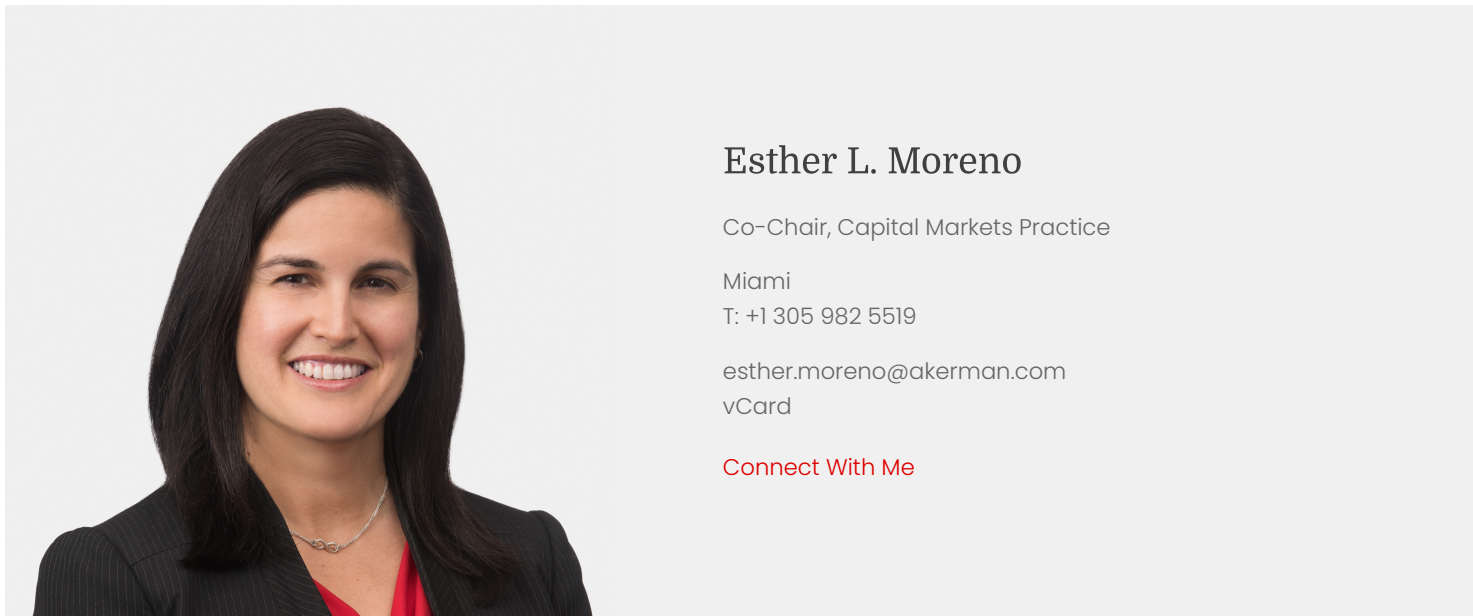


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Esther Moreno is a partner and co-chair of Akerman’s Capital Markets Practice. With broad-ranging experience advising public and private companies, including special purpose acquisition companies (SPACS) and real estate investment trusts (REITS), Esther focuses her practice on complex and innovative capital markets transactions, disclosure and corporate governance matters, and M&A transactions.

She represents a range of clients on equity, high-yield, convertible debt, and Regulation S/offshore offerings. In addition, Esther advises public companies, boards of directors, and board committees on corporate governance matters, director responsibilities and fiduciary duties, executive compensation, SEC reporting, stock exchange listing and compliance matters, and stockholder relations including responding to stockholder proposals, dealing with stockholder activists and proxy contests. In the area of M&A, Esther is trusted for her deep knowledge of public company acquisitions, going private transactions, and the representation of special committees.

While her experience crosses a broad range of industries, she has an extensive track record in automotive retail, equipment rental, media and entertainment, medical device, pharmaceutical, real estate investment trust, restaurant, and telecommunications sectors.

Esther has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *Daily Business Review*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *South Florida Business Journal*, and named a Leading Dealmaker by *LawDragon 500*.

Notable Work

Equity Offerings: Represented various public and private company clients with respect to public offerings of equity as well as private placements of equity, including advising public company clients with respect to shelf registration statements, underwritten offerings and at-the-market offerings.

Areas of Experience

Corporate
 Capital Markets
 Corporate Governance
 Latin America and the Caribbean
 M&A and Private Equity
 Financial Services

Education

J.D., Cornell Law School, 1998, cum laude
 B.A., Florida International University, 1995, summa cum laude

Admissions

Bars

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Languages

Spanish

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Debt Offerings: Represented various public company clients with respect to public offerings and private placements of debt, including high yield debt and convertible debt.

Exchange Act: Represents various public company clients with respect to their disclosure obligations under Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K, proxy statements and reports regarding stock ownership on Forms 3, 4, 5, Schedule 13D and Schedule 13G.

REITs: Represented a public company in connection with its conversion from a C corporation to a real estate investment trust. Represented a special committee of the board of directors of a real estate investment trust in connection with its liquidation and dissolution.

Stockholder Relations: Represented various public company clients in connection with responding to stockholder proposals, addressing stockholder activist issues and proxy contest defense.

Publication and Lectures

- *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, Author, “2008 Executive Compensation Disclosure: Lessons Learned from the 2007 Proxy Season and Action Items for the 2008 Proxy Season,” January 2008
- *Executive Compensation and Securities Seminars*, Panelist and Moderator, January 2008-2011

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Member
- Cuban American Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, Member
- Florida International University Foundation, Inc., Former Board Member
- Florida International University, Dean’s Advisory Board for the College of Arts and Sciences, Former Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2014-2017, 2019-2025, Listed in Florida for Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law
- *Lawdragon* 2021-2022, 2024-2025, Listed as a “Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America”
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Recognized as one of 2013’s Most Influential Business Women
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Recognized as “40 Under 40,” 2011
- *Chambers USA* 2009-2011, Ranked in Florida for Corporate/M&A & Private Equity
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Recognized as a “40 Under 40,” Outstanding Lawyer of Miami-Dade County, 2010
- *Super Lawyers Magazine* 2013, Listed in Florida as a “Rising Star” for Securities & Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance & Compliance, and Mergers & Acquisitions
- *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite 2009, Listed as an “Up and Comer”
- *Daily Business Review* 2013, Top Dealmaker Finalist for International Corporate

- *Daily Business Review* 2013, Top Dealmaker Finalist for Corporate Finance
- *Daily Business Review*, Finalist, Top Dealmaker: Corporate Finance, 2007-2009
- *Daily Business Review*, Finalist, Top Dealmaker: Mergers & Acquisitions, 2006