

Press Release

Four Akerman Office Managing Partners Named to Power Leaders List

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The South Florida Business Journal has named four Akerman office managing partners to its “Top 250 Power Leaders” list: Fort Lauderdale Office Managing Partner [Leslie Tomczak](#), West Palm Beach Office Managing Partner [Chris Duke](#), and Miami Co-Office Managing Partners [Luis A. Perez](#) and [Neisen Kasdin](#).

The Power Leaders 250 are recognized as pillars in the South Florida business community, selected for their leadership and involvement in the region’s most prosperous companies. The annual report highlights their personalities and interests, offering insight into the habits and traits of successful business leaders.

Leslie is a construction attorney, Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Construction Law, whose practice focuses primarily on the representation of lenders, developers, owners, landlords, contractors, subcontractors, architects, and other design professionals in a wide range of complex construction contract, project administration, lien, and construction litigation matters. She is also a LEED® Accredited Professional who represents clients with respect to sustainable (e.g. “green”) building issues. Additionally, Leslie has extensive litigation and alternative dispute resolution experience, is an active member of the Construction Law Committee (CLC) of the Florida Bar, and writes

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frequently on matters relating to construction contracting in Florida.

Chris has a diverse practice in employment law and complex commercial litigation. He represents clients in federal and state courts, as well as in various arbitration forums and before federal, state, and local administrative bodies. His clients operate across multiple sectors, including hospitality, travel/recreation, healthcare, retail, financial services, and alternative energy. Chris maintains a robust thought leadership profile, frequently conducting lectures to employer and trade groups on aspects of employment law and compliance. He has been continually ranked for his labor and employment acumen by *The Best Lawyers in America*, among other publications.

Luis chairs the firm's Latin America and the Caribbean Practice, an internationally recognized team providing legal counsel across multiple disciplines. His *Chambers Global*-ranked practice focuses on complex commercial disputes including claims for product liability and breach of contract. Luis has been listed as one of Latin America's Top 100 Lawyers by *Latinvex* and named by *Chambers Global* among the "Leaders in their Field" for International Arbitration (Latin America-wide).

Neisen is a partner in the firm's Real Estate Practice Group and well-respected in Miami, having served as mayor of Miami Beach and a leader in the revitalization of South Beach. He has also served as vice chair of the board of directors for the Miami Downtown Development Authority and was responsible for leading the creation of Miami's Downtown Master Plan. In addition to large-scale projects, Neisen has represented clients in developments in emerging Miami neighborhoods such as Little Haiti and Wynwood. He is recognized by *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500* as a leading land use and zoning lawyer in Florida.

About Akerman

Founded in 1920, Akerman is recognized as one of the country's premier law firms, with more than 700 lawyers in 26 offices throughout the United States.