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CNN Money Features Akerman's Cuba Practice as 'Corporate America's Go-To'

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Akerman's Cuba Practice continues to be recognized as the market leader. Pedro Freyre, International Practice Chair, and Augusto Maxwell, Cuba Practice Chair, were distinguished by *CNN Money* for leading the team that is guiding Fortune 500 and other U.S. companies to Cuba. The story titled, "If You Want to Do Business in Cuba, Call These Guys," shares their experiences as Cuban-born American lawyers who have been on the frontlines of normalization between the neighboring nations. Freyre and Maxwell discussed the explosive growth of Akerman's Cuba Practice and mounting interest from U.S. companies to be the first to enter the market. *Miami Diario* also published a story based on the *CNN* report.

CNN Money wrote, "... Freyre, and his law partners Augusto Maxwell and Matt Aho are quickly becoming Corporate America's bridge to business in Cuba. They have a rare, front row seat as they guide American companies that want to go to Cuba for the first time in over half a century."

"... Their business has grown at an 'exponential' pace since President Obama began normalizing relations back in December, Maxwell says. A year ago, they had 12 clients interested in Cuba, and now it's more than doubled to over 25 corporate clients. Seven of those companies are Fortune 500 firms, they say. Their access and ties to Cuba play a key role ..."

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