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## Luis R. Casas Meyer

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Luis represents corporate debtors, lenders, secured and unsecured creditors, commercial landlords, suppliers, vendors, and purchasers of troubled companies and their assets, both in and out of bankruptcy court. He has extensive experience representing debtors in Chapter 11 and Chapter 15 matters.

Luis has also represented receivers and Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 trustees in numerous bankruptcies, facilitating the recovery of millions of dollars for creditors and, in some cases, victims of fraud. He also represents businesses and assignees in executing liquidations of business assets through Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors.

Luis also represents clients in litigation involving claims of fraudulent transfers of assets and avoidance of transfers under bankruptcy law.

### Notable Work

**Chapter 11 Debtor:** Represented Republic Metals Corporation, one of the largest refiners of gold, silver, and precious metals in North America, and its seven wholly owned affiliates in its Chapter 11 case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The restructuring included negotiations and workouts with eight of the world's largest precious metals lenders collectively holding over \$200 million in secured debt and metal lease lines. After completion of a 363 sale of the company's assets to a Japanese competitor, the balance of the case revolved around complex litigation from leading metal suppliers and vendors asserting over \$100 million in competing claims to a \$225 million asset pool.

**Chapter 11 Debtor:** Representing the owner and operator of a continuing care retirement community in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the Middle District of Florida and eventual sale.

### Areas of Experience

Bankruptcy and Reorganization  
Financial Services  
Chapter 15 Cross-Border Insolvency Cases  
Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors  
Buying and Selling Assets (Section 363 Sales)  
Chapter 11 Business Debtors  
Commercial Landlord-Tenant Bankruptcy  
Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Litigation  
SEC Receiverships and Ponzi Schemes

### Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2011,  
*Florida Law Review*, Articles Editor  
B.A., University of Florida, History and Political  
Science, 2008, cum laude

### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

### Languages

Spanish

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November 26, 2024

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide  
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**Landlord:** Represented a landlord in claims related to the Brooks Brothers' Chapter 11 bankruptcy filed in 2020.

**Creditor:** Represented a battery and electric charging infrastructure manufacturer as a creditor in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of electric bus manufacturer Proterra.

**Ponzi Scheme:** Represented the Chapter 7 trustee in the Providence Financial Investments Ponzi scheme, the operators of which raised more than \$64 million from over 400 investors throughout the United States through the unregistered sale of promissory notes.

## Related Professional Experience

- Clerked for the Honorable Robert A. Mark, Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, 2013-2017
- Clerked for the Honorable Laurel M. Isicoff, Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, 2011-2013
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Summer 2008

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; 2023, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law as "One to Watch"