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Katherine Amador es socia de Berger Singerman en la oficina de Miami y miembro del equipo multidisciplinar de Derecho Financiero y Tributario. Su práctica profesional se centra en grandes y complejas operaciones inmobiliarias, resoluciones sobre pago de deuda y asuntos relacionados con el desarrollo urbanístico, incluyendo transacciones de compraventa multimillonarias, ejecución hipotecaria comercial, asesoramiento en materia financiera y contenciosa.

Katherine dispone de una sólida experiencia para ejecutar operaciones inmobiliarias complejas de forma eficiente, tanto a nivel particular como empresarial. Ha asesorado a inversionistas y promotores inmobiliarios regionales e internacionales en adquisiciones de propiedad que requieren gran especialización, contratos de compraventa de proyectos inmobiliarios, y asuntos de desarrollo y gestión urbanística, incluyendo terrenos vacíos, edificios residenciales y propiedades de uso comercial. Katherine asesora a entidades de crédito en préstamos comerciales para proyectos de distintos tipos, y también representa y defiende tanto a prestamistas como a prestatarios en negociaciones de convenios de pagos y operaciones de deuda “distressed”, gestionando acuerdos de aplazamiento de deudas, compras y ventas de pagaré, y escrituras de impedimento de procedimiento ejecutivo hipotecario.

En litigación, ha representado a clientes en materias relacionadas con ejecuciones hipotecarias comerciales de montos millonarios, así como en disputas concernientes a contratos de compraventa, préstamos garantizados, acuerdos entre acreedores y títulos de propiedad. Las entidades de crédito han solicitado la asesoría integral de Katherine para hacer cumplir los términos de las reclamaciones aseguradas, como ejecución hipotecaria, intervención y garantías, así como defender las responsabilidades de las entidades de

préstamos y las reclamaciones de mala fe.

Siendo el español su lengua materna, muchos clientes de Katherine son inversores internacionales, familias y empresas latinoamericanas interesadas en invertir en Florida y el resto de Estados Unidos, incluyendo la compra de carteras inmobiliarias residenciales y comerciales, y el proceso de investigación jurídica *due diligence*. En este campo, ha gestionado la financiación inmobiliaria y configuración jurídica de los inmuebles, asesorando a sus clientes en la formación de empresas y en la planificación fiscal y patrimonial de la inversión. La práctica jurídica de Katherine también se centra en transacciones transfronterizas, asesorando a clientes en toda América Latina sobre transacciones comerciales y corporativas, así como en materia de cumplimiento normativo. En tal sentido, ha trabajado en estrecha colaboración con renombrados bufetes en más de 15 países en América Central y del Sur, asistiendo a clientes de nuestro Despacho en asuntos jurídicos locales.

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law
B.A., Florida International University

Bar Admissions

Florida

Practice Teams

Business, Finance & Tax

Practice Areas

Real Estate
Family Office
Distressed M&A & Restructuring
Latin America & Caribbean Practice

Foreign Languages

- Spanish

Representative Matters

- Real Estate Investor and Developer: Represented a prominent real estate investor and developer in the $30M+ acquisition of a multi-folio assemblage in Miami Beach, addressing zoning complexities and structuring the deal to support large-scale development plans.
- Corporate and M&A: Represented client in corporate and transactional matters and led client in the planning, negotiation, and completion of $50M+ exit sale.
- Family Office in Cross-Border Bankruptcy: Assisted a multinational family office in navigating a complex cross-border Chapter 15 proceeding, successfully coordinating with foreign counsel to protect client assets and ensure compliance with international insolvency laws.

- Fortune 50 Client in Compliance Matters: Represented a Fortune Top 50 company operating throughout Central and South America, addressing compliance with FCPA regulations and country-specific laws regarding unfair trade, anti-corruption, anti-monopoly, and anti-bribery. Delivered tailored legal and business solutions to ensure risk mitigation and adherence to local laws.
- Large Agricultural Land Sale: Represented Orange-Co LP, a major agricultural company, in the $274M sale of 20,000 acres of citrus land, navigating environmental and land-use regulations and structuring the transaction to maximize value for the client.
- Homebuilders in Large-Scale Residential Projects: Advised national and regional homebuilders on land acquisition and development for large-scale residential communities, ensuring compliance with local zoning laws, securing financing, and negotiating key agreements to support long-term development goals.
- Real Estate Investors in Multi-State Transactions: Represented real estate investors and developers in the acquisition and sale of properties ranging from local single-property deals to complex, multi-state transactions, addressing due diligence, financing, and closing challenges.
- Latin American Investors in U.S. Hotel Acquisition: Assisted a group of Latin American investors in the multi-million-dollar acquisition of a U.S.-based hotel and related loans, resolving cross-border financing challenges and ensuring smooth closing under U.S. and international law.
- Private Equity Fund in Hotel Sale and Workout: Counseled a subsidiary of a private equity fund in the $30M sale of a hotel while negotiating a workout with a bankrupt borrower to secure favorable terms for the client.
- Private Equity Funds in Florida Real Estate: Represented multiple private equity funds in acquiring and managing Florida-based real estate assets, addressing legal due diligence, deal structuring, and regulatory compliance.
- Distressed Real Estate Acquisitions for Opportunity Funds: Represented opportunity funds in the acquisition of distressed real estate, including purchase of loan portfolios, pre- and post-foreclosure commercial paper transactions.

