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Akerman Partner Pedro Freyre Quoted on Cuba Protests by Various Publications

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International Practice Chair Pedro Freyre spoke to numerous publications, including *The Washington Post* and *The Miami Herald*, regarding the developing situation in Cuba. On Thursday, July 22, President Joe Biden began imposing sanctions against members of the Cuban government in response to the anti-government protests on the island that began on July 11. The protests began after the administration failed to address demands for greater political freedom amid a suffering economy, with many calling for a regime change.

“The reality on the ground has now shifted to the point where there will be a change, but it’s not going to be in the direction the [Cuban] government wanted or expected,” Freyre told *The Washington Post*.

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Freyre also provided commentary in Spanish to *BBC News* and *CNN Español*, appearing in two video interviews for the latter.

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ver con Cuba, en términos económicos y de comercio,” Freyre said in the *BBC* article.

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