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TEW CARDENAS LLP FORMS CORPORATE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE GROUP

*Increased Demand in Europe, Caribbean and Latin America Spurs Move,
Two New Partners Named*

MIAMI (March 20, 2009) – The law firm of [Tew Cardenas LLP](http://www.krepspr.com) announced today the formation of a new **Corporate International Practice Group** in the Miami office to address the increased demand among new and existing clients for cross-border transactions, joint ventures and legal advice for international business operations in Europe, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Attorney **Jorge R. Gutiérrez** will lead the new practice group and will be joined by attorney **David da Silva Cornell**. Both attorneys recently joined the firm, based in Miami with offices also in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., as partners.

The Corporate International Practice Group will provide international and domestic legal counsel to multinational businesses and U.S. and foreign nationals in matters involving their inbound and outbound affairs, including the structuring of international and domestic business operations as well as the negotiation and preparation of joint venture, distributorship, franchise and licensing agreements among domestic and foreign businesses. Commercial and consumer finance, technology, gaming, luxury goods, entertainment, health care, telecommunications and construction will be among the Group's key industries of focus.

“The needs of our current corporate clients, particularly our cross-border clients, have indicated this is our next growth area,” said Thomas Tew, partner. “Jorge and David are a great addition to our firm and will help us better serve our clients’ growing international corporate and financial transactions and dispute resolution needs.”

Jorge Gutiérrez specializes in corporate and international law. He is former Co-Chair of the Global Practice Group of Akerman Senterfitt, prior to which he was a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig and Kirkpatrick & Lockhart. Gutiérrez has also served as a senior executive with a publicly traded company and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Gutiérrez received his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University and his Bachelor's degree from Ball State University. He currently serves on the Law Board of the Northwestern University School of Law and previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Miami Museum of Science and Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida.

Gutiérrez is admitted to the Bars of Florida, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Tax Court and is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

David da Silva Cornell's practice has focused on international, business and nonprofit law, including practicing international corporate law at Greenberg Traurig in Miami and international trade law and regulation at Dewey Ballantine in Washington, D.C. He also served as General Counsel of Wannado Entertainment, a U.S. subsidiary of Corporación Interamericana de Entretenimiento (CIE), Latin America's leading out-of-home entertainment company, and as Director of Development for Dade Community Foundation.

Cornell received a joint Juris Doctorate and Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, where he served as Senior Editor of the international law journal, *Law and Policy in International Business*. He received his Bachelor's degree and two Master's degrees from Yale University, in connection with which he studied in Beijing and Taipei.

Cornell is admitted to the Bars of Florida, the District of Columbia, New York, Massachusetts, the U.S. Court of International Trade and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Court.

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