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STEARNS WEAVER MILLER ATTORNEY RENE F. RUIZ NAMED AMONG SOUTH FLORIDA BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 2014 40 UNDER 40

MIAMI, FL — July 1, 2014 — Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. announced that Labor and Employment Shareholder, Rene F. Ruiz, was named among the South Florida Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Class of 2014.

The honorees, who demonstrate "exceptional business savvy, company leadership and community engagement," were featured in a <u>special section</u> of the South Florida Business Journal providing insights into their professional and personal lives.

A labor and employment attorney and a skilled negotiator, Rene helps public and private sector employers to formulate winning strategies for achieving their labor relations and business goals. He has helped save his clients millions of dollars through collective bargaining, administrating union grievances, handling arbitrations, defending unfair labor disputes before the National Labor Relations Board and the Public Employees Relations Committee, managing union certifications and elections.

As Chair of the Board of Directors and a founder of Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Charter School, Rene is helping to give underprivileged students the opportunity to pursue sports-related careers.

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