

Press Release

Akerman's Francisco Rodriguez, Jennifer Williams Honored Among Top '40 Under 40' South Florida Lawyers

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that Miami partners Francisco Rodriguez with the Litigation Practice Group, and Jennifer Williams with the Labor & Employment Practice Group, were recognized among the top 40 South Florida lawyers under the age of 40 by the *Daily Business Review (DBR)*. Each year, the publication recognizes outstanding legal professionals for their leadership and contributions to the practice of law and their communities.

Rodriguez focuses his practice on cross-border disputes and international arbitration and litigation. He represents parties in matters involving complex civil and common law issues before international arbitration panels and U.S. courts. His experience includes bi-lingual representation of U.S. and Latin American multinationals in international arbitrations in both English and Spanish. The *DBR* named Rodriguez in its 2014 Most Effective Lawyers list for helping Raytheon Corp.'s subsidiary Raytheon Anschutz successfully challenge an arbitration award involving navigation equipment on two Venezuelan submarines. For four consecutive years, Rodriguez also has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* in the International, Business Litigation and Appellate Law categories.

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Williams is a partner in the Labor & Employment Practice Group and represents management in all facets of labor and employment law. Her experience includes representation of a broad range of local, regional and national clients in Title VII, Fair Labor Standards Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and statutory whistleblower actions before federal and state courts and various government agencies. Williams has drafted, negotiated and litigated several non-compete and restrictive covenant agreements. Further, she conducts diversity and harassment training for multiple employers and provides consultation and advice to employers regarding personnel issues and policies. Williams is board certified by The Florida Bar in Labor and Employment Law, and has been recognized by *Chambers USA* since 2006.

The *DBR* will honor the next generation of legal industry leaders at an award ceremony on Sept. 17 at the Rusty Pelican in Key Biscayne.

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