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About CLG

ABOUT CLG

CLG is a boutique law firm with experience advising international and domestic clients with their business and legal needs in the United States, as well as worldwide clients with their international business and legal needs. CLG's team consists of a multi-disciplinary group of attorneys from different practice areas, including Corporate, Real Estate, Securities, Finance, and Tax, who are able to assist clients through an integrated approach. Our goal is to effectively represent entities and individuals by guiding them through the necessary steps for a successful transaction.

Our attorneys come from large law firms and international practices and understand the needs of our entrepreneurial clients. Our firm provides the opportunity for high-level partners to work more closely with their clients in a more intimate and cost-effective environment.

With presence in New York, NY, Miami, Orlando, San Francisco, CA, San Juan, PR, and Washington, DC, we bring international perspective with a local understanding to our clients.

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Our Practice Areas

BUSINESS & CORPORATE

Attorneys in our Business & Corporate Practice Group regularly advise businesses of all sizes on an “outsourced” general counsel basis across a range of matters that arise during the course of a business’s establishment and growth in the United States.

Our attorneys also have particular experience in advising on issues that are uniquely relevant to closely held (and often family controlled) businesses and their owners (e.g., exit strategies, corporate governance, minority shareholder rights, and succession and tax considerations).

We have found that non-U.S. businesses and their owners find great value in working on this basis with a New York-based law firm with our international experience, language capabilities and competitive cost structure.

Examples of matters on which our attorneys advise clients in this area include:

- Structuring offshore and domestic entities for inbound investments in real estate, manufacturing and other industries;
- Formation of entities, including corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships with multiple owners with diverse rights, preferences, and obligations, and the preparation of complex shareholder agreements (for corporations), operating agreements (for LLCs), and limited partnership agreements (for limited partnerships), to properly address such issues;

- Preparation of commercial agreements of all types, including manufacturing and product distribution agreements (e.g., resale, distribution and agency);
- Providing advice on employment law matters, including preparation of consulting, employment and non-competition agreements;
- Providing advice on commercial real estate law matters, including preparation and negotiation of commercial leases;
- Providing advice on corporate governance matters; and
- Providing advice on litigation and dispute resolution and on how to avoid litigation.

Our Business & Corporate Practice Group team understands our clients' needs and the continually evolving legal marketplace, where business clients require value-added, focused services to meet their changing business needs. Our team's entrepreneurial approach has a highly successful track record in working with clients to recognize and meet emerging market demands.

ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

CLG's Economic Incentives Practice Group assists clients in navigating existing incentive programs and economic incentives for successful project development. Our team includes experienced attorneys and former government officials assisting developers and end users of affordable housing, commercial projects, energy developments, and infrastructure projects.

Our team can handle everything from the initial analysis and strategizing to closing and post-closing restructuring and compliance in incentive, construction, mixed-use development, and other real estate transactions.

Our team also counsels clients on Qualified Opportunity Zone funding, EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program financings, Tax Credits, grant programs, and related incentives. CLG's Economic Incentives Group works with developers to maximize local, state, and federal assistance. Our Green Energy team also has experience with renewable energy and sustainable developments throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Latin America and incorporating energy tax credits as a source of capital.

FINTECH

CLG's FinTech Practice Group is a multidisciplinary group of attorneys drawn from our Securities, Business & Corporate and Tax practice areas to help clients invest in, fund, develop and market their services and products in the financial services and technology industries.

Our FinTech Practice Group provides strategic, transactional, and regulatory advice to a wide array of both established and emerging participants in the fintech space engaging with both enterprise Blockchain/Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) and non-DLT payment, lending, banking and trading technology solutions. Our attorneys also advise our clients with blockchain/DLT token offerings (e.g., ICOs, IEOs, IDOs, STOs), Bitcoin and blockchain technology, cryptocurrency ("crypto") matters and related emerging technology.

Our FinTech attorneys' experience in Blockchain includes:

- General advisory (i.e., blockchain business transactions)
- Startups and Venture Funding
- Blockchain Token Sales (e.g., ICOs, IDOs, IEOs, ILOs, STOs)
- Tokenized securities
- International advisory
- Payments services regulation (e.g., Money Services Business/MSB and Money Transmitter Laws/MTLs)
- KYC/AML compliance
- Securities law

- Commodities, Futures and Derivatives law
- Dodd-Frank/swaps regulation
- Retail commodity transactions
- OTC transactions
- Banking law
- Lending law
- Nonprofits, foundations and trade associations

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS AND JOINT VENTURES

Our Mergers & Acquisitions and Joint Ventures Practice Group is both international and domestic and centers around corporate acquisitions, mergers, leveraged buy-outs and related financing transactions, foreign investment in U.S. and non-U.S. businesses (either directly or through joint ventures), and commercial agreements.

Members of our Mergers & Acquisitions and Joint Ventures Practice Group are experienced in developing the optimal legal and investment structures for effecting an acquisition or divestiture, whether it be a stock or asset transaction in order to maximize client value.

Our team's entrepreneurial approach allows our attorneys to develop close working relationships with our clients and learn their business objectives so we can provide straight-forward, practical advice. Also, as part of the added value we bring to our clients, we routinely introduce them to the opportunities and relationships afforded by our team's many years of experience.

SECURITIES

Members of our Securities Practice Group advise clients on federal and state securities laws, stock exchange rules, and provide counsel on all types of capital markets transactions, including initial public offerings, stock exchange listings, reverse mergers, mergers, and tender offers.

Our attorneys provide advice to placement agents, issuers and investors in private placement transactions, including offerings under Rule 144A, Regulation D and Regulation S. Our securities lawyers are also knowledgeable and advise with respect to the latest developments on crowdfunding and evolving means of capital formation.

Our Securities Practice Group lawyers also have experience acting as outside general counsel to domestic and foreign private issuers in public offerings and securities compliance. They have extensive experience representing publicly-traded companies in the full range of ongoing compliance requirements under Sarbanes Oxley, Securities Act and Exchange Act regulations, including with their periodic corporate filings (on Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K and Proxy Statements), as well as other regulatory and national exchange filing requirements.

Our attorneys are also experienced in advising clients on EB-5 securities offerings exempted from registration under Regulation D and/or Regulation S.

TAX CREDITS

Our Tax Credits Practice Group helps developers, lenders, owners, investors, and municipalities on a wide range of federal and state tax credit programs involving areas such as historic rehabilitation (HTC), low-income housing (LIHTC), renewable energy and new markets (NMTC). Our multidisciplinary team derives experience from our Business & Corporate, Real Estate and Finance, Government Affairs, Securities and Tax practice groups to guide clients through the requirements and intricacies of each tax credit program available to help make projects viable and more efficient.

Our attorneys have represented clients in transactions that involve various federal and state tax credits, including new markets tax credits (NMTC), historic rehabilitation tax credits (HTC), low income housing tax credits (LIHTC), motion picture tax credits and tourism tax credits throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

These credits can play an important role in the financing and development of projects and our Tax Credits Group has significant experience structuring tax credit transactions to permit the realization of tax benefits in the context of projects involving government and nonprofit entities.

BUSINESS IMMIGRATION

Our team helps companies, entrepreneurs and investors both in the U.S. and around the world to create and implement effective pre-immigration and corporate expansion strategies.

CLG's Business Immigration team provides practical guidance to multinational businesses and foreign clients seeking to relocate to, invest in, or conduct business in the United States.

We represent businesses and individuals in business immigration matters and have experience handling the specialized pre-immigration tax and visa planning needs of high-net-worth foreign national entrepreneurs and investors, including planning, managing, and filing petitions in the EB-5 immigrant investor category.

EB-5 IMMIGRANT INVESTOR PROGRAM SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE

Our EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program Services and Compliance practice is a multidisciplinary group of attorneys drawn from our Securities, Business Immigration, Real Estate, Tax, Government Affairs and Litigation practice areas, who provide an integrated approach for clients with matters involving the EB-5 Program.

Our multidisciplinary approach covers a majority of the legal aspects related to the EB-5 Program, including the following:

- **Securities** – Provide advice on investments, securities, and corporate organizations related to EB-5 securities offerings and federal and state securities laws, including exemptions from registration requirements and the preparation of proper disclosure documents.
- **Business Immigration** – Represent investors and regional centers in complying with all aspects of immigration law.
- **Real Estate** – Advise clients on securing loans and investments, as well as on acquisitions, leases, and closings.
- **Taxes** - Advise clients interested in the EB-5 Program on global strategies for pre-relocation tax and estate planning.
- **Litigation**- Represent EB-5 investors in litigation issues, as plaintiffs against regional centers and EB-5 projects involving failure, fraud or corporate matters. We also represent EB-5 regional centers or issuers as defendants in U.S. SEC Commission enforcement actions or other litigation or arbitration proceedings.
- **Government Affairs**- Monitor policy developments regarding the EB-5 Program’s reauthorization and provisions. Advise clients on how to deal with regulatory agencies such as USCIS and DHS and to obtain approval for projects.

- **Compliance Services** – Work with developers and regional centers to determine their compliance needs, establish procedures for annual reporting requirements, advise them in managing their compliance documentation, and help them to alleviate any immigration and compliance related risks.

Our integrated one-stop approach helps our clients plan ahead and avoid potential issues, helping assure business plans become reality.

Our clients include:

- Individual EB-5 investors looking for advice on immigration matters, as well as with pre-relocation planning, including tax and estate planning.
- Developers seeking to raise capital using the EB-5 Investor Visa Program and how to incorporate EB-5 capital into their capital stack.
- Entities filing for an EB-5 regional center designation both at the private and public level. States and municipalities looking to incorporate EB-5 capital as a source of funding for economic development.
- Established regional centers on immigration and securities matters.
- Groups of investors working with managers or regional centers to ensure the proper redeployment of their capital.

Our EB-5 team has experience obtaining USCIS Regional Center designation for project pre-approvals and amendments (Form I-924) and Annual Reporting (Form I-924A). Our EB-5 immigration team also has experience centralizing and reviewing I-526 petitions for sources of funds on behalf of regional centers and/or issuers to ensure compliance with the EB-5 Program, as well as filing and reviewing I-526 and I-829 petitions on behalf of individual investors.

Our attorneys also have experience with public-private partnership projects using EB-5 funds and other economic and tax incentives, as well as the combination of EB-5 financing with other programs, such as U.S. federal tax credits (i.e., LIHTC, NMTC, and HTCs).

Our EB-5 attorneys are business-oriented and understand how to assist our entrepreneurial clients to achieve their goals.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Our Government Affairs Practice offers a broad range of services and experience to our clients on state and federal legislative affairs, regulatory affairs and departmental actions, administrative law, business incentives and government procurement and contracting.

Our team develops effective strategies to navigate the complex legislative and regulatory processes at the state and federal levels.

GREEN ENERGY

Our Green Energy Practice Group has assisted a wide range of private and public sector clients throughout the United States with the challenges and opportunities emerging from developments in renewable energy.

Our attorneys have experience representing both developers and investors in the financing and development of renewable energy projects, including solar, wind, and waste-to-energy.

Our team has worked with developers in the financing and development of energy infrastructure projects in the United States and Latin America, including assisting them in the structuring of their financing sources.

Our experience includes assisting solar developers and EPC companies in the development of solar PV projects in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean, including utility scale, direct net metering projects, rooftop, and ground mounted projects.

Our Green Energy Practice Group has experience negotiating with utilities the terms of Power Purchase Agreements, Interconnection Agreements, EPC contracts, and public private partnerships for the generation of renewable energy. As counsel to clients in the energy industry, our multidisciplinary team provides comprehensive representation in all areas related to project development, including government affairs, corporate, and economic development incentives.

Our Managing Shareholder, Roy Carrasquillo, was also a member of the Puerto Rico Energy Affairs Administration's Stakeholders Committee responsible for the development of the different regulations implementing Puerto Rico Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards.

INTERNATIONAL

Our International Practice Group is a multidisciplinary group of lawyers representing U.S. and non-U.S. corporations in a variety of practice areas. Our international practice has three primary components:

- serving non-U.S. companies as they enter or expand operations in the United States;
- serving U.S. companies as they expand and grow overseas; and
- serving U.S. and non-U.S. companies in cross-border transactions and joint ventures.

Through years of working on international matters, our lawyers have developed strong relationships with legal counsel in many countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. All lawyers in our International Practice team are experienced in representing U.S. and non-U.S. clients in a variety of international matters. Because effective representation in cross-border transactions requires a firm grasp of the law and business culture in all the nations involved, many of our team members have lived and worked abroad and/or are fluent in foreign languages.

We help clients structure, negotiate and document business deals, joint ventures and corporate partnering arrangements across national borders and our international lawyers are experienced in helping clients in most of the United States' major trading partner nations.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

We counsel companies and investors on a wide range of business matters, including cross-border transactions, joint ventures, project financings, debt restructurings, syndicated and secured lending transactions, and capital market transactions with a strong focus on the middle market. With decades of experience working in the region, members of our multicultural team are fluent in Spanish and some are dual licensed in U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Our Latin America and Caribbean Practice offers clients a local perspective on the legal systems, regulatory environments, and cultural nuances in the region working regularly with clients looking to invest or expand their businesses in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our team has particular strength guiding Latin America and Caribbean-based companies and investors through transactions in the United States. We provide clients with the sophisticated guidance needed to complete complex cross-border transactions. We also represent family offices and high-net-worth individuals with ties to Latin America.

We effectively help clients assess their risks and devise legal strategies using the most suitable forum and laws. With a vast legal network throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, we work with experienced local counsel to provide seamless representation.

PUERTO RICO

Our team of lawyers routinely handle a wide range of complex issues and our in-country experience enables us to deliver sophisticated legal services in a highly efficient manner. Our lawyers have a thorough understanding of Puerto Rico's cultural and business climate.

