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# Amid Historic U.S. Policy Shift, National Media Showcase Akerman's Cuba Practice

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International Practice Chair [Pedro Freyre](#) alongside [Augusto Maxwell](#), chair of Akerman's Cuba Practice and Carlos Méndez-Peñate, co-chair of the Latin America & the Caribbean Practice, provided insights on recent shifts in U.S.-Cuba policy during interviews with national media. Coverage included stories from *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Miami Herald*, *National Law Journal*, *Reuters* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among many others. Articles described the historic overhaul and speculated on the possible business opportunities for U.S. companies. The Akerman lawyers expressed optimism for the telecommunications, agriculture, biotechnology and infrastructure sectors, as new authorizations take effect for insurance and travel companies as well as financial services providers.

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*International Finance Law Review*: "[New Opportunities for U.S. Banks in Cuba](#)"

*Law360*: "[BigLaw Stands To Gain from New US Policy in Cuba](#)"

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