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Alfonso J. Pérez is a principal in the Coral Gables-based firm of Rasco, Reininger, Pérez, Esquenazi & Vigil, PLC, where he concentrates his practice on commercial litigation, international law, business law and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Mr. Pérez has extensive experience representing clients in both the trial and appellate settings of complex commercial litigation cases. He has litigated numerous commercial cases through the jury verdict. Mr. Pérez represents clients from throughout the United States and Latin America. Mr. Pérez is fluent in Spanish.

His years of experience litigating complex commercial cases enhances his effectiveness as a mediator. Mr. Pérez leverages his courtroom experience giving valuable insight to the parties regarding how juries may react to the strengths and weaknesses of their case. He has mediated a wide variety of civil cases including complex commercial, personal injury, employment and business disputes.

Born in Camaguey, Cuba, Mr. Pérez received his B.B.A. in accounting and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami. He is a member of The Florida Bar since 1976 and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. He is also a member of the Dade County Bar Association, American and Inter-American Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers in America and has been a member of the Board of Directors and past Vice President of the Cuban-American Bar Association. In 1992, he published his article, "Making a Difference – Contracting with Minority and Women-Owned Law Firms" in *Mortgage Banking Magazine*.

Mr. Pérez has been appointed to numerous civic commissions, committees and boards. He served on the City of Coral Gables Code Enforcement Board from 1987 to 1989, on the City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board from 1989 to 1994, and as a City of Miami Beach Special Master. From 1989-1992, he served on the Federal Judicial Advisory Commission, which is responsible for recommending lifetime appointments to the Federal judiciary. The Governor of the State of Florida appointed Mr. Pérez to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission from 1988 to 1992, and he served as Chairman from 1990 to 1991. The nine-person commission was responsible for seventeen appointments to the State judiciary. In 1994, he was appointed to the U.S. Senate Republican Task Force Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs. In 1988, Mr. Pérez was requested by a group of prominent citizens to discuss the "Orlando Bosch" case with President Ronald Reagan. He was also selected by the Florida Chamber Foundation to the Leadership Florida Class XI from 1992 to 1993.

Mr. Pérez was the co-recipient of the 1996 Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award given by the Florida Bar for work involving the refugees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Prior to joining the Firm, he was founder of Haley, Sinagra & Pérez, P.A.

Professional Experience

- Touche, Ross & Co., C.P.A.'s
Miami, Florida (1973)
- Partner, Demos, Dougherty & Perez
Miami, Florida (1979)
- Shareholder, Britton, Cohen, Cassel, Kaufman & Schantz, P.A. (1979-1985)
The predecessor firm, Friedman & Britton, in existence for 45 years and was one of the most successful commercial litigation/bankruptcy and banking firms in the Southeast U.S.
- Founding Partner, Haley, Sinagra & Perez, P.A.
Law offices in Miami and Fort Lauderdale (1985 – 2002)
The firm represented some of Florida's largest lending institutions and other corporate clients in commercial litigation, bankruptcy and loan documentation. The firm was retained by the RTC and FDIC to represent those agencies in significant litigation matters, during the U.S. bank bailout crisis.
- Founding Partner, Rasco Reininger Perez & Esquenazi, P.L. (2002 – Present)
Practice areas include complex commercial litigation; construction defects; real estate (see www.rrpv.com).

Admitted to Practice

- United States Supreme Court
Court of Appeals
Fifth and Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court
Southern and Middle District of Florida
Supreme Court of Florida

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Professional Affiliations

- Resolute Systems, LLC
- American Arbitration Association
- Dade County Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Sections: Trial Lawyers; Real Property; Probate; Trust Law; International Law Committee
- Fund Member, Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation
- Author, "Making a Difference" (Contracting with Minority and Women Owned Law Firm), Mortgage Banking Magazine, December, 1992
- Lecturer, Southeast Bank, N.A., Community Banking Seminar Series "Collection of the Bad Loan; Dealing with Your Favorite Customer and lender liability issues: 1983 – 1985
- The Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- The Cuban American Bar Association Director: 1979, 1980, 1981, 1987
Vice President: 1980 – 1981;
- Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity;
Member, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, (Chairman, State and National Issues Committee);
Member, Florida Supreme Court Historic Society.

Appointments

- Member, Board of Directors, First National Bank of South Miami
- Appointed by U.S. Senator Connie Mack to the Federal Judicial Advisory Commission (1989 – 1992); 21 person Commission responsible for 10 lifetime appointments to the Federal Judiciary in the State of Florida
- Appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission (1988-1992); Chairman of Commission (1990-1991); (9-person commission responsible for 17 appointments to the State bench)
- Appointed by City of Coral Gables Commission to the City of Coral Gables Code Enforcement Board (1987 –1989); Planning & Zoning Board (1989 – 1992); Chairperson City Attorney Selection Committee (1992)
- Selected by a group of prominent citizens of Miami to Discuss the "Orlando Bosch" case with President Ronald Reagan – June 29, 1988 – Miami, Florida
- Selected by the Florida Chamber Foundation to Leadership Florida Class XI (1992 – 1993); Lifetime member
- Appointed to the U.S. Senate Republican Task Force Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs (1994 – present)
- Recipient Florida Bar 1986 Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award
- 1996 Annual Convention Chairperson, Hispanic Natural Bar Association;
2004 City of South Miami Parking Committee; and 2005 Affordable Housing Committee

To schedule a case with Mr. Pérez, please contact Mike Weinzierl at weinzierlme@resolutesystems.com or call 1-305-423-0899, Ext. 129.

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