BERGER SINGERMAN
FLORIDA'S BUSINESS LAW FIRM

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Jordi Guso is a business lawyer with a long track record of successfully helping clients resolve complex legal and business problems. He concentrates his practice in commercial bankruptcy, workouts, financial restructuring, distressed M&A and commercial litigation. He frequently represents financially distressed businesses in court supervised and out-of-court restructurings in a variety of industries including aviation, construction, hospitality, retail, casual dining and real estate. He also advises official committees, secured creditors and asset purchasers in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and section 363 asset sales.

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law
B.S. in Political Science, Spring Hill College

- Pi Sigma Alpha

Bar Admissions

Florida
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Aviation
Bankruptcy Litigation
Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Construction
Latin America & Caribbean Practice

Foreign Languages

- Spanish

Representative Matters

- Counsel to MCM in connection with its comprehensive balance sheet and operational restructuring following the tragic collapse of the FIU Pedestrian Bridge, implemented through confirmation of a chapter 11 plan reorganization
- Debtor's counsel in a number of aviation related cases, including Aloha Airlines, Atlas Air and Gemini Air Cargo
- Counsel to various single and multi-family residential developers in court supervised and out of court restructurings
- Counsel to senior lender in distressed residential/golf course planned development in southwest Florida
- Counsel to aircraft lessor to international cargo carrier
- Counsel to regional developers of second and vacation home communities in connection with sale of substantially all their assets
- Counsel to anti-ballistic manufacturer in connection with the sale of its business to an $8 billion private equity fund
- Counsel to a leading global asphalt trading, storage and transportation company in connection with the negotiation and documentation of a long term lease for the operation of a bitumen terminal facility in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Awards & Honors

- *Chambers & Partners USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers*
  - Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2004-2023
  - Bankruptcy Litigation, 2020-2023
- *Daily Business Review*'s Most Effective Lawyer's Award, 2020
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2006–2022; 2024
  - *Best Lawyers*' 2022; 2024 Bankruptcy Litigation Lawyer of the Year, Miami

- *Best Lawyers*' 2016 Bankruptcy/Restructuring Lawyer of the Year, Miami
- *Florida Trend,* Legal Elite Hall of Fame, 2013-2021
  - Legal Elite, 2004-2012
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyer, 2005-2019
- *Florida Super Lawyers,* 2006-2023
  - Top 100 Miami, 2015-2023
  - Top 100 State of Florida, 2015-2019
- Lawdragon 500 US Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers, 2020; 2022-2023
- "2012 Pro Bono Award," Dade Legal Aid and Put Something Back (April 2012)
- 2019 Richard C. Milstein Pro Bono Excellence Award, Dade County Bar Association (November 2019)
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers (2011-2021)
- The International Who's Who of Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers (2010-2019)
- Who's Who Legal (2008-2020)
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Community Activities / Associations

- Co-Chair, Investment Banking/Financial Advisor Committee, ABI (2018-2019)
- Board President, Legal Services of Greater Miami (2017 – 2019)
- Director, Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (2007 – 2023); Chair, Audit & Finance Committee (2013 – 2015); Chair, Real Estate Committee (2014-2015); Chair, Facilities Committee (2016-2017)
- Director, Legal Services of Greater Miami Foundation, Inc. (2020 - 2023)
- Advisory Board Member, The National Association of Corporate Directors - Florida Chapter (2017-2019)
- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
  - Member, 11th Circuit Council (2016 - 2018)
  - Member, Distinguished Student Selection Committee (2019)
  - Chair, Education Committee (2020)
- Member, International Insolvency Institute
- Advisory Board Member, Annual ABI Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Practice (2010-2023)
- Board of Directors Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida (Treasurer, 2000-2001; Secretary, 2001-2002)
- Member, Pro Bono Committee, Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida (2008 – 2015)
- Member, Brazil-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida
- Director, Belen Jesuit Alumni Association (2006 – 2012); Vice President (2006-2010)
- Director, Miami Whitecaps Water Polo Club; President (2010 - 2015); President (2007 – 2010)
- Director, Spring Hill College Alumni Association (2015-2017)

