Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Fort Myers and West Palm Beach. But the minority-owned firm has attorneys licensed to handle defense in civil and commercial litigation throughout the country — and the U.S Virgin Islands.

"We're an extraordinarily diverse firm which gives us a unique perspective," said Miller. "We're the only firm in Kentucky certified by the National Association of Women and Minority-Owned Law Firms."

A practicing attorney for more than 25 years, Miller was a partner in his previous firm and has developed a broad insurance and commercial litigation practice. He has practiced in personal injury defense, appeals, and insurance coverage disputes and bad faith litigation.

He also focuses on legal malpractice, long-term health care negligence issues for insurers and self-insured clients, handles trucking claims and has had experience in the defense of drug/product liability litigation.

Besides chairing many jury trials, he has extensive appellate experience and has won recognition for his expertise in that area. He is the author of many articles on tort related subjects and speaks frequently at continuing legal education seminars and presentations for insurance company claims personnel.

Miller became affiliated with his new firm after talking informally with business acquaintances about his desire to make a career change. "Right after that, I got an e-mail from the managing partner of Quintairos in Miami saying that a mutual client had suggested that we talk about things," he said.

Within 48 hours, he said, the partner was sitting in his living room, and within a few hours, they agreed that Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer would open a Kentucky office.

"By the next day, the leasing officer for the law firm was in my living room, and we went out to rent an office," Miller said. "The day after that the firm's technology person was here as well. In less than three weeks we were open for business. It would take months and maybe even years for most firms to do all that."

Among the lawyers he has brought into the firm in the past few months are John Bush, whom he calls "one of the region's premiere insurance fraud attorneys, one of the best in the country." Bush had a small firm of his own and closed it to join Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer.

Miller also hired Jan Ahrens, who had previously worked for Miller at another firm and then had become an in-house attorney for a long-term care provider. "She brings a unique perspective to the firm because of her in-house assignments," he said.

"I joined Quintairos because I'm familiar with their work in Florida," Ahrens said. "They had a very good reputation. And I had worked for

Attorney John M. Bush, partner in the Louisville firm, whose practice encompasses the areas of civil and commercial litigation, products liability, insurance defense and insurance fraud/(SIU) Special Investigations Unit.

Attorney Jan Ahrens, partner in the Louisville firm, focuses her practice in the areas of medical malpractice and professional liability, long-term health care negligence for insurers and self-insured clients, and personal injury.