



2023 Florida Legal Awards at JW Marriott Marquis in Downtown Miami. Credit: PWP Studio for ALM

DBR Announces 2025 Florida Legal Awards Finalists, Honorees

All honorees will be recognized, and winners in finalist categories announced, at the Florida Legal Awards event in April.

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 By Katie Hall

The Daily Business Review, with the help of editorial staff as well as distinguished members of the Florida legal community, has selected this year's honorees and finalists for the Florida Legal Awards.

All honorees will be recognized, and winners of finalist categories announced, at [the awards ceremony](#), to be held on April 3 at the JW Marriott Marquis in Miami. We hope to see you there. For tickets and sponsorships, please contact Andre Sutton at asutton@alm.com for more information.

In the meantime, please join us in congratulating the honorees and finalists for their well-earned recognitions:

Attorney of the Year Finalists

Philip Freidin, Freidin Brown

Adam Hall, The Hall Law Firm

John "Jack" Hickey, Hickey Law Firm Accident and Injury Trial Lawyers

Law Firm of the Year Finalists

Greenberg Traurig

Holland & Knight

Morgan & Morgan

Lifetime Achievement Honorees

Ronald L. Book, of Ronald L. Book, P.A.

Alan T. Dimond, Greenberg Traurig

Judge Ronald C. Dresnick, Kluger Kaplan, Silverman, Katzen & Levine

Lena Hopkins, Community Legal Services

Stanley B. Price, Bilzin Sumberg

Managing Partner of the Year Finalists

Beatriz Azcuy, Sidley Austin

Manuel Garcia-Linares, Day Pitney

Michael Haggard, The Haggard Law Firm

Jaret Davis and Yosbel Ibarra, Greenberg Traurig

Jorge Piedra, Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton

Litigation Department of the Year (General Category) Finalists

Boies Schiller Flexner

Greenberg Traurig

Holland & Knight

LashGoldberg

Sidley Austin

White & Case

Litigation Department of the Year (Insurance Category) Winner

Carlton Fields

Litigation Department of the Year (Bankruptcy Category) Finalists

Meland Budwick

Salazar Law

Litigation Department of the Year (Products Liability/Mass Torts Category) Winner

Morgan & Morgan

Unsung Hero Honorees

Robin Hood, Morgan & Morgan

Kelly Johnson, Saxe Doernberger & Vita Gil O. Acevedo, Hunton
Andrews Kurth

Johanna Rousseaux, Jones Day

Angela Vigil, Baker McKenzie

Bart Zadel, Morgan & Morgan

Real Estate Transaction Finalists

Beatriz Azcuy, Sidley Austin

Bilzin Sumberg

Ryan Girnun, Jones Day

Kimberly LeCompte, Greenberg Traurig

Janna Lhota, Holland & Knight

S. Shawn Whitney, Polsinelli

Maritime Attorney of the Year Finalists

Michael J. Bradford, Marshall Dennehey

Andrew Craven, Chartwell Law

John H. (Jack) Hickey, Hickey Law Firm Accident and Injury Trial Lawyers

Ira Leesfield, Leesfield & Partners

Richard Rusak, Cole, Scott & Kissane

Innovator of the Year Finalists

Patricia Abril, Or Cohen-Sasson, and the MiLA Lab at the University of Miami School of Law

Chanley Howell, Foley & Lardner

Jeffrey Hittleman, Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida

Samir Patel, Holland & Knight

Ratzan Weissman Boldt

Tamaira Rivera, Immigration Court Mentor

In-House Impact Finalists

Aleksandra Cuprys, Latino Media Network

Steven Hicks-Safra, Cole, Scott & Kissane

Nikki-Ann Thomson-Parkinson, Priderock Capital Partners

Evian White De Leon, Chief Legal Counsel & COO of the Miami Association of Realtors

ESG Impact Finalists

Danielle Gonzalez, Greenberg Traurig

Jenelle La Chuisa, Hinshaw & Culbertson

LashGoldberg

Morgan & Morgan

Diversity & Inclusion, Individual Finalists

Lauren Fenton-Valdivia, Carlton Fields Eric Lundt, Jones Day

Frances Guasch De La Guardia, Holland & Knight

Daniel Mato, Polsinelli Marck K. Joseph, The Joseph Firm

Jennifer Ruiz, Cole, Scott & Kissane

Diversity & Inclusion, Firm Finalists

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

Bilzin Sumberg

Cole, Scott & Kissane

HAWM Law

Kluger, Kaplan, Silverman, Katzen & Levine

Distinguished Leader Honorees

Alisia Adamson Profit, HAWM Law

Jeffrey Bass, Bass Law

Jason Domark, Cozen O'Connor

Mendy Halberstam, Jackson Lewis

Christine E. Howard, Fisher Phillips

Marck K. Joseph, The Joseph Firm

Jason Kellogg, Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman

LaKisha Kinsey-Sallis, Fisher Phillips

Jesus M. Suarez, Continental PLLC

Dealmaker of the Year Finalists

Matthew Arenson, Kirkland & Ellis

Joshua A. Kaufman, DLA Piper

Tammy Knight, Holland & Knight

Irwin Rajj, Sidley Austin

Nicholas Rodriguez, Winston & Strawn

Cross-Border Dispute Finalists

Squire Patton Boggs

King & Spalding

Best Mentor Finalists

Jordan Chisolm, Cozen O'Connor

Marlene Duarte, Berger Singerman

Jennifer Estrella, Fragomen

Lauren Fenton-Valdivia, Carlton Fields

Marck K. Joseph, The Joseph Firm

Melissa Madsen, Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Eduardo Maura, Ayala Law

Frank Ramos, Goldberg Segalla

Tamaira Rivera, Immigration Court Mentor

John Uustal, Kelley I Uustal Trial Attorneys

On the Rise Honorees

Kiran Bhat, Keller Postman

Darnesha Carter Foli, Hogan Lovells

David Cohen, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Evelyn Cobos, Greenberg Traurig

Sarah Glasser, Freidin Brown, P.A.

Giselle Gutierrez, Exhibit G Law Firm

Michael Hacker, McDermott Will & Emery

Vanessa Madrid, Holland & Knight

Anthony Jose Sirven, Holland & Knight

Christina Martinez, Podhurst Orseck

Aleksey Shtivelman, Shutts & Bowen

Diego Pérez Ara, León Cosgrove Jiménez

Michael Levine, Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain

Laselve Harrison, Boies Schiller Flexner

Francesca Burne, Morgan & Morgan

Harris Yegelwel, Morgan & Morgan

Alejandro I. Leiva, Greenspoon Marder

Andrej Micovic, Hunton Andrews Kurth

Ashley Gomez-Rodon, Cozen O'Connor

Carolina Goncalves, Duane Morris

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