizon. Among many other achievements, she expanded the Probate Division and established the Unified Children's Court and oversaw the creation of a Veteran's Court that addresses the needs of our community's veterans," added Mr. Abadin.

Judge Soto teaches at the University of Miami School of Law and has participated in statewide initiatives such as the Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Civil Justice and the

Steering Committee on Families and Children in Court. Judge Soto is also an Executive Committee member of the Supreme Court's Trial Court Budget Commission.

Recently, Judge Soto successfully led the Miami-Dade Courts through a transition to virtual court proceedings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She credits her devotion to public service to her parents, the late Osvaldo Soto and Bertila Soto, who taught their children from an early age the importance of working toward freedom, equality, and the protection of individual rights.

“I am very fortunate to have a career where my very role is to protect those individual rights, and I consider this a great honor and blessing in my life,” said Judge Soto.

She also credits her husband and daughter, Gabriel Rodriguez and Bertila Fernandez, who are her daily sources of strength and inspiration.

Earlier this year, the bank presented its first Miami Pillars Award to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Daniella Levine Cava. For more information about U.S. Century Bank, visit www.uscentury.com and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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