Our experienced team of attorneys regularly advise investors seeking to take advantage of Puerto Rico's corporate tax incentives and investment opportunities and routinely counsel U.S. and foreign companies and individuals considering relocating to Puerto Rico in order to maximize available opportunities and tax incentives. Our attorneys are experienced on the different Puerto Rico economic tax incentives included under the Puerto Rico Code of Incentives (Act 60) including:

- Export Services and Commerce (formerly Act 20)
- Individual Investors (formerly Act 22)
- Manufacturing (formerly Act 73)
- Film Industry Economic Incentives (formerly Act 27)
- Green Energy Incentives (formerly Act 83)
- Tourism Development (formerly Act 74)

In addition to the CLG attorneys based in San Juan, Puerto Rico, various members of our legal team are also licensed to practice in the Island.

Practice Highlights:

- Assist clients in minimizing their tax liabilities through the effective use of tax incentives under Act 60.
- Enable clients to achieve their business objectives with creative financing arrangements using various combinations of EB-5 financing, tax credits, and grants.
- Represent public and private clients filing for an EB-5 Regional Center designation and assist developers seeking to raise capital using the EB-5 investor visa program.
- Contract drafting and negotiation for various transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, and joint ventures.
- Assist buyers and sellers of commercial and residential real estate and parties to commercial leases on all aspects of their transactions.
- Represent clients with estate planning, probate and asset protection transactions involving Puerto Rico.
- Lead counsel on private placements, including preparation of all securities documents (private placement memoranda, shareholders agreements, and subscription documents).
- Represent financial institutions on securities, compliance, and financing matters.
- Represent developers and syndicators on affordable housing and assisted living projects, including LIHTC Projects.
- Represent developers and investors on renewable energy projects, including solar, PV, wind and waste to energy.

Our attorneys have experience assisting clients in various industries in Puerto Rico, including, but not limited to, financial services, hospitality, insurance, financing, housing, construction, entertainment/media, and renewable energy.

LITIGATION

Our Litigation Practice Group represents a diverse range of clients across numerous sectors and regularly appear before judges and arbitrators in local and national matters. Our team strives to think outside the box and look for creative, cost efficient solutions for our clients. Our Litigation Practice offers both strength and agility. While our attorneys will zealously defend our clients' interests, they will never pursue litigation as an end in itself.

We work closely with our clients to obtain practical, cost-effective strategies to achieve their business objectives. We also work closely with our clients to devise fee arrangements that take into consideration our clients' needs and which provide greater price predictability.

Our team also has experience litigating and arbitrating EB-5 related matters assisting investors or developers in these matters and taking advantage of the experience of our EB-5 and Business Immigration attorneys.

QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Our Qualified Opportunity Zones Practice is a multidisciplinary group of attorneys drawn from our Securities, Real Estate and Finance, Tax Credits and Tax practice areas. Our attorneys provide an integrated approach for clients with matters involving the Qualified Opportunity Zones Program created by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act or exploring how to take advantage of this program.

Our Qualified Opportunity Zones practitioners work regularly with developers, investors, fund managers, lenders and business owners on matters related to the Qualified Opportunity Zones Program, including the formation of Qualified Opportunity Zones Funds.

Our attorneys also have experience with incorporating different economic and tax incentives to a project's capital structure and we assist clients on combining Qualified Opportunity Zone Opportunities, with other incentives programs such as EB-5 financing, U.S. federal tax credits (i.e., LIHTC, NMTC, and HTCs), as well as local, state and federal subsidies.

Our attorneys have the experience in corporate, securities, real estate, fund formation, syndications, startups, tax advantaged investing, asset acquisitions and dispositions, bond financing, commercial financing, affordable housing and tax credits, high-net-worth investment, fiduciaries, renewable energy, and business formation matters in order to assist all Qualified Opportunity Zone participants in every phase of structuring, investment, development and operation of their projects.

REAL ESTATE AND FINANCE

Our Real Estate and Finance Practice Group attorneys have experience representing both buyers and sellers of commercial and residential real estate and parties to commercial leases. We often advise foreign investors with their tax and other concerns when purchasing or investing in real estate in the United States.

We regularly represent lenders and borrowers in complex financing transactions involving commercial, retail, residential, and industrial real estate. Our attorneys have experience with the formation of joint ventures, general and limited partnerships, limited liability companies, business trusts, and other investment vehicles; and creation of credit facilities with complex terms.

Our finance attorneys' expertise includes:

- Secured lending
- Acquisition financing
- Construction and permanent mortgage financing
- Syndications and participations
- Letters of credit
- Industrial development bonds
- Tax-favored financing including New Markets Tax Credits, Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits
- EB-5 Financing

We assist our clients in incorporating several sources of capital to their real estate development projects such as EB-5 financing, federal and state tax credit equity, Opportunity Zones capital and traditional financing.

