



# Daniel Diaz Leyva

## Partner

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## Overview

Daniel "Danny" Diaz Leyva is chair of the Florida real estate practice and also chair of the firm's LATAM practice. A trusted advisor with a broad range of transactional experience, Danny represents owner-operators, investors, family offices and developers in real estate and business matters.

Danny also represents bank and non-bank lenders in loan transactions. Danny supports clients in structuring business and joint ventures. He represents them in the acquisition, financing, leasing, development and sale of real estate.

In addition, Danny also operates as outside general counsel, advising clients on legal matters across their daily business affairs. He has extensive experience in government relations, counseling clients with issues before local and state government.

## Experience

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Represented a Florida-based bank in connection with closing an \$80 million loan facility secured by a four-property office portfolio in Miami-Dade County

Represented an asset management company in connection with the acquisition of several dozen single-tenant retail properties leased to Dollar General across multiple states from multiple owners

Represented an asset management company in the acquisition of over 600 distressed single family homes in Miami-Dade County, including, multiple refinances of the portfolio before its sale to an institutional investor

Represented a joint venture between a retail developer and a Colombian family office in the acquisition of several single and multi-tenant retail properties in Florida, including, but not limited to McDonald's, Tire Kingdom, Pasteur Medical Center, United Rentals

Represented an asset management company in connection with its national triple-net, credit quality tenant leases including, but not limited to, 5/3 Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Diamonds Direct, and RaceTrac Petroleum

Represented a publicly traded homebuilder with its land acquisitions for single-family home developments across the State of Florida

## Practices & Industries

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Represented a multifamily developer in the acquisition of multiple properties for the development of multifamily apartment communities in Florida

Represented a family office in its direct equity investments in real estate with a multifamily developer in Florida

## Education and Credentials

### Education

St. Thomas University School of Law, J.D., 2004

University of Miami, B.S., *with Honors*, 2001

### Admissions

District of Columbia

State of Florida

### Languages

Spanish

## Recognition and Community

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### Recognitions

Named to The Fund® President's Circle, which recognizes the top 100 member firms based on policies remitted, 2022

Selected to the Latino Leaders Magazine's Top Latino Lawyers list nationally, Real Estate and Business Transactions, 2021-2022

AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell (LexisNexis), 2018-2022

Selected to the list of Florida *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Real Estate, 2020

Selected to the list of Florida Trend's Legal Elite Honorees in Real Estate, 2020

Recipient of the Palmer Trinity School's Head of School Alumni Award, 2016

Recipient of The Miami Foundation's Ruth Shack Leadership Award, 2012

### Community Involvement

Palmer Trinity School, Board of Trustees, 2022-Present

Walking Mountains Science Center, Board of Directors, 2022-Present

Palmer Trinity Alumni Association, Board of Directors, 2018-2022

Miami Dade College, Board of Trustees, 2015-2018

Florida Health Choices, Board of Directors, 2014-2017

University of Miami Institute for Cuban and Cuban American Studies, Board of Directors, 2011-2016

Anthem Bank & Trust, Board of Directors, 2015

CHARLEE Homes for Children, Board of Directors, 2004-2013

Latin Builders Association, Board of Directors, 2009-2012

## Insights

Delivering Excellence Across Generations and Borders

Acclaim Magazine, February 13, 2025

Generations Newsletter - Winter 2024

Day Pitney Generations Newsletter - Winter 2024, December 30, 2024

Innovative Solutions to South Florida's Housing Crisis: How the Private Sector is Leading the Way

September 24, 2024

City of Miami Proposes Administrative Site Plan Review Ordinance to Streamline Permitting Process

July 25, 2024

Florida Sales Tax Rate Imposed on Rentals, Leases, or Licenses to Use Commercial Real Property Reduced to 2 Percent (Effective June 1)

May 31, 2024

Governor Signs SB 328, Reinforcing Florida's Live Local Act To Spur Mixed Income Housing Development

May 17, 2024

"Oro De Ley," 50th CABA Gala

January 27, 2024

Generations Fall 2023 - Day Pitney Hosts Discussion on Emerging Opportunities with Distressed Real Estate

November 30, 2023

"Real Estate Investing: Challenges and Opportunities in a Turbulent Environment," Day Pitney

November 9, 2023

"Family Office Real Estate Investing: Challenges and Opportunities in a Turbulent Environment," Day Pitney

November 9, 2023

"State of Real Estate Transactions in Today's Economy with Day Pitney," HNBA Corporate Counsel Division

August 16, 2023

Day Pitney Hosts Thought-Provoking Palm Beach Family Office Forum

May 19, 2023

## News

Day Pitney Secures Three Awards at the 2025 Family Wealth Report Miami, Latin America, and Caribbean Awards

Day Pitney Press Release, January 17, 2025

Day Pitney Secures Solutions for International Americans Award at the Family Wealth Report Awards 2024  
May 6, 2024

Indigo Properties and Linkvest Capital Acquire Eight-Acre Development Site in Hialeah Gardens  
August 23, 2023

Day Pitney Miami Real Estate Team Closes Approx. \$20M in South Florida Commercial Real Estate Loans in Two Weeks  
July 14, 2023

Day Pitney Miami Real Estate Team Closes Approx. \$6.8M Deal for Private Client  
June 16, 2023

Daniel Diaz Leyva Named to The Fund President's Circle  
March 21, 2023

Daniel Diaz Leyva and Real Estate Group Join Day Pitney: Building on Real Estate Execution Capabilities in Florida  
January 9, 2023

## In The Media

Daniel Diaz Leyva Featured in Bisnow on Tariff Uncertainty and Its Impact on CRE  
Bisnow, March 12, 2025

25% Tariffs On Mexico, Canada Begin, Complicating CRE Outlook  
Bisnow, March 4, 2025

Latest Tariff Threat Adds to 2025 Homebuilder Pain  
National Mortgage News, February 14, 2025

Trump's Steel and Aluminum Tariffs Will Be Felt By U.S. Home Builders and Buyers  
Mansion Global, February 12, 2025

Top Latino Lawyers 2024  
September - October

Shaping the Future of Commercial Real Estate: Insights, Strategies, and 2025 Market Outlook  
November 7, 2024

Wealth Migration Leading to Surging Retail Demand in Florida  
GlobeSt.com, September 9, 2024

Successfully Serving Families of Wealth for Generations  
Acclaim Magazine, May 2024

Clouds Rising Over Banks?  
Sun Sentinel , June 24, 2024

Palm Beach's Buccan Restaurant to Open in Coral Gables  
Commercial Observer, May 16, 2024

Chef Clay Conley's Buccan to Make Coral Gables Debut in New 10,000 SF Space  
South Florida Real Estate News, May 1, 2024

How Debt Funds View The Market  
GlobeSt.com , February 8, 2024

What They're Saying About South Florida Real Estate  
Law360 , December 21, 2023

'Playing with the House's Money': How Buyers, Sellers Are Closing Deals

The Real Deal, November 20, 2023

How Aldi's Acquisition of Winn-Dixie Impacts CRE

Forbes, October 10, 2023

Day Pitney Attorney Daniel Diaz Leyva Facilitates \$6.44M Bulk Condo Deal in Miami-Dade

CityBiz, October 4, 2023

#### News & Notes

Tampa Business Observer, October 1, 2023

NY's Highpoint JV Buys South Florida Site for Townhouses

Law360, September 28, 2023

Portion of Tyrone Square Mall Sells for \$37.8 Million

Tampa Bay Business Journal, September 25, 2023

NYC Developer Bets on Pompano Beach with First South Florida Acquisition

CRESources, September 25, 2023

NYC Developer Enters South Florida Market with Acquisition in Pompano Beach

CityBiz, September 25, 2023

Day Pitney Real Estate Partner Facilitates \$16M Loan for \$38M Retail Acquisition in St. Pete

CityBiz, September 25, 2023

Shopping Center at Tyrone Square Mall Sells for \$37.8 Million

Tampa Bay Business & Wealth, September 22, 2023

Shopping Center at Tyrone Square Mall Sells for \$37.8 Million

The Star News Today, September 22, 2023

Tyrone Square Mall Retail Center Sells in \$37M+ Deal

The St. Pete Catalyst, September 23, 2023

"Navigating Florida's Commercial Real Estate Market Challenges," BNY Mellon Wealth Management

October 11, 2023

Part of Tyrone Square Mall Sells for \$37.8M

Tampa Bay Times, September 22, 2023

JV Acquires 8-Acre Site in Hialeah Gardens For Development of Mixed-Use Project

CRESources, August 30, 2023

Indigo, Linkvest plan mixed-use project in Hialeah Gardens

The Real Deal, August 24, 2023

#### News and Notes

Florida Bar News, May 1, 2023

Diverse Lawyers Network: Industry News

Diverse Lawyers Network, March 24, 2023

#### On the Move

Florida Bar News, March 1, 2023

Zoo Miami Foundation Proudly Announces Addition of New Board of Directors

Coral Gables Community News, February 8, 2023

CRE Career Move Roundup - Florida

ConnectCRE, February 2, 2023

#### On the Move

Florida Bar News, February 1, 2023

#### Movers & Shakers

The Real Deal, January 16, 2023

#### The Daily Docket Moves

Thomson Reuters' The Daily Docket Industry Moves, January 11, 2023

#### Bloomberg Law's Lawyers, Law Firms

Bloomberg Law's Lawyers Law Firm, January 11, 2023

#### Day Pitney Brings On Boutique CEO as Fla. Real Estate Head

Law360, January 9, 2023

#### Diverse Lawyers Network: Industry News

Diverse Lawyers Network, January 13, 2023

#### Major Combinations in Nashville and Carolinas Signal Southeast's Emergence as Merger Hotspot

The American Lawyer, January 11, 2023

#### Coral Gables Law Firm Joins Day Pitney

South Florida Business Journal, January 10, 2023