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## **STEARNS WEAVER MILLER EXPANDS LABOR & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT**

MIAMI —March 2010— The law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller is pleased to announce the recent addition of Rene Ruiz to the Labor and Employment Department.

**Rene Ruiz** joins the Firm as a Shareholder. Mr. Ruiz is experienced in defending companies in employee litigation, with an emphasis on harassment, discrimination, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Mr. Ruiz regularly advises clients regarding compliance with wage and hour laws, Title VII, the Family and Medical Leave Act and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also provides management-level individuals with training on litigation avoidance as well as frequently negotiating contracts for companies with unionized workforces and advises employers on contract administration.

Prior to the joining the Firm, Mr. Ruiz practiced in the Miami office of a national labor & employment law firm. Mr. Ruiz is the Board Chair of Miami Children's Museum Charter School and sits on the Mercy Hospital Board of Ambassadors. While in law school, he interned with the Honorable Stephen T. Brown and the Honorable Ted E. Bandstra in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Ruiz served on the Editorial Board of the University of Miami Law Review and earned his J.D., with honors. Mr. Ruiz earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, at Florida International University.

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