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Haber Law Adds Litigator From Kasowitz In Miami

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Law360 (July 9, 2026, 12:55 PM EDT) -- A longtime attorney for [Kasowitz LLP](#) with experience in high-stakes litigation has brought her practice to Haber Law in Miami.

Maria Ruiz now serves as a senior partner in the firm's litigation practice group. She has experience with disputes in the areas of complex commercial, medical malpractice and product liability.

"I was looking for a dynamic, bustling office with energetic, ambitious professionals. What drew me here was that [founder David Haber's] got a wide variety of experience levels. So, he's got a nice group of young people. He's got some mid-levels. He's got some more senior people," Ruiz said in an interview with *Law360 Pulse* on Thursday. "So, I've been watching Haber for years. I knew him when he was my lawyer when I was the president of my condo association. So I've been watching how he's been growing, and when I was ready to make a change, this was very, very attractive."



Maria Ruiz

Ruiz has more than 25 years of experience. She was most recently an equity partner in the Miami office of Kasowitz and a member of that firm's management committee.

"If you're in litigation, somebody has a problem that needs fixing. Somebody has run into some trouble somehow, or somebody has some issue that they need fixing," Ruiz said. "And so the idea of listening to whatever the particular fact pattern is, comparing that against what the legal solution might be, and executing on a plan to solve whatever the problem is, it's fun."

She was first attracted to a career in the legal world in part because of her experience in customer service, she said.

"Aside from wanting to argue all the time, which is what my family would say, I really was drawn to the idea of helping people and fixing problems," Ruiz said. "Before I went to law school, I worked in customer service, so I really liked listening to what people's issues were, and resolving issues, and I like to read. I like to write so it was just a nice, easy career to choose when I was thinking about what I was going to study for my future."

Outside her practice, Ruiz is a regular speaker at the [American Bar Association Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee](#) and the Florida Defense Lawyers Association.

She was previously a member of the DRI Trial Tactics Committee and the Women in Products Liability Subcommittee of the ABA Products Liability Committee. She has written on topics such as medical malpractice arbitration and construction litigation.

Ruiz earned her law degree from the [University of Miami School of Law](#) and her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from St. Thomas University, according to her [LinkedIn](#) profile.

"We couldn't be more excited to welcome Maria to Haber Law," Haber said in a statement. "She has built an outstanding reputation as a high-stakes litigator and leader, and her depth of experience will further strengthen our complex business litigation practice. Just as importantly, she shares the values, professionalism, and commitment to client service that define our firm."

Haber continued: "Maria's experience as a partner of the local office of a national firm, and having previously served on its management committee, shows her business acumen as well. Finally, as a leading female Latina attorney in Miami, she has been recognized for her community service and leadership."

Haber Law is a Miami-based law firm that specializes in complex business litigation, construction law, condominium association and HOA law and real estate and transactional law.

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