



Haber Law founding and managing shareholder David Haber (left) and incoming shareholder Steven Davis (right). Courtesy photo

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## Longtime Boies Schiller Partner Jumps to Litigation Boutique

Steven Davis departed Boies Schiller Flexner this week for the Wynwood-based Haber Law. Construction defect litigator Justin Miller also joined the firm.

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### What You Need to Know

- Davis said he moved to Haber Law to work on broader variety of matters.
- Miller's experience defending contractors and architects in construction defect litigation will help Haber Law's plaintiffs practice, David Haber said.
- Construction defect litigation has increased since the Surfside condo collapse.

After 19 years as a Boies Schiller Flexner partner in Miami, commercial litigator Steven Davis has moved to the Wynwood-based litigation boutique Haber Law as a senior partner and co-chair of the firm's litigation department.

In an interview, Davis said he left Boies Schiller for Haber Law to explore a broader variety of cases than he'd been able to work on at his former Am Law 200 firm. His unsuccessful run for president of the Florida Bar also freed up some time, Davis said, to explore his options in a small-firm setting.

"For three and a half decades, I was in an office tower in Downtown Miami with a view of Biscayne Bay. And now, to go to Wynwood, it's certainly a different choice," Davis said. "It's a lot of fun to be on the cutting edge of where a lot of good things are happening in Miami."

Managing and founding shareholder David Haber said Davis brings experience that few in Miami have, including more than 75 trials.

"His knowledge of complex commercial litigation and his ability to work with lawyers at other firms is well-regarded," Haber said. "He is very well-respected in the legal community and with the judges, based upon his bar service. It's just a fantastic addition to our business litigation group."



The 18-lawyer firm also added construction defect litigator Justin Miller to its roster this week. Miller joined the firm as of counsel from the Coral Gables construction litigation firm Daniels, Rodriguez, Berkeley, Daniels & Cruz.

Miller's practice formerly involved defending architects, engineers, and contractors in construction defect litigation. Now, he's moved to the plaintiffs' side, which has been rife with litigation in recent years. The Surfside condo collapse only accelerated such litigation, Miller said.

"Immediately after the collapse, we had such a tough time getting in contact with consultants because every building association was reaching out to structural engineers and architects to make sure their buildings were safe and compliant," Miller said. "That set in motion an avalanche of worry."

Miller said those inspections have led to litigation—the type of which he’s experienced in defending against.

“We were on the opposite side of Justin in virtually every case,” Haber said. “The idea was to get someone with specific expertise in architecture and engineering defense so we can attack those defendants in the future.”

Despite recently sitting on opposite sides of the table, Haber said he and Miller fish together. Meanwhile, Haber and Davis have been personal friends and golfing buddies for more than three decades, the attorneys said.

“Every faction of our firm has interactions in the firm and outside the firm,” Haber said. “That friendship and collegiality really helps in the practice of law, which is very stressful and difficult. Having friends who want to work with us is an extreme honor, especially in Steve’s case.”