



Tina Portuondo is the Director of the Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning and the Heckerling Graduate Program in Estate Planning at the University of Miami School of Law. As the Institute's Director, she is responsible for establishing the program's design and content, developing marketing strategies, and identifying and recruiting the nation's leading experts as speakers for the week-long continuing education program. She has served as the Institute's Director for more than 25 years. Over the years, and while remaining primarily focused on legal education for estate planning attorneys, Tina broadened the scope of the Institute's programming to serve the educational needs of not only practicing lawyers, but also trust officers, accountants, wealth management advisors, charitable giving professionals, elder law specialists, nonprofit advisors, and other estate planning professionals. As a result, the Institute has become not only a leader in estate planning continuing education, but also a national gathering place for all members of the estate planning team.

Tina also serves as the Director of the University of Miami's Heckerling Graduate Program in Estate Planning, a unique law school-based program leading to an LL.M. in Estate Planning. The Estate Planning Graduate Program is distinguished from traditional graduate tax programs by the breadth and depth of its coverage of both the tax and non-tax aspects of individual and estate planning. In addition to reviewing and redesigning the Graduate Program's curriculum as necessary to keep abreast of practice area developments, Tina is responsible for recruiting the program's adjunct faculty consisting of leading estate planning experts from around the country.

Tina is an honorary Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel where she is a member of the Program Committee, the Legal Education Committee, and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Committee. Over the years, Tina has also been very involved in the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association (RPTE). She began her active affiliation with RPTE in 1996, when she accepted an appointment to chair the Trust & Estate Division's CLE committee. Since that time, she has chaired numerous RPTE committees, was a member of the Section's Task Force on Reform of Federal Transfer Taxes, as well as the Section's Council, Planning Committee and Executive Committee. She served as the Chair of the Section during the 2012 – 2013 Bar year.

Tina received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Wheaton College (MA), a J.D. *cum laude*, from Georgetown University, and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University. She joined the University of Miami School of Law after practicing in the areas of tax and estate planning in New York and Miami.