

Chelsea Koff and Bridge to Law School Program honored with Daily Business Review's 2024 Florida Legal Awards

MIAMI, FL —February 12, 2024 — Stearns Weaver Miller announced that the Daily Business Review selected Fort Lauderdale Shareholder [Chelsea Koff](#) as one of its 2024 On the Rise (Small/Midsize Firm) Honorees and the [Bridge to Law School Program](#) as one of its Diversity & Inclusion (Firm) Finalists. The annual Professional Excellence Awards recognize distinguished members of the Florida legal community in assorted areas of the law. Honorees will be recognized, and winners of finalist categories announced, at an awards ceremony on April 4 at the JW Marriott Marquis in Miami.

Chelsea Koff is an experienced litigator and trial attorney. For over 10 years, she has handled more than 35 jury trials and 50 nonjury trials in both civil and criminal matters. She represents clients in complex commercial matters in state and federal court, including bet-the-company cases, business torts, estates and trusts litigation, commercial loan foreclosure, real estate and employment litigation. She has been recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch* and *Ft. Lauderdale Illustrated's* Broward Top Lawyers consecutively since 2021. Chelsea is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee and Associate Committee. She is on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County and ArtServe Fort Lauderdale. She was a graduate of Leadership Fort Lauderdale, Class XXV and Leadership Broward, Class XXXVIII. Chelsea is also involved with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, among other organizations.

The Bridge to Law School Program is an initiative that integrates academic preparation, mentoring, and professional development to demystify the law school application process, the law school experience, and the practice of law for first-generation college students. The Program was developed by Stearns Weaver Miller Shareholders [Kelly O'Keefe](#) and [Melanie Leitman](#). The Program is a partnership between Stearns Weaver Miller, the Florida State University Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement ("CARE") program, the Florida State University College of Law, the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court, and the Tallahassee Bar Association. The program was also recently recognized with the [2023 Tallahassee Women Lawyers Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award](#).



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