Affordable Housing and Community Development

CLG's Affordable Housing and Community Development Practice Group is a multi-disciplinary group of seasoned attorneys and former government officials who assists clients with their affordable housing, senior housing, assisted living, mixed finance, multifamily housing and community development matters.

Our attorneys represent developers, lenders, owners, investors, syndicators, general contractors, states and municipalities on the development and finance of projects from the initial analysis, structuring and strategizing to the closing and post-closing restructuring and compliance for successful project development.

We represent both buyers and sellers of commercial and residential real estate and parties to commercial leases and often advise foreign investors with their tax and other concerns when purchasing or investing in real estate in the United States and Puerto Rico.

We also regularly represent lenders and borrowers in complex financing transactions involving commercial, retail, residential, and industrial real estate. Our attorneys have experience with the formation of joint ventures, general and limited partnerships, limited liability companies, business trusts, and other investment vehicles, and creation of credit facilities with complex terms.

Our attorneys' expertise includes:

- Secured lending
- Acquisition financing
- Construction and permanent mortgage financing
- Loan Syndications and participations
- Letters of credit
- Tax-exempt bond financing for housing and community development
- 4% and 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), Historic Tax Credits (HTC) and New Market Tax Credits
- Energy conservation financing programs, including energy performance contracting (EPC) and power purchase agreements (PPA)
- EB-5 Financing
- Use of the Qualified Opportunity Zone (QOZ) program to finance residential rental housing

Our multidisciplinary team derives experience from our Business & Corporate, Real Estate & Real Estate Finance, Securities, Taxes, Tax Credits, Economic Incentives, EB-5, Qualified Opportunity Zones and Green Energy practices to guide clients through the requirements and intricacies of transactions in an effort to help make their affordable housing and community development projects viable and more efficient.

TAXES

Attorneys in our Tax Practice Group develop tax planning solutions that help our clients' achieve business goals, while using our attorneys' knowledge of the corporate and securities laws to advance the economic efficiency of transactions.

Understanding our clients' businesses allows us to appropriately balance corporate tax considerations with a client's transaction objectives to achieve the best overall results. We routinely advise clients on the formation and maintenance of their chosen form of business entity, the various transaction alternatives for buying and selling of businesses, taxable and tax-free mergers and acquisitions, debt financings and restructurings, private equity financings, and recapitalizations, among others.

We also help our clients structure their international operations as tax efficiently as possible and provide strategic counsel on a broad spectrum of issues affecting international businesses, including the establishment of foreign subsidiaries, transfer pricing, planning for the repatriation of earnings, and using foreign tax credits.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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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

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.



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

2023 Super Lawyers New York
Metro

2022 EB5 Investors Magazine
Top 15 Corporate Attorney

2022 New York Real Estate
Journal (NYREJ) Ones to Watch

2021 New York Real Estate
Journal (NYREJ) Ones to Watch

2021 Super Lawyers New York

2020 EB5 Investors Magazine
Top 15 Corporate Attorney

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

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 HTCs) 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.

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IIUSA Webinar ; EB-5 Education Library.; Panelist; "RIA 18 Months In: Where Are We Now?"; <https://iiusa.org/courses/ria-18-months-in-where-are-we-now/>; September 20, 2023

America Outbound Summit 2023: Panelist; "Panel Discussion: What Exactly Makes the Caribbean an Attractive Plan B to Wealthy Americans?"; <https://outboundinvestment.com/events/america/>; September 12, 2023

IIUSA; 2023 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum; "Forms Forum: Practical Guidance for New EB-5 Forms"; Panelist; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-iiusa-eb-5-industry-forum-tickets-389529983667>; May 21-23, 2023

Lawgic; "Intensive course Taxes in Spanish"; Panelist; <https://www.learnlawgic.com/en/taxes-en-espanol-abril>; April 17-19, 2023

Uglobal Immigration Magazine/EB5 Investors Magazine; 2023 EB-5 & Global Immigration Expo United States; Panelist; "Investors 101: Benefits for American and Global, aimed at investors looking to emigrate abroad by investing in a second citizenship or residency"; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-eb-5-global-immigration-expo-united-states-tickets-418239524677>; January 12-13, 2023

Invest Puerto Rico; Panelist; Business Opportunities in Puerto Rico Networking Event; October 27, 2022

2022 United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) National Conference; <https://bit.ly/CLG-USHCC-Phoenix2022>; October 2-4, 2022

OPPORTUNITY ZONE EXPO ARIZONA; Panelist; Panel 5: OZ Hot Trends: Exploring the rising trend of OZ investing in ESG, use of cryptocurrency, public-private partnerships and combining OZ with EB-5 capital; <https://www.opportunityzone.com/>; October 3, 2022

