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### Offit Kurman Expands National Platform with South Florida Office Opening

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*Columbia, MD, January 5, 2026* - Am Law 200 law firm Offit Kurman is pleased to announce the opening of its South Florida office in Fort Lauderdale, marking the firm's entry into the Florida legal market and creating a platform for growth across the state. This marks the firm's first office in Florida and its 20<sup>th</sup> location nationwide. The expansion reflects Offit Kurman's strategic commitment to serving privately held businesses and families with private wealth on a national scale. The new office will connect South Florida clients to Offit Kurman's extensive national platform, offering access to the firm's depth, breadth, and expansive capabilities across the United States.

The firm's South Florida office launches with the addition of [Christopher Cathey](#) and [Austin Krtausch](#). Christopher is a seasoned commercial litigator with more than 20 years of experience representing clients in complex business disputes. Christopher's practice spans financial services, real estate, corporate, and creditors' rights litigation.

Austin Krtausch also joins the commercial litigation practice group. He represents clients in complex commercial disputes, including finance, insurance, consumer fraud, and technology matters.

"Opening in South Florida strengthens our footprint in the Southeast and moves our national strategy forward," said [Ted Offit](#), Chairman of Offit Kurman. "A presence in Florida complements our recent growth in Atlanta and Dallas and helps us support clients in major business and wealth hubs."

"Christopher's experience and reputation in commercial litigation make him an ideal leader for our expansion into South Florida. His addition underscores our commitment to serving clients seamlessly wherever they do business," said [Tim Lynch](#), President of Offit Kurman. "Christopher and Austin exemplify the kind of attorneys who thrive at Offit Kurman—collaborative, business-minded, and focused on delivering results."

"I am excited to bring Offit Kurman's entrepreneurial approach to clients in Florida," said

## Related People

- [Christopher D. Cathey](#)
- [Austin Krtausch](#)

Cathey, principal in the firm's commercial litigation practice group. "South Florida is a gateway for business and innovation, and I look forward to helping clients navigate their most important challenges and opportunities."

With offices spanning from New York to California, Offit Kurman's presence in Florida reinforces its commitment to providing comprehensive legal counsel in key business regions nationwide.

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Offit Kurman is a full-service Am Law 200 firm with more than 290 attorneys providing comprehensive legal counsel across 30+ practice areas. Since its founding in 1987, the firm has served dynamic businesses, individuals, and families—helping them maximize business value and protect personal wealth through innovative, entrepreneurial legal solutions. The firm is distinguished by the quality, breadth and global reach of its legal services and a unique operational structure that encourages a culture of collaboration. For more information, visit <https://www.offitkurman.com>.

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