

CRI expands in Southwest Florida

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- **Key insight:** Here's why Carr, Riggs & Ingram targeted a firm specializing in Florida's community associations.
- **What's at stake:** Florida community association boards facing regulatory reforms must secure specialized financial advisors.
- **Expert quote:** "Florida's reforms have raised the stakes for association boards..." — Bill Carr, CRI

Carr, Riggs & Ingram acquired Stroemer & Company in Fort Myers, Florida, expanding the Top 25 Firm's Southwest Florida footprint.

Stroemer specializes in accounting, audit and tax services for condominium and homeowners' associations, their boards and community association managers. (Florida has an estimated 50,6000 community associations, second only to California.) The deal with Stroemer adds eight partners, plus its team, to CRI and establishes offices in Fort Myers and Pembroke Pines. Founding partner John Stroemer will join CRI as partner-in-charge, leading CRI's Fort Myers market.

"Florida's reforms have raised the stakes for association boards, and they need advisors who know this work well," Bill Carr, chairman and executive director of corporate M&A at CRI, said in a statement. "Stroemer & Company has built a respected practice serving those associations, and their work fits naturally alongside CRI's community association practice across Florida. We're proud to welcome John and his team to CRI."

CRI, based in Enterprise, Alabama, ranked No. 23 on *Accounting Today's* 2026 Top 100 Firms list. It reported \$601 million in revenue, with 483 partners and over 2,700 employees across 41 offices. In 2024, it took an investment from Centerbridge Partners and Bessemer Venture Partners, and has made numerous acquisitions since.

Allan Koltin, CEO of Koltin Consulting Group who advised both firms on the deal, commented, "Stroemer is the preeminent firm in Florida, and possibly nationally, in serving condominium and homeowner associations. The combination of Stroemer with CRI should take their practice to new heights in terms of growth and additional services for their clients. For CRI, this was a two-for-one deal as they not only picked up an amazing niche, they also picked a great leader in John Stroemer, who will be leading the Fort Myers market and expanding all CRI's services into that market."

"Our firm has spent more than 20 years working alongside association boards and managers, from developer turnover through the long-term financial health of their communities," Stroemer said in a statement. "Joining CRI gives our clients a deeper bench and a broader range of services, while they continue working with the people they know. We chose CRI because they share our commitment to personal, responsive service, and we're excited about what this means for our clients and our team."

CRI most recently acquired Crowl, Cameron & Associates in Texas in June. In March, it added CFO Hub, expanding its reach into California and strengthening its presence in New York, Austin and Washington, D.C. In 2025, it added Williams Steinert Mask, entering the San Antonio market, as well as Regional Leader CapinCrouse in Indianapolis.