

Rita Cortes Joins Seigfreid Bingham

Seigfreid Bingham has added attorney Rita Cortes to the firm's Corporate Department. She will focus her practice on Estate Planning, Tax, Real Estate and Construction matters. "We are very pleased that Rita has joined us. Her experience as a business owner and attorney make her a tremendous resource for our clients," says Joe Hiersteiner, Seigfreid Bingham's Managing Director. "She is an outstanding addition to our firm." Prior to joining Seigfreid Bingham, Rita served as chief executive officer of Hoffman Cortes Contracting Company, a commercial construction company, responsible for all operations including construction law matters, contract negotiation, employment agreements, financial management, risk management, and surety relations. During her 20 years with the company, she also oversaw private real estate ownership, development and management, regularly participating with outside partners in the development of retail properties, small office buildings, and commercial properties. "I am extremely pleased to be joining the great attorneys and staff at Seigfreid Bingham," Cortes said. "Their client centered service model fits perfectly with my approach to the practice of law. I am eager to make the great resources of the firm available to my clients and friends." Rita is active in the community and currently serves on the boards of the Kansas City CARE Clinic, Truman Medical Centers, the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City and Congregation Beth Shalom. She received her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, her J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law, and her B.A. in Political Science at Rice University.