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Akerman Bolsters South Florida Land Use and Development Practice with Former Broward County Attorney Joni Armstrong Coffey

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New Partner Brings Vast Government Experience in Key Local Governments to Premier Group

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that former Broward County Attorney Joni Armstrong Coffey has joined the firm's Land Use and Development Practice as a partner in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale offices.

Prior to her work with the Broward County Attorney's Office, she served as assistant county attorney for Miami-Dade County and headed its Zoning, Land Use and Environment Section.

"We are thrilled to add an attorney of Joni's caliber to our team," said Neisen Kasdin, land use lawyer and managing partner of Akerman's Miami office. "The depth of Joni's experience in land use regulatory and litigation matters further enhances the value we provide to our clients who work with governmental entities in multiple capacities."

Board certified in City, County and Local Government by The Florida Bar, Coffey focuses her practice on local government issues, with an

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emphasis on land use regulation and litigation. She also is experienced in government procurement and contracts. Coffey is past chair of The Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization and Education and a former chair of The Florida Bar's City, County and Local Government Law Section. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at Florida International University College of Law and St. Thomas University Law School. Her work has earned her several awards for public law service.

“Akerman has been at the forefront of many important land use regulations and policy issues, and I look forward to leveraging my experience in advancing those efforts for our clients,” said Coffey.

Coffey joins a leading team of real estate lawyers and planners who have worked on many of South Florida's largest and transformational development projects, including Brickell City Centre, the Faena District, Wynwood and the Miami Design District, among others.

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