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PRACTICE AREAS

Complex Litigation
International Matters
Fraud and Ponzi Schemes
Deceptive Trade Practices
Professional Services
Malpractice
Employer/Employee Disputes
Contract Disputes
Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

J.D., The George Washington
University School of Law
B.A., *cum laude*, Harvard
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Javier Lopez is the firm's Managing Partner, and co-chair of complex and commercial litigation. Javier has particular expertise in advising and representing international clients in matters brought in U.S. federal and state courts. He has represented many high-profile corporations and individuals in contract and business disputes, commercial transactions, and intellectual property matters. He has handled trials and appeals on both the state and federal levels.

Javier handles some of the firm's largest and most complex litigation matters. He has particular expertise in filing claims involving financial institutions, accounting firms, individuals and others for participation in fraudulent schemes, individual and class actions involving deception and false advertising, and representing high net worth individuals and large companies in contract and shareholder disputes. Javier frequently serves as an attorneys fee expert as he is certified by the National Association of Legal Fee Analysis (thenalfa.org). He has a passion for civil rights and is frequently appointed by courts to represent the interests of the less fortunate against government entities and law enforcement.

Chambers USA (2021) ranked Javier for Litigation: General Commercial and described him as "*an effective oral advocate*" and "*An experienced litigator who leads an excellent team.*" From 2010-2018, he was named a "Rising Legal Star" by Florida Super Lawyer's Magazine, a "Rising Star" by the Daily Business Review and a "Top 40 Under 40" by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He was elected to the Cuban American Bar Association's Board of Directors in 2009, and served as its President in 2017. Javier was honored as a Golden Angel for his support of the Jackson Memorial Foundation through JUNTOS, the philanthropic foundation he co-founded. Since 2005, he has been a member of the Harvard Alumni Association's Interviewing Committee.

Prior to joining Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, Javier was a legal clerk in the White House Counsel's Office for Alberto Gonzalez where he was very involved in the vetting process for the replacement of then Chief Justice William Renquist, which resulted in the appointment of now chief Justice John Roberts of the United States Supreme Court. Javier also worked at the United States House of Representatives as part of the legal review team for new policy and legislation.

Javier is very active in the South Florida Cuban community and charitable organizations such as the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation (formerly Miami Children's Hospital Foundation) and the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. He is an avid baseball fan having been a four year letterman for Harvard University, and enjoys collecting fine art and international travel.

RESULTS

Complex Litigation

Javier successfully represented a real estate developer against a manufactured gas plant operator in a complicated environmental contamination case with

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damages estimated at over \$140 million. The parties reached an amicable settlement after a five week bench trial. Javier also successfully represented a major sugar company defeating claims brought by 1700 individual sugar cane cutters that were former employees. He had to live in Jamaica for eight months where he took over 450 depositions during that span.

Javier recently obtained a favorable monetary settlement for a client who was victimized by law enforcement and was critical in major compliance changes within the municipality's police training on excessive force and police brutality

Javier recently tried to verdict a jury trial in where he successfully pierced the corporate veil to hold a shareholder liable, winning a US \$15m jury verdict for a Venezuelan businessman. The verdict, which also involved fraudulent transfer of assets issues, was affirmed by the Third District Court of Appeal in *Quercia, et al. v. Curbelo, et al.*, Case Nos. 3D15-2392 and 3D16-1181 (Fla. 3d DCA Nov. 29, 2017).

International Matters

Javier represents several internationally known recording artists with a variety a legal issues ranging from copyright infringement to breach of a royalty contract. His ability to be fluent in Spanish gives his clients a level of comfort when discussing their personal matters.

Javier also served as a mediator for the 800 MHz Transition Administrator in connection with the movement of a major telecom to new frequency bands to eliminate interference to public safety and other licensees, the largest such realignment of radio spectrum in the history of the FCC.

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