

VICTOR J. PELAEZ

Commercial Litigation

International and Transnational Litigation

Real Property and Construction Litigation

Banking and Consumer Finance Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Victor Pelaez has extensive experience practicing in various areas of civil litigation, with an emphasis on matters involving complex business disputes and international litigation. He has handled numerous multi-million dollar lawsuits on behalf of well-known, multi-national corporations, banks, and real estate developers dealing with a wide variety of different subjects including—to name a few—breach of contract, business torts, copyright infringement, and compliance with state and federal laws.

Victor is fluent in Spanish and has vast experience handling both domestic and cross-border litigation matters for Latin American corporations and individuals. He has represented clients in state court matters throughout all of Florida and has litigated federal court matters in the U.S. District Courts for Miami, New York, Los Angeles, San Juan, and Boston. Victor has also represented clients in appellate matters before Florida's Third and Second District Courts of Appeal and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Victor received his law degree in 2009 from the Florida International University College of Law, and in 2005 he graduated with honors from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a minor in Business Administration. Before joining Mase Mebane & Briggs, Victor spent his first five years as an attorney practicing complex commercial and international litigation.

Representative Experience

Successfully defended developer of a South Florida beachfront, luxury condominium tower in a lawsuit filed by the former architects, who were seeking over \$70 million in damages for alleged copyright infringement. Defended same developer in numerous other lawsuits,

including an action by former owners to recover over \$40 million in damages for alleged breaches of a profit sharing agreement and several other alleged business torts.

Successfully defended a Fortune 500 corporation in a lawsuit filed by a Tennessee corporation, which was seeking over \$3 million in damages for alleged breaches of a distribution agreement.

Participated in successful joint defense of a Fortune 500 corporation and two of its officers in a multi-billion dollar environmental damages litigation spanning multiple countries and forums.

Represented Fortune 500 corporation and largest U.S. bank as its escalated litigation counsel in over 90 lawsuits and three appeals throughout the state of Florida.

Bar Admissions

Florida Bar

S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Education

Florida International University College of Law, J.D., 2009

Florida International University, B.A., Philosophy, cum laude, 2005

Professional & Community Involvement

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) – Served as City Lead of the entire South Florida Region for the LCLD’s First-Year Law Student Mentoring Program (2014)

Cuban-American Bar Association

Florida International University College of Law Dean’s Alumni Circle

Belen Alumni Lawyers Section