



## Rafael M. Santiago Rosa

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## General Background

Mr. Santiago Rosa brings over 25 years of legal experience, specializing in Corporate, Tax, and Commercial Law. Since becoming Marichal Hernández LLC's managing member in 2006, he has been instrumental in the firm's growth, particularly within his practice areas of litigation and corporate law. Santiago Rosa's career began in 1992, and his journey has been characterized by dynamic growth and varied contributions. He has a strategic understanding and experience in structuring, negotiating, and executing complex transactions, including corporate debt placements, securities, mergers, acquisitions, and commercial loans.

In addition to his transactional expertise, Santiago Rosa is an effective litigator, representing diverse clients from corporations to individuals in federal and local courts. He has a solid track record at both trial and appellate levels, adeptly handling commercial, tax, and corporate law issues. His responsibilities extend to corporate governance, serving as a secretary on the boards of various entities. His notable achievements include managing significant financing for key hospitality projects in Puerto Rico and resolving a substantial claim against the IRS for a high-net-worth client.

## Practice Groups

- Corporate Law
- Complex Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Estates and Trusts
- Real Estate and Hospitality
- Tax Law

## Education

- J.D., University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, 1995
- B.B.A., Sacred Heart University of Puerto Rico, 1992

## Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico
- U.S. Court of Appeals 1st Circuit

## Memberships and Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Puerto Rico Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

## Representative Transactions, Cases or Achievements

- Structured and negotiated financing in the amount of \$200,000,000+ required for the reconstruction of Puerto Rico's largest hospitality facility.
- Structured and negotiated financing in the amount of \$50,000,000+ for the construction of a new hotel on the southern coast of Puerto Rico.
- Successfully negotiated and closed loans on behalf of multiple debtors under the Investment Portfolio for Growth Program (CDBG-DR) managed by the Puerto Rico Housing Department.
- Successfully tried and settled a multimillion-dollar claim in federal court against the IRS on behalf of a high-net-worth taxpayer.