

Stearns Weaver Miller to open office in Coral Gables

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Stearns Weaver Miller, one of South Florida's largest law firms, will open a new office in the new 2020 Salzedo mixed-use building in Coral Gables.

The firm signed a 3,000-square-foot lease for the penthouse space in the building with developer Codina Partners. <u>Danet Linares</u> of <u>Blanca Commercial</u> <u>Real Estate</u> represented the landlord in the deal.

Stearns Weaver Miller currently has offices in downtown Miami, Fort Launderdale, Tampa and Tallahassee. It ranked No. 9 on the *Business Journal's* Law Firms list with 98 South Florida attorneys.

"Armando Codina, executive chairman of Codina Partners, is a rare breed – a visionary who delivers more than he promises," said <u>Eugene Stearns</u>, board chair and shareholder at Stearns Weaver Miller. "We listened to him more than 30 years ago when he asked us to move our then-small law firm to the other side of town in Museum Tower. Looking back on it that was a pivotal decision in our lives. We have since grown into a successful statewide law firm headquartered in the building Armando built. Now for our second Dade County office, we join Armando on the other side of Coral Gables at 2020 Salzedo."

Codina Partners and its affiliates CC Homes and CC Residential are also tenants in 2020 Salzedo, which has its 49,379 square feet of office space 95 percent leased. The building also has 213 apartments and 6,882 square feet of

retail. Pastry chef <u>Antonio Bachour</u> will open a restaurant and bakery on the ground floor.

"We are proud to help companies establish operations at 2020 Salzedo, a centrally located, luxury property that will enable their next phase of growth," Linares said.

Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson is the No. 8 law firm in Southeast Florida by number of lawyers and partners, according to the *South Florida Business Journal*'s 2017 Book of Lists.