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Practices

Corporate Diversity
Counseling
Litigation

Industries

Hospitality
Life Sciences
Technology

Education

University of Puerto Rico
J.D., 1996
magna cum laude

Washington University in
St. Louis
B.A., 1991
Business Administration
Minors in French and
Economics

Admitted to Practice

- 1st Circuit Court of Appeals, 1997
- 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2007
- Florida - M.D. Fla., 2006
- Florida - S.D. Fla., 2006
- Puerto Rico - D. P.R., 1998
- Florida, 2006
- Puerto Rico, 1997

Languages

Spanish
French

Pedro Jaime Torres-Díaz is the office managing principal of the Miami, Florida, office and a principal in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. He is also a past president of the Hispanic National Bar Association. His practice concentrates on employment discrimination and wage and hour counseling and litigation exclusively on behalf of employers, both in Florida and Puerto Rico.

Pedro has extensive trial experience before both federal and local courts and administrative forums in Puerto Rico and Florida. He has also successfully defended employers in all types of administrative hearings before local and federal agencies. Before joining Jackson Lewis, he was a partner in the Labor and Employment Law Department of a leading law firm in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he resided and practiced law for eight years.

Throughout his practice in Puerto Rico, Pedro was a frequent and featured speaker on many subjects in the labor and employment law field, in seminars for clients and for organizations such as the Society for Human Resource Management and the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. Since arriving in Miami, he has continued to participate as speaker on many topics related to workplace law, both for clients and other organizations in Florida and elsewhere. Pedro has also written articles on legal developments in Puerto Rico, one of which was published in the American Bar Association's *The International Employment Lawyer*.

During his undergraduate studies, he completed an internship in European Business in the *École Européenne des Affaires* in Paris, France. After completion of his undergraduate studies, Pedro worked as a fiscal analyst in the corporate headquarters of McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, Missouri. After his graduation from law school, he clerked for Honorable Aida M. Delgado-Colón, United States Magistrate-Judge (now Chief United States District Judge), at the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Pedro is fluent in Spanish and English, and conversant in French.

Honors and Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Litigation - Labor and Employment" and "Employment Law - Management" (2020 - present)
- *The Best Lawyers in Puerto Rico*®, "Labor and Employment Law" (2022)
- *Latino Leaders*, Top Latino Lawyers (2016-present)

Published Decisions

- *Rivera-Velazquez v. Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Ins. Co.*, 750 F.3d 1 (1st

Cir. 2014) (affirming dismissal of age discrimination, breach of contract and Fair Credit Reporting claims)

- *Bettis v. Toys R Us*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 123664, December 30, 2009 (S.D. Fla.) (summary judgment in favor of employer in pregnancy discrimination claim)
- *OneSource Facility Servs. v. Mosbach*, 508 F. Supp. 2d 1115 (M.D. Fla. 2007) (restrictive covenant matter)
- *Soler v. Tyco Electronics*, 268 F.Supp. 2d 97 (D.P.R. 2003) (age discrimination claim); and *Ramon Jimenez et al. v. General Instruments / NextLevel*, 170 D.P.R. 14 (2007)

Additional Trial Experience

In addition, Mr. Torres-Díaz has first- or second chaired several trial matters for diverse clients in Puerto Rico and Florida, including:

- *Cruz et al. v. Ethicon* (Court of First Instance – Puerto Rico; donning-and-doffing wage claim by 11 plaintiffs)
- *Martínez v. Ethicon* (Court of First Instance – Puerto Rico; disability discrimination claim)
- *García v. Clorox Commercial Company of Puerto Rico* (U.S. District Court – Puerto Rico; national origin discrimination claim)
- *OneSource Facility Servs. v. Mosbach* (U.S. District Court – Middle District of Florida; restrictive covenant matter)
- *Stewart v. DaimlerChrysler Financial Services* (U.S. District Court – Southern District of Florida; race discrimination claim dismissed)
- *Angel Santo Domingo v. ADP* (Court of First Instance – Puerto Rico; unjustified dismissal claim by high-level sales executive; claim dismissed)

Professional Associations and Activities

- Hispanic National Bar Association (National President, 2016-2017; President-Elect, 2015-2016; General Counsel, 2011-2013; Chair, Labor and Employment Law Section, 2009-2010)
- Hispanic National Bar Association Legal Education Fund (Board Member)
- Commissioner, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, American Bar Association
- American Bar Association (Employment Law, Litigation, and International Law sections)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Bar Association of Puerto Rico
- The Florida Bar
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida