



## SIMON FERRO

ZONING AND LAND USE  
PARTNER

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Land Use
- Zoning
- Real Estate

### EDUCATION

- University of Miami, B.A. (1975)
- University of Florida, J.D. (1978)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida (1978)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- U.S. Southern Command Advisory Panel
- Democratic National Committee (DNC), Former Member
- Florida Democratic Party, Former Chair
- Democratic Executive Committee, Miami-Dade County, Former Member
- Latin Builders Association, Board of Directors, Former Member
- Dade County Charter Review Committee, Former Member
- Battered Women's Clemency Fund, Board of Directors, Former Member

### LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish

Simon Ferro has over 30 years of experience in the areas of zoning, land use and governmental relations. Prior to joining ARHMF, Mr. Ferro had been a partner and consultant for various prestigious legal firms in Florida. Mr. Ferro is also a former U.S. ambassador to Panama, having been appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1999 to lead the U.S. diplomatic mission during the Panama Canal handover.

Mr. Ferro has a wide range of experience representing residential, commercial and industrial developers in all phases of the entitlement and permitting process in South Florida, including un-incorporated Miami-Dade County and most of the 35 cities within the county. He also represents developers and property owners on permitting and regulatory issues before county and city code enforcement boards, major county departments such as Miami-Dade Water and Sewer, the Department of Environmental Resources Management ("DERM"), Public Works and others, including the Miami-Dade County Environmental Quality Control Board ("EQCB"). In addition to the development community Mr. Ferro has also represented banks, hospitals, hotels, private schools, churches, assisted living facilities, supermarkets, self-storage facilities, mobile home parks, carnivals and even gypsy camps.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Government Relations Practice "Lawyer of the Year" in Miami, 2017 & 2019
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Government Relations Practice, Land Use & Zoning Law, 2011-19
- AV Rated as independently determined by Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2007, 2014-19
- Latin Builders Association, "Attorney of the Year Award"
- Former U.S. Ambassador to Panama, 1999-01
- Overseas Private Investment Corporation, board of directors, 1994-99