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Christopher A. Penelas focuses his practice on land use, zoning, and government relations. He regularly represents clients before local governments and county boards. Christopher has experience representing clients in code enforcement proceedings, zoning applications, ordinance modifications, site plan approvals, appeals, and other administrative and quasi-judicial processes.

Born and raised in Miami, Christopher is actively involved in the community spending his spare time working with local political candidates and numerous non-profits.

Related Professional Experience

- Broward County Attorney's Office, Summer Law Clerk, Summer 2020

Published Work and Lectures

- AIA Miami, 2025 Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program, Speaker, "The Fundamentals of Effective Negotiation," April 25, 2025
- Miami Today*, Quoted, "Miami and Miami Beach thriving together, Kasdin observes," May 26, 2022

Affiliations

- Bayfront Park Management Trust, Board of Directors
- Guardian Ad Litem, Volunteer
- United Way, LINC and Young Leaders Member
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- Best Lawyers, 2025, Listed in Florida for Real Estate Law as "One to Watch"*

Areas of Experience

Real Estate
Land Use and Development
Florida Land Use and Entitlements

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2021, *International and Comparative Law Review*, cum laude
B.A., George Washington University, 2018, magna cum laude

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Languages

Spanish

Related Content

Akerman Secures Unanimous Approval for Casa Cipriani Project in Miami Beach
May 07, 2025

Christopher Penelas Appointed to Bayfront Park Management Trust
May 05, 2025

Akerman Sponsors Bakehouse Annual Fundraiser
November 08, 2024

- All Star National Trial Challenge – Winner and Best Advocate Award Recipient, 2021
- *Miami Herald* Silver Knight Award Winner, Speech Category, 2015