



## Helbert A. Canales-Rojas

Associate

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Helbert A. Canales-Rojas is a skilled litigator who concentrates his practice in the areas of financial services litigation, complex commercial litigation and real estate litigation.

Mr. Canales-Rojas is a member of the Financial Services and Litigation Compliance Group, where he maintains a diverse litigation practice. Mr. Canales-Rojas represents clients on a wide variety of litigation matters, including financial services litigation, complex commercial litigation, insurance litigation, real estate litigation and various other complex litigation matters in federal, state and appellate courts.

He has served as the co-lead attorney for more than 150 litigation matters pertaining to financial services and banking litigation, general commercial litigation, insurance litigation, real estate litigation, and construction litigation.

While Mr. Canales-Rojas focuses his practice primarily on litigation matters, he provides general counsel to business owners in several industries, including automotive supply distributors, construction contractors, real estate investors/developers, and others.

Mr. Canales-Rojas draws on his broad litigation and transactional experience to counsel clients by drafting and reviewing contracts, negotiating in the early stages of a dispute before proceeding to court, ensuring compliance with applicable industry laws and regulations, and implementing other preventative and cost-saving measures to proactively avoid lawsuits and other potentially costly liabilities.

Mr. Canales-Rojas earned his Juris Doctor degree from Florida International University College of Law, where he was a Dean's Scholarship recipient and a research assistant to Judge Phyllis Kotey. Prior to law school, Mr. Canales-Rojas worked as a judicial intern to Judge James Lawrence King of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. Canales-Rojas is bilingual (English and Spanish) and has a working knowledge of Italian.

### Representative Matters

- Awarded final summary judgment in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida in client's favor where the court agreed that a breach of contract was not supported by the undisputed evidence and specific contract language at issue.
- Awarded final summary judgment in a state court breach of contract claim where the court ruled that a breach of contract was not supported by the undisputed evidence and specific contract language at issue.
- Prevailed at hearing on motion for sanctions and secured entitlement to attorney's fees against the plaintiff and plaintiff's attorneys for filing meritless commercial eviction lawsuit.
- Prevailed at several hearings on motions to strike affirmative defenses and motions to compel discovery in various commercial litigation matters.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – Dade County Bar Association
- Member – Hispanic National Bar Association

- Member – Business Law Section of the Florida Bar
- Member – Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar
- Executive Committee Member – Florida International University's Young Alumni Network (2021 – present)
- Pathfinder – Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) (2024 – present)



## Education

- Florida International University College of Law, J.D., 2019
- Florida International University Honors College, B.S., 2016
- Università per Stranieri di Perugia, Intermediate Italian Certificate, 2014



## Admissions

- Florida, 2019
- District of Columbia, 2021
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2021
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2023
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2023