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PRACTICE AREAS

Hospitality & Leisure

Real Estate

Corporate

Mergers & Acquisitions

Arts, Sports & Culture

OVERVIEW

Rick Schatz is the Managing Director of the Firm and is a Shareholder in the Real Estate and Corporate & Securities Departments. He also serves on the Firm's Board of Directors. Rick handles commercial real estate matters, working extensively in the hospitality and restaurant industries on high-profile projects in South Florida and across the state. He also represents public and private companies in a wide variety of complex corporate and securities matters including mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and corporate governance.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented Metromall Partners, LTD ("Metromall") in the \$14.5 million sale of the Metromall Building in the heart of downtown Miami's jewelry district. The sale included the assignment of a 99-year ground lease executed in 1945.

Represented the landlord in the negotiation of a 150,000 square foot lease with an international law firm and a 60,000 square foot lease with an international accounting firm in a new, downtown Miami, Florida mixed use project.

Represented developer in a \$250 million construction loan for a mixed use office, hotel and retail project in downtown Miami, Florida.

Represented the landlord in the negotiation of a restaurant lease with a celebrity chef. Also, negotiated another restaurant lease for the same development with a high-end restaurant group.

Represented hotel developers in \$300 million restructuring.

Represented hotel developers in all aspects of new five star hotel resort development.

Represented owners of a private gaming business in a \$200 million cash sale to a public gaming company.

Represented a privately held construction company in the \$60 million sale of company.

Represents hotel and resort owners in the development, financing, purchase and sale of numerous hotel properties.

Represents several hotel owners in the first execution of agreements with celebrity chefs for restaurants located in various hotel properties.

Represents developers in all aspects of mixed use hotel, office, and retail development.

Represents several restaurant companies in all aspects of their business, including purchases, sales, lease negotiations, equity and debt financings, licensing and distribution agreements, and franchise issues.

Represents public and private companies in reverse “blind pool” mergers.

Represents issuers in public offerings including debt, equity, and 144A offerings.

Represents owners of commercial real estate companies in all aspects of their businesses including purchase, sales, leasing equity and debt financing, and development.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Miami Foundation

Past Chairman

Past Board of Trustees

Adrienne Arsht Center Foundation, Inc.,

Past Chairman

Past Board of Directors

Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, Performing Arts Center Trust, Inc.,

Past Vice President

Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Meritas, Firm Representative

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Friends For Sylvester
Board of Directors

University of Miami Citizens Board

RECOGNITION

South Florida Business Journal, Power Leaders in Law and Accounting, 2015-2017, 2020

South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyers in South Florida - Corporate & Business; Mergers & Acquisitions, 2006-2016

Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-2008; 2011

Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition, 2009

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

NEWSROOM

In the Media: [South Florida CEO's To Know - Rick Schatz \(Stearns Weaver Miller\)](#)

iHeartRadio | | November 2024

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Earns Recertification in Meritas, the Leading Global Alliance of Independent Business Law Firms](#)

| December 2021

Firm Announcements: [Miamians Raise over \\$10.1 Million During The Miami Foundation's 6th Annual Give Miami Day](#)

| November 2017

In the Media: [South Florida's 2017 Power Leaders in Law](#)

South Florida Business Journal | | May 2017

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2016](#)

| January 2016

In the Media: [Power Leaders in Law and Accounting](#)

South Florida Business Journal | | May 2015

In the Media: [Manilow Wows Audience at Adrienne Arsht Center Annual Gala](#)

Haute Living | | May 2015

In the Media: [Industry Leaders Will Help Guide The Miami Foundation's Community Impact And Record Growth](#)

The Miami Foundation News | | March 2015

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2015](#)

| January 2015

In the Media: [Lawyers Gear Up for Downtown Expansion](#)

Bisnow Miami | | January 2015

In the Media: [Stearns Weaver Miller Expands in Downtown Miami with 110,000-SF Renewal](#)

CoStar News | | January 2015

In the Media: [Stearns Weaver Signs Bigger 10-Year Lease in Miami](#)

Daily Business Review | | January 2015

In the Media: [Stearns Weaver Signs Lease To Expand Miami Office](#)

Law360 | | January 2015

In the Media: [Stearns Weaver Miller expands Miami office to 110,000 square feet](#)

South Florida Business Journal | | January 2015

In the Media: [Law firm inks downtown Miami's largest office lease deal of 2014](#)

The Real Deal | | January 2015

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2014](#)

| January 2014

In the Media: [Firm Helps Secure 250M Construction Loan](#)

Daily Business Review | | October 2008

EDUCATION

J.D., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 1992

B.B.A, with high distinction, University of Michigan, 1989

ADMISSIONS

Florida