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Dresnick said he chose Kluger Kaplan

because "I wanted to go with a great litigation boutique. I didn't want to go quietly into the night and become a mediator. Kluger Kaplan is a great firm with a great reputation."

He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and previously taught at St. Thomas University School of Law as well as Boston University School of Law.

Dresnick began his legal career in 1971 as an assistant public defender and was a trial lawyer for 25 years before taking the bench in 1996. His former law partners included F. Lee Bailey and former State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein.

His high-profile clients included Paul Reubens, better known as Pee Wee Herman, defending him against charges of lewd conduct in Sarasota. In Iran-Contra fallout, Dresnick represented a drug defendant in Detroit, where he subpoenaed former Col. Oliver North, resulting in the first instance where he took the Fifth Amendment.

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River Landing Project Hoping To Score Millions From County
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Fresh on the heels of two major projects worth millions of dollars in subsidies, a third developer is looking to cash in on public funds. Developers of the proposed River Landing project and its partners want Miami-Dade County to cover part of the \$25 million in the roads, sewer systems, utility networks and other infrastructure, plus provide an adjacent county-owned parcel for a public park.

Hillinger Prehab Care's River Landing, Development LLC, applied for money from the county's \$25 million economic development fund created to spur economic development, attract new businesses and generate jobs.

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Jade Signature's Underground Garage Deepest in South Fla.
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Calculating to the top 10th of a percent, the market for luxury high-rise pre-construction condominium units can sometimes be unpredictable. In a bid to attract developers trying to make each dollar count, the market is getting bigger, more expensive, more competitive.

An available one-acre tract of property in the barrier island of city adjacent to the city's new project, more expensive, more competitive.

For the 170-unit Jade Signature under construction at 160th Avenue, extravagant costs are literally built into the foundation. The parking garage will take the heaviest load of any of the city's three levels underground, a difficult

Developer Hillinger says the \$25 million in subsidies will be used as a down payment on the River Landing project.

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