11th Annual Summit on Puerto Rican Affairs - Puerto Rican Summit; Panelist; Business “Development Opportunities – Post Pandemic”; <https://carrasquillolaw.com/clg-to-sponsor-and-speak-at-annual-summit-on-puerto-rican-affairs-in-orlando/>; June 10, 2022

2022 Employment Solutions USA Puerto Rico Conference; Panelist; <https://www.esusagroup.com/employment-solutions-usa-and-carrasquillo-law-group-explore-h-2a-and-h-2b-visa-programs-at-inaugural-employment-solutions-usa-puerto-rico-conference/>; April 21, 2022

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando (HCCMO); Panelist; “Doing Business With Puerto Rico”; <https://carrasquillolaw.com/clg-to-present-at-hispanic-chamber-of-commerce-metro-orlandos-doing-business-with-puerto-rico-seminar/>; April 14, 2022

EB5 IIUSA; Panelist; 2022 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum; “Empirical Knowledge and Other Strategies for Redeployment Success”; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-iiusa-eb-5-industry-forum-tickets-137036061549>; April 11 – 13, 2022

Uglobal Immigration Magazine/EB5 Investors Magazine, Moderator; 2022 Immigration, Wealth & Tax Planning Expo United States; “EB5 in a post pandemic world”; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-immigration-wealth-tax-planning-expo-united-states-tickets-266329577937>; April 7-8, 2022

ILW.com; Panelist; EB5 Reform Act Impact Webinar; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQtGA0i_lqc; March 16, 2022

ULI Southeast Florida / Caribbean; Panelist; “Puerto Rico Symposium: Building Synergies for Long-Term Growth and Development Opportunities”; March 15, 2022

Novogradac 2022 Affordable Housing Developers Conference, Panelist, “Island Talk: CDBG Funds and Local Insights”; January 14, 2022

IIUSA Virtual Industry Forum, Panelist, "Redeployment: How the Policy Manual Update Affect Current and Future Investors & Projects", November 12, 2021.

2021 USHCC National Conference, Panelist, "Puerto Rico as a Business and Investment Destination: A discussion on available tax and economic incentives", September 26-28, 2021

EB5 IIUSA, "Panel Regional Updates & Opportunities at the Investor Market Series on East Asia", Moderator, June 6, 2021

Uglobal Immigration Magazine/EB5 Investors Magazine, Moderator, "2021 Virtual EB-5 & Uglobal Immigration Expo South America", May 6-7, 2021

The IIUSA Market Series on Brazil & Latin America, Virtual Moderator, "Panel: Latin America Investor Market Outlook and Understanding the EB-5 Process", March 30, 2021

2020 EB5 Investors Wealth, Tax Planning & Immigration Virtual Expo, Moderator, "Panel: Redeployment facts: How does it work, where can EB-5 capital be reinvested and what should investors think about to be prepared?", December 8, 2020.

2020 Fall Virtual Opportunity Zone Expo, Panelist, "Securities Law Compliance: Best practices", November 13, 2020.

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

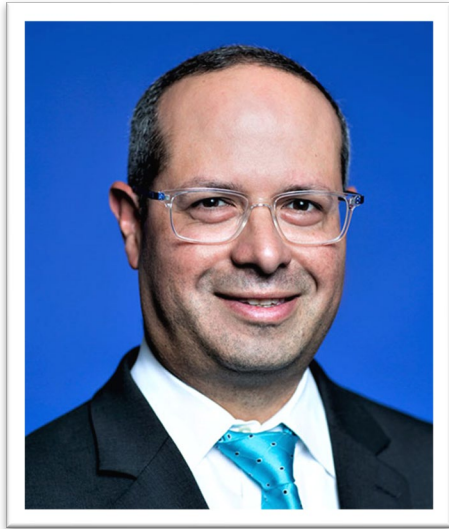
Puerto Rico Investment Summit - Latin America, Speaker, "Federal Visas and EB-5," May 18, 2015.

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.



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Coleman Report, Interview from the National Rural Lender’s Roundtable’s PR Rural Lending Investment Summit. March 7, 2019.

The Alumni Society, “2017 Ambassador Spotlight: Jorge Salichs”, May 2017.

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2021 USHCC National Conference, Panelist, “Puerto Rico as a Business and Investment Destination: A discussion on available tax and economic incentives”, September 26-28, 2021

20th Annual National Rural Lenders’ Roundtable. Panel on New Market Tax Credits, Panelist. December 4, 2019. <https://nrlrt.com/event/2019-annual-national-rural-lenders-roundtable>

United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2019 National Convention, Opportunity Zones 101 workshop, Panelist, September 30, 2019. <https://ushccconvention.com/>

NAHREP 2019 National Convention at L’Attitude, Opportunity Zones and Ways to Increase Your Financial Portfolio, Panelist, September 29, 2019. <https://nahrep.org/convention>

Opportunity Zone Puerto Rico Summit, Panel on Fund Structure and Tax and Legal Frameworks, Moderator. May 14, 2019. www.ozprsummit.com

Puerto Rico Rural Lending Investment Summit, Panel on Opportunity Zones, Panelist. March 7, 2019. <http://nrlrt.com/event/2019-puerto-rico-rural-investment-summit/>

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

LULAC Panel on Puerto Rico Relief and Recovery, LULAC Headquarters, Panelist, Washington, DC, October 5, 2017

Dialogue on Diversity, 2017 Conference on Entrepreneurship and Information Technology, Panelist, Panel on Trade and Entrepreneurship Across National Borders, Washington, DC, September 15, 2017.



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Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America, Education and Communication Committee, Member, 2005-Present

Gulf Coast Area Tax Exempt/Government Entities Council, Council Member, 2006-Present

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University of Miami School of Law, LLM Program, Pensions Course, Substitute Professor, Spring 2006

Miami Dade College School of Business, Federal Income Tax, Adjunct Professor, Fall 2010

PUBLISHED WORKS & LECTURES

Law 360, Co-author, "Treasury's Step Toward Global Transparency," June 2, 2016

LSI Asset Protection Planning Newsletter #311, Co-Author, "In re Ferrante: Not Modifying Trust to Comply with Tax Law Creates Bankruptcy Nightmare," November 10, 2015

Dominican Business Advisers, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FACTA) Seminar, Speaker, "FACTA: Recent Developments and Upcoming Deadlines," November 13, 2014

Florida Bar Journal, Author, "Estate Planning for Pets," November 2005 EB-5 Investor Program, Speaker, "Overseas Capital Funding & Capital Raise," March 7, 2012

Nexia International, Presenter, "U.S./International Tax Overview and Update," Panama, February 28, 2012

Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Central Florida Chapter, Speaker, "International Investor Taxation and Reporting Seminar," February 16, 2012

South Florida Legal Guide, Author, "Gifts from Abroad: What Uncle Sam May Need to Know," 2011

Florida Bar Taxation Section, Speaker, "Updates on Partnership Tax," July 2009

American Bar Association Taxation Section News Quarterly, Author, "Notice 2007-69 Grants Temporary Relief for Plans Needing to Amend Definition of Normal Retirement Age," Vol. 27, No. 2, Spring 2008

Gulf Coast Area TE/GE Council, Speaker, "New Requirements for Tax Exempts Under Section 4965," October 2007

Florida Bar Taxation Section Bulletin, Author, "IRS Extends Transition Relief for Section 409A Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans," June 2007

Practical Tax Lawyer, Author, "What You Should Know About Health Savings Accounts," Summer 2007

Financial Planning Association of Broward County, Speaker, "Estate Planning for Non-Traditional Couples," April 2007

The Florida Bar Taxation Section, Speaker, "Updates on Tax Exempt Organizations," July 2006

Florida Bar Journal, Author, "Estate Planning for Pets," November 2005 EB-5 Investor Program, Speaker, "Overseas Capital Funding & Capital Raise," March 7, 2012

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Alexander regularly advises clients on corporate transactions, alternative investments, capital raising, and Blockchain/Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) related matters. He has helped companies raise capital through traditional and nontraditional vehicles, and has advised clients on a variety of business arrangements. He has experience advising investors, entrepreneurs and traditional and fintech startups through the different stages of corporate growth, including acting as outside general counsel for several of these companies.

Prior to joining CLG, Alexander worked at a well-known boutique law firm in Boston, where his practice ranged from advising on corporate transactions to handling all aspects of civil litigation. Prior to practicing law, over the span of 10 years, he successfully founded and operated several businesses in the legal-technology, human resources/outsourcing, and entertainment industries.

Alexander earned a Master's degree in finance from Harvard University, where he served as a Vice President for the Harvard Graduate Council, Senior Editor for the Harvard Journal on Hispanic Policy, and Programming Director for the Harvard Latino Student Alliance. He was a Research Assistant at Harvard's Davis Center of Eurasian Studies and has lectured at multiple universities in Russia.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

Florida

LANGUAGES

Spanish

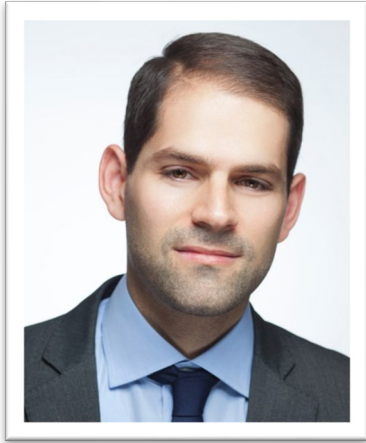
English

While pursuing his dual J.D. and M.B.A. degree from St. Thomas University, Alexander was a Director for the Dade County Bar Association and received a Pro-Bono Commendation certificate for performing over 100 hours of pro bono service.

During his studies at Florida International University, he served as the College of Business Representative for the Student Government Association and participated in a study abroad program in China's Tianjin University.

He is the past president of the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys (MAHA). During his incumbency as MAHA's President, Alexander led the organization's largest fundraiser in collaboration with the world renowned musical, Hamilton, for the benefit of families affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. In 2018, he also was a Deputy President of Region 1 for the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), and previously served as a volunteer coordinator for the HNBA's 2015 Annual Convention in Boston.

He is currently the Vice President of the Association of Blockchain Legal Professionals and regularly speaks on panels about policy, advocacy, and innovation. He was born and raised in a Cuban-American household in Miami, Florida.



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BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

LANGUAGES

German (Basic)

Spanish (Basic)

Aaron Krowne is an attorney who came to the practice of law following a career in computing and technology, in which he worked as a research data scientist. He founded a series of online startup ventures, several of which attained national and global recognition. His pre-law career also includes cutting-edge involvement in establishing a few prominent online libel law precedents, as well as the Creative Commons IP licensing system.

He now brings this experience to his practice of law at Carrasquillo Law Group, with a focus on blockchain, startups and small to medium-sized enterprises. He was one of the first lawyers globally to focus on blockchain, having initially familiarized himself with Bitcoin and its underlying technology in its fledgling days in 2009. Today, he advises a diverse array of blockchain and “crypto” companies, and works at the forefront of the professionalization and expansion of the rapidly-growing cryptocurrency finance space.

EDUCATION

M.S., Computer Science,
Virginia Tech (2003)

B.S., Mathematics,
Virginia Tech (2001)

J.D., New York Law School,
magna cum laude (2015)

However, he enjoys assisting emerging enterprises of all types in obtaining the vital financing they need and in overcoming their regulatory and other legal challenges.

AFFILIATIONS

New York City Bar Association

QUALIFICATIONS

Privacy Law certificate,
Innovation Center for Law &
Technology, NYLS

SELECTED MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

CoinTelegraph, Interview on "Hodler's Digest" Podcast: "Binance Gets Hacked, Fidelity & Crypto Trading, Bitfinex and IEO", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH54kE4hiGs>. May 12, 2019

CoinTelegraph, Interview on "Holder's Digest" PodCast: "Bitcoin Price Surge Explained, PayPal Gets Into Blockchain, Coinbase Payments", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjSmpoIMnno>. April 7, 2019



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EDUCATION

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Law, 2015

University of Panthèon-Assas,
Paris II, 2006

Externado University of
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BAR ADMISSIONS

Colombia

Florida

Carolina focuses her practice on business immigration and compliance. She regularly represents clients in a wide range of employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant visa matters including students, trainees, professionals, managers and executives, artists and entertainers, treaty investors and traders, persons of extraordinary ability and immigrant investors. She also represents both regional centers and individual investors in the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

Carolina started her career in Colombia where from the moment she began her law studies (year 1997) at Externado University of Colombia, she also started working at Zeabogados law-firm, a leader firm in Copyrights and Intellectual Property, located in Bogota D.C., Colombia.

In 2006, Carolina moved to Paris, France. While in Paris, she completed a Masters in Political Science with an emphasis on international law at the University of Panthèon-Assas, Paris II. Her experience in Paris was very rich, it helped her overcome the barriers of language, culture and method of education. After Paris, she decided to complete a Master in Book Publishing at the University of Salamanca and Santillana Formacion. One of the great passions of her life is reading, and she believed that her knowledge of intellectual property

LANGUAGES

Spanish

English

could be an excellent means to transition into the world of books, in a legal sense.

While living in Madrid, she started working at the International Legal Department of AISGE, a Collective Management Society of Audiovisual Performers similar to the Screen Actors Guild -SAG in the United States. Her experience in AISGE for nearly five years expanded her knowledge with regard to international property rights, especially from the subtleties of international affairs. While there, Carolina's work extended her scholarships and she attended courses of Intellectual Property at various Spanish Universities, v.g. University Complutense, Castilla La Mancha and Instituto de Empresa. Additionally, Carolina also attended several on-line courses offered by the prestigious World Intellectual Property Organization -WIPO, regarding intellectual property rights. In 2011, Carolina worked for the Pan American Health Organization with the Initiative "Faces, Voices and Places," focusing on a variety of programs developed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Latin America.

In Fall of 2015, she graduated with honors (cum laude) from Barry University, School of Law and worked on an Immigration Law Firm located in downtown Orlando as Senior Attorney.



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