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BERGER SINGERMAN STRENGTHENS DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM WITH ADDITION OF PROMINENT LITIGATOR RICARDO A. GONZALEZ AS PARTNER

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Seasoned attorney brings nearly two decades of experience litigating cases in federal and state courts

Berger Singerman, Florida's business law firm, is pleased to announce that Ricardo A. Gonzalez, Esq. has joined the firm as a partner on the Dispute Resolution Team. Gonzalez brings more than 20 years' experience as a litigator and regulatory defense and compliance counsel, specializing in commercial litigation, financial services, securities litigation, and international arbitration. He will be a resident in the firm's Miami office.

Most recently, Gonzalez served as a litigation shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, where he earned an esteemed reputation serving as lead litigation and trial counsel in a variety of large and complex matters. Prior to his practice at Greenberg Traurig, Gonzalez worked as an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in Washington D.C., where he investigated and enforced violations of federal financial consumer protection and privacy laws in federal district courts and agency administrative proceedings.

"Rick's substantial experience in complex litigation and knowledge regarding the government investigatory and enforcement process will add to our already deep and strong Dispute Resolution Team and will be of great value to our clients," said Paul Steven Singerman, co-chair of Berger Singerman. "His background representing clients across a wide range of industries gives him great insights into understanding clients' business objectives and the ability to offer them creative and effective counsel. Our entire team is thrilled to welcome Rick to the firm."

In addition to leading several high-profile matters that have garnered significant local, national, and international media coverage, Gonzalez devotes time to *pro bono* matters. He was a member of the litigation team that represented two foster children in the landmark Florida "Gay Adoption Case" which declared a Florida statute banning the adoption of children by gays and lesbians unconstitutional on equal protection grounds.

"Berger Singerman offers exactly what I was looking for: the opportunity to grow my practice at Florida's premier business law firm where I can take on complex matters in a collaborative and entrepreneurial work environment," said Gonzalez. "I am excited to join the firm's impressive Dispute Resolution Team and look forward to being able to further deepen its litigation expertise."

Actively involved in professional organizations and his community, Gonzalez has held positions with numerous organizations. He served as a special projects liaison to the chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation; a member of the Campaign Committee for Legal Services of Greater Miami; a member of the Older Adult Impact Council for the United Way of Greater Miami; and a judge for the *Miami Herald* Silver Knight awards.

Throughout his career, Gonzalez has received several notable industry recognitions including being named to *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* in Banking & Finance - Litigation, a *Super Lawyers* magazine “Rising Star” and a *Daily Business Review* “Most Effective Lawyer.”

Gonzalez received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University.

Gonzalez is the latest in a series of recent high-profile lateral additions to join the firm which has included Sha`Ron James, the immediate past Insurance Consumer Advocate for the state of Florida; Hugo Acebo, a former Florida prosecutor with the Office of Attorney General; Robin Rubens, a seasoned lawyer specializing in business restructurings, commercial loan workouts and complex commercial litigation; and Michael Levinson, a nationally recognized, board certified healthcare attorney.

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