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Leonel Peraza is a principal in the firm's Miami office whose practice includes securities, financial services and insurance litigation. He focuses his practice primarily in the representation of broker-dealers and registered representatives in sales practice and employment disputes in state and federal court, and in arbitration proceedings before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

Leo has experience defending corporate clients in complex commercial litigation, including class actions, in both state and federal court, as well as in regulatory investigations. He also has experience defending class action claims brought against debt collectors under the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and insurance companies in first-party property litigation.

Leo is a member of Bressler's Senior and Vulnerable Investor Group. The lawyers in this group have a shared interest in providing counsel to corporate clients who confront issues affecting seniors.

Leo graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law where he participated in the inaugural class of the Investors Rights Clinic, an organization dedicated to the pro bono representation of investors in securities arbitration claims against broker-dealers before FINRA. He also earned awards for the highest grades in his Commercial Law I, Federal Income Tax and Corporate Tax courses. Prior to law school, Leo graduated *cum laude* from Florida International University School of Business with a double major in Finance and International Business.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Cybersecurity, Privacy &
Technology

Financial Crime Compliance

Financial Institutions

General Litigation

Investment Advisers

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012
- Florida International University School of Business, B.B.A., *cum laude*, 2008

ADMISSIONS

Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle
District of Florida

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Speaking Engagements & Events

Arbitration v. Litigation: Which Forum Better Serves Your Business
Webinar, 10.18.2023

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Cuban American Bar Association (CABA)
- Florida Securities Dealers Association