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MARIANO GARCÍA is certified as a civil trial attorney and has practiced in West Palm Beach since 1994, representing clients in state and federal courts in personal injury and commercial litigation cases. Mr. García has achieved the "AV" classification, the highest honor that a lawyer can receive for his ability and professional ethics, awarded by Martindale Hubbel. He is a member of the "Million Dollar" and Multi-Million Dollar Lawyers Forum and the American Board of Trial Lawyers. He has been selected since 2011 to be part of the Florida Super Lawyers list.

In July 2011, Mr. García joined the law firm of Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA as a bilingual attorney, bringing his vast experience and a long history dedicated to representing the Latino community.

Mr. García's immigrant roots shaped his life and career. At the age of 8, his parents, who did not speak English at the time, moved his family from Argentina to New York City, settling in the state of Florida at the end of the 1970s. His parents' faith in the United States as the land of opportunity, as well as his dedication to education and hard work to achieve success, inspired Mr. García to graduate from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree. He later earned his law degree from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where he was editor of the Law Review.

With a firm belief that everyone should have a voice within our justice system, he donates his time to causes that are dedicated to this principle. He is immediate past president of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, which provides free legal help to those most in need in our community. Mr. Garcia has also served as president of the Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association, which encourages qualified Hispanic attorneys to apply to be judges. In September 2010, Governor Charlie Crist appointed him to serve a four-year term on the 15th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, which selects judicial applicants to fill vacancies within the Palm County judicial system. Beach.

Mr. Garcia's community and educational activities include serving as a member of the Palm Beach County Historical Society Board of Governors and the Forum Club Board of Directors. He serves as treasurer of "Jack The Bikeman", a non-profit organization whose objective is to provide support to immigrant workers and their children in risk situations.

Lawyer Mariano García | Senior Personal Injury Lawyer

Education

- St. Thomas University, School of Law, Miami, Florida - J.D., May 1994
 - St. Thomas Law Review, Articles Editor
 - Student College Association, Senator
 - Phi Delta Phi Honors Law Society
- University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida - BS in Construction Science, ME Rinker School of Building Construction, May 1990
 - Chi Phi Social Society

Experience

- Shareholder, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley PA; West Palm Beach, Florida, 2011-present - Board certified civil trial attorney, practicing in West Palm Beach since 1994, representing people in state and federal courts in personal injury and commercial litigation matters. Su joined Searcy Denney in July 2011 as a bilingual attorney with extensive experience and a long history representing the Latino community.
- Lawyer/partner, González & García; West Palm Beach, Florida, 2002 - 2011 - Six-lawyer firm specializing in workers' compensation, personal injury and criminal defense matters; specialized in the Hispanic market. Litigation lawyer in civil proceedings responsible for the personal injury area of the firm, in charge of cases from their beginning to the trial.
- Associate Attorney, Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans & Abel, PA; West Palm Beach, Florida, 1999-2002 - Under the direction of John A. Lurvey, shareholder in charge of the West Palm Beach office. State law firm specializing in liability defense for institutional and individual clients (the firm is engaged in a variety of fields of expertise: professional negligence, product liability, insurance coverage). Handled approximately 70 litigation cases from Dade County to St. Lucie (focusing on property liability, commercial vehicle and construction defect claims), including 2 appeals.
- Associate Attorney, Ricca & Whitmire, PA; West Palm Beach, Florida, 1994-1999 - Under the leadership of C. Brooks Ricca, Jr., President. Six-lawyer firm specializing in commercial litigation (real estate, construction and

general business matters), liability defense (premises liability claims, commercial trucking companies, construction defects and nursing home negligence), and real estate transactions. Responsible for defending automobile matters, nursing home negligence and commercial litigation, including 2 appeals.

- Legal Assistant, Leonard & Morrison, PA; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1993-1994 - Under the direction of William F. Leonard, president. Firm of four lawyers specializing in real estate litigation and transactions. Interviewed clients, conducted research and legal analysis on general civil and commercial litigation matters. Prepared complaints, petitions and discovery requests.
- Summer Intern, Broward County State's Attorney's Office/Homicide Division; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1992 - Under the direction of Charles Morton, head of the Homicide Division. He prepared memoranda relating to the law, voir-dire questions, and sentencing guideline sheets, as well as assisted with jury selections.
- Project Engineer/Qualifier, Centex-Rooney Construction - Company; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1990-1991 - Under the direction of David Hamlin, Senior Appraiser. He prepared takeoffs and coordinated sets of works with subcontractors. He prepared and updated the progress schedule.

Community service

- Palm Beach County Legal Aid Society, Board of Directors, 2002-present; president, 2008-2012; immediate past president;
- Board of Trustees 2012-present
- Palm Beach County Historical Society, Board of Governors, Johnson History Museum; Board of Directors; general advisor
- Jack the Bike Man Organization, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 2010-present
- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Board of Directors, 2010-2014; Member Committee 2010-2014
- YMCA of the Palm Beaches; Board of Directors, 2013-present
- National Eagle Scout Association, Life Member

Licenses

- Florida Bar - 31143, 1994 - present
- Certified General Contractor in Florida - CGC054373, 1991-present
- Commercial Multi-Engine Instrument Pilot, FAA