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THE FIRM

WHO WE ARE

Delgado | Fernández LLC., is a full-service law firm established in 1997 and located in San Juan, Puerto Rico. We provide legal services to business and business owners with major areas of practice that include, state and federal litigation, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, employment and labor law, securities regulation and arbitration, distributors' rights, franchising and commercial, mergers and acquisitions and real estate mortgage lending.

At Delgado | Fernández, we value our clients' needs and, to ensure a quality of service and excellence, we have a talented and motivated team of attorneys whose knowledge and expertise enhances the legal representation we have provided to our clients during the last twenty years.

Delgado | Fernández is a prudently managed, technologically advanced law firm that offers its services at cost-effective rates. We are focused to improve our clients' quality service and experience. For more information about our legal services and representation, please contact our office. We are please to serve you.



THE FIRM



ABOUT THE FIRM

MISSION

To efficiently provide the highest standard of legal service to all of our clients, always guided by our values.

VISION

To be a preeminent law firm in Puerto Rico recognized by the specialized knowledge, experience, and quality of service that its lawyers and staff provide to its clients.

VALUES

- ***Integrity*** in our processes, actions, and practices, which is reflected upon our clients, the courts, between us and with our adversaries.
- ***Sense of responsibility*** to ensure that the decisions we make are based on a reasonably formed judgment that also meets our clients' needs and objectives.
- ***Competence*** highlighted by the creativity and judgment that makes the quality and value of our work recognized in the legal community.
- ***Dedication*** to the causes of our clients guided by the passionate effort that distinguishes us from other members of the legal community.
- ***Independence*** to ensure an objective assessment on what are the best interests of our clients.
- ***Passion*** in the work we do to ensure the highest level of competence and service required by our clients.
- ***Commitment*** to our clients' needs and to our core organizational values.





REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS AND CASES

The following is a list of some of the representative transactions and cases in which Delgado Fernández, LLC has recently acted as counsel:

Representative Transactions

- Acted as local counsel to local bank in all labor and litigation related matters and in a federally-assisted transaction for the acquisition of the assets of one failed Puerto Rico bank.
- Represented local bank in the re-financing of a \$11,000,000.00 permanent loan of a health care facility in Puerto Rico.
- Represented local hotel and residential development company in the negotiation of a \$20,000,000.00 permanent loan restructuring credit facilities as part of a Chapter 11 reorganization plan.
- Acted as local counsel in all labor and litigation related matters in the largest bank holding acquisition in Puerto Rico in the last 30 years.
- Represented Puerto Rico holding company in a \$100,000,000 permanent loan for operations and the expansion of the facilities of its subsidiaries.
- Represented local bank in the foreclosure and/or restructuring of more than \$200,000,000.00 in commercial and residential loans.

Representative Cases

- Represented Puerto Rico distributor in federal court, in one of the largest ever Law 75 claims filed in Puerto Rico and in the negotiation of a settlement agreement that ensured a successful and continued relationship.
- Represented Puerto Rico-based distribution company in claim against international union to recover the economic losses resulting from an illegal strike.
- Successfully represented broker-dealer in Byrne Veve v. OFG Bancorp., 2016 WL1261053 where the court validated an arbitration agreement in investment customer account agreement.
- Successfully represented client before the Puerto Rico Supreme Court in Melendez v. M. Cuebas, et als, 193 D.P.R. 100 (2015), setting the standard for the entry of summary judgments in Puerto Rico courts.
- Represent local broker-dealers in hundreds of arbitrations claims before FINRA and obtained the first favorable arbitration award to a broker-dealer in a PR bond fund suitability claim in Savona v. Oriental Financial Services, before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Case No. 14-00431.
- Represented appellants in the Court of Appeals' decision interpreting PROMESA in Peaje Investments v. García Padilla, 845 F. 3d 505 (1st Cir. 2017).
- Successfully represented employer in race discrimination claim in Portugues v. B. Fernández Hnos., Inc., 614 F. Supp. 2d 221 (D.P.R. 2009).
- Successfully represented private school on trial and on appeal in the first student disability discrimination case in Puerto Rico in Bercovitch v. Baldwin School of Puerto Rico, 191 F. 3d 8 (1st Cir. 1999).
- Successfully represented disabled public school student at trial and on appeal in Nieves-Marquez v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 353 F 3d 108 (1st Cir. 2003) setting the precedent that Commonwealth of Puerto Rico waived any Eleventh Amendment immunity to Rehabilitation Act Claims by accepting federal educational funding.
- Represented surety company before the Puerto Rico Supreme Court in validating arbitration procedure under the Puerto Rico Arbitration Act in Constructora Estelar v. Autoridad de Edificios Públicos, 183 D.P.R.1 (2009).
- Successfully represented employer in FMLA claim in Ocasio v. Oriental Bank, 2016 WL 3945172.
- Successfully defended employer in sexual harassment claim in De La Rosa v. Pan Pepín, Inc., 938 F. Supp. 2d 227 (D.P.R. 2013).



PRACTICE



Litigation



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Real Estate
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Securities Litigation
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LITIGATION

Our Clients consistently trust Delgado Fernández, LLC with their litigation matters given our cost-efficient, aggressive, and experienced representation. Our attorneys have represented clients in all forums, including local and federal courts, administrative agencies, and arbitration. We have extensive experience in banking, construction, and commercial litigation, including distribution and franchising matters. Our insurance defense attorneys have decades of combined experience in defending insurance and medical malpractice claims.

