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# Utibe I. Ikpe selected as a Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable Women Leader in Law

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Meland Budwick partner [Utibe I. Ikpe](#) was named among Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable Women Leaders in Law.

According to the publication, the list of Legal Elite Notable Women Leaders in Law is becoming even more distinctive and difficult for inclusion. In 2023 more than one-quarter (28%) of all law firm partners in Florida were women, according to the 2023 National Association of Law Placement Report on Diversity in U.S. Law Firms.

The Florida Trend editorial review team vetted and selected practicing attorneys who qualified for inclusion by meeting and exceeding specific methodology and criteria parameters that were put in place for this highly competitive nomination process. Honorees of the Legal Elite Notable Women Leaders are lawyers who have shown the ability to bring about change in their roles or practice areas, serve as role models, and have assumed leadership positions in professional or civic organizations during their 15-plus years of practicing law.

Ikpe focuses her practice on commercial litigation. Ikpe has experience representing large and small businesses in complicated litigation disputes, including, among others, shareholder disputes, data privacy matters, and trade secret litigation. Ikpe provides invaluable strategic guidance to business clients and has wide-ranging experience in litigating matters in state court, federal court, and arbitration.

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