

## Cesar Mejia-Duenas

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### BAR ADMISSIONS

New York 2019, Florida 2020, District of Columbia 2021, and Honduras 2010.

### EDUCATION

**University of Miami School of Law**, Coral Gables, FL

Juris Doctor / Master of Laws in International Arbitration, December 2019

Activities: *Practicum Student*, Reed Smith (International Dispute Resolution); *Practicum Student*, Squire Patton Boogs (International Dispute Resolution); *Research Assistant*, International Arbitration Institute; *Participant*, International Moot Court Program (Willem C. Vis, “MootMadrid”, and FDI Moots); *President and Treasurer*, Miami Law International Arbitration Society; *Student Ambassador*.

**Brooklyn Law School**, Brooklyn, NY

Master of Laws, May 2017

Activities: *Oralist*, International Moot Court; *Member* Latin American Law Students Association

**Universidad Tecnológica de Honduras**, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Bachelor of Laws (*Título de Abogado*), *Cum Laude*, June 2010

### EXPERIENCE

**De Varona Law**, Boca Raton, FL, *Associate Attorney (Commercial Litigation)* October 2020 – Present

Drafted pleadings, briefs and motions for Civil, Probate and Trust matters; handled motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and mediation negotiations; drafted and filed corporate documents, formation forms, bylaws, shareholders and operating agreements, purchase and sale of corporate entities and assets; Registered trademark applications.

**García Pantaleón & Associates**, Astoria, NY *Staff Attorney*, May 2019 – August 2019

Conducted legal research, document review and prepared pleadings, briefs, motions, and appeals for deportation and asylum cases for Immigration Court; Represented clients before the Immigration Courts of New York and New Jersey; Represented clients before Family Court, in custody, guardianship, paternity and divorce matters. Conducted client interview and case assessment.

**Investor Rights Clinic, University of Miami School of Law**, Miami, FL *Legal Intern*, February 2019 – May 2019

Assisted investors before FINRA in claims involving misrepresentation, unsuitability, unauthorized trading, excessive trading, churning, and failure to supervise, among other claims; drafted statements of claim for FINRA Arbitration; drafted legal memoranda; prepared alternate portfolio analysis prepared damages analysis; performed client’s intake, and evaluation of possible claims.

**EPGD Business Law**, Miami, FL *Law Clerk – Litigation Area*, March 2018 – February 2019

Drafted complaints, briefs, motions, and legal memoranda. Handled discovery requests including document production and preparation of depositions. Prepared blog posts regarding arbitration, tax regulations, and commercial matters.

**Oltarsh & Associates**, New York, NY *Paralegal*, February 2016 – August 2017

Prepared immigration forms; drafted motions for Immigration Court; drafted custody, guardianship, and divorce petitions for Family Court; served as a Spanish interpreter.

**Musa Obregon & Associates**, Maspeth, NY *Paralegal*, February 2015 – February 2016

Prepared immigration forms; drafted motions for Immigration Court; drafted custody, guardianship, and divorce pleadings for the family court; performed as a Spanish interpreter; drafted motions in criminal matters, landlord-tenant, and personal injury; requested FOIA from NYPD, FBI, and Criminal Courts.

**Solo Practitioner** - Tegucigalpa, Honduras, June 2010 – January 2014

Handled complex commercial litigation matters including contract disputes, patent infringement, and employment claims; responsible for all aspect of litigation from pleadings to trial; served as a general counsel for Mercedes Benz, and Doctors Without Borders.

### PUBLICATIONS:

Brian A. Briz and César Mejía-Dueñas, Which Law Is Supreme? The Interplay Between the New York Convention and The McCarran-Ferguson Act, 74 U. Miami L. Rev. 1124 (2020)

### LANGUAGES:

Spanish (Native) Portuguese (Limited Working Proficiency)