Awards & Honors

- *Daily Business Review - Florida Legal Awards*, Real Estate Attorney of the Year, 2026
- *Legal 500's "US Elite: Miami and Florida"*
  - Real Estate, 2026
- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2026-2027
- GlobeSt., Woman of Influence (Legal), 2021
- Florida Trend, Legal Elite – Women Leaders in Law, 2026
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated, 2015
- *South Florida Business Leader*, Woman Extraordinaire, 2011

Community Activities / Associations

- Founder and First Chair of the Women of the Latin Builders Association Committee
- Hard Hats & High Heels, Habitat for Humanity Committee, 2016 - Present
- Cuban American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- American Bar Association

In the News

Florida Trend Recognizes Katherine “Kat” Amador Among 2026 Women Leaders in Law
October 30, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 33rd Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 20, 2026

Berger Singerman’s Katherine Amador Named Real Estate Attorney of the Year by Daily Business Review at 2026 Florida Legal Awards
April 30, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in Legal 500’s 2026 “US Elite: Miami and Florida” Rankings
April 15, 2026

The Palm Beach Post, “Condos Remain a Pathway to Home Ownership”
March 25, 2026

Newsweek Quotes Kat Amador in, "The Middle Class Florida Dream is Disappearing"
December 11, 2025

The Palm Beach Post Quotes Katherine Amador in, "Palm Beach County home sales jump in September with inventory teetering toward buyer's market"
October 29, 2025

Bisnow Quotes Katherine Amador in, "Facing Skyrocketing Bills, South Florida Condo Owners Are Now Knocking On Developers' Doors"
October 1, 2025

Newsweek Features Kat Amador in, "What Condo Reform Bill Means for Florida"
June 20, 2025

Diarios las Americas features Kat Amador in "Feroz impacto de la pandemia en sector inmobiliario del sur de Florida"
July 10, 2020

Daily Business Review Features Berger Singerman in "Family Feud, Bankruptcy Filings, Coronavirus Loom Over $45 Million Palm Restaurant Sale"
March 30, 2020

GlobeSt Interviews Katherine Amador in "Climate Change Concerns Make Surprise Appearance in Florida Survey"
January 8, 2020

Publications

Daily Business Review, "Condo Terminations in Florida: What Every Developer Needs to Know"
September 8, 2025

South Florida Business Journal "2021 real estate boom: Why businesses are relocating to Florida"
February 16, 2021

Law360, "Steps For Commercial Real Estate Lenders As Biz Resumes"
June 11, 2020

Law360, "Steps Borrowers In Commercial Real Estate Must Take Now"
May 26, 2020

Daily Business Review, “Déjà vu or Vuja Dé? Coronavirus Set to Disrupt Fla. Commercial Real Estate”
March 31, 2020

Events & Speaking Engagements

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Developing Wynwood & Allapattah", Bisnow's 'Future of Wynwood & Allapattah'
January 27, 2022

Kat Amador, Presenter, "Five Things Lenders and Borrowers Must Do Now," HNBA Region VIII's Virtual Ventanita
March 30, 2020

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Developing Executive Presence," 2020 HNBA/VIA Corporate Counsel Conference & Moot Court Competition
March 19, 2020

Kat Amador, Panelist, “Hustle & Dough: How to Build a Pipeline, Create a Powerful Network, and Dominate Your Market,” 2019 HNBA Annual Convention
September 25, 2019

Kat Amador, Panelist, "Real World Strategies for In-House Counsel Managing International Case Loads and their Application to Domestic Matters," Hispanic National Bar Association 8th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference
March 31, 2017

Kat Amador, Moderator, "WLBA's State of the Market Panel," 2016 LBA October Luncheon
October 27, 2016

Kat Amador, Chair, "Making it Rain in 2016," The Women of the Latin Builders Association
January 27, 2016

Doing Business in Florida Blog

The Palm Beach Post Quotes Katherine Amador in, "Palm Beach County home sales jump in September with inventory teetering toward buyer's market"
October 29, 2025

CMBS Loan Maturities and Potential Defaults – a Tsunami or a Ripple?
July 6, 2016

Survey Says... Latin America Will Continue to Drive Foreign Investment in South Florida Real Estate in 2016
January 26, 2016