



## JAVIER J. RODRIGUEZ

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Javier Rodriguez is a trial lawyer who handles commercial disputes and cases involving creditor's rights, real estate, employment issues and professional liability. He also handles admiralty and tort cases, and has experience with cases involving cloud-based technologies. Over the course of his 30-year legal career, Javier has completed more than 80 trials in state and federal courts and before arbitration panels, as well as more than 50 appellate cases through oral argument.

In addition to his litigation practice, Javier provides general counsel-type legal services to business clients, including a major supermarket chain, an American subsidiary of a French multi-national company, a real estate development company, and a large advertising and public relations firm. This work includes negotiating and drafting business contracts and leases, handling purchase and sale transactions, providing advice on HR/employment issues and corporate governance matters.

Javier is certified by the Supreme Court of Florida to serve as a mediator in commercial and civil cases, and is experienced at conducting mediations in Spanish. Javier also speaks French.

## EXPERIENCE

Select representations include:

- A shareholder of a company in a multi-million dollar minority shareholder oppression claim. The case involved extensive financial discovery and forensic accounting relating to the shareholder's interests in an iconic beachfront resort in Miami Beach. The case was favorably settled on the eve of trial.
- The American subsidiary of a French multinational company in connection with a tender offer sponsored by the Ministry of Energy and Mines of the Republic of Guatemala, on a 25-year operating contract for an oil field in that country. In the course of the deal, Javier advised the business executives and petroleum engineers and negotiated the operating contract in Spanish with the Ministry. He also dealt with the Overseas Private Investment Corporation ("OPIC") to obtain political risk insurance, and he reviewed terms for compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The transaction also

## SERVICES

Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Appellate  
Shareholder Litigation  
Employment Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation  
White Collar and Government  
Litigation  
Directors and Officers and  
Professional Liability  
Corporate  
Corporate Governance

## INDUSTRIES

Construction

involved interactions with the U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala.

- A company that is an industry leader in cloud-based electronic medical records for recovery and addiction treatment centers in a federal court jury trial. The dispute centered on the client's claim against a competitor for wrongfully copying portions of its database-backed website after having obtained access to its system through a third party. The jury found in favor of the client and awarded \$19.5 million in damages for claims of breach of contract and unfair competition.

## HONORS

AV rated, Martindale Hubbell

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Hispanic National Bar Association

Chair, State of Florida, Republican National Lawyers Association

## EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 1989

BBA, University of Miami, 1986

## BAR ADMISSION

Florida

## CERTIFICATIONS

Mediator Certification, Supreme Court of Florida