

**University of Vienna  
Real Property Law LLM/MLS  
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Lecturers/ Presenters**



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Gil Acevedo, RPD LL.M.'04, represents clients in commercial real estate transactions involving the financing, leasing, acquisition and disposition of office buildings, shopping centers, multi-family apartment buildings, gas stations, vacant land, and high-end residential condominium units and single-family residences. He also works on corporate transactions involving the formation of real estate ownership entities, and negotiates and drafts corporate documents. Among other skills, he is highly experienced in structuring business entities for offshore investors in US real estate to minimize US income and estate taxes.



**Kerri Barsh**

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Kerri L. Barsh, J.D.'84, is Co-Chair of the firm's Environmental Practice and represents public and private clients on an array of environmental regulatory, permitting and litigation matters, including transactional support and due diligence, environmental assessment and liability matters, climate change, energy and infrastructure projects, wetlands and coastal permitting, complex land use projects, air quality matters, hazardous materials contamination, and other compliance and enforcement cases. Kerri is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.



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Jill Blanco, J.D.'91, is a Senior Vice President, Senior Commercial Services Counsel in CalAtlantic National Title Solutions. Prior to NATIC, Jill opened her own practice concentrating in commercial and construction litigation, residential and commercial real-estate transactions and corporate matters. Jill also managed complex commercial real estate transactions, construction and litigation matters for an international Fortune 500 company. Jill is an adjunct professor in UM Law's Real Property Development LL.M. Program.



**Patricia A. Brown**

Director, UM Law's Graduate Program in Taxation and Lecturer in Law

Patricia A. Brown is the Director of the Graduate Programs in Taxation and Taxation of Cross-Border Investment at the University of Miami School of Law, and is an internationally-recognized expert in the field of international taxation. She began her career at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, specializing in the taxation of cross-border financial transactions and financial institutions. She joined the U.S. Treasury Department in 1994, and in 1997 became the Deputy International Tax Counsel (Treaty Affairs), with responsibility for the U.S. tax treaty program. From 2007 to 2011, she was a Senior Advisor, Financial Transactions, for the OECD projects on collective investment vehicles and TRACE.



**Jon Chassen**

Partner, Bilzin Sumberg

Jon is a transactional lawyer with a litigation background, and that makes him a powerful advocate for his clients. Jon has handled all types of real estate matters, including commercial real estate transactions, contracts, loan documentation and leases. He has represented lenders, purchasers, sellers, developers, landlords, and tenants in transactions such as the acquisition/sale, development and operation of warehouses, shopping centers, marinas, office buildings, and industrial property. Jon also has extensive experience handling matters involving distressed real property assets, including workouts, foreclosures (representing borrowers, lenders and receivers in commercial property foreclosure actions) and the disposition of real property assets through and after foreclosure.



**Anthony De Yurre**

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Anthony De Yurre, RPD LL.M.'06, specializes in land development and government relations. Prior to practicing law, he was the founder of an internet startup, which gives him a unique perspective into the challenges that entrepreneurs face on a daily basis. Whether a client is buying, zoning or developing a property, or dealing with the inevitable disputes that can arise, Anthony is positioned to help his clients find a business-focused path forward. In addition to practicing law, Anthony is an adjunct professor in UM Law's Real Property Development LL.M. Program, and Vice-Chair of the Program's Advisory Board.



**Timothy DeKeyser**

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Timothy DeKeyser practices in Bilzin Sumberg's Real Estate Group, concentrating on complex real estate matters, including acquisitions, dispositions, financings, securitizations, joint ventures, private equity, development transactions, and construction agreements. Timothy has experience assisting a broad range of clients including domestic and international real estate companies, funds, lenders, special servicers, government-sponsored entities, and other real estate investors in transactions involving a variety of real estate asset classes, ranging from hospitality to senior housing, office buildings to residential/multifamily projects, and specialized-use facilities to raw and/or partially developed land.



**Carol L. Schoffel Faber**

Partner and Co-Chair, Distressed Property Practice, Akerman LLP

Carol Faber, J.D.'83, has extensive experience representing clients in a wide range of real estate transactions, including financing, leasing, and acquisition and sale transactions. Her financing experience includes representing borrowers and lenders in mortgage loans, ranging from several million dollars to hundreds of millions of dollars, on vacant land and developed property of all kinds, including industrial property, office buildings, shopping centers, hotels, condominiums, and apartment buildings, as well as construction loans, real estate related asset-based loans, leasehold mortgages, securitized loans, mezzanine loans, and loan participations. She also has extensive experience representing institutional lenders and holders of debt (including portfolios purchased from the FDIC) in loan workouts, restructures, forbearances, short sales, sales of loan documents, re-sales after foreclosure, deed-in-lieu transactions, and commercial foreclosures, having been involved in hundreds of millions of dollars of distressed property transactions including loan and judgment sales. Ms. Faber is a member of the Advisory Board of UM Law's Real Property Development LL.M. Program.



**Joseph Hernandez**

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Joseph Hernandez, J.D.'96, Chairs Weiss Serota's Real Estate Practice Group. He represents real estate developers in all phases of complex commercial real estate transactions. His experience includes the negotiation, documentation, and closing of the acquisition and sale, as well as the development and financing of commercial real estate. Hernandez represents both financial institutions and borrowers obtaining acquisition and construction financing, and has handled the resolution of complex title issues. In addition, he has significant experience documenting and negotiating real estate joint ventures and private placements to raise capital for real estate projects in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Mr. Hernandez teaches Mortgage Law as an adjunct professor in UM Law's Real Property Development LL.M. Program.



**Neisen O. Kasdin**

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Neisen Kasdin serves as managing partner of Akerman’s Miami office. A former mayor of Miami Beach and leader in the revitalization of South Beach, he brings extensive civic experience to his work on urban revitalization and the development of complex, large-scale, multi-use projects. Respected as a leader in urban development, he serves as vice chair of the board of directors for the Miami Downtown Development Authority and was responsible for leading the creation of Miami’s Downtown Master Plan. Many of his clients’ projects – from Brickell City Centre to Miami’s Design District and the Faena District – have been groundbreaking, transforming Miami’s urban spaces with a blend of retail, office, and residential properties.



**Raquel M. Matas**

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Raquel M. Matas is the Associate Dean for Administration and Counsel to the Dean at the University of Miami School of Law, and currently serves as Acting Director of the Robert Traurig-Greenberg Traurig Real Property Development LL.M. Program. Prior to joining UM Law School, Dean Matas was a partner in the law firms of Ferrell Worldwide and Carlton Fields, where she practiced commercial real estate law and business transactions. She has experience in a wide range of areas in addition to real estate, and is a very active community leader. Dean Matas served for many years as Director of one of the largest community banks in South Florida, and chaired several of its standing committees.



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Patricia Redmond, J.D.’79, is a Bankruptcy and Creditor’s Rights Shareholder of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. She has extensive experience in the representation of creditor’s committees, secured creditors, and debtors in Chapter 11 cases. She lectures locally and nationally on various aspects of bankruptcy, particularly on Chapter 11 issues, and is frequently quoted in local and national media and business publications. Ms. Redmond is the Director of UM Law’s Bankruptcy Clinic, and is an adjunct professor in UM Law’s JD and Real Property Development LL.M.’s Programs.