

Daniel Diaz Leyva

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Overview

Daniel "Danny" Diaz Leyva serves as a trusted and strategic advisor to enterprising families, family offices, investors, and business owners, helping clients navigate complex real estate investments, business transactions, governance and wealth stewardship, and long-term strategic opportunities.

Daniel represents clients in the acquisition, financing, development, leasing, and sale of real estate, corporate structuring for business ventures, and complex lending transactions. He also serves as outside general counsel to family enterprises and closely held businesses, providing practical legal and strategic advice across their operations.

He has extensive experience counseling clients on government relations and matters before state and local governmental agencies.

Firm Leadership:

- Leader, Florida Real Estate Practice
- Executive Board Member

Practices & Industries

Acquisitions & Dispositions

Commercial Real Estate

Construction

Family Office

LATAM

Leasing

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Litigation

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

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

Recognized as "Lawyer or Legal Counsel (Individual)" for Latin America, Family Wealth Report (FWR) Miami, Latin America, and Caribbean Awards, 2025

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, 2024

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

Selected to the list of Florida *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars, Real Estate, 2020

Selected to the list of Florida Trend's Legal Elite Honorees in Real Estate, 2020, 2025

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

Lex Mundi Family Office Working Group
November 6, 2026

Regional Volatility and Impact on Investment Activity
November 5, 2026

Family Office Real Estate Investing Series
December 2, 2025

Building the Future: Family Offices and the Rise of Miami as a Global Investment Capital | Generations October / November 2025
October 31, 2025

The Great Wealth Migration | Generations June / July 2025
June 26, 2025

The Great Wealth Migration
South Florida Business & Wealth, April 25, 2025

Family Office Considerations in Latin America | Generations April / May 2025
April 23, 2025

How The CRE Industry Is Adapting To Tariff Uncertainty
Law360, April 1, 2025

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's Daniel Diaz Leyva and Steven J. Wernick Named to Florida Trend's NOTABLE Real Estate/Land Use Attorneys List
August 27, 2025

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

Linkvest Capital, Indigo Properties Sell 5-Acre Development Site For $11.55M
CRE-sources, October 8, 2026

Utah Family Office Convergence Salon - October 2026
October 5, 2026

How The Fed's Rate Hike May Affect Real Estate
Law360, September 17, 2026

What They're Saying About Fla. Real Estate At 2026's Midpoint
Law360, July 8, 2026

Day Pitney Family Office Forum 2026
April 28, 2026

Drop in commercial, construction loan rates never arrived
April 13, 2026

Utah Family Office Convergence Salon - April 2026
April 1, 2026

The One Big Beautiful Bill: Catalyst or Constraint for CRE's Next Cycle?
Commercial Property Executive , February 3, 2026

South Florida Real Estate Market Matures in 2026 According to Experts
Traded, January 15, 2026

2 Firms Ink $132M Miami Student Housing Refinancing
Law360, October 9, 2025

Real Estate Pros React To Federal Interest Rate Cut
September 18, 2025

What to Watch in Florida Real Estate in 2025's Second Half
August 22, 2025

Admission Impossible
Florida Trend, August 19, 2025

Continued Growth Amidst the Turbulence: Real Estate Market Update and How it is Adapting to Tariff Uncertainty
April 29, 2025

Day Pitney Family Office Forum 2025
April 29, 2025

Day Pitney Leads Discussion at 2025 Lex Mundi Latin American/Caribbean Regional Conference's Family Office Meeting
April 3, 2025

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