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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial & Business Litigation
- Financial Institution Litigation
- Corporate & Partnership Disputes
- Real Estate Disputes
- International Arbitration & Litigation
- Investigations and Compliance

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. (1995)
- Florida International University, B.A. (1992)
- Universidad de Salamanca, Colegio de España Study Abroad Program, (Summer 1991)
- Belen Jesuit Prep. School, (1989)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida Bar (All Florida Trial Courts and Appellate Courts)
- Supreme Court of the United States of America
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court – Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Hispanic National Bar Assn.
- Cuban American Bar Assn.
- Dade County Bar Association
- Penn Law Alumni Network
- Belen Alumni Lawyers' Section

PUBLICATION & SERVICE

- Chapter 18, Florida Civil Practice Before Trial, Tenth Edition (Florida Bar, 2013).
- The Florida Bar's Civil Procedure Rules Committee, two terms, 2004-2010.
- "Default And Relief From Default," Florida Civil Practice Before Trial, Ninth Edition, Chapter 18, co-author (Florida Bar, 2011).
- "Default And Relief From Default," Florida Civil Practice Before Trial, Eighth Edition, Chapter 18, (Florida Bar, 2009).
- "Attorneys Face Novel issues Across National Borders," The National Law Journal, co-author (2000).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Florida Super Lawyer, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Florida Legal Elite, 2012, 2008, 2007, 2006.
- South Florida Legal Guide, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002.
- Who's Who in the World, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001.
- Who's Who in America, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001.
- Who's Who in American Law, 2011.
- Top up and Comer, South Florida Legal Guide, 2002.
- Leadership Miami Program, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, 1996-97.
- Who's Who: American Law Students – 13th Ed., 1993.

Mr. Mena is a founding partner of ARHMF and one of the co-chairs of ARHMF's Litigation Department. He was previously an equity partner in the Miami office of an AmLaw 20 national law firm. Mr. Mena graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and has since gained over seventeen years of civil litigation experience representing domestic and foreign clients in all aspects of business litigation and commercial disputes before Florida state courts, federal courts, and international arbitration panels, as well as outside of court in connection with corporate and government investigations and pre-litigation advice. His experience includes serving as lead counsel in civil disputes involving breaches of contract, financial institution law, real estate investments, partnerships, fraud, interference with contract, civil theft, unfair and deceptive trade practices, breaches of fiduciary duty, injunctions, foreign law, trademarks, and enforcement of judgments. Mr. Mena has significant experience negotiating hundreds of settlements and amicable resolutions in complex cases to achieve results consistent with the client's objectives. He has tried cases to verdict in jury trials, bench trials and arbitration hearings. Mr. Mena also serves as ARHMF's General Counsel.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Defended multinational produce company in cross-border dispute and federal court action alleging pricing irregularities, bad faith and breach of contract.
- Represented national bank against claims brought by former officer and in related criminal and regulatory investigation by federal government.
- Defended large multinational company in complex information technology litigation against IT consulting company hired to implement new software in several countries across different platforms.
- Represented Venezuelan clients in recovering monies fraudulently taken in black market exchange scheme.
- Represented former bank director and officer in litigation brought by FDIC as receiver for failed institution.
- Represented large multinational company in federal litigation against former officer accused of complex scheme to defraud the company, and obtained judgment for company.
- Represented several financial institutions and developers in litigation and work outs involving real estate projects, contested liens and commercial foreclosures.
- Represent financial institutions in connection with government investigations, compliance issues and subpoenas.
- Represented foreign investor in case against former business partner for fraud; obtained court-ordered receivership of business.
- Represented developers in complex litigation under the Interstate Land Sales & Full Disclosure Act.
- Represented several clients, including developers and financial institutions, in defending class actions.
- Represented multinational fast food chain in federal court contract dispute with former partner in Argentina; prevailed on summary judgment under the laws of Argentina.
- Represented multinational electronics manufacturer against former distributor in fraud case under the laws of Peru.
- Represented large, multinational electronics manufacturer in arbitration against foreign distributor; obtained judgment in favor of client.
- Represented Mexican franchisee against multinational franchisor in cross-border litigation alleging breach of contract and accounting improprieties.
- Represented business partner in corporate disputes against other partners in direct and derivative actions against corporation.
- Represented large fast food chain in action alleging pricing control and antitrust issues.
- Represented estate beneficiaries in multinational probate case spanning five jurisdictions against persons who forged will and stole inheritance.
- Represented large multinational manufacturer in international multijurisdictional dispute regarding product defect and wrongful death.
- Represented several clients in cases involving the domestication and enforcement of foreign judgments in the US and abroad.
- Represented several clients in trademark disputes involving preliminary and permanent injunctions.