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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Corporate
Business Immigration
EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program Services
and Compliance
Green Energy
International
Latin America and the Caribbean
Mergers & Acquisitions and Joint Ventures
Puerto Rico
Qualified Opportunity Zones
Real Estate and Real Estate Finance
Securities
Tax Credits

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 1999
Georgetown University, B.S.F.S., Cum Laude, 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York
Puerto Rico

LANGUAGES

Spanish
English

AWARDS

2019 Eb5 Investors Magazine Top 15 Corporate Attorney
2018 Eb5 Investors Magazine Top 15 Corporate Attorney
2014 Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Stars
2013 Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Stars

Roy has been providing strategic guidance and advice to clients in a variety of complex and sophisticated legal transactions for over 20 years. He advises domestic and foreign companies, multinationals, and entrepreneurs on their business activities and investment considerations in the United States and throughout Latin America, Asia, and Europe, including in cross-border transactions.

Prior to founding CLG, Roy worked with various US and international law firms in New York, Puerto Rico and Shanghai, China. Roy began his career as an associate of the New York office of Fried Frank where he represented foreign and domestic issuers with their capital markets, securities and corporate needs. He has also been a partner with Akerman LLP, Fox Rothschild and Cozen O'Connor. He was also the Secretary of the Board of Directors of First BanCorp (NYSE: FBP), the financial holding company of FirstBank Puerto Rico and a member of the Board of Directors of Metro Puerto Rico, LLC and the Afro Latin Jazz Alliance in New York.



Roy has counseled domestic banks and international financial entities, as well as their operating subsidiaries, affiliates and holding companies, on domestic and international activities and relationships. He has also advised boards of directors, executive management and chartered committees in the exercise of their powers and performance of their duties to



these institutions, their creditors, shareholders, and the bank regulatory agencies. He has also represented numerous institutions in the filing and processing of applications for the creation of international financial entities in Puerto Rico.



Roy leads CLG's Opportunity Zones Practice and CLG's EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program Services and Compliance Practice. He has experience in the formation of Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds and assisting clients in the incorporation of opportunity zones funding in their projects or transactions. He also represents public and private clients using EB-5 as a source of capital, filing for an EB-5 Regional Center designation from USCIS, as well as developers seeking to raise capital using the EB-5 investor visa program. He is experienced with public-private partnership projects using opportunity zones funding, EB-5 funds and other economic and tax incentives, as well as the combination of these with other programs, such as U.S. federal tax credits (i.e., LIHTC, NMTC, and HTC) or bond financing.



Roy assists clients in equity and debt offerings registered under U.S. securities laws, the issuance of equity and debt in global transactions not subject to the registration requirements of U.S. securities laws — principally Rule 144A, Regulation S and Regulation D offerings, 1934 and 1933 Act compliance — and with corporate governance and securities regulation matters.



Roy also advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate finance, real estate transactions, and infrastructure development, with an emphasis on Puerto Rico and the Latin American region. He routinely counsels U.S. and foreign clients and high net worth individuals seeking to relocate to Puerto Rico on maximizing available opportunities under the Puerto Rico economic tax incentives pursuant to Puerto Rico Acts 20 and 22 and other incentives included under Act 60, the new Puerto Rico Code of Incentives.



Roy also provides guidance in the development and finance of affordable multifamily, elderly, and single-family housing, including mixed financing developments to developers, LIHTC syndicators, and financial institutions.

MEDIA COVERAGE - SELECTED NEWS AND ARTICLES

fDi Intelligence, Commentary, "Cryptocurrencies make move into FDI, bit by bit: Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have made headlines the world over in recent years and now, through initial coin offerings, are making their mark on FDI," August 16, 2018.

The Legal Intelligencer, Commentary, "Cozen O'Connor Lawyer Spins Off Latin American Practice to NY Boutique," August 21, 2018.

The ABC's of Immigration Law Blog, Author, "Stopgap Spending Bill Ends Second Federal Government Shutdown in Less than a Month," February 9, 2018.

The ABC's of Immigration Law Blog, Author, "Continuing Resolution extends EB-5 Program until January 2018," December 22, 2017.

The ABC's of Immigration Law Blog, Author, "How House Joint Resolution 123 Impacts EB- 5," December 11, 2017.

National Real Estate Investor, Commentary, "Despite Uncertainty Surrounding the Program, Developers Work to Expand EB-5 Network," November 8, 2017.

The ABC's of Immigration Law Blog, Author, "President Trump Issues New Travel Ban Expanding Countries Affected By Travel Restrictions," September 26, 2017.

National Real Estate Investor, Commentary, "After Another Last-Minute Extension, Legislators Focus on EB-5 Reform," May 4, 2017.

The Legal Intelligencer, Commentary, "Amid Immigration Jitters, Cozen O'Connor Hires EB- 5 Pro From Fox," January 31, 2017.

Construction Dive, Commentary, "Development Boon or Fraud Risk? Inside the Controversial EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program," January 12, 2017.

Real Estate Finance & Investment, Commentary, "Market pros see EB-5 reforms after short-term extension," December 12, 2016.

The Real Deal, Commentary, "City Officials Eye EB-5 Investors for Miami Marine Stadium, Underline and More," September 16, 2016.

Law 360, Commentary, "2016's Major Immigration Case Developments: Midyear Report," July 1, 2016.

Law 360, Co-Author, "EB-5 Reform: What To Expect After SEC Jay Peak Enforcement," June 9, 2016.

Daily Business Review, Commentary, "SEC Case Pushes EB-5 Focus to Oversight, Compliance," May 23, 2016.

Law360, Co-Author, "The Benefits of Permanently Authorizing EB-5," January 11, 2016.

Caribbean Business, Commentary, "Proposed Changes to EB-5 Program Unlikely to Affect Puerto Rico," December 24, 2015.

Real Estate Finance & Investment, Commentary, "EB-5 program extended through September," December 18, 2015.

GlobeSt.com, Commentary, "Congress Leaves EB-5 Program Untouched," December 17, 2015.

GlobeSt.com, Commentary, "House Expands FIRPTA, Limits Real Estate Spin-Offs," December 16, 2015.

New York Law Journal, Commentary, "On the Move," December 10, 2015.

Daily Business Review, Commentary, "Latest Reforms to EB-5 Program Are Nearly Complete," December 10, 2015.

Daily Business Review, Commentary, "Roy Carrasquillo and Scott Bettridge Join Fox Rothschild," December 1, 2015.

New York Business Journal, Commentary, "People on the Move," November 23, 2015.

The American Lawyer, Commentary, "Lateral Moves," November 22, 2015.

Law 360, Commentary, "Fox Rothschild Adds Two EB-5 Attorneys from Akerman," November 20, 2015.

EB5 Investors Magazine, Co-Author, "EB-5 Funding and Tax Credits: A Viable Alternative for the Development of Affordable Housing," August 21, 2015.

Wall Street Journal, Commentary, "Miami Taps EB-5 Visa Program to Help Fund Affordable Housing," August 6, 2015.

Daily Business Review, Commentary, "How Chinese Demand for EB-5 Visas Has Slowed Things Down," July 15, 2015.

New York Law Journal, Co-Author, "The EB-5 Program and Tax Credits: An Alternative for Development," June 29, 2015.

EB-5 Investors Magazine, Co-Author, "EB-5 Funding and Tax Credits: A Viable Alternative for the Development of Affordable Housing," May 4, 2015.

Focus Latin America, Commentary, "Investors are Bullish on the Caribbean," Spring 2015.

Tax Credit Advisor, Co-Author Article, "EB-5 Funding and Tax Credits An Alternative Source of Financing for Developers," December 2014.

Real Estate Finance Intelligence, Commentary, "State Department Puts EB-5 Visas for Chinese Nationals on Brief Hiatus," September 8, 2014.

El Sol de La Florida, Commentary, "Miami en vías de ser un centro comercial, industrial y de inversión,"(Miami on the Way To Become a Commercial, Individual and Investment Hub)," September 1, 2014.

Media Highlight Akerman's EB-5 Lawyers on Chinese Visa Cutoffs, Aug. 28, 2014.

Miami Diario, Commentary, "Centro regional de visas para inversionistas E-B5 en Miami, facilita trámites migratorios," (EB-5 Regional Center for Investor visas in Miami eases immigration process) August 27, 2014.

Debtwire, Commentary, "State Department cap delays Chinese EB-5 CRE financing applications until October," August 26, 2014.

Real Estate Finance Intelligence, Commentary, "Puerto Rico Jumps on the EB-5 Bandwagon" July 23, 2014.

Caribbean Business, Commentary, "PR creates government EB-5 center," July 12, 2014.

168 Akerman Lawyers Named to 2014 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists, Jun. 20, 2014.

Latin America & the Caribbean Practice Update, "Puerto Rico Recent Developments," February 18, 2014.

UPCOMING AND RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

IIUSA's 2020 Virtual EB-5 Industry Forum, Panelist, "Redeployment: How the Policy Manual Update Affects Current and Future Investors & Projects," November 12, 2020.

20th Annual National Rural Lenders' Roundtable, Panelist, "New Market Tax Credits," Washington, D.C., December 4, 2019.

Opportunity Zones Expo, Moderator, "Power of Partnerships: The Benefit of public and private collaborations and a community driven investment strategy," Miami, FL, November 14, 2019.

Customers Bank, Panelist, Opportunity Zones Summit, "Collaborative Engagement for Striving to Achieve Success," New York, NY, May 20, 2019,

National Minority Supplier Development Council, Annual Meeting, Speaker, "Opportunity Zones 101 and Social Impact," New York, NY, May 13, 2019.

MiLA, Opportunity Zones Webinar, Speaker, "Opportunity Zones 101," New York, NY, March 18, 2019.

Opportunity Zones Expo, Moderator, "Promise in Puerto Rico: Tapping into the Potential of the Island," Las Vegas, NV, May 10, 2019

National Rural Lenders' Roundtable, Speaker, "New Markets Tax Credits as a source of financing in Puerto Rico," San Juan, PR, March 8, 2019.

Opportunity Zones Expo, Panelist, "Getting in the Zone: How to get your gains involved in Opportunity Zones," Los Angeles, CA, January 11, 2019.

Georgia Bio, Panelist, Georgia Bio Innovation Summit 2018, "Financing Bio-Technology Projects and EB-5," Atlanta, GA, October 9, 2018.

Hispanic National Bar Association 2018 Annual Convention, Moderator, "Panel – Rebuilding Puerto Rico Post-Hurricane Maria & Amid the Ongoing Financial Crisis," Philadelphia, PA, September 7, 2018.

Hunter College of New York, Panelist, Diaspora Summit III: Rebuild Puerto Rico, "Legal Community Engagement," May 12, 2018.

Atlanta World Trade Center, Panelist, 2nd Annual World Trade Day, "Financing Your Global Expansion in Today's Ever-Changing Digital Era," Atlanta, GA, May 4, 2018.

Atlanta World Trade Center, Panelist, "EB-5 Immigration Investor Program Updates," Atlanta, GA, April 18, 2018.

MetroLALSA Pa'lante VIII Conference: Unidos Venceremos, Speaker, "HNBA PR Task Force Efforts and Introduction of Keynote Speaker," New York, NY, April 16, 2018.

Hispanic National Bar Association 2018 Corporate Counsel Conference, Speaker, "Plenary Rebuilding Puerto Rico: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue Regarding How Best to Address Puerto Rico's Humanitarian and Economic Crises," San Francisco, CA, March 16, 2018.

EB5 Investors Magazine's 2018 Las Vegas EB-5 & Global Investment Immigration Convention, Panelist, "EB-5 Project and Investment Redeployment Due Diligence, January 26, 2018.

iGlobal Forum Best Practices for Real Estate Capital Investment: Fundraising, EB-5 and Real Estate Joint Ventures, Panelist, "Raising EB-5 Capital for Real Estate 101," New York, NY, October 31, 2017.

EB5projects.com, "Dealing with SEC laws and EB-5: How to Structure the Offering of an EB-5 Deal," Panelist, Atlanta, GA, August 25, 2017.

EB5 Investors Magazine's 2017 San Francisco EB-5 & Investment Immigration Convention, Panelist, "Source of Funds, a Roadmap to 2017," July 27, 2017.

Attracting Foreign Capital Through EB-5: New Rules and Potential Obstacles, Panelist, Philadelphia, PA, May 4, 2017.

EB-5 Legislative Update Webinar, Speaker, May 1, 2017.

EB-5 Visa Program Changes - What you need to know... Webinar, Speaker, February 8, 2017.

A New Trend in Chinese Market: PE+EB5, Panelist, New York, NY, October 26, 2016.

The Present and Future of the EB-5 Regional Center Program, Panelist, Miami, FL, September 15, 2016.

2016 New York EB-5 & Investment Immigration Convention, Panelist, "Hot RC and Developer Immigration Issues in EB-5," New York, NY, July 18, 2016.

EB-5 Financing - Not Just an Immigration Program, Panelist, New York, NY, February 4, 2016.

EB-5 and Tax Credits: Working on your Capital Stack, Panelist, Miami, Florida, December 8, 2015.

2015 CDFA New York/New Jersey Financing Roundtable Conference, Panelist, "Attracting Global Investments with EB-5," Newark, NJ, September 17, 2015.

Puerto Rico Investment Summit - Latin America, Speaker, "Federal Visas and EB-5," May 18, 2015.

City of Miami EB-5 Regional Center, Speaker, "EB-5 Investments to Fund Public-Private Projects," January 26, 2015.

Florida Bar Association, Tax Section, 33rd Annual International Tax Conference, Speaker, "Puerto Rico as an Investment Destination: Current Tax and Economic Incentives," January 8, 2015.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Economic Forum, Speaker, "EB-5: The New Financing Alternative- what is it and how you can benefit from it," December 4, 2014.

South Florida Commercial Real Estate Lending Conference, Panelist, "A Comprehensive Look at EB-5," October 31, 2014.