

Miami law firm expands with 2 new offices



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The law firm opened a new office in downtown Fort Lauderdale and sublet space for a new outpost in Palm Beach Gardens.

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A law firm based in Miami's Wynwood Arts District is establishing new offices in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Haber Law opened a 3,153-square-foot office on the seventh floor of the Plaza 100 building in Fort Lauderdale at 100 N.E. Third Ave. on May 1. Led by senior partners Marnie Dale Ragan and Darrin Gursky, the Fort Lauderdale office includes six attorneys specializing in condo and homeowners association law and litigation plus a paralegal, said David Haber, founder and managing partner of Haber Law.

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Haber Law's Palm Beach County office will open June 3 in the Wells Fargo Center at 4440 PGA Blvd., Suite 201 in Palm Beach Gardens. The Palm Beach Gardens office, which is a sublet space, will be led by Daniel Levin, a partner at Haber Law since early May. Levin was previously a partner at Cole, Scott & Kissane for the past 14 years.

Haber Law opened an office in downtown Fort Lauderdale because the firm wanted to "strengthen and expand its presence in Broward County," Haber said.

The downtown Fort Lauderdale office is also closer to the homes of a significant number of Haber Law's attorneys and staff. "Shorter commutes makes happier employees," Haber said.

The Palm Beach Gardens office is an expansion play into the West Palm Beach area, Haber said.

"We believe that the real estate and construction sectors in West Palm Beach have had significant growth since the Covid pandemic, and we felt we had a great opportunity to expand our core practice areas" in that location, Haber said.

Key to that growth is Levin, who has 14 years of experience in construction and "significant jury trial experience in construction cases," Haber added.

Levin and the other two members of Palm Beach Gardens staff just joined Haber Law. There will also be additional hires at the Fort Lauderdale office, Haber said.

Commercial real estate owners in South Florida generally prospered since the pandemic as new high-income households and businesses migrated into the region. As part of this trend, both new-to-market and local companies sought offices that could attract talented employees as well as clients. This meant not only seeking out Class A office in downtown areas, but also workspaces that are closer to the homes of a company's decision makers and employees.

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Although office leasing activity has notably slowed since late 2022, the sector is still much healthier than it was prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, [brokers have told the *Business Journal*](#).

Founded in 1997, Haber Law specializes in complex business litigation, construction, condominium, HOA, real estate and transactional law. The firm employs more than 60 people.

Haber Law's main headquarters is in a 70-year-old, one-story, 7,662-square-foot building at 251 N.W. 23rd St. JonMax Wynwood LLC, managed by David Haber, paid \$6.5 million for the building in January 2017.

The 11-story Plaza 100 office tower in Fort Lauderdale was built in 1983. Available office space in Plaza 100 is listed on Loopnet.com for \$27 per square foot, not including charges such as utilities, property expenses, and building services.

The six-story office building at 4440 PGA Boulevard was built in 1979 and renovated in 2022, according to LoopNet.com.

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