In the News

The Legal 500 Comparative Guides "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency"
July 11, 2023

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2023 Edition of Lawdragon’s 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
June 20, 2023

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Twentieth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2023

Forty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 18, 2022

Four Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite”
June 30, 2022

Twenty-three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 27, 2022

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Nineteenth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2022

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2022 Edition of Lawdragon’s 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
January 14, 2022

Daily Business Review Quotes Jordi Guso in, "Leading the Way: How South Florida Law Firm Leaders Are Navigating Novel Challenges"
January 3, 2022

Daily Business Review Features Jordi Guso in its Q&A series, "Leading the Way: Berger Singerman's Jordi Guso on Managing Growth Amid the Pandemic"
November 24, 2021

Daily Business Review Quotes Jordi Guso in, "Show Up Half the Time and Keep Your Assigned Office? Law Firms Allow It—For Now"
November 17, 2021

Daily Business Review Quotes Jordi Guso in, "South Florida Law Firm Leaders Bullish on Nearly Every Practice for 2022"
November 5, 2021

Thrity-nine Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 19, 2021

Nineteen Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 24, 2021

Berger Singerman’s Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Recognized As 2021 “Litigation Departments of the Year” By Daily Business Review
March 29, 2021

South Florida Business Journal Quotes Jordi Guso and Sarah Lappin in, "What fueled one Florida law firm’s success for 35 years"
February 16, 2021

Daily Business Review features Jordi Guso in "Berger Singerman Managing Partner Guides FIU Bridge Collapse Settlement"
December 7, 2020

Daily Business Review selected Jordi Guso for ‘Most Effective Lawyer' Awards
October 29, 2020

The Palm Beach Post Features Jordi Guso and Jeffrey Margolis in, "Six months on, Palm Beach County's office market faces hurdles as pandemic keeps workers home"
September 23, 2020

TooJay's emerges from Chapter 11 bankruptcy under new owner Monroe Capital
September 9, 2020

Thirty-Five Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2021 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 19, 2020

Five Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in Inaugural Edition of Lawdragon's 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
July 29, 2020

Paul Steven Singerman and Jordi Guso were listed in the 2020 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame
June 21, 2020

A Message from Our Managing Partner
June 18, 2020

Twenty-Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 8, 2020

Daily Business Review Quotes Jordi Guso in "'Uncharted Waters Here': South Florida Law Firms Prep, Then Switch to Remote Work"
March 17, 2020

$103 Million Settlement Approved Over FIU Bridge Collapse
December 12, 2019

Contractor On Failed Miami Bridge Has Ch.11 Plan Confirmed
December 11, 2019

Twenty-one Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in South Florida Legal Guide as Top Attorneys
October 31, 2019

Berger Singerman Elects Jordi Guso Managing Partner
September 22, 2019

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2020 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2019

Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2019 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite"
June 23, 2019

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2019 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
May 29, 2019

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Sixteenth Consecutive Year
April 24, 2019

South Florida Legal Guide Names 21 Berger Singerman Attorneys as Top Lawyers
March 7, 2019

Florida Contractor Seeks Bankruptcy Deal Over Fatal Bridge Collapse
March 5, 2019

Yahoo! Finance quotes Jordi Guso in, "Why Warren Buffett still wins if Sears goes bankrupt"
October 9, 2018

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2018

Thirty-One Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 17, 2018

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for 15th Consecutive Year
May 2, 2018

Reuters quotes Jordi Guso in, "Toys 'R' Us stores may be closing, but name will live on"
March 18, 2018

South Florida Legal Guide Names 23 Berger Singerman Attorneys as Top Lawyers
January 9, 2018

Legal Services of Greater Miami Elects New Board Officers and Names Jordi Guso to Board President
October 1, 2017

Law360 quotes Jordi Guso in, "Takata Ch. 11 May Give Automakers Lasting Liability Shield"
August 17, 2017

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2018 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2017

Law360 quotes Jordi Guso in, "Takata Ch. 11 Tort Committee Has Tough Road Ahead"
July 9, 2017

REH Capital Partners, Algon Group and Berger Singerman Win M&A Advisor Latin America Deal of the Year
July 5, 2017

Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite"
June 21, 2017

Thirty-Two Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Super Lawyers Florida Edition
June 8, 2017

Berger Singerman Receives High Marks by Chambers USA for Fourteenth Consecutive Year
May 29, 2017

The Deal quotes Jordi Guso on, "Retail, Energy Sectors to Lead Restructurings"
May 15, 2017

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2016

Twelve Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2016 Edition of Florida Trend
June 21, 2016

Thirty-Six Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2016 Super Lawyers Florida Edition
June 13, 2016

Berger Singerman Receives High Marks by Chambers USA for Thirteenth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2016

Publications

The M&A Advisor Recognizes Berger Singerman LLP for its Work on the Sale of Delphi Behavioral Health Group, LLC and the Acquisition of Bang Energy by Monster Beverage During its 22nd Annual Awards
November 29, 2023

The Legal 500 "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency"
December 5, 2022

The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides, "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency"
July 26, 2022

The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer, "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency (4th edition)"
June 7, 2020

The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer, "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency (3rd edition)"
May 8, 2019

The Federal Lawyer, "Can A Waiver of Indemnification Insulate an Insider-Guarantor From Preference Liability?"
February 2, 2016

Events & Speaking Engagements

Jordi Guso, Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee, “What Has Become Of The Barton Doctrine In The Eleventh Circuit?” 2022 Annual Convention, Business Law Section of The Florida Bar
June 22, 2022

Jordi Guso, Presenter/Panelist, "Working from Home: Employee Work Issues and Claims in the Post-COVID-19 World” 2021 Winter Leadership Conference, American Bankruptcy Institute
December 10, 2021

Jordi Guso, Presenter/Panelist "The Game of Life – Bankruptcy Edition” Business Law Virtual Spring Meeting, American Bankruptcy Association
April 22, 2021

Jordi Guso, Presenter, "Subchapter V and Virtual Court: A Tale of Two Frontiers," 45th Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Virtual Seminar, American Bankruptcy Institute
March 25, 2021

Jordi Guso, Panelist, "TMA NextGen Leadership Conference," Turnaround Management Association (TMA)
November 13, 2019

Jordi Guso, Moderator, "Companies at the Crossroads of Reorganization," 2019 Distressed Investing Summit, The M&A Advisor
March 27, 2019

Jordi Guso, Speaker, “ABI Talks: The Most Important Bankruptcy Supreme Court Case Ever” 43rd Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar, American Bankruptcy Institute
February 7, 2019

Jordi Guso, Panelist, VALCON 2017: Emerging Valuations Issues in Bankruptcy and Beyond
February 28, 2017

Jordi Guso, Panelist, "Are Restaurants the Next Retail?," Turnaround Management Association (TMA) Florida Winter Conference
February 23, 2017

Jordi Guso, Speaker, “ Lien-Perfection Issues; Ethical Considerations for Debtors’ Counsel; Authority to File; Creditor Standing to Prosecute Estate Claims; Cash Collateral/Adequate Protection” 41st Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar, American Bankruptcy Institute
February 3, 2017

Jordi Guso, Speaker, "Insights Into Bankruptcy Practice," American College of Bankruptcy/St. Thomas University – School of Law
January 18, 2017

Jordi Guso, Presenter, "Turnarounds, Liquidity Options and Alternative Forms of Insolvency-Driven Transactions," 13th Annual Complex Financial Restructuring Program
November 9, 2016

Jordi Guso, Moderator, "Revival of the Buffalo, Bring Back the Chapter 11 Cases," TMA Florida Winter Conference
February 17, 2016

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Fasten your seat belts: it’s going to be a bumpy ride for all aviation-related businesses.
March 11, 2020

Why Florida Businesses Should Keep Their Eye on Puerto Rico
October 10, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Law Clerk, Honorable Sidney M. Weaver, former Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida (1990 – 1992)