



Miami's Sequor Law Raids GrayRobinson for Two Insolvency/Litigation Partners

Leyza Blanco and Fernando Menendez Jr. joined Miami's Sequor Law as partners.

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Sequor Law, the Miami firm formed in 2017 as the successor to Astigarraga Davis, on Monday hired insolvency and litigation lawyers **Leyza Blanco** and **Fernando Menendez Jr.** as partners. Both came from **GrayRobinson**.

Blanco said Sequor Law's well-known international insolvency practice is a great fit for her practice. She does a range of insolvency work and litigation, including complex business bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Menendez does a variety of insolvency work, including complex workouts, bankruptcy litigation and representation of foreign and domestic court-appointed trustees.

Blanco, who is also a Florida Supreme Court-certified civil mediator, declined to identify clients they brought with them to the new firm.

"The firm not only gains two outstanding lawyers with years of experience in insolvency, restructuring and commercial litigation, but their bilingual and multicultural heritage will add to the growth of our market leadership in international asset recovery and cross-border insolvency," Edward Davis, a founding partner of Sequor Law, said in a statement.

Both Blanco and Menendez are fluent in English and Spanish.

In April 2017, Astigarraga Davis co-founder Jose Astigarraga left the firm along with a group of international arbitrators to **open a Miami office** for Reed Smith. At that time, Davis changed the name of Astigarraga Davis to Sequor Law, which has a practice focusing on asset recovery, financial fraud and cross-border insolvency.

With the lateral hires, Sequor Law now has 14 lawyers.

GrayRobinson, the duo's former firm, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.