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PRACTICE AREAS

Complex Litigation

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Jorge L. Piedra is the Managing Partner at Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton and concentrates his practice on complex commercial and construction litigation.

As a commercial and construction trial lawyer, Jorge has decades of experience having distinguished himself in over 75 jury and non-jury trials and numerous arbitrations in state and federal courts throughout Florida. He has also argued over 70 cases before various courts of appeal.

Jorge is a member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors representing the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida. Jorge was elected by his peers in 2019 and re-elected in 2021. The 52-member Board of Governors has exclusive authority to formulate and adopt matters of policy concerning the activities of the Bar and regulates the practice of law in Florida. In his role as Governor, Jorge has served on the Judicial Nominating Commission Screening Committee, Judicial Qualifications Commission Screening Committee, Public Member Screening Committee, Disciplinary Review Committee, Technology Committee, Covid-19 Recovery Task Force and Chair of the Annual Convention Committee among many other assignments. In 2021 he received the President's Award for his service on the Technology Committee and the Covid 19 Recovery Task Force.

Jorge is a highly decorated and respected trial lawyer. He was recently selected to Florida Trend's Florida 500, which highlights the 500 most influential executives in different economic sectors throughout the state. For more than 15 consecutive years, Jorge has been awarded the prized AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been listed in Florida Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state. Florida Trend Magazine also named him to Florida's "Legal Elite" and "The State's Legal Leaders." He is also consistently recognized as one of the "Best Attorneys in Florida" in business litigation by Best Lawyers, as selected by peer recognition. Jorge was selected as one of the state's "Notable Managing Partners" in Florida Trend Magazine.

Jorge attended Florida State University (FSU) for his undergraduate studies, obtaining a B.S. in Political Science in 1992. He subsequently enrolled at FSU's College of Law, graduating with honors in 1996. In law school, Jorge was a member of the university's Journal of Transnational Law and Policy and an Articles and Notes Editor for FSU's Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law.

His membership in and commitment to legal, community, business and civic organizations include a longstanding association with the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA), where he served on the board of directors for 9 years and recently served as President. CABA also named him its Outstanding Young Lawyer in 2003, and he served as Chairman of CABA Pro Bono in 2017. Jorge is also a member of the Latin Builders Association (LBA) where he previously served on the Board of

Directors and its Executive Committee and as the organization's Secretary, General Counsel, and Legislative and Community Affairs Committees Chairman. In 2002 and 2005, he was selected as the LBA's Attorney of the Year. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana, organizers of the world famous "Carnival Miami" and "Calle Ocho" festivals and served on that organization's Board of Directors from 2003 until 2009.

Jorge was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 1996. He is also admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Prior to joining Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, Jorge was Managing Partner at Piedra & Associates, P.A. for 18 years.

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