Our litigation team has assisted clients in a wide variety of disputes ranging from complex construction disputes, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, intellectual property, securities arbitration, medical malpractice, insurance defense, business related matters, contract breach claims, and products liability cases. We have a high retention rate of clients as they recognize and praise the successful, cost-efficient, and effective counsel received from our attorneys.

We pride ourselves in the quality of the legal services provided to our clients and how their interests are protected throughout the entire legal process by our team of litigators.

Attorneys for Litigation: Carlos R. Baralt-Suárez | Raquel A. Deseda-Belaval | Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | José A. Fernández-Paoli | Paula I. Fournier-del Valle | Pedro A. Hernández-Freire | Eduardo L. Hernández-Freire | Miguel G. Laffitte | José M. Martínez-Rivera | Noel A. Matos-Rivera | Javier Montalvo-Cintrón | Soraya C. Ramos-Vázquez | Sashmarie Z. Rivera-López | Maristella Sánchez-Rodríguez



LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Delgado Fernández, LLC frequently advises clients on preventive alternatives and policies. Notwithstanding this, litigation of employment claims is not always avoidable. Moreover, Puerto Rico has an extensive array of employment statutes that make this practice more intensive than what is typical in the United States. We have an experienced team of attorneys who provide counseling to employers in matters related to federal and state litigation of unjust dismissal, discrimination, wage and hour, FMLA, ERISA, non-competition agreements, sexual harassment claims and labor arbitration claims as well as claims under the Labor Management Relations Act and its local counterpart.

Our attorneys have a remarkable track record defending employment claims through motion practice, as well as extensive trial experience defending claims before judges and juries in local and federal courts.

Attorneys for Labor and Employment Law: Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | Paula I. Fournier-del Valle | José M. Martínez-Rivera | Sashmarie Z. Rivera-López





CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LENDING



Commercial lending practice handles a variety of financing structures. We advise and represent major financial institutions and local lenders in a wide variety of transactions, including asset-based financing, real-estate loans, floor plan financing, warehouse financing, and loan workouts, among others. We have also represented borrowers in an equal variety of transactions.

We have represented lenders and insurance companies in obtaining the required regulatory licenses from government agencies and regularly provide advice to insurance companies on coverage issues. Our attorneys have managed numerous Act 20 and Act 22 applications successfully, as well as Act 14 tax decrees for physicians and continuously counsel and advice clients seeking to learn more about these novel incentives.

Attorneys for Corporate and Commercial Lending: Leslie A. Feliciano Rodríguez | Javier Montalvo-Cintrón | Steven O. Morales-Pabón | Juan Carlos Ortega-Torres | Diana M. Ruíz-Hernández | Maristella Sánchez-Rodríguez | Raúl J. Vilá-Sellés



BANKRUPTCY



Our attorneys represent major creditors in a variety of Chapter 11, Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases, as well as in complex adversary proceedings. We regularly work with debtors to protect our clients' rights in debt restructuring transactions and to maximize recovery. Our bankruptcy attorneys also draw from the experience of attorneys in other areas within the firm to meet the needs of our clients.

Our bankruptcy practice is not limited to matters already before bankruptcy court. We regularly represent creditors in workouts and negotiating and documenting complex workouts and loan restructuring transactions. Our firm also has extensive experience managing collections and restructurings involving loss share agreements with federal regulatory agencies. We have a very strong commercial and residential collections and foreclosure practice often involving fraudulent conveyances, obtaining writs of attachments and other pre-judgment remedies such as receivership.

We also represent investors involved in mergers and acquisitions and asset acquisitions and lead the due diligence efforts to minimize the risks involved in these type of transactions, especially those involving distressed companies.

Attorneys for Bankruptcy: Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | Maristella Sánchez-Rodríguez





CONSTRUCTION AND SURETY LAW

Our construction and surety law practice is one of the most experienced in the island and we have represented an array of clients including construction companies, sureties and lenders in the area of contract negotiations, litigation claims involving defects, delay claims and penalty assessments, extended overhead claims, indemnity claims, arbitrations and workouts.

We have also represented and provided counseling to trade groups and associations within the construction industry and have participated in the drafting of a major treatise on construction law. For many years, our attorneys have drafted the Puerto Rico Chapter of the State by State Guide to Construction Claims and Litigation published by Aspen Publishers.

Attorneys for Construction and Surety Law: Carlos R. Baralt-Suárez | Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | José A. Fernández-Paoli | Pedro A. Hernández-Freire | José M. Martínez-Rivera



REAL ESTATE AND FINANCING

Our real estate practice is widely regarded in Puerto Rico as one of the most knowledgeable and experienced. Our attorneys know the real estate industry and its regulatory and legal requirements. They regularly counsel developers, general contractors, title companies and lending institutions involved in the structuring of construction and complex real estate development and finance transactions. Our Notary Publics are regularly sought for advice and counsel by their peers in the industry and provide seminars on legal and regulatory compliance.

Attorneys for Real Estate and Financing: Leslie A. Feliciano Rodríguez | Javier Montalvo-Cintrón | Steven O. Morales-Pabón | Juan Carlos Ortega-Torres | Diana M. Ruiz-Hernández | Maristella Sánchez-Rodríguez | Raúl J. Vilá-Sellés





SECURITIES LITIGATION & REGULATION

For years, our attorneys have successfully represented major broker-dealers and individuals in federal and state court cases, as well as in arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Our team of attorneys has successfully defended over a hundred million dollars in claims, representing financial institutions in arbitration and mediation processes regarding customer claims alleging suitability rule violations, misrepresentations, fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, among others.

As part of our securities law practice, we also continuously provide counseling to our clients on regulatory and business matters.

Attorneys for Securities Litigation & Regulation: Carlos R. Baralt-Suárez | Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | Paula I. Fournier-del Valle | Pedro A. Hernández-Freire | Eduardo L. Hernández-Freire | José M. Martínez-Rivera | Soraya C. Ramos-Vázquez



INVESTIGATIONS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Our attorneys help our clients assess and identify legal and compliance risks in multiple areas. We learn our clients' businesses, and we think about ways to reduce regulatory exposure. We help clients design internal compliance and control programs that address the organization's risks.

We regularly assist our clients in conducting internal investigations and advise them in practical issues such as managing confidentiality and privilege, data protection, and preparing for litigation.

We also assist our clients in managing electronically stored information ("ESI") necessary for regulatory and governmental investigations as well as in commercial litigation and arbitration. Our litigation attorneys have a wide range of tools and training to manage eDiscovery for litigation and investigations.

Attorneys for Investigations and Information Management: Carlos R. Baralt-Suárez | Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | Pedro A. Hernández-Freire | Eduardo L. Hernández-Freire | Soraya C. Ramos-Vázquez





GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION TRACKING

Our attorneys represent clients before a wide range of government entities and decision bodies. Our advice is constantly sought in tracking, foreseeing, and responding to changes in legislation and regulation.

Attorneys for Government Affairs and Legislation Tracking: Carlos R. Baralt-Suárez | Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | Eduardo L. Hernández-Freire



SPECIAL BRIEFS AND APPEALS

Delgado Fernández, LLC has one of the most active and successful appeals practice teams in Puerto Rico. During the past five years, our appeals-focused counselors have filed more than 100 merits briefs, motions, and appeals before the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico and the First Circuit. We often represent clients appearing as amici in high-stakes litigation. Our Special Briefs and Appeals practice team has extensive experience in handling trial practice and record management to preserve issues for appeal and benefit from a broad substantive background to handle all legal matters on review. We have successfully argued cases on appeal involving insurance, banking law, securities, real estate, labor and employment matters, torts, class actions, breach of contract, government contracts and constitutional law issues.

Our Special Briefs and Appeals practice team includes experienced attorneys who clerked at the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals, and the First Circuit.

Our Special Briefs and Appeals practice team is led by José M. Martínez Rivera. Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, José clerked in the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals for 7 years. His insight into the Court is second to none. José represents clients in complex commercial litigation before Puerto Rico Courts and administrative agencies.

Some of our recent representative cases include: [ML-CFC 2007-6 Puerto Rico Properties, LLC v. BPP Retail Properties, LLC](#), 951 F.3d 41 (1st Cir. 2020) • [Mendez Moll v. AXA Equitable Life Ins. Co.](#), 202 D.P.R. 630 (2019) • [Roldan Flores v. M. Cuebas](#), 199 D.P.R. 664 (2018) • [Andrés Cordero Vega v. Oriental Bank](#), No. KLAN201900279, 2020 WL 1021922 (P.R. TCA 30 de enero de 2020) • [Oriental Fin. Servs., Corp. v. Fontáñez Mulero](#), No. KLAN201900686, 2019 WL 6464061 (P.R. TCA 28 de octubre de 2019) • [Oriental Bank v. Millenium](#), No. KLAN201701229, 2019 WL 4511374 (P.R. TCA 30 de agosto de 2019) • [Interspace Indus. Corp. v. Zurich Am. Insurance Co.](#), No. KLAN201900539, 2019 WL 4493875 (P.R. TCA 13 de agosto de 2019) • [René Orlando Díaz Mendoza v. Axesa](#), No. KLCE201801736, 2019 WL 2225340 (P.R. TCA 27 de febrero de 2019) • [Isla Verde Holdings v. Golden Debt](#), No. KLCE201801479, 2018 WL 7916806 (P.R. TCA 12 de diciembre de 2018) • [Janine Fonalledas Rupert v. BFH y otros](#), No. KLCE201801456, 2018 WL 7815246 (P.R. TCA 27 de noviembre de 2018) • [Oriental Bank v. Gallo Fino, Inc. y otros](#), No. KLCE201800141, 2018 WL 2206527 (P.R. TCA 28 de marzo de 2018) • [Glendaliz Prado v. Marvel](#), No. KLCE201701447, 2018 WL 1046777 (P.R. TCA January 31, 2018)





EDUCATION LAW AND CHARTER SCHOOLS



Our attorneys have successfully represented some of Puerto Rico's leading K-12 private institutions for decades. Puerto Rico's education law landscape is complex and highly regulated. Our team specializes in industry norms applicable to real estate negotiations, school discipline, civil rights, labor and employment negotiations and disputes, litigation and more. Our Education Law and Charter Schools practice team also advises charter schools on establishing and operating in Puerto Rico under the framework recently established by the 2018 Educational Reform Act. While charter schools continue to gain popularity as an alternative to traditional public education, their advancement is not free from regulatory hurdles and controversies. Charter schools must operate in accordance with their charter and meet the accountability standards and abide by the rules and policies established by their state authorizers.

Our education attorneys provide experienced advice and representation on all issues related to charter schools, including:

- School board governance, liability, and administrative matters
- Regulatory and compliance-related matters
- Charter applications, petitions, revisions, and renewals
- Real estate negotiation, leasing, and contracting
- Development of memorandums of understanding
- Oversight responsibilities, fiscal monitoring, transparency, and investigations
- Revocation proceedings
- Finance, acquisition, and construction of facilities
- Appropriate monitoring procedures
- Labor and employment issues, including union-related matters
- Special education law and disability accommodations
- Facilities management and safety issues
- Teacher and student discipline
- Puerto Rico nonprofit law
- Administrative law proceedings
- Policy development
- Public records management
- Best practices, policies, and procedures

Attorneys for Education Law and Charter Schools: Carlos R. Baralt-Suárez | Alfredo Fernández-Martínez | Paula Fournier-del Valle | Pedro A. Hernández-Freire



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CARLOS R. BARALT-SUÁREZ



Carlos Baralt-Suárez joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2017. He represents clients in securities litigation, complex commercial litigation, appeals, and constitutional law controversies. Carlos has drafted multiple merits briefs and motions filed in the First Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico courts. He maintains an active appellate practice

before the First Circuit and the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. He has also practiced before federal and state administrative agencies. Carlos advises a major Puerto Rico broker dealer in regulatory matters and represents that firm in arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Carlos has successfully defended and obtained injunctions in federal and state courts.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, Mr. Baralt-Suárez was the Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Alejandro García Padilla and acted as a representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico before the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico established under PROMESA, U.S. Congress, and federal agencies.

Carlos served as a Law Clerk to the Hon. Juan R. Torruella, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and as a Law Clerk to the Hon. Federico Hernández Denton, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. He also worked in the Litigation Department of another major Puerto Rico law firm. Carlos taught Federal Civil Litigation and Motion Practice as an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law of the University of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Baralt-Suárez was an Editor of the University of Puerto Rico Law Review and a Founding Editor of the University of Puerto Rico Business Law Journal.

Mr. Baralt-Suárez is fluent in English and Spanish.

Publications

"Promoting Knowledge-Based Economy Activities through Personal Income Tax Incentives", 80 REV. JUR. UPR 583 (2011). Álvarez González & Baralt Suárez, "Derecho Constitucional", 79 REV. JUR. UPR 609 (2010).

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Construction and Surety Law
- Securities Litigation and Regulation
- Investigations and Information Management
- Government Affairs and Legislation Tracking
- Education Law and Charter Schools

Education

- Columbia Law School, LL.M., 2013
- University of Puerto Rico, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 2010
- Boston College, Wallace E. Carroll School of Management, B.S. in Management, Finance and Accounting, 2007

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico
- US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar
- American Bar Association



LESLIE A. FELICIANO RODRÍGUEZ



Leslie Feliciano-Rodríguez joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2021 as an Associate Attorney in the Real Estate and Commercial Transactions Department. She represents clients in mortgage and commercial transactions and closings.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, Ms. Feliciano-Rodríguez worked as a paralegal clerk and gained experience in civil, family, and criminal law. Her principal areas of practice include real estate,

mortgage law, property registry issues, commercial lending, corporate law, and general civil practice.

Ms. Feliciano-Rodríguez is also a Notary Public.

Ms. Feliciano-Rodríguez is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Real Estate and Financing
- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Civil and Corporate Law

Education

- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, 2020
- University of Puerto Rico BBA in Arts, Mayor in Hispanic Studies, 2015

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Notary Association



RAQUEL A. DESEDA-BELAVAL



Raquel Deseda-Belaval, joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2013 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department .

Ms. Deseda-Belaval has been in the practice of law since 2010 and has dedicated her practice to defending creditor rights and general civil litigation, both in the trial courts and in the appellate level.

Ms. Deseda-Belaval knows the nuances of civil litigation and loan work-outs given her extensive experience representing creditors in Puerto Rico courts.

Ms. Deseda-Belaval is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation

Education

- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Law School, J.D., Cum Laude
- University of Colorado at Boulder, B.A. Communications

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico



ALFREDO FERNÁNDEZ-MARTÍNEZ



Alfredo Fernández-Martínez is a founding member of Delgado Fernández, LLC. He is currently the Managing Partner and Head of the Litigation Practice Group at Delgado Fernández, LLC.

During the Puerto Rico Supreme Court's 1993-1994 term, Mr. Fernández-Martínez clerked for the Honorable Antonio S. Negrón García.

Since he started practicing law in 1994, Mr. Fernández-Martínez has been dedicated to litigation at both the federal and state court levels and has developed extensive experience in commercial litigation. He has also led several complex high profile cases, involving construction, banking, employment and distribution relationships. Given his business education and acumen mixed with his extensive trial experience, Mr. Fernández-Martínez is coveted by many commercial clients for his ability to understand their business needs and objectives when faced with judicial processes.

Mr. Fernández-Martínez has extensive trial experience as he has participated in dozens of jury trial cases in federal court and has also lead many trials in local court. In his practice, Mr. Fernández-Martínez has also successfully argued many cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Mr. Fernández-Martínez has counseled the Puerto Rico Court's Administration, the Associated General Contractors, and the leading financial institutions, commercial and manufacturing companies in Puerto Rico. He has served as counsel and Secretary of the Board of Directors of more than fifteen of the leading manufacturing and distribution companies in Puerto Rico. He has also counseled many non-profit organizations including Colegio San Gabriel for the Deaf and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Make a Wish Foundation and

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Education

- Harvard Law School, LLM 1995
- University of Puerto Rico, Juris Doctor, 1993 – *Cum Laude*
- University of Notre Dame, 1990 BBA

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States Court for the District of Puerto Rico
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Mr. Fernández-Martínez has also provided legal services to disabled public school students in need for services allowing them to maximize their potential in school and in life.

Some of the published cases in which Mr. Fernández-Martínez has appeared as counsel include:

Ernest Alers v. Fullerton Tires, et al, 937 F. Supp. 122 (1996), *aff'd* 115 F. 3d 81 (1st Cir. 1997); *Alvarez-Pumarejo v. Municipality of San Juan*, 972 F. Supp. 86 (D.P.R. 1997); *Re-Ace v. Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc.*, 270 F. Supp. 2d 223 (D.P.R. 2003); *aff'd* 363 F.3d SI (1st Cir. 2003); *Bercovitch v. Baldwin School, Inc.*, 191 F.3d 8 (1st Cir. 1999); *Bercovitch v. Baldwin School, Inc.*, 133 F.3d 141 (1st Cir. 1998); *Meléndez González v. Oficina de Administracion de Tribunales*, 218 F.Supp. 2d 227 (D.P.R. 2002); *Badillo-Santiago v. Andreu García*, 167 F.Supp. 2d 194 (D.P.R. 2001); *Latin American Music Col. v. Archidiocese of San Juan of Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church*, 194 F.Supp.2d 30 (D.P.R. 2001); *Latin American Music Co., Inc. v. Archidiocese of San Juan of the Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church*, 135 F. Supp. 2d 284, D.P.R. 2001); *Colon v. Chart House Enterprises, Inc.*, 79 F. Supp.2d 25 (D.P.R. 1999); *Santiago v. García*, 70 F.Supp.2d 84 (D.P.R. 1999); *Santiago v. Commonwealth of P.R.*, 2010 WL 3419985; *Piñeiro v. Oriental Group*, 2010 WL 3452364; *Navarro-Rosario v. Fuxá Catalán*, 2010 WL 1994092; *Cuadrado Ramos v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*, 2010 WL 1416016; *Kellogg USA, Inc. v. B. Fernández & Hnos., Inc.*, 2010 WL 376326; *Sánchez v. Comm. Of Puerto Rico*, 2010 WL 174888; *Portugués Santa v. B. Fernández & Hnos., Inc.* 614 F. Supp. 2d 221 (D.P.R. 2009); *Ivyport Logistical Services, Inc. v. Caribbean Airport Facilities, Inc.*, 502 F. Supp. 2d 227 (D.P.R. 2007); *Juan Zayas, et als. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*, 451 F. Supp. 2d 310 (D.P.R. 2006); *A&W Maintenance, Inc. v. Pipeliners of P.R.*, 2010 WL 455011; *Joshua Nieves Márquez v. Comm. of P.R.*, 353 F. 3d 108 (1st Cir. 2003); *B. Fernández & Hnos., Inc. v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters*, 2012 WL 1828048; *Rodríguez v. Oriental Financial Group, Inc.*, 802 F. Supp. 2d 350 (D.P.R. 2011); *Miramar Construction Co., Inc. v. Home Depot, Inc.*, 167 F. Supp. 2d 182 9D.P.R. 2001); *Méndez Internet Management Services, Inc. v. The Bankers Ass'n of Puerto Rico*, 2011 WL 336247; *Asociacion de Enfermeria Vistante Auffant, Inc. v. Great-West Life and Annuity Ins.*, 775 F. Supp. 2d 333 (D.P.R. 2011); *Navarro-Rosario v. Fuxa-Catalan*, 2011 WL 2693957; *Constructora Estelar v. Aut. De Edificios Públicos*, 183 D.P.R. 1 (2011); *Acevedo-Reinoso v. Iberia Líneas Aéreas de España, SA*, 449 F. 3d 7 (1st Cir. 2006); *Melendez v. M. Cuebas*, 193 D.P.R. 100 (2015); *Byrne Veve v. OFG Bancorp*, 2016 WL 1261053; *Peaje Investments v. Garcia Padilla*, 845 F-3d 505 (1st Cir. 2017); *Ocasio v. Oriental Bank*, 2016 WL 3945172.

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Puerto Rico Notary Public Association

Publications

- “La Conveniencia de Litigar los Casos de Hostigamiento Sexual en el Foro Arbitral”, 62 Rev. Jur. U.P.R. (1993)
- Puerto Rico Chapter, State-by-State Guide to Design and Construction Contract and Claims, Aspen Publishers, Inc.
- Puerto Rico Chapter of Taxation and Investment in the Caribbean, International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (1992-2003).
- “The Constitutional Validity of the Puerto Rico Educational Voucher Program”, Thesis presented at Harvard Law School.



JOSÉ A. FERNÁNDEZ-PAOLI



José Fernández-Paoli serves as Special Counsel at Delgado Fernández, LLC. He has had a distinguished career in the law and in civic and military service. He has been an active litigator for almost 50 years with extensive experience in banking law, insurance defense, construction law and commercial litigation.

He has been a member of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court and has offered various seminars on construction law and litigation practice to his peers and to trade organizations. Mr. Fernández-Paoli has also served in the Board of Directors of various organizations, among them, as Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Sacred Heart University in Santurce, Puerto Rico, as a member of the Board of Directors of Oriental Bank & Trust, and as a member and General Counsel of the Board of Directors of the Associated General Contractors of America, Puerto Rico Chapter.

Mr. Fernández-Paoli is also a retired Captain of the United States Army, having received the Bronze Medal of Honor for his distinguished service in Vietnam.

Reported Cases

Toll Adorno v. Medina, 130 D.P.R. 352 (1992); *José M. Díaz Hernández v. Colegio Nuestra Señora del Pilar*, 123 D.P.R. 765 (1989); *Carmen Noeli Piñero Crespo v. Sergio Gordillo Gil*, 122 D.P.R. 246 (1988); *Asociación de Vecinos de Villa Caparra v. Iglesia Católica, Apostólica y Romana*, 117 D.P.R. 346 (1986); *Jack's Beach Resort v. Compañía de Turismo de Puerto Rico*, 112 D.P.R. 344 (1982); *Jorge de la Cruz v. James A. Toro*, 112 D.P.R. 650 (1982); *Consolidated Mortgage & Finance Corporation v. Robert A. Cooley*, 103 D.P.R. 6 (1974); *La Sociedad de Gananciales v. Hotel Caribe Hilton*, 98 D.P.R. 721 (1970); *Cervecería Corona, Inc. v. Junta de Salario Mínimo de Puerto Rico*, 98 D.P.R. 801 (1970); *Frank Quiñones Jiménez v. Great American Insurance Company*, 97 D.P.R. 368 (1969).



Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Construction and Surety Law

Education

- University of Notre Dame BBA, 1961
- University of Puerto Rico, LLB, 1964

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Membership

- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Supreme Court
- Member of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1977-78
- Member (1985-1992) and Vice President (1990-1992) Board of Trustees of the University of Sacred Heart, Santurce, Puerto Rico
- Member of the Board of Directors Oriental Bank and Trust, 1988-1995
- Member of the Board of Directors and General Counsel of the Associated General Contractors of America, Puerto Rico Chapter, 1984-1995
- Secretary, Board of Directors and Legal Counsel, South Management Corporation and Ferre Development Corporation (1984-2000)
- Member of the Puerto Rico Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Puerto Rico Notary Association

PAULA I. FOURNIER-DEL VALLE



Paula I. Fournier-del Valle, joined Delgado Fernández, LLC. in 2021 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department. She represents clients in commercial litigation and education law matters.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC., Fournier-del Valle worked as a Community Lawyer for Ayuda Legal

Puerto Rico, a nonprofit organization that provides free and accessible legal education and support to low and middle-income individuals and communities in Puerto Rico. Paula led the advocacy efforts for the Recuperación Justa program, a project for community recovery after Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the earthquakes that impacted Puerto Rico in 2020. Paula gained expertise in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Funds, and other local and federal disaster recovery funds available to Puerto Rico.

During her studies at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, she interned with the Federal Litigation Division of the Puerto Rico Justice Department and participated in the Consumer Rights Law Clinic. She also worked as a law clerk for Forastieri Law Offices, PSC.

Miss Fournier-del Valle is also a Notary Public.

Miss Fournier-del Valle is fluent in English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Securities Litigation and Regulation
- Labor and Employment
- Education Law and Charter Schools

Education

- University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2018
- The George Washington University, B.A. of Arts and International Relations and Journalism, 2014

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First District

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- Puerto Rico Notary Association



EDUARDO L. HERNÁNDEZ-FREIRE



Eduardo Hernández-Freire joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2018 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department. He represents clients in commercial and securities litigation as well as torts claims.

While studying law, Mr. Hernández-Freire worked as a Legal Assistant of the Secretary of the Puerto Rico

Senate, where he acquired experience in all aspects of the legislative process and worked in writing and revising legislation. Also, he later worked as a Legislative Assistant of the Corporate Group in McConnell Valdés, LLC, where he gained in-depth experience in the field of lobbying, as well as corporate, constitutional and administrative law.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández LLC, Mr. Hernández Freire worked as an Associate Attorney at Monserrate Simonet & Gierbolini, LLC., where he represented both unions and employers in labor-related matters and disputes, counseled clients on corporate and regulatory matters, managed eDiscovery procedures with clients voluminous databases, and practiced litigation on tort and commercial claims.

Mr. Hernández Freire is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Hernández Freire is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Securities Litigation and Regulation
- Investigations and Information Management
- Government Affairs and Legislation Tracking

Education

- University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2015
- Boston College, B.A. in Political Science and History, 2012

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- American Bar Association



PEDRO A. HERNÁNDEZ-FREIRE



Pedro Hernández-Freire joined Delgado Fernández, LLC on 2010 as a Law Clerk. After concluding his law studies, Mr. Hernández-Freire became an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department at Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2012. He represents clients in securities litigation and arbitration, commercial litigation and bankruptcy matters. He also counsels

clients in the wide array of investment tax incentives existing under Puerto Rico law.

Mr. Hernández-Freire has obtained vast experience into the intricacies of arbitration proceedings before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Mr. Hernández-Freire is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Hernández-Freire is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Construction and Surety Law
- Securities Litigation and Regulation
- Investigations and Information Management
- Government Affairs and Legislation Tracking
- Special Briefs and Appeals
- Education Law and Charter Schools

Education

- University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2012
- The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, B.S. in Finance and Real Estate, 2009

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Membership

- Puerto Rico Bar Association



MIGUEL G. LAFFITTE



Miguel Laffitte services as Counsel in the Litigation Department of Delgado Fernández, LLC.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2002, Mr. Laffitte worked as Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department of Puerto Rico, in charge of the following areas: General Litigation Division; Federal Litigation Division; Tax Division; Civil Forfeitures Division; and Eminent Domain Litigation. Mr. Laffitte has more than 30 years of trial experience in the local and federal courts as he has served as lead counsel in dozens of trials in both forums.

The principal areas of practice of Mr. Laffitte include general civil practice, litigation, insurance law, general administrative practice and commercial litigation.

Mr. Laffitte is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Laffitte is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation

Education

- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1985
- Lynchburg College, B.A., 1982

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico
- United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- Puerto Rico Notary Association



JOSÉ M. MARTÍNEZ-RIVERA



José Martínez-Rivera joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2017 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department. He represents clients in commercial litigation and appellate practice. Mr. Martínez-Rivera also represents employers in labor and employment matters.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, Mr. Martínez-Rivera worked as a Law Clerk in the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals for more than seven (7) years. His knowledge and insight into the nuances of appellate practice, as well as his insight about the importance of preserving errors for appeal at the trial level, provides a specialized knowledge that enhances the representation provided to our clients.

Mr. Martínez-Rivera is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Martínez-Rivera is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Labor and Employment Law
- Construction and Surety Law
- Securities Litigation and Regulation
- Special Briefs and Appeals

Education

- Interamerican University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2008
- University of Puerto Rico, B.A. in Accounting and Finance, 2005

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico



NOEL A. MATOS-RIVERA



Noel A. Matos-Rivera joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2022 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department. He represents clients in commercial litigation and appeals.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, Matos-Rivera worked as a Law Clerk to the Hon. Alfonso Martínez Piovchetti in the Puerto Rico Court of First Instance. For more than two years he gained expertise on civil litigation matters related to extraordinary remedies such as injunctions and mandamus, as well as cases involving constitutional issues of high public interest. Matos-Rivera has deep knowledge and understanding of trial court proceedings involving intricate and complex litigation and matters related to requests for urgent judicial relief.

Mr. Matos-Rivera is fluent in English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Special Briefs and Appeals

Education

- University of Puerto Rico, Juris Doctor, 2018
- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, BA Political Science and Law, 2015

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico



JAVIER MONTALVO-CINTRÓN



Javier Montalvo-Cintrón joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2010 as a Notary Public in the Real Estate and Commercial Transactions Department. Since 2011, Mr. Montalvo-Cintrón work in the Litigation Department representing clients in corporate and commercial litigation, real estate and financing . Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC he worked as an

Accountant in the Health Service Industry.

His principal areas of practice include real estate, mortgage law, commercial lending, corporate law, banking law, administrative law, torts, residential foreclosures, and general civil practice.

Mr. Montalvo-Cintrón is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Montalvo-Cintrón is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Real Estate and Financing

Education

- Interamerican University School of Law, Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2009
- Church of God Theological Seminar, Master of Arts, *Suma Cum Laude*, 2004
- University of Puerto Rico, B.B.A. Accounting, 2000

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar Association



STEVEN O. MORALES-PABÓN



Steven Morales-Pabón joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2021 as an Associate Attorney in the Real Estate and Commercial Transaction Department. He represents clients in mortgage and commercial transaction and closings.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, Mr. Morales-Pabón worked in the private practice representing clients in business law, corporate counsel, contracts and estates.

His principal areas of practice include real estate, mortgage law, property registry issues, commercial lending, corporate law, and general civil practice.

Mr. Morales-Pabón is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Morales-Pabón is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Real Estate and Financing
- Civil and Corporate Law

Education

- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2018
- Inter American University of Puerto Rico, B.A. Criminal Justice, 2014

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Federal Bar Association



JUAN CARLOS ORTEGA-TORRES



Juan Carlos Ortega-Torres is a Senior Associate in the Real Estate and Commercial Transactions Department at Delgado Fernández, LLC since 2011. He also counsels clients in the wide array of investment tax incentives existing under Puerto Rico law.

Mr. Ortega-Torres has extensive experience in the practice of consumer, residential and commercial loans, contracts and estates. Mr. Ortega-Torres has been actively involved in structuring and executing numerous loan transactions for various banking institutions in Puerto Rico. Also, Mr. Ortega-Torres provided counsel to financial institutions on loan closing matters and in cases involving insolvency, workouts and loan restructuring. Mr. Ortega-Torres has also represented clients in obtaining Law No. 20 and Law No. 22 tax exemption decrees.

Mr. Ortega-Torres is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Ortega-Torres is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Real Estate and Financing

Education

- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2002
- University of Puerto Rico, B.S. in Business Administration, Accounting, 1999

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- Puerto Rico Notary Association
- Federal Bar Association



SORAYA RAMOS-VÁZQUEZ



Soraya Ramos-Vázquez joined Delgado Fernandez, LLC in 2020 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department. She represents clients in complex commercial litigation in state court, administrative agencies, and arbitration. Ramos Vázquez has extensive experience in the auto industry advising dealers on a broad range of regulatory matters, product liability and warranties.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernandez, LLC Mrs. Ramos-Vázquez worked as in-house counsel for Alberic Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Plymouth, Inc., its affiliates and subsidiaries, and represented the corporations in litigation in a wide range of matters.

Mrs. Ramos-Vázquez served as an Arbitrator in the Appellate Public Commission of Puerto Rico, adjudicating labor and employment disputes.

Mrs. Ramos Vazquez is also is a Notary Public and a licensed Real Estate Broker.

Mrs. Ramos Vazquez is fluent in English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Securities Litigation and Regulation
- Investigations and Information Management

Education

- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School Of Law, Juris Doctor
- American University, Washington, D.C., School of Public Affairs, B.A, in Political Science and Women and Gender Studies Minor 2001
- University of Westminster, London, England, Studies Abroad on British Politics and Justice 2001

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico



SASHMARIE Z. RIVERA-LÓPEZ



Sashmarie Zuhey Rivera-López joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2022 as an Senior Associate in the Labor and Employment Practice Group.

Sashmarie has successfully litigated labor and employment matters in both state and federal courts as well as administrative agencies. Her experience practicing before courts and administrative agencies, including the Puerto Rico and federal courts, as well as the Puerto Rico Anti-Discrimination Unit, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Fair Labor Standards Bureau, has provided Sashmarie with the ability to wisely advise her clients in making business decisions. She defends employers against claims of wrongful dismissal, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and other employment-related issues. Sashmarie routinely provides advice to clients on requests for reasonable accommodations, drug-testing policies, employment contracts, internal investigations, disciplinary processes, and compliance.

Prior to joining Delgado & Fernández, LLC, Sashmarie served as public policy analyst at the Department of Health of Puerto Rico and as an Associate attorney at Littler Mendelson, P.C. She also worked at the University of Puerto Rico Law School Legal Aid Clinic and at the Pro Bono Program where she gained litigation experience and successfully counseled employers on labor law matters.

Mrs. Rivera-López is also a Notary Public.

Mrs. Rivera-López is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Labor and Employment Law
- Litigation

Education

- University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2016
- University of Puerto Rico, BA Social Sciences, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2013

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States Court for the District of Puerto Rico
- US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Publications

- *Strategic Plan for Tobacco Control in Puerto Rico*, Department of Health of Puerto Rico, 2015



DIANA M. RUIZ-HERNÁNDEZ



Diana Ruiz-Hernández joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2009 as a Senior Associate and Supervisor of the Real Estate and Commercial Transactions Department.

Prior to joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, Mrs. Ruiz-Hernández has been involved in mortgage closings for more than 30 years. She has resolved legal issues for residential closing cases referred by Puerto Rico's largest mortgage banks. She is experienced in analyzing and providing legal advice in highly complex mortgage closings, including commercial closings.

Her principal areas of practice include real estate, mortgage law, property registry issues, commercial lending, corporate law, secured transactions, banking law, and general civil practice.

Over the years, Mrs. Ruiz-Hernández has been involved in various aspects of the real estate, commercial lending and corporate practice. She regularly offers lectures, workshops and seminars to Puerto Rico's banks.

Mrs. Ruiz-Hernández is also a Notary Public.

Mrs. Ruiz-Hernández is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Real Estate and Financing

Education

- University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1986
- University of Puerto Rico, BBA Major in Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1983

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Notary Association



MARISTELLA SÁNCHEZ-RODRÍGUEZ



Maristella Sánchez-Rodríguez joined Delgado Fernández LLC in 2013 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department.

Her practice focuses primarily in the areas of creditor's rights, bankruptcy, and workout in the federal Bankruptcy Court. She represents secured creditors

in various Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 Bankruptcy Cases.

She also represents clients in corporate and commercial litigation and real estate and financing. Before joining Delgado Fernández, LLC, she worked for five years as an In-House Bankruptcy Counsel for one of Puerto Rico's largest financial institutions. Prior to that experience, she practiced in a small firm representing secured creditors and commercial lessors before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Mrs. Sánchez-Rodríguez is also a Notary Public.

Mrs. Sánchez-Rodríguez is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Bankruptcy
- Real Estate and Financing

Education

- University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, J.D., 2006
- University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, B.A. in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2003

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Puerto Rico Notary Association
- Federal Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute



RAÚL J. VILÁ-SELLÉS



Raúl Vilá-Sellés joined Delgado Fernández, LLC in 2013 as a member of the Real Estate and Commercial Transactions Department. His main areas of practice are Mortgage and Notarial Law as well as General Real Estate transactions and estates.

Mr. Vilá-Sellés started his legal practice as an attorney with the Department of Justice of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for three years. He has also been appointed by the Puerto Rico Supreme Court Board of Bar Examiners to prepare questions and review examinations in the area of Real Estate and Mortgage Law.

For over thirty (30) years he was a Shareholder and Head of the Corporate Law Division, Real Estate Section at Fiddler, González & Rodríguez, P.S.C. Mr. Vilá-Sellés is a founding member of the Notary Public Association of Puerto Rico and is generally recognized as an expert in Puerto Rico Mortgage and Notarial Law.

Mr. Vilá-Sellés is also a Notary Public.

Mr. Vilá-Sellés is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Practice Areas

- Corporate and Commercial Lending
- Real Estate and Financing

Education

- University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Juris Doctor
- Boston University, B.B.A.

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Memberships

- Board of Directors of the Notary Public Association of Puerto Rico
- Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA)
- Mortgage Loan Association (M-Loan)
- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



We get involved in worthy social and cultural causes that serve to improve the quality of life of members of our society. We dedicate a substantial amount of pro bono time to assist young people needing to overcome hardships. For more than 20 years we have represented disabled public school students and their parents to obtain the necessary accommodations that would maximize their potential, through education, in school and in life. Delgado Fernández, LLC has also provided legal counsel and charitable contributions to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Colegio San Gabriel for the Deaf, the oldest school for the deaf in Puerto Rico, Hogar El Buen Pastor, a home for the homeless, Fundación Kinesis, a scholarship fund for prospective college students with excellent academic record from Puerto Rico, The Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns, and La Fondita de Jesús.

In addition, we support the arts and have sponsored for more than 15 years the Puerto Rico Symphonic Orchestra and its financial aid program for advanced studies of its musicians as well as the financial aid programs of Baldwin School of Puerto Rico, American Military Academy, Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola and Commonwealth-Parkville School.

At Delgado Fernández, LLC we encourage our attorneys and employees to engage in volunteer work and support those causes committed to the advancement of our society. We have been blessed with being able to witness the rewards of those efforts and how our efforts have contributed to our society.



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Delgado Fernández LLC le agradece a todo el equipo de trabajo por su colaboración en lograr recolectar un total de 22 bultos equipados con todos sus efectos escolares y otros materiales escolares adicionales. #quiensoyhaceladiferencia





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Jackson National Life Insurance Company

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Lionstone IV Properties, LLC

Marvel International

Oriental Bank

Oriental Financial Services

Pan Pepín

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