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Spencer Crowley Honored as Land Use Attorney of the Year by Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

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Spencer Crowley was honored by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) as Land Use Attorney of the Year during a South Florida Real Estate Achievers and Leaders Award luncheon at the organization's 2016 Real Estate Summit. The award recognizes those in the real estate sector who have achieved notable success while also showcasing leadership in the community.

Crowley was awarded by GMCC for his integral role in some of the most transformative projects in South Florida, including Brickell City Centre, Miami Design District, Skyrise Miami, Babcock Ranch, the Villages of Gulfstream Park, and Midtown Miami, among others including All-Aboard Florida Grand Central Station in downtown Miami. He also was recognized for his service as Miami-Dade County Commissioner for the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), where he has been involved with major regionally significant dredging projects which have benefitted South Florida marine industries — such as the Miami River, the Dania Cut-off canal, Wagner Creek/Seybold canal, and the Intracoastal waterway deepening in Ft. Lauderdale. As FIND Commissioner, Crowley has also spearheaded many local waterfront initiatives including establishing a connected Baywalk in downtown Miami; development of the Miami Circle site as an urban waterfront park; funding for redevelopment of the

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Miami Marine Stadium, and acquisition of land along Miami's Little River for a waterfront park. In addition, Crowley was recognized for his leadership as Akerman's real estate and land use team leader in the Miami office.

He focuses his practice on large scale land use and environmental permitting matters, including zoning, growth management, urban development, transportation, sovereignty submerged lands, coastal regulation, marina permitting, wetlands and water resources. Crowley has worked with the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, the South Florida Water Management District, and Duke University's Wetlands Center in the Florida Everglades. In 2008, County Commissioner Carlos Gimenez appointed him to the committee charged with reviewing and recommending changes to Miami-Dade County's Manatee Protection Plan. In 2005, Miami Mayor Manny Diaz appointed him to the City of Miami's Waterfront Advisory Board where he served as chair. He is ranked by *Chambers USA* in Florida for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use and was previously awarded by the Urban Environment League for his "Dedication to Access to the Waterfront" as well as the "Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan."