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FRVF MIAMI: A TRULY INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE

When they joined Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli's Miami office in August 2005, to form the international transactional group, managing partner Raul Valdes-Fauli and partners Juan Serralles and Mark Rich, brought more than five decades' corporate, tax and banking transactional expertise to merge with a primarily litigation practice, with a client base spanning the U.S., Central and South America, Europe and the Caribbean. With the contribution of partner Milagros Muñoz-like Rich, an expert in international tax structure—Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli has developed an elite reputation as one of the few truly international transactional practices in the region.

"What we do is what I believe a true international transactional practice actually is," Serralles said, explaining that some lawyers adopt the "international" moniker by virtue of representing a non-citizen client doing business in the U.S. FRVF's lawyers, by contrast, serve their clients' interests both in the U.S. and in their home countries. "We are a full-service firm. We are fully bi-lingual and fully bi-cultural, and our civil and common-law background allows the team to address our clients' multi-jurisdictional issues. We travel to South and Central America to handle local transactions, then come back to Miami to document them," Serralles said.

A glance at the resumes of its members is more than sufficient to illustrate the full-service nature of the international

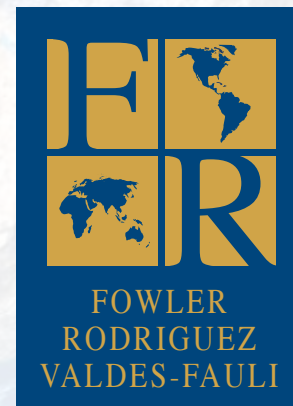
transactional group. With nearly 40 years' complex international banking expertise, Valdes-Fauli has cultivated a global practice, undertaking trust and estate and tax planning for high net-worth clients in the U.S., Europe, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Serralles, who is launching his 20th year of practice—14 of those years with Valdes-Fauli—represents several Central and South American families with top-tier real estate development groups and production companies, providing corporate, litigation, estate planning and taxation representation, and serving as general counsel for the clients' business and family needs. Rich and Muñoz are both experts in domestic and international tax structuring, which Serralles said is fundamental to the all-inclusive quality of the group's services. "Given the complicated multi-jurisdictional issues our clients are dealing with, it is essential to have someone to help with structuring that minimizes tax consequences to the client," he said. "We have those people right down the hall."

In what Serralles described as "a perfect example of what we do," FRVF's international transactional group recently engineered a \$100 million transaction in Guatemala, one of the largest deals in that country in the last four years. The clients, one from Guatemala and one from El Salvador, hired the firm to put them in a joint venture and guide them through a bidding process on a large US-located power plant put out to market by a major U.S. energy company doing business in Central America. "We took two different entities from two different

regions, went with them through the bidding process, and navigated the U.S. issues in a mix of U.S., off-shore and in-country venues," Serralles explained. "We also assisted with the off-shore banking issues."

The clients won the bid, finalizing the deal in mid-February, and are now in the process of dismantling and packing up the power plant for transport to Guatemala, where it will be unpacked and reassembled. "We're negotiating the subcontracts and subsequent phases of this global project, which is now ongoing," Serralles said.

"This deal shows the value of what our practice group brings to the table," Serralles continued. "It's rare to have a U.S.-side law firm with multi-discipline expertise under one roof, negotiating among multi-jurisdictional entities for clients who have nothing to do with the U.S. Very few law firms in Miami can do this."



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Seminar Promotes South Florida Real Estate to Central American Investors

Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli recently cohosted a series of breakfast seminars in Central America in conjunction with Consortium Centro América Abogados. The seminar series, entitled "The Economic Crisis in the United States and the Real Estate Market in South Florida," focused on the real estate situation in Miami and the excess of inventory available to Central American investors.

From May 26 to June 4, 2008, the breakfast seminars were presented in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Manuel Lasaga, president and co-founder of Strategic Information Analysis, Inc. presented "Economic and Financial Market perspectives and implications for South Florida," and Luis Espino and Raúl Valdés-Fauli, both partners Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli's Miami office, presented "Legal Aspects of the Economic Situation in South Florida."

The seminars informed Central American investors of the economic crisis in the United States and its effects on the real

estate market and construction industry in South Florida. The U.S. economy is slowing down and as a result, home, lumber and automobiles sales, among others, are down by 50 percent and the construction industry is virtually paralyzed. "Many Central American firms have key business interests in Miami and the purpose of the seminar was to bring the current situation before them in order to spark interest and generate new investments in the South Florida region," stated Valdes-Fauli.

The seminar was presented to regional investors, businessmen, bankers and community leaders.

Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli partnered with Consortium and partners for the presentation series. Consortium is the creation of five Central American law firms that have joined together; it includes Rodríguez, Archila, Castellanos, Solares & Aguilar, in Guatemala; Delgado & Cevallos y Borgo, Avila Córdova & Asociados in El Salvador; J.R. Paz & Asociados in Honduras; Taboada & Asociados in Nicaragua and Laclé & Gutiérrez in Costa Rica.

"Our presentation was well received and we are very pleased with the feedback from those who attended the seminar. We hope to expand and broaden the relationship Miami has with Central America. It's a win-win situation for both regions," said Valdes-Fauli.



George J. Fowler, III Receives Thomas F. Cunningham Award

On Thursday, June 5, 2008, George J. Fowler III, received the World Trade Center's Thomas F. Cunningham

award at a subscription luncheon at the Plimssoll Club in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award is presented in recognition of out-standing service toward better social, educational, economic, cultural and political relationships between the United States and the countries of Latin America and the promotion of better understanding and friendly relations between them.

The Cunningham Award was established in 1945. Past recipients of this prestigious award include: John L. Ochsner; Hon. Hale Boggs; Dr. Milton Eisenhower; Hon. Nelson Rockefeller and Henry J. Kaiser, just to name a few.

At the luncheon, Fowler expressed optimism for the recovery of New Orleans and gratitude for those volunteers who have helped with the rebuilding of the city. He also discussed the importance of having a working relationship between New Orleans and Latin America. In addition, Fowler acknowledged some of the talented people from Latin America that have come to New Orleans and are mak-

(cont. from cover, "George J. Fowler, III...") Fowler also touched on current important issues in New Orleans such as enhancing the Port of New Orleans, the new Riverfront Development, holding political leaders accountable and conquering crime in the city. Fowler ended his speech with a few words on the situ-

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Construction Conference to Take Place in New Orleans

November 6-7, 2008, Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli, the World Trade Center of New Orleans' Inc. and the Latin Builders Association of South Florida will host a Construction Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This event is the follow-up to the Economic Development Forum that was held in Miami in June 2007.

The objective of the conference is to at-

tract investments and other new business to the New Orleans region from South Florida, with a focus on real estate and construction-oriented projects.

"As a result of the construction slowdown in South Florida, building companies are looking to invest elsewhere and New Orleans offers a wealth of opportunities," said George J. Fowler, III.

The conference will feature special

speakers, seminars and workshops, along with a tour of real estate and investment opportunities in the area. For more information, visit www.frvf-law.com

Tulane Latin American Law Institute to take place in December

The Tulane Latin American Law Institute (TLALI) will be held December 3-5, 2008 at Tulane University in New Orleans Louisiana. George J. Fowler, III is the founder and chairman of TLALI.

Featured topics will include:

- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; Latin American anti-bribery laws
- Significant business and political developments of the oil and gas industry
- Alternate sources of energy in Latin America
- Free Trade Agreements US/Latin America
- Globalization; changes in international practice
- Contracting issues; knock for knock indemnity agreements risk allocation
- Privatizations in Latin America
- Negotiations with Latin American governments
- International litigation/arbitration

Visit www.law.tulane.edu/tlali to register and get information on speakers, hotel accommodations and sponsorship opportunities.

T. Gregory Serwich, II Of Counsel – New Orleans

T. Gregory Serwich, II, became Of Counsel for the firm's New Orleans office in 2007, and specializes in maritime law. In addition to his private practice, Mr. Serwich has had 17 years experience in-house with a major oil company. He has tried cases in Louisiana State Court, U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals. Mr. Serwich was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and is currently residing in Galena, Illinois. He was admitted to the bar in Louisiana in 1984, and Illinois in 1990. His education includes United States Naval Academy (BS, with distinction, 1970), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (SM & OE, 1974), Tulane Law School (JD, cum laude, 1984) and Kellogg School of Management (MM, 1997). Mr. Serwich is a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States. His military background includes: United States Navy, Submariner – Enlisted Reservist (1963-1966), Midshipman (1966-1970), Regular Officer (1970-1980), Reserve Officer (1980-1995) and Captain, U. S. Navy Reserve (Ret).

Daniel Diaz Leyva Associate – Miami

Daniel Diaz Leyva joined Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli in October 2007, as an associate. Mr. Diaz has a broad range of general transactional experience with a primary focus in the areas of real estate and business. Mr. Diaz graduated with honors from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's in Business Administration in 2001. In 2004, he earned his J.D. from St. Thomas University School of Law where he served as President of the Hispanic American Law Society. He is admitted to practice in Florida. Prior to joining the firm, he successfully managed a small practice and worked on legislative affairs for the Department of Children and Families in Tallahassee. Mr. Diaz is an active member of the Cuban American Bar Association where he serves on the Cuba and Legislative committees and currently sits on the Board of Directors of the CHARLEE Homes for Children. He is also a member of the American Bar Association.

Christian Sauce Of Counsel – New Orleans

Christian Sauce, a Latin America law consultant, signed on as an Of Counsel in the firm's New Orleans office in June 2007. Mr. Sauce studied law at the Universidad Santa Maria in Caracas Venezuela and was admitted to practice in Venezuela in 2000. He then obtained a Master's degree in Maritime Transportation from the Universidad Maritima del Caribe in Caracas Venezuela in 2005, and a LLM in admiralty, graduating with distinction from Tulane Law School in 2007. Mr. Sauce has more than six years of experience as in-house counsel in Global Shipmanagement Venezuela, a company dedicated to ship management of oil tankers. Mr. Sauce has a broad experience in maritime and admiralty law, specializing in cargo claims, pollution, marine insurance, collision, limitation of liability and international sales of goods.

Ivonne Barroso Associate – Miami

Ivonne Barroso became an associate in the firm's Miami office in 2008. She specializes in commercial litigation, labor and employment and healthcare litigation. Ms. Barroso earned her law degree cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law, where she was a member of the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review and a board member of the University of Miami Moot Court. During law school, she was a Florida Bar Foundation Fellow, interning for the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center. Ms. Barroso earned her undergraduate degree cum laude from Florida State University. Before law school, she served as a legislative assistant for Florida State Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Ms. Barroso was admitted to practice in Florida in 2002. She is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Florida and the U.S. Court of Appeal, Eleventh Circuit. Ms. Barroso is a member of the Dade County Bar Association. She co-authored an article titled "Implement an Antitrust Compliance Program" published in the Miami Herald and Opportunity World Magazine.



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Spotlight

Luis E. Cuervo, a partner in the firm's Bogota and Houston offices, serves as an advisor for OPEC and recently presented a paper in Vienna to the organization titled "OPEC from Myth to Reality." His paper analyses the main challenges of transforming OPEC so that it may successfully live through the end of the hydrocarbon era.

Mike McCoy and Allison Gabbert were voted Houston's Top Lawyers by H Texas Magazine. McCoy was selected for insurance litigation and Gabbert for business litigation.

Mike McCoy was also selected as a Texas Super Lawyer for insurance litigation in Texas Monthly Magazine.

Wayne Pickering, a partner in the Firm's Houston office, is credited as a contributing editor in the 2008 edition of "Cornell's Annotated Insurance Code," published by Lexis Nexis. This treatise supplies legislative history and analysis of the Texas Insurance Code, along with case law annotations interpreting various provisions of the Code.



Luis E. Cuervo



Allison Gabbert



Mike McCoy



Wayne Pickering



Betsy Parenti
Miami

Betsy Parenti is a paralegal in the firm's Miami office. She is certified by an ABA-approved

program, and has been working as a paralegal for the last 16 years. Ms. Parenti has been with Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli since August 22, 2005, and with Mr. Raul Valdes-Fauli's group since May 30, 2000. She is married to Robert Parenti, a computer programmer from Oxford, Michigan, and they reside in Miami, Miami-Dade County, FL.

Where did you grow up?

Although I was born and raised in Panama City, Panama, I consider myself "tableña." I have lived in the U.S. for 17 years, but I have no relatives in Florida, except my husband.

What are some of your hobbies?

I like to collect CDs of Brazilian music, especially Tom Jobim and Vinícius de Moraes' bossa nova.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working as a multi-lingual professional translator for an international organization.

What is your favorite memory at Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli?

My favorite memories at FRVF are all of my 2007 birthday celebrations I shared with most of my coworkers.

What is something most people don't know about you?

Most people don't know that I am a fan of Brazilian culture and music and a frustrated pianist.

What are your plans for your future?

I am planning to finish the English/Spanish- Spanish/English Translation Program at Miami Dade College next year. After that, I will continue with my Portuguese and piano lessons, which I interrupted for the translation studies.



Rita Robles
Houston

Rita Robles is the receptionist/office administrative assistant in the

firm's Houston office and has been with the firm for over five years. She has three children, Cat, 22, Janeé, 18, and Steven, 15. Ms. Robles resides in the Heights area, inside the Loop.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a neighborhood called Denver Harbor, in the Loop.

What are some of your hobbies?

Exercising, reading, movies, music, cooking, baking and spending time with family and friends.

What is your favorite memory at Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli?

The first day I met Amy Oliphint. She was so down to earth and said to me that I pretty much had the job and while walking out the door I was being called and told I did!

What is something most people don't know about you?

I was in JROTC and I wanted to be in the military and travel all over the world.

What are your plans for your future?

Wow, right now I am taking it day by day...but would like to own my own headache - I mean house.



Timothy Strickland
Houston

Timothy Strickland is a partner in the Houston office and has been with

the firm for over nine years. Mr. Strickland resides in South Shore Harbor, League City, TX, with his wife of five years, Maria, their children Jesse, 14, and Evan, 3.

Where did you grow up?

Clear Lake, Texas in the shadows of the Johnson Space Center.

What are some of your hobbies?

Fishing, hunting, playing baseball with my boys and reading.

What is your favorite memory at Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli?

Too many to count! My most fond memory is probably making partner and winning a chili cook off with my chili recipe containing no beans, which is proper in Texas.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I have a twin sister.

Current cases?

My docket is very diverse consisting of over 100 active files, which range from defending maritime personal injury suits to our firm's continued involvement with very large losses caused during the 2005 Hurricane season, and even defending an EEOC sexual harassment claim.

Recent cases you have won?

I recently was able to prevail on a counter claim filed by one of our large terminal clients. The case was settled at the courthouse just before opening arguments were to take place.

Awards or publications?

I was selected as a member of the Coastal Conservation Association's National Management Committee and Insurance Committees.

A Strong Defense Wins Again

After one mistrial and weeks in a second trial, Houston partner Allison H. Gabbert, representing defendants, SecurityComm Group, Inc. and Westex Communications, LLC, recently prevailed on all defenses and counter-claims against allegations related to SecurityComm's client's acquisition of Westex Communications in 2003. Following years of discovery and case development, Ms. Gabbert was able to show the plaintiffs—a group of former Westex membership unit holders—had perpetrated fraud upon SecurityComm through numerous misrepresentations related to the acquisition. Plaintiffs, one of whom is a major league baseball player, had concealed information before and during the litigation, but Ms. Gabbert followed every lead and was able to track down witnesses and documents that exposed the fraud. After a big break in the case in November 2007, plaintiffs' counsel immediately began requesting a walk-away, take-nothing judgment for all parties. Confident in the strength of their position, Ms. Gabbert and her clients refused. In 31 questions submitted to the jury, the plaintiffs failed to prevail on any of their claims, while SecurityComm and Westex prevailed on all of their defenses and counter-claims and were awarded actual damages and stipulated attorney's fees.

Appeals Court Upholds Win for CSX

New Orleans' partner Robert Johnston secured a win for defendant CSX World Crane Service in a Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act claim by a former employee. The claimant asserted he had injured his back in an unwitnessed lifting incident and thereafter underwent both a hip replacement and a spinal fusion. At trial, Mr. Johnston was able to show the plaintiff had an extensive history of pre-existing back injuries, and that

he had made numerous statements to a co-worker that he intended to stage an accident. The co-worker recorded these statements in a daily journal. The Administrative Law Judge found the plaintiff lacked credibility and had failed to prove a compensable injury had occurred, while CSX had proven its contention that the alleged incident did not occur as claimed. Thereafter, the Benefits Review Board affirmed the trial decision, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the trial decision as well.



Class Certification Denied

New Orleans' partner Robert Johnston successfully opposed an effort by a group of property owners, crabbers, shrimpers and fishermen to obtain class certification for their claims following an oil spill in Bayou Perot, south of New Orleans. Mr. Johnston's client was ExPert Oil & Gas, owner and operator of an oil well, which was run over by a tug and barge, resulting in a spill. The captain of the tug did not report the incident and instead took measures to conceal his involvement. This incident has spawned a complex web of litigation, including

a petition for limitation of liability filed by the tug owner, a declaratory judgment action filed by the tug owner's underwriters on the issue of insurance coverage, and the putative class action suit. Mr. Johnston argued on behalf of ExPert at the class certification hearing in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Feldman denied the motion for class certification and ruled that each member of the putative class instead had to assert its own claim individually.

In Houston, the Best Defense is a Good Offense

Houston partner Tim Strickland, assisted by Justin Renshaw and George Gaitas, put this motto to work recently, turning a suit filed against a bulk material marine terminal operator into a moneymaker for the client by way of a counter claim.

The original claim arose from an agreement for the client to provide vessel discharge services at its pet coke facility, with the plaintiff agreeing to use the client's terminal exclusively for discharging its imported pet coke. When the plaintiff filed suit seeking nearly \$500,000, Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli filed a counter claim for breach of the exclusivity provision. Documents produced only after aggressive discovery efforts by the firm's Houston office showed the counterclaim was much stronger than plaintiff's original claims. On the morning of trial, after two mediations and a court-ordered settlement conference had failed to resolve the case, the plaintiff-turned-defendant-settled the case for \$160,000 in cash payments and the promise to add \$600,000 in new pet coke business to the client's Gulf Coast facilities over the next two years.

On a smaller scale, Tim Strickland and Kim Conkey showed their willingness to head to the courthouse to defend a large nationwide maritime terminal operator against a claim of damage to steel coils, which had been stored in the client's Port of Houston warehouse. A thorough investigation, with significant input from the client's "on the ground" personnel, revealed the damage claimed could not have occurred at the warehouse. Despite pressure from the plaintiff's counsel and the court, the client made no settlement offer and the case was set for trial. Just days before the trial date, the plaintiff dismissed the case. The client recognized it was our willingness and ability to have this matter ready to go to trial that produced the dismissal.

When a Seaman Isn't a Seaman

New Orleans' partner Mat Gray, assisted by associate Shelley Miller, successfully urged a motion for summary judgment to deny seaman status and for judgment in favor of their client Trinity Catering, Inc. in a Jones Act case. Trinity had provided a cook to work on a semi-submersible drilling barge owned by Manson Exploration Co. The cook had been employed by Trinity for three weeks and all of his work was performed on the Manson drilling barge until he was injured. The cook required a total knee replacement; he did not return to work. He filed suit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana as a seaman under the Jones Act against Trinity for negligence, and against Manson.

Under a U.S. Supreme Court decision, the legal standard for seaman status is whether (1) the employee's duties contributed to the function of the vessel and the accomplishment of its mission and (2) whether he had a connection to a vessel (or identifiable fleet of vessels under common ownership) that

is substantial in terms of both duration and nature. The plaintiff met the first test. The second test has a rule of thumb that unless the employee spends 30 percent or greater of his employment on a vessel, or fleet, he will ordinarily not be held to be a seaman. Although the plaintiff spent 100 percent of his time on the Manson vessel, on the basis of an affidavit and the work records of other employees over a one year employment period, the court concluded that, absent the injury, in the future the cook would have been assigned to various vessels owned by Trinity clients and could not prove he met the 30 percent threshold. The motion for summary judgment was granted in favor of Trinity on December 11, 2007. Manson settled.

The decision has precedential value considering that plaintiff performed his entire work on a vessel.

Warehouse Receipt Validated for Hayes/Dockside, Inc.

In *Sasol Wax Americas, Inc. etc. v. Hayes/Dockside, Inc.*, C.A. No. 06-4790 (E.D. La. May 14, 2008), Edward LeBreton, III and Stuart Ponder were successful in defending Hayes/Dockside, Inc. The plaintiff sought recovery for a quantity of wax damaged by Katrina's floodwaters. Evidence was produced that the plaintiff had accepted a receipt that provided for notice of claim within 60 days of redelivery of the goods to the depositor or notice of damage and that suit must be filed within nine months. The plaintiff had done neither.

The U.S. District Court in New Orleans found in the defendant's favor holding that, between sophisticated business parties, these terms would be enforced. In particular, the court noted that the prohibition of the Louisiana Civil Code against making prescription more onerous means that prescription

may not be made more onerous on the defendant by lengthening the time period. Therefore, the provision reducing the period to nine months is valid.

The decision should be of assistance to warehouse operators because the terms in question were based on the Standard Terms and Conditions for Merchandise Warehousemen promulgated by the American Warehouse Association in 1968 and the International Warehouse Logistics Association in 1998. The case is significant because similar provisions are included in many warehouse receipts, therefore, the decision should assist warehouse owners in defending a variety of claims.



Kim E. Conkey

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Associate – Houston

Kim E. Conkey, who specializes in the areas of admiralty, maritime and immigration law, signed on as an associate in the firm's Houston office in January 2008. She was born in Laredo, Texas. She received her B.S. in American Jurisprudence from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1992. In 2000, she received her M.A. in Sociology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. In 2006, she received her J.D. from New College of California School of Law. Ms. Conkey was admitted to the California Bar in 2007. She is also admitted to practice before the Northern District of California and the Southern District of Texas. She is a member of the California and American Bar Associations. She is also a volunteer at the St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance.



Lourdes M Cuzán

Lourdes M. Cuzán
Managing Director/International
Marketing - Miami

Lourdes M. Cuzán has joined the firm's Miami office as the Managing Director/International Marketing. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Cuzán worked for the City of Coral Gables, Florida, as assistant to the mayor. In this capacity, she was responsible for the administration of the office and was directly involved with the various mayoral activities. She also worked closely with the city's administration to ensure that citizens' concerns were resolved in a timely and effective manner. Ms. Cuzán served as the liaison to the Coral Gables International Affairs Coordinating Council - a mayor and commission appointed board. In 2004, Ms. Cuzán was promoted to director of the city's International Relations Division, a position that was created to market and enhance the city's international image. Ms. Cuzán is the founding member of the Florida International Protocol Association, board member of the Dante Alighieri Society, the Latin Business Club of America, and the Latin Biz Magazine. She was born in Havana, Cuba, and came to the United States with her family in 1962. She attended Miami Dade College, concentrating in Business Administration studies. She also holds a Florida Real Estate license.



Mark N. Stich

Mark N. Stich
Associate – New Orleans

Mark N. Stich specializes in admiralty and maritime, commercial litigation and insurance defense and signed on as an associate in the firm's New Orleans office in 2008. Mr. Stich was born in New Orleans and graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, with a B.B.A. in Finance in 1997. In 2004, he received his J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law. From 1998 to 2005, Mr. Stich was a New Orleans police officer. He was admitted to the bar in Louisiana in 2005, and is admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Michael A. Rosen
Partner – Miami

Michael A. Rosen joined the firm's Miami office in October 2007, as a partner specializing in the areas of business and commercial litigation, and real estate transactions and commercial lending. He brings over 34 years of experience to the firm.

Mr. Rosen was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 28, 1948. He received his B.S. from the University of Illinois in 1970. In 1973, he received his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Miami School of Law, where he was elected Executive Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the University of Miami Law Review, and he was inducted into the Iron Arrow Honor Society. Mr. Rosen was admitted to practice in Florida in 1973; 1977, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit and U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida; 1981, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. He is a member of the following associations: Dade County and American (Member, Sections on: Antitrust; Litigation) Bar Associations; The Florida Bar (Member, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "E", 1988-1991; Chairman, 1990-1991). In 2007, Florida Trend Magazine named Mr. Rosen to its annual Legal Elite list of the best lawyers in Florida. He also has an AV peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell.



Michael